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Editorial

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Our accounts are being prepared and will be published soon so everyone can see where the money is spent. Last year's accounts summary was in the July issue.

If you want to contribute to the magazine please remember the size is A5 and please use MS word or other similar word processing application, or in PDF and send to the email address on page 3. Instructions for advertisers are at the back of the magazine.

Stephen

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APRIL AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting was shortened to the hour before the Annual Parish Meeting in order to allow time for some of the normal business before the Annual Parish Meeting which commenced at 7pm.

Approximately eighteen residents attended the Annual Parish Meeting on a pleasant evening. The Meeting started with Mrs Linda Barnes of Purbeck Valley Farm providing information on the events on the farm in 2015 – eight weddings, the Young Farmers Club Weekend and the Folk Festival. The latest licence for the Folk Festival would be for four days in August and there would be an exclusion zone next to the property belonging to Mr & Mrs Gadd. The Young Farmers Club event would have a five day licence this year. Cllr Dragon said he attended the Licence hearing at Purbeck District Council. As a result of all the representations to that tribunal about the Folk Festival, the four day, 24 hour licence means the Licensing Officer, Mr Ian Carter, and another officer who can monitor noise levels will be available all through the festival and can be contacted by telephone.

Mr Spreyer of Woolgarston said that he and all the other twenty nearby dwellings hear everything that goes on at Purbeck Valley Farm because the land slopes up the hill to Woolgarston and Sandy Hill Lane. He remembered the 2003 planning permission being given by Chairman Julie Wheeldon including a condition of vegetation planting which he thought had not occurred. Mrs Barnes said it had been done. His issue with Purbeck Valley Farm was their non-compliance with Planning requirements, the lack of noise measurements at houses affected by the events and the area becoming a theme park. It was no longer a tranquil area. Mr Spreyer missed the date of hearing as he would have liked to speak. Cllr Dragon advised him that he would not have been able to speak without giving prior notice and registering. Cllr Dragon said he had raised questions with the Licensing Officer about who is consulted as it didn't appear to include neighbours; how is it advertised – on the property and where in the press ? Mr Spreyer wanted to know how the 28 days allowed for farms to have events is measured in view of all the preparation work for the events which would come to far more than that number of days allowed if measured strictly. He has lived at Woolgarston for 26 years and now the formerly peaceful location suffers lots of noise in the summer. Cllr Stephen Dru Drury, the Chairman, said the Council would investigate the matters raised.

Donna Davis and Gill Sellen spoke about the withdrawal of funding by the County Council and how all the Youth Club workers will be made redundant by the 1st September 2016. The Chairman said the Council wished to support the Youth Club and the workers by funding the next year

through an intermediary such as Swanage Town Council. The Precept may need to be increased for future years if it were to become permanent and might require a referendum. Swanage Town Council may be preferable as an employer to other organisations such as Ansbury. The Chairman suggested a meeting with the Youth Club workers to discuss possibilities before the Youth Club Management Committee public meeting on the 27th April in the Village Hall. Donna Davis said between twenty and thirty children attend the Youth Club.

Mr Roger Frost asked what had happened about the removal of the post box to Station Road. Cllr Dru Drury informed him the matter had been taken up by the office of Richard Drax MP South Dorset who would be writing to the Chief Executive officer of Royal Mail.

The developers of the Arfleet Mill Lakes which is to be known as Dorset Waterpark in the persons of Liz Turner, CEO and a colleague were available to answer questions but there were none when the Chairman requested them. The Chairman and other Councillors had inspected the changes in the last few days.

Cllr Dru Drury, reported on Parish Council activities during the last year. He said the Council is experiencing a lot of change with the County Council having to work with a £40m deficit. This was manifesting itself as the withdrawal of funding for the Youth Club. The County Council was studying the various possibilities for changing to a couple of new unitary authorities instead of the nine existing District Councils in order to save money. He thought this might result in Parish Councils taking on more services and needing both more staff and funding to do so.

There is a continuing housing problem where Purbeck District Council are having to find another 2,240 houses. The Purbeck Partial Review Action Group has come up with three current options: (1) Three large sites; (2) A proportional spread of 10% over all the areas; (3) Two large sites and the rest spread over the remainder. The preferred option will be decided at a Council meeting at the Purbeck School on the 19th April. *Afternote; it has now been recommended that 3080 new houses be built on 6 sites over the District, but not including Corfe. This approach will be put out to consultation during June.*

The expansion of the Norden Park & Ride is being driven by a need to compensate for the loss of the car spaces being eroded at Studland, to provide connections to the Castle and village and a railway connection to the A351. The expansion is likely to take place on a field between the Norden roundabout and Castle View.

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The Council previously decided not to do a Neighbourhood Plan but it may well be that recent changes may cause the Council to rethink this matter.

Affordable housing continues to be in short supply and the Parish Housing Register is kept up to date in order to explore options for doing something about the problem. More affordable rental housing needs to be built somewhere in the village.

The Parish Council does general maintenance around the villages and employs contractors to keep weeds down. The playground is looking good since the old hedge was removed by the adjoining owners. New fencing and gates have been installed and a bit more fencing between the equipment is due to be done. Use of the Youth Shelter caused complaints from residents but the situation was sorted out with help from Donna so that none of the other options thought about were necessary to resolve the matter. The Parish Council cuts the grass to the playground and supports grass cutting for the Sports Field and supports the Sports Trust and the pavilion. All the benches in the village have been repaired recently including the one near the bus stop which the Council has just adopted.

Mass cycling is another recent issue for the Parish. There are no permissions or other controls to influence race events where numbers of cyclists are below 500 competitors. Discussions have taken place with Purbeck and New Forest Councils who also have the same problem. The Council is getting together with Church Knowle Parish Council to try and promote a solution.

The Councillors attend various committees and liaison groups to influence matters being dealt with by other organisations. The Council is involved with Gods Acre, the Village Library, the National Trust and the Village Hall improvements. It runs two tourism meetings.

The train to Wareham should have started later this year but rolling stock needs to be replaced. The track has been done and the crossing work and road rail interchange at Norden completed.

A recent meeting at Perenco revealed increased oil production with four nodding donkeys re-opened but falling oil prices has affected their profits.

The Council objected to the Navitus Bay Wind Farm and was pleased that the Secretary of State did not seek to overturn the decision of the Planning Inspectorate.

The District Council consults the Parish Council on planning (41 applications over the last year) and tree matters. There is a Minerals Plan where the Council received views from Kingston residents over possible proposals to extend the Swanworth Quarry towards the village. The

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Council supports local industry but has concerns about this possible development.

Dorset County Council have been requested to repair and upgrade the stone pavements in East Street between the School Crossing and the Square. The School itself requested the County Council upgrade the crossing to Puffin status but the recent survey does not support such an upgrade. The Council has asked County to install double yellow lines between Sandy Hill Lane and 1 East Street (in the area currently marked by Police cones) to prevent the A351 being blocked by parking in the summer months.

The Post Office moved into the Stores and this has gone well and they have provided a good service.

The Queens 90th Birthday celebrations will be incorporated into village events starting on the 21st April with beacons in the Castle, then the 5th May and finally events on the weekend of the 11 & 12th June.

Councillor Bond provided a summary of the financial position of the Parish Council. He explained why the Parish Precept had not been increased for the current year (as for the last couple of years). This had required a reduction in general reserves. If Councillors had known previously about forthcoming cuts to other services like the Youth Club then the Precept might have been increased. However, current reserves would allow for ad hoc funding of the youth workers until a more sustainable plan could be created. The Council does not receive any income other than the Precept and this is used to pay wages, grants, removal of Gods Acre rubbish and the weeding of the streets amongst other things. This has increased from £19,850 last year to £20,275 this year.

He suggested the Parish Council may need to look into providing other services such as for the youth and elderly if District Councils do disappear in the future. However, he did not want to create a new bureaucracy and hoped the Council could outsource jobs to existing organisations like Swanage Town Council in order to use money as efficiently as possible. Parish Councils are currently not capped like larger authorities who if they exceed a 2% rise must call a referendum but this might change. There were no questions.

The Chairman, Cllr Dru Drury, thanked all the Councillors for their hard work over the last year.

The Council considers all planning applications and submits comments to the District Council. The Parish Council had no objection to the proposal for the following: The erection of a new agricultural barn at Hartlands

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Farm, New Line, Norden. The partitioning off of part of the attic to create a shower room, the replacement of a bedroom window, garden room doors and guttering at 95 West Street, Kingston.

Jeff Dunn, Parish Clerk

(phone 555266)(e-mail CorfeCastlePC@aol.com) - 8 Old Kiln Road, Ridge, Wareham BH20 5BY. 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 9th May in the Town Hall.

Corfe Castle Surgery

May 2016

Claire Goodall is now working with us as Receptionist covering the time Jen and Lucy are working in the Dispensary. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome.

This year, early May bank holiday is the 2nd May and spring bank holiday is the 30th May: Please ensure you have enough repeat medication for the long weekends and also put in any medication requests bearing in mind these additional closures.

In February we had 44 FRIENDS AND FAMILY TEST completed by our patients and 43 patients said they were either EXTREMELY LIKELY or LIKELY to recommend our surgery.

Carer's Week

Carer's week is the 6th – 12th June. If you are a patient of Corfe Castle Surgery and you would like information on our Carer's Week Coffee, Cake and Chat afternoon, please contact the surgery for further information and so we can add you to the list so we know who many to cater for. General information can be found at <http://www.carersweek.org/>

Many Thanks
Clare Tuck
12.4.16



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Council issues safety reminder to private housing landlords

Purbeck District Council is reminding landlords and tenants of legislation affecting the private rented sector which came into force recently.

Since October 2015, all privately rented property must be fitted with smoke detectors on every storey and carbon dioxide detectors in high risk rooms, for example where solid fuels are used. Landlords must check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working at the beginning of each new tenancy. Failure to comply could lead to a fixed penalty notice from the Council.

At the beginning of each new tenancy, landlords must give their tenants a new information booklet produced by the Government called 'How to rent'; an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC); and a current Gas Safety Certificate (if there are gas appliances in the property).

Tenants also have rights which prevent retaliatory eviction by their landlord in the event that a tenant complains about the state of repair of their property.

Letting agents representing landlords must also be registered with an official dispute resolution scheme approved by the Government.

Richard Conway, Environment Manager, Public Health and Housing Services at Purbeck District Council, said: 'Although the majority of private landlords in Purbeck have already ensured their properties are compliant, we are making this reminder to ensure all private landlords are meeting the requirements set down in law.'

Mr Conway added: "Council officers will investigate all complaints made by tenants in the privately rented sector. Officers will issue fixed penalty notices for a landlord who has failed to install smoke or carbon monoxide detectors or if a letting agent has failed to register with an official registration scheme."

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NEWS FROM CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL

Furzebrook Village Hall was the venue for the last meeting of the Parish Council before the Annual Parish Meeting in May. Cllr Tony Higgens was in the Chair and during the meeting he repeated his intention not to stand for election as Chairman for the following year.

One parishioner was in attendance and expressed her annoyance with the Parish Council in its, perceived by her, negative attitude to her development at Rachel's Plantation despite her past failure to comply with planning law and apparent failure to comply with planning requirements for her latest project. Also attending were representatives from senior management of the animal sanctuary who presented their apologies to the residents of the Parish for the traffic chaos caused by the "Family Day" at Church Knowle. During the Public Discussion period the Trustee and Chief Executive of the sanctuary gave an explanation of what had happened to cause the chaos and assured the meeting that "lessons would be learned" and they would try their best to ensure such incidents would not be repeated. The Chairman suggested that CKPC could attend the meeting with DCC Highways dept along with Margaret Green Trust when traffic management systems for future events would be "on the agenda". This was agreed. The business meeting then began.

The Chairman reported on progress regarding the Parenco/VOIP proposal to have microwave broadband in its Kimmeridge site and allow residents of Church Knowle to have access to it. The project manager will be invited to a CKPC meeting and describe how it would operate.

The results of the fire at Cotness Cottages and effect on the occupiers was discussed. It would take about 18 months to repair the cottages. Members were relieved that the elderly occupants had been given temporary accommodation in the meantime.

The meeting heard that the Church Knowle to Wareham weekly 'bus service had been withdrawn due to cuts in financial assistance by Dorset County Council. Members felt that this would cause difficulty to several car-less elderly residents, but hoped that alternative arrangements could be made.

The village carpark in front of Knowle Cottage was also discussed and the meeting heard that DCC had been in contact with the builders to get them to place warning lights on the skip and make good the surface they had damaged.

The future of the Corfe Castle youth club was discussed at length and the meeting heard that DCC had withdrawn funding from it due to cut-backs. Unfortunately, the Parish Council's precept had been set and part-received; consequently the Council felt that it had insufficient funds to contribute to the running of the club in the financial year. However, one of the Members posed the question of providing some funds for 2017-18.

A planning application (6/2016/0182) to provide hard standing, etc at 3 Tyneham Road was discussed. There was general discussion about a similar development at 5 Tyneham Road several years beforehand and Members decided (by vote) they had no grounds for objection as a precedent had been set by PDC on that particular application. The Council was very concerned that by reducing the kerb and building an opening on to the road the parking/lay-by facilities in Church Knowle would be further reduced and would advise PDC accordingly.

The Certificate of Lawful Use for camping, etc at Bucknowle Farm has been granted by PDC.

Rachel's Plantation was again discussed and there were interruptions from the public area of the meeting. The Chairman ruled that as the Council had not received any information on future plans from PDC they were unable to discuss this issue further until details or new plans were received.

Under "Highways", the traffic management problems in Church Knowle were again discussed, including a suggestion from a Parishioner for double yellow lines to be painted on the road through the village. This was rejected by the Meeting. Members were pleased to hear that the overgrowths at Cocknowle had been cut and were disappointed that those at Plumtree Cottage continue to seriously obstruct the road. DCC will be contacted again with a view to them cutting the overgrowths in default and charging the owners. The Clerk reported on the East Creech finger posts progress which was taking longer than anticipated but is still progressing.

The Clerk reported on the annual audit and future organisation, bills were paid and correspondence discussed. The meeting ended at 10.10pm with the reminder that the next meeting will be on 10th May at Church Knowle village hall following the Annual Parish Meeting.



Corfe Castle

May 2016

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National Trust News

Timbers found washed up on Studland Beach after Storm Katie swept through may be from the wreck of a 17th century Dutch ship which has excited experts since its discovery in 1990.

The so-called Swash Channel wreck, near the entrance to Poole Harbour, has been described as the most significant maritime archaeology project in Britain since the raising of the Mary Rose in 1982. The Trust has contacted Bournemouth University experts to try to identify the timbers, which were found on Knoll Beach by beach rangers. Holes for wooden pegs, and the pegs themselves, are clearly visible.



Volunteers with salvaged timbers on Knoll Beach

They have now been submerged in storage tanks at Corfe Castle

to preserve them pending further investigation. The Receiver of Wrecks has been informed.

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Artisans at work in February 2016

Among projects to be funded is the carving of decorated stone bosses in the style of those which would once have embellished vaulting in the gloriolite, King John's mini palace in the inner ward. The artisans are also restoring a Victorian hand pump in the tea-rooms garden. All the money raised comes from PANT's

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PANT has a programme of summer outings, winter talks and year-round social activities including quizzes, meals, boules and barbeques.

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We're asking dog owners not to allow their pets into dew ponds near Langton Matravers as doing so poses a threat to rare great crested newts. Male great crested newts need clear water for their mating displays and dogs playing in the ponds is stirring up sediment and reducing visibility. Trampling on the banks of ponds is also destroying vegetation which the females need to lay their eggs in.

The rare amphibians' mating season runs until around the end of May so please be particularly careful around this time.

Dew ponds are a feature of the landscape around Langton Matravers and were originally created by farmers to provide water for livestock.

Most farms now use mains water instead.

A big thank you to everyone involved in the Community Woodland Project after a successful winter of coppicing in Langton West Wood.

Two out of a total of 17 coppicing areas or coupes have been restored, which will allow encourage fresh growth and boost biodiversity.

Coppicing has now finished for the season and will start again when the trees become dormant next winter.

There has recently been evidence of drivers doing donuts or wheel spins on the grass overflow car park at Spyway.

If you see anyone behaving irresponsibly there, please make a note of the registration as tell a National Trust ranger or the police.

National Trust 'drop-in' work days in 2016

Bournemouth National Trust Volunteers (who operate in a large area of Dorset) will be joining me for one Sunday a month from May onwards, helping care for the common and land around the village. I'd like to open up these days to any interested local people who can join us for a full day or for

however long they like. All the tasks are either within reasonable walking distance of the village centre, or else we meet at 10am at Castleview carpark with vehicle transport to site. Maps to the worksite will be available from the castle ticket office, or email me at Rebecca.eddy@nationaltrust.org.uk.

The current tasks organised are:

22nd May – replacing gate complex on West Hill

19th June – West Common boardwalk replacement and damselfly survey

24th July – building a boardwalk on Middle Common

14th August – East Common boardwalk replacement and damselfly survey

18th September – scrub-bashing on West Hill

16th October – clearing out allotment for orchard planting – TBC

27th November – planting orchard in allotment – TBC

18th December – scrub-bashing on West Hill and Christmas cookout

Anyone wishing to join the work days is covered by National Trust insurance as long as they provide their contact details and emergency contact details - there will be a form to fill out on the day. Wear clothing you don't mind getting damaged and sensible footwear, preferably boots. The tasks are all quite physical so a reasonable level of fitness is required. Volunteers need to bring their own lunches and drinks, but we will provide biscuits.



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Neill Child, who is a trustee of the Purbeck Film Charitable Trust, owners of the Rex Cinema since 2009, gave us a most illuminating talk about the great little movie house in Wareham. Many of us know and love the Rex, where we can watch Classic movies and Hollywood blockbusters while sipping our wine or beer as we sit back to enjoy the show in an auditorium little changed since the coming of the 'Talkies' in 1927.

The Empire Theatre opened in the Oddfellows Hall in 1920, later to become the Rex Cinema which experienced many changes in fortune but survived through good times (demand from troops during WWII) and bad (coming of television) with various changes of ownership.

Things are going well now and refurbishment is taking place: we will be able to enjoy new carpets, re-padded seats and better sightlines when the cinema re-opens on May 13th. Today the Rex is possibly the oldest continuously running cinema in England. From the 1930's 'They Met in a Taxi' (in B&W) to today's 'Best Marigold Hotel' there has always been something on the screen at the Rex. The building was originally a hall built by the Oddfellows, a Friendly Society, in 1889 for the express purpose of providing a place for entertainment and get-togethers to enhance social life and friendliness in the community. It's very good to know that nothing has changed.

A wonderful day at Beaulieu is in store for our Aquarius Summer Outing on June 28th. There's a great variety of things to see and do beside the famous motor museum. So even if you can't tell a Ford from a Ferrari you're sure to have fun among friends. Dawn Lindsay has the list and members can sign up at our May meeting. Tickets £28 each.

Our Coffee Morning raised more than £600 which brings our charity fund for the Friends of Wareham Hospital to more than £900. A HUGE thank you to all concerned: it was a real group effort.

To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and our 100th meeting on June 7th we will be having an extra special cream tea after Zoe Squirrel's talk.

Dates for your diary:

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|-----------------------|--|
| May 3 rd | Undercover Agent: My Life as a Corsetiere – Hazel Wilson |
| June 7 th | Para-dressage Rider - Zoe Squirrel |
| June 28 th | Summer Outing to Beaulieu |
| July 5 th | Aches, Pains - Marcus Davis |
| Aug 2 nd | Summer Lunch at the Village Hall |

Visitors are always welcome to attend any two meetings in the year: £3.00
Susie Bond 480133 News Editor

News from the Pre-School

We are hoping for some lovely sunny weather so that we can play outside as much as possible and enjoy Sports Day and our Teddy Bears' Picnic. We have 16 children leaving for Primary school at the end of this term but before they go they are off on their Leaver's Trip on the Swanage Railway. We will be sorry to lose them and wish them all well on the next stage of their education. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Fran & Natalie Blowes at half term as they are both going off to take part in Camp America. After that Fran is going to Australia and Natalie will be rejoining us in December.



Our 100 Club lucky winner for March was Number 10. We have a few spaces in our 100 Club and it only costs £4 a month to be a member and each month you have a chance of winning £100. For details of joining please pop into the Pre-School or telephone Karen Spooner on 481631. We run taster sessions on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am for up to two hours where you and your child can get to know us. Children are welcome at the taster sessions up to a term before their second birthday. If you need any more details please ring 481631

Karen Spooner
Setting Manager

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News from Busy Bees!

Busy Bees is a fun parent and child activity session based in Corfe Castle Primary School's brand new school hall.



Each week our experienced childcare practitioner will supervise an exciting activity for parents and children to enjoy together. So you and your child could have a go at making a puppet, designing a potato print picture, playing parachute games or learning a drumming rhythm!

Busy Bees is every Friday in term time from 10am until 11.30am. For more information please contact us or just pop in!

Busy Bees is open to all children from Corfe Castle and the surrounding areas aged from 0 to school age. Each session costs £1.50 per child + 50p for siblings

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News from the Kids Club

Our After School Clubs are open every week day from 3 pm to 5.30 pm.

Monday - Kick Start Mondays Club.

Tuesday - Cookery Club.

Wednesday - Make & Do.

Thursday - Dance Club.

Friday - Film Club.



The cost of the clubs are £4 for 3pm - 4pm; £7 for 3pm - 5pm and £9 for 3pm - 5:30pm.

Busy Bees - Please note that Busy Bees is now held on Friday mornings from 10am until 11.30am in Corfe Castle Primary School's School Hall.

Every week we have a fun activity organised by our experienced childcare practitioner. There are refreshments available for grown-ups & a healthy snack is provided for the children. We are open to all children from Birth to School Age. Sessions cost only £1.50 per child + 50p for siblings. Your First Busy Bee Session is Free!

We are open to all Pre-School and Primary aged children from Corfe Castle and the surrounding area between 3pm and 5.30pm.

Come and enjoy the fun!

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Primary News

The summer term is here and the girls are dressed in their summer dresses ever hopeful of some warmer weather!

On the last day of term we had our special Easter Service at St Edwards Church. Many thanks to everyone who joined us, it was, as always, very heart-warming to see so many people from the community coming to support our school.

The children wowed us with their singing, rapping, dancing, poetry and readings, whilst reminding us to think about the reason why we celebrate Easter.

We also had an incredible array of Easter bonnets on display to finish the term. The children had taken the time to make their own Easter Bonnets at home, which were judged by Joan Dragon from Dragon's Bakery. We would like to say a big thank you to Joan for judging or competition and the bakery for providing some fantastic Easter Bunny biscuits as prizes.

The winners and runners up were:

Reception class **Ladybirds: 1st Izzy, 2nd Gethin**

Year 1 & 2 class **Butterflies: 1st Eve, 2nd Isla**

Year 3 & 4 class **Bumblebees: 1st Gary, 2nd Jamie**

Year 5 & 6 class **Fireflies: 1st Milly, 2nd Rose**

Many congratulations to all the children who entered as they were all stunning.

Please remember we are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, so if you do your shopping in Sainsbury's we welcome any of your vouchers, which will help us to get free sports equipment for the children. Our collection box is on the reception desk just inside the school office.

Kind Regards

Emma Morgan
Head of School

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Corfe Castle Christmas
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Seniors' Spring Supper

Saturday 7th May 6.30 for 7.00pm

At

Corfe Castle Village Hall

We look forward to welcoming all aged 65 and over (plus partners, what every their age!) to our annual gathering. Invitations are being sent out, but if you have not received one by 16 April and would like to come, please let us know by 23 April, contacting:

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This year we celebrate the **Queen's 90th Birthday** was a traditional British Fish and Chip Supper. No charge is made; all we require is your presence for a great evening

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Spring seas

With the days getting warmer and longer, spring is in the air. We are familiar with the changes that spring brings on land with wild flowers in bloom and birds returning from their winter migration, but similar changes are taking place underwater too. At this time of year seaweeds are at their most vibrant and colourful and many animals are coming in to the shallow, warm, sheltered waters of our coastline to breed or lay their eggs.

One way to experience this underwater world is by taking to the water yourself, and what better place to start than the snorkel trail in Kimmeridge Bay. In early May (*date tbc*) we will install our popular snorkel trail for the summer season. The trail guides the snorkeller around 5 different marine habitats and for only £2.50 you can purchase a waterproof guide to discover which species to look out for from the beautiful iridescent 'Magic seaweed' to nest building Corkwing wrasse. If you don't have your own equipment, snorkels and masks can be hired from the Marine Centre, but you will need your own wetsuit – which is definitely recommended at this time of year!

The snorkel trail should only be used by confident swimmers and it's best to wait for a spell of calm weather to get the best visibility. Please contact the Marine centre for more information or to check the conditions on the day.

The Fine Foundation Marine Centre is open every day (except Mondays) from 10.30am until 5pm and also on bank holidays. For more information please call: 01929 481044 or email: kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk.

Details of forthcoming events can be found on our website: www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk.

Sarah Hodgson
Marine Warden

DWT Isle of Purbeck Group walks in May/June

There is no walk on the last Thursday in May, instead we will have a walk on 2nd June as part of Dorset Wildflower Week

Thursday 2nd June - 2.30pm: An afternoon walk to Challow Hill led by Ted Pratt. Meet at 2.30pm in Challow walkers car park off Sandy Hill Lane, Corfe Castle (map ref SY 964821). All welcome. For more information contact Harold Gillen (01929 550850).

Corfe Castle Christmas
Festivities Committee



Come and see us at Corfe May Fair,
Sunday 30th May

Lots of exciting prizes to be won in our Grand Raffle, we look forward to seeing you there....

... and another date for your diary to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, with stalls, teas and games on a Royal theme:

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This month...

It's Purbeck Art Weeks from the 28th May - 12th June, and there is lots going on. We will be collaborating with Rachel Fooks (one of our regular artists) on a magical window display of her work based on the festival theme of 'A Midsummer's Dream'. Rachel won last year's brochure cover page, and Gina Marshall (another of our artists) has won it this year. Well done ladies!

Rachel Fooks is a Corfe Castle ceramicist who finds inspiration in the natural Purbeck landscape. Her window display will incorporate natural plant forms, but also magical ideas too, in keeping with PAWs theme. As well as her larger pieces we always have a wonderful array of jewellery and ceramic bowls.



Don't miss...

Jon Valender – part of our fantastic team at Seasons Green – is a professional opera singer, and will be performing at '4&20 Blackbirds' on Wed 1st June.

Oh and... **it's our birthday on the 16th May!** Thank you for sharing our first year with us. Look out for various celebrations, including **10% off on the day** if you mention this magazine, & sign up for our **FREE PRIZE DRAW** if you pop in during May (no purchase necessary)!

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Get ready for PAW Festival May 28 – June 12 !

Purbeck Art Weeks (PAW) 2016 gets off to a festive start with BBC South and Radio Solent on Swanage sea front on Friday 27th May 1.00-7.00pm – please come and join in the festivities, fun, music and dancing! Then get out and explore some of the many Open Studios and local Galleries bursting with art, and, as usual, the Rollington Barn collective exhibition showing the work of all PAW artists (over 100) and art from local school workshops – and indulge yourself in the courtyard café. Don't forget to pick up your Win Art competition postcard!

Many shops and businesses in Swanage, Corfe and Wareham are participating in the Midsummer Dreams window display competition – so look out for the blue and yellow 'We Support PAW' posters in participating shops and give your favourite display your vote on the PAW website.

Alongside this feast of visual arts is an inspired programme of over 15 concerts and events. You will need to book tickets for these to ensure a seat and our advice is to book in advance to avoid disappointment.

PAW is proud to present **The Flowers of Peace with Cuatro Puntos** plus



Helen & Charlotte Ostafew and friends (pictured left) as our opening concert (Saturday 28th May 7.30pm). This is a unique cross-cultural event that supports musicians from countries such as Syria and Afghanistan who are working to preserve the beauty of their musical culture amidst conflict. Excerpts from Helen

Ostafew's beautiful Requiem for Humanity will also be performed. Don't miss this unusual opportunity. The Festival also features the internationally acclaimed **Stile Antico singing Shakespearean songs** (Saturday 4th June 7.00pm) and the superb **Inner City Brass players performing top notch music for brass from Brahms to Chicago** (Saturday 11th June 7.30pm).

For more information on the opening event, all other events and tickets please visit www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk or pick a free Brochure or Programme (£1) from Wareham or Swanage Tourist Information Centres and elsewhere.



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New members and their families are very welcome and there is now no requirement to have a service background. If you would like to join just call in during opening hours and speak to one of our friendly staff.

The Club has a comfortable bar area, an upstairs function room which is available for hire, pool table, large car park, garden and double boules pitch. The Club is open weekday lunchtimes and evenings and all day Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon.

We stock both cask and keg beers and lager, currently Ringwood at £2.70 and Guinness at £3.00 per pint. Filled rolls are available from the bar at £1.20 and soft drinks dispensed at reasonable prices.

On a weekly basis we hold a number of activities which are posted on the club notice board.

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general news:

Thank you for the coffee morning support in April. £164.64 was raised.

Our 100 club draw is made at the coffee morning; first prize of £17.50 was won by member 37, with member 51 getting second prize £8.50 and member 14 winning the third prize £4.

To join the growing list of villagers who are supporting their local village hall in this way, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

regular weekly events:

Monday evenings	Double Act
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
Tuesday evenings	Rainbows
Tuesday evenings	Brownies
Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Wool Workshop
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Thursday mornings	Metafit

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
3rd Monday morning	U3A Gardening

Fund-raising for the developments project:

Many thanks to Double Act for their generous donation after the recent barn dance, and also to Crazy4Corfe who are planning to donate the proceeds of their Spring Fair on May 29 to the project. Another date for your diaries: Saturday 25th June will be another fun-raiser event featuring the fabulous **Ball & Socket!**

bookings and rates:

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plants!

Bedding plants will be available for purchase at the May 7th Village Hall Coffee Morning.

featured regular user:

Badminton

A group of mainly (but not exclusively) ladies from the village or nearby meets at 8pm every Tuesday to play badminton in the village hall.

This is a very relaxed, informal group who certainly do not take the action too seriously!

So if you would like to stretch your legs and arms a little in genial company, we would be glad to see you. Only £1.00 a time can't be bad!

Contact Chris on 480007 or Ruth on 480868 or just turn up on the night



From
THE VILLAGE PUMP!
 Corfe Castle

New(s) Page

Did you know?

CROSSING THE LINE

MAY 20th 1885 was the date, 131 years ago, that the first train arrived in Corfe Castle, to great excitement. 87 years later, in 1972, the last train ran on the Wareham to Swanage line. Now, 44 years on, more history was made when, on April 8th.9th and 10th, train passengers were able to travel on the restored line as far as the River Frome, with Wareham literally in sight. This made one think about other changes and development that have happened in the Village in those 44 years. The last train out in 1972, of course ran on the rail track then through fields. This was before the arrival of BP, prior to the new roads and roundabout being constructed. But that's another story. The fine new, necessary Norden gates level crossing, signals much progress.

POTTERING AROUND

Apparently, more than 1000 delighted visitors passed through the gates to the Model Village Garden on the 50th Birthday special Anniversary Event, April 7th. The 1966 themed games, music, menu, dress and not forgetting the 10p and 5p entry prices, were an added attraction, to what is a delightful garden at any time. For days after, this was the talk of the town – well done, Ed and Emily and all your staff. It is interesting to get

Have you heard?

feedback from readers, in some cases recalling the early days. In the course of casual conversation with Sheena Tarbotton, she was saying that her late grandfather father, Len Warren, was gardener to Eddie Holland and was involved in laying out and building of the site. This nicely leads me on to the next item!

RETURNED MALE !!

Ian Tarbotton is back in town. It's almost one year ago that the CVN, June 2015, announced the Village Presentation Party to say farewell and thank you to Ian after 31 years at Corfe Castle Post Office. As many were aware, but perhaps some readers not, for 10 years before 2015, Ian and Sheena had been living in Bere Regis, with Ian commuting daily to the Post Office. They had purchased a house there in 2005, all part of their planned eventual retirement in 2019. However, we all know what happened in between, when Post Office Ltd scuppered those plans! Throughout all those years, Ian continued in his founding, loyal sporting role as Manager and Secretary of the Corfe Castle Football Club. It was only at the beginning of this season that 'he hung up those boots' and this was only because of his enforced need to look for a career change.

Dorset Football Association had

certainly not lost sight of Ian. This is reflected in a recent honour bestowed on him, which, well-justified, has already been much recorded in the April CVN's report from the Sports Trust and, in general, widely in the media. CC Football Club had been contacted to suggest that they nominate Ian for the **prestigious annual DFA Chairman's award**, in appreciation of his valuable services to football.... since founding the Club in 1988, persevering and successfully promoting the main CC Millennium 2000 project and following this through to fruition. Ian said, "*A huge surprise to me. The event was held at the Bulbury Woods Golf Course. The invitation included me taking two guests, one of whom, top of my list, was Kevin Reynolds. Unfortunately, due to his illness at the time, he was unable to share this great day with me. All along, Kevin has been by my side in those pioneer days, rolling along together and developing ideas. Kevin was largely responsible for the junior football. Kevin, thank you As far as I am concerned, this is truly a shared award - as sparring partners.*"

A PERSONAL PROJECT

Ian continues his support and is happy enjoying life as a spectator, at the Sports Pavilion. This is however, all the time, with his continual personal plan in search of a career and to be in a position to move on. Recently, suddenly and

happily, they were able to successfully sell their Bere Regis house and appeared back here in Corfe Castle. Ian still owns the NT lease of the Corfe Castle property and pleased to be here as their interim stop. Ian says, "*It's a good house in the Village centre and For Sale, is the lease on this 4-bedroom house with 2 shops. I welcome enquiries 07792 530790. Now's your chance.*"

One door closes.....The well-known saying 'one door closes, another opens' is very much Ian's bit of luck in this story. Ian, of course, is not just sitting back and doing nothing! "*I feel most fortunate in that I was offered an administrative job here in the village and am now Practice Manager, with Andy Withers, a partner with St. James' Place, Wealth Management. Andy has local connections (refer CVN/VP Sept. '13) through his wife, Jan, nee Parke. Her late parents, Glen and Margaret Parke, were well-known former 'Higher Gardens' residents. Jan's grandfather also, at one time, lived at 104 East Street. My appointment was much appreciated and a tremendous opportunity for me. Certainly a step in the right direction, a great bonus for whichever direction Sheena and I are eventually able to 'repost' ourselves.*"

GOOD LUCK: Ian 'tis good to see you back in the Village, perhaps

from our selfish point of view! As ever, we wish you and Sheena some well-deserved Good Luck.

WINDOW GAZING

In April, flags were flying and bells were ringing, to say Happy 90th Birthday to The Queen. If you are wondering why, in May and running into June, some

Corfe Castle Village Shops and Businesses are featuring special window displays, themed 'Midsummer Dream'....PAW(S)-a-While! Perhaps elsewhere in this magazine, you will be reading further details but here, for your interest, we list the participating outlets entered in the WINDOW DISPLAY COMPETITION:.....

Box of Delights. Castle Gemstones. Castle Inn. Corfe Castle Bakery. Corfe Castle Village Stores. Ginger Pop Shop. Model Village. Sweet Shop.

In addition to these named, as you are aware, there are many village venues hosting art and artists. However, as such, they are not eligible to enter this Competition. PAW organisers invite you to be in on the voting for the winner, by going on line at

www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk.

LOOKING AHEAD...

June brings summer and, hopefully village Shops, Businesses and Residents will be encouraged to display even more decorations, Red, White and Blue themed, to be in line with the June 11th and 12th **National Weekend Celebrations** for The Queen's Official Birthday. It's all happening and, hopefully, not just a midsummer dream.

AND FINALLY A POSTSCRIPT

Our editor Stephen was very interested in the story in April's Village Pump entitled Notes from A Small Potting Shed. He was born just before the Second World War started and for safety was sent with his brother to live in Corfe with his Grandfather, the Doctor, in the house that is now Drury's. He remembers playing nearly every day in and around the potting shed and says that it was almost exactly as it is now. The main difference in the garden was that the part below the beech hedge was entirely vegetables grown as part of the war effort. Also, amazingly, the beech hedge is almost just the same even after such a long time.

EvL and Juliet

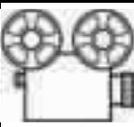


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News from the Castle

May, the Bank Holiday month.....here at last to mark the start of the summer season.

In France there is a Bank holiday every week in May. We are not quite up to that, but, we do have Bank holidays at the beginning and end of the Month. Hopefully the weather will be kind and people will be able to enjoy a nice glass of something chilled in our garden.

Thanks to those of you who took part in the Easter draw. We managed to raise £125 for the youth Club. They need all the help they can get, now that the County Council are planning to withdraw their funding. Watch out for publicity, because we plan to hold more fund raising events later in the year.

Thank you all for your continued support, and whether you are celebrating or not we look forward to seeing you soon,

Mark Laurice and the gang.

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CORFE CASTLE UNDER-15 GIRLS' TRIUMPH

The girls had a great day out at the Dorset finals day with a thumping 6-1 victory over Broadstone to win their age group competition. The goals were scored by Sofia Sinaguglia, Erin Bradley, Poppy Anson, Roza Bailey, Alex Hargreaves and Charlotte Gwilim, with a sole reply from Lani Phillips. The girls have performed superbly well throughout the season and the win was the 'icing on the cake' and justly deserved. Congratulations to the squad, the manager and coaches and best wishes for the future.

However, not such good news as far as the men's first team is concerned. Following defeat at Tisbury at the end of March, the men entertained Wool and Winfrith who were several places below Corfe in the league. The game was a typical local derby with end to end play. Wool held the advantage during the early stages and went into a two goal lead, the first of which was a crisp strike from twenty yards. Jack Hector got one back for the home side to salvage some hope. The second half was a hard fought encounter by both sets of players which gave the referee a busy afternoon. Playing with more determination, Corfe scored an equaliser through Jack Hector. With plenty of time left, Wool came back strongly to score twice more to take all the points.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT THE MILLENNIUM PAVILION. **Pilates**, under the instruction of Kate Rust, is held on Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. Should you be looking for some gentle exercise to strengthen the core muscles which help with posture and balance, call Kate on 07967125731. **Metafit**, a more robust form of training in a short burst, may be more your scene. Give Lizzy Walker a call on 07802910225 for more details. Perhaps you prefer something less energetic and creative, in which case a **pottery class** offered by Rachel Fooks (480455) may be the answer.

OFF THE FIELD ASSISTANCE NEEDED. With the forthcoming retirement of the present Secretary/Treasurer to the Sports Trust, the Trustees are seeking a replacement or replacements as the posts can be split. Should anyone be interested, please ring Jim Rosewarn on 480405 or contact Ian Tarbotton by email: ian.tarbotton@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING MEAL AND PIG RACING EVENING. This fun event will be held on Friday, 24th June and includes a meal provided by Ed and Emily of the Model Village. More details elsewhere in this edition. Previous evenings have been well supported and enjoyed by all.

CORFE VALLEY NEWS

1	May	Sunday	9 am – 4.30 pm
1	May	Sunday	10 am - 5 pm
4	May	Wednesday	7.30 pm
5	May	Thursday	8 pm
7	May	Saturday	6.30 for 7 pm
7	May	Saturday	10.30 am
9	May	Monday	7 pm
10	May	Tuesday	7.30pm
10	May	Tuesday	7.30 pm
12	May	Thursday	7.30 pm
13	May	Friday	2 pm
19	May	Thursday	3 pm
20	May	Friday	5.30 pm
21	May	Saturday	10.30 – 12 noon
22	May	Sunday	12.30 pm – 4 pm
26	May	Thursday	7.30 pm
28	May – 12 June		
29	May	Sunday	10.30 am – 4 pm

CALENDAR for MAY 2016

Art Show	Harmans Cross Village Hall
Antique and Collectors Fair	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Langton Arthouse Cinema “Taxi Tehran”	Langton Matravers Village Hall
Corfe Castle Gardening Club	Royal British Legion
Seniors’ Spring Supper	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting	Corfe Castle Town Hall
Church Knowle Parish Council Meeting	Furzebrook Village Hall
Movie Night “Suffragette”	Harmans Cross Village Hall
Bingo	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Talk “A History of Swanage Pubs”	CC Community Library
CC Community Library Tea Party	Corfe Castle Sports Pavilion
Village Hall AGM	Church Knowle Village Hall
Coffee Morning in aid of Harlequin Care	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Strawberries & Cream	Margaret Green Animal Rescue
Bingo	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Purbeck Art Week Festival	
Spring Fair	Corfe Castle 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	June	Wednesday	7.30 pm
10	June	Friday	7.30 pm
11	June	Saturday	10 am – 4 pm
12	June	Sunday	
12	June	Sunday	6 pm
24	June	Friday	7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
25	June	Saturday	2.30 pm – 5.30 pm
3	July	Sunday	
14-17	July	Thur-Sun	
17	July	Sunday	10 am – 4 pm
6	August	Saturday	2 pm
25-28	August	Thur-Sun	

Langton Arthouse Cinema “London Road”	Langton Matravers Village Hall
Fundraising Barn Dance	Corfe Castle Village Hall
“Coffee and More”	St Edwards Church Lawns
Family Fun Day	Corfe Castle
Birthday Party for HM The Queen	Church Knowle Village Hall
Dinner and Pig Race Night	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Open Gardens	Steeple Manor
The Kingston Country Fair	Kingston
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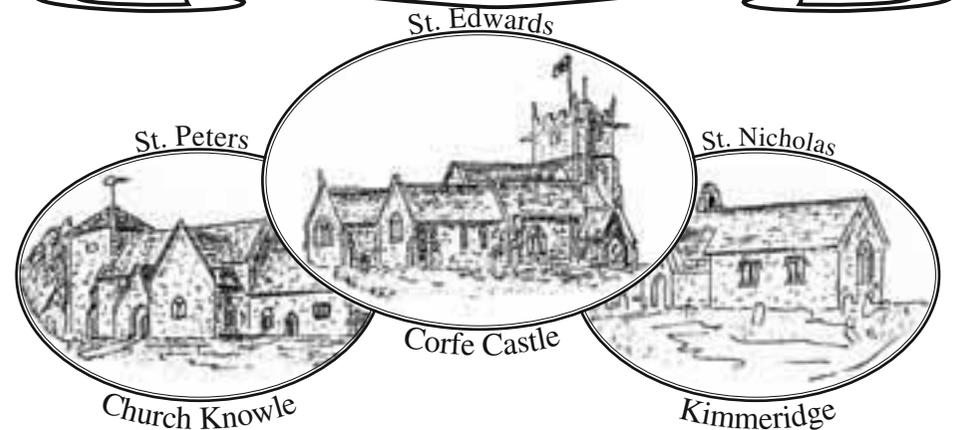
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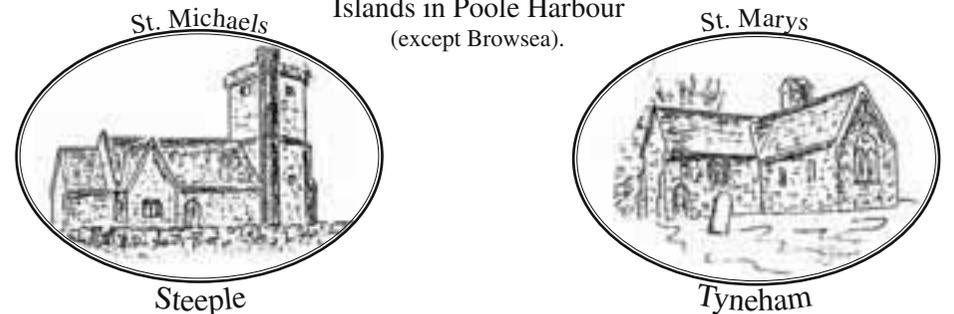
The Benefice of the Corfe Valley on the Isle of Purbeck is within the Church of England, the Diocese of Salisbury and the Deanery of Purbeck. The liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Common Worship (CW). The geographic area covered by the valley Church includes the villages of:-

Corfe Castle, Church Knowle, Kimmeridge,

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Islands in Poole Harbour (except Browsea).



CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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Corfe Valley Church Services - May 2016

The Reverend Ian Jackson writes:

Lots of things had to be sorted out and decided by the first Christians; not least, how many of the practices of the faith of the Old Testament needed to be retained. We can read about these times in the Acts of the Apostles, written by Luke the author of one of the four gospels. In chapter 15 of Acts we read about how the apostles and elders met together to consider this matter. This occasion is known as the Council of Jerusalem.

Following this Council a letter was sent to some of the churches. In the course of the letter is a very important phrase: 'For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us'

On May 15th we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost; this is a celebration of God's gift to us of himself, through his Holy Spirit. In this country this is traditionally known as Whitsuntide. This celebration follows on 50 days from Easter and so the date varies each year, as does Easter itself. In days gone by this Christian festival was followed by a Bank Holiday which helped to mark the festival. There are quite a lot of customs, such as Whit walks and parades, which were associated with this holiday. This Bank Holiday was then fixed for the last Monday in May and a little later the May Day holiday was added on the first Monday of the month.

It is not always easy to explain what we mean by God's Holy Spirit. One way would be to say that when we use the gifts we are given, and are open to God's leading and guiding, and are conscious of his close presence, then this is to know and experience the work of the Holy Spirit.

So, the phrase 'it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and us' expresses well one important way God works among us by his Holy Spirit.

In the coming weeks we shall be reminded frequently of the decision we are to make about the place of our country in Europe. Much will be written and spoken which, hopefully, will help us. Is there a Christian response in all of this? I would suggest we take notice of the phrase I've quoted, and do indeed talk together, and do so open to God's guiding presence. This method of making a decision is an important part of what it is to be Christian.

I am also reminded of some words that seemed to me very wise, and I paraphrase slightly. It is just as important to pray once a decision has been made, as it is to do so while considering such a matter.

As with all of life, may God's purposes for us be worked out both in the life of our nation, and as we play our part with all his people. Ian

Sunday 1st May

10.30 Corfe Castle Benefice Communion

Sunday 8th May

8.00 Corfe Castle Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Steeple Family Communion (BCP)
10.30 Corfe Castle Matins
4p.m Kimmeridge Evensong

Sunday 15th May

8.00 Corfe Castle Holy Communion
10.30 Corfe Castle Parish communion (CW)
6.30pm Steeple Evensong

Sunday 22nd May

8.00 Church Knowle Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Kimmeridge Parish Communion (CW)
10.30 Corfe Castle Parish Communion (CW)
6.30pm Church Knowle Evensong

Sunday 29th May

10.30 Church Knowle Benefice Communion

Sunday 5th June

10.30 Corfe Castle Benefice Communion

BCP - Book of Common Prayer CW - Common Worship

Please note: there are now Sunday evening services at Kimmeridge and Steeple as well as at Church Knowle. The service at Kimmeridge is at 4p.m.. Steeple and Church Knowle are at 6.30p.m.

The Corfe Valley Churches - Scripture Readings – May 2016

1st May 6th Sunday after Easter
Acts 16: 9 – 15
John 14: 23 – 29

8th May Sunday after Ascension Day
*Ezekiel 36: 24 -28
Acts 16: 16 – 34

	John17: 20 – end
15 th May	Pentecost Whit Sunday *Genesis 11: 1 - 9 Acts 2: 1 - 21 John14: 8 – 17
22 nd May	Trinity Sunday *Proverbs 8: 1 – 4; 22 – 31 Romans 5: 1 -5 John 16: 12 – 15
29 th May	1 st Sunday after Trinity Galatians 1: 1 – 12 Luke 7: 1 – 10
5 th June	2 nd Sunday after Trinity Galatians 1: 11 – end Luke 7: 11 - 17

From the Registers

We remember and pray for:

Those who have died:
(The date is that of the funeral or thanksgiving service)

19th February Lota Ann Joan Stokes - at Corfe Castle

8th April Derek Gregory Shewring - at Corfe Castle

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I wrote last month about the temptation that we all fall into, namely the putting of people into groups and then treating everybody in that group as if they were all the same, instead of individuals with their own individual needs. Let me give you another group that I didn't refer to last month namely "The Deprived". What does that word conjure up in your minds? What is it that you imagine that they are deprived of? Food? Shelter? Clean Water? Care and attention? Love?

I am glad that our village has a Church School as part of the life of the village. I am particularly grateful that I am allowed to go and take an Assembly once a month. But since I last wrote to you, Chris and I have become more involved in the life of our local School. We now go in for an hour on a Monday morning and again on a Monday Afternoon to listen to children read. But, even more surprising, I have been asked to go in on a Friday afternoon to introduce some of the younger children to what I find a fascinating subject, namely birdwatching.

Chris and I have three daughters and five granddaughters, but the granddaughters are now young women, so it is a long time since I have been able to get alongside and relate to young children. So thank you to Mrs Morgan and her band of teachers who have given me the opportunity of experiencing the thrill and the challenge of feeding young minds and sharing with them some of the wonders that I have discovered with the help of others.

But what has this got to do with anybody being "deprived"? Whatever you believe about how creation not only came into being, but continues to evolve, surely we can agree that the natural world that is all around us, is both wonderful and fascinating. This afternoon I had two groups of four children, and I took in four bird books, and we looked at blackbirds, chaffinches, and mallards, and suddenly the children were able to see how Mr.Blackbird looks different to Mrs Blackbird, who isn't even black. And then we looked at the difference between the male and female chaffinches, and finally the difference between the male and female mallards. My point is, that children who haven't been introduced in some way to the wonders of what I would describe as God's creation, are deprived.

I am in awe of the way that children can become proficient with mobile phones, computers, and all things technological, but there is so much more for them to discover. The other day, I was upstairs and it sounded as if ornaments were being knocked off window ledges, and I wondered what Chris was up to. When I came downstairs to find out what was going on, I discovered that a jackdaw was trying to get out of a closed window at the foot of the stairs. We think it came down a chimney, because we couldn't discover any other way that it could have got in. So it was up to me to envelope it with a towel, and then release it out of the front door.

Many years ago I was in an art class and a stuffed bird was put before us and we were told to draw the "Crow". The teacher wasn't amused when I pointed out that it was a jackdaw. Which raises the question. Do you know the difference between, a rook, a crow, and a jackdaw? And what about a raven? Or what about the difference between a swallow, a house martin, and a swift? Or have you been deprived from discovering the wonders of creation?

However I am aware of what I consider to be a greater deprivation, namely the knowledge of the Christian faith, its roots, and it's relevance for today. When you are an adult, you have the free choice to ignore the teachings of Jesus Christ, and His commandments. But surely children have a right to be able to know what it is that their parents, and possibly their grandparents, are choosing to ignore and reject.

My total Sunday School attendance was one week. My parents didn't go to Church so neither did I. I was given so much as a child, but the one thing of which I was deprived, was the knowledge of God, and the love of Jesus Christ. I didn't discover what I had been missing until I was 19.

Our local school is doing an excellent job in trying to make the children aware of spiritual truths, but they are only part of a child's education. I would love the opportunity of working with them for the benefit of our children, and if it can't be on a Sunday, then let us find a time when it can be. It is important for our children to be able to read and write, and so much more, but are these more important than discovering what is right and wrong, and the Christian view of what life is all about and the promise concerning eternal life? To be ignorant of such things is to be deprived, at least it is in my book.

Every blessing

Barry

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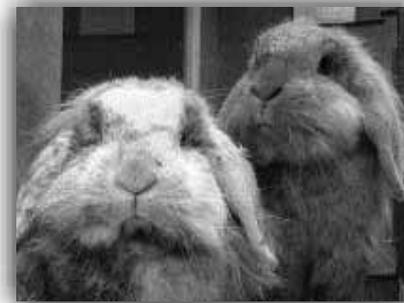


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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Neil **Lovesey** was our guest speaker at the Club's meeting on the 7th April 2016. His subject on this occasion was "**Wildlife in the Garden**"

He opened his talk by quoting one or two interesting geographical and historical facts. If one placed all of the man built structures together in one place they would fit into an area the size of the County Yorkshire and if all of the gardens associated with them were similarly treated they would fit into an area the size of the County of Suffolk. The remaining area indicates how much space is left for wildlife.

He went on to touch upon Maslows Heirarchy of the Sociological Importance of the need of all animals to have Water, Food, Safety, Security, Territory, and Reproduction. Neil illustrated his talk further with slides showing how wildlife had adapted their life style and even their names to mans interference by the construction of buildings such as barns, railways, canals etc.

He went on to provide examples of the way nature takes care of itself by over producing to cope with losses by predators and the storage of food to overwinter to survive, but to do this they must have these six elements.

As always Neil gave a fascinating talk amply illustrated by a number of high quality photographs and examples backed up by detailed explanations.

A visit to Picket Lane Nursery has been arranged for the evening of the 7th July. (Further details will be sent out nearer this date)

Our next meeting takes place on the 5th May 2016 at our usual venue which is in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Royal British Legion at 8.00pm**

The programme for this meeting will be centered around a plant sale, discussing and finalising the programme for Open Gardens which takes place on the 12th June 2016 In addition Mr Glover asked Members to prepare a list of "Gardening Tips"

Tip No 1 Dealing with Black Spot on Roses

Soak Mares Tail in water. Strain off liquid after a week or two. Repeat process and spray onto roses.

Neil Lovesey

SRG

Langton Arthouse Cinema

In June we're screening "London Road" on Wednesday 1st at 7.30pm in Langton Matravers' Village Hall. Starring the ever present Olivia Colman, "London Road" documents the events that shook Suffolk in 2006, when the

quiet rural town of Ipswich was shattered by the discovery of the bodies of five women. The residents of London Road had struggled for years with frequent soliciting and kerb-crawling on their street. The film follows the community who found themselves at the epicentre of the tragic events, and is based on interviews conducted with the road's real residents. Using their own words set to an innovative musical score, "London Road" tells a moving story of ordinary people coming together during the darkest of experiences. Based on interviews conducted in the wake of the Steve Wright "Ipswich Ripper" murders of 2006, the narrative focuses on the peculiar mix of blame, suspicion, regret and rejuvenation with which residents wrestled amid a media firestorm. For the most part, the drama focuses on the residents, some of whom are wholly unsympathetic to the plight of those on whom Wright preyed. The finale reaches towards a very British dream of reconciliation, but this film is unafraid to scratch away at disturbing tensions in our suburban lives.

Tickets are £5 on the door, which will open at 7.00pm. Glasses will be supplied should you wish to bring your own drink with you. If you want to be kept informed about future films you can add your name to the mailing list by emailing info@LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk or visit www.LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk.



Presents a talk by
John Patrick
from Swanage Museum
'A History of Swanage Pubs'



Friday 13th May 2016, 2 pm

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Self-help and email advice: www.purbeckadvice.org.uk
Locations and opening hours are as below.

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The Hive, BOVINGTON	Tuesday	9.30 - 1.00
Town Hall, SWANAGE Gateway Interviews Appointments only	Monday Wednesday (Closed 1 st Wed of each month for staff meeting)	10.15 - 2.00 10.15 - 2.00
Town Council Office, UPTON Drop-in only	Monday	9.15 - 12.30
LYTCHETT MATRAVERS Library	2 nd and 4 th Tuesday	10.00 - 12.30
OTHER SERVICES from Purbeck Citizens Advice: Homelessness Prevention Adviser 01929 551913 Appointments Weds at Wareham		
Children's Centre Adviser:		
Swanage Centre Weds mornings	9.30 -12.30	01929 423589
Upton Centre 1 st & 3 rd Friday	1.00 - 3.00	01202 622367
Wareham Centre 2 nd & 4 th Friday	1.00 - 3.00	01929 552864

Purbeck Art Weeks (PAW) Festival Sat 28 May – Sun 12 June 2016

Website: www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk

Dorset Art Weeks 2016 also takes place again from 28th May - 12 June 2016.

Venues in Corfe Castle are:

Venue 34 Boilerhouse Gallery

Venue 35 Gallery 41

Venue 36 Angelika Seik Sculpture Studio

Crazy 4 Corfe

A date for your diaries....our next event

Sunday 29th May
Spring Fair
10.30am - 4.00pm
at the Village Hall

We will be holding a Fair to raise funds for the Village Hall redevelopment fund.

Lots of stalls, kids zone, tea, coffee and cakes.

More details next month.

Anyone who is able to offer a couple of hours help or bake some cakes please contact

Liz on 480447 or e-mail rupert.liz@gmail.com

Save the Date

Steeple Manor Garden

Open Saturday 25th June

2.30 – 5.30PM

£5 entry to Garden

Music – Cream Teas – Barrel Organ

Harlequin Care" coffee morning 21st May 10.30-12noon in the village hall

Harlequin Care is a charity which offers complementary therapies (massage, facial, counselling etc) at no cost, to unpaid carers in Dorset. We are trying to raise funds to enable us to offer more clinics as each one costs in the region of £1000.00. There will be coffee and cake, bric-a-brac, toys books, cakes and a raffle.

For those of you who donated to our "Rag Bag" collection a big thank you and we were able to raise £172.84 from the sale.

Eileen Franklin

The organisers of “**The Kingston Country Fair**” are pressing ahead organising the event for 2016 with a fixed date of **Sunday July 3rd** In 2015 we raised fractionally over £5000 in aid of the **Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance** our soul beneficiary

Already support has been secured from many sources throughout the area. Some new attractions this year will include a display of working steam engines together with various stationary engines and agriculture tractors.

Since the steam engines will arrive on Saturday we are taking the opportunity to hold an evening music event on **Saturday 2nd** to include food and a bar marquee. Many of the artists are donating their time free of charge. This extra event should prove popular for all ages at this delightful hilltop location.

The dog show will be enhanced to include various displays of dog agility and obedience capabilities. The very successful flying displays of model aircraft will be returning again.

We are hoping to extend the classic car display with invitations being sent out to many car enthusiasts and clubs in the area a large area has been set aside for this attraction.

Many stallholders are returning and even more have shown an interest. The Swanage Town Band will be on hand to entertain everyone throughout the day The Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance is a vital resource particularly for this area in the Purbecks due to its isolation. The service need all the funds that can be raised to ensure it's always available

The location of the event will be the same as 2015 the field next to Kingston Country Courtyard just outside the village offering magnificent views across the Purbecks from this elevated position. Directions will be posted.

If you can promote this event through your media channels and community sections our appreciation is guaranteed. We want to smash! last year's total Please contact our organisers Mr & Mrs Alan Fry by email ann@fryfarm.net or 01929 481663

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Keep Reading with the Home Library Service!

If you, or somebody you know or care for, are unable to get to your local library, the Home Library Service (HLS) can provide a regular supply of books for you to continue to enjoy at home.

Through a partnership between the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) and the County Council, the HLS in the Isle of Purbeck is provided from Wareham and Swanage Libraries. New clients are visited in their homes by a Local Coordinator to find out what sort of books they would be interested to read, and if they require large print, or books recorded on tape cassettes or CDs (talking books). Every

three weeks, volunteers select books according to the known preferences and any feedback received, and these are delivered to HLS Readers in their homes by other volunteers. All RVS volunteers carry identity cards and have provided references and been through a security check.

HLS Readers in the Corfe Valley receive books from Wareham Library; these are taken to the Corfe Castle Library through the Library Van Service and then delivered by local volunteers. HLS Readers in villages such as Kingston and Harman's Cross are served from Swanage Library. You don't have to worry about fines for overdue items either - no fines are levied for HLS users, although items out for a long time are followed up!

The HLS is open to anybody who needs it. If you are interested for yourself, or for somebody you know who loves books but can no longer access them, there are several ways of making contact with the service. You can telephone or email the Dorset HLS Service Manager, Maria Jacobson, 01305 236666, maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk or leave your address and phone number at Swanage or Wareham Libraries for the HLS Local Coordinator to contact you, or use the relevant email address below.

Gail Gee (Wareham HLS Coordinator)

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CVN Needs Help

One of our deliverers, Mrs Farrant who delivers CVN along Sandyhill Lane is planning to retire from the round at the end of this month. Thank you Mrs Farrant for all your help over the years; without our willing team of deliverers the CVN would not get delivered to your door.

The CVN is therefore looking for someone who lives in the Sandyhill Lane area to take on this task. It probably needs somebody fairly fit, who likes walking/biking etc as it covers the road from Corfe to Harmans Cross. If you are at all interested or would like to know more please contact Penny Hopkins on 480551

Purbeck Council welcomes Homes4Let

Purbeck District Council is now working with Homes4Let, a local social letting agency which offers a professional service to private landlords that is both cost-effective and socially ethical.

Homes4Let manage properties throughout Dorset, providing more homes for local families. Unlike most letting agencies, Homes4Let does not charge for services that are often costly add-ons for private landlords. By keeping

commission rates low whilst providing help for tenants, the agency offers a balance between what is affordable for tenants and what is attractive to landlords.

Homes4Let has been working closely with Poole and Bournemouth Councils since 2002 and was recently acquired by East Boro Housing Trust who are well-known and highly regarded for their work across Dorset, delivering housing, care and support services to vulnerable adults.

Homes4Let has already secured two properties to rent in Purbeck as landlords take advantage of this new way to let their properties. Dominic Amans, Business Manager at Homes4Let said:
“We are really excited to be bringing the Homes4Let concept to landlords in Purbeck. I am looking forward to meeting landlords who want a service which is open and honest, providing local properties for local people.”

Councillor Mike Lovell, Housing and Development Spokesperson for Purbeck District Council, said: “Meeting the housing needs of local people is one of the key priorities of Purbeck District Council. Working with Homes4Let will help the Council provide more accommodation for those in housing need and also provide a good quality management service for tenants and landlords”.

If you are a local landlord and would like more information, please visit www.homes4let.org.uk

Purbeck Litfest 3, a triumph, but help needed now to take it forward

The Purbeck Literary Festival drew to a successful close at a sold-out evening with Sunny Ormonde, Lilian Bellamy of the Archers, at Durlston Castle. The Festival, now in its third year, featured twenty plus events at more than fifteen different venues, and drew hundreds of locals and visitors.

News travelled fast via social media with more than 2,500 followers chatting daily and sharing anecdotes and photographs on Twitter and Facebook. There were creative workshops, family activities, walks, music, film and author chats with events all run in unique venues from attractions, pubs, cafes, libraries and schools.

The Festival is well-established and has the strength to grow year on year, but experience has shown that the format can be improved.

Festival organizer Emma Fernandez says:

2016, was an amazing event, as once again we brought a diverse programme with award winning authors, for both adults and children. It was fantastic to see Swanage Library filled to the roof for adventurer Jason Lewis, and the fabulous Bubbly Brunch with Sunday Times best-selling novelist, Jill Mansell. The feedback has been tremendous, so we know it works, but things now have to

change to secure the Festival's future.

A two-week programme is complicated to administer and the format makes it difficult for visitors to attend events if they are several days apart and the organisers therefore feel that it would be better to concentrate the events into a shorter time and fewer venues.

It is hoped that Purbeck Literary Festival 2017 will therefore be a week-long event wrapped around the weekend of 18th and 19th February with the whole Festival running from 16th to 23rd February.

However, for the Festival to continue, help is needed to build on this successful start. Volunteers are needed, whether to take full responsibility for an aspect of the Festival or simply to steward and sell books or help with refreshments at an event. The Festival cannot go ahead without a bigger Committee.

An open evening is planned for anyone who would like to get involved on May 5th at the Limes Hotel, Park Road, Swanage at 7pm. You are invited to come along and hear all about the festival, past and present, and plans for its future. Refreshments will be provided. Please let Emma know if you are interested in getting involved, even if you can't make that evening.

Emma says:

I hope we can encourage people to drop in if they would like to volunteer, even in a small way, as we try and establish a new Committee. It's a way of making new friends, and being part of something that has the potential to have a long life, putting Purbeck properly on the map for authors, readers and writers alike for years to come.

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Railway's Spring Steam Gala when the first timetabled passenger train ran over four miles of newly restored line towards Wareham – for the first time in 44 years.

And a Cornish centenarian steam locomotive played a starring role on all three days of the popular event as it helped to haul the special four-trains-a-day service between Norden, Furzebrook, Creech Bottom, East Holme and the River Frome.



Norden Gates Level Crossing – First SR Train to River Frome

Starting from Swanage, four passenger trains each day ran beyond Norden station, over the newly-installed Norden Gates level crossing and on past Motala, Furzebrook, Creech Bottom and East Holme before stopping at the River Frome – within sight of the town of Wareham.

Passengers were not able to board or alight the steam trains running over the four-mile extension beyond Norden station and the trains operating between Norden and the River Frome had a steam locomotive at each end.



At Norden Gates Level Crossing – Friday April 8th

The first train between Norden and the Frome River departed Swanage at 9.45am on Friday, 8 April, 2016, with Southern Railway late 1920s 'U' class locomotive No. 31806 on the front – a locomotive that used to visit Swanage in the 1950s.

At Norden, Spring Steam Gala's centenarian guest locomotive – Great Western Railway 1916-built tank No. 4247 from the Bodmin and

Wenford Railway in Cornwall – was put on the rear of the train for the historic four-mile journey to the Frome River. Departing Norden at 10.17am, the train crossed the new Norden Gates level crossing before passing Furzebrook at 10.21am and

arriving at the River Frome at 10.30am. After a stop of ten minutes, the train departed at 10.40am, arriving back at Norden at 10.55am.

Swanage Railway Project Wareham director, Mark Woolley, said: "It was wonderful and very exciting to see the first timetabled passenger train run between Norden to within sight of Wareham at the River Frome for the first time since January, 1972, when the last British Rail passenger train ran from Swanage to Wareham.

"Our dedicated teams have worked very hard over the past 18 months restoring and upgrading the former Network Rail line. Half a mile of new track has been laid, almost 2,000 wooden track sleepers replaced, a quarter-mile long embankment upgraded and six miles of lineside embankments cut back, fences repaired and drains cleared.



First SR Train leaves River Frome near Wareham Friday 8th April

"There was an air of expectation and delight among the passengers on board the special train as it crossed Norden Gates level crossing, ran past Motala and then on to Furzebrook before running down the bank through Creech Bottom and East Holme to the River Frome," explained Mr Woolley.

General Manager Matt Green said: "I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone on

the Swanage Railway who has made the train service to the River Frome, within sight of Wareham, and the Spring Steam Gala possible.

"There has been a lot of preparation as well as a lot of hard work during the Spring Steam Gala to make sure that everything runs smoothly for what is a very historic event.

"It has been a great team effort and there has been a real buzz around the railway about the first passenger trains using our new state of the art level crossing at Norden Gates," added Mr Green.

The annual Spring celebration of steam took place between Friday and Sunday, 8 to 10 April, 2016, inclusive, and saw an intensive train service between Swanage, Herston Halt, Harman's Cross, Corfe Castle and Norden – including nostalgic freight trains from yesteryear.

All pictures by Andrew P Wright

Swanage Railway train times – and special event details – are available online at www.swanagerailway.co.uk or by telephone on 01929 425800.

Kimmeridge News

What a fantastic spring, warm, sunny and enough rain to please the plants. As a result, Kimmeridge gardens are flourishing with primroses, daffodils, bluebells, and the inevitable three-cornered leeks. This is the best kind of gardening, which more-or-less looks after itself. Let us hope it bodes well for the rest of the year!

Kimmeridge Fossil Museum

Some big changes to be seen this month with the solar panels now installed on the south-facing roof and work well underway with the Purbeck Stone walls. This stone, which has come from the local Haysom's Quarry really looks the part and will help the building to blend into the village. It is fascinating to sit outside Clavell's and watch the care that goes into laying each stone – a real work of art. Lots of work is going on inside the building as well and it is really looking good! The new hall with its south-facing veranda overlooking the Bay, will be a superb venue for village events, parties, concerts, weddings and much more. Work is also underway on the drainage and clearing work to create the on-site carpark. Once this has been completed, the contractors will be using this for their vehicles which will free up space in the village.

Broadband

As I write this, the final testing is being carried out on the High Speed Broadband connection from Portland via the new mast on Smedmore Hill. The firm providing this service, "VoIP Unlimited" are awaiting confirmation of the subsidy available through BDUK and Dorset County Council to help reduce the installation costs. Once this is known they will be contacting local residents to let them know what is available and how to get linked in to their high speed broadband & VoIP telephones.

Playground

Now that we have some dryer weather (at last!) work can continue on the new Children's Playground. An internal fence is being put in and following that the first of the play equipment will be installed. To start with this will be some swings and goal posts – further equipment will follow as funding allows – but we will have a playground this summer!

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Purbeck Valley Folk Festival

The fabulous Purbeck Valley Folk Festival returns on August Bank Holiday Thursday 25 - Sunday 28 August with another outstanding line-up of top musicians. This is the second year the folk festival has been located at the idyllic setting of Purbeck Valley Farm in Harmans Cross.

The organisers are particularly keen to attract local people, as well as music tourists, to the festival. The folk festival favours Purbeck beers and ciders, local stalls with healthy food options, and likes to do business with local businesses and organisations when possible.

Do you remember The Proclaimers? The Scots twins who walked 500 miles! They are the Saturday night headliners this year. No doubt the festival-goers will be singing along to their big hit "Sunshine On Leith".

Another headliner is the folk legend Eliza Carthy with her 12-piece Wayward Band. The festival also welcomes some well-known songwriters from mainstream music such as Latin Quarter (Radio Africa), John Bramwell (of Mercury-nominees 'I Am Kloot'), Sam Duckworth (of 'Get Cape. Wear Cape, Fly') and Nizlopi (JCB song). Sheelanagig will provide danceable late evening music from the Balkans with Gypsy music from Holy Moly and the Crackers. Ceilidh dancers will enjoy Threepenny Bit and Dyer:Cumming.

Favourites of the Purbeck folk scene like Glenn Ross, Pete Christie, the Wareham Whalers and Dorset skiffers Quinns Quinney, will play the same stages as BBC Folk Award stars including Lucy Ward and Maz O'Connor with their bands, and duos Gilmore Roberts and Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman. In total, 70 bands will be performing their music.

Purbeck Valley Farm is home to hundreds of cattle. What happens to them during the Summer? Well, they go off on vacation to other nearby fields for a while. The two barns become a very clean music arena. The farm fields provide a lovely Summer setting for an outdoor stage and a couple of small intimate stages. The music-loving festival-goers mostly camp in family groups. Apart from fabulous music all weekend, there are workshops and lots of children's activities.

In 2015, the festival sold 3000 tickets to music tourists from all over the South and West as well as visitors from abroad. The organisers are keen to attract local people to the festival. People resident in areas with post codes BH19 or BH20 are given 20% discount on tickets. We also have plenty of opportunities for people to get involved and help out. If you're interested in helping, please get in touch through the website: www.purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk



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MAY and JUNE EVENTS

MAY 10TH – SUFFRAGETTE Maud (Carey Mulligan) is a working wife and mother whose life is forever changed when she is secretly recruited to join the U.K.'s growing suffragette movement. Galvanized by the outlaw fugitive Emmeline Pankhurst (Meryl Streep), Maud becomes an activist for the cause alongside women from all walks of life. A liberating sort of film.....

JUNE 14TH – THE MARTIAN - When astronauts blast off from the planet Mars, they leave behind Mark Watney (Matt Damon), presumed dead after a fierce storm. With only a meagre amount of supplies, the stranded visitor must utilise his wits and spirit to find a way to survive on the hostile planet. Meanwhile, back on Earth, members of NASA and a team of international scientists work tirelessly to bring him home, while his crew mates hatch their own plan for a daring rescue mission.

MUSIC NIGHT

JUNE 4TH The Ben Holder Quartet

Ben Holder is one of the most gifted and exciting young jazz violinists in the UK and is accompanied by three accomplished jazz musicians. Check out our website for full details.

Note future dates for 2016 in your diaries now! November 19th, and one more TBA !

ELECTION – Police & Crime Commissioner election – May 5th

REFERENDUM – In or Out ? Thursday June 26th

SONGS AND SCONES -

A special performance by 'Harmony Rocks' – our local choir – Wednesday June 22nd at 2.00 p.m. With refreshments!

ART EXHIBITION

Our Annual Art exhibition on Saturday 30th April all day and runs through to 1st May; special preview night Friday 29th April from 7.00 p.m. onwards, bar will be open.

"STALLS IN THE HALL" - (Saturday from 9.30am):

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POST OFFICE – Every Thursday from 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

GLEN AND BETTY'S DANCE NIGHT (old time and ballroom) May 14th – last one this year!

PURBECK ARTS WEEK EVENTS At the Hall on the evenings of Wed 1st June, Friday 3rd June

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (7.30pm) May 3rd and May 25th (special meeting)

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS (Thu 10.30am to 12.00 noon) with COFFEE JUNCTION fortnightly May 5th, 19th. June 2nd, 16th, 30th

CHURCH SERVICES (6.00 p.m.) May 22nd June 26th

PURBECK U3A MONTHLY 'MEETING POINT' (9.00 a.m.) May 26th, June 23rd

PURBECK U3A COMPUTER GROUP (9.00 a.m.) May 6th, 20th June 3rd, 17th,

PURBECK U3A AGM May 19th afternoon

PURBECK U3A MAH JONGG GROUP (1.00 p.m.)

May 3rd 17th June 7th, 21st

PURBECK U3A WINE TASTING GROUP (from 6.00 p.m.)

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May 17th June 21st

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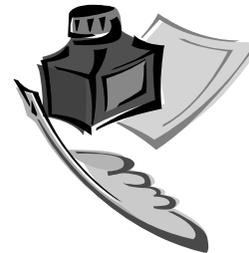
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MONDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00-1 1.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton' s House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village 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 Furze brook VH; even months CK VH
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	6.30 - 9 pm	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
3 rd	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	9.30 – 11.30 pm	Pottery Classes	Rachel 480455
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	9.30 – 11.30	Pottery Class Swanage	Rachel 480455
Each	2 – 5 pm	Pottery Class	Sports Pav Rachel 480455
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall

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