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## Editorial

At its last meeting the Parish Council considered **the** paper on parking and traffic in the village. This paper, which was prepared by a sub group of the Council, contains a number of ideas about how to resolve some of the traffic and parking problems in the village. Some of its ideas have already been shared. However at this stage these are no more than ideas. They are un-costed and unfunded and so far have had no design effort applied to create an actual proposal on which to move forward.

The Parish Council however is determined to improve the situation within the village and will be conducting a full consultation once we have some designed proposals, which have been costed. So far the first priority, which has in fact had some funding, is to improve the Norden car park and to provide a new cycleway and footpath down to the village. Work on this aspect has already started. Work has also started on rebranding the Norden car park as the Purbeck Park. New signs are already up on the A351.

There is more about all this in the parish clerks report on the last council meeting starting on page 6; the full report is also available on the Council website – you will find it under the agenda for the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 meeting.

Stephen

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*The front page is a sketch of Encombe House from 'Pictureque Rambles in the Isle of Purbeck' by C. E. Robinson dated 1882*

## CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

### JANUARY AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting and spoke in the public half hour to voice their concerns regarding proposals set out for the West Street car park in a later Agenda Item; the Parking and Traffic Study.

They asked what is happening? What are the plans for the West Street car park? Is it closing?

The Council responded, explaining that the **Traffic and Parking working group** had been asked by the Council to prepare a study of parking arrangements in the village. The resulting document explores many potential alternatives for parking and is a basis for discussion; at this stage none of the suggestions have been endorsed or approved by the Council, nor the working group. One of the many suggestions in the paper is, in the long term, closing the pay and display West Street car park but this is one possible scenario and is by no means a firm proposal.

Cllr Dru Drury gave an overview of the study. The introduction presents the background information; the national situation with cars and the visitor numbers we experience in Corfe, it then goes on to summarise historic parking and traffic studies conducted by the Parish Council.

The next step after this initial discussion will be to liaise with stakeholders and with Dorset Council to discuss feasibility. He stressed that none of the recommendations were costed and no funding had been allocated to projects except for the Norden footpath and cycleway. Cllr Dru Drury stressed there is a huge amount of work to do before any of the suggestions could be seriously considered, should the Council wish to take them forward. There are too many recommendations to list within this summary but all are listed in the full minutes which are available on the website.

On behalf of the Council, Cllr Clarke expressed condolences to the relatives of Cllr Mike Lovell who has recently passed away. Cllr Lovell was a committed and diligent Councillor who regularly attended meetings as both a District and County Councillor and always spoke up for the area.

Cllr Clarke reported that the **Government have approved the proposed rearrangement of the Health Service in our area.**

Cllr Brooks, our Dorset Councillor, reported that the Council are promoting **helping a neighbour with your winter fuel payments.** Those who feel they do not need their winter fuel allowance can donate it to someone in need through the CAB, or the Dorset Community Foundation. Further information is available from the Clerk or on Dorset For You.

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James Gould announced that the **National Trust is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> birthday.** This is being marked in Corfe with topical illuminations on the Castle Keep.

Jen, the National Trust Engagement Officer is working on the Purbeck **Beaver Feasibility project**; exploring the introduction of Eurasian Beavers to the Purbeck Landscape. A meeting is being held in Corfe on Monday 24th February to which they invite the public to find out more, and have their say on the decision making in the early stages of this project. If you have a view or would like to learn more do go along.

The **robing room scaffolding should be coming down soon** once the work has been signed off by the building inspector. This is slightly later than the Trust had initially planned.

Cllr Fooks reported there had been an incident with **horses escaping from the Common.** The gate is not latching sufficiently or springing back. She requested that James address this as a matter of urgency and requested that additional signage be installed stating the importance of shutting the gate. **There are still plans to install a tap at the allotments** but there has been a delay in trying to establish who owns the bank adjacent to the plots. This has now been solved so we should see the scheme progressing.

Following an announcement that the **Saturn Trust's merger** with Harbourside Learning Partnership and Ocean Learning Trust is going ahead, Cllr Fooks reported that she has received feedback from some parents of children at Corfe Castle Primary School who feel their concerns are not being addressed by the Saturn Trust. The Council were asked would they support convening a meeting to provide a platform for interested parents to raise their queries? It was decided that whilst the Council has no influence over the school, having been asked they would support the proposal to convene a meeting and would make enquires with other parties.

**The Council have been awarded a grant of £900** from the Watermark Foundation and Wessex Water **to install a water dispenser on the wall of the public toilets in West Street.** The Council voted unanimously to accept the grant and instructed the Clerk to proceed. The grant should cover all the costs and will help to reduce the need for single use plastic bottles.

**On planning matters** the Council had no objection to demolish a rear conservatory and erect a two storey side extension and attached carport at 10 Halves Cottages Corfe Castle and to internal alterations; replace existing window with French doors, install wood burning stove & works to fireplace, repair/replace windows, refurbish lean-to at 116 East Street, Corfe Castle. The Council objected to the removal of a planning condition to allow

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unrestricted occupation of the dwellings at Cotters Pound, 32 East Street. The Council also objected to a treeworks application to fell trees at 89 West Street.

The next meeting will be held on the 10th of February 2020 at 7pm in Corfe Castle Town Hall.

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

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## NEWS FROM CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL

Church Knowle Parish has a new Parish Councillor! Step up Councillor Howard Fry of Church Knowle village. Councillor Fry was co-opted on to the Parish Council at the January meeting and this now brings the number of Councillors up to six; there are still three positions on the Parish Council waiting to be filled, so the Parish is not “out of the woods” yet when it comes to missing Councillors.

During the Public Discussion period the Council heard of the recent death of ex-Councillor Mike Lovell who had been the County Councillor for the Parish before Councillor Cherry Brookes took his place and was elected to the new Dorset Council.

Also during “Public Discussion” the maintenance of the Church Knowle playground and playing field was discussed. Our dear reader will recall the sad death of the late Councillor Les Bugler who voluntarily looked after the field and playground for many years and kept both areas and equipment in superb condition. One of the past users of the playground and playing field as a child and young adult offered his services as gardener to the Council and gave a short presentation on such services. The Parish Council invited him to offer a quote for the gardening services, the Clerk explaining that the Council would have to take at least three quotes and decide on “best value”. With Spring growth of grass about to begin – if the grass had not already been thinking about turning the areas into the Church Knowle Savannah by the end of February – the Council felt obtaining quotes was a matter of severe urgency so that a contract could be awarded before the playground was swamped with vegetation *à la* Mayan temples in South America.

The meeting then went on to hear that Cllr Higgins would remain Chairman until the February meeting and this was followed by Cllr Parker remaining as Vice Chairman until that time as well.

The Council then heard that the archive store is now in place and that electrical wiring and a plug would be fitted so that any archivist, Parish Clerk, Councillor, Parishioner or whoever needed to research Church Knowle’s copious records would be able to do so. Up to now, CK Parish has not had a “permanent” home for its records which have had to be stored in various Councillors’ and Clerks’ attics or garages. This new facility will be an excellent improvement on the past. However, be that as it may, the colour of the unit could be improved and Members decided it should be painted a sensible shade of green to match other storage units.

Highways matters involved discussions on the finger-posts saga and it was decided to postpone further discussion until February’s meeting when it was hoped that a representative from the makers would be able to attend. The damage to West Hill and the Corfe Castle BOAT caused by thoughtless “off-the-roaders” was again discussed and there was a suggestion that a Traffic Restriction Order could be sought in a similar

vein to that which is in place near Grange Arch. It was reported that the road at Cocknowle Hill is again showing signs of damage due to the recent rains and this matter would be reported to Dorset Highways. It was also mentioned that a report on flooding in East Creech is still awaited from Dorset Council following an investigation of causes.

The accounts were found to be in good order and invoices were paid. The Council also discussed the need to review the precept for 2020-2021 due to the probability of a significant increase in the costs of maintenance of the playing field and playground. The Council would try to keep costs down as much as possible but it was accepted that the Council would have to budget for an immediate increase in costs of at least £2,500 excluding capital costs which may be incurred if the mower required replacement. It was decided to absorb as much as possible from the general account and that an estimated precept of £8,000 would be required from Dorset Council.

And apart from formal postponements of discussion items until the February meeting, that was that for January. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30pm. Next meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> February at Church Knowle Reading Room commencing at 7:30pm.

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## Should the Isle of Purbeck have a new second homes policy?

### Introduction

1-The Parish Council wishes to have the views of residents on whether there should be a new policy on second homes in Purbeck and possibly beyond.

2-The former Purbeck District Council after consultation agreed that new planning applications for new homes should have a condition that only residents for whom it would be their sole and principal home should occupy the property. In other words the property would be occupied by someone who would live there fulltime.

3-The policy was based on a 77-page report, which highlighted the high percentages of properties occupied by second homeowners with large numbers in Studland, Swanage and Worth Matravers. The figure given for Corfe Castle was given as 13%.

4-None of this discussion should make our existing second homeowners feel unwelcome. Many intend to live here and be active members of the community. Many use services such as property maintenance. Some let their properties full time. It is the **balance** of second homes in the community which is an issue as too many second homes can create “ghost villages” and lose the character which attracted people in the first place.

### Why Are Second Homes An Issue

5-The reasons given for a second homes policy include:

1-Demand for second homes in attractive areas pushes up house prices. Purbeck has one of the highest gaps between house prices and average local incomes meaning homes are unaffordable for local people. There is strong resistance to building new homes in Dorset so can we make better use of the houses we have?

2-The lack of affordable housing both to buy and rent means that both key public services and other employers cannot recruit. There is for example currently a crisis in community health services as district and community nurses cannot afford to live here and community hospitals have closed for staffing reasons.

3-If properties are empty for part or most of the year local services such as buses, shops and schools are not used and are at greater risk of closure.

4-Purbeck and Dorset relies on huge amounts of volunteering as public services are so underfunded and second home owners cannot undertake all year commitments.

6-Purbeck’s second homes policy is currently being challenged, as the Government has not formally agreed it. However even if it does get agreement

it would apply only to **new** homes. The policy would be ineffective, as those seeking to have a second home would therefore buy an **existing** home.

7-Current Government policy is to discourage second home ownership by placing a 3% surcharge on stamp duty for those seeking to buy a second home but this extra charge may not discourage many.

### What Could Be Done To Reduce The Growth In Second Homes?

8-If Corfe Castle residents believe that we should not have more second homes than currently there are two main ways of achieving this. Both require Government approval and legislation.

9-**The first option** is to give local Councils (such as Dorset) the power to require that where the percentage of second homes in any parish becomes too great –that is it goes over a percentage threshold of say 10-20% of the total-**all new sales** are only to those who would make the property their sole home. The change would achieve the object of ensuring there were not too many second homes. The change would reduce the pool of potential buyers and house prices would either fall or not rise so fast. This would affect *existing* homeowners wishing to sell.

10-**The second option** is to put a surcharge on Council tax to recognise that home owners are not around to contribute voluntary effort to the community and that their absence affects local services. The money raised could be used for say rural transport initiatives. Governments would find it easier to implement this as there is finance legislation every year.

11-The paper to Corfe Castle, Parish Council, which raised this option, envisaged a modest surcharge of say up to 25%. At the last General Election the Labour Party proposed a 100% surcharge which was designed to stop second home ownership altogether. If the surcharge option discouraged home ownership it would also reduce the level of house prices below what they could be. But as with option one it would help preserve the existing character of the parish.

12-Both options raise questions such as whether a second home property should be exempted if it is let fulltime as a rented property. Should Councils have discretion on whether to apply the policy, as some areas in the UK do not have as severe a housing problem as Dorset? The position of owners with several holiday let homes needs consideration as some may only pay business rates.

13-A copy of the full paper is on the Parish Council website, [www.corfecastlepc.org.uk](http://www.corfecastlepc.org.uk). Residents including second homeowners are asked for their views on the following questions.

1-Should there be a policy to ensure second homes do not create the problems outlined above in paragraph 5?

2-Do you support the idea in Option 1 to limit sales to second homeowners once a certain number are in a parish?

3-Do you support the idea of surcharge for second homeowners on their Council tax if the money can be used to bolster local services.?

14-Comments are sought by the **end of February 2020** and the Parish Council will revisit the issue at its meeting on 9 March.

15-If there is support in the parish support will be sought from other Dorset parishes with a view to making representations to "Government.

16-Please reply using the survey on the web site or send your comments to the Clerk by email [-corfecastlepc@aol.com](mailto:-corfecastlepc@aol.com) or in writing to the Clerk .CCPC 41 Bell Street Swanage BH 19 2RY. No individual respondents will be identified but please give us your name and address and whether you are a second home owner.

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We would like to welcome Hayley Fooks our new receptionist who joined us in January.

The other change that will be happening is that I am leaving my permanent role as Practice Manager on 4th April and Kerry Norman, Dispensary Manager, who many of you know, will be taking over this position. We wish her all the best and I know she will enjoy her new role. We will have a new dispenser starting in February who will work alongside Kerry, Anne-Marie and Karen and then Kerry will work with me for the month of March to ensure a smooth transition.

I have been at the surgery for 19 ½ years and have really enjoyed my time here Nursing and then as the Practice Manager. It has been so good to be part of such a great team over the years and to have the pleasure of knowing so many lovely patients. I won't be disappearing completely as I will be back helping when needed as a Practice Nurse or general support for the Practice. It is time for me to start my own new adventures, a lot of this will include more travelling which my husband and I really enjoy.

How lucky I am to have something that  
makes saying goodbyes so hard.  
- Winnie the Pooh



Many thanks

Tina Sturgeon

## The Patient Participation Group

### Health Talks

As promised last month here are the details of our next talk. It is on THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY at 7.0 p.m. in the Corfe Castle Club and the speaker is Dr Jonathan Snook, consultant gastroenterologist at Poole Hospital. He has chosen the lively title of 'BOWELS BEHAVING BADLY'. Most of us experience stomach trouble from time to time and some have lasting and serious problems so it should be relevant and helpful to us all. You are all warmly invited to come.

### The Purbeck Pledge

Our PPG will be supporting the PURBECK PLEDGE, which will run throughout May this year, and is an event established by Live Well Dorset.

The Pledge is about making the most of getting outdoors and exploring the open spaces, woodlands and coastline on our doorstep. Getting out and about can do wonders for our physical and mental health. As well as being involved with some of the events the National Trust and RSPB are organising, we hope to arrange some local walks in our village and some exercise sessions for those interested.

## Corfe Castle Surgery Patient Participation Group

invites you to a talk on

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**Sunday 1st March**

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<https://www.corfecastlepc.org.uk/corfe-castle-parish-council-environment-group-page/>

You are welcome to join us at our next **Environment Working Group meeting** on **Thursday 20 February at 7.30pm** in the Bill Carter Room at the Village Hall.

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## National Trust Corfe Castle

National Trust

**Sat 8 and Sun 9 Feb**

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**Sat 15 Feb to Sun 23 Feb**

*A series of interactive activities will be on offer this half-term.*

*Bring your brave teddy to escape King John's castle on the teddy bear zip wire. Watch missiles launch from the castle's medieval siege engine with Trebuchet launches at 11:30am, 12:30pm and 3pm. Have fun with friends and family playing historic games. Explore the castle with the family castle quest and crafts in the Outer Bailey. Try your own medieval costume and be a knight or a maiden for the day.*

**Sat 29 February & Sun 1 March, Sat 14 & Sun 15 March, Sat 21 & Sun 22 March, Sat 28 & Sun 29 March**

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*Meet the 'Keeper of the Castle' who will take you on journey of discovery through 1,000 years. Get ready for lots of fascinating facts humour and fun.*

**Sat 7 & Sun 8 March**

*Artisan's Weekend*

*Come along and join in with Corfe Castle artisan volunteers who will be demonstrating medieval techniques in stone masonry, carpentry and crafts including wattle and daub and cow horn. See our website nearer the time for hands-on activities.*



National Trust

The National Trust has joined with Public Health Dorset and partners in a campaign encouraging people to beat the winter blues and get active in Dorset's great outdoor spaces. Along with LiveWell Dorset and Active Dorset, we're sharing to share ideas and inspiration for how you can get active outside this winter in #JoinMe.

According to the NHS, being active can reduce your risk of major illnesses such as heart disease, stroke, type two diabetes and cancer.

Research shows it can also boost self-esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy, as well as reducing your risk of stress, depression, dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Spending time outside and in nature is also great for your mental wellbeing.

Why not try:

- Making physical activity part of your everyday life by building it into your routine, for example by walking or cycling to work, or taking a walk on your lunch break,
- Taking on some new challenges, like starting Couch to 5k,
- Combining spending time with friends and family with something active, like visiting one of Dorset's fantastic country parks or National Trust properties and enjoying the outdoors with the kids.

Alex Brocklesby, The National Trust's Active Outdoor Project Officer for Dorset, said: "The National Trust in Dorset are excited to support #JoinMe to inspire everyone to get outside and experience the best of what Dorset has to offer — whether you're joining the free health cycle rides at Kingston Lacy, exploring Brownsea Island with the bird boats, walking the hills of West and North Dorset or enjoying a beach walk at Studland.

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To find out more about the health benefits of exercise visit [www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/exercise-health-benefits/](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/exercise-health-benefits/).

Councillor Laura Miller, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health at Dorset Council, said: "We can all find it difficult to motivate ourselves during the winter months, especially when it's dark and cold and the festivities of December are over.

"We're encouraging people to tackle those winter blues, get outdoors and be active with their family and friends.

"Not only is being active great for your physical health, it can really help to clear your mind and relieve stress too."

- Public Health Dorset is holding a competition to win a year's membership or parking pass for one of Dorset's country parks. All you need to do to be in with a chance of winning is go to [livewelldorset.co.uk/join-me](http://livewelldorset.co.uk/join-me) and sign up to a #JoinMe pledge. You can also find plenty of events, ideas and inspiration to help you kickstart your challenge.

Regular readers will know that the National Trust and a group of local partners are exploring the feasibility of reintroducing Eurasian beavers to the Purbeck landscape.

The aim is to deliver a range of benefits associated with water quality and biodiversity.

As an integral part of this process, we are seeking the views of local communities to identify areas where beaver impacts would be expected and agree how these situations would be managed.

In this way we want to design a project that would work for everybody.

Gen Crisford, an Engagement Officer for the National Trust, will present information about the project and invite local residents to ask questions at community presentations in Corfe Castle, Stoborough and Studland.

There will also be an opportunity to express support or any specific concerns in feedback forms.

The feedback will inform decision making in the early stages of this project.

Community presentations will take place on the following dates:

- Studland Village Hall: 7.15pm-9pm, Sunday 23 February 2020
- Corfe Castle Village Hall: 7.15pm-9pm, Monday 24 February 2020
- Stoborough Village Hall: 7.15pm-9pm, Thursday 27 February 2020



*Corfe Castle lit up for the 125th anniversary of the National Trust. Courtesy National Trust/Jon Bish*

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Corfe Castle has been lit up to mark the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the National Trust in 1895 by three people — Octavia Hill, Sir Robert Hunter and Hardwicke Rawnsley.

The trio saw the importance of the nation's heritage and open spaces, and wanted to preserve them for everyone to enjoy.

To help mark this significant moment in its history, the Trust has committed to achieving carbon net zero emissions by 2030, and establishing 20 million trees to help tackle climate change, creating green corridors for people and nature near towns and cities, running a year-long campaign to connect people with nature and continuing investment in arts and heritage.



At January's meeting we were proud to present each of our chosen charities with a cheque for £650. Dorset Cancer Care Foundation, Purbeck Citizens Advice and Footprints all do such wonderful work in our area, that our members voted for them all to benefit from our fundraising rather than just chose one. Next month we will be voting for our 2020 charity.

A lively session followed these presentations while we attempted to make medieval headdresses to wear at our Medieval Banquet, with much plaiting of material and weaving in of ivy etc. Some were more successful than others but we all had fun trying, and just enjoying a friendly chat if we were not artistically inspired.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

**February 4<sup>th</sup> My Life in Patchwork**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM and other activity**

**June 24<sup>th</sup> Summer Outing to Salisbury Races**

Members are reminded that the annual subscription [£22 ] is due at our February meeting.

Also we will be starting to collect surplus dried food and tins to donate to a food bank in Wareham.

Visitors are welcome to attend any two meetings in the year for a small charge of £3. Aquarius meets at the Village Hall at 2pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

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**Corfe Castle Village Hall**

**general news:**

Thank you for the coffee morning support in January; £190.87 was raised. Our 100 club draw is made at the coffee morning; first prize of £20 was won by member 17, with member 28 getting second prize £10 and member 7 winning the third prize £4. If you would like to become one of the villagers support the local village hall in this way, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

**regular weekly events:**

Monday evenings	Double Act
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
Tuesday afternoons	Diabetes Prevention
Tuesday evenings	Brownies
Tuesday evenings	Dance (Latin & Ballroom)
Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Wool Workshop
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Wednesday evenings	Pilates
Friday mornings	Pilates
Friday evenings	Beavers
Thursday evenings	Bingo
1st Sunday all day	Antiques Fair
1st Tuesday afternoon	Aquarius
2nd Thursday afternoon	Carpet Bowls
4th Thursday morning	Corfe Castle Carers

**regular fortnightly event:**

**regular monthly events:**

**Village Hall Coffee Morning Date Change**

The monthly Village Hall coffee morning is almost always held on the first Saturday of the month. However please note that **in February the coffee morning will be on Saturday February 8th and not February 1st**. Back to normal in March!

**Artsreach event**

Following a dazzling show by Bowjangles last month, on Saturday February 29th the innovative actors from **Scratchworks** Theatre are putting on their "Womans (like Romans but with a W)" show (see advert elsewhere in CVN).

**Fund-raising news**

We are delighted to announce that our bid to the National Lottery Community Fund for funding for technology equipment in the main hall has been successful! In due course we can look forward to enjoying much improved audio-visual equipment, which we hope will also include a hearing loop.

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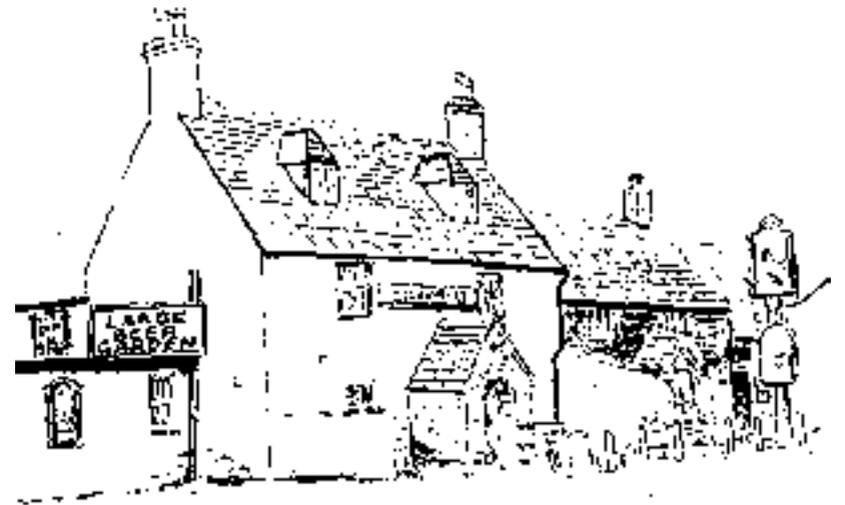
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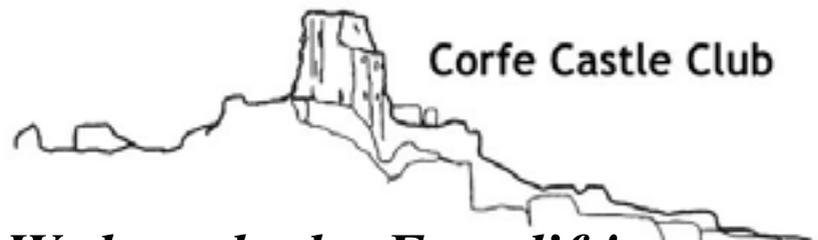
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### **Firecrests and other feathered friends**

When I was a child my father took up birdwatching as a hobby, keeping a list of all the birds that he saw either in or flying over our family garden in Paisley in Scotland. Over thirty-odd years

that list reached seventy species. Fifty years later, following in his footsteps, I have been keeping a garden bird list since I moved to Corfe over twenty years ago and that list now runs to eighty-five species.

Every day I can expect to see the usual birds in the garden such as blue tits, robins, blackbirds and so on as well as the birds that fly around the village but seldom come into the garden, such as rooks, jackdaws and herring gulls.

However, you never know what might turn up by chance as many birds move around a lot as the weather and seasons change. Over the years I have seen quite a few unusual species. Standing at the end of my back garden overlooking the meadows on a mid-summer evening I have occasionally been lucky and caught sight of a barn owl wafting across the field in search of mice and voles or of a nightjar hawking for moths.

It helps being on the south coast because Corfe Castle is under the flight path of migrating birds as they make their way between breeding and wintering grounds. So, gazing up at the sky also brings rewards now and again such as seeing an osprey heading for the castle gap and on to Poole Harbour and beyond as it migrated north in spring one year. I guess that happens every year but it's a lucky chance if you happen to be looking at the right patch of sky at the right moment on the right day! I have even seen two Sandwich terns (an adult and a youngster) flying west together along the valley in late summer – probably having come from Poole Harbour and heading to Weymouth.

I have added several species to the garden list by listening after dark for birds that I seldom or never actually see but can recognise by their calls or songs - including tawny owls which I hear hooting regularly and nightjars churring in the summer. I have also occasionally heard wading birds that make distinctive calls when migrating at night – such as oystercatchers, whimbrel and spotted redshank.

It's not just the birds that fly over the village that add variety to the usual garden residents – sometimes odd visitors turn up in the garden too. Just last year I added three new species to the garden list when a yellowhammer, a

brambling and best of all a firecrest appeared (not all at the same time!) – and disappeared just as quickly. The firecrest is one of the smallest birds in Europe, being slightly smaller even than the wren. Feeding on spiders and other invertebrates, particularly on winter ivy flowers and other evergreens, the winter distribution of this species in Britain has spread rapidly since the early 1980s. Firecrests were first recorded breeding in Britain as recently as 1962, and since then breeding numbers have shot up too, probably linked to climate change - so a success story for this species at least.

It really is surprising how many species of bird can be seen without leaving the village. There is nothing unusual about my garden, just a good mix of border plants, shrubs and small trees, and some bird food. Rather, it's a case of the more you look the more you see.

P.S. Drawings of firecrests don't really work in black & white (the clue is in the name). To find out more about them – try [bto.org/develop-your-skills/bird-identification/videos](http://bto.org/develop-your-skills/bird-identification/videos)

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## CORFE VALLEY NEWS

1	February	Saturday	10 am
2	February	Sunday	10 am – 4 pm
6	February	Thursday	7.30 pm
6	February	Thursday	8 pm
8	February	Saturday	10 am
10	February	Monday	7 pm
10	February	Monday	7.30 pm
11	February	Tuesday	7.30 pm
11	February	Tuesday	7.30 pm
13	February	Thursday	7 pm
15	February	Saturday	10.15 am
20	February	Thursday	7.30 pm
28	February	Friday	7.30 pm
29	February	Saturday	7.30 pm

## CALENDAR for FEBRUARY 2020

Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Antiques Fair	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Langton Arthouse Cinema “Apostasy”	Langton Matravers Village Hall
Gardening Club	Corfe Castle Club
Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting	Corfe Castle Town Hall
Wareham Choral Society Open Rehearsal	United Reformed Church, Wareham
Church Knowle Parish Council Meeting	Church Knowle Reading Room
Movie Night “Downton Abbey”	Harman’s Cross Village Hall
Talk “Bowels Behaving Badly”	Corfe Castle Club
Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Corfe Castle PC Environmental Group	Bankes Arms, Corfe Castle
Kimmeridge Keilidh	Kimmeridge Village Hall
Womans	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**

4	March	Wednesday	7.30 pm
21	March	Saturday	3 pm
28	March	Saturday	10 am – 12 noon
29	March	Sunday	10 am – 4 pm
3	April	Friday	7.30 pm
25	April	Saturday	7 pm
13	June	Saturday	10.30 am – 4 pm
13	August	Thursday	10.30 am – 4 pm

Langton Arthouse Cinema “Rojo”	Langton Matravers Village Hall
Marilyn Baker Concert	Emmanuel Baptist Church
Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Theatre Skills Workshop	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Ball & Socket plus Miro Vosper	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Quiz Night	Corfe Castle Village Hall
‘Coffee and more’	St Edwards Church Lawn
Church Fete	St Edwards Church Lawn

### More Useful Phone Numbers

Members of the public are advised of the following useful phone numbers for use during an emergency:

Where there is risk to life call 999

You can also contact Dorset Police using the 101 number.

#### **Power and electrical**

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks:

0800 0727282 (free phone land line) or 0345 072 1905 (free phone mobile contracts or local rate for pay as you go)

Western Power Distribution:

0800 365900 (free phone land line and mobiles)

#### **Water**

Wessex Water:

03456004600 (free from most land lines or local charges apply dependant on the land line or mobile provider)

#### **Gas**

Transco - Gas Emergency:

0800 111999 (free phone, mobile phone charged as per the local provider rate)

#### **Roads and highways**

Highways England (including incidents A35, A37 and A31):

0300 1235000 (local call rate or 3p - 40p per minute from a mobile dependant on the provider)

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01305 221000 (10p per minute from a land line or 3p - 40p per minute from a mobile dependent upon the provider)

#### **Flooding**

Environment Agency - Flood Line:

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### **DORSET EMERGENCY CARE SERVICE**

If you become ill after your surgery has closed (between 6.30pm and 8 am Monday to Friday, over the weekend and Bank Holidays)

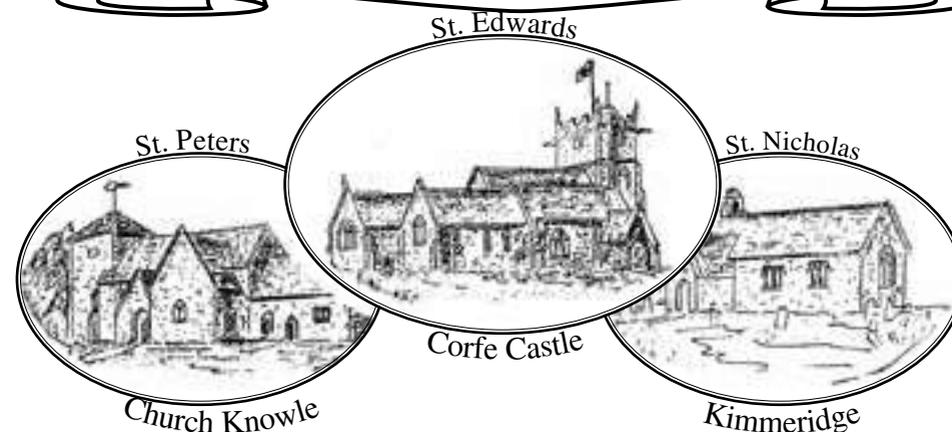
**THE NEW NUMBER TO RING IS NOW**

**111**

If you need IMMEDIATE MEDICAL HELP You should dial 999 and ask for an Ambulance

This applies to ALL patients, not just those registered with the Corfe Castle Practice

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND



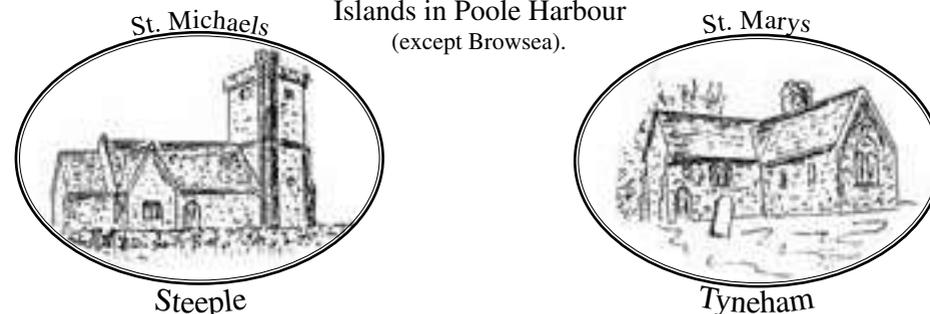
The Benefice of the Corfe Valley on the Isle of Purbeck is within the Church of England, the Diocese of Salisbury and the Deanery of Purbeck. The liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Common Worship (CW). The geographic area covered by the valley Church includes the villages of:-

Corfe Castle, Church Knowle, Kimmeridge,

Steeple (with Tyneham), the small communities of Bradle, Bucknowle,

Bushey, Norden, Rempstone, Woolgarston and the

Islands in Poole Harbour (except Browsea).



## CHURCH OF ENGLAND

*Church Sketches by kind permission of Ron Burniston*

**The Reverend Ian Jackson writes:**

There are lots of competing voices calling for our interest and attention at the beginning of January.

Much is written about healthy lifestyles – what to eat (or not), how to exercise and so on. There are many suggestions for travels. Christmas is behind us, 2020 is well and truly under way.

At the same time the church calendar appears to have got a little stuck. We're in the Epiphany season which seems to be a repeat and continuation of Christmas – in particular we're still talking and singing about wise men, and bright lights shining and guiding them. Increasingly, in cathedrals and churches you will see the crib scene still in place until February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This year, this particular January sees an historic change in the life of our nation. There is definitely a sense of moving on in this regard.

As always there will be a variety of responses to the things I have mentioned, which are themselves a mix of the routine and special events. For example, planning holidays in good time will be of great importance, and probably necessity, to some; others will prefer to leave such things until the last minute. Then, there will be those who long for such a break but for whom it will not be possible, and some who much prefer to stay at home. I don't need to rehearse the reactions to the changes in and out of national life.

What does Christian life and faith have to say in the midst of many such voices, thoughts and feelings? Human life can be both intensely rich fulfilling, and yet also for some people, and for many some of the time, incredibly demanding, daunting and over whelming.

The first chapter of St John's Gospel was heard a lot at services over Christmas. The Gospel writer expresses the meaning of Jesus' birth and life in a different way to Matthew and Luke, who do so by telling us about the visits of shepherds and wise men from the east. In John's Gospel we hear of God's Word made flesh and living among us, and being full of grace and truth.

The search for truth is constant and vital. This is immediately obvious in some walks of life – medicine and engineering come to mind. We need the appropriate treatment if we are unwell. If we are constructing a bridge, we need to have the correct measurements and calculations. This is no less true in our lives, both together and individually.

So, human life is demanding, a lot is asked of us. We believe when we are open to God he not only leads us into truth but fills our lives with his grace. This is God's generous self-giving love, which we do not have to earn. We

discover this gift in so many ways – in the life of the church, with all its faults, bit no less so throughout god's creation.

2020 is now well under way. May we indeed know God's grace and truth made known to us in Jesus.  
Ian

**Corfe Valley Church Services - February 2020**

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>
9.30 Kingston	Benefice Communion – for St Aldhelm's Benefice
3pm Corfe Castle	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in School: Informal Worship & Tea in the School Hall

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>
8.00 Corfe Castle	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Steeple	Family Communion (BCP)
10.30 Corfe Castle	Matins

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>
8.00 Church Knowle	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Corfe Castle	Parish Communion (CW)

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>
8.00 Corfe Castle	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Corfe Castle	Parish Communion (BCP)
4pm Church Knowle	Evening Prayer

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
10.30 Corfe Castle	Valley Parishes Communion
3pm Corfe Castle	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in School: Informal Worship & Tea in the School Hall

CW - Common Worship      BCP - Book of Common Prayer

On Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be one main morning service for all the 7 parishes of our St Aldhelm's Benefice.

This is at St James Kingston at 9.30. This is the first time we have worshipped together in this way.

### Scripture Readings - February 2020

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**The Presentation**

Hebrews 2: 14 – end

Luke 2: 22 – 40

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

\*Isaiah 58: 1 – 9A

1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 12

Matthew 5: 13 – 20

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Romans 8: 18 - 25

Matthew 6: 25 – end

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Sunday next before Lent**

\*Exodus 24: 12 - end

2 Peter 1: 16 – end

Matthew 17: 1 – 9

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Romans 5: 12 – 19

Matthew 4: 1 – 11

\*To be read at Matins or Evensong

### Prayer in the Benefice

Once again there will be a Season of Prayer across the Benefice, with times of prayer for Purbeck and the world. Do come along and join in. The services follow the simple form of prayer from the Church of England's forms of 'Daily Prayer' in Common Worship. This includes psalms and Bible readings and a short time of intercession and quiet prayer.

The remaining dates for the Spring season are:

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am at St Aldhelm's Chapel

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm at Kimmeridge

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am at Church Knowle

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm at Corfe Castle

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm at Steeple

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am at Worth

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 3.30pm at Langton

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am at St Aldhelm's Chapel

### A Bit about the New Benefice

Many will have not known, and it may have passed by even regular worshippers of the Churches in Corfe Valley and Purbeck Hills, but in recent months a New Benefice of St Aldhelm has been created! This Benefice encompasses all churches in Corfe Valley and Purbeck Hills under the comforting mantle of Rev Ian Jackson with assistance from Rev James Mercer. The formal setting up is all complete, but we are only just getting to grips with doing a few joint services....our first Communion being 9.30am February 2nd at St James's Kingston as mentioned by Ian above.

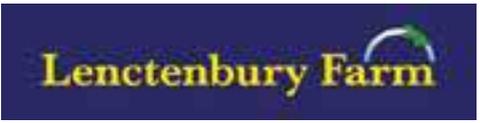
There will be a flurry of joint services around Easter, with Palm Sunday 5th April (hopefully with a donkey as usual) at St James's Kingston, Maunday Thursday 9th April in St Edwards Corfe and Good Friday 10th April in St George's Langton.

These will be great occasions to enjoy different leaders and venues to deepen our faith and make new friendships. Please join us! Becca Charron

### Benefice Notes

Ash Wednesday: as in recent years the service on this day will be Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes, for those who wish. This will be at St George's Langton at 10am.

**Elisabeth Carrington-Mail:** some will remember Elisabeth, who with her husband Jock, lived in Corfe Castle for a good number of years. Elisabeth died on December 28<sup>th</sup> and her funeral took place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at Worthing Crematorium. Elisabeth's remains will be placed alongside Jock's in God's Acre on Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>. Her family wanted you to know they will attend the 10.30 service in St Edward's that morning and the interment will take place shortly afterwards; you are welcome to join them.



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- **Short Mat Bowls@** 14.00

### TUESDAY

- **Whist Drive** – Eileen Cake 01929 552393 (alternate Tuesdays @ 7.30pm)
- **Short Mat Bowls @** 14.00

### WEDNESDAY

- **Say So Drama** – 10.30 – 12.00 with Emma for adults with learning disabilities – 07725 942609
- **Yoga** – Pam Steele - Tel 01929 556714 or [pamsteeleyoga@googlemail.com](mailto:pamsteeleyoga@googlemail.com)
- **Ballet** – Miranda Hindson - Tel 07919441836 or [Milballet@gmail.com](mailto:Milballet@gmail.com)

### THURSDAY

- **Health Qigong**– Penny Youssef - Tel 07969925502 or [pennyyoussef1@gmail.com](mailto:pennyyoussef1@gmail.com)

### FRIDAY

- **Short Mat Bowls** –@ 14.00
- **Zhineng Qigong-** Penny Youssef - Tel 07969 925502 or [pennyyoussef1@gmail.com](mailto:pennyyoussef1@gmail.com)

### SUNDAY

- **Purbeck Antiques Collectors Fayre** – (Last Sunday of each month) phone Lesley 01929 425402

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Unfortunately for the passenger, he did not have sufficient funds with him to pay, so suffered the embarrassment of having his name taken and being told to pay within a certain time.

Doesn't this incident remind us of our journey through this world when so often we are pre-occupied with worldly affairs and pleasures, that we forget to prepare ourselves for a journey that might lead us to our eventual destination, the Heavenly Kingdom, without let or hinderance? Just as the railway company lay down certain rules and conditions for its customers to enjoy travel to their destinations, so God has stated certain rules for our safe arrival in heaven.

#### Ask, Seek, Knock

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." **Matthew 7:7-8**

But it is worth remembering that for our journey we do not need a ticket. The Lord does not charge us, because He paid for our salvation on the cross at Calvary when He died to save us from our sins.

Celia Taylor (Church Secretary) Fr\_ee2talk@yahoo.co.uk Mob. 07908807115

**We meet every Sunday for  
worship at 10.30am, you  
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join us.**

**Coffee Morning with  
Cakes  
9.30am – 11.30am  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Coffee served with  
Pancakes  
10.00am – 12 noon  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

## Dorset Council launches 'Call for Ideas' to help tackle Climate Emergency

Dorset Council are looking for members of the public to submit ideas on how the Council might be able to help tackle climate and ecology concerns. Since declaring a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Councillors and officers have been working hard behind the scenes to develop ideas for a climate change strategy and action plan.

They are now calling on all Dorset residents to submit their ideas for how they think Dorset Council can reduce carbon emissions and protect the county's plants and wildlife.

This Call for Ideas is open to everybody, and each submission will be reviewed by the Council's Task and Finish groups.

The areas that are being looked at are split into five themes: –

- Buildings
- Natural Environment
- Waste and Energy
- Transport
- Leadership and Influence

Dorset residents are being asked to submit their ideas under one or more of these categories via an online form. There are also questions around barriers to action, benefits, priorities and funding that participants are being asked to answer.

Some people will be invited to present their ideas to the Climate Change and Ecological Emergency Executive Advisory Panel as part of the Council's forthcoming Climate and Ecological Inquiry Day, which will take place in February and be open to the public.

Every proposed policy and practical action submitted will be passed to the appropriate Task and Finish Group for investigation, each of which is made up of Dorset Council members and officers.

The Call for Ideas is now open until 28 February 2020, but if participants wish to have their submission considered for presentation to the panel, they should submit their idea before 16 January 2020. The results from the process will be published alongside Dorset Council's draft climate change strategy and action plan in Spring 2020, that will be open to public consultation. To find out more visit:

<https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/2019/12/16/dorset-council-launches-call-for-ideas-to-help-tackle-climate-emergency/>



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Fine Foundation Wild Seas Centre,  
Kimmeridge Bay, Wareham, BH20 5PE  
Tel: 01929 481044  
[kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk)

### Winter's Wild Seas

Here at the Wild Seas Centre we love it in winter when the waves pound against the cliffs and carry in all kinds of strange objects to be deposited on the seashore. Some, such as the cuttlefish bones, have come from close to home. Cuttlefish die off after breeding in the summer months, leaving just their white, airy bones to float on the sea's surface. The rough weather brings them ashore in large numbers at this time of year. The size can range from a tiny 2cm long to the largest at over 20cm.

Among the cuttle bones have been a few logs and plastic litter items with goose barnacles attached. These have washed in from the Atlantic Ocean where the drifting larvae attach to floating objects and can grow in large clusters. With a flexible, worm-like stalk and a head covered in an arrangement of triangular white shell-plates, these other-worldly looking animals are often still alive when they strand. With stalks writhing and shell plates opening and closing to reveal feathery feeding arms, they create a bizarre sight on the beach. At Kimmeridge we have 'rescued' a few which are feeding happily in our aquarium.

Other ocean dwellers to arrive at Kimmeridge recently have been several Portuguese man o' war. These jellyfish-like animals have long, blue tentacles which pack a powerful sting, so DO NOT TOUCH! In the open ocean they prey on tiny fish and other creatures that accidentally swim into their curtain of tentacles and are a favourite food of turtles and Ocean Sunfish which are immune to their toxins.

One of the most exciting finds this January has been of two tropical sea beans. Called sea hearts, these large beans were found at Worbarrow Bay having been carried for thousands of miles in the Gulf Stream all the way across the Atlantic Ocean from the Caribbean or tropical America. These large seeds are designed to be dispersed by the sea over large distances and can survive, drifting in sea water for up to 17 years, still able to germinate and grow if they make landfall on a suitable beach.

At the Wild Seas Centre we love to hear what you have found washed up on the beach. If you need any help with identification or would like to know more about where your 'find' has come from, please call in or drop us an email. Photographs are very welcome. The Centre is currently open on Wednesdays and Sundays from 12 until 4pm.

For more information about the centre please visit our website:  
[www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk) Julie Hatcher - Wild Seas Centre Officer

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## Notices and Thanks

### Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 in the Corfe Castle Club at 8pm. It is the AGM, but don't let that put you off!! It will probably be the shortest AGM you will ever attend - to be quickly followed by a fun quiz or similar activity.

*David*

### Harman's Cross Movie Night

On Tuesday 11 February we're showing Downton Abbey at 7.30 in Harman's Cross Village Hall. This, of course, is the continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large country estate in the early twentieth century. The film picks up where TV left off in 1927 and the grand house is a fluster upstairs and down with news that King George V and Queen Mary will be coming to stay the night and make a military inspection of local troops. Downstairs is enraged when the monarch brings his own servants whilst upstairs old sparring partners Penelope Wilton and Maggie Smith give each other their usual snippy workout. But soon scandal, romance and intrigue are unleashed leaving the future of Downton hanging in the balance. Tickets £5 on the door, which will open, along with the bar, at 7pm.

### Langton Arthouse Cinema

In March we're screening Rojo on Wednesday 4 at 7.30 in Langton Matravers' Village Hall. Rojo, or Red, is set in 1975, just before the coup d'etat that installed Argentina's military junta. What must it have been like to live with Argentina's disappeared phenomenon? They, in the mid-70s, were removed from their homes for leftism or trade unionism without trial, or trace. This film answers that disturbing, question. The story centres around Claudio, a prosperous middle-aged lawyer. One night he enters a restaurant where he is verbally attacked by a mysterious stranger, their argument continues on the street outside, and then escalates even more with drastic consequences. This eerie period film captures the darkness of mid-Seventies Argentina. In Spanish with English subtitles. Tickets £5 on the door, which will open at 7pm. Glasses will be supplied should you wish to bring your own drink with you. If you would like to see trailers for this and future films visit [www.LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk](http://www.LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk).

### Corfe Castle Youth Club

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### Probus Club of Corfe Castle

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### 'Climate Change Community Successes'

This will be new feature in the CVN celebrating ways in which our community have reduced their carbon footprint. So, if you've switched electricity supplier to a renewable provider, changed your light bulbs to an eco-alternative or splashed out on a new electric car, we'd love to hear from you! Please email: [corfecastlepc@aol.com](mailto:corfecastlepc@aol.com)



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watching a match or can help? If so please contact the secretary on 01929  
481380



### **DROP IN TIMES**

<b>Mill Lane, WAREHAM</b>	Monday	12.00 – 2.00
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	Thursday	12.00 – 2.00
<b>Town Hall, SWANAGE</b>	Monday	10.15 – 2.00

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Community Ranger  
Working on the Durlston Pleasure Ground  
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**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020, 2 pm**

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ages 13-18

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at

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### **The Corfe Castle Town Trust Requires a New Trustee**

The Trust was set up in July 1889 to repair and maintain the  
Town Hall and consisted of 8 trustees which has grown to 4  
nominated trustees & 8 co-opted trustees. There are 4  
meetings a year.

The Trust is now looking for another co-opted Trustee to take an active part in  
collating the village's history.

If interested please contact

**Emma**

[emma@elouisa.co.uk](mailto:emma@elouisa.co.uk)

## The Etches Collection Museum of Jurassic Marine Life



### Kimmeridge Bay Tours Are Back!

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Alternatively, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

### Half term Activities

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – Dino-craft day – Painting, model making & masks!

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – Fossil themed art workshop with artist in residence Caz Scott

**Fossil Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** - Bring your fossils to be identified by an expert

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Introduction to fossils & geology morning- short course

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** - Bay tour with Steve Etches

### Activities onsite:

Fossil Friday, Fossil Mould Painting, Lucky Dip, Fossil Excavation Pit, take a closer look at our handling collection under our high-powered microscope and lots more!

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You can also visit our website at [www.theetchescollection.org](http://www.theetchescollection.org) or visit our Facebook and Twitter pages.

### Volunteers Needed To Look After Local Wildlife



Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) is working with local landowners/managers along the Corfe River to improve biodiversity in the area and are looking to engage with volunteers from the local community. DWT have a number of practical conservation volunteer work parties taking place during January and February 2020. If you fancy getting involved

in helping your local wildlife along the Corfe River please contact Steve Oliver (DWT Rivers Conservation Officer) [soliver@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:soliver@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk) for more details.

### Marilyn Baker Concert At Emmanuel Baptist Church

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 At 3pm**

Marilyn Baker, the renowned blind Christian singer-songwriter, is coming to Swanage in March to perform a concert. This remarkable lady who travels the country, has a wonderful ministry of singing and telling stories together with her assistant, Tracy, who is deaf.

These ladies offer a relaxing afternoon at Emmanuel Baptist Church, on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 3pm**. The performance will be followed by refreshments and CDs will be available for sale. Tickets are available from Emmanuel Church Office (160 Victoria Avenue) from the end of January. For more information telephone 01929 427706 or you can email [events@emmanuelbc.org.uk](mailto:events@emmanuelbc.org.uk) or see [www.emmanuelbc.org.uk](http://www.emmanuelbc.org.uk)

### Keep Warm for Less in Dorset



Do you live in Dorset and have a household member with a disability or health problems?

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Check your heating system and controls in the home to save money.

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Resolve issues with your energy supplier.

“Keep Warm for Less” is available from your local Citizens Advice or by home

visits where required. For help call Citizens Advice Energy Line 01929 775500.

### **Summon a Digital Champion to get help to go online**

Don't be spooked by digital technology. If you are struggling to use the computer, tablet or smart phone there's help at hand. Superfast Dorset has a network of 70 volunteer Digital Champions who offer help and training.

There is a Digital Champion in this area;  
**Tuesdays, 2.45 pm - 5 pm - Wareham Library**



#### **Calling all book lovers!**

A popular home library service, run by Royal



Voluntary Service, the national volunteering organisation, is looking to grow its service for housebound readers in the Wareham, Corfe Castle and Swanage area.

The Home Library Service brings books to people who can no longer get to a library. It operates from most libraries in Dorset, Poole and Bournemouth.

Volunteers deliver books and share their love of reading with the people they visit. They are a friendly face and a regular visitor to those whose mobility and social interactions are limited, and they provide a useful check on the safety and well-being of their readers, too.

One of our readers commented: "It is an excellent service; it's a real delight when it is hard to get to the library oneself. The volunteer is so friendly, they may be the only person I shall see all day." Maria Jacobson, service manager for Dorset Home Library Service, says, "For people who enjoy reading or listening to an audio recording but find getting out of the house challenging, this service offers a vital link to the local library. The service enables them to carry on doing something they've always enjoyed and helps alleviate feelings of isolation and loneliness." The Home Library Service is delivered free of charge; it is not only for older people, but for anybody who finds getting to the library difficult, including carers.

To find out more or to request the service please contact the Royal Voluntary Service office on 01305 236666, or e-mail Maria on [maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk). Alternatively you can speak to staff at your local library.

### **Bench Planting**

My parents Doris and Frank Browne spent many happy years living in Corfe Castle and were part of several associations in the village in their time. They loved the area and the people. A lot of these people became good friends to my parents – especially to my mum after my dad died.



She really enjoyed her trips to the supermarkets in Wareham and Swanage on what I fondly called the 'Granny Bus' and especially loved chatting with the others on the bus. She was blessed with a neighbour who would come to the house and do her hair and her immediate neighbours were a Godsend.



She was also helped greatly by the transport provided by the doctors and hospital and the coordinators there were always going out of their way to help.

They were blessed by good and caring neighbours (I won't name them as I don't want to embarrass them but they know who they are!) Indeed my mum could not have stayed in her house as long as she did if it hadn't been for

them. They were her rock.

To commemorate the many happy years that they spent in Corfe and to give something back to the community we have installed a bench on the football field by the playground and we hope that it will provide you all with somewhere to sit and admire the castle. Again the neighbours pitched in to help to carry it over the field for which we are very grateful as it was extremely heavy.

Thank you Corfe Castle for giving my parents so much enjoyment over the years.

Jude Browne

## LES BUGLER

Jill and family wish to thank all the people who attended Les's Funeral and Wake at Church Knowle Village Hall on the 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

Thank you to those who sent flowers, messages of sympathy and cards filled with wonderful memories about Les. In total the donations received in memory of Les were £608.21. This has been divided between Corfe Castle Surgery and Wareham & Purbeck District Nurses who helped us care for Les.

We would like to extend our special thanks to John Smith, Emma and her team at Clavells, Jill and Sue for the beautiful wreath of roses, Dr Mark Lepper and his team at Corfe Surgery, the Wareham & Purbeck District Nurses especially Jeanette Huish and Ollie Oddy and team at Albert Marsh Funeral Directors.

Les was a fantastic, loving, kind and caring, husband, Dad, and Grandad who was adored by his grandchildren. His legacy is left in the many building he worked on in the parish and beyond from the smallest of jobs to the large farm buildings and factory units and the play area in Church Knowle. In his semi-retirement he skilfully made many wooden toys for the Grandchildren.

Many of his friends, workmates, Councillor's, village residents and customers held him in high regards.

Les will be missed by many for his advice on building in particular Carpenter & Joinery, planning, his passion and understanding of gardening, fishing and motorbikes. He was always happy to give his time and advice for free. He will leave behind a unfillable gap in his family and the community he was so passionate about.

## Charity of the Year Donation

Crossways Travel, local Coach Tour Operator based nr Dorchester are pleased to announce that this year they have raised a staggering £2420 for their chosen local charity "Mosaic".

The money was generated by various events on board their coach tours, including the annual Christmas Raffle at their recent Christmas Party Lunch. Owners Matt & Kadi Crocker said this has been the most we have ever raised for our charity of the year and we are so happy. It comes down to the generosity of our customers and the hard work and dedication of our fantastic small team of staff and drivers. Mosaic give a valuable service to our community offering bereaved children much needed counselling and support as well as organising events and days out for the children. The money will be used for a variety of things to support children across our County.



From Left To Right - Matt Crocker (Owner), Kadi Crocker (Owner), Sonia Abbiss (Office Manager), Andy Danoris (Driver), Jeff Holmes (Driver)

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## Do you enjoy singing?

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## Dorset Digital Champion and cyber security expert releases new book to help protect you from crime

An essential guide to help people take steps to protect themselves from cyber and identity crime is released this month from the British Computer Society.

The guide has been co-written and edited by Andy Taylor, a volunteer Digital Champion with Dorset Council who also works full time as an independent information security adviser following a career in the Royal Navy.

Andy is based at Sherborne Library on a voluntary basis, providing free support and advice to anyone needing help with basic digital skills. He is one of 75 Digital Champions volunteering in Dorset libraries to help people with computers, tablets, phones and more. Most have gained experience from their professional careers.

As Andy explains in his new book, information security fraud has evolved more rapidly than any other crime with the onset of computers and the digital world. Says Andy, "We mitigate against crime and injury everyday by following set rules and best practice. As an analogy, we drive vehicles and take a lot of risk going from A to B but we follow the rules of the road to stay safe. We can't take the risks away, but we know where they are and take steps to avoid injury. The same applies to information security. Paying by debit card on a reputable website, carries a risk, but it is very small so we take it. The risks increase significantly though when connecting to an insecure Wi-Fi where the credentials are unclear."

### Take steps to protect yourself against cyber and information crime

- Consider using Paypal, it is very secure - <https://www.paypal.com/uk/home>
- Never put any financial information including banking or credit card details in an email, it is not secure.
- Be quick to install the latest versions (patches) in software. Criminals look for the weaknesses in the old versions to exploit.
- Always use websites with https:\\ the 's' actually stands for security and will generate a padlock, make sure it is not crossed out. If the website does not have the 's', do not shop there.

- Protect your documents. Always shred all discarded documents that contain personal information (including name and addresses) and recycle using a trustworthy document destruction company. An advantage that identity and cyber criminals have on their side is the time to sift through and pull together information from everywhere.

To get help from a Digital Champion simply call 01305 221048 and we will match you with a friendly volunteer in your own area who will help you feel right at home in the digital world.



**pays homage to the father of computer science, image from The Sherborne Community Mural.**

To buy the book called Information Security Management Principles 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition go online to the BCS bookshop (<https://shop.bcs.org>) or visit any good bookseller including Winstone Books in Sherborne.

**Role Reversal: Alan Turing cracked code for good, now it is criminals doing it. Dorset Digital Champion**

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## Pioneer view February 2020

Hope is at the very core of the Growing Compassionate Community's vision. We seek in all our activities and engagements with other communities to grow hope. I want to spell out our vision of hope within the Growing Compassionate Communities' charity.

**H is for hospitality.** In the communities in which we serve we seek to offer a form of radical hospitality in terms of different activities, doorways back into the community for those on the margins of our communities. As I travel around communities, I see so much loneliness in communities we serve. I believe it's a hidden disease and needs treating. By offering radical hospitality in communities it can help alleviate the pain of loneliness.

**O is for opportunity.** We need to seize the day and make the difference in the lives of individuals and communities. As starfish are washed up by the storms of life onto the beach, we need to grasp the opportunity to throw them back into the sea and make a difference to them.

**P is for Passionate.** Passion is the fuel in the tank. It is what drives us to offer radical hospitality and grasp the opportunity to make a difference.

**E is for Encouragement.** We all need encouragement in our journey. I know I need it as a leader. What encourages me more than anything else is growing hopeful communities and making a difference and witnessing the fruit of our labours.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> March at St Nicholas Church Corfe Mullen the Growing Compassionate Communities charity is leading and hosting a conference titled "Growing Hope in our communities". Its key that we seek to grow hope where hope is not.

Hope is that we can make differences. There is always light at the end of the tunnel.

Let me end with some quotes about hope to reflect on:

**"Once you choose hope, anything's possible". Christopher Reeve**

**"Everything that is done in this world is done by hope". Martin Luther**

**"I dwell in possibility". Emily Dickinson**

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## HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL – FEBRUARY AND MARCH EVENTS

### Movie Nights

**Tuesday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – DOWNTON ABBEY** - The beloved Crawleys and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from the king and queen of England soon unleashes scandal, romance and intrigue -- leaving the future of Downton hanging in the balance. Film starts 7.30. Licensed bar.

**Tuesday Mar 10<sup>th</sup> – JUDY** - Thirty years after starring in "The Wizard of Oz," beloved actress and singer Judy Garland arrives in London to perform sold-out shows at the Talk of the Town nightclub. While there, she reminisces with friends and fans and begins a whirlwind romance with musician Mickey Deans, her soon-to-be fifth husband. Starring Renée Zellweger. Film starts 7.30. Licensed bar

### **MUSIC NIGHT – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30 pm**

#### **Jazz with the Amy Roberts Quintet**

Amy Roberts is a multi-awards winning saxophonist, clarinetist and flautist. Over the past ten years she has featured regularly in the British Jazz Awards, winning the Rising Star category in 2009 and 2009 and Miscellaneous for flute in 2015. She's earned a reputation throughout the UK and Europe as a charismatic performer and has toured with some of the world's best musicians. Licensed bar.

### **MUSIC NIGHT – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30 pm**

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### **COFFEE JUNCTION fortnightly Thursdays at 10.30**

This is a lovely little group of villagers, just meeting to chat and share coffee and biscuits. Why not come along and join us? Free to come in, free car parking, and a warm welcome.

### **STALLS IN THE HALL**

Next one is Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> – sorry, no event in Feb ! Coffee, cakes, crafts, warmth and friendly stallholders. Public welcome from 9.30- admission free !. Don't be late or you'll miss all the bargains.....

**POST OFFICE** – Every Thursday from 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Most PO facilities available with no queues and no parking problems! Most post office services available !

**CHURCH SERVICES (6.00 p.m.)** - Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 15<sup>th</sup>

**PURBECK U3A ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP** - Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 27<sup>th</sup>

**PURBECK U3A MONTHLY 'MEETING POINT' (9.00 a.m.)** - Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 26<sup>th</sup>

**PURBECK U3A QUILTING GROUP** - Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

**PURBECK U3A COMPUTER GROUP** - Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 6<sup>th</sup>, Mar 20<sup>th</sup>

**NEW! PURBECK U3A ADVANCED DRIVING GROUP- Meeting room** –, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 13<sup>th</sup>

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> - come along and meet your Parish Councillors. Public participation time - first 15 minutes. And still room for you to be co-opted to serve your community – why not?

### **WEEKLY EVENTS:**

U3A French group –Wednesday mornings from 9.00 a.m

Table Tennis group (U3A) Monday mornings from 9.00 a.m

Pins & Needles – Monday afternoons from 2.00 pm

Life Drawing with 'Swanage Lifers' Thursday afternoons, 2.00 pm

Art with Judy – Tuesday afternoons from 2.00 p.m.

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- Thai Duck Salad** sliced duck breast on a bed of bean sprouts, spring onions, carrots and peppers with a spicy Thai dressing.
- Seafood Chowder** a luxurious creamy soup of smoked haddock, prawns, mussels and salmon.
- Seafood Sharing Platter** King Prawns, salt and peppered calamari, crab fishcakes, seafood chowder shots and salmon ceviche. Served with dressed mixed leaves, and a trio of dips (lemon mayonnaise, sweet chilli and Marie Rose). (£3 supplement)
- Chicken Truffle and Herb Terrine** served with toasted brioche, mixed leaves and chutney.
- Red Orzo Risotto with Parmesan** Orzo pasta with chargrilled peppers, saffron, tomatoes and olives finished with Parmesan cheese.

## Mains

- Tuna Steak** pan fried tuna loin on a bed of rocket, served with the classic Italian salsa verde, and caramelised lemons.
  - Fillet of Monkfish** Monkfish with an olive and anchovy tapenade wrapped in Parma ham and served with a roasted tomato sauce.
  - Kimmeridge Sirloin Steak** Sirloin steak cooked to your preference, served with gourmet chips, and a Dorset Blue Vinny cheese sauce.
  - Loin of Venison from "Kimmeridge" Farm** with a cranberry stuffing wrapped in pancetta served with a redcurrant and juniper jus. (£4 supplement)
  - Rack of Lamb** Rack of Kimmeridge lamb with a crushed pea and mint stuffing, served with a Madeira sauce. (£4 supplement)
  - Pork Wellington** Pork tenderloin from "Kimmeridge" farm topped with black pudding, wrapped in filo pastry, served with a cider cream sauce.
  - Mushroom Bourguignon** Portobello, chestnut, porcini mushrooms, with shallots, and carrots in a rich red wine sauce.
- All of the above dishes are served with dauphinoise potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

## Desserts

- Chocolate Fondue to Share** Dark Chocolate and brandy, white chocolate and Baileys dipping sauces served with a selection of fresh fruits and marshmallows.
- Passion Fruit Syllabub** with homemade shortbread.
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## Kimmeridge News

### Christmas Eve 2019

The Kimmeridge Christmas Eve Nativity Celebration was a great success with a wonderful cast of young people (of all ages!) taking part. As ever, the Church was packed with villagers for this very special annual event in the Kimmeridge calendar



### Kimmeridge Community Committee

The Kimmeridge Village Hall Committee has re-branded itself to reflect its wider role and is now called the “Kimmeridge Community Committee”. At our last meeting we welcomed new members: Emma, Laura, Anthony & Donna. We will be launching the new committee on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – watch the village signs for details nearer the time.

### Kimmeridge Keilidh – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Our next Kimmeridge Keilidh (Barn Dance!) is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm in Kimmeridge Village Hall at The Etches Collection. Come & dance to Arish Mel English Ceilidh Band with our caller Dick Williams and an interval spot from the singing duo “Maythorn” who always manage to delight us with their beautiful songs and wit! Tickets on the door £5 adults, £2.50 children. No Bar – so bring your own dinks & nibbles!

**Steve & Helen Earwicker**

## Award For Signalling Scheme Enabling Trains

### To Run On The National Railway Network To Wareham



**An innovative signalling system – enabling trains to run from the Swanage Railway on the national railway network to Wareham – has won a national award for quality as well as the blend of heritage and modern technology.**

Dedicated Swanage Railway volunteers won the Abellio Signalling Award at the National Railway Heritage Awards in London with the competition celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the presence of Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal.



*Norden Gates Class 50s 050 & 007 Swanage to Derby train Saturday 11 June 2016  
Courtesy Andrew PM Wright*

A retired electrical engineer with the Ministry of Defence Scientific Civil Service – led the signalling project linking the heritage railway with the national railway network.

Mike said: “I was absolutely thrilled, especially to be given the award by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal. The award is important because it recognises the key role of a properly signalled link with the national railway network, enabling us to operate services to Purbeck from Wareham and beyond.

“The biggest challenge of the project was meeting the very demanding standards imposed on us by Network Rail for operating in part on an electrified main line into Wareham station,” he added.

When trains run from the Swanage Railway on to the national railway network at Worgret Junction – or vice versa – they are signalled by the Corfe Castle

station signal box which liaises with the Network Rail signalling centre at Basingstoke in Hampshire.

Swanage Railway signalling engineers installed Edwardian key-token signalling equipment at Wareham station, in Corfe Castle signal box as well as in a new signal box built at Norden Gates level crossing, west of Norden station.

Built in the style of the Victorian signal box at Lyme Regis station in west Dorset, Norden Gates signal box handles trains on the four miles of restored line between Norden station and Worgret Junction, a mile west of Wareham station.

In their report, one of the award judges wrote: “Here is an entry which stands out because it brilliantly combines the traditional with the most modern. The



*NRHA signalling award Norden Gates to Wareham December 2019 Courtesy Andrew PM Wright*

Swanage Railway deserves rich praise for keeping heritage alive in this way, a notable achievement which has been accomplished with dedication and finesse.”

“The scheme also provides huge and lasting benefits going forward to the railway and the local communities through the facility for through running from Wareham. All concerned can be justifiably proud of what has been achieved and has been well worth all the hard work that has been involved,” added the judge.

It is hoped to have a formal unveiling ceremony for the Abellio Signalling Award plaque on the Swanage Railway in the Spring of 2020. The award ceremony took place at the Merchant Taylors’ Hall, in the City of London, on Wednesday, 4 December, 2019.

The National Railway Heritage Awards is an independent charitable trust while the signalling award sponsor Abellio is a leading national provider of train and bus services.

**The Swanage Railway always welcomes new volunteers so, for a chat, contact Swanage Railway volunteer co-ordinator Mike Whitwam on 01929 475212 or email him at [iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk](mailto:iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk).**



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## Messy Gardening to Help the Environment

**2019 will stick in the memory as the year when Climate emergency and ecological crisis became mainstream. In Corfe, as well as in other Parishes of Purbeck, people are coming together to work out how to respond collectively to this massive challenge.**

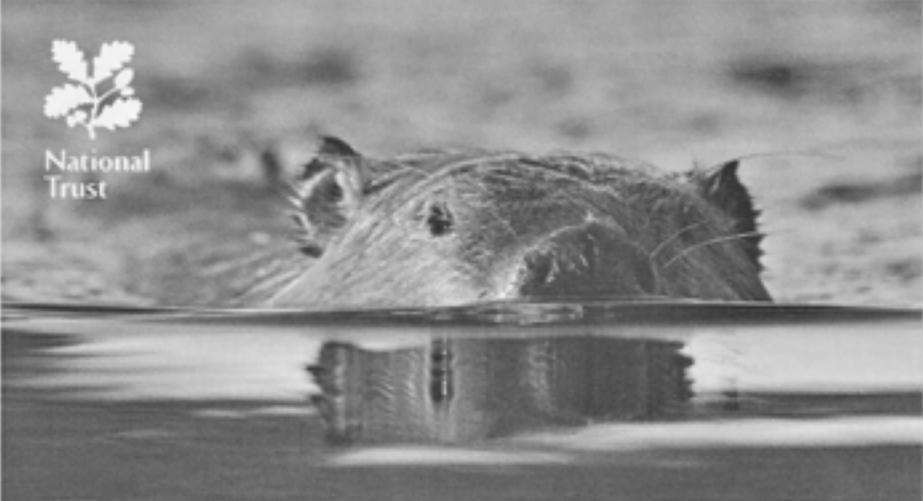
Responding to these two hugely way of life changing catastrophes (more extreme weather, less varied nature) requires us to act, even when our knowledge and data is imperfect.

Whilst Corfe Castle Parish Council and National Trust are looking at some big plans across Purbeck, every one of us can play our part in reducing the impact of climate change. This will enable nature to adapt to a warmer, more extreme, climate.

Here's some immediate things to do in your garden to make a difference now, with some ideas of how we can together work together more ambitiously.

1. **Make your garden messier!** Neat and tidy isn't as good for nature as a garden that's rougher and wilder around the edges leaves plenty of places for birds and small mammals to enjoy.
2. **Get some water in.** Even the smallest regular source of water is valuable for animals to find in droughts, and the insects emerge provide food for bats and birds.
3. **Plant a tree.** Preferably native and with berries! Hawthorn is a great (albeit prickly) small tree to have in your garden with blossom in May (although that is becoming more like April now) and berries in the autumn.
4. **Boost the amount of nectar available for pollinating insects.** Plant bee friendly flowers (look for the symbol).
5. **Something more ambitious for the future.** Would you be interested in helping some of Corfe's rarest plants? Plant chamomile and small scabious from seed at home... We'll be trying to get this to happen on a larger scale this year.

The above may seem insignificant, but the twin challenges of climate and ecological emergencies require local as well as global action to make a difference and we all have a role to play. **Please also come along to Corfe Castle's environmental group meetings on the third Thursday of every 1 month!**



**Purbeck beaver feasibility project**  
Local community information evenings

Studland Village Hall: Sunday 23rd February 2020  
Corfe Castle Village Hall: Monday 24th February 2020  
Stoborough Village Hall: Thursday 27th February 2020

7.15pm - 9pm (including time for questions and answers)

The National Trust and a group of local partners are exploring the feasibility of reintroducing Eurasian beavers to the Purbeck landscape. Find out more and have your say to inform decision making in the early stages of this project.

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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>MONDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
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	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 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
Each	6.00 - 8.00 pm	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
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