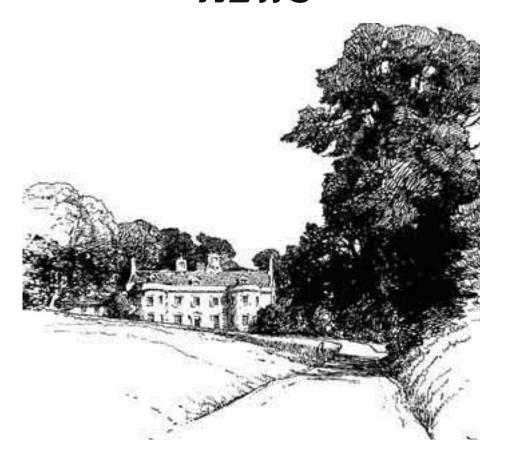
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#### **Editorial**

The full and ongoing story of the Post Box is written up in the CVN this month. If you want to have your say there is an email and a postal address that you can use and these are given in the article on pages 14 and 15.

This year Her Majesty the Queen celebrates her ninetieth birthday. No doubt there will be numerous events around the country and the main national celebration is to be over the weekend 11/12 June. I wonder what will be happening here — anyone got any ideas?!

Stephen

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#### CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

#### JANUARY AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

Dorset County Council is formulating many cost saving initiatives for the next financial year. These include saving around £1 million by closing down youth clubs (especially where the building is owned by County) and another £500,000 from a review of rural bus services which is likely to result in subsidies being withdrawn from certain routes. Consultation has finished on the youth clubs but is still current on the bus services. The Parish Council wishes to retain the Corfe Castle Youth Club which operates once a week in the Village Hall and will be liasing with all those involved.

The County Council has also recently become aware of a proposal from Central Government to reduce part of its funding (the Revenue Support Grant) more quickly than previously advised. This is so significant that it has resulted in the Leader of the County Council raising the matter in person with the Secretary of State. Unfortunately, it appears Dorset is getting a poorer deal than many other counties. The above changes may be the tip of the iceberg and it seems likely that residents will continue to experience a reduction in the services that County provides, especially, where it does not have any statutory duty to do so.

Councillors were disappointed to hear the Swanage Railway Project Wareham trials will not start until at least 2017 now due to infrastructure work and train refurbishment, in particular, to a problem with the wheel units of the coaches they want to use.

The Parish Council will be requesting a Precept of £26,000 for the next financial year from Purbeck District Council. This will be the same as the last three years and is currently sufficient for the normal functions undertaken by the Council. The Parish Council has no other major source of income and relies on this small part of the council tax for all its activities.

At this time of the year our Parish roads are increasingly prone to pot holes and other damage. Please report any problems to Dorset Direct (County Council) on telephone number 01305 251000. Residents with computers can make a report to Dorset Highways at dorsetforyou.com. Similarly, if a street light is not working, you can report it to SSE Contracting on freephone 0800 068 4145 (try to note the column or lamp number).

The Council considers all planning applications and submits comments to the District Council. The Parish Council had no objection to a proposal for the following: The erection of two single storey rear extensions, the

#### CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

conversion of a sloped roof to gable end and the addition of a side window, a door and a chimney at Orchard Cottage, East Street, Corfe Castle.

Jeff Dunn. Parish Clerk

(phone 555266)(e-mail <u>CorfeCastlePC@aol.com</u>) - 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 8<sup>th</sup> February in the Town Hall.

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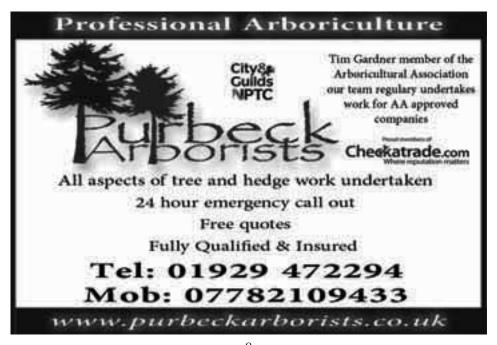




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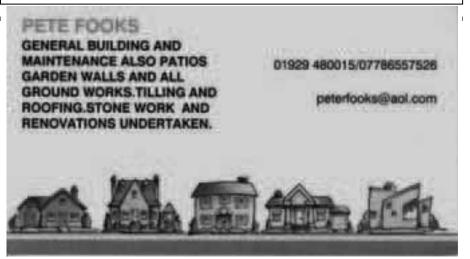
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#### **NEWS FROM CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL**

January's meeting was held at Church Knowle Reading Room, Cllr Tony Higgens in the Chair, seven Councillors and six parishioners in attendance.

Public discussion included continued concerns about flooding in Furzebrook Road with one Parishioner expressing serious concerns about its effect on the cob structure of his cottage. The meeting heard that DCC had investigated and had promised to carry out a "temporary fix" but, the parishioner was looking for support from the Parish Council to ensure a more permanent solution to the Furzebrook flooding problem thought to be caused by poor maintenance of road gullies and drains. Later in the meeting the Parish Council decided to support the Parishioner's concerns and decided to write to DCC to get the matter sorted out once and for all.

Parishioners (and Councillors) were extremely concerned about the possibility of removal of the weekly 'bus service to Wareham from Kimmeridge, Steeple, Church Knowle & Furzebrook because of yet more "cuts" having to be made by DCC. There were many older residents in the Parish who relied on the service so they could go and do their weekly shop, get access to 'buses to Poole and "get out more" rather than being marooned in an area where the car and "Chelsea Tractors" are in charge. A villager spoke about what services (including mobile shops and baker, local post office and village shop) were available in the 1950s and their lack nowadays; and how the weekly 'bus was a lifeline. The Parish Council decided to support the continuation of the 'bus service and would express their concerns to DCC. Luckily, our DCC Councillor was in attendance at the meeting and, no doubt, was well aware of the concerns expressed by the end of the meeting!

Further discussion in this part of the meeting included a planning application for "The Old Cottage" in Church Knowle and the overgrown "Yew" in the cemetery. Parishioners also expressed thanks that the Parish Council is still putting some stuff into CVN despite its now somewhat truncated style, because many people still don't have computers or internet access and like to have a good read about the goings-on in Church Knowle and beyond.

Now onto main business.

The East Creech salt/grit bin is in position and would be filled on 13<sup>th</sup> January so that there would be a lower risk of East Creechers slipping & sliding all over the place in the event of a freeze.

PDC has apparently decided not to take any action over the alleged unlawful development at Rachels Plantation.

The Chairman had not received any response to his e-mails to PDC's chief executive and others at Westport House asking for a meeting to discuss the fiasco and waste of public money over the investigation of one of the CKPC Councillors as the result of a complaint which turned out to be pretty unsubstantiated and which eventually Dorset Police and the CPS decided to take no action on. The Parish Council will continue to press for a review of PDC's procedures in dealing with unsubstantiated allegations.

The New Inn was discussed in relation to the Parish Council having it declared an Asset of Community Value and, hence, receive protection. The matter would be discussed again in February. So, locals, in the meantime please support your local pub'!

The Yew tree in the cemetery isn't, it turns out, a 1500 year old English Yew but an interloper from Cyprus. Yes, it's a dreaded <u>Cupressis leylandii.</u> So, it can be "trimmed" without special permission from PDC. Good!

Under "Planning", Members had no objection to the proposed works at The Old Cottage, Church Knowle but recommended that provision for off-road parking for two cars should be made at the eastern end of the property.

DCC Cllr Lovell reported to the meeting that "planings" from the road works on the main Wareham road would be used to repair the road leading to West Orchard Farm.

Under "Finance" it was decided that the Parish Precept for 2016-2017 would be set at £6.000; the monthly accounts were approved and invoices paid. The meeting also heard that changes in the law mean that the Parish Council is too small to require an Audit Commission external auditor but should have its own appointed. This would be discussed next month.

The meeting ended at 9.50pm and the next one will be at Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday, Feb 09<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

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#### The Post Box Drama



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When Royal Mail Ltd decided to move the Post Box from its old position outside the Post Office in the Square to the new position outside the Village Stores, they did so without any consultation or even informing the Parish Council. As a result the Clerk to the PC complained to Royal Mail. Below is a record of the correspondence so far:

Business Customer Service Advisor, Royal Mail Business Customer Service—1-3457427603—Thank you for contacting Royal Mail. I am really sorry to hear you have been receiving alot of complaints about the removal of a postbox, I can understand your concerns. The postbox has been positioned outside of the Post Office as people purchasing postage can then post their mail. They would not leave a postbox outside an unused Post office, as there will be a greater need for a post box outside the open Post Office than outside a closed Post Office. I understand this is not the answer you were hoping for and I am really sorry I cannot give you a more favourable answer. My apologies again for any inconvenience this may have caused you on this occasion.

Clerks reply: The Parish Council realises the move is more convenient for your colleagues to collect post from both box and shop at the same

time. However, I hope you also realise the new position is far more inconvenient to the public and this will result in far fewer people using this box to post mail and is likely to result in them going elsewhere to post their letters or not bothering to post at all. Now anyone parking in the Square (there is no parking available o/s the shop) has to wait for the crossing on the A351 before they are able to access the box. The old position was a reasonable compromise for residents with the post office now in with the shop but mailing still available where all the parking and other shops are. Please put it back. This would probably be safer for your colleagues too as I imagine they park in Station Road now and this may well result in an accident for them at some time in the future as it is a very busy blind junction.

Business Customer Service Advisor, Royal Mail Business Customer Service – Re: 1-3457427603 – Thank you for your email. Whilst I appreciate and understand your concerns, I am sorry but the Posting Box will not be re-sited back to the original position once moved. I understand that this will be disappointing for yourself and the local residents, and I apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result.

Clerks reply: I quote "Whilst I appreciate and understand your concerns, I am sorry but the Posting Box will not be re-sited back to the original position once moved." Which makes it all the more poignant that no consultation was provided to the residents in any form after the extensive consultation provided by the Post Office. In particular, no level of government was notified at all.

The issue was again discussed at the January Parish Council meeting, where it was resolved to continue pursuing the matter with Royal Mail. It will also be pointed out to them that over a quarter of a million people visit the Castle every year, many of whom will want to post cards and letters and will not want to cross the busy A351.

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> **Many Thanks** Clare Tuck 8.1.16



Trust

The triangular bird hide overlooking Little Sea at Studland is being replaced with a new improved model.

Work was under way at the time of writing and was due to be completed by the beginning of February.

The new design boasts a door and Perspex windows, which should make life more comfortable for nature lovers.

The draughty former hide had been in place for around 20 years and had reached the end of its life.

The £5,000 replacement was funded by donations to the National Trust's Neptune Coastal Campaign.

We will be coppicing hazel trees in Langton Westwood on the first Saturday of each month throughout the winter.

Have a go at cutting down the hazel, and preparing it for making into charcoal, beanpoles and logs. We will have a fire, and Toby the local woodscraftsman will bring his horse Fleur along to drag the logs from the wood.

Meet at the Burngate Centre, Kingston Road, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3BE at 10.30am on Saturday 6 February and Saturday 5 March, or come and find us in the woods! Contact Jon Kershaw for more details on 07768 761017.

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"Is there anyone here who is NOT a singer?" asked Rebecca Bunney, with a big smile, at our meeting in January. Quite a few hands went up in the air. "It's not true!" laughed Rebecca, "We can ALL sing", and forty minutes later she had proved her point. No-one had to worry about reading music or getting things wrong, we just followed where Rebecca took us; from warm-ups to little ditties about harmony and choc-o-late and on to the dizzy heights of "New Day" with its Du-Wah Du-Wahs and then an enthusiastic rendition of "The Age of Aquarius" for the grand finale. By this time there was a smile on every face and the nonsingers had miraculously been transformed into singers. "Give yourselves a round of applause" said Rebecca. We did, but most of it was for her.

Oh WOW! It was the Summer of Love all over again when the village hall came alight with swirling colours and groovy party-goers to celebrate the Age of Aquarius in style. Long, VERY long, hair was in again and the fabulous clothes, beads, flowers and peace paraphernalia, the music and the laughter made for the happiest of parties.

In January we presented a cheque for £1,750 to Jan Turnbull on behalf of Friends of Swanage Hospital. She told us that the hospital were planning to purchase a piece of sophisticated ophthalmological equipment which will mean that patients will not have to trek all the way to Bournemouth for eye treatments. Our thanks go to all whose efforts contribute to our magnificent fund raising.

At our February meeting our charity for the coming year will be chosen by ballot. Members will be able to vote for one of three nominated charities.

Subscriptions, still £22, are now due so please bring cash or a cheque to the meeting.

**Our Coffee Morning**, which is our main fundraiser, is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 10am - 12noon. We need lots of volunteers to help run stalls, bake cakes, make teas and join in the fun.

#### Dates for your diary:

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Shaun the sheep and the shepherdess – Karen Harmer March 1<sup>st</sup> AGM followed by fun-for-all (and no scissors needed)

March 19<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning 10am – 12 noon

The Story of the Rex Cinema - Neill Child April 5<sup>th</sup>

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

#### News from the Pre-School

Spring Term has been very cold so far, but we have still played outside every day. The children certainly have enjoyed the huge puddle that formed on the rainy days. This term the children are learning some traditional tales and have especially enjoyed the story of the The Three Little Pigs.



Later in the term the children will be discovering the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have the delight of eating porridge while they are acting out parts of the story.

Our 100 Club lucky winner for December was Number 62. 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 us on 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 Thursday 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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# ASTLE KIDS CE

#### 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.

#### Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February Half term Holiday Club is **SPACE CAMP**.

The children will be exploring Space, carrying out science experiments, building rockets and taking part in lots of other exciting activities. If your child attends Corfe Primary or the Pre-School, you should have already received the booking form.

Other families can book in by ringing 01929 481631.

## Don't forget our Early Birds Club which is open every week day morning from 8am.

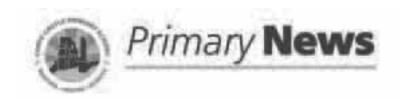
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Come and enjoy the fun!

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Here we are back after a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we are looking forward to whatever this term will bring. The children would quite like a bit of the 'white stuff' but we'll just have to wait and see on that!!

We have some exciting things planned in the next few weeks.....

Fireflies Class, Years 5&6 (our older children) and our Reception class (our youngest children) are both studying 'SPACE' this term. Therefore we have a visiting Planetarium coming into school at the end of January and we hope that this will enhance all their learning. Our PTFA have very kindly offered to pay for this and therefore there will be no cost to the parents.

Bumblebees Class, Year 3 & 4 will be studying 'ROMANS' this term and as part of their topic learning are going on a trip to the Dorset County Museum in Dorchester where they will have the opportunity to look at different Roman artefacts and mosaics and will also be going on a tour of the Roman Townhouse. Once again the PTFA have kindly offered to subsidise this trip.

Butterflies Class, Years 1&2 are studying the very popular author Julia Donaldson, who has written the Gruffalo and many other very successful children's books. They will be exploring the stories that she has written and having lots of lovely story time.

We were very pleased to raise £175, received in donations for the children's Christmas Performance 'Hey Ewe'. This has been donated to the charity 'Mosaic' who help children and families in time of bereavement.

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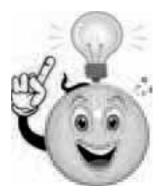
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The Club is affiliated to The Royal British Legion, whose main aim is to support our troops and to provide welfare help for ex servicemen and women and their families.

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.





## THE VILLAGE PUMP!

**Corfe Castle** 

#### Did you know?



#### THAT RINGS A BELL......

Last month we wrote about St. Edward's Church Bells and of the Church Clock. By the sound of it, we must have hit the right note from the gratifying comments we have had. It was particularly interesting to hear from CVN regular readers in Norfolk – does that *strike* a note?! – the readers being Maurice and Nancy Strike, former Rector. We share with you their Greetings to Corfe Castle: "Your recent article in the magazine, recalled events twenty five years ago (incredible how time flies) when I was inducted as Rector of the Corfe Valley Churches in 1991. Now, at the ripe old age of 71 (but still fighting in there) I remember seeing the derelict state of the Ringing Chamber at St. Edward's and being told that the Bells last rang in 1957. For such an historic building this was very sad .Something had to be done! I felt - here was one project worth undertaking and an opportunity for men, especially, to share their engineering and entrepreneurial skill. The late Tom Hunt, for years, had wanted the Bells restored. There was one obstacle after another. Various differing opinions were expressed.... 'bell ringing is hardly a priority and who would ring them

#### Have you heard?

anyway?' ... that sort of thing! Putting the negative aside, the Belfry Fund was nevertheless launched and the hard work began. Very slowly, the fund increased, with the help of jazz concerts at Mortons House Hotel, coffee mornings, an auction in the Village Hall, concerts and plays in the Church.... even a croquet tournament in the Rectory garden (mind we hardly made any money at that but it was great fun!). Well, by the time of the millennium, grants were forthcoming, the money almost raised .With confidence, the Bells were lowered, restored or recast at Whitechapel and, ves, the Bells rang in the millennium. How I remember the many meetings with Frank Collinson, keeping a close eye on rising costs. Despite the odds, we were determined to succeed! Yes, there were moments of gloom but, in the end, with vision and faith, mountains were moved. As I look back, it was the same with so many projects at the time.... the drama group, the cricket team and pavilion, re-ordering the south aisle at St.Edward's, the rare barrel organ at Steeple, the roof at Church Knowle and much else including the railway! I still battle on, saving and restoring. On Guernsey, it was the Rectory garden, now open to the

public and I'm now striving to restore our farmhouse on the North East coast of Norfolk at Overstrand, the only problem being I am paying for the cost! Much water has gone under the bridge since 2004, when we left Corfe Castle for Guernsey but I'm so glad the Bells ring and the flag flies high from St. Edward's, of which Nancy and I remain 'a Friend.' Thank vou, Eileen, for suggesting, years ago, another project.... creating the 'Friends of St. Edward's' – I'm sure the Treasurer agrees. What joy it has all been but then 'Joy is a Prayer'. With my love, God Bless, Maurice". The CVN is read far and wide and it is good and necessary to receive interesting snippets for this column. Thank you, Maurice, for your striking reminder of a determined village effort.

#### TEN OUT OF TEN.....

Ten years ago, on 25 February 2006, Laurice and Mark Turner opened the door of THE CASTLE INN, after sometime of.....no business at the Inn. Congratulations on your 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A lot has happened in that decade, the pub gradually been evolving and now run truly as a family business. Further congratulations to Mark's son, Michael and Livia from Slovakia, on their Christmas Day Engagement. The Inn, since the 1700's, has witnessed so much of village history and family gatherings – if only walls could talk! Talking with Mark and Laurice in the warmth of the cosy pub, I was



The smile reflects the heartfelt and hearty welcome from Mark and Laurice Turner .....'Mine Hosts' at the Castle Inn.

transported back in time, more than 10 years – to approximately 300 years ago when next door was the brew house. The pub, itself, was a single storey thatch, situated in what was then a quiet rural back lane, away from the Town centre with its bustling Market Place As such, apparently, it became the local's favourite. With the coming of the steam railway in the 1800's, it's popularity widened. At that time, the Panthan Brewery of Swanage & Wareham were involved, later by Strongs of Romsey and Whitbread's. Now Punch Taverns, a property owning company, own the building but it is run entirely by the Turner family, with all hands at the pump (well almost all!) In February 2006, Mark and Laurice's son, Matthew, was age 4 and couldn't see over the bar - now he has to duck down for a safe passage! Oft

on Sundays, he also helps in this family concern.

Meet the Family: Mark was born in Swindon and graduated as a education (PE) and physical geography Teacher. He then moved on as an Instructor with the Outward Bound Trust in the Brecon Beacons - a young man's environment, as Mark says. He later arrives in Swanage, Managing a Holiday Park Complex. It was during this time that he met Laurice, a Swanage girl. Laurice(nee Maguire) came into the world in 1972 making history!... one of the last babies born at Everest, the former Swanage Maternity Hospital. Her parents had a long association with B&B's and Hotels. It was interesting to hear that in 2005 family discussions were held on a new career direction..... "shall we move to France (our favourite often visited) or take on the challenge of the Castle Inn at Corfe Castle?....France v. England ?... .. we made the right decision".

The difficult years: "We are so happy here and appreciate all the support we have. We certainly had 2 or 3 very difficult years when, on November 2nd 2009, Michael was extradited to Budapest, Hungary. There was intense media coverage. We were over-whelmed by the village kindness & caring and we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all who rallied around also with practical support and fund raising. We were made to feel very much part of this special community". Mark and

Laurice are so very generous in their Fund Raising & sponsorships for local organisations. Over the years, their fund raising has also included encouragement to the younger generation. With this in mind, they referred to events held for Kieran and Connor's East African 2015 Expedition, also to 12 year old Jude Morris, who is racing ahead with his winning ways at Motorcross. Only recently, at their Event at the pub on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas, they raised over £300 for the Christmas Festivities Activities. Mark and Laurice recognise that "We live in a changing and challenging society, we accept the fact, move along and evolve. 10 years ago, we did just that, still evolving and the business thrives."

#### An Invitation from....

'Mine Host' Mark, Laurice and family invite you to join them from 7pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Celebration free Buffet &live music The door is open to all. This door is not just any old door but of the old Inn steeped in history, fascinatingly featuring a small panel of bull's eye glass, complete with the security/watchman's sliding wooden shutter. Mark says: "Each night, as I lock the door with the heavy craftsmade key and pull across the large metal deadlock bar, I stop and ponder. Many Mine Hosts, through the centuries must have done just this —at the end of the busy day having welcomed many travellers and guests- and so to bed to open up again as another day dawns." In this case, hopefully heralding another 10 years & more of Mine Host Mark, and his family at the Inn, as overheard... 'The small pub with the big heart'.

#### 7 GOING ON 28! ......

Real Birthday Greetings to Stephen Turner ....our chance every 4 years! Son of Corfe Castle West Street residents Phil and Angie (nee White), he was born on 29th February 1988. Congratulations, it is your real birthday this year, Stephen, now you are 7 going on 28. It's good to hear that you are leaping ahead in your lifestyle and career. In the Village Diary 2000, Stephen records that he was a 12 year old pupil at Purbeck School or perhaps we should say, a very smart 3 year old! On leaving school, after his sixth form years, Stephen worked at Purbeck Sports Centre as a lifeguard until a Banking opportunity was offered to him. Firstly at Broadstone and now at Poole with Barclays Bank. Stephen and his fiancée, Lisa, live in Swanage (from where Lisa hails) and since his last birthday, 4 years ago, they are now proud parents of a 3 year old son, Archie. Angie and Phil now have 3 grandchildren – 2 boys and 1 girl. Every 29th February, Stephen receives from his Granddad an age card...his collection is growing! Continuing with his sporting interests in pool and football, Stephen also ran the Purbeck Marathon for the first time in 2015 and has a place in the 2016 London

Marathon, running in aid of his chosen charity — Wessex Cancer Trust. He is currently chasing sponsors so maybe you may like to consider leaping along in the race to make his effort so much more worthwhile?! For more details about the sponsorship, you may call me — Eileen 480386 and I can put you in touch. Good Luck, Stephen, Many Happy Returns of your special day and all those in between!!

#### MOMENTS TO REMEMBER...

Sharing warm words, received from a Corfe Castle reader.... "Since moving to the village 11 years ago, I have always found the Father Christmas Arrival to be a special reflection of the dedication and enduring commitment of many kind folk. I have enjoyed watching the faces of families and young children as they eagerly await his sensational mode of transport, their wide eyes sparkling and enormous smiles and cheers. Christmas 2015 was the first time, our two grandchildren (age 3 and 1) joined in the fun. Madeleine has always been a chatterbox but as she gingerly ventured into Santa's Grotto, she fell silent! Her face was sheer delight. Father Christmas whispered to her how well she had conducted the Angel Choir to help him in her recent pre-school nativity and her eyes went out on stalks when he added, 'and you've got a birthday coming up haven't you?' I thought she might fall over! It was one of those precious moments that will always bring me pleasure. How

does Father Christmas know so much !? We then ventured into the Castle. As we walked over to the atmospheric fire baskets, Madeleine took time to gaze at the lights beneath her in the village and whispered to Granddad, "It's magic". To the Christmas Festivities Team and to all who played a part on the day or throughout the year. Thank you for making moments to remember"

## A FAMILY'S DRIVE TO SUCCESS

News of a recent publication...

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of Sheasby's Coaches'.

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### **Corfe Castle Village Hall**

#### general news:

We didn't hold a village hall coffee morning in January this year. This meant that we haven't yet run the 100 Club January Draw. Think of the first VH coffee morning of the year on Saturday February 6th as a 100 Club Roll-Over - we will make two draws!

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:

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Tuesday mornings
Tuesday evenings
Tuesday evenings
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Tuesday evenings
Wednesday mornings
Wednesday evenings
Wool Workshop
Youth Club

#### regular fortnightly events:

Thursday evenings Bingo

#### regular monthly events:

1st Saturday morning
1st Sunday all day
1st Tuesday afternoon
3rd Monday morning

CCVH coffee morning
Antiques Fair
Aquarius
U3A Gardening

#### advance notice of forthcoming AGM:

The Village Hall's Annual General Meeting will take place in the Hall at 6.30pm on Monday 14th March , and is open to all residents of the Parish. This will be our first AGM as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

#### bookings and rates:

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

#### forthcoming Artsreach:

Hot Fingers in January was a sellout: next up is the fabulous 'Black Voices' on Friday March 18th

#### featured regular user:

#### **Aquarius**

Aquarius is open to women living within the distribution area of the Corfe Castle Valley News. Our monthly meetings include a speaker, tea and a chat. There are also outings, a summer picnic and a Christmas party. We raise funds for a charity chosen annually by our members, but our main aim is to enjoy ourselves and make new friends. We like to think that we can particularly help those new to the area. Several subsidiary groups offer the chance to enjoy friendship in a smaller unit. We have 3 book clubs, a walking group, a strollers' group and a lunch club, all well attended and much enjoyed.

Contact Margery Clevett on 01929 480124

#### The Castle Inn



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#### News from the Castle

Things have been fairly quiet here at The Castle in January. Having said that....... It was January and although quiet we certainly had our moments! Congratulations to Mike and Livy on their engagement. Laurice and Mark couldn't have wished for a better daughter in law. Having been celebrating in Slovakia during January it's our turn in February. Details to follow.

Wednesday Nights are still Stew and Casserole Nights. These are proving very popular at only £6.95 for a very hearty, warming supper. The end of the month marks our tenth anniversary of being at The Castle, Tempus Fugit!

Big kiss to Viv from us all, you're very special, are thoughts and prayers are with you, every step of the way.

#### **Notes for The Diary**

Sunday 14th Feb. Valentine's Evening. Candlelight suppers in a

**Thursday 25th Feb our 25th Anniversary Party**. Open invite, free buffet, it would be great to see as many of the faces from the past 10 years as possible.

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#### **CORFE VALLEY NEWS**

#### **CALENDAR for FEBRUARY 2016**

1	February	Monday	7 pm	Double Act Safeguarding Training	Corfe Castle Village Hall
3	February	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Langton Arthouse Cinema "Lore"	Langton Matravers Village Hall
4	February	Thursday	7.30 pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Village Hall
4	February	Thursday	_	Corfe Castle Gardening Club	Royal British Legion
6	February	Saturday	10.30 am	Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	February	Sunday	10 am - 5 pm	Antique and Collectors Fair	Corfe Castle Village Hall
8	February	Monday	2.30 pm	Dorset Wildlife Trust Talk "Members Pict	ures" Langton Mat. Village Hall
8	February	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting	Corfe Castle Town Hall
9	February	Tuesday	7 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council Meeting	Church Knowle Reading Room
12	February	Friday	7.30 pm	Kimmeridge Keilidh	Kimmeridge Village Hall
13	February	Saturday	10.15 am	Double Act Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
14	February	Sunday	3 pm	Imperial College String Ensemble	St James Church, Kingston
18	February	Thursday	2 pm	Talk "Round the World without Flying"	Corfe Castle Community Library
18	February	Thursday	7.30 pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Village Hall
24	February	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Purbeck Pur-4-Mance	Methodist Church, Swanage
25	February	Thursday	7.30 pm	Dorset Wildlife Trust Talk "A Year of Ima	ages" Methodist Church, Wareham
27	February	Saturday	7 pm	Two Nations	Harmans Cross 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

2	March	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Langton Arthouse Cinema "Marshland"	Langton Matravers Village Hall
5	March	Saturday	6.45 for 7 pm start	Grand Corfe Castle Quiz Championship	Corfe Castle Village Hall
14	March	Monday	6.30 pm	Corfe Castle Village Hall AGM	Corfe Castle Village Hall



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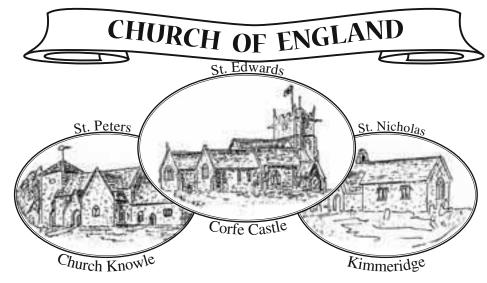
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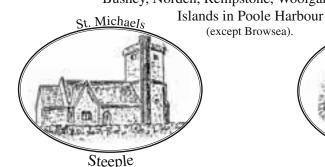
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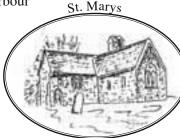
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#### The Reverend Anne Bond writes:

Does prayer work?

Is that a good question? It's certainly a question a lot of people would like to ask. But aren't there other questions that should be asked first? Such as 'What is prayer?' and 'How should one pray?'

To a certain extent the answers to our questions about prayer depend on how we think about God. Who are we praying *to*? Do we visualise God as an old man with a long beard wearing a white nightie living in the sky? Or do we see him as an impersonal force along the lines of 'May the Force be with you?' These are two opposite ends of the spectrum, the first being a God made in our own image, and the second a dry abstract science-fiction model. I suspect the truth lies somewhere between them.

The information we have about the nature of God is obtainable only from people's experiences of him; and the place where those are most readily available is the Bible. From the Bible we learn that although God is not a person as we understand the word (he is without bodily form, he is 'other') he *is personal* in that he communicates with us person-to-person, and he has person-like characteristics: he is merciful, good, faithful and strong for example, and we are told that his essential nature, the core and hallmark of his being, is Love. We are also given to understand that he is all-powerful in that he created everything that was, is, and ever shall be; nothing is impossible for him; and that at the end of Time he will be the ultimate Judge of all mankind.

These things being so, it is reasonable for us humans to think about God as the 'Whoever' is greater than we ourselves, to whom we may appeal for help and guidance. Unbelievers may claim this is wishful thinking; and so it may be; but it seems to me that down the ages so many people have experienced God in action, the likelihood of his reality is beyond doubt. And because he is not *a* Being, or *the* Being, but, rather, the source of all life, Being itself (which by its very nature 'Is' forever) he cannot not be.

Prayer is simply conversation with God, and like all conversation it comes in many shapes and sizes.

I'm sure you all know the story of the man standing on the roof of his house with flood water rising all around him. He prays for help and is assured that God will save him. The farmer from next door throws him a lifebelt, but the man says no thanks, God is going to save him. A man in a boat comes past and offers to take him off, but the man says no thanks, God is going to save him. A helicopter flies over and the pilot lets down a rope and harness, but the man says no thanks, God is going to save him. The flood waters continue to rise, the man drowns, and at the Pearly Gates cries furiously to God: 'But you promised to save me!' 'For goodness sake,' says God, 'what

more did you want? I sent you a lifebelt, a boat and a helicopter – and you turned them all down!'

In dire circumstances most people, whether believers or not, do cry out for help. Sometimes it comes, often not in the shape they expect; and sometimes, for no obvious reason, it doesn't come. We can't know the mind of God: but as his essential nature is Love, we *can* trust him whatever the circumstances.

The Psalms are wonderful examples of people praying: they plead, they express resentment, tell of injustice and cry 'it's not fair', express repentance and bitter regret, and are angry with God. They see God's goodness and express their joy and gratitude, they rejoice in the relationship they have with God and describe it with loving appreciation, they thank him and offer him praise. The Psalmists speak in their own unadorned voices, as themselves, and they talk about what concerns them at the moment of praying.

The disciples of Jesus ask him how they should pray and Jesus' reply is what we know as The Lord's Prayer. The most familiar version of it can be found in Matthew' Gospel Chapter 6 verses 9 to 13. Jesus prayed frequently. His whole life and all his activities were grounded in prayer; and if we use the example of Jesus as our guideline, it seems clear that for reasons of his own God does choose to act in response to the prayers of his children. Therefore, it is vital that we do pray; although it is not that God *needs* us to pray in order to stimulate him into action. No; it is more that he acts in response to our prayers in order to encourage us to communicate with him. God doesn't *need* anything we can offer him; it seems he enjoys communication with us simply because he loves us.

The more we pray the better we get to know God and the better we learn to discern his purposes, his ways, his will. The more we pray the more likely it is that our prayers *will* be effective, that they *will* 'work' – because they will be ever more closely aligned to whatever is closest to God's loving heart.

With love, Anne

#### Corfe Valley Church Services – February 2016

Sunday	7th February	
10.30	Corfe Castle	Benefice Communion
Sunday	y 14th February	
8.00	Corfe Castle	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30	Steeple	Family Communion (BCP)
10.30	Corfe Castle	Matins

Sunday 21st February

9.00 Church Knowle Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30 Corfe Castle Parish Communion (CW)

Sunday 28th February

8.00 Corfe Castle Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30 Kimmeridge Parish Communion (BCP)
 10.30 Corfe Castle Parish Communion (BCP)

4p.m. Church Knowle Evensong

Sunday 6th March

10.30 Corfe Castle Benefice Communion

CW - Common Worship; BCP - Book of Common Prayer

#### <u>The Corfe Valley Churches – Scripture Readings – February 2016</u>

February 7th Sunday next before Lent

2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4:2

Luke 9: 28 - 36

February 14th 1st Sunday of Lent

Romans 10: 8B - 13

Luke 4: 1 - 13

February 21st 2nd Sunday of Lent

Philippians 3: 17 - 4:1

Luke 13: 31 - end

February 28th 3rd Sunday of Lent

\*Isaiah 55: 1 - 9

1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 13

Luke 13: 1 - 9

March 6th 4th Sunday of Lent

\*2 Corinthians 5: 16 - end Luke 15: 1 - 3; 11B - 32

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## MAJOR LINE UPGRADE ALMOST COMPLETE AND CHALLENGE OF RESTORING HERITAGE DIESEL TRAINS FOR MAIN LINE RUNNING

An ambitious and historic project to restore and upgrade three miles of former Network Rail line, as well as install a hi-tech level crossing with associated signalling and build a road-rail interchange facility, is almost complete – so passenger trains can again run to Wareham.

The start of the trial service from Swanage and Corfe Castle is due to start during the first quarter of 2017 – instead of June, 2016 – because of the need to replace, rather than restore, non-standard specialist equipment on two exBritish Railways 1960s heritage diesel trains being upgraded to exacting main line standards.

It was in September, 2014, that the Swanage Railway took on the lease of three miles of former Network Rail line – from a mile west of Norden station to a quarter of a mile south of Worgret Junction near Wareham – to give tracks, bridges and embankments a major upgrade ahead of the trial train service.



The restoration work has seen 1,200 wooden track sleepers replaced, half a mile of track laid, a quarter-mile-long embankment given a major upgrade, undergrowth and drainage cleared along six miles of embankments as well as the installation of a new set of track points at Furzebrook.

Furzebrook and DMU Dec 2015

A new state of the art level crossing has been installed on the access road to the Wytch Farm oil field and Norden station while 2,235 cubic metres of earth has been excavated – and a new siding laid – so a new road-rail interchange could be built to enable the creation of the Norden Gates level crossing.



Norden Gates level crossing and DMU Dec 2015

Swanage Railway Company Project Wareham director Mark Woolley said:

"The historic transformation has been remarkable and I'd like to pay tribute to everyone – on the ground and behind the scenes in planning and logistics – for all their hard work which will see the ambitious upgrade of our three-mile extension completed by the end of March, 2016.



Road Rail interchange Norden 2015

"It has been a major undertaking – the laying of half a mile of track, the replacement of 1,200 wooden sleepers, the major upgrade of a quarter-mile long embankment, the installation of a state of the art level crossing and associated signalling at Norden as well as the creation of the new road-rail interchange at Norden for the transfer of locomotives and carriages.

"The start of the trial passenger service to Wareham during the first

quarter of 2017 – instead of June this year – is because of the need to replace, rather than restore, non-standard equipment on our two ex-British Railways 1960s heritage diesel trains being upgraded to exacting main line standards.

"Detailed technical examination has concluded that new non-standard axles and wheel bearings – known as wheel-sets – need to be manufactured by specialist contractors in the United States, South Africa and England. We estimate the completed trains will be tested and delivered to the Swanage Railway during the Autumn of 2016.

"We're very grateful for the assistance of our specialist contractors who have been very helpful in progressing the detailed examination and manufacturing work needed on our two diesel trains so they can carry passengers to Wareham," added Mr Woolley, a Swanage Railway volunteer for 33 years.

The Swanage Railway has been given a grant of £1.86 million from the Government's Coastal Communities Fund to introduce a trial passenger train service from Swanage to the main line at Wareham. It is planned to run the service on 50 selected days during 2017 and 90 selected days during 2018.

The grant covers the restoration of the former Network Rail line as well as the restoration and upgrade, to main line standards, of the two ex-British Railways diesel trains – a one-coach Class 121 'Bubble Car' and a three-coach Class 117 unit – which are known as diesel multiple units or DMUs for short.

The Purbeck Community Rail Partnership, of which the Swanage Railway is a member, has been working since 1997 to re-establish a passenger train service between Swanage, Corfe Castle and the main line at Wareham.

Swanage Railway train times – and special event details – are available online at <a href="https://www.swanagerailway.co.uk">www.swanagerailway.co.uk</a> or by telephone on 01929 425800.

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#### **SWANAGE RAILWAY BACKGROUND FACTS & FIGURES:**

- The volunteer-led Swanage Railway is managed by the Swanage Railway Trust, a registered charity.
- Train services and retail operations are operated by the Swanage Railway Company, the trading arm of the Swanage Railway Trust.
   The award-winning Swanage Railway carried 216,267 passengers during 2014.
- The Swanage Railway boosts the Purbeck economy to the tune of £14 million a year.
- The ten-mile branch line from Wareham to Corfe Castle and Swanage was opened in May, 1885 – after businessmen tried for 40 years to win permission to build a railway.
- Despite many objections, British Rail closed the Swanage branch line in January, 1972.
- Six and a half miles of track was lifted for scrap during the summer of 1972 –
  from Swanage to Corfe Castle and beyond Norden to Motala, half a mile east of
  Furzebrook.
- The Swanage Railway was demolished in just seven short weeks and it took dedicated volunteers some 30 very long years to relay it.
- Work on completely rebuilding the railway started at a derelict Swanage station in 1976.
- The Swanage Railway Trust has a national membership of more than 4,000 people.
- Almost 500 people regularly volunteer their services on the Swanage Railway in a variety of operational, maintenance and restoration roles.
- Volunteer roles include running trains, locomotive and carriage maintenance and restoration, retail and catering, administration, track maintenance, signalling and telecommunications, marketing and publicity.
- Swanage Railway volunteers are supported by a team of full-time and part-time paid staff to ensure resilience and seven day a week operation – even when trains are not running.

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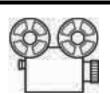
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Over the last few days, the television has been full of the news of David Bowie's death, but I want to refer to a programme that was televised the previous week. It was late in the evening – my wife had already gone to bed – but I stayed up not knowing whether it was going to be worth me losing my beauty sleep. It was on the theme of "loneliness", and I haven't been able to get it out of my mind ever since I watched it.

The one thing that will stay with me, more than anything else, was the incredible variety of people who, for whatever reason, had been persuaded to take the big step of admitting that they were lonely. I am sure that I will have forgotten some of those who took part but, first of all, I remember the student who was lonely. Her friends seemed to be having a whale of a time, with so much to do, and so many people to meet, but that wasn't how she experienced life. Sometimes she stayed in her flat for several days without talking to anybody. She was lonely. The words "student" and "lonely" just don't sit easily together in most people's way of thinking. And then I thought of one of our granddaughters who has recently started studying in Plymouth. A few weeks ago, she asked if she could drive over from Plymouth to Corfe Castle and spend time with us some weekends. I don't remember her using the word "lonely", but her student accommodation went too quiet at a weekend.

And then I remember the young moms in the programme, each with a young child, but they were desperately looking for somebody to have an adult conversation with. They were not on their own, but they were lonely.

I am not sure if my mind is playing me tricks. Was it the programme on "Loneliness" or was it another programme that gave you a glimpse into the lives of those who were spending many hours each week, trawling the opportunities provided by on-line dating. They lived on their own, and work took up a big slice of their working week, but they desperately wanted a partner. Somebody to come home to. Somebody to share their lives with. However you wrapped it up, they were lonely. There were those who had been in a relationship, but that had broken down. They were lonely.

Then there were those that I would have expected. Those who had been bereaved. They had lost their life's partner, and life would never be the same again, and they were struggling to make the transition from being a couple to living on their own. They were lonely. I found myself really identifying with

this group. I have said for a long time that I hope that I die before Chris, because I would hate to live on my own, and I am sure that Chris would cope far better than me, with the life of a single person.

But why have I chosen to write on the theme of "Loneliness"? Because I am sure that here in Corfe Castle, and the surrounding villages, there are those of all different age groups and backgrounds, who are lonely. Being lonely is not the same as being on your own. You can be lonely in a crowd, as many of us know.

During my ministry I have befriended a whole variety of people, with a whole variety of needs, from mental illness, to gambling, to drug and alcohol addition, and many others. One thing that I have discovered, is that, whatever the need, help only comes when the need is acknowledged. When the alcoholic admits that he or she has a drink problem, then help can be made available. The same is true, I believe, of loneliness. To admit a need, is the first step towards solving the problem.

I do not have a magic wand, but I like to think that I am a good listener, and, who knows what could take place in a village the size of Corfe Castle. I am sure that there are those who are lonely who would benefit from a helping hand. I am also sure that there are those in Corfe Castle who would love to offer some time each month, if they thought that what they had to offer, was just what somebody else had a need of receiving.

We can all see from the back cover of the Corfe Valley News how many activities take place within this village of ours, and yet, for all sorts of different reasons, people are still lonely. So, here's the challenge. If you know that you are lonely, for whatever reason, would you be willing to write, phone, or email me, and admit that you would like life to be different to what it is at the moment? But here is the second challenge. Without committing yourself to anything definite at the moment, if you are at least interested in the possibility of helping somebody else in need, would you do the same? Write, phone, or email me, expressing an interest in helping.

Many years ago, in Southend-on-Sea, I used to run a Day Centre for the mentally ill. I quickly discovered that the Centre was not just important for the mentally ill, but was just as important to the volunteers who helped to run it. We all need to be able to give, and we all need to be able to receive. The givers get; and the receivers give.

It is said that big oak trees from little acorns grow. But for this to grow, it needs those who are lonely to admit a need, and those who want to help, to step forward. I'm hoping that in this village, with so much going on, there will be

those who are willing to try and overcome the very real problems of loneliness.

Yours

Rev.Barry L.Walton

You will find the Chapel behind Y Jewellers in East Street, and our services are at 10.30am each Sunday. We are a small fellowship, but you will find a big welcome.

If you can't get to Church but would like to receive spiritual help, we have the Sermons and the Bible Studies on the Church Web site. Please make use of them if you wish.

Every Monday at 10.30 am we have a Prayer Meeting which is open to all, whatever their denomination. On Wednesday afternoons we alternate between a Bible Study and a Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship at 2.30 pm. We would love to see you at either or both.

Don't forget, I am available seven days a week. Just pick up the phone and I will seek to make myself available.

N.B. The Wednesday Coffee Morning has been closed for four months from November to February. We are hoping to see it reopen in March.

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#### **Notices and Thanks**

#### **Corfe Castle Gardening Club**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February in the RBL upstairs room. At this meeting we will hold the Club AGM, discuss the programme for the year and have a Quiz. We look forward to seeing as many of our members as possible; new members are also very welcome.

#### **Langton Arthouse Cinema**

In March we're screening "Marshland" on Wednesday 2nd at 7.30pm in Langton Matravers' Village Hall. We thought we would bring you a bit of Ibero-noir. "Marshland" is a Hispanic murder mystery and a major award-winning film in Spain. Opening with aerial shots of river-streaked landscape resembling a brain membrane slice under a microscope, it sets the tone for something very destabilizing. Set in Andalucía, five years after Franco's death, a series of brutal murders of adolescent girls in a remote and forgotten town bring together two disparate characters - both detectives in the homicide division - to investigate the cases. With the Franco legacy still a raw wound and causing divisions between the film's two detectives, Juan and Pedro, differences must be put aside if they are to successfully hunt down a killer who for years has terrorized a community in the shadow of a general disregard for women rooted in a misogynistic past. In Spanish with English subtitles.

Tickets will be £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 <a href="mailto:info@LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk">info@LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk</a> or visit <a href="www.LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk">www.LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk</a>. Chris Kwantes

#### **CAROLS FOR EVERYONE**

The Christmas concert held at St. Edward's Church on Thursday 10 December proved to be a most successful and enjoyable evening. Thanks are due to all the performers and all who assisted in other capacities. Thank you also to all who attended and for your generosity. The splendid sum of £700.65 was raised for the Samantha Henderson Trust.

## Thank you to all the businesses in Corfe who donated prizes for the free prize draw, and especially Seasons Green, the organisers.

We have been asked to publish the following letter of thanks about Christmas events in Corfe:

"I was so surprised to receive a phone call on Christmas Eve to say that I had won a prize.

When we went to Seasons Green to collect our prize we discovered we had won the hamper.

It was filled with all sorts of goodies which we have enjoyed over Christmas. My daughter and I had a lovely afternoon in December going round all the shops taking part and got some lovely presents.

I would recommend your readers to do it next year, you never know it could be you that wins.

We would also like to thank all the people involved throughout the year on the Christmas lights committee, yours efforts are much appreciated, and the lights in Corfe always make Christmas special. Also to the people in Harmans Cross who put the tree up at the cross roads it looked really good this year."

Mrs Helen Selby, Church Knowle

#### Thanks from Holly and Viv Gilmour Cox

Holly would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers for her mother Viv, who has been ill in Poole hospital. She has been overwhelmed by the sympathy, offers of help and wonderful kindness which they both have received.

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#### **Corfe Castle Community Library**

Presents a talk by writer

John Barclay

#### Round the World without Flying

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 2 pm East Street, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EE 01929 480760





#### **Purbeck Citizens Advice – Important Notice**

Please note the following **temporary changes** to the hours of service and venue offered in Wareham:

Citizens Advice, Mill Lane, Wareham – office closed from 21st December 2015 for building works until further notice.

From 7th January 2016, we will offer the following services:

From Not Just Sundaes in South Street, Wareham (opposite the library):

Mondays, 10.00 - 2.00 pm: drop-in and appointments.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, appointments only.

Telephone advice: Dorset Advice Line 0344 245 1291, Monday to Friday 10.00 – 4.00 pm.

Self-help and email advice: www.purbeckadvice.org.uk

Services in Swanage Town Hall, The Hive at Bovington, Lytchett Minster Library and Upton Council Office and the Children's Centres remain unchanged:

The Hive, BOVINGTON	Tuesday	9.30 - 1.00
Town Hall, SWANAGE		
Gateway Interviews	Monday	10.15 - 2.00
Appointments only	Wednesday	10.15 - 2.00
	(Closed 1st Wed of each month for staff meeting.)	
Town Council Office, UPTON	Monday	9.15 - 12.30
Drop-in only		
LYTCHETT MATRAVERS Library	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	10.00 - 12.30

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Swanage Centre, Wednesday mornings	9.30 -12.30	01929 423589
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Wareham Centre, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	1.00 - 3.00	01929 552864



#### The Corfe Castle Town Trust

**Good news** for The Museum and Town Hall as they have just been awarded a grant from the **Dorset Museums Association** small grants scheme and been given £150 towards the printing costs of their new history booklet.

#### The Town and Borough of Corfe Castle. A walk around the village

It can be purchased at The Sweet Shop or The Village Stores for £2.50 or contact Louise on Tel: 481375 or louisehaywood.uk@btinternet.com

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#### AGE UK DORCHESTER ...would like the Benefit of your Advice!

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#### **Kingston Concert**

Every year Imperial College String Ensemble, or ICSE for short, venture out from their London home to take their music to a different village in rural England and this year the chosen village is Kingston.

So on Sunday, February 14, at 3pm the 30-strong ensemble comprising students and alumni under their conductor Dan Shilladay will sit down in St James Church to entertain their audience with a programme lasting approximately an hour but yet to be finalised at the time of writing.

However it will include two pieces that fall into that seemingly ever-expanding category of music which deserves to be better known, namely Peter Martin's Divertimento for Strings and extracts from Grace Williams' Sea Sketches, and it will include an interval during which refreshments will be served..

"Since the ensemble's creation in 2004, we have established a reputation for quality," says ICSE's current chair, Jonathan Rawlinson. "We are dedicated to performing challenging and diverse music and have continued recently to broaden our repertoire with string classics by Elgar, Mendelssohn and Stravinsky as well as less familiar repertoire."

The ensemble often performs for charity and on this occasion is again generously giving its services. So admission is free but there will be a retiring collection to help preserve the Grade 1-listed St James Church.

Two more Kingston concerts are scheduled in the next two months. Saturday, March 31, at 7.30pm, marks the return of the acclaimed Russian singers that comprise The Hermitage Ensemble, and on Friday, April 22, at 7.30pm, we welcome Northern Harmony, a vocal ensemble from the USA.

Robin Stringer

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## Purbeck Pur-4-Mance Wednesday 24th February, 7.30pm, Methodist Church, Swanage.

A unique Purbeck Literary Festival event celebrating the poetry and music of Dorset. A varied programme, hosted by David Kemp ( of "Ball and Socket" fame)includes Wareham Choral society and Purbeck Arts Choir singing compositions by Richard Hall, tuneful arrangements of William Barnes' poetry and a song in tribute to Eric Gosney who will also be reciting some of his wonderful poems. The Purbeck village Quire will complete the evening in their own inimitable way. Tickets £10 adults, include interval refreshments (accompanied children free) and are available from Liz Roberts <u>01929 481419</u> or on the door.



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#### **Stormy Seas**

Strong, unrelenting winds have been battering the Dorset coastline during the end of 2015 into 2016 and these winter storms have been tough on wildlife living in the sea.

On 23rd December a live Loggerhead Turtle was found near Worth Matravers, which had to be put to sleep due to its injuries. Since then, 3 critically endangered Kemp's Ridley Turtles, the rarest of all Turtles, have been found dead by beach walkers at West Bay, West Bexington and near Kimmeridge. The hard-shelled turtles live in tropical seas, but if they get picked up in a strong ocean current such as the Gulf Stream, and end up in cold northern waters they can't survive for long because their metabolism slows down and they stop feeding.

Please report any turtle sightings, alive or dead, by phoning Rod Penrose on 01239 683033 (24 hours) as soon as possible.

The storms have also led to other really interesting wildlife being washed up including tropical sea snails, exotic sea beans and Columbus crabs. The tropical sea snails were living on fishing buoys and this is the first time they have been recorded in Dorset. This fascinating find shows how species can travel from one continent to another via floating debris.

Exotic plant seeds (sea beans) such as the Sea Heart have also been found on Dorset shores. The Sea Heart is a large seed from a tropical vine and can survive floating in the ocean for 17 years or more and is still able to germinate if it lands on a suitable beach!

Live Columbus crabs have also turned up. Living amongst goose barnacles on floating debris these would have been carried all the way from the Sargasso Sea near Bermuda.

If you have made any interesting or unusual discoveries whilst at the beach, please send your sightings to: <a href="mailto:kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk">kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk</a> or phone 01929 481044. The Fine Foundation Marine Centre is open every Sunday from 12pm to 4pm and daily during half term week (except Monday) from 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Sarah Hodgson - Volunteer Marine Warden

#### Dorset Wildlife Trust Isle of Purbeck Group talks for February

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm Langton Matravers Village Hall: Members Pictures – several short presentations of their own pictures by members of the group. All welcome.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Methodist Church, North St, Wareham: A year of Images. A talk by Steve Davis of the Wildlife Trust about his concept of posting an image a day for a whole year. Visitors welcome.



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#### **SATURDAY**

- 3MM Society 1.00 5.00 (1st Saturday of each month)
- Sequence & Ballroom Dance 7.30 11.00 (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each Month) Contact Brian Hunt 01929 551332

#### **Kimmeridge News**

Welcome back! Apologies to Jamie Rowe, Ellie and Gracie for not getting this into the January edition. It is great to have them back in the village and participating in activities like the Christmas Tree lighting. They definitely belong here!

**Christmas Eve Nativity Service** – The church was packed to bursting on Christmas Eve to enjoy a family celebration of the Nativity with children and adults joining in the acting. It was a great village event. The singing and acting were brilliant from all the performers – both the young and the not so young!

Antony Gormley Statue – On Christmas Eve the Antony Gormley "Land" statue finally succumbed to the elements and was dramatically snapped off at the ankles by the high seas. Despite the best efforts of all involved the power of the sea has been demonstrated all too clearly once again. The statue has now been removed to a place of safety – presumably a long way from the sea! Thank you to Anthony Byrde for the pictures showing the statue and it's feet after Christmas.





**New Year's Eve Party** – On New Year's Eve about 30 of us gathered for the last New Year's Eve celebration in the old village hall. Silly games were played, food shared and the New Year seen in the traditional way.

**Museum Building** – Despite the holiday over Christmas, work has been going on apace on the new Etches Collection building. The roof is on and the new Village Hall with its veranda can now be clearly seen. The next jobs will be the exterior Purbeck stonework to the walls and the interior work to install the electrics, plumbing and all those unseen, but essential bits of the structure!

**Defibrillator** – As part of the Museum Project, work has been going on to try and get a public-access defibrillator for the village. We have been incredibly fortunate to have support in this from South West Ambulance Trust and from

our very own KERV. The details are still to be finalised, but it looks as if this important equipment will be in place and available in time for the Museum's opening. Many thanks to all those involved!

**Kimmeridge Keilidh** – Our next Kimmeridge Keilidh is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and is billed as a "pre pre Valentine's dance" – should be great evening. Then, on 11<sup>th</sup> March we have a special party night to mark the final Kimmeridge Keilidh in the old village hall. As always, everyone is welcome and there is no need to book tickets. Hopefully we will be back in the new hall in the autumn with its sprung dance floor!

Helen & Stephen

(earwicker@btinternet.com)

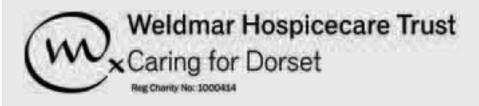
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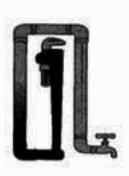
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MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> – LOVE AND MERCY (PG 13) In the late 1960s, the Beach Boys' Brian Wilson stops touring, produces "Pet Sounds" and begins to lose his grip on reality. By the 1980s, Wilson (John Cusack), under the sway of a controlling therapist, finds a saviour in Melinda Ledbetter.....

MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> – WEST SIDE STORY A musical in which a modern day Romeo and Juliet are involved in New York street gangs. On the harsh streets of the upper west side, two gangs battle for control of the turf. The situation becomes complicated when a gang members falls in love with a rival's sister. an American film from 1961 by Jerome Robbins and Robert Wisewith starring Natalie Wood, Richard Beymer, Russ Tamblyn, Rita Moreno and George Chakiris

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GLEN AND BETTY'S DANCE NIGHT (old time and ballroom) Feb 13<sup>th</sup> March 12<sup>th</sup>

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (7.30pm) - March 1st

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS (Thu 10.30am to 12.00 noon) with COFFEE JUNCTION fortnightly - Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> March 10<sup>th</sup>

CHURCH SERVICES (6.00 p.m.) - February 28th March 27th

PURBECK LITERARY FESTIVAL - Feb 14th from 1.30 p.m.

PURBECK U3A MONTHLY 'MEETING POINT' (9.00 a.m.) - February 25th

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1st		7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall	
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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	
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