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Editorial

The new year of 2018 continues mild and surprisingly windy with many gales and severe gales already recorded. Our family came over from Spain, where they live, in the Barfleur earlier this month and experienced gales each way. The granddaughters said they never wanted to go in a ship again for at least ten years!

The Parish Council has a new website - www.corfecastlepc.org – it now contains more information and is easier to access and use. It also has a page on the Community Land Trust. If there is anything more you would like to see on the website get in touch with our Parish Clerk, Ali – her contact details are on page 8 at the end of the Parish Council report.

Stephen

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JANUARY AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

Eleven members of the public filled the Town Hall for January's meeting. Representatives from Swanworth Quarry attend to speak about the current Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation. They are aware of concerns parishioners have regarding the proposed extension and wanted to put forward why they feel Swanworth is worth supporting. A number of points were made; 30+ people (90% of whom are Purbeck residents) are employed full time by the quarry at Swanworth and the company spends millions of pounds each year with local suppliers, taxes (both local and national) also run into millions of pounds each year. It was stressed that whilst the project is labelled an extension the area being quarried will remain the same as the existing operations will be being restored in conjunction with the expansion; this means that the volume of traffic will not increase and the representatives anticipate the planning conditions controlling vehicle movements will remain the same as they are now (movements are limited to 75 a day on 90% of days and 92 on the remaining days). They will not be pushing for an increase in vehicle movements should the plans progress to planning conditions. It was noted the plans are to mask the quarrying works in much the same way operations now occurring are masked, limiting visual impact. The area will eventually be restored to farm land; therefore not having a permanent impact on the AONB. Other members of the public supported opposing comments made at last months meeting and raised concerns about traffic going to and from the quarries, it was noted that if permission were not to be granted the lorry movements could be reduced to none.

Further issues raised were the visual impact of the extension and the supply of water to Kingston residents. This is a major concern to residents which needs addressing. The public were advised by Swanworth that a hydrology assessment has been submitted to the Environment Agency but it is not yet in the public domain. Further investigations to test the impact of a potential quarry on hydrology will take place if the plan moves ahead and it is a matter they will work on after the consultation.

It was asked again are there exceptional circumstances to warrant this development proceeding in an AONB and Heritage Coast? Particularly given aggregate is available from other areas and there is not a 'need' for it. The response from Swanworth was that the Dorset Mineral Strategy stipulates aggregate should be sourced from within Dorset and whilst Portland has aggregate they feel the landbank on Portland is overstated, Swanworth are doing research to investigate this.

The Chairman advised the members of the public present that the Parish Council is not a decision making Council; they are consultees and he urged members of the public to submit their own responses to the consultation.

The Council later discussed the consultation document as an agenda item and resolved that whilst they feel there are many planning issues to be addressed should the proposal move forward they do not object to the paper and the content of the information presented in it.

District Cllr Nigel Dragon advised that PDC had changed their policy on Local Government Organisation, moving to be in favour of the unitary Council. The Council also changed their recommendation to support the proposed SW Railway timetable proposals and have objected as has the Parish Council.

The Parish Council have submitted a response to the Secretary of State regarding the Local Government Reorganisation and are requesting a localism agenda is agreed before the LGR goes ahead.

It was noted there was broken glass in the playground and signs of drug use in the youth shelter.

The National Trust reported back on many ongoing issues. They will be keeping the castle lights on till the end of January, which was welcomed by the Council. The operations manager has carried out a risk assessment for the proposed National Trust shuttle bus between Norden and the Square which raised concerns about the safety of a bus stop being positioned outside of the shop.

The Council approved and adopted their budget for the 2018/19 financial year. Details of this, previous years budgets and other financial information can be found on the Councils new website www.corfecastlepc.org.uk

The Council considers all planning applications and submits comments to the District Council. The Parish Council had no objection to proposals for the following: replacement doors, window and sashes, new roof tiles to 1983 extension and extract vent relocation at 3 West Street, Kingston. A single storey rear extension, external and internal alterations at 7 The Lane, Kingston. To erect a two storey side extension to the village hall and alterations to the porch canopy, with associated surface water drainage works and roof and wall mounted ventilation. Alterations to windows and doors and re-covering of the roof at The Village Hall, 67 East Street, Corfe Castle. The Council had no objection to add a pitched roof to the existing flat-roofed garage to create a first floor and to install rooflights and windows at 87 West Street, Corfe Castle on the basis that accommodation does not form separate occupation. The Council objected to the erection of a community boxing gym with associated access and cycle parking on the land rear of 83-87, East Street. Whilst they supported the community ethos they objected on the following grounds; visual impact from East Hill, insufficient details regarding emergency access and disabled access to both the site and the building, the shower and toilet facilities appear to be unisex, change of use: the land is currently agricultural, car parking and noise.

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Ali Burnett, Parish Clerk

(phone 01929 426125)(e-mail CorfeCastlePC@aol.com) – 41 Bell Street, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 2RY. The Parish Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the Town Hall, West Street*. Have your say at the start of the meeting, speak to any parish councillor, or write to me. Full minutes of the meetings are available in Corfe Castle library or on the Website (www.corfecastlepc.org.uk). [*Sometimes elsewhere.]

The next Parish Council Meeting is on the 12th February at 7.00pm in the Town Hall.



Corfe Castle Parish Council is pleased to announce that they have a new website which you can find at:

www.corfecastlepc.org

The website has details of Council meetings, recent announcements, consultations, planning applications, an archive of minutes, Parish Council housing need forms, information about Councillors and financial and policy information. If you don't get an opportunity to check the notice boards you can find details of agenda's for forthcoming meetings (when they are published) as well as a current planning agenda.

The website has a section dedicated to the Corfe Castle Community Land Trust where you can find forms to join the Land Trust and current information about the progress of the trust. The page will be updated regularly so please do keep an eye on it.



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NEWS FROM CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Happy New Year to all from the Church Knowle Parish Council.

The first meeting of 2018 was held at Church Knowle Reading Room. For once, the fire gave out some heat and Councillors and the one Parishioner in attendance did not start suffering from the first stages of hypothermia.

The Clerk was alive and kicking thanks to the excellent treatment he had following his "blue lighter" trip by emergency ambulance to Dorchester following December's meeting. It should be pointed out at this juncture that the meeting had nothing to do with the visit to Dorchester A&E.

The meeting was given a splendid presentation by our local Highways Officer from Dorset County Council who was also formally thanked by Members for her help in getting some long-standing road matters resolved. The results of a traffic survey were given and it looks like Church Knowle might be getting a 30 mph speed limit some-time soon. DCC has a Working Together "partnership" programme for non-core highways matters and Members were informed that if CKPC joined up, the County Council's insurance would cover volunteers carrying out litter-picking as well as work done by the Parish Council in clearing verges near the playing field and playground, etc. The meeting heard about how the Parish could arrange for "non-core function" gully emptying and clearing in association with DCC. The Parish has just over 200 road drainage gullies to keep the roads from flooding and such work would obviously cost money and this would have to be put into the budget for 2018-19. The Council thanked DCC for installing "SLOW" road markings at the entrance to Church Knowle and for the progress in plans to reduce vehicle speeds throughout the Parish by installing similar markings at East Creech and other hamlets.

As in past meetings, a Chairman of Meeting had to be elected and this month Cllr Page took the chair. Mr Ed Ellwood of Cotness was confirmed as a Parish Councillor and, consequently, the Parish now has a full complement of councillors.

The Meeting heard that the Clerk had still not received any satisfactory response from the organisers of woodland and heathland clearance around Creech, Grange Road and Furzebrook despite having sent e-mails to them. The amount of smoke produced was considerable and there was concern about damage to flora and fauna. It was suggested that residents contact the Environmental Health Officer about the matter and, no doubt, he or she would certainly be able to sort the possible miscreants out.

With regard to the East Creech Conservation Area saga, Members heard that a request had been made by our district councillor that PDC defer their decision on the matter until more information about the East Creech Roman villa and farmstead (which appears not to have been considered by PDC planners) discovered and investigated some years ago and which should be

included in the conservation area. Members of the Parish Council intended to visit the site on 14 January.

A "river walk" has been carried out by Parish Councillors accompanied by representative of the Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) and the meeting heard that DWT were very much "on side" with CKPC with regard to the proposed project of cleaning up the upper reaches of the Corfe River. A letter would be sent to all the landowners with riparian rights on each side of the river outlining a trial project to see how things would work out in reducing vegetation overhang and taking out "river muck" thereby opening up the river. It was suggested that such work would improve the water quality entering Poole Harbour but similar work would be needed along the lower stretches as well some time in the future.

We'll forget about the latest tome from the Dorset Minerals Extraction working party which for some strange reason includes Poole & Bournemouth; not many quarries or ball clay mines in those towns, for the time being as this item was postponed until February's meeting to give Members time to examine the consequences of more holes in Purbeck. But that brings us to a planning application (6/2017/0732) to extend the period of ball clay and gravel/sand extraction at Furzeyground quarry to 2030. The Parish Council considered the matter at length and looked at the possibility of deferring the matter until next month but after a long discussion they decided they had no objections in principle but would suggest a planning condition be made by DCC that to reduce noise and dust nuisance a metalled road be installed (similar to that at Dorey's Pit) and that screening on the southern boundary be built to protect residents from noise, dust and mud pollution.

The Council was very disappointed that Purbeck District Council has decided to take no action against the developer of the Old Blacksmith's in Grange Road except to give what appears to be retrospective planning permission for building a structure that bore little resemblance to the original planning application which CKPC had previously supported. They thought about writing a letter of complaint but following discussion about the somewhat peremptory reply to CKPC's initial letter of concern to PDC planners Members were of one voice in saying, "Well, what's the point? PDC never listen to us anyway, we're just wasting our time.". There was an air of serious concern and disappointment and some of the Councillors wondered in generality what was the point of a Planning Dept. since people could build things willy nilly and then get "retrospective planning permission" because it would probably cost too much for the local authority to go to Court.

Coming back down to Earth, Highways matters were then dealt with. The trees along Furzebrook Road towards East Creech are seriously overhanging the road and some branches were reported to have snapped thereby causing increased risk to road users. The Clerk advised the meeting that the matter would be reported to DCC so that they could take the appropriate action. The Clerk also gave an update on the replacement of the decayed and missing

footpath and bridleway signs in the Parish and also the missing fingerpost at Cocknowle.

Next came financial matters. The accounts were in good order and the bills coming due were paid. The Clerk reported on the likely costs to the Parish of highway work which is being transferred to parishes from DCC so that, of course and with no cynicism implied, DCC could appear to be cutting costs. Members decided that they would submit an estimated parish precept request for £7,350 to Purbeck DC for the 2018-19 financial year to help pay for the extra work which the Parish would have to take on to maintain the Parish's roads and verges in reasonable condition.

The website was then discussed and it was decided that the website designer/webmaster would update it on a monthly basis (and as required) from information supplied by the Clerk since the Councillor who previously carried out the work is no longer able to do so. Members agreed to pay the fee of £180 p.a. to the webmaster for the next year.

And that that for January. Next meeting will be at Furzebrook village hall on Tuesday 13th February at 7.30pm.

Oh, and by the way, would all parishioners of Church Knowle and Steeple please fill out the Housing Needs Survey form which will be dropping through their doors in the near future. We and Purbeck DC's housing dept. really need up to date information on what housing (not second homes) is needed in the two parishes for our parishioners and their growing children – see below.

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We need to get the views of as many people as possible. If you live in Church Knowle or Steeple, please help by complete the Housing Needs Survey which will be delivered to you the second week in February. If extra questionnaires are needed, or you do not receive a questionnaire, please contact Mrs Chris McDermott at Purbeck District Council on 01929 557386

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We've just planted a brand new 300m hedge at Snail's Paddock in Studland and a 70m stretch of mature hedge at The Halves in Corfe Castle is being restored.



Hedge laying – Courtesy National Trust

Hedges need to be laid periodically so they continue to work as field boundaries and keep their value for nature, explained Ranger Becky Eddy. The laying process involves clearing undergrowth then cutting about three quarters of the way through the living trunks near ground level so they can be laid down almost flat.

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Work on laying is now nearly complete at The Halves and the dead material has been stacked nearby ready for disposal.

"it looks a bit of a mess when it has just been done but it should be looking nice by the summer when it starts to grow a bit", said Becky.

Hedges which are not maintained in this way grow into mature trees and quickly open up at the base, said National Trust Ecologist David Brown.

As well as allowing cattle to wander through the gaps, this robs them of their value for wildlife, he added.

Properly maintained hedges provide nesting sites for birds like sparrows, chaffinches and dunnocks and homes for mice and shrews.

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Hedge laying – Courtesy National Trust

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Paddock, which is used as an overflow for South Beach car park at peak times.

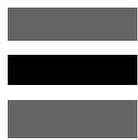
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The Christmas Festivities Committee

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The Switch-on

Four children from the Village School were lucky enough to be selected to switch on the Christmas lights on Saturday 2 December
They carried out the ceremony with great style and each one received a unique souvenir bone china mug produced especially to mark the occasion.

the assembled crowd were entertained by the children from our school choir directed by Mrs Painter with a selection of songs delivered with great enthusiasm adding further to the quality of the evening.

The Castle followed our switch-on, illuminating the dramatic structure, so adding to the sparkle that is our village of Corfe Castle at Christmas.

Congratulations to the hard-working volunteers who started preparations at the beginning of October.

We would also like to thank everyone for the generous donations which keep the lights shining out. People continue to enjoy the magic as they drive or walk through the village. The volunteer working parties have very much appreciated the cups of tea, coffee and sandwiches during our Sunday routines when setting up the lights and the support of businesses.

Santa Arrives on time!

Sizzling sausages and mulled wine - ready to warm the crowd on Saturday 16 December. We also enjoyed the company of The Wareham Town Band playing Christmas music as Jig-Saw James entertained and amazed the watching crowd with juggling and balancing skills. The usual anticipation and excitement announced the arrival of Father Christmas into the surrounding bright lights and music of the Village Square.

In the “grotto” Santa and his helpers welcomed the children with each child receiving a gift from the man himself. The usual “what do you want for Christmas?” was answered with wide-eyed excitement.

The children were pretty excited too!

Once again we would like to thank you for your generosity donations on the night will help to keep the lights sparkling and amounted to a much appreciated sum of £132.87

Thank you to everyone who joined with us in this time-honoured celebration which has been enjoyed by children young and old for many years.

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The year of Aquarius 2018 began with a fantastic meeting on 2nd January. We were delighted to start by presenting £2000 to the Admiral Nurse Fund. Jean Gibbs accepted the cheque on behalf of Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Community, noting that our donation will go towards the nurses fund. Rachel Murray, Purbeck's first Admiral Nurse was in attendance and introduced herself to the members.

Keith Welsh continued with a fascinating talk on the use of AED's (Automated External Defibrillators). He detailed their importance in helping to save a life as they can be employed before an ambulance arrives. He reassured us that because the machine 'talks' us through the instructions, we cannot go wrong. In addition, the emergency services stay on the phone line to give guidance as well. Useful tip: put your mobile on speakerphone so that the ambulance despatcher can talk to you while your hands are free to do CPR and use the defibrillator.

Liz Spicer Short rounded off the afternoon with details of our four local defibrillators, their guardians, upkeep and maintenance. As a local Parish Councillor, this falls within her remit and we should be proud of the success to date thanks to the generosity of many local groups and individuals. The defibrillator on the corner of Mead Road was used within 4 days of installation. Her message was 'Don't be scared to use the defibrillator when it is needed'.

Charity for 2018

Members will have their chance to vote for the new charity nomination at the start of the February meeting. The top three suggestions will be presented and your votes will determine the outcome which will be announced on the day.

Dates for your diary:

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| 6th February | The Saga of Sunken Secrets | Shirley Critchley |
| 6th March | AGM with Beetle Drive | |

Membership: We still have one or two more spaces for new members. If you live within the distribution area of the Corfe Valley News you are welcome to apply for membership. The spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Visitors are welcome to attend any two meetings in the year for a small charge of £3. Aquarius meets at the village hall at 2pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Alison Palmer News Editor 480096

Corfe Castle Surgery
February 2018

URGENT APPEAL

Do you have any free time?

Would you like to give something back to the community through volunteering?

The Friends of Corfe Castle Surgery are DESPERATELY short of drivers to assist patients in getting to their appointments. This is a vital service which is struggling with increasing requests. A mileage rate is reimbursed (suggested scale provided) and no obligation is implied – you just help out when available. Please contact Kathy Morris on 425890 and she will be happy to give you further information on how you can help.

Parking at the surgery is becoming more of a problem as we are running increasing amount of clinics. Please can we remind patients not to park in the residential spaces, a map of surgery parking is on display on the front door.

The car park adjacent to the surgery is only at present 50p for half an hour. We would appreciate that if you live close to the surgery and can walk that you take this option.

As Dr Armitage is now on maternity leave, we would like to welcome our male locum GP, Dr Lim who will be working Wednesdays and Fridays and our female Locum GP, Dr Shooter who will be working on Mondays.

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Many Thanks
Tina Sturgeon
14.01.2018 PM

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News from the Castle

We hope the New Year has been kind to you so far. If you have a reason to celebrate, or just an evening out, we have some Winter Bargains to help you along. We hope to be able to keep these amazing offers going until Easter.

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thank you for the coffee morning support in January; £187.73 was raised. Our 100 club draw is made at the coffee morning; first prize of £18.50 was won by member 51, with member 14 getting second prize £9 and member 38 winning the third prize £4.50.

If you would like to become one of the villagers who are supporting their local village hall in this way, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

regular weekly events:

Monday afternoon	Modern Line Dancing
Monday evenings	Double Act
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
Tuesday evenings	Rainbows & Brownies
Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Wool Workshop
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Friday evenings	Beavers & Cubs

regular fortnightly events:

Thursday evenings	Bingo
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regular monthly events:

1st Saturday morning	CCVH coffee morning
1st Sunday all day	Antiques Fair
1st Tuesday afternoon	Aquarius
2nd Friday afternoon	U3A MOTO

bookings and rates:

contact Carole Speed on 01929 480810
or www.corfecastlevillagehall.co.uk
special rates for locals and regular events

Artsreach this month:

le Navet Bete return on Saturday February 10th with their "Dracula" show. All those who saw "Wizard of Oz" or "Dick Tracy" will know what great fun these shows are.

developments news:

The new roof for the hall has now been completed, and by the time you read this the scaffolding should be down. Many thanks again to Viridor Credits for the grant that paid for this aspect of the project.

Final fund-raising continues now as we plan for the main building works on toilets, kitchen, drainage and extension to take place, beginning in June. We are currently expecting the Village Hall itself to be out of action for the month of August.

The "Buy A Stone" wall now has nearly 200 names, and has raised over £3 300. Many thanks to all those who have supported. There are still some forms in the shop or downloadable from the website if you would like to add your name or those of loved ones. Several local businesses have also made substantial contributions to the project funds - more details to follow in due course.



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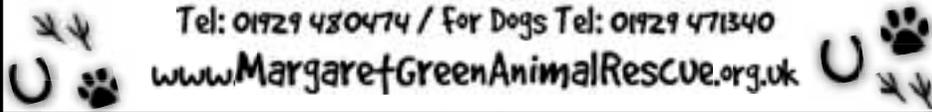
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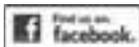
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Microplastics

If, like us, you were glued to Blue Planet 11 before Christmas, you can't have failed to hear about the huge problem of plastic litter in our seas and oceans, and the effect it has on wildlife. Unfortunately you don't have to venture far to see the problem first hand and a stroll along the beach at Kimmeridge following one a storm can be quite shocking, with drifts of tiny plastic fragments out-numbering the seaweed pieces piled up on the beach.

While the global scale of the problem can seem insurmountable, there are small changes we can all make in our everyday lives that will have a huge impact. Choosing fruit and vegetables not wrapped in plastic, using re-usable cloth shopping bags, carrying a refillable drink bottle instead of buying bottles of water and saying 'No' to plastic drinking straws when out for a drink are easy things we can all do with a little effort. The less plastic we buy, the less plastic will be made and the less will escape into the environment. Why not start your journey towards 'plastic-free living' today? There has never been a better time!

Fine Foundation Wild Seas Centre

As part of the refurbishment work at Dorset Wildlife Trust's visitor centre in Kimmeridge Bay, and following the recent local community consultation, we have chosen a new name – The Wild Seas Centre. Look out for new signage and don't forget to come and visit us next to the slipway when we re-open at Easter. 2018 is also the 40th anniversary of DWT's marine conservation work at Kimmeridge and we will be celebrating with an action-packed programme of events during the summer. To find out what we have planned please visit www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events

Final call for volunteers!

This month we are recruiting for new volunteers to join our team and help run the Wild Seas Centre at Kimmeridge and get involved in seashore events, school visits and wildlife surveys. You have until February 8th to register your interest by email or phone (see contacts above). You can find out more about volunteering at www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/marinevol2018

Julie Hatcher Marine Awareness Officer

Dorset Wildlife Trust Isle of Purbeck Group talk February 2018
Thursday 22 February 2018 19:30 - 21:00

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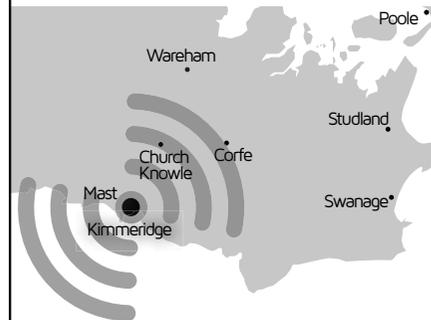
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4	February	Sunday	9.30 am - 4 pm
7	February	Wednesday	7.30 pm
10	February	Saturday	10.15 am
10	February	Saturday	7.30 pm
12	February	Monday	7 pm
13	February	Tuesday	7.30 pm
15	February	Thursday	7.30 pm
16	February	Friday	2 pm
17	February	Saturday	7 – 11 pm

CALENDAR for FEBRUARY 2018

Bingo	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Antique and Collectors Fair	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Langton Artthouse Cinema "The Olive Tree"	Langton Matravers Village Hall
Double Act Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Dracula: The Bloody Truth	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting	Corfe Castle Town Hall
Church Knowle Parish Council Meeting	Furzebrook Village Hall
Bingo	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Talk "The Churches and Chapels of Swanage"	CC Community Library
Steps for Stan Soiree	Furzebrook Village Hall

If you know about any forthcoming events please let us know.

Similarly please tell us if any of the regular dates are wrong or if there is a regular event which should be included

1	March	Thursday	8 pm
3	March	Saturday	6.45 for 7 pm start
7	March	Wednesday	7.30 pm
17	March	Saturday	10 am – 12 noon
9	June	Saturday	10.30 till 4
29	June	Friday	
9	August	Thursday	

Gardening Club Meeting	Corfe Castle Club
St Edwards Grand Corfe Castle Quiz Championship	Corfe Castle Village Hall
"The Happiest Day in the Life of Olli Maki"	Langton Matravers Village Hall
St Edwards Church Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
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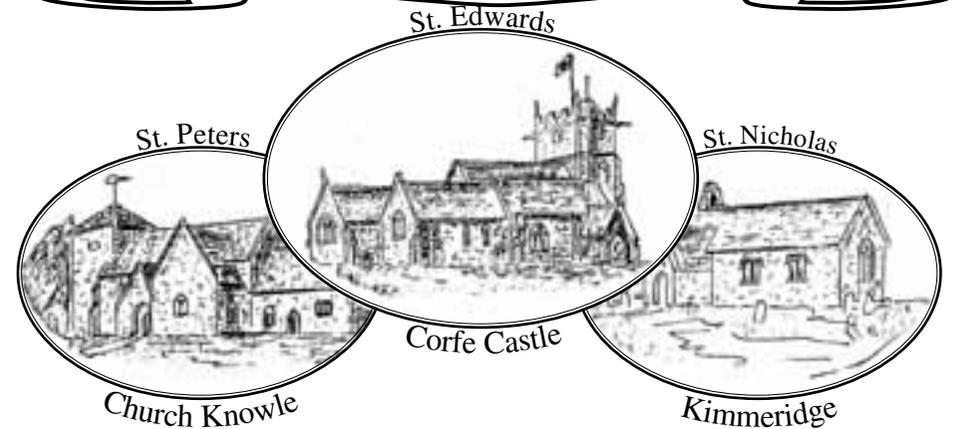
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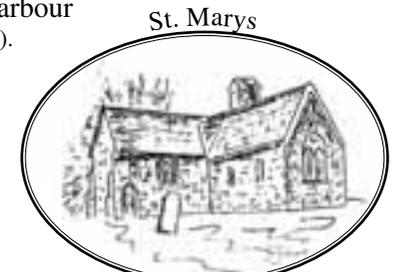


The Benefice of the Corfe Valley on the Isle of Purbeck is within the Church of England, the Diocese of Salisbury and the Deanery of Purbeck. The liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Common Worship (CW). The geographic area covered by the valley Church includes the villages of:-

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Church Sketches by kind permission of Ron Burniston

The Reverend Anne Bond writes:

This may be tempting fate, but I'm going to mention the weather! After the build up to Christmas with all its excitement, January and February are curiously flat months, aren't they? Even in this south-coastal neck of the woods we used to have snow and bitter cold to spice up these grey eventless months. Crisp frosts and biting air got rid of lurking infections; and just enough snow to be fun for the children without being an inconvenience to grown-ups gave us something to grumble pleasurably about, over hot chocolate, the mug clasped comfortingly between frozen hands, elbows on the table. But this year's muggy, damp and dreary skies have little to offer us – and everyone has flu or stomach upsets.

Having written that, now we will have 6 weeks of arctic blizzards and the wrong sort of snow, followed by rain, ice, thaw and floods. *And* plague! But is that really how God works? Does he send storm and pestilence to tease us? Or to punish us? Or to show us how terrifyingly powerful he is?

The Apostle John wrote in his first letter: 'God is love'. I truly don't think God - who is the very essence of love, who in Jesus was the embodiment of love, and who, in some way we can't get our heads around, is love and life itself - would ever allow that sort of intervention to even cross his mind.

But then I think about the terrible things that sometimes happen to good and loving people, and I ask myself the question so many of us have asked: "If God *really exists* and his nature is love, how could a loving God allow such a thing to happen?"

I think the answer might lie somewhere in the muddle that is our attitude to the weather.

In the beginning ... God created a perfect world, beautiful, bountiful and balanced, inhabited by a myriad of creatures exactly displaying the vast variety and possibilities of life. He gave to humanity the sort of brains that allowed us to become top of the food-chain, both literally and metaphorically; and, as well, he gave us the freedom to choose whether or not to live in obedience to divine will, or our own.

In the beginning ... the weather of our planet was terrifying: earthquakes, enormous volcanic eruptions, tsunamis and landslips on an unimaginable scale as the tectonic plates moved and settled and water rushed into new voids to make seas and oceans. Then came water creatures, and huge

land animals; and afterwards came man, with curious, inventive brains, and an answer to everything that threatened survival.

You takes your pick. One? Or both?

It seems to me that in this 21st century we are reaping the consequences of our own success. Overpopulation and greed has led to global warming and climate change. The most recent natural disasters such as hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes and the mudslides in northern California are not anything God has caused; they are the result of humanity's lack of global stewardship. Individuals suffer because indirectly they are victims of other individuals; and because God has dignified humanity by making us masters of our own chosen paths through life, he doesn't interfere. But, equally he doesn't desert us. As individuals suffer, whether they are aware of it or not he weeps with them, giving them the comfort of his presence as they make the journey from this life to the next.

There is no doubt that, as a species, we have the know-how and skill to put right our wrong choices. But do we have the motivation? Do we actually want to?

With a few notable exceptions, I believe the vast majority of us would work hard, and willingly, and without gross financial inducement, to restore this planet to its original balance and bountiful beauty. But somehow a way needs to be found to involve us all in the effort: every individual, in every country of the whole wide world, and all the governments of all nations.

We mustn't blame God for the weather; it's not his fault. It's ours.

With love, Anne

Corfe Valley Church Services - February 2018

Sunday 4th February
10.30 Corfe Castle Benefice Communion
3p.m Corfe Castle 1st Sunday in School: Informal Worship & Tea
in the School Hall

Sunday 11th February
8.00 Corfe Castle Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Steeple Family Communion (BCP)
10.30 Corfe Castle Matins

Sunday 18th February
 8.00 Church Knowle Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30 Corfe CastleParish Communion (BCP)

Sunday 25th February
 8.00 Corfe Castle Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30 Kimmeridge Parish Communion (CW)
 10.30 Corfe Castle Parish Communion (BCP)
 4p.m Church Knowle Evensong

Sunday 4th March
 10.30 Corfe Castle Benefice Communion
 3p.m. Corfe Castle 1st Sunday in School: Informal Worship & Tea
 in the School Hall

BCP - Book of Common Prayer CW - Common Worship

The Corfe Valley Churches - Scripture Readings February 2018

Sunday 4th February 2nd Sunday before Lent
 Colossians 1: 15 – 20
 John 1: 1 – 14

Sunday 11th February Sunday next before Lent
 *2 Kings 2: 1 -12
 2 Corinthians 4: 3 – 6
 Mark 9: 2 – 9

Sunday 18th February 1st Sunday of Lent
 1 Peter 3: 18 – end
 Mark 1: 9 – 15

Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent
 *Genesis 17: 1 – 7; 15 - 16
 Romans 4: 13 – end
 Mark 8: 31 – end

Sunday 4th March 3rd Sunday of Lent
 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 25
 John 2: 13 - 22

*To be read at Matins or Evensong

Ash Wednesday Service February 14th

There will be a service of Holy Communion at St George's Langton at 10a.m. Rather than holding a service in Corfe Castle on this day we are going to join with the regular mid-week congregation at Langton for our observation of this important day in the church's year.

The bishops of our diocese are giving us copies of a small booklet for daily use throughout Lent; this is based on St Mark's gospel and there will be notes to help our reflection and prayer. We expect to have copies available on Ash Wednesday on the Sundays following in each of our churches.

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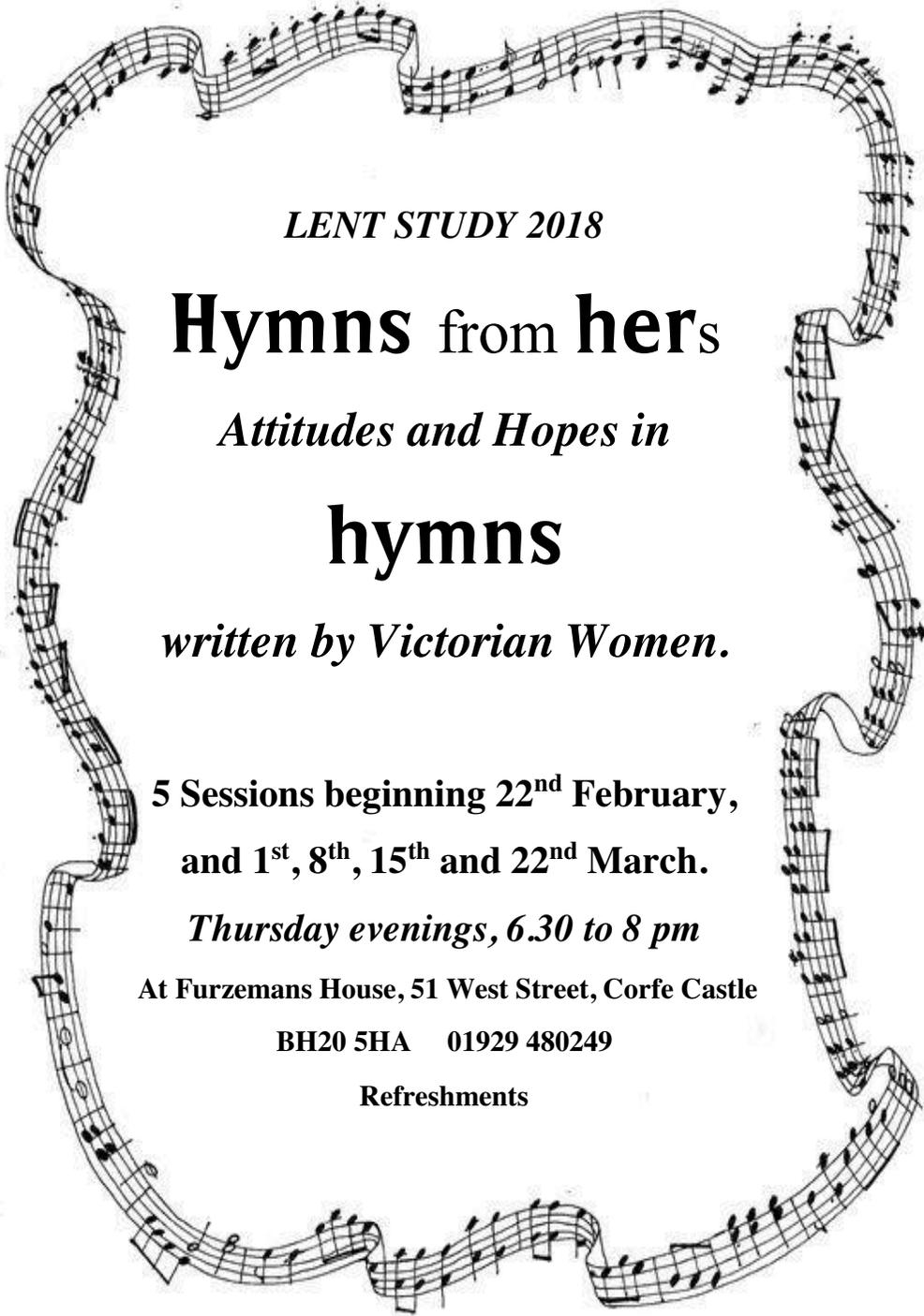
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Corfe Castle Congregational Church.

Firstly that faith, I spoke briefly about last month was not ill placed; it was wonderful to see the church so full during some of our Christmas events and others enjoying the delights and curiosities of an Icelandic Christmas (although we did avoid the putrefied fish!)

But as soon as Christmas is over, the bells of New Year have chimed and the last firework been extinguished it is time to move on and we are already planning ahead, looking to what can be consigned to history and moving into the new day we believe and are seeing evidence of God having planned for us.

And early this year on the 13th February is 'Pancake Day' or Shrove Tuesday which precedes the 40 days of Lent.

And there is more to Pancake Day than filling our stomachs with fried batter, syrup, and sugar and lemons juice. Pancake Day is Shrove Tuesday which, as I say precedes the 40 days of Lent.

The eating of Pancakes and the 40 days of Lent have significance in the Christian calendar although, of course churches differ on some points.....and no it is not the number of pancakes this person tries to eat!

The significance of the **40** will, I am sure arise in both churches this Lent in one way or another (Noah's Ark saw the earth flooded by **40** days and nights of rain, the Hebrews spent **40** years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God, Jesus spent **40** days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry and there is more.)

Traditionally Shrove Tuesday is a day of 'penitence', to 'clean the soul', and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Its name Shrove derives from the ritual of 'shriving' that Christians used to undergo. It was (in short) in certain traditions, a way of being forgiven the past, and moving forward.

So in a sense, for us as a church, Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday has some echoes of our journey, now letting go of the past and preparing ourselves for the future. Although we don't need others to intercede for us, it will be a time of letting go of the past, of reflection, of preparing both our hearts and minds for the service we feel God has for us this year and beyond.

Lent is traditionally a time we go without but it can also be a time we do more. After all it is about positive change. For us that means more praying, more listening and more serving so that come that glorious Easter Sunday we too will be clear the path the risen Jesus has called us to serve upon.

We would love you to be part of this, if only for FREE pancakes, however you like them, at 4pm on Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday 13th February.

Please come and join us, on the way home from work, on the school run, on the way out or just to save making them yourselves! We really don't want to take a whole load of batter home.

Perhaps, Christian or not, it is a day we can all reflect on the past, on the present and look to make a positive change in a world, not just our waistline.

From all at Corfe Congregational Church we look forward to serving you on Pancake Day (and beyond.)

Adrian Wyatt

Email: sheren.wyatt@sky.com.

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Special Events: Tues 13th Dec 4pm – 6pm: Free Pancakes for all who fancy popping in.

Regular Events: Our services are currently **10.30am each Sunday** and during Feb we continue to explore what discipleship means.

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Notices and Thanks

CORFE CASTLE GARDENING CLUB

Depending when you receive your CVN our AGM and Quiz meeting for February is today, 1st (or tomorrow, or was yesterday.....)

Even if you missed it there is time to put March's meeting in your diary.

March 1st and the topic is **Wildlife Gardening**, speaker – Tony Bates. No matter how small or large your garden there are things we can all do to encourage and nurture our wildlife. That includes Ponds, even small ones and in **April** we shall have a speaker from **Dorset Aquatics**. (April 5th.)

We didn't see many butterflies in our patch last year and I am hoping for tips on plants that encourage them to visit and feed.

I gather that "proper gardeners" are already planting bulbs and the plants they have grown under glass over winter. Well done, you are an example to us. My outdoor gardening will have to wait until I can go out in fewer than four layers of clothing topped of by a waterproof!! Fair weather wimp, me!

Whether you out there doing it or still indoors planning it, my wish for 2018 for you all is:

May you have good growing weather, seeds that all come up, roots that all go down and pests that all go somewhere else.

Happy gardening.

David

Langton Arthouse Cinema

In March we're screening *The Happiest Day in the Life of Olli Maki* on Wednesday 7 at 7.30 in Langton Matravers' Village Hall. This is a small film, with a very big heart. It is wryly funny, mild-mannered and deeply moving. It follows the true story of Olli Mäki, the famous Finnish boxer who had a shot at the 1962 World Featherweight title. Immensely talented and equally modest, Olli's small town life is transformed when he is swept into national stardom and suddenly regarded as a symbol of his country. There's only one problem: Olli has just fallen in love. Inside of the ring, it's Finland vs. the USA, but outside, boxing and romance become unlikely adversaries vying for Olli's attention. Don't come under the apprehension that this is some kind of sports film. It comes without the clichés of the genre. *The Happiest Day...* is really a love story, and the low-key attitude is what makes it such a winning film. In Finnish with English subtitles. Tickets £5 on the door, which will open at 7pm. Glasses will be supplied should you wish to bring your own drink with you. If you would like to see trailers for this and future films visit www.LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk.



OPENING TIMES

Mill Lane, WAREHAM Drop in or appointment	Monday Tuesday Thursday	10.00 - 2.00 10.00 - 2.00 10.00 - 2.00
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Swanage Centre - Wednesday	9.30 -12.30 01929 423589
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INFORMATION EVENT **Wills and Power of Attorney**

Age UK Dorchester is holding an **Information Event** to de-mystify the subject of **Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney**.
If you wish to understand whether you need a Lasting Power of Attorney, and to make a Will, **Christine Butterfield, Senior Associate Solicitor at Battens, solicitors**, will be providing a talk on the subject on:

Monday 5th February 2018 at 10am
at Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, DT1 1PW

No need to book ... just turn up

Age UK Dorchester BENEFITS Purbeck

Age UK Dorchester is now providing information and advice regarding welfare benefits to older people in the Purbeck area, by way of home visits.
Welfare Benefits volunteers can assist with the completion of Attendance Allowance forms. If you need assistance with applying for Attendance Allowance, please contact our welfare benefits coordinator, Janice Webb,

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The Etches Collection Museum of Jurassic Marine Life



FEBRUARY BAY TOURS WITH DR STEVE ETCHES MBE.

Come and spend a couple of hours in the company of the universally acclaimed fossil collector, Dr. Steve Etches MBE.

The Following Dates Are:

Sunday 4th February 2018 at 2:00pm
Thursday 15th February 2018 at 12:00pm

Tickets need to be purchased in advance.
See our website for more details.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 13th February
Open session 10:30am-1:00pm
Creative Clay Workshop for children of all ages!
Make your own unique dinosaurs & ammonites at the fossil museum.
£7.50 per child.

Loads more activities including:

Fossil Friday
Museum Mystery Hunt- solve the clues to claim your prize!
Jurassic Art competition, Fossil mould painting
Lucky Dip, Fossil excavation pit
Take a closer look at our handling collection under the microscope.

VOLUNTEERING

Do you have a keen interest in Fossils, Geology and volunteering? Do you enjoy learning and sharing your knowledge?

Then drop into the Etches Collection's volunteer open day on **Wednesday 14th Feb 2018**. The Etches collection will be hosting an open day to showcase the work of the museum's volunteers, volunteer roles available, and how they contribute to the museum

You'll have the opportunity to chat to key people, get further advice about volunteering and information on the application process.

Open day will be held on: - **Wednesday 14th February**
The Etches Collection, Museum of Jurassic Marine Life

Kimmeridge, Dorset, BH20 5PE
11am–2pm

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Purbeck Mummers

Purbeck Mummers presented £1000 to 'steps of stan' in the Horse and Groom, Wareham on Sunday 21 January. We thank all who donated during our December tours and in particular we thank all local pubs who put up with our antics. We wish Stan, his sister and parents all the best for the future.

Corfe Castle Local History Group



Anyone interested in the local history of Corfe Castle is welcome to attend the history talks for 2018. A donation of £1 would be appreciated to help with the upkeep of the Town Hall. The talks will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in **The Town Hall at 2pm** on the following dates:

20 February: Ancient Customs of the Manor of Corfe Castle – oaths, gutter silver and Admiralty Courts

20 March: Old Roads through Purbeck with reference to the Treswell (1585) and the Woodward (1775) maps.

17 April: A History of Middlebere

15 May: Schooling in Corfe Castle Parish

Please bring any old photos or memories you have of schooling around Purbeck

19 June: A History of The Corfe Castle Charities

Break for the summer

July/August: The Summer Exhibition in The Town Hall: Schooling in Corfe Castle Parish. Exact dates to be announced later.

Dr Andrew Norman will sign copies of his book “Corfe Remembered”

18 September: Norden and its landscape

16 October: Ecclesiastical Court Records for Corfe Castle: Gossip of the day 1625-1746

20 November: A history of Boar Mill

Break for Christmas

15 January 2019: The Calcraft Estate – its beginnings

St Georges Flower Festival 2018

In 2016 we held a flower festival, the first for many years, it was very well supported with many creative entries. This year we would like to build upon the success of that event by staging another flower festival the theme of this being Glimpses of Purbeck. If you would like to take part in arranging a flower displays be it professionally or just for your own enjoyment we would love to hear from you. Our aim is to fill St Georges Church once again with flowers. The event will take place over the spring bank holiday weekend dates are Saturday 26 to Monday 28 May This event will co-inside with Purbeck Art Weeks. If you would like to take part please contact Sandy Garner on 01929 424431

Steps For Stan



This picture is of Stan receiving a wonderful cheque from Mike Harriott from the Corfe Castle Club weekly lottery bonus ball card. Every six months or so, the profits of approx. £500 from this are donated to a local charity and Stan was the very lucky recipient this time! In December Stan’s fund also received: £300 from another lottery fund at Corfe Castle Club, and a promise of £350 from the quiz night at the Club, and a superb £818 from the collection after the Carol Service! Stan is off to the Footsteps Centre in Oxford in March whilst also continuing attending weekly physiotherapy in Bournemouth. We have just purchased a new car seat which makes it easier to get him into the car but at a cost of £1,250, yes, ten times a normal car seat! Jane Ellwood.

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It’s not difficult to check that you are on the best energy tariff but if you need some help why not contact Citizens Advice and see if you can save money.

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Keeping your home warm - living rooms at 21°C and bedrooms at 18°C - can have a beneficial effect on your health and wellbeing. However, rising energy costs can often lead to turning the thermostat down to save money.

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New Beaver Colony and Cub Pack in Corfe

We have just started up a Beaver Colony and a Cub pack in Corfe Castle catering for young people between the ages of 6-8 and 8-10 years old, we meet in the Village hall on a Friday evening and for details people can email myself at lukegray@gmail.com

We are also in need of Cub leaders, - see the advert elsewhere in the magazine?

Doug Whyte

Doug, who will be known to many in the Village, passed away on 18 December 2017 after a valiant battle with cancer. He remained positive in his praise of the medical care he received over the past 15 years, he never allowed his illness to stop him achieving his goals. Always interested and interesting with wisdom, strength and kindness he was much respected in the Village and involved himself with characteristic commitment to many village activities while maintaining a strong bond between the National Trust and Village community. Doug moved to the village in 1998 with his family, his wife Misako and daughters Mariko, Shoona and Canna. His involvement in village life was total and he enjoyed the confidence and respect of many people with his "can do" attitude and warm, friendly approach.

Doug retired from the National Trust in 2009 to allow him to undertake a series of medical treatments but never a person to give in, he found new interests in bee keeping, becoming recognised as an expert in the field. He used his knowledge with characteristic generosity teaching would be keepers at Kingston Maurward. His strong friendship with Joe Williams was reflected with many amusing anecdotes at the celebration of Doug's life which was held at Harbour View Burial Ground, Lychett Minster.

Over 100 friends and family gathered to say farewell to a remarkable man.

Nick Crane (aka The Map Man) was a long standing friend of Doug and recalled their university days and amazing adventures including cycling from Cherbourg to Greece. Times were tough in those days and the journey was sustained on a plentiful supply of porridge.

Doug was a member of many Corfe Castle organisations including Secretary of the Christmas Festivities Committee, the Fox Players, and many voluntary and management organisations.

An impressive man with a love of the country, wildlife and people. We will miss his kind.

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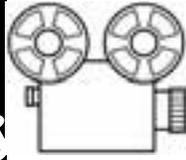
Crossways Travel raise money for Friends of Dorchester Hospital

On Monday 19th December Crossways Travel, a local Coach Tour Operator, based near Dorchester, operating day excursions and Holiday Tours from Dorset made their "Charity Of The Year" Donation for 2017 to The Friends Of Dorchester Hospital. This year, Crossways Travel are delighted to announce with the help of their loyal customers they donated a staggering £2000 at their annual Christmas Party Lunch, held in the New Forest. The money raised will go towards the much needed new radiography unit in Dorchester Hospital,



From The Left - Ron Lewis (Driver), Matt Crocker (Crossways Travel), Sharon Merritt (Friends Of Dorchester Hospital), Gill Davies (Crossways Travel), Kadi Crocker (Owner Of Crossways Travel)

meaning those that require treatment in our area will be able to receive treatment without the need to travel further afield to other hospitals. Kadi Crocker, owner of Crossways Travel said she was delighted with the amount raised this year for the charity and that The Friends Of Dorchester Hospital were very grateful, and is now starting the planning for 2018's Charity Of The Year, this being Dorset Blind Association. She would like to thank all the people that have made this donation possible.



Movie Nights

'Victoria & Abdul'

starring Judi Dench, Ali Fazal and Michael Gambon

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FEBRUARY and MARCH EVENTS

MOVIE NIGHTS

February 13th – Victoria and Abdul
Abdul Karim arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favour with the queen herself. As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy.

March 13th - tba

STALLS IN THE HALL

Saturday February 10th
Saturday March 10th

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (7.30pm)

March 6th All welcome, come along and have your say. Meet your Councillors!

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Feb 18th March 18th

PURBECK U3A ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

Feb 23rd March 23rd

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Feb 22nd March 22nd

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Feb 2nd, 16th, March 2nd, 16th

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Feb 8th, 22nd, March 8th, 22nd

HARMANS CROSS RESIDENTS CLUB

VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT on Friday February 16th. Admission Free! Bar will be open. This is not an official challenge to Worth Matravers (but they can come if they want to!), it's just a bit of fun, a few drinks and a couple of bottles of wine as prizes. Arrive at 7.30 pm for start at 8.00 pm please !

The Residents Club AGM will be held at 7.30 pm – there have been a number of changes made this year which we want you all to know about – so please come along! A complimentary glass of wine on arrival for all those who arrive before the AGM starts..... !!

HXVH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

That's on Friday February 16th preceded by a fun quiz night – with prizes – so please come along at 7.00 for the AGM; quiz starts at 8.00. Bring your friends. And your brains !

WEEKLY EVENTS:

U3A French group –Wednesday mornings from 9.00 a.m
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Art with Judy – Tuesday afternoons from 2.00 p.m.
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Kimmeridge News

It seems a long time since Christmas; but a quick look back at Christmas Eve in Kimmeridge will do no harm! The traditional Nativity Service in Kimmeridge Church was a great success again. The Church was packed – standing room only. Every year is different and this year we had a splendidly mixed cast of “children” of all ages – 3 to 65! One interesting feature was having Joseph & Herod both played by the same person – different! A big thank you to all who took part.

With the storms in January we have had several days of excellent surfing conditions; at least that is what I assume from the number of cars & vans in the car parks! On several days it has been more crowded at the Bay than in August despite the temperature being below 5deg. My only small complaint is that some surfers are so anxious to get to the sea that they completely miss the passing places on the narrow road down to the Bay; do we *really* now need sign boards to explain to people what a “single track road with passing places” means?

The Kimmeridge Keilidh on 12th January was very well attended with over 30 dancers. We had a lovely spot in the interval with Gilly Kemp singing to us. The February dance is on Friday 9th with caller Dawn Skye and a special interval spot from the Dorset Button Rapper Dancers. Come and join us at 7.30 in the Village Hall at The Etches Collection. All profits go towards the new Kimmeridge Playground. Tickets on the door, £5 – no bar – bring your own!

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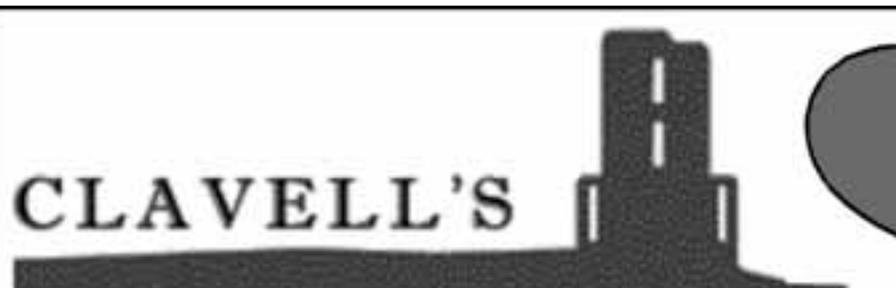
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AVAILABLE WEDS 14TH & SAT 17TH FEBRUARY

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Salad of Smoked Duck Breast
Spiced Parsnip and Pear Soup
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Salmon & Calamari
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MAINS

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Rack of Kimmeridge Lamb (£3 supplement)
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DESSERTS

Chocolate Fondue to share
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Selection of English cheese and biscuits (£2 supplement)
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AVAILABLE WEDS 14TH FEBRUARY

Assorted Finger Sandwiches

(Coronation Chicken, Ham & Real Ale Chutney,
Egg Mayonnaise & Cress, Cucumber, Poached Salmon)

Fruit & Plain Scones

with Dorset Clotted Cream & locally-sourced Strawberry Jam

Cake Selection

(Lemon Poppy Seed Cake, Vanilla & Chocolate Mille-Feuille,
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Dorset Tea selection includes:

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Mothers Day Special High Tea
Sunday 11th March



Assorted Finger Sandwiches

(coronation chicken, ham and real ale chutney,
egg mayonnaise and cress, cucumber
and poached salmon))

Fruit and Plain Scones with Dorset Clotted
Cream and locally sourced Strawberry Jam

Cake Selection of a lemon a poppy seed cake,
vanilla and chocolate mille-feuille
and a raspberry and white chocolate tartlet

Dorset Tea Selection includes Breakfast Tea,
Cool Camomile, Foraged Fruits, Earl Grey Tea,
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Mothers Day Lunch Menu
Sunday 11th March



Starters

Pork and Apple Pate served with apple cider chutney toasted
brioche and dressed mixed leaves.

Butternut Squash and Sweet Potato Soup
served with crusty bread.

Prawn and Smoked Salmon Cocktail served with
brown bread and butter and dressed mixed leaves.

Salad of Goat's Cheese, beetroot and candied walnuts.

Main Courses

Roast Topside of "Kimmeridge Farm" Beef
with Yorkshire puddings.

Poached Salmon

in a Veronique sauce (cream, white wine and grape).

Chicken Breast in a Café de Paris Sauce
(White wine, tomato, tarragon and cream).

All of the above served with roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese,
carrots, broccoli and cabbage.

Baked Butternut Squash and oven roasted vegetables
topped melted mozzarella, served with cous cous.

Desserts

Rich Chocolate and Praline Truffle
Steamed clementine and Pomegranate pudding
Apple, Cinnamon and sultana Pie

Lemon meringue roulade

Selection of ice creams and sorbets

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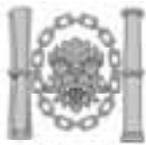
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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MONDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.15 – 10.45am	& 11am – 12 Yoga	Langton Scout Hut
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
Each	5pm – 6pm	Rainbows (term time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	7.45 – 9.15pm	Badminton	C C Village Hall
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
WEDNESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
Each	6.00 - 8.00 pm	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	R.B.L. Club
FRIDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall

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