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Editorial

We suddenly find ourselves in the midst of the worst crisis the world has faced since the Second World War. The horrifying effects of the coronavirus pandemic are being felt everywhere. However much is being done to help people survive these difficult times. In this issue of the CVN there is advice from the surgery about the measures everyone needs to take, as well as information from the Parish Council about support that is available or being arranged.

It is now clear that this is going to go on for some time and life is going to be very different this summer. We all need to accept that many of the events advertised in this addition of the CVN will not actually take place owing to the need for social isolation. Please therefore check, before going to one of the events, that it is actually taking place.

Various organizations in the village are setting up support groups to try and make sure that the elderly and vulnerable are not forgotten. If you know of somebody who may need help please do give them a call to see what they might need. You can also let Ali, the parish clerk, know and she will be able to put them in touch with a group who can help. Details of how to contact Ali appear under the Parish Council part of the magazine.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

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National Electricity Number	105
NHS Emergency Medical Care Service	111
In the event of Gas Leak	0800 111999
Electricity Failure	0800 0727282
Swanage Police Station - out of hours calls rerouted	422004
Swanage Hospital	422282
National Trust outside office hours	07970-595963
Wareham Hospital	552433
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Corfe Castle Community Library	480760
Dorset CAB Advice Line: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm	03444 111 444
The Samaritans	01202 551999
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Water - Supply and Sewage	0345 600 4600
Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting	0800 068 4145
Childline	0800 1111
Dorset Councilor – Cherry Brooks	07512897908

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The cover picture is a sketch of Corfe Castle from the Church tower from 'A History of Corfe Castle' by Thomas Bond dated 1883

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MARCH AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

A representative from Woodyhyde Campsite attended to pledge his support for the installation of a **permissive footpath from Woodyhyde to the village**. The Parish Council have been liaising with landowners and have outlined a potential route. If permissions are granted the next stage will be to look at funding.

The Chairman acknowledged the resignation of **Cllr David Grinsted** and **thanked him for all the work he has done for the Council and for the Parish over his term**

Cllr Brooks reported on new Council Tax premiums for unoccupied and unfurnished dwellings. The aim of the initiative is to get empty properties back into a habitable state and onto the market for sale or rent. If an empty property needs renovation owners may be eligible for a low interest loan to get the property back into use.

Dorset Council have been awarded £3.55 million to engage in a project researching how 5G technology can benefit rural communities; two specific projects involve the RNLI and connecting rural farms. Dorset Council have also been awarded grant funding of £472,000 to work with external organisations to reduce rough sleeping and homelessness in the area.

The National Trust reported that following horses escaping from the common and on to the road, the springs on the gates still need improvements to secure the animals.

From May 11th Castle View carpark will close for four days for scheduled repairs. Alternative parking will not be offered.

The Trust have plans for a dwelling at **Scotland Farm** to be utilised as a holiday cottage. The Council asked can this be reconsidered and dwelling be used as residential housing? Cllr Dru Drury queried the choice of materials for the replacement roof on a barn at Scotland Farm. He felt it was an inappropriate choice for the setting. James advised the building is not listed and they hope the roof will weather down.

Cllr Parish thanked the National Trust for their involvement in the **tree giveaway** days which had been a huge success.

The Council resolved to restore two finger posts in the Parish, one on the Studland Road and one in Kingston. They have been offered grant funding from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and assistance from the AONB. To date the Council have **one willing volunteer to help with the work and would greatly welcome more**. The work is carried out using traditional methods and materials. If you can offer your assistance with the job please contact the Clerk for more information.

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The Council continue to work on plans for the middle halves play area. There are still concerns from Councillors that the adult gym equipment will be missed. Cllr Fooks explained that the decision to remove the equipment had arisen out of a consultation presented to the village. **We would welcome** the views of Parishioners on the removal of the adult equipment and its replacement by new equipment for children.

The Council approved an amended draft **Allowances, Expense and Remuneration Policy**, which allows elected Councillors to claim a small annual allowance should they wish to claim it. It also allows all Councillors to claim expenses for travel and other minor expenses. The Policy will soon be published on the Council website.

A paper composed by the Strategic Planning Working Group on the **Glover Report** was presented to the Council. In the paper they set out their recommendations on the report. The Council concluded that they could not support a proposal for National Park until there is minimal overlap with the unified Dorset Council, the governance is more democratic with local membership and local accountability and finally that a National Park strengthens the localism agenda.

The Council agreed a response to the provisional approach of the **Dorset Local Plan**, which will outline a strategy for future development in the area.

The Council had met with Rob Camp from Dorset Council and discussed **Speed Indicator Devices**. They are waiting for confirmation that the post near Halves Cottages can be moved further out of the village. If the scheme goes ahead the PC hope to recruit volunteers to move the unit every six weeks but should they not be able to there would be a fee of £800 a year payable to Dorset Council to do this job. Please contact the Clerk if you could help. It would require a small amount of time every six weeks.

The Council have been invited to attend an engagement day at **Swanworth Quarry** at which Suttle's Stone Quarry will show their **plans for the proposed extension**. Councillor's plan to attend.

The Council urgently considered how to plan to manage the implications of the Coronavirus both within the Council and the wider community.

The Council made the unprecedented decision to suspend standing orders temporarily so that if the April meeting and subsequent meetings are cancelled, decisions can be taken by a majority of Councillors via email. They also agreed a number of essential routine payments could be made in the months to come should meetings be cancelled.

The Council talked about how they can support the community and you will find more information on their response in a separate article within the CVN.

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On planning matters, the Parish Council had no objection to 1-the erection of a single storey house extension, associated lightweight link and ancillary workshop, the cladding of the retained barn/garage and stables/store and the Installation of supporting renewable technologies and demolition of existing two-storey extension and various outbuildings at *West Lynch Farm, Kingston*, 2 - to internal alterations to remove existing partition and create utility room and toilet at 16 West Street, Kingston and 3 - to a loft extension over existing rear extension at 30 Halves Cottages, Corfe Castle. They also had no objection to a certificate of lawfulness application to erect a barn for mixed use storage of historic vehicles, animal bedding and foodstuffs, estate management materials, plant and machinery at Bushey House, Chapel Lane.

The next meeting will be held on the 13th April 2020 at 7pm in Corfe Castle Town Hall subject to public health advice about Coronavirus. Please use our website for updates about village matters.

(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.]

CLEAN UP CORFE FOR THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Please come and join Clean Up Corfe in their efforts to support the Great British Spring Clean on the weekend of 4th and 5th April. We'll be doing two litter picks, one on Saturday 4th April 2pm in the village square, and the other on Sunday 5th April 10.30am, again in the village square. We are aiming to cover the whole village and need people on the ground to make it happen! Please wear tough outdoor footwear and bring some gloves, we provide everything else. We are very grateful to Pav at the Pink Goat, who lent us one of his staff members to join the last litter pick, and to the National Trust, who give all of our lovely volunteers a hot drink for their efforts.

We usually find that this time of year is the most successful for litter picking in terms of volume as the vegetation hasn't grown up and hidden all that pesky stuff stuck in the depths of bramble bushes. If you know of anywhere in particular that could do with attention please do let Liz know - rupert.liz@gmail.com - and we'll do our best to get Corfe Castle looking great for Easter. See posters around the village or look at the website - www.litterfreepurbeck.org.uk.

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Vacancy for a Councillor

Cllr David Grinsted, formerly a Member of the above named Parish Council, has ceased to be a Member of the Parish Council, and a vacancy now exists in the office of Councillor for the Parish.

If by the time of going to press no election has been called, nor has the vacancy been filled, the Council will be seeking to co-opt a Councillor and would welcome applications.

Please address your application to Ali Burnett- Clerk to Corfe Castle Parish Council
corfecastlepc@aol.com

Please feel free to call should you require any information about the role or eligibility 01929 426125

Speed Indicating Device

The speed indicating device (SID) which is deployed in the village from time to time is currently provided by Dorset Council highways. They intend to stop providing this service sometime later this year and we have been invited to own our own device which we would deploy at different points along the A 351 in the village.

You can see from the record of the last parish council meeting that this was briefly discussed and that it was decided to put it before you, the public, at the parish annual meeting. As this meeting has now been postponed due to coronavirus the Parish Council would welcome your comments on this proposal.

If deployed and owned by the Parish Council they would need help in moving the devices onto different pre-prepared posts in the village. This would be done about once every six weeks and we are told it is a very straightforward task. We would however be looking for volunteers to help with this task.

Please give this some thought and respond with your thoughts and ideas to the parish clerk. Please also respond if you would like to become a volunteer in managing the system, assuming we go ahead.

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WEST STREET RESIDENTS/RESERVED CAR PARK

You may be aware the Parish Council now own and administer the reserved parking spaces in West Street Corfe Castle. The spaces are currently occupied by both residents and second home owners and all spaces are full.

The rates for permits for the year 2020/21 are as follows:

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Corfe Castle Parish Council wish to support Parishioners through the emerging coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak by encouraging the creation of a neighbourhood network that can support the vulnerable and isolated if large numbers of parishioners need to self-isolate.

The national advice changes rapidly and our Parish website has a link to the NHS one: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

AVOIDING THE VIRUS

Do all you can to avoid getting ill! The regular hand washing advice continues. The Government is advising against social mixing for adults and urging self-isolation for the elderly and for vulnerable people possibly for a very long period

SEEKING MEDICAL HELP

If you think you might have coronavirus, for example a new continuous cough and /or fever self-isolate for 7 days (households 14 days) Do not visit the doctor's surgery. Ring 111 only if you are very unwell. However do tell your contacts.

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

Arrange now to plan your help: Contact family, friends and neighbours about supporting each other: take each other's phone numbers and e-mails so they are easy to find.

For those who are not vulnerable Is there any one you know who doesn't have regular visitors e.g. those new to the area, those who live on their own? **Please make contact and offer support/exchange numbers etc.**

If one of your links has to self isolate ring each other **every day** to ask if something needs collecting (milk and food, newspapers etc) and to see how they are.

CAN YOU HELP? If you are willing/able to help others with errands through this crisis please email Ali at corfecastlepc@aol.com

IF YOU STILL NEED HELP

Ring me if you need non-medical and non -emergency help and your neighbours can't help 01929 426125 (between the hours of 9am-5pm), corfecastlepc@aol.com

ALI BURNETT, Parish Clerk

Our Parish website www.corfecastlepc.org.uk will provide updates

NEWS FROM CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL

It was off to the “echo chamber” of the main sports hall of Furzebrook village hall for the March meeting of the Parish Council. The size of the hall is so great that NCovid-19 had little chance of jumping amongst Councillors who sat at least 1 metre apart and our Dorset Councillor was at far end of the horse-shoe ensuring non-contamination in either direction. There were no Parishioners - apart from Councillors – present and the meeting pumped through business fairly quickly as there were no planning matters to discuss; this must be the quietest year so far for lack of planning applications.

Cllr Hazel Parker was in the Chair and Cllr Wilson acted as Vice-chairman.

A letter had been received from a Parishioner offering herself for co-option on to the Council to fill one of the remaining vacancies and the Clerk advised Members that as the vacancies had been advertised following resignations and retirements, together with the lack of candidates (apart from existing Members) at the parish and town councils' elections last year, the Parish Council could co-opt Members if they wished. Indeed, Cllr Fry, the Council's newest Member was so co-opted a couple of months ago.

Onto main business and the draft February Minutes, which had been previously circulated, were approved as being a true record of those proceedings. Under “Matters Arising”, The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been represented at the late ex- Dorset County Cllr Mike Lovell's funeral, which had been very well attended.

Also under “Matters Arising” the matter of the repair to the playing field lawnmower was brought up. Approximately £600 had been authorised for spending on the replacement of mower parts and the Council had relied on the goodwill of the late Cllr Bugler to fix the mower F.O.C. Now that a contractor had been appointed to maintain the playing-field etc., it was likely that the time involved in the contractor repairing the unit would have to be included in his time allocation. It was decided the contractor would be contacted in this regard.

The Parish fingerposts saga then came up and the Clerk reported on discussions he had with the Clerk to Melcombe Horsay parish regarding what they had been doing. It was decided to approach the supplier of Melcombe Horsay's fingers and see what could be done to expedite the matter of getting some fingers on the posts so that people wouldn't get lost in the Parish because of the failure of the previous replacements.

Still on the matter of “Highways”, the Clerk confirmed the contents of a discussion he had with Dorset Highways about the street lamp in Church Knowle and the fact that it would now cost about £1,400 to bring it up to a standard that would allow Dorset Council (DC) to adopt it. This sum does not include a large bill from the electricity supply company which had altered the charges for supplying power to the lamp. Even if CKPC decided not to go

ahead with the adoption by DC, the cost of bringing the lamp up to standard would probably be about the same. After a lot of discussion Councillors decided that there should be a Parish Consultation about the possibility of removing the unit altogether and this would probably be an agenda item for the annual parish meeting.

The meeting with Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT), Imerys and stakeholders in the “Corfe River Environmental Project” and other environmental works was reported on and there was discussion amongst Councillors about the progress of work along the river and in Furlong Coppice. The two Councillors who attended reported that DWT would hold a “Community Walkthrough” of the areas concerned next year and also give a public presentation on completion of the works.

Under “Finance”, the Clerk reported that DC had approved the precept set by the Parish for 2020-2021 and Councillors agreed to pay the bills submitted whilst holding back one until the invoice which the Clerk felt was incorrect had been fully investigated by him. Finances were in good order and there were funds available for unforeseen contingences (e.g. the Lamp).

The shelving for the archives store is nearing completion and the archives should soon move into their new home. The Clerk reported he had had discussions with the Council's insurers and had managed to have the unit added to its policy for no charge; now that's unusual for insurance companies to do that sort of thing.

The retirement of the Clerk came up again and a basic advertisement of the vacancy would be sent for publication with a closing date for applications of 07th April 2020.

One matter of considerable concern came up during “Other Items”. On Sunday 08th March at about midnight a car drove through East Creech and ran over and killed 15 ducks which were roosting by the pond. Not only did the driver run over the duck once, he or she reversed the car and drove over them again just to make sure! This is quite appalling and really cruel. No doubt the perpetrators of this cruel and totally senseless act were highly amused but by their “prank” but the villagers of East Creech certainly were not, and neither were Members of the Parish Council. After a general discussion about the reckless and worthless behaviour of these nonentities, the Parish Council decided to ask all Parishioners who may have some information as to the identity of the brainless twits, for that's what they are, to get in touch with Dorset Police as soon as possible.

The nCovid-19 viral epidemic currently sweeping the country, and rest of the world, was discussed and included possible functions which may come down to Parish Councils. The meeting was then closed at 9:30pm. Next Meeting at CK Reading Room at 7.30pm.(Subject to it not being cancelled due to the virus, please view Church Knowle Parish Council's website)

CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCY FOR POST OF PARISH CLERK

OUR PARISH CLERK IS RETIRING

- ❑ This is a part-time post for 20 hours per month, worked mainly from home
- ❑ Parish Council Meetings take place on the second Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. each month and the venue alternates between Church Knowle Reading Room and Furzebrook Village Hall

Clerk's duties include:-

- preparation of Agendas and Minutes
 - correspondence and other general administrative duties
 - liaison with other organisations such as Dorset Council & DAPTC
 - management of the cemetery and burial records.
- ❑ The Parish Clerk is also the Responsible Financial Officer, and as such will be required to undertake the bookkeeping, preparation of annual accounts and returns and the VAT refund claim form.
 - ❑ Candidates should be able to work on their own initiative and will need to have good literacy, numeracy and IT skills and the use of a car.
 - ❑ Training will be provided through the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils
 - ❑ Remuneration is in line with the national salary scale for local council clerks, starting at Spinal Column Point 15 (hourly rate currently £9.77p) rising by annual increments in April each year to SCP 23 (currently £11.67p per hour). These rates of pay are subject to regular review by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. Mileage is reimbursed at £0.45p per mile.

Application forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk Dr A W Wallace, 78 Broken Cross, Dorchester, DT2 9QB or by contacting him on Tel.No.07731841093

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World War 2 - Murder Mystery Walk
Corfe Castle gatehouse
July 22nd & 29th, August 5th, 12th & 19th 2020
6.30 for picnic – walk at 7.30pm

Stay up to date with all **Double Act** drama group events on
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Corfe Castle Surgery

It has been a difficult time recently for everyone with the Coronavirus, day to day things are changing around us. I hope by the time this article is published that we have it under control in the UK.

We are following the guidelines that are being sent through daily from Public Health and NHS England and we will ensure to continue to look after all our patients to the best of our ability. However there may be some disruption in our service at times, so please bear with us.

COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

As a country we are entering unprecedented times with the spread of Covid-19 (Coronavirus). The unknown is frightening, but our best approach is to work together.

If you have queries, reliable resources are the;
NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>)

gov.uk website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>)

NHS 111 (<https://111.nhs.uk/>)

Please use these resources and NHS Choices before calling your surgery.

Working in conjunction with our neighbouring Practices in the Purbeck Primary Care Network, our priority is to offer safe, effective care to our Patients with all medical problems, new and on-going.

To protect our resources and be there for you over the coming months, practices are starting **remote assessments**. These may be by telephone, video consultation or online consultation (e-consult). Our Practitioners already use these methods safely and effectively. If you need to be examined this will be arranged.

Some preventative care may be suspended if safe to do so. Blood tests affecting your immediate care, eg warfarin dosage, will be continued. Our experienced team will make those decisions.

Childhood immunisations will continue. Protection against other diseases is more important than ever. Whooping cough, measles & rubella are more dangerous to children than Covid-19.

How can you help?

If you think you have Covid-19 follow the advice on the links above. General Practice does not have testing equipment and there are no preventative medicines. If you become unwell enough to require hospital admission this will be via NHS 111. Remember 90-95% of us will be fine and will require simple self-management and 7 to 14 days of self-isolation.

Self-manage other ailments where possible. Ensure you have stocks of home remedies.

If you require medical assistance for a new or on-going problem please telephone your surgery to speak to our Receptionists. You may receive help from someone outside of your normal team, but they will have access to your GP record.

DO NOT present yourself at your Surgery unless advised to do so by your own Surgery staff.

Reduce your social interaction, following current government guidelines. Stay informed.

Don't stockpile (and put others at risk) but order your medicines in good time.

Help others. Check on an elderly neighbour or relative if safe to do so.

I am proud every day of our skilled, dedicated team. Help them to help you in the coming difficult months.

Thank you

Dr Mark Lepper

Tina Sturgeon

Patient Participation Group

Our Fitness and Health Initiative

Initially as part of the Purbeck Pledge and National Walking Month in May, but then continuing throughout the year, we are teaming up with the local organisation WALX to help our local residents to be more active. They will provide two walking exercise sessions a week free of charge for patients of our surgery. These will be suitable for everybody so, whether you have a health concern or just want to be more active and need the encouragement of a kick start, their experts will be on hand to guide you. Balance, strength and cardiovascular fitness exercises plus regular induction sessions for the outdoor gym equipment in the Halves will be included. Watch out for more details from

us about dates, times and meeting points, both on our Surgery Notice Board and our normal 'poster places' around the villages!

Gill Stewart from WALX says: ' We are excited about supporting our local community to become an 'Active Village' as we have seen the massive benefits in other areas we have worked with around the UK'.

In addition, personal trainer Charlie Tipper has agreed to run a course here in the village where he will use his training and experience to help inactive people of all ages to become more agile and flexible and to feel good about themselves overall. Charlie has been a strong supporter of our Health Talks programme and he includes advice on nutrition and hydration as well as exercise in his courses.

First Aid Course

The next First Aid course is planned to take place on **Tuesday 21st April**. If you would like to attend please contact Jenny Wilson.

Health Talks

PLEASE NOTE: CANCELLATION. The talk planned for **Thursday 2nd April** on 'Understanding Dementia' has been cancelled on the advice of the surgery given the increasing risks of the spread of the coronavirus.

We are still hoping that the talk on **Thursday 7th May** on '**Infectious diseases -an update on immunisations and epidemics**' will take place as it's obviously very relevant to us all at the moment but a decision will be made nearer the time. Please look out for information in the surgery and in the May Corfe Valley News. **If the talk goes ahead it will be back in the Corfe Castle Club as usual BUT will start at 6.15.**

And finally.....

Farewell to Tina Sturgeon

We, the members of the PPG, would like to thank Tina on behalf of all the patients of the surgery for all the years she has looked after us with great skill, kindness and empathy. She has played a large part in helping the PPG to get started and has always been there to advise and support us. Many of us owe her a great personal debt of gratitude for help in the bad times. She is retiring on April 2nd and we send her all our best wishes - and hope she may from time to time return to help the surgery nurses when needed! As many of you will know we were planning to hold a tea party on her final day at the surgery and everyone was invited to come along but that too has alas had to be cancelled. We shall be wishing her well from a distance!

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National Trust Corfe Castle

Please note that National Trust properties have mostly closed, so treat the programme below as provisional. Check with NT staff to be sure what is happening.

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

Join the Wolfshead Bowmen, witness demonstrations of combat, skilled archery displays and have-a-go sessions (£2 for 6 arrows).

Sat 25 & Sun 26 April, Sat 16 & Sun 17 May

Saxon & Viking Survival

Could you survive the 10th century? Come along to Corfe Castle and learn some important life skills of the period. Meet our Saxon storyteller and discover tales of treachery and bravery, find out if you can light a fire and how to forage and preserve food. Explore popular pastimes and crafts of the period or maybe test your warrior skills.

Sat 2 & Sun 3 May

Saxon & Viking Falconry

Immerse yourself in the origins of falconry and discover why Vikings were buried with their hawks.

Fri 8 to Sun 10 May

Saxons & Vikings: Siege of Wareham

Witness the sound and fury of Saxon and Viking warriors in pitched battle as they recreate the siege of Wareham. Explore the Saxon village and learn about everyday life during this harsh period, presented by Hfafnslith.

Sat 23 & Sun 24 May, Sat 6 & Sun 7 June

Norman Knight School Travel back in time at Corfe Castle and learn some of the skills you'd need to become a noble knight. Brush up on your basic squiring as you learn about the arms and armour of a 12th-century knight, witness devastating demonstrations of the weapons of the time, and begin your training with sword, spear and shield.

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.

Tues 26 to Sun 31 May

Historia Normannis The walls of Corfe Castle will echo once more with swords as our fighting knights demonstrate medieval combat. Young squires can even learn the basics themselves with our medieval drill, as the knights teach how to wield swords and shields and face the gauntlet!

Sat 6 June to Sun 28 February 2021

Photographic Exhibition From June 2020 the masons' lodge will be the setting for a photographic exhibition celebrating 125 years of The National Trust and the gift of Corfe Castle in 1982. Photos of archaeological excavations and conservation work carried out by the National Trust will be on display.



National Trust

Ten Dartmoor ponies have made the move to Dorset where they are helping to maintain the landscape and habitats of Godlingston Heath.

The newcomers were brought in with help from the Dartmoor Pony Society as the latest recruits to the National Trust's conservation grazing programme.

After spending a few weeks acclimatising at the Trust's Greenlands Farm in Studland they were released onto the heath, where they will live with little human intervention until autumn.

The Dartmoors join an existing herd of Exmoor ponies which have been grazing the heath for some years.

For ease of management only geldings are chosen for the grazing programme so herd numbers decline over time and need to be topped up periodically. Both Dartmoor ponies and their Exmoor cousins are ideal choices because they are hardy animals used to the harsh upland conditions they were bred for.

They are also perfectly adapted to survive on the rough grazing heathlands afford.



Dartmoor Ponies at Greenlands Farm in Studland. Please credit National Trust/Jon Bish

“The Dartmoors seem to be settling into their new home very well and we’re confident they’ll be happy here while making a big contribution to conservation,” said National Trust Heathlands Team Ranger David Jones.

“A big thank you to the Dartmoor Pony Society and the breeders who made this possible.”

The ponies typically spend spring to autumn on the open heath, moving to the more sheltered conditions of nearby Harmony Valley over winter.

Their work is vital to help prevent the growth of scrub which would eventually turn the protected heathland landscape into woodland if left unchecked.

Through the action of their hooves, and through natural behaviour like rolling, they also create bare patches which reptiles use for basking in the sun.

Both ponies and cattle are used on Godlingston and its neighbouring heaths because they graze in subtly different ways.

Ponies have a nibbling action which leaves a shorter, more even sward while cattle pull up clumps with their tongues so that what is left is more varied in length.

The two actions compliment each other, and the end result is a variety of habitats suitable for a wide range of plants, invertebrates and reptiles.

**Corfe Castle
Christmas Festivities Committee
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With regret, due to the continued uncertainty with the COVID-19 / Coronavirus situation, the Christmas Festivities Committee have made the difficult decision to cancel this year’s Senior Citizens’ Spring Supper.

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thank you for the coffee morning support in March; £233.20 was raised. Our 100 club draw is made at the coffee morning; first prize of £20 was won by member 3, with member 28 getting second prize £10 and member 79 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 Saturday morning	VH Coffee Morning
1st Sunday all day	Antiques Fair
1st Tuesday afternoon	Aquarius
2nd Thursday afternoon	Carpet Bowls
4th Thursday morning	Carers' Time

regular fortnightly event:

regular monthly events:

Covid-19

The safety and well being of everyone that uses our Village Hall is our priority. These are unforeseen, uncertain and troubling times but we wanted to let you know that we are doing all possible to keep you safe which includes regular disinfecting to high traffic areas and surfaces. At the time of writing the village hall will remain open for users who decide to use it, but this will be reviewed regularly and we will continue to follow WHO & Government advice. The "greyed out" regular users above are **not** currently meeting.

Artsreach events

Since Artsreach shows re-started in the village in 2011 there have been 35 shows, 3 or 4 each year. Audience sizes have varied from 48 to 162, averaging in excess of 100. As well as increasing the range of entertainment opportunities in the village, more than £8300 has been raised for hall funds. We often present musical performances - like the delightful Namvula or the intriguing Budapest Cafe Orchestra. We frequently select drama, often involving physical comedy - few will forget Wizard of Oz or Dracula or our earlier two shows with Le Navet Bete. We try to include a show suitable for the whole family - like the Little Match Girl or Wind in the Willows. Last year we tried dance for the first time with Uccena's "Hansel and Gretel" show. How many of these 35 shows in the past nine years have **you** seen? Have we got the right balance of events? Each May we receive a "menu" with all the Artsreach events for the following season. We choose six or seven, and might get granted three of four of these. Would you like to be involved in choosing events for next season? If so, please contact David on 07590 35219.



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At March's meeting the AGM was held, this was well attended. Three of our committee members stood down and to show our appreciation of all their hard work they were presented with lovely gifts which will hopefully flourish in their gardens and remind them of their time on the committee. We now have three new members and would be gratefully to have a fourth. We were given a comprehensive guide to our finances which are in good order. After the formalities were over we spent the remainder of the meeting having a short beetle drive and drinking tea.

Dates for your diary:

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| April 7th | Tibetan Buddhism |
| April 25th | Spring Fayre Coffee Morning |
| May 5th | Footprints with Caroline Stephens |
| May 25th | May Fair in the castle grounds where Aquarius will be running a Tombola |
| 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.

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Beer Draw, Fri. evening
Meat Draw, Sat. evening
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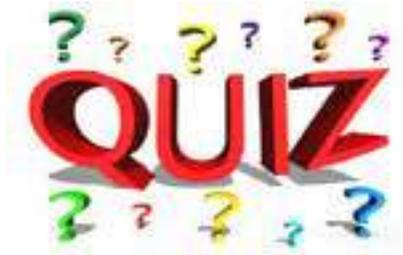
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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

5	April	Sunday	10 am – 4 pm
13	April	Monday	7 pm
14	April	Tuesday	7.30 pm
24	April	Friday	7.30 pm
25	April	Saturday	10 am – noon

CALENDAR for APRIL 2020

Antiques Fair	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting	Corfe Castle Town Hall
Church Knowle Parish Council Meeting	Church Knowle Reading Room
Kaleidoscope of Music and Entertainment	The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage
Spring Fayre and Coffee Morning	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

13	June	Saturday	10.30 am – 4 pm
20	June	Saturday	10 am – 4 pm
25	July	Saturday	
1	August	Saturday	2 pm
13	August	Thursday	10.30 am – 4 pm
3-6	September	Thu-Sat	
15	November	Sunday	10 am to 4 pm

‘Coffee and more’	St Edwards Church Lawn
‘Voices in the Stone’ Reunion	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Scolestock “Music Under the Stars”	Scoles Manor
Three Parishes Fete	The Old Rectory, Church Knowle
Church Fete	St Edwards Church Lawn
Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival	Various Locations
Annual Craft and Gift Fair	Corfe Castle Village Hall

All details are correct as at publishing date, please check with the organization involved before attending any events.



Corfe Castle May Fair

Keep it alive – again, again!

25th May 2020

Please put this in your diary now!

All Village Organisations and supported charities are welcome to have stalls to raise money or just awareness of their group.

After last year's amazing turnout we hope to keep that going this year.
(Subject of course to any Coronavirus requirements! So fingers crossed!)

Margaret Zen Animal Rescue are booked to run a dog show again; Corfe School and the U3A Ukulele Band will hopefully be there again along with Nordic Walking, Interactive Storytelling and Wiz Through Oz events.

All potential stall holders will need to fill out a form for the National Trust as usual. These will be emailed to all of last year's attendees and will be available from the NT Ticket Office, Robin and Peter once ready.

If you do not get any emails from us already and want to know what is going on, or have any good ideas for events or want to offer some help then please contact one of us with your details.
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Visit St Edwards Website - <http://stedwardscofrecastle.co.uk/>

The Reverend Ian Jackson writes:

As always, this letter is prepared some days before this magazine is published so it is always easy to be out of date and possibly irrelevant. This is obviously the case at the present time. I will mention the things that I hope may be of some relevance and help.

First of all, I know that there is to be an article in this edition from Corfe Castle Parish Council offering guidance and a contact point for help. There is also information in the Kimmeridge article. For Church Knowle please contact the members of the Parish Council, who will assist as they are able. Already people are offering help and, of course, this is also happening informally. In our relatively small communities many people are known, but nonetheless this is not true of everyone and I am sure many are trying to think of those who might otherwise be missed.

We now know that the Archbishop's have said that all Church of England regular Sunday and weekday services are to cease for the present time. (Weddings and funerals may be held, but only following current guidelines – please contact me if you need help and advice about this.) Already many activities had been cancelled or postponed.

A key part of the Archbishops' message, echoed by a letter from our own Bishop is that although church services are not taking place the prayer of the church continues albeit in an amended way; similarly, help, support and

encouragement will continue as well, but we will be finding different ways for that. Be assured, the prayers we don't hear so much about – people's own prayer and reflection – will be continuing. For example, those who meet regularly at the Prayer group in Corfe Castle are making time for prayer at the usual time of 9.30am on Wednesday, but are doing so in their own homes.

Furthermore, our churches will remain open in the usual way; obviously, dependent on someone being available to do this.

The Church of England website includes resources for prayer and reflection anyway, but these are being developed for the present situation. Do have a look if this a helpful way for you; other ways of supporting each other will emerge during the coming weeks.

Our own website also has useful material and we will keep it as up to date as possible. You can reach this directly at stedwardscofrecastle.co.uk or by the link on the St Aldhelm's Benefice website. (the address of this website is purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com)

Do take care as we all do what we are able to help and support each other.

Ian

Scripture Readings - April 2020

Sunday 5th April	Palm Sunday Philippians 2: 5 – 11 Matthew 21: 1 – 11
Sunday 12th April	Easter Day Acts 10: 34 – 43 Matthew 28: 1 – 10
Sunday 19th April	2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 2: 14A; 22 – 32 John 20: 19 – end
Sunday 26th April	3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 2: 14A; 36 – 41 Luke 24: 13 – 35

Sunday 3rd May

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 42 – end

John 10: 1 – 10

St. Edward, King & Martyr

Electoral Roll Revision

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll is due. Anyone who is not on the current Roll and who might wish to be added, should contact the Electoral Roll Officer to obtain a form. Also, if you think there may be anyone on the current Roll who has moved or passed away, please let me know, as I may not have been informed.

All forms have to be returned by 17th April, (although this may be flexible due to the present crisis) at the latest, in order to be included in the revised Roll for 2020.

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THURSDAY

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CORFE CASTLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

At the time of writing this article there are 1140 people who have got the Coronavirus in the UK and 21 have died and that number is likely to go up daily. I am overwhelmed by the ever-changing news of it each day.

What can I say? I am sure that each person reading this has a story to tell. My thoughts and prayers are with so many families, businesses, Hospitals. Also, the Care Homes, both the workers and the residents. Many Care Homes are stopping visitors from calling in, which I can understand, but it might not be understood by the residents who look forward to seeing familiar faces. I have been visiting a member of our church who is in a Care Home. She loves our visits but now will be missing us.

We are all going to go through life changing circumstances... life will not be the same for any of us.

I am living each day as it comes with God whom I trust, despite everything that is going on around the World.

My thoughts and prayers are with everyone in Corfe and the surrounding districts who wake up each morning wondering what the situation is going to be like and whether anyone in their area has contracted the Coronavirus.

My son who lives in Plymouth is in isolation at the moment, also his housemate who has recently been to Italy. Neither of them has the virus but have to remain in isolation for a few more days. They both work at a hospital so are also very vulnerable to any infection going around. They are both young but thoughts of infecting an older person is very worrying to them.

Please remember the elderly who may be living alone and worried about catching this Virus and may be short of food and worried about how they will do their shopping. For those who are able, do keep in touch with an elderly neighbour, maybe you could help, but be certain to keep safe yourself.

Please remember to follow the guidance and instructions which have been given, particularly on hand washing. Above all keep safe!

We are rapidly approaching Easter and wonder what we will be doing during this period. But one thing will never change! Knowing JESUS lives for all of us is the most important thing. So, Celebrate the Resurrection with complete cheer, for He came back to life to ease our fear. May Easter bring you blessings of love, joy, peace and hope even through what is happening in the World today.

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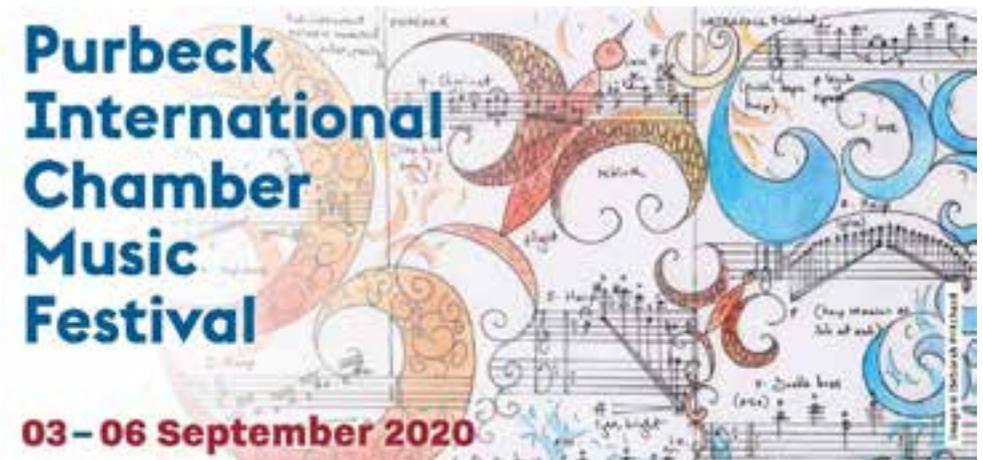
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We are happy to announce that the Wild Seas Centre, on the shoreline in Kimmeridge Bay, opens daily for the season from Wednesday 1st April. Opening times are 10.30am until 5pm.

We will be running events during the Easter holidays, starting with a Rockpool Ramble on 8th April followed by our annual **Great Kimmeridge Eggcase Hunt** on Good Friday, 10th April. If you've had your fill of Easter-egg hunts, why not try this hunt with a difference. Rather than chocolate eggs we will be scouring the beach for the empty eggcases of sharks and rays, often called Mermaid's Purses. How many can you find? Who will find the biggest one? A variety of different eggcases can be found, so come and learn about the creatures that lay them, how they survive on the seabed and what happens to them when they hatch. All eggcases collected will be recorded and passed to the Shark Trust to help with conservation efforts for these vulnerable species in our waters. Your reward for joining the search will be a chocolate egg of the normal kind.

If you prefer indoor activities, join us for some family craft activities on 15th and 18th April in the comfort of the Wild Seas Centre, when we will be making 'wool paintings' and a variety of ocean-themed art.

For the **Great Dorset Beach Clean** we will be at beautiful Worbarrow Bay, giving it a good spring clean. The beach clean starts at 1pm – follow the footpath to the bay from Tyneham. All equipment is provided but don't forget to bring a drink with you, as beach cleaning can be thirsty work.

Finally, from 27th April we will be running the **Dorset's Wild Seas art exhibition** in the Wild Seas Centre, showcasing local artist, Antonia Phillips' ground-breaking work to reveal the hidden world beneath the waves all along the Dorset Coast. The work was produced for a brand new guide by Dorset Wildlife Trust about the county's network of marine protected areas, their wildlife and habitats. Antonia's work reveals the underwater world in all its glory as if the sea has been drained away.



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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Did you collect your tree at the Big Tree Giveaway (of little trees)? A huge “Thank you” to our friends from the Corfe Castle Parish Council Environment Group (CCPCEG) and to the National Trust which provided the trees.

Members of the CCPCEG braved biting winds to hand out saplings of native British trees to anyone who would find the space for them to grow. We need everyone to plant a tree in a suitable space, then, by the time your and my grandchildren’s grandchildren are playing around Corfe the trees lost to development and disease will have been replaced to bring them pleasure, provide habitats for birds and beasts and insects. Also the trees will help take up the carbon the children don’t need and give back the oxygen that they do.

Our meeting this month is a victim of the Corona Virus. Following Government advice we are cancelling the gathering. Sorry! Members will have received an email, please make sure you pass on the information to anyone you know who was planning to attend and is not on our members mailing list.

Our meeting in the Merry Month of May is on the 7th, 8pm is due to be with Rachel Fooks from CCPCEG who will speak about ‘Helping the Environment of Corfe Castle’

WATCH THIS SPACE IN THE NEXT CVN – we may have to cancel/postpone again.

So, is Spring going to uncoil and bounce on to the scene? Or will it crawl slowly, soggy, muddy and bedraggled out of the floods as they, at last, drain away?

Either way Spring is on its way, the Crocus, the Daffs, late Snowdrops, early Snakes Heads and a profusion of new leaves on the rose trees in my garden tell me so.

Enjoy! Revel in the new life. Happy Easter everyone, *David*

“Nil corona carberundum!” which ought to mean, but doesn’t – ‘Don’t let the virus wear you down! Take care of yourselves and of each other. Keep Calm and Carry On Gardening.

Harman’s Cross Movie Night

Owing to the coronavirus outbreak it’s been decided that no film will be shown in April and thereafter until further notice. Our website will be updated as and when we plan to resume. (<https://www.harmancrosshall.co.uk/Movie-Nights>).

Langton Arthouse Cinema

Owing to the coronavirus outbreak it’s been decided that no film will be shown in April and thereafter until further notice. Our website will be updated as and when we plan to resume. (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**

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Part funded by Corfe Castle Parish Council, With support from The Village Hall & under the umbrella of Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation.

Check before you go because sessions are affected by the current crisis.

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. However please note that meetings are not taking place at present due to coronavirus.

‘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



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Digital Champion's bright idea helps Barbara switch and save

A lady from Dorchester has benefitted from free digital sessions on how to change suppliers online and has managed to save over £450 a year on energy bills with the first switch.

Barbara Scanlon went online at Dorchester library under the guidance of her local volunteer Digital Champion Mike Watson. She visited a price comparison website and worked out that with just a few digital moves she would be over £40 a month better off.

Mike has been helping her master a range of digital skills to do household bills and chores online such as paying Council Tax, setting up insurance, joining a loyalty discount scheme, using email, printing and using price comparison sites.

Mike said: "All Digital Champions are able to help you master the skills to do these essential households tasks online and a whole lot more. Don't waste time and money, just book a slot to see your local Digital Champion and we will help



you every step of the way. It won't cost you a penny."

Digital Champions work in communities, usually in libraries, one-to-one with people to help improve their digital skills. They are volunteers who enjoy using computers and have the patience and enthusiasm to show others how to benefit from being online, in this case how to save money.

To get help from your own Digital Champion and find out how much you could save, please call us and we will put you in touch with your nearest Digital Champion.

Call now 01305 221048.

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

Corfe Castle Community Library
Dorset Library Service has closed all local libraries in



Response to the Corona Virus outbreak.

Books may be returned through the letterbox at the rear of the library porch and overdue charges has been suspended.

The library Events in March and April are cancelled

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East Street, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EE t: 01929 480760
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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 see below our dates for April and May 2020

Monday 6th April at 12:00pm

Sunday 12th April at 2:30pm

Sunday 24th May at 1:30pm

You can visit our website at

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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!

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'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!

If you were in the Play or know anyone else who was, there is going to be a 30-year anniversary reunion.

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.

Please bring any photos or memorabilia, clothing etc from the Play and we can display them on the day. An old crackly DVD of the play will be on a loop!

We look forward to seeing you. The Voices Reunion Team.

Harmans Cross Art Group

Our annual Art Show at Harmans Cross Village Hall will be held on Saturday 2 May 9am until 6pm, and Sunday 3 May 9am until 5pm.

Group members will be showcasing and selling their work together with prints of original paintings and greeting cards. Ready framed original paintings make lovely gifts and unframed prints give you the opportunity to frame it yourself to suit your decor. All cards are unique to each individual artist and are a gift in themselves at very reasonable cost, often below some shop prices. With so many cards to choose from you could stock up for a year!

The village hall is very spacious with modern facilities and easy level parking (or you could come by train as the hall is adjacent to Harmans Cross Station). Refreshments will be available with well-spaced tables and chairs to enjoy them, and a lovely country view.

We are looking forward to showing our work and hope you will pop in to see us. Entry is free.

Charity Roadside Plant Stall Harmans Cross

Last year, we were able to forward over £500 to charity from plant sales and open days (Weldmar Hospicecare, which is locally based and Hope Now, which supports orphans and widows in Ukraine).

We hope to do the same again this year and will try to have a 'greener approach' - our compost is all home produced, and having attended the Langton Planet Action Green Leap Day I will also try to recycle even more items. There were some clever ideas there re-using plastic / cardboard and newspaper. Whenever possible the pots also have been used previously, but I am always grateful to receive empty pots back! If you end up with any unwanted empty flower pots at home, please leave them under the plant table at Upper Downs (opposite Foleys) and I'll be pleased to put them to good use.

This spring there will soon be a range of succulents available, (which need less watering), together with native plants, including bedding flowers and summer vegetables. I won't be buying plant labels this year as we find that 2 litre ice cream containers, cut into strips are just as good. Much as we would like to be plastic -free, we find it simpler to re-use as much as possible and hope the items are either returned if possible or recycled correctly.

It is unlikely that we will hold an open event this spring with so many events being cancelled. It was with regret that two local concerts had to be cancelled in March. David Orr was unable to attend the fundraising concert at Kingston Church and it was also prudent to postpone the Marilyn Baker event at Emmanuel Baptist for the time being.

Judy Forgan



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Pioneer view April 2020

Dear Friends

As I write this month's Pioneer view when the Growing Compassionate Communities Charity has just held its inaugural conference at St Nicholas in Corfe Mullen. It was a well-attended and immensely successful event.

As with everything we are involved in its good to reflect and draw some key themes and lessons to carry forward to our next conference in 2021 and perhaps disseminate to other events and activities we deliver across Dorset.

The overarching lesson from this event that emerges for me is the importance of taking risks. To step outside our comfort Zones and step into the unknown. I am reminded of some words a Poem I have on my study wall:

To love is to risk not being loved in return

To live is to risk dying

To hope is to risk despair

To try is to risk failure.

But risks must be taken, for the greater hazard is to risk nothing.

They avoid suffering and sorrow, but they cannot learn, change, grow, love or live

They are chained by their attitude; they are a slave. They have forfeited freedom

Only a person who risks is free (Anonymous)

I find these words both inspiring and challenging. They have the potential to ease you out of your comfort zone and try something new.

To take risks in life is to invite you to swim against the tide. It invites you to stand out in a crowd and be different. We risked as a team to step out from the crowd to deliver this conference because we felt it was needed for the greater good.

As with everything we do as a charity with new ventures we choose to be countercultural and challenge the status quo.

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Kimmeridge News

Covid 19 – looking out for each other in Kimmeridge

Rose Clarke has set the ball rolling with this great idea for our local community. It seems increasingly likely that some of us will soon be quarantined and unable to go about our normal day to day lives. This will obviously create all sorts of difficulties for individuals so I thought that it might be a good idea to create a central register in the village of people who are willing to help others out with things like:

- Picking up shopping
- A friendly phone call to anyone feeling isolated
- Posting mail
- Looking after pets
- anything else I haven't thought of!

Please let me know if you are willing to be on this register, what you're willing to help with and if you're up for helping to co-ordinate this.

My email address is roseclarke@hotmail.com

Rose

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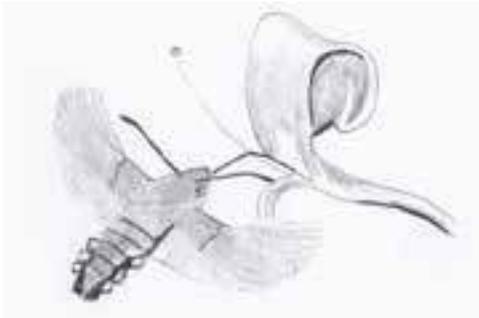


The waterfall in Kimmeridge Bay looked very impressive after the heavy rainfall on 5th March – the stream that feeds it drains off the fields and runs past our cottage. The runoff from the fields turned the Bay brown, with the muddy water covering three-quarters of the Bay!

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Much ado about mothing

When I was 14, for the first (and only) time I won a school prize – for chemistry. I took my voucher to the local independent bookshop (we had them in those days) to choose a book; not a chemistry book but *Moths in Colour* published by

Blandford Press in Poole. Little did I suspect that 10 years later I would end up “mothing” in Dorset!

As I said back in February, for the last 20 years or so I have kept a list of birds seen in or from my garden in Corfe and as it got steadily harder to add species to that list, I began other lists. My garden mammals list can be counted off on two hands and the reptiles and amphibians on one each. Even the butterfly list only runs to 16 species. But moths can keep you busy for years. The British list of macro-moths (the big uns) runs to about 900 species and there are even more micro-moths (the tiddlers). The Durlston Country Park website boasts 458 species of macro-moths and over 200 micro-moths. My garden list runs to a mere 160 species of macro-moth and I have not tackled the micros, so I have a way to go.

Unlike butterflies, moths fly at all times of year, and the species flying changes from month to month. In winter you can find the *November moth* and *December moth*. In Spring, more species appear like the *March moth*, *Early Grey* and *Brimstone*. Now, lots of moths are fairly dull to look at but there are still far more bright, colourful moths than there are butterflies. The *Swallowtail* moth is yellow, the *Magpie* is (you guessed it) black and white, and the *Common emerald* is of course green.

Most moths fly by night and the easiest way to see them is to leave the curtains open and look at what comes to the window. Better is to leave a bed sheet on the washing line and stick a light near it (not a candle though!). I once found a *Convolvulus hawkmoth* (a big un with a wingspan of 12cm) in some washing that had been left out overnight. Best is to use a moth light-trap on a still, overcast night. Alternatively, you can make up some sugary sweet-smelling liquid and paint it on a tree trunk or post – that will attract species that do not come to light. But, some moths fly by day like the *Tiger*

moths and the *Hummingbird hawkmoth* – the latter behave exactly as you might think but fortunately the former do not.

Purbeck is a good place for seeing immigrant species and new species for Britain. So, the *Hummingbird* and *Convolvulus hawkmoths* cross the English Channel in summer, as do *Silver Ys*. Climate change has enabled several species such as the *Jersey tiger* to colonise recently.

As you might have gathered, moths’ names are as interesting as the insects themselves. Some of my favourite moth names are *The Drinker*, *Merveille du Jour*, *Shark*, *Old Lady* and *Chinese character*.

Last year, Butterfly Conservation and Moths Ireland published the first national atlas of the macro-moths. This contains distribution maps for nearly 900 species. I have yet to buy this book and can’t expect any more school prizes to help with that now.

You can find out more about moths at these websites:
Butterfly Conservation <https://butterfly-conservation.org/moths>

Atlas of Britain and Ireland’s larger moths: <https://butterfly-conservation.org/news-and-blog/journey-to-the-moth-atlas-producing-the-first-ever-atlas-of-larger-moths-in-britain>

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