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Editorial

So, the rain continues. The Isle of Purbeck Golf Club have produced figures which show that the rainfall so far this winter, September to January, has far exceeded anything in recent years; in the period September to January the golf course has recorded 714 mm of rain. This compares with an average rainfall of around 450 mm for the same period over the last five years. It is certainly a really good thing that the old PDC did not agree to the proposal to build houses on the Wareham floodplains.

The Parish Council environmental group is continuing its excellent work and has instituted regular meetings to talk about what can be done and to share ideas. There is a new short item in this magazine in the Notices and Thanks section about one success story which has been carried out by the Community Library. Do please send in your thoughts and ideas so we can expand this item and share what we are all doing. For example I have planted 8 trees in my garden over the last few years. Some to replace fallen trees some new.

The clocks all change at the end of this month; I always think that the day when the clocks go forward is the best day of the year, as we come out of the drear of winter into the bright days of summer.

Stephen

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*The front page is a sketch of Corfe Village from the Rings
done by P R Gross in 2009*

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

FEBRUARY AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Fooks spoke on behalf of a member of the public who was unable to attend the meeting. The Parishioner requested fisheye mirrors be installed at the exit of Little East common and at a private exit onto East Street, near to The Pound. The Council responded, advising that Dorset Council do not support the installation of fisheye mirrors on the highway. The Council will make enquiries with Highways to see if anything can be done to improve the visibility.

Following an incident of horses escaping from the common, James Gould of the National Trust asked if the gates to the common had been fixed adequately to secure the horses? Cllr Fooks advised a spring had been fitted but that it was not effective and doesn't always work. She asked that all the gates that exit onto a highway be looked at and that adequate fittings are in place. The Trust have installed an **electric car charging point** at Castle View which will soon be ready to use. They have yet to agree on what terms it will be available and what charges, if any, will be made.

The Council's **Parking and Traffic Study** has been referred to Dorset Highways to comment on the feasibility of recommendations and having received their feedback the PC will begin to consult stakeholders.

The Clerk had contacted the tree team at Dorset Council to ask what the process is for determining a decision on a **treeworks application**. Does the officer visit the site? The Council had received no response to date. The Council would like to request change to Dorset Council's tree policies and this is a project to work on.

The Clerk had contacted the Saturn Trust, the school and the Governing body to see if they were willing to hold a meeting for parents; giving parents an opportunity to raise any concerns they may have. The Saturn Trust have responded to say that they have put various measures in place to improve communications between the school, the Trust and parents.

At the request of a parishioner the PC are researching a **permissive footpath from Woodyhyde Campsite** to the village and they are currently liaising with landowners to see if they are willing to grant permission for a path. The Council were asked to investigate the restoration of **finger posts** in the Parish. The Clerk has identified two finger posts in need of repair, one in Kingston and one on the Rempstone Road. The council are able to get

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

grant funding for a proportion of the work but a resolution was required for expenditure to meet the balance. Before coming to a decision, the Council wish to know who owns the finger posts.

Following the recent consultation on the **Middle Halves Play Area**, Cllr Fooks presented a provisional plan for play apparatus. The plan covers a lot of the requests on the 'wish list' generated in the consultation. The suggested scheme is designed by the same manufacturer who created the 'train' at Norden and will occupy the space where the adults fitness equipment currently resides, all the other current play equipment will remain. Some members raised concerns that there may be objections to the removal of the fitness equipment. Cllr Fooks responded that she had only received one response that requested the retention of the fitness equipment. **The scheme will be presented to the village at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 23rd of March and this will be a great opportunity to get comments and feedback.** Please come along and **let us know what you think.**

The resident's car park in West Street is in urgent need of repair. The Clerk had sought quotes to improve the surface but had not received enough information on which to base a recommendation to the Council. The three quotes varied immensely as did the schedule of works. The item was deferred to the March meeting.

The Council is meeting representatives from Dorset Council to discuss **Speed Indicator Devices**. Whilst the village is currently served by a SID provided by Dorset Council (at Castle View) this arrangement is soon likely to cease. Dorset Council propose that like other parishes, the Parish Council purchase their own unit, at a cost of around £2500, which will reside permanently in the village and be moved periodically around two sites every six weeks. Cllr N Dragon had several queries; who would move the SID and how much would highways charge to do so if the Council were unable to find volunteers. He is also interested to know about the siting of a proposed SID and will ask where the Council would be permitted to position a unit. **The Council will present their findings at the Annual Parish Meeting** and seek views from the Parish; **do you want to see a permanent Speed Indicator Device in the village?**

A village resident has offered £2000 towards village projects. The Council has had two proposals for this offer: new equipment for the playground and blood pressure monitoring equipment for the surgery. There is still time for other proposals and at the March meeting we will then forward the ideas to the donor for their decision.

Cllr Parish raised concerns about the condition of the B3351 and hazardous ice on the road. There are two issues to address: firstly, the cause of water on the road; the drainage needs to be considered and secondly how is an emergency response initiated when there is a present hazard. Cllr Spicer Short had suggested recruiting the services of a group, 'Communities Prepared' who may be able to assist with the logistics of arranging an emergency response to highways matters.

On planning matters the Council had no objection to the removal of disused barn/sheds, repair of dilapidated structure and construction of replacement store/workshop at Glebe House, Bucknowle. To install an LPG fuel tank with concrete base, associated pipework & screening, internal alterations including lifting existing floor, erect fire lining & replace 2 doors at Scotland Farm. To roof alterations and loft conversion to include insertion of dormer window to south side elevation at Tom's Mead, Corfe Castle. To Install a balanced flue for new boiler through existing roof at 4 East Street, Corfe Castle and to a variation of condition 3 (Approved Plans) of planning permission 6/2018/0567 (Installation of a new Power Generation Plant) to revise the design of the plant to be more operationally efficient and allow maintenance access at Wytch Farm Gathering Station. The Council deferred commenting on an application to extend existing garage and erect an outbuilding at 3 The Lane, Kingston and have delegated decision making to the planning working group.

The next meeting will be held on the 9th March 2020 at 7pm in Corfe Castle Town Hall.

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

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 the 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 month!**

Corfe Castle Parish Council invite you to

The Annual Parish Meeting

7pm March 23rd 2020

Corfe Castle Village Hall

This year the Council are inviting all village and community groups to update the parish on any projects or news they may want to share. If you have something to present, please contact the Clerk.

As well as summarising the years events and a presentation on their environmental agenda, the Parish Council will be presenting and consulting on two major projects currently on their agenda;

The Purchase of a Speed Indicator Device and New Play Apparatus for the Middle Halves

Please come along and **let us know what you want you think**. There will also be an opportunity to talk to Parish Councillors and put to them any queries or suggestions you may have.

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NEWS FROM CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL

The February meeting of the Parish Council was in the Reading Room at Church Knowle, the wood burner blazing well and providing a cosy atmosphere for the five Councillors and a Parishioner who braved the elements; not forgetting the Clerk, of course. Cllr Higgs was in the Chair for the first part of the meeting, which included declarations of interest (of which there were none), public discussion (of which there was none) and apologies for non-attendance (of which there were two), and on his resignation Cllr Parker was duly elected for continuation. It was decided that there would be no Vice-chairman on this occasion and the meeting continued with the confirmation of the Minutes for the January meeting. The only matter arising from the Minutes was news of the late Cllr Mike Lovell's funeral and that whilst none of the Parish Councillors were able to attend, the Parish Council was represented by a retired Purbeck District councillor.

Being that this was a "mini-meeting", which deals mainly with planning and financial matters, it was decided to postpone several matters, including a discussion of the way ahead for the replacement of the badly damaged fingerposts at East Creech and Barnston Cross until the March meeting. There were no new planning applications for discussion and the result of the recent application for work at Pine Trees Farm, which is outwith the Parish but close to the Parish boundary, was noted.

The planned adoption of the Church Knowle street lamp was discussed and the Clerk gave an update on progress and advised Members that it was hoped that adoption would be completed early in April. Adoption would mean that it would be Dorset Council who would be responsible for the maintenance of the unit and payment of the electricity bill thereby reducing costs to the Parish. Bearing in mind that the electricity company had considerably increased their charges to the Parish as a result of their closure of the current unmetered contract, the savings would not be inconsiderable.

The meeting was given an update from Cllr Parker regarding discussions with the Parochial Church Council and Salisbury Diocese about the access rights to the Parish Council cemetery through the churchyard. The Clerk advised Members that a request had been made to Lloyds Bank for the deeds, etc., of the cemetery to be brought out of secure storage by the bank so that they could be examined by the PCC and CKPC to enable further work to be done on the access issue.

The meeting went on to discuss the Corfe River environmental project and work carried out at Furlong Copse, etc., by Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT). The issue of financial transparency in the management of the project by DWT came up again and it was decided to write to the Environment Agency to express CKPC's continuing concerns about how the project was being managed by the trust and also the snail's pace of the project and works ancillary to it. It was decided that the Council would send a Member

or two to a meeting with Imerys, DWT and other "stakeholders" on 18th February to give further CKPC input.

The meeting then went on to discuss the future of maintenance of the playground and playing-field following the sad death of Cllr Bugler. The Council had invited quotes from three firms for a gardening contract and two had submitted quotes. They were examined in depth and, on the basis of best value, the gardening and grounds maintenance was awarded to a small local gardening business based nearby.

Next up came "Financial Matters". The accounts were in good order and bills were paid. It was decided to examine the electricity bill from SSE in greater depth as the Clerk had some concerns about it and payment would be deferred until both the Clerk and Council were satisfied. The parish precept was confirmed at £8,000.00p for the next financial year since there would be increased costs because of the need payment for gardening services. However, the Council decided to use funds in the bank account in a contingency manner to buffer the costs and keep the precept to as small an increase as could be afforded. The Council will have to re-visit this within the next two years since it only has a small amount of funds available for contingencies.

The Clerk confirmed his intention to retire as Clerk to the Council & Proper Officer at the end of the financial year. He would, however, carry on to ensure that everything would run smoothly after that date. There will be a recruitment advertisement appearing in the near future.

An update was given on the archive store which will shortly be painted. An electricity supply has been fitted and the Council will be looking around for shelving to hold all the records. Obviously, there will need to be an alteration to the insurance policy to cover the unit and, no doubt, this will also lead to increase costs.

And that was just about that for the February meeting. Cllr Parker closed the meeting and we all went home. The March meeting will be at Furzebrook village hall on 10th March at 7:30pm.

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Corfe Castle Surgery

We are pleased to welcome Tracey Stokes who is our new dispenser, she has already started so many of you may have already met her.

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Friends of Corfe Castle Surgery is a registered charity which relies on a team of volunteer drivers to provide transport for surgery and hospital appointments for patients who need this form of assistance.

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Surplus funds are used to provide items for the benefit of patients and last year we provided funding to purchase a piece of equipment for the new minor surgery unit at Corfe Castle Surgery.

We currently need to recruit more drivers to join our existing team.

If you could spare some time for this very worthwhile cause, please contact the co-ordinator: Kathy Morris, on 01929 425890 for more details

Jenny Wilson is hoping to organize another First Aid course in the village as the last two were so successful. Please contact Jenny on 01929 481271 if you are interested in attending.

This year, Good Friday is the 10th April and Easter Monday the 13th April. Please ensure you have enough repeat medication for the long weekend and also put in any medication requests bearing in mind these additional closures.

Tina Sturgeon

Patient Participation Group

Health Talks

The programme of health talks continues!

The next one is on THURSDAY 2ND APRIL when Dr Sue Hazel, consultant geriatrician, will speak on 'UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA'. It will be at 7.0 as usual but **please note the change of venue** to the Bill Carter Room in the Village Hall. Do come along and support us – everyone welcome of course.

Advance notice too of the talk on THURSDAY 7TH MAY. Dr Janice Main who spoke very entertainingly last year on keeping safe on holiday is returning to talk this time on 'infectious diseases- an update on immunisations and epidemics'. It promises to be relevant to all ages, from parents of young children through to some of us older people.

The Purbeck Leg Club

The Leg Club is flourishing. Last week many of the patients were asked for their views and the feedback was extremely positive. Purbeck Coast FM Radio heard about the Club and came to make a programme about what we are doing. They spent the morning recording interviews with patients, nurses and volunteers. Other recent visitors have also been very impressed by the informal atmosphere and the way everyone mixes together in a relaxed way.

Carers' Time

If you are a local carer and would like to consider joining us and a few other carers for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee, do come along one morning without commitment to see whether you'd find it's something you'd like to come to more regularly. You can be sure of a very warm welcome and a friendly listening ear. The next one is on THURSDAY 26th MARCH 10.0-12.0 in the Village Hall Hub Room.

First Aid Course

Many thanks to Jenny Wilson, who with the backing of the Friends of Corfe Castle Surgery and the PPG, has organised two popular one-day courses in the village. There will be further courses if there is sufficient demand.

PPG membership

At our recent quarterly meeting we said farewell to Roger Free who has been a committed member since the Group's early days. We thanked him for all he had done to support it. We welcomed a new member, Erin Seldon, from Langton. She will reduce the average age considerably!

We would be glad to hear from any youngsters, (aged 16 upwards), especially but not exclusively those thinking about a possible career in the health sector, who might be interested in joining us for a few meetings. They could find out more about our PPG and how the surgery works - and in return they might shake us up with some new ideas on how the needs of Corfe's younger patients can best be met. Let us know!

Purbeck Pledge

As mentioned last month we are planning to support this Dorset-wide initiative about making the most of getting outdoors and improving our health. We would like to organise some of our own activities here in Corfe in May, possibly on one day. We are beginning to toss around some ideas about what we might do to suit everyone, from gentle exercise, e.g. yoga, to more active sports and walking. Now we need your help! Please tell us what sort of activities you'd enjoy taking part in so do let us have any suggestions. Also we'd really love to hear from you if you or anyone you know could offer to help run an event for us. We'd be very grateful. We want to make it fun and encourage lots of you to come. Thanks.

Corfe Castle Surgery Patient Participation Group

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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.

Sat 4 to Sun 19 April

Cadbury Easter Hunt

Come along and explore the hidden places of Corfe Castle medieval ruins to complete 'The Easter Hare' trail and claim a Cadbury chocolatey treat as a reward.

Thurs 9 to Mon 13 April

Wolfshead Bowmen

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Mon 25 May

Corfe Castle Village Fair

May fair celebrations organised and presented by Corfe Castle village, with a selection of local stalls, food and drink, a dog agility show and more.



National Trust

We're giving away 3,000 tiny trees to Purbeck community groups and visitors to help more people become part of creating a greener future.

Over the February half term, visitors to Studland Bay were able to take home a sapling to plant in their gardens, balconies or shared spaces.

The trees are all native British species such as hawthorns and field maples and came with instructions for planting and looking after them, along with other ideas for action on the environment.

Hundreds more saplings are going to Greening Swanage, Langton Planet Action and the Corfe Castle Parish Council Environment Group, who will be planting them in community spaces.

Those who take part in our popular Trust10 monthly run will also be offered trees, and our own staff and volunteers can also get in on the act.

"Planting a tree is just one example of the sort of practical step we can all take to combat the climate emergency," said National Trust Engagement Officer Tom Clarke.

"It's encouraging that more and more communities and individuals want to play their part in building a sustainable future and we want to support them as much as we can."

"We are all in this together and the special places we look after are just as much at risk from the climate emergency as anything else."

Nationally, the Trust has committed to planting 20 million trees by 2030, creating 18,000 hectares of new woodland.

That will help us tackle climate change by reducing our own emissions further and by capturing more carbon in our land to become carbon net zero by 2030.

Why not try something new? Join our friendly team of volunteers and help make every visit to National Trust places in Purbeck a special one.

We have a wide range of roles available at Corfe Castle, Studland Bay and elsewhere, so you're bound to find something that's right for you.

Our volunteers offer as much or as little of their time as they are comfortable with and we'll work with you to help you enjoy the rewards of volunteering as part of a busy life.

Corfe Castle

Corfe Castle needs you! Do you want to give back to the community? Share your love of history and heritage? Do you want to inspire the next generation and bring the past to life for them? Corfe Castle is currently looking for volunteer learning guides to help lead educational visits. Teaching experience is not necessary, but an interest in working with young people is. Detailed knowledge of the castle's history is not necessary either, as full training will be given. For more information please contact cornelia.wagner@nationaltrust.org.uk.

We would also welcome more visitor welcome volunteers and, for those with an interest in traditional crafts such as stone masonry, our artisan volunteers meet weekly.

Finally, volunteer rangers help our outdoor team ensure the castle looks its best.

Studland Bay

We are looking for volunteers to help our visitors enjoy their time in Studland and help run events. Other roles include assisting with educational visits.

Alternatively, become a Coastodian! Our work is all about looking after special places like Studland Bay for everyone to enjoy, and Coastodians are volunteers who love the coast and want to help protect it.

Purbeck

Handypeople: Our friendly group meets twice a week to carry out a range of practical tasks necessary for the upkeep of our buildings and infrastructure across Purbeck. This would suit anyone with DIY skills or trade experience who enjoys working as part of a team.

Gardeners: Our small but dedicated gardening group is also looking for new members to help look after holiday cottage gardens throughout Purbeck, the vegetable plot which supplies our catering outlets with fresh produce and the tea-room garden in Corfe Castle.

For information about volunteering with the National Trust in Purbeck, please contact Rachel Rodman on rachel.rodman@nationaltrust.org.uk.

A busy stretch of footpath near Langton Matravers has been transformed from quagmire to thoroughfare thanks to National Trust rangers and volunteers.

The group used Purbeck stone flagstones to resurface an area where the South West Coast Path intersects with the footpath from Langton Matravers to



Volunteers and rangers laying flagstones near Dancing Ledge. Credit National Trust/Jon Bish

Dancing Ledge and heavy footfall has led to difficult conditions.

“In the winter this whole area gets really muddy so we decided to put stone flags down to help with access,” said Ranger Jonathan Leyland.

A grant from the Rural Development Programme for England financed buying flags from Keates Quarry, about

half a mile from where they are now in use.

Volunteers Steve Rich, Tom Langley, Carole Reeves and James Dawkins, along with rangers Jon, Becky, Colin, Ben and Jonathan, and with some help from the National Trust Tuesday and Thursday countryside volunteers, did the hard work of laying them in just six days.

A rectangular advertisement for Bug Busters Pest Control. At the top left is a circular logo with a diagonal slash over a fly. To the right of the logo, the text reads "Bug Busters Pest Control" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, followed by "Who YOU Gonna Call?" in a smaller font. Below this, a list of pests is provided: "Wasps, Ants, Flies, Mice, Fleas, Cockroaches, Squirrels, Bedbugs, Fumigations & Disinfections". Underneath, it says "Professional, Reliable, Prompt & Efficient" and "All Dorset Areas Covered". At the bottom, there are two phone numbers: "Tel: 01929 460011" and "Mob: 07973 407027". To the left of the numbers is a small illustration of a mouse, and to the right is a small illustration of a fly. At the very bottom, the website address "www.bugbustersdorset.co.uk" is written in a large, bold font.

The Castle Inn



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News from the Castle

Spring is in the air, daffodils are blooming and days are getting lighter.

Mike and Livy and little Thomas are on a well-deserved holiday. So back to the old days Mark (who is doing much better) and myself and Matthew will be at the castle.

So we are going to have a spring sale. Meal of the day starter and main only £6.95. With buckets of fun thrown in. Come and enjoy the offer, it saves you having to cook and wash up.

Wednesday night, is a mouth-watering curry with different choices of curries and side dishes,

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Friday Night, is as always, our traditional fish night. We have some lovely extra specials going on at moment ... not to be missed!

It is March, so it is that month when there is a very special day ***Mothering Sunday 22nd March***

The Castle inn, as always is hosting that special day with a two course or three course meal, and with a special gift for all the mums. So why not pick up the phone now and book, and we will take care of rest, let us help spoil that special person,

Wow! So much going on, to all our lovely friends neighbours, customers it would be lovely to see you all, please pop and say hi. But whatever you are doing this March have an amazing month and remember the warm days are getting closer.

Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thank you for the incredible coffee morning support in February; £484.70 was raised. Our 100 club draw is made at the coffee morning; first prize of £20 was won by member 69, with member 3 getting second prize £10 and member 35 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 fortnightly event:

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	Carers' Time

regular monthly events:

Fund-raising news

The Trustees are delighted to announce that in February we have received a generous grant of £7 500 from Garfield Weston towards our target of raising in excess of £80 000 to complete our Developments Project. Putting this grant together with others already received we are now about half way there! Efforts to raise the remainder are continuing.

AGM:

On Monday 16th March the Village Hall's AGM takes place at 7pm. This is an opportunity for all to hear reports on the work done in the year 2019, and to elect Trustees for the coming year. If you would like to help your community by becoming a Trustee at this exciting phase of the Hall's development, there is still just enough time - please contact David on 07590 352219.



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Delia Fitch then spoke to us about her "Life in Patchwork" which began when, as a child evacuee, she received a quilt from the Canadian Red Cross. One of the fabulous quilts she brought along to show us, was an exact copy of this long lost item. Over the years, Delia has visited exhibitions in many countries, including America [where the Amish communities are famous for their quilts] Japan and Egypt – where it is the men who sit and sew. In cosy, modern homes, quilts are often thought of as being over warm and unnecessary but Delia's examples were things of great colour and beauty and would look wonderful anywhere.

Dates for your diary:

- March 3rd** **AGM and Beetle Drive**
- April 7th** **Tibetan Buddhism**
- April 25th** **Spring Fayre Coffee Morning**
- June 24th** **Summer Outing to Salisbury Races**

Members are reminded that the annual subscription of £22 is now due.

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.

Margery Clevett: News Editor

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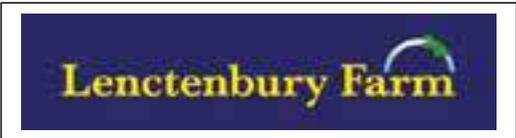
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So here are some dates for your diaries: **SCOLESTOCK - 'MUSIC UNDER THE STARS'**. SATURDAY 25TH JULY. Another great collaboration with the Retro Groove Mob plus another band to be announced. Bring your own picnic. Pimms Bar. Tickets £15.00 tel. 480447.

'ANNUAL CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR.' SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - 10 am to 4pm. Corfe Castle Village Hall. Free Entry. Tel 480447 to book a table.

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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

1	March	Sunday	10 am – 4 pm
2	March	Monday	7 pm
4	March	Wednesday	7.30 pm
5	March	Thursday	8 pm
6	March	Friday	12 noon
7	March	Saturday	10 am
9	March	Monday	7 pm
10	March	Tuesday	7.30 pm
10	March	Tuesday	7.30 pm
18	March	Monday	7 pm
19	March	Thursday	7.30 pm
20	March	Friday	2 pm
21	March	Saturday	9 am – 4 pm
21	March	Saturday	3 pm
23	March	Monday	7 pm
27	March	Friday	7.30 pm
28	March	Saturday	10 am – 12 noon
29	March	Sunday	10 am – 4 pm

CALENDAR for MARCH 2020

Antiques Fair	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Double Act AGM	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Langton Arthouse Cinema “Rojo”	Langton Matravers Village Hall
Gardening Club	Corfe Castle Club
Soups and Puddings	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting	Corfe Castle Town Hall
Church Knowle Parish Council Meeting	Furzebrook Village Hall
Movie Night “Judy”	Harmans Cross Village Hall
Village Hall AGM	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Corfe Castle PC Environmental Group	Bankes Arms, Corfe Castle
Talk on The Purbeck Beaver Feasibility Project	CC Community Library
Quarry Extension Information Day	Swanworth Quarry, Worth Mat.
Marilyn Baker Concert	Emmanuel Baptist Church
Annual Parish Meeting	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Kimmeridge Keilidh	Kimmeridge Village Hall
Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Theatre Skills Taster Day	Corfe Castle Village Hall

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

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

1	April	Wednesday	7.30 pm
2	April	Thursday	7 pm
3	April	Friday	7.30 pm
4	April	Saturday	7 pm
19	April	Sunday	10 am – 4 pm
24	April	Friday	7.30 pm
25	April	Saturday	10 am – noon
25	April	Saturday	7 pm
13	June	Saturday	10.30 am – 4 pm
20	June	Saturday	10 am – 4 pm
25	July	Saturday	
13	August	Thursday	10.30 am – 4 pm
3-6	September	Thu-Sat	

Langton Arthouse Cinema “How I Ended This Summer”	Langton Mat. VH
Talk “Understanding Dementia”	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Ball & Socket plus Miro Vosper	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Spring Concert	Lady St Mary Church, Wareham
Spring Fair	Church Knowle Village Hall
Kaleidoscope of Music and Entertainment	The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage
Spring Fayre and Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Grand Corfe Castle Quiz Championship	Corfe Castle Village Hall
‘Coffee and more’	St Edwards Church Lawn
‘Voices in the Stone’ Reunion	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Scolestock “Music Under the Stars”	Scoles Manor
Church Fete	St Edwards Church Lawn
Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival	Various Locations

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)

Dorset Council (including incidents on the Dorset Council highway):

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:

0345 9881188 (calls are charged depending on the callers service provider and where there call is made).

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

St Aldhelm's Benefice

Contact Details for the Corfe Valley Churches

Rev Ian Jackson 480257 Associate Priest Rev Anne Bond 480249

Church Wardens

Corfe Castle: Penelope Smith 480109 John Lindsay 481498

Church Knowle, Kimmeridge, & Steeple Contact Ian Jackson

Visit St Edwards Website - <http://stedwardscofecastle.co.uk/>

The Reverend Anne Bond writes:

Lent is upon us, when we remember the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, preparing himself for the mission that would culminate in him dying a terrible human death. No matter how much he might try to concentrate on the certainty of coming out the other side restored to life, he would not have been human if he had not viewed the prospect with dread.

And – make no mistake – although, mysteriously, he was also God, he was, through and through, human. He hurt just like we do, he was vulnerable to doubts and fears as are we all, and he was as prey to the inconveniences and discomforts of the flesh as the rest of humanity.

I'm sure you have heard it said: '*For evil to flourish, it only takes good men to do nothing*'. Evil exists. You've only got to look at children in a playground or read about people's reaction to disaster: some want to help, while others want only to save their own skins or join in the orgy of violence. When we're children we respond to both good and evil impulses; whichever way we go as adults depends on a multitude of things such as our upbringing, to some extent the natural inclinations of our personalities, our intellect, and the nature of the opportunities open to us. But evil does *not* exist as inescapable wicked little demons prodding us with BBQ forks!

However, sometimes it *is* useful to 'personify' evil – to give it an identifiable face. It can help us to fight it. The Bible talks about evil like that, calling it 'The Devil', or sometimes Satan. Jesus went into the wilderness to be alone with his father God, to draw strength from him and make himself certain he could carry out his God-given task to the end; and that included his ability to

resist the many temptations that would inevitably come his way. Afterwards, he must have told his disciples the story that has come down to us in the scriptures. What follows in this letter is a light-hearted re-telling of this story - but from 'The Devil's' point of view!

'Well, there was I roaming to and fro upon the Earth when I saw that - that chip-off-the-old-block, that Son of He-who-cast-me-out-of-heaven - just wandering like a lamb to the slaughter in my cruel and merciless wilderness. Uninvited! *Unprotected!* What a gift!

I watched him for a while. I walked beside him. His mind was open and clear to me.

"Hello-a!" I said. "Well met!"

He grunted, and regretfully cast aside a dried-up blackberry.

"If you're really the Son of - *ahem* - God, command these stones to become loaves of bread. Go on! You know you can do it! Don't they look delicious ... white, crusty, soft in the middle ... you could even rustle up some butter. *Think* of it ..."

Wearily, he interrupted me.

"It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

I was affronted! I was only trying to help! I had forgotten God-Daddy's beastly books. But two could play at that game.

I took him to the so-called 'holy city'. I put him on the top pinnacle of the Temple, and I said to him in my best virtuous Daddy-God-fearing voice: "If you *are* the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you' and 'on their hands they will bear you up so you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

He balanced on the point of the spire and looked down, down, down to where people scurried like ants about their business. He sighed, a deep sorrowful expelling of breath, then he turned his oh-so-compelling eyes upon me. "Again, it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

And I - I - I felt ... ashamed ...

I shook myself and whipped him off that pinnacle with a crack like a whip. Huh! No one - but *no one* - gets the better of ME!

I tossed him in whirlwinds and rolled him in thunderclouds until I dropped him with a thud onto the top of the highest of Earth's mountains. He

landed in a snow drift. As he was climbing out, I revelled in my majestic mountain magnificence: deadly jagged peaks sharp against the ice-blue sky, the sting of tempest-driven snow against my cheeks, crevasses shadowy beneath solid-seeming snow-bridges waiting to enfold the unwary. But *oh!* So beautiful! I widened the horizon a little, so he could see all the Kingdoms of the whole world laid out in lavish and lovely detail before him.

"LOOK!" I said.

He turned his poor, pinched face, blue with cold, and gazed obediently.

I spoke seductively.

"All these I will give you if you fall down and worship me ..."

There was a moment of frozen silence, alive with expectation.

Then his eyes snapped searing flame and he turned his face to mine, blazing with fury as he roared at me in a voice that clenched my innards.

"Away with you Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him!'"

I recoiled. It was as if I had been struck by lightning.

And - and - I went ...

The point is that if you fix your faith upon God and his Son Jesus Christ, nothing that evil does to you can ultimately harm you - the you that is the essential 'I AM' within, your true self, the self that is the living link between you and your Creator, the one and only true God.

With love, Anne

Scripture Readings - March 2020

Sunday 1st March

1st Sunday of Lent

Romans 5: 12 - 19

Matthew 4: 1 - 11

Sunday 8th March

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12: 1 - 4A

Romans 4: 1 - 5; 13 - 17

John 3: 1 - 17

Sunday 15th March

3rd Sunday of Lent

Romans 5: 1 - 11

Sunday 22nd March John 4: 5 – 42
4th Sunday of Lent

Ephesians 5: 8 – 14
 John 9: 1 – 41

Sunday 29th March

5th Sunday of Lent

Romans 8: 6 – 11
 John 11: 1 – 45

Sunday 5th April

Palm Sunday

Philippians 2: 5 – 11
 Matthew 21: 1 – 11

- To be read at Matins or Evensong

Corfe Valley Church Services - March 2020

Sunday 1st March

1st Sunday of Lent

10.30 Corfe Castle
 3pm Corfe Castle

Valley Parishes Communion
 1st Sunday in School: Informal
 Worship & Tea in the School Hall

Sunday 8th March

2nd Sunday of Lent

8.00 Corfe Castle
 10.30 Steeple
 10.30 Corfe Castle

Holy Communion (BCP)
 Family Communion (BCP)
 Matins

Sunday 15th March

3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00 Church Knowle
 10.30 Corfe Castle

Holy Communion (BCP)
 Parish Communion (CW)

Sunday 22nd March

4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

8.00 Worth
 10.30 Corfe Castle

Holy Communion (BCP)
 Parish Communion (BCP)

No Evensong at Church Knowle

Sunday 29th March

5th Sunday of Lent

10.30 Church Knowle

Valley Parishes Communion

Sunday 5th April

Palm Sunday

10.30 Corfe Castle
 No 3pm service in School

Valley Parishes Communion

CW - Common Worship

BCP - Book of Common Prayer

St. Edward, King and Martyr, Goathurst, near Bridgwater

You may have seen in church that we are establishing a link with another church dedicated to St Edward. Do have a look at the Goathurst magazine on the table just as you come into church.

This came about when John and Dawn Lindsay were on holiday in Somerset and met Brenda, the churchwarden at Goathurst, who was the volunteer on duty at a local visitor attraction. As their conversation developed it became apparent both our parishes have several things in common, as well as St Edward. Both PCCs have now agreed to keep in touch to support and pray for each other and our parishes.

Wednesday 18th March is St Edward's Day and a small group from Goathurst will be coming to Corfe Castle. There will be lunch together, a look around the village and castle; the day will end with worship together in church at some point in the afternoon. There will be a cup of tea together before our visitors leave for home; it is likely there will be cake as well. More details and precise timings will be announced in church.

We knew there were very few churches dedicated to 'our' St Edward but as a result of this meeting and link we have found there are at least six.

Easter Lilies and flowers



There is a well established tradition at St Edward's that at Easter donations are given for lilies to be placed in church and we remember in prayer during the Easter morning service those who have died.

Barbara Canning collects donations and the names of those remembered which are read out during the intercessions on Easter Day. So please contact Barbara about this. I would like to stress that we are happy to pray in any case - so please give any names for the prayers to Barbara. Ian.

Easter Decoration

We will be decorating the church on Easter Saturday morning (11 April) from 0930. All are invited to bring along Flowers, Foliage and whatever flower arranging skills they may have. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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.

The remaining dates for the Spring season are:

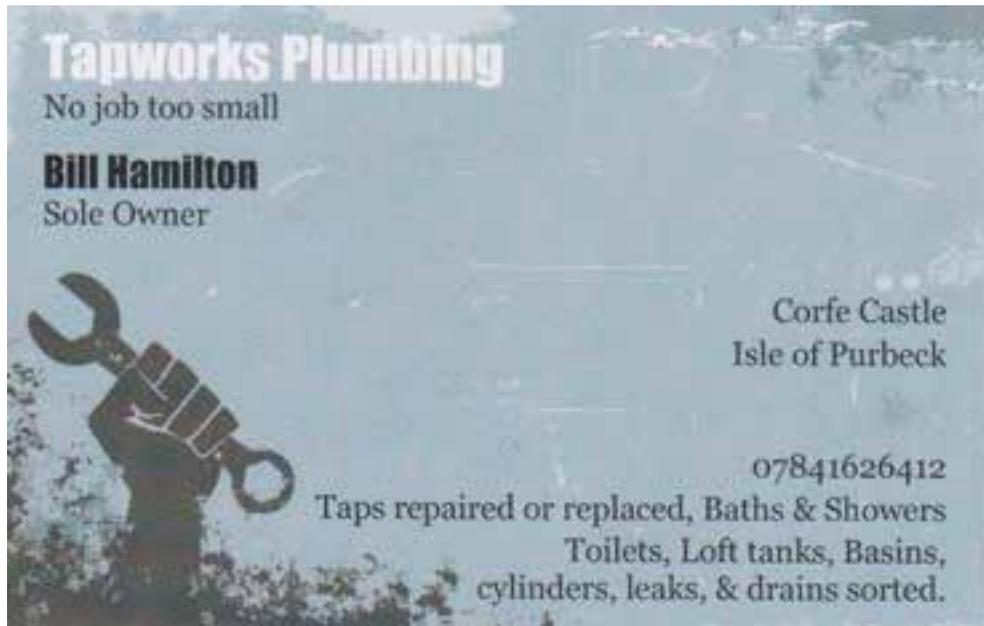
Tuesday 5th March 3.30pm at Corfe Castle

Wednesday 18th March 3.30pm at Steeple

Thursday 26th March 9.30am at Worth

Wednesday 1st April 3.30pm at Langton

Thursday 9th April 9.30am at St Aldhelm's Chapel



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07841626412
Taps repaired or replaced, Baths & Showers
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cylinders, leaks, & drains sorted.

TO BOOK THE HALL
TELEPHONE 07731 571496
OR
WWW.FURZEBROOKHALL.ORG
Email FurzebrookHall@outlook.com

REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAY

- **Ballet** – Miranda Hindson - Tel 07919441836
or Milballet@gmail.com
- **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
- **Ballet** – Miranda Hindson - Tel 07919441836
or Milballet@gmail.com

THURSDAY

- **Health Qigong**– Penny Youssef - Tel 07969925502
or pennyyoussef1@gmail.com

FRIDAY

- **Short Mat Bowls** –@ 14.00
- **Zhineng Qigong-** Penny Youssef - Tel 07969 925502
or pennyyoussef1@gmail.com

SUNDAY

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

CORFE CASTLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Is the Bible still relevant today?

In this modern world, is this old book we call the Bible really worth reading? How can an ancient book be relevant today in the 21st century? In our world today, things become outdated in just months, even ordinary things become ancient history. The Bible is over 3,400 years old. Or if we go by when the Bible was completed, the Bible is over 1,900 years old. How can anything that old be relevant today? A lot of people would say that it can't, they would say it's just like my old 'Amstrad', useful once, but now nothing more than an outmoded relic of a bygone era. But the Bible is still relevant today, it never becomes out of date.

The Bible is a guide book, it deals with every experience in the life of man. It gives advice and help, instruction and warning, comfort and hope, correction and direction, predictions and promises. As you read this book, you can receive help in the time of need, guidance in life's problems, hope for the future, peace of mind, a knowledge of Jesus Christ and an assurance of eternal life.

The Bible is the very word of God, the most fascinating and best-selling book of all time which is widely considered to be the finest literature ever written, it has been translated into numerous languages and has been the foundation of faith over centuries for believers. The Bible that we hold in our hands today is the same Bible that has existed for centuries.

Does it really matter what we believe? Many people say that it doesn't, as long as we are sincere, but this is not true. If it doesn't matter what we believe, then it doesn't matter if we believe at all.

Why did Jesus have to die? Does His death mean anything to us? All of us have sinned and the Bible tells us that the penalty for sin is spiritual death. Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect sin free life. If He had sinned just one time, He could not have died for our sins. He would have had to be punished for His own sin.

God's Word tells us that he who comes to God must believe what Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me."

Celia Taylor (Church Secretary)

Fr_ee2talk@yahoo.co.uk

Mob. 07908807115

SUNDAY WORSHIP

We meet at 10.30am each Sunday, you would be most welcome to join us.

BIBLE STUDY

If anyone is interested in learning more about the Bible, we will be meeting up in an informal way during the month of April. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please phone or e-mail me if you are interested.

COFFEE MORNING

Coffee & Cakes at 9.30am each Tuesday during March.

SWANAGE & PURBECK TAXI

LOCAL/LONG DISTANCE

COMPETATIVE RATES FOR, DOCKS

HOSPITALS, LONDON DAY TRIPS, ETC

CALL MARTIN ON: 07969 927424





Dorset Wildlife Trust
Fine Foundation Wild Seas Centre,
Kimmeridge Bay, Wareham, BH20 5PE
Tel: 01929 481044
kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk

Spring tides in Spring

March sees some of the lowest (and highest) tides of the year which makes it a great time for exploring rocky seashores. Parts of the seashore that are only very rarely uncovered will be exposed above the low tide, as will the creatures that live there. While Spring Tides occur every fortnight all year round, the March Spring Tides are influenced by the sun's equinox, with a larger than normal gravitational pull on the sea due to the sun and moon being over the equator. This results in the high tides reaching higher up the shore and the low tides receding lower down the shore than at other times of year.

While this is an exciting time to explore the rock pools and rocky areas of the beach, it is also the most vulnerable time for the wildlife that lives there. Many are gathering to breed, mating and laying eggs, with parents often sticking around to guard the eggs until they hatch. If these are disturbed it can result in a poor breeding season, with abandoned eggs or injured adults.

When rock pooling it is always important to follow the Seashore Code, but it is especially so at this time of year. This will keep not only the wildlife but yourselves safe and includes returning any rocks that have been moved back to their original position. Rocks left overturned can have a devastating impact on the wildlife that shelters beneath them. Animals must also be returned to their exact spot on the beach as many have territories that they defend and, of course, their eggs that they are guarding.

At the Wild Seas Centre we are happy to give you a free bookmark featuring the Seashore Code to take home with you. We can also give you information about the best dates for these exceptional low tides and for exploring the rock pools. 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

Julie Hatcher
Wild Seas Centre Officer



ADULT LATIN AMERICAN & BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesdays 11.30a.m-12.30. At the D'Urberville centre, Wool

Tuesdays 6.30- 7.30p.m. At Corfe Castle Village Hall

Wednesdays 11.30a.m-12.30 At St Edwards Church Hall, Swanage

Thursdays 9.30-10.30a.m. At Wareham Scout & Guide hut

CLASSES FOR IMPROVERS

Mondays 11a.m-12noon. At Studland Village Hall

Wednesdays 9.30-10.30a.m. At St Edwards Church Hall, Swanage

ADULT MODERN LINE DANCE CLASSES

Tuesdays 10.20-11.20a.m. At The D'Urberville Centre, Wool

Wednesdays 10.30-11.30a.m. At St Edwards Church Hall, Swanage

Thursdays 10.30-11.30a.m. At Wareham Scout & Guide Hut

Please call or email to book a place in one of our classes

COMING EVENTS

- FANTASTIC LIVE BAND LATIN AMERICAN & BALLROOM DANCE EVENINGS
- SPECIALIST ADULT DANCE WORKSHOPS & SPECIALIST JUNIOR DANCE WORKSHOPS

please see website for full details:

www.purbeckdancestudio.co.uk

E: donnadiebelius@googlemail.com T: 01202 243803

Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

We were given a CD of songs from “our era” for a Diamond Wedding present and have enjoyed some nostalgia time. Some, like Lena Horne singing Stormy Weather, have seemed rather appropriate! (Storm Ciara and now Storm Dennis.)

It has been a little inclement lately and not at all conducive to getting out in the garden. However, cheer up! Your Garden Club committee has come up with an interesting programme for the rest of the year ahead.

We start with 5th March at 8.00pm. The topic is: **'My Favourite Plant or Feature in my Garden'** Deborah and Gerry Stoker will present based on contributions of a photo and a few words from members. The aim is to capture what each of us loves about our garden. Please send any contributions in words or photos **by 29th February** to deborahstoker@hotmail.com.

In addition the meeting will involve a seed swap to get the growing season off to a good start. Bring along seeds you do not need and swap them for those you do!

We meet upstairs at the Corfe Castle Club at 8pm. Please bring your Subs to this meeting, still a wonderful bargain at £5.00 each.

Visitors are always welcome £2.00 a visit or just join!

From the AGM: We have a new Secretary – Gerry Stoker, and an additional Committee Member – Joy Bryer. We welcome them both.

We also say a huge “Thank You” to Mike Glover who stepped down from the secretary’s office. Mike was a moving force in getting Club relaunched after a period of dormancy. He has been our “Hon Sec” since then, all ten years. He has worked hard for our members to find and engage Speakers, encourage committee members to take on responsibilities like trips, plant sales and the RBL annual fete and try to convert us all to become vegetable growers. He and Juliet have hosted many a memorable social evening in their lovely garden. Mike assures us he will still be around to support the Club so you can add your personal thanks when you see him.

Gardening Hint: 'When it's raining – Plan; When its sunny – Sit and Sip; When its dull but dry – Dig, Plant, Harvest, Prune, Weed and Hoe; and wonderous will your garden grow.'

David

Harman's Cross Movie Night

On Tuesday 10 March we're showing Judy at 7.30 in Harman's Cross Village Hall. This film, a biopic of Judy Garland (played by Renee Zellweger), covers the final months of her life in 1968, when she was ravaged, rake-thin, bankrupt and adrift in an alcoholic haze. Desperate for money after the implosion of her marriage to Sid Luft, she barely had a roof over her head. So the idea was hatched for a comeback tour, playing a series of dates in the city that had always received her with open arms: London. While there, she reminisces with friends and fans and begins a whirlwind romance with musician Mickey Deans, her soon-to-be fifth husband. Tickets £5 on the door, which will open, along with the bar, at 7pm.

Langton Arthouse Cinema

In April we're screening How I Ended This Summer on Wednesday 1 at 7.30 in Langton Matravers' Village Hall. This was filmed entirely on location in one of the remotest places on Earth. It is set on a weather station in the Arctic manned by old hand Sergei and novice Pavel. When Pavel receives an important radio message, his fear of the older man prevents him from telling Sergei the shocking news. From this deception, lies and suspicions poison relations between the two to such an extent that Pavel is in fear of his life. A visually stunning and compelling drama of slow-burning tension. In Russian 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.

Corfe Castle Youth Club

**Youth Club runs in the Village Hall Term time Wednesdays
Ages 11-13 6.30 - 8 & seniors 6.30 - 9**

Cost-£1.00 per session

Trained Staff - Donna & Gabriella

Craft, sports, quizzes and much more! (including penny sweets!)

Part funded by Corfe Castle Parish Council

With support from The Village Hall & under the umbrella of Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation.

Probus Club of Corfe Castle

The Probus club of Corfe Castle meets at Mortons house hotel on the third Thursday of every month. For more information contact the Secretary Stan Layton on 01929 480038

'Climate Change Community Successes'

This is a 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

Our first report is about the **Community Library** who are taking steps to reduce their carbon footprint by doing the following;

Installing double-glazing

Installing more efficient timed heaters and LED lighting

Installing a water butt for the garden

Recycling paper and used pens (pens via Bridport library)

Following green policy to switch off as much as possible



Finding it difficult to cut your toe nails?

Your local AGE UK provides an affordable simple Toe Nail cutting service in clinics local to you.

Do you need help in your home?

Age UK provides home support to people in their own home.

Cooking	Dog walking	Changing bedding
Cleaning	Light Gardening	Social support
Decluttering	Shopping	Appointments
Laundry		

If you are interested in the above services and would like further details, please call 01305 269444 or email

homesupportteam@ageukdorchester.org.uk

Registered charity 1142519



DROP IN TIMES

Mill Lane, WAREHAM	Monday	12.00 – 2.00
	Tuesday	12.00 – 2.00
	Thursday	12.00 – 2.00
	Town Hall, SWANAGE	
	Monday	10.15 – 2.00
FOR TELEPHONE ADVICE CALL DORSET ADVICELINE 03444 111 444 FOR SELF HELP AND EMAIL ADVICE www.purbeckadvice.org.uk		

OTHER SERVICES

Homelessness Prevention Adviser	Wednesday at Wareham Appointments by arrangement	01929 550328
Energy Best Deal		01929 775500
Wessex Water (help with bills)	Appointments by arrangement	01929 550328

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



Presents a
Talk by



Gen Crisford of the National Trust

On The Purbeck Beaver Feasibility Project

Friday, 20th March 2020, 2 pm

TEEN READING GROUP

ages 13-18

Meeting Fortnightly

at

Corfe Castle Library

contact: martynw Jessop@gmail.com

East Street, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EE t: 01929 480760
e: corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com

Opening Times:

Monday 2.30 – 4.30 pm

Wednesday: 11.00 am – 12.00 noon & 3.00 – 5.00 pm

Saturday 10.00 am -- 12.00 noon



**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

The Etches Collection Museum of Jurassic Marine Life



Kimmeridge Bay Tours

Thank you to those of you that have already joined us on our popular fieldtrips. Please visit our website and social media pages for more information on future dates.

www.theetchescollection.org/whats-on

Activities onsite

We have loads of activities for children and adults to do onsite!

Fossil Friday, Fossil Mould Painting, Lucky Dip, Fossil Excavation Pit, take a closer look at our handling collection under our high-powered microscope, PALEO-GO, help Steve on his fossil hunt around the museum (used via mobile phones or The Etches Collection iPads), and loads more!

COMING SOON!

Exciting new displays and refreshments coming soon! Keep your eyes peeled on our website and social media pages.

We already serve hot & cold drinks onsite with snacks including, crisps, biscuits, chocolates and not forgetting the award-winning Purbeck Ice Cream!!

The Etches Collection Shop

If you cannot visit our shop in person, don't forget you can view all our wonderful shop items on our online shop at www.theetchescollectionshop.org.

If you are interested in Volunteering here at The Etches Collection, visit our website on how to become a Volunteer at a 'Jewel' in the crown of the Jurassic Coast!

If you require any more information, please visit

www.theetchescollection.org

Facebook, Twitter, 01929 270000



You are invited to a
Marilyn Baker Concert

Saturday 21st March at 3pm

Emmanuel Baptist Church

£5 a ticket including refreshments

**Tickets are available from the Church Office
9.30am-1.00pm weekdays
for more information or call: 01929 427706
or email events@emmanuelbc.org.uk**



As noted in last month's Corfe Valley News, you are all invited to the forthcoming Marilyn Baker Concert at 3pm on Saturday 21st March which is being hosted at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Marilyn lives in Kent and is well known for her Christian music ministry across the country. She has been blind since birth but plays the keyboard beautifully, has a lovely voice and writes very

inspiring songs which bring encouragement to all, but especially those who face struggles on a daily basis. Her assistant Tracy also has a different perspective on life, as she is profoundly deaf.

We hope to welcome people from across South Dorset, who would enjoy an afternoon of relaxing music, so feel free to come as individuals or as part of a community group, or just a group of friends. The concert will be followed by refreshments, so it will be helpful for catering, if you can reserve or purchase your tickets beforehand. However tickets will also be available on the door. Please contact Emmanuel Church Office (160 Victoria Avenue, Swanage) for further information and tickets by phoning 01929 427706 or call into the church on weekday mornings 9.30-12.30pm. Alternatively you can email events@emmanuelbc.org.uk or see www.emmanuelbc.org.uk

A warm welcome awaits you – an event not to be missed.

Keep Warm for Less in Dorset



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

Citizens Advice can help you to:

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

Look at ways to reduce your energy costs

See if you are eligible for extra income.

Consider options if you are behind with your bill or struggling to top up your prepayment meter.

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.



CORFE CASTLE SPORTS TRUST

Pavilion Available For Hire - (Activities, Birthday Parties, Meetings)

Low Hourly Rate For All The Community

Please Contact Debbie Reynolds For Availability On 01929 480179

OR kdjreyns@fsmail.net



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Kingston Spring Concert Thursday March 26th at 7pm

We are very fortunate to have talented organist David Orr from Cape Town, South Africa, coming to St James' Church, Kingston to give a performance on Thursday 26th March. David has previously been the Director of Music at Epworth School in Pietermaritzberg, South Africa, and now directs the cathedral music programme at St George's Cathedral, Cape Town. The concert begins at 7pm and there will also be a guest choir during the evening. Refreshments will be available and there will a retiring collection with

proceeds going towards upkeep of St James' Church. If you know others further afield who would enjoy the concert atmosphere and lovely acoustics of Kingston Church please pass on the details. An evening not to be missed and we thank all those who have helped to organise it.

Judy Forgan

- David studied Music at Rhodes University where he completed a Masters degree in Organ Performance. Following seven years in the Pietermaritzburg area, teaching initially at Epworth and later at St Anne's Diocesan College, he returned to Cape Town in 2007 to St George's Cathedral where he directs the overall cathedral music programme of liturgical and secular performances. It is possible to sample some of his performances via the internet.

'VOICES IN THE STONE' Reunion



Did you take part in the Community play, 'Voices In The Stone', back in 1990, held at Corfe Castle? Okay, yes, it's been a long time!

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The gathering will take place at Corfe Castle Village Hall on Saturday 20th June 2020, from 10-4pm. All cast members, helpers and anyone else associated with the Play are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. A donation of £3 towards costs would be appreciated.

If you're interested in finding out more and/or coming along, please RSVP to voicesinthestone@btinternet.com by the end of May, and spread the word.

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As we move into Spring the days are getting longer and mornings are getting lighter. This time of year seems to put a spring in our step and a sense of fresh energy as we throw off the garments of winter. It was only recently I noticed the snowdrops and daffodils breaking through the darkness into the light of day through. All signs of spring and new beginnings.

“I glanced out the window at the signs of spring. The sky was almost blue, the trees were almost budding, the sun was almost bright.”

— *Millard Kaufman*

Spring is a time of renewal. It provides us with an opportunity to step out of our comfort zones and try something new. We are waking up to a new dawn in our journey inviting us to get out of the old routines and embrace a new beginning. This time of the year offers a fresh challenge to embrace the signs of new hope we see around us in the sky and in the soil.

Spring reminds me most of all that we take so much for granted. We live in a world that is so full of beauty, yet we are responsible for so much destruction and vandalism of the world the we live in. Can I suggest we press the pause button, find a quiet place to be still and listen and reflect on the beauty surroundings?

We often talk about compassion to people and groups, but perhaps we need to begin to show compassion to the world around us as well. So, let me offer you this challenge. In what ways can you show compassion to the world around you? What changes can you make?

How might We challenge some of the destructive behaviours we witness towards our world? I also lay this challenge at my own doorstep.

I leave you with 3 quotes to ponder in your reflections

“Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil.”

— *Bishop Reginald Heber*

“If you’ve never been thrilled to the very edges of your soul by a flower in spring bloom, maybe your soul has never been in bloom.”

— *Audra Foveo*

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Last month I mentioned seeing an osprey flying over my garden one spring. At first I thought it was a large gull because ospreys are mostly white below and dark above and have relatively long and narrow wings – so an easy mistake to make. Ospreys are one of our larger birds

of prey (1.7m wingspan) and they visit us in Dorset most often in Spring and Autumn as they migrate between their wintering quarters in Africa and breeding grounds which in Britain are mostly in Scotland. Ospreys are unique amongst our birds of prey in eating only fish. On migration they eat a lot of mullet which is why, apparently, they enjoy an old west-country name of mullet hawk.

Of the three that I have seen in Corfe over the years, one was in mid-March, one in mid-April and one in early August. Now is the time to see them on Spring migration, so keep an eye out for anything looking like a large gull flying purposefully - probably northwards – quite possibly being hassled by our local crows, jackdaws, herring gulls or even buzzards (some buzzards look very pale underneath too – so beware!)

Ospreys were once common throughout much of Britain but were driven to extinction in England by the mid-1800's by a combination of industrial scale egg collecting, trophy hunting and a general slaughter of all things with hooked beaks and talons. They were virtually extinct in the whole of Britain by the early 1900s. After an absence of half a century they began to return to Scotland in the mid-1950s when one pair set up home at Loch Garten in Speyside. This pair was heavily protected by the RSPB but even so the early years of their return saw eggs being stolen and attempts to chop down their nesting tree. Some things had not changed, but the interest of the general public in them had, and like many thousands of others our family used to go on a regular pilgrimage to see them when on holiday in the late 1960s and 1970s.

By the late 1960s there was still less than 10 pairs in the UK, but since then ospreys have expanded their range and numbers. The strongholds are still the Highlands of Scotland but they have expanded naturally southwards as far as Cumbria and Northumberland. Since 2000, they have been given a helping hand to recolonise England. In 1996, young birds from Scotland were moved to Rutland Water and released, and they returned and bred again in England in 2003 – the first time for more than a century.

Closer to home, starting about 10 years ago, efforts began by the RSPB, Natural England, The Forestry Commission, The National Trust and private landowners to try and encourage the ospreys that visit Poole Harbour in Spring to stay and breed by putting up artificial nesting platforms. Although there was some interest in these platforms no birds stayed to breed so it was decided to try a translocation project. This project is being led by local charity 'Birds of Poole Harbour', Scottish charity the 'The Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation' and local Poole based-business 'Wildlife Windows'. Young birds have been reintroduced and released to Poole Harbour each year since 2017. Time will tell.

There are now more than 200 pairs of ospreys breeding in the UK, making this one of the great nature protection success stories of recent times. So, you may be seeing more ospreys around Corfe in years to come.

You can find out more about the Poole Harbour project reintroduction programme at <https://www.birdsofpooleharbour.co.uk/osprey/>

Richard Caldow

P.S. There will be a talk about the Poole Harbour osprey translocation project by the Osprey Project Officer in The Gallery at Durlston Country Park at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd March. Friends of Durlston members - free, non members £4 donation and book in advance - email info@durlston.co.uk



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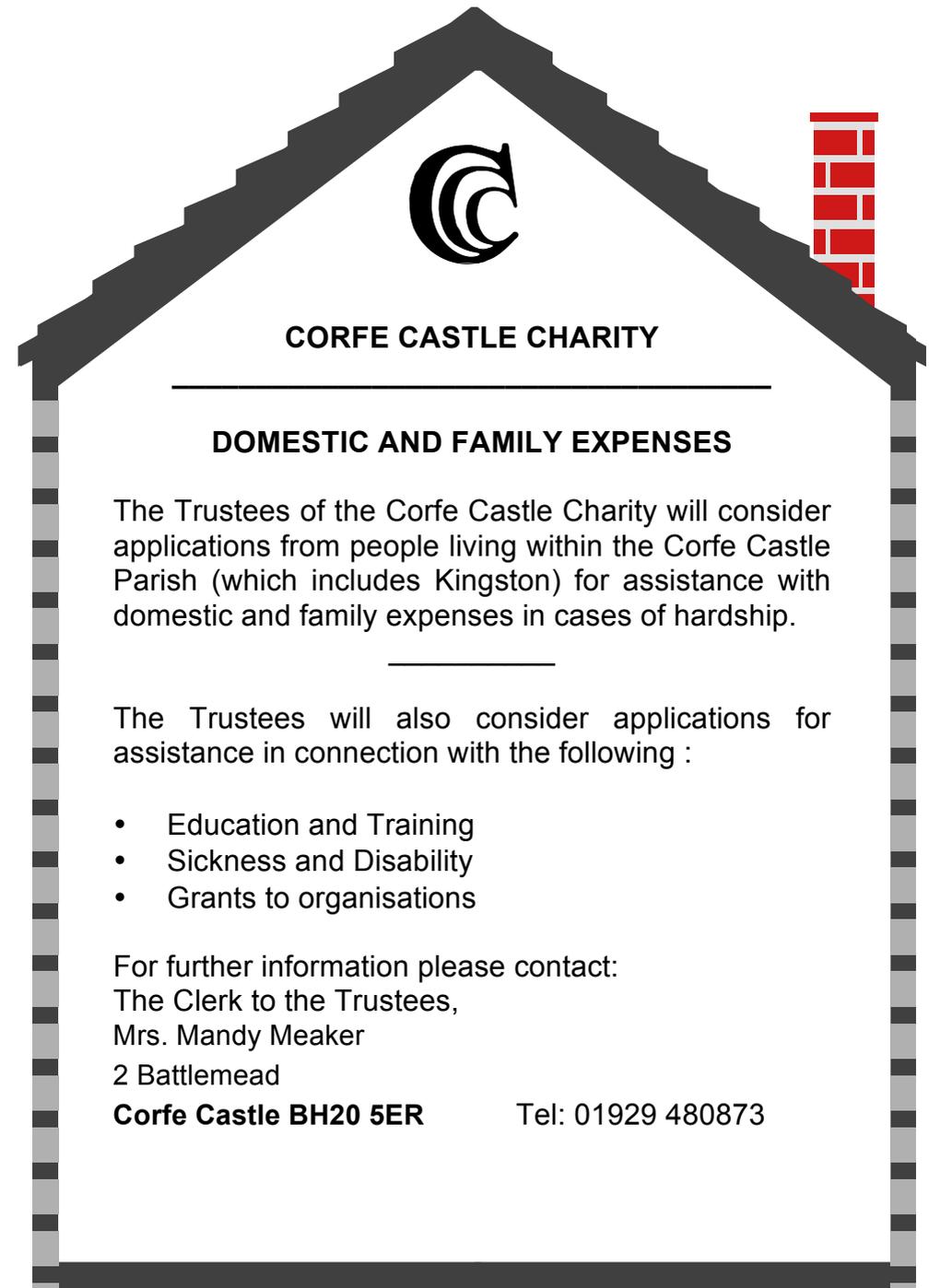
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CORFE CASTLE CHARITY

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY EXPENSES

The Trustees of the Corfe Castle Charity will consider applications from people living within the Corfe Castle Parish (which includes Kingston) for assistance with domestic and family expenses in cases of hardship.

The Trustees will also consider applications for assistance in connection with the following :

- Education and Training
- Sickness and Disability
- Grants to organisations

For further information please contact:

The Clerk to the Trustees,

Mrs. Mandy Meaker

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Corfe Castle BH20 5ER

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Regular events in Corfe Castle & environs

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MONDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.15 – 10.45am	& 11am – 12 Yoga	Langton Scout Hut
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.30 – 7.30pm	Adult Latin American/ Ballroom Dance	C C Village Hall Donna 01202 243803
Each	7.45 – 9.15pm	Badminton	C C Village Hall
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
WEDNESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
Each	6.00 - 8.00 pm	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
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
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall
SUNDAY			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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