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Editorial

Thank you to everyone who returned the envelopes with money last month and also to those who sent money in directly online. Your contributions are vital to the continued health of the Corfe Valley News as they top up the money we get from advertising and from local organizations and associations. Thank you also to all our helpers who deliver the CVN through everybody's door. Without your help delivery would be impossible; you are all a vital part of the team.

The Parish Council has appointed a new clerk to replace Ali. Michelle will start work during September and will take over from Ali in October. There were several very good candidates who applied for the post and it was difficult to separate them. However in the end Michelle's appointment was unanimous.

The village has been really inundated with visitors over the last few weeks. It looks as though lots of people are taking staycations in Dorset. Good for the businesses, but it can make it quite difficult to get around the village. Nevertheless it's good to see that the Swanage Railway is again stopping at Corfe.

Stephen

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(there are more just after the middle of the magazine)

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by Sheila Doyle-Stephens

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

AUGUST AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

No members of the public attended the meeting which was held via zoom video link. Cllr Cherry Brooks had circulated a report to the Council prior to the meeting and invited questions. She was asked if there was any feedback on the Council's Parking and Traffic study. Stephen Mephram our Senior Community Highways Officer had fed back some initial comments; Cllr Brooks recommend a meeting be scheduled with Stephen and the PC and she will follow up after that.

Cllr Brooks reported that all Local Authorities have been directly instructed by the Prime Minister to prioritise cycle ways and they must be panned into transport schemes. She advised the **Norden to Corfe footpath and cycle way** has not been forgotten. She emphasised that Dorset Council were still very much dealing with the Corona Virus crisis meaning other projects were no being prioritised at this time.

James Gould reported that the **National Trust** are going through a 45 day period of consultancy following the announcement of a proposed scheme of cost savings and redundancies. The period ends on the 11th of September. He was asked if proposed changes would impact on services and advised that at present there is no proposed change to opening times at the Castle however larger events may be cut back. He is not currently in a position to offer any information about the redundancies and their impact on Purbeck. The National Trust will be endeavouring to liaise more with parishioners and the parish council and open up channels of communication. James also reported the Trust plan to re-open the ticket office imminently.

The Parish Council are making progress with plans for **a permissive footpath from Woodyhyde to the village**. The path will run along the tree line at the bottom of the field adjacent to the road. The Clerk has met with Cambian education and representatives from Woodyhyde and the path largely has approval to go ahead. Dorset Council are willing to help the PC with signage for the permissive path and the National Trust have been asked if they can assist in joining up the path where it meets the common. It was noted that the gate must be secure to prevent any horses that were grazing from getting out. It was also pointed out that the bottom of common can get incredibly boggy. This will need further investigation by the Clerk in conjunction with the NT.

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The Council discussed the difficulty in obtaining information about **premises licences** and the fact that whilst Dorset Council do publish licencing information online, at present they do not do so for Purbeck. Information is available on request, but this does not help people should they have concerns out of office hours. The Council resolved that it would request licensing information from Dorset Council for all licenced premises in the parish. Putting the information on the Parish Councils own website was discussed as a future plan.

The Council discussed the **appointment of a new Clerk**. They resolved that a panel of Councillors would carry out shortlisting and interviews and then an extraordinary meeting would be held to receive the panel's report and decide the best way to proceed.

The Council had been researching making an application to list the Coal Yard on the register of community assets. The Council resolved to instead request that Dorset Council give the PC first refusal to purchase the land should it ever become available for sale.

Cllr Dru Drury had received an invitation to participate in a liaison meeting organised by the **Bournemouth to Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company** and it was approved that he should attend on behalf of the Council. The Council had previously resolved not to object to the recently proposed fee increases however recent and clearer information was not apparent at the time of this decisions being taken. The Clerk will look at standing orders to see if the Council can revisit the item should they wish to do so. It was felt that it was important someone be at the meeting to report back.

Cllr Parish had raised concerns as an individual about the policies and procedures for **wearing face masks on school transport**. There is an inconsistency in legislation between private transport firms and public transport. She would like face mask wearing to be compulsory on all school transport. Some schools have not been clear in their information for parents about what is to be expected concerning the wearing of masks on school transport. The Council supported Cllr Parish's views.

On planning matters the Council deferred making a decision on the lateral extension to Swanworth Quarry and an extension of the end date for quarrying and restoration. The Council had commissioned consultant James Cain to report on the application and he confirmed that the application is balanced. The

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Council deferred a decision to erect a garage & summer house on number 1 East Street until they have seen a CAD image recommended by the conservation officer and to be produced by the National Trust. The Council had no objection to erect a garden shed at Little Woolgarston Farmhouse, Woolgarston. They also had no objection to erect single storey extension at The Carhouse, Tabbits Hill Lane.

The next meeting will be held on the 14th September 2020 at 7pm via Zoom. The Public are welcome to attend and participate in the public half hour at the start of the meeting. Details will be posted on the website by Tuesday the 8th of September. For further information please contact the Clerk.

(phone 01929 426125)(e-mail CorfeCastlePC@aol.com) – 41 Bell Street, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 2RY. Full minutes of the meetings are available in Corfe Castle library or on the Website (www.corfecastlepc.org.uk).



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The CLT is pleased to announce that, despite the inevitable delays caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the proposed plans for the housing development in West Street are ready for viewing.

Public exhibition in the Village Hall

Thursday 17th September 18:00 – 20:00

Friday 18th September 15:00 – 17:00 and 18:00 – 20:00

In order to assist with social distancing requirements, there will be 3 identical static displays of the plans. Board members will be present to answer questions. There will be a short immediate feedback form with space for written comments to be handed in as visitors leave the exhibition.

On Thursday visitors will be given timed entry – 15 minute slots may be booked by contacting Alison Palmer on 480096 or by email corfecastlecommunitylandtrust@gmail.com.

Friday's sessions will involve a managed queuing system for drop-in visits, again with a 15 minute time limit to allow as many visitors as possible to view the display. Please register at the desk in the lobby on arrival and be prepared to wait in the car park until called in.

Our aim is to give as much opportunity as possible for villagers to see and consider the proposals while conforming to current rules. We hope you will be able to feel comfortable visiting and sharing your views. Please register at the desk in the lobby on arrival and be prepared to wait in the car park until called in.

Board members will be present to answer questions. There will be a short immediate feedback form with space for written comments to be handed in as visitors leave the exhibition.

Please note: Face covering is essential within the hall. Please ensure that you arrive with a mask.

Hand sanitiser and pens will be provided but you may prefer to bring your own.



In celebration of Dorset's outstanding landscape, the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Dorset Magazine are delighted to announce the winners of the Landscapes for Life photo competition.

The Winner is James LaBouchardiere with a beautiful image from the South West Coast Path Purbeck last summer (above). Runner Ups are Tony Gill and James Loveridge with stunning spring and winter images (below at the bottom of the page)

Despite the Lockdown restricting access to the countryside during prime photography season, over 400 photographs were entered into the competition. Photographers rallied round by using their time indoors to look through their favourite images from visits past.



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As Flu season approaches I just wanted to take the time to let you all know that things will be quite different this year.

It is more important than ever that you all have the flu vaccination that we offer you, to protect you against Influenza and to reduce the strain on the NHS in the coming months.

We will hope to hold clinics on Saturday 26th September and Saturday 10th October from 9am to 12 midday for over 65's and 'at risk group' but NOT children (we will contact you with further details)

We aim to provide you all with a time slot so that we can maintain social distancing at all times. We would need you to be prepared with the top of your arm showing before you get through to the consultation room, as there will be no seats available and nowhere to leave belongings. The GP or Nurse that you see will be in full PPE and you will need to have a face covering on before entering the building and the building will be well ventilated. You will then exit the building at the back door and walk down through the garden in a one-way system.

Unlike previous years, we will not be able to have groups of patients in the waiting room so we will have volunteers around the car park area and building to mark out distancing and to guide you. We would appreciate it if you could come into the building alone and meet anyone that you have come with away from the exit. It would be helpful if you could park your car away from the surgery in the general pay and display if possible as we anticipate that the car park at the front of the Surgery will be busy with patients in a distanced queuing system.

Please contact the Surgery with any queries or concerns that you may have.

Kerry Norman Practice Manager



Patient Participation Group

Each month sees new aspects to our changed way of life in Purbeck in the time of Covid-19. August has seen us experiencing such large numbers of visitors to the area that every day has seemed like a Bank Holiday Saturday, with traffic jams, seething local beaches and Corfe Square teeming with holiday makers from early in the morning. Whilst we are glad that so many people can again enjoy the freedom to have a break in such a beautiful place and that welcome trade has returned to many of our businesses they also bring a significant risk of spreading the virus in our community. As patients and as a community we know we aren't living in normal times. We must all constantly remind ourselves that the pandemic is still with us right here and fight against 'Covid fatigue'. Please keep safe and well at this busy time- and keep an eye open for anyone who may still need our support.

Turning to the surgery, we have had a recent very helpful update from Dr Lepper and Kerry Norman, Practice Manager, on how the surgery is managing at this challenging time. At the end we were left feeling full of admiration for them and the whole team for their resilience and determination to do their best for us. One pressure is that the surgery is busier than ever with both the influx of visitors needing temporary care and the numbers of new permanent patients continuing to increase every week. The other pressure is of course the changed ways of working during the pandemic. The present arrangements, so different from the ones we are used to, are not of the surgery's choosing. The NHS nationally, in order to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus between doctor and patient, has given detailed guidance to all GP surgeries on what they should/should not do and stipulated that face-to-face contact should only take place when clinically necessary. Our surgery, like us, looks forward to the future when more normal times can return. Dr Lepper and the surgery team are responding to the demanding new ways in which they have to work in a most committed and positive way. We were reassured that they are taking the same safe, good care of us as before the pandemic even though it has to be delivered differently. It's clear that they are achieving this by working many more hours than usual and going the extra mile for us in many ways. We can be confident we still have timely access to the doctors whether by speaking to them on the phone or being seen when necessary. Speaking of phoning the surgery we are all asked to be patient if it's harder than usual to get through to the receptionists when we phone. The surgery only has three phone lines, which in normal face-to-face times were ample. With most contact with us now by phone it can

currently be a problem. As no more lines can be added to the existing system they are hoping to get a new system installed as soon as possible.

The activities of the PPG, in particular the Leg Club, Carers' Coffee Mornings and Health Talks, are sadly on hold until the social distancing rules change. We are especially disappointed that we are unable to carry on with Carers' Time at the moment but if any carer would like to call or email us we would be happy to phone back for an informal chat and maybe the chance of some relaxation or advice on the availability of support. There is, for example, an excellent organisation called Carers Support Dorset dedicated to providing help, advice and information. With funding from NHS Dorset and Dorset Council they are able to provide all sorts of help if you need it, quickly and considerately. Their email address is carersupportdorset.co.uk and they are on Facebook. Freephone number 0800 368 8349.

We are still here! You can follow our news on the surgery NHS Choices website or our PPG Facebook. If you have any feedback or suggestions please get in touch.



CRAZY 4 CORFE

It is with much regret and sadness that we will be cancelling all fundraising events this year due to the current circumstances.

We especially look forward to running the Christmas Fair each year in the Village Hall but because of the number of stall holders and visitors involved we feel it would be impossible to maintain everyone's safety.

So stay safe you lovely people of Corfe and hopefully we can all look forward to better times and some fun events next year.



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It's September and autumn is upon us. Government and God willing we are still open and able to offer, our, takeaway service once more, with even more dishes available, including Sunday lunch! See Facebook website for menus or call in and pick one up.

Our inside space is now extremely limited so please try to remember, to book a space in advance.

We have a bumper crop of grapes from the vines this year, and we are hoping to make jars of grape chutney to serve with our special local cheeseboards later in the year.

Thank you to everyone who supported our American weekend raising money for some very poorly children. Details to follow via social media.

Notes for the Diary

End of season Gourmet BBQ and Live Music with Jim Etherington

BBQ with hand dived scallop and monkfish Kebabs
Fillet Steak Kababs, Luxury Homemade burgers
Bradle farm sausages and caramelised onion, Ciabatta Hot dogs

In October, we will be hosting a fabulous murder/mystery evening tickets available from the end of the month.

Whatever you are doing in September keep happy and safe.

Corfe Castle Village Hall

100 club:

The 100 Club draw usually takes place at the VH coffee morning on the first Saturday of the month. We are planning a village hall coffee morning (in some format!!!) for Saturday September 5th, and the September draw will be made then. The August draw has already been made: first prize of £20 was won by member 54, with member 11 getting second prize £10 and member 66 winning the third prize £4. Under Covid restrictions over the last few months we have been retaining these prizes, and also collecting only a few of the subscriptions that have fallen due. We are hoping that it may soon become possible to distribute these prizes and also to collect subscription payments. So there is some good news coming for members 4, 5, 11, 21, 26, 32 (twice!), 51, 53, 54, 55, 66, 71, 74 and 86!

Profit from the 100 Club plays a significant part in supporting the everyday running costs of the Village Hall. With limited income from bookings currently, this support is even more valuable. If you would like to discuss becoming a 100 Club subscriber, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

general news:

the Village Hall is now open again!

A great deal of preparatory work has been done by the Trustees working group in order to make the premises "Covid secure". Naturally the capacity of the rooms is currently reduced, and there are enhanced obligations for hirers to clean surfaces. Also the kitchen is unavailable for most bookings. We will continue to do everything to enable groups to use the hall, but if conditions or government guidelines change then our current plans for use of the hall may have to change to reflect the new situation. Full details of all the extra conditions that have been necessary (including a Risk Assessment template which will be required for all bookings) are published on our website www.corfecastlehall.co.uk

Cameo Antiques and **Pilates** are already back in action, and **Dance** is currently happening outside. A few more of our regular activities are hoping to resume this month - **Brownies**, **Badminton** and **Wool Workshop** are all hoping to do so. Towards the end of October we are hoping to be able to put on an **Artsreach** show with the very funny **Living Spit** doing a repeat of their "Six Wives of Henry the Eighth" show for those who missed it first time round.

Aquarius are planning a "**Special Tea**" on Tuesday September 1st. There will be a "**Welcome Back**" **Village Hall Coffee Morning** on Saturday September 5th.

The hall will also be available for occasional bookings by members of the public. As usual you can do this by contacting Carole Speed by phoning 01929 480810, or by email to carolepspeed@gmail.com.

CORFE CASTLE'S HEROINE

Many of my generation left their families in World War II and during that time there were countless examples of bravery by women left to guard their homes from enemy attack. Before this century we have to go back to the Great Civil War, which began in 1642 and ruined many a town and village. Historical records give instances of a select band of ladies who defended their homes from the Roundheads. Notably they were Lady Digby at Sherborne, Lady Arundel at Wardour, Lady Harley at Brampton Brian and Lady Saville who successfully organised the defence of Sheffield Castle. Pride of place, however, must go to our own Lady Mary Bankes, who with a family of 14 (one a babe in arms) defended Corfe Castle to the bitter end.

This gallant lady was born Mary Hawtrey of Ruislip in Middlesex. Her family was an old and respected one of Norman descent. She met young John Bankes when he was studying law in London and married him in 1618 at the age of twenty. Her portrait which hangs in Kingston Lacy, shows her as a middle-aged determined and capable woman. With the accession of Charles I in 1625 her husband's career rocketed. He became an MP and Attorney General in 1634. The following year his wealth enabled him to buy the Corfe Castle Estate from the Hattons. They had done little for Corfe and the inhabitants must have rejoiced to have a resident family who faced up to their responsibilities in every way. In spite of the threat of war the elder boys received a good education and later made the Grand Tour of Europe. This undoubtedly encouraged the young Ralph Bankes in his love of art and sculpture.

Sir John, as he now was, had to spend much time either at Court or on circuit and Lady Bankes managed the estates well, until the outbreak of war. The first attack on the Castle on May 1st was repulsed largely by her indomitable leadership. Her garrison consisted of only a few soldiers led by Captain Lawrence and her loyal servants. A fresh blow descended when Sir John died at Oxford in 1644 leaving his widow to cope with a large family and a hostile neighbourhood. Both Poole and Dorchester had Roundhead garrisons. The second attack in June next year was a short one as the enemy were driven off. But the final siege in the winter lasted for 48 days during which time the Castle was continually attacked by large forces. Dame Mary never lost hope. Her sons and daughters joined in the defence and Corfe was one of the last Royal strongholds in the Country.

Finally the traitor Colonel Pitman delivered the Castle by treachery and to save further bloodshed Lady Bankes surrendered the keys to Colonel Bingham. He was so impressed by her bravery that he returned them but warned that the

Castle must be evacuated prior to its destruction. It is believed that Lady Bankes took refuge at first at Afflington which was one of her farms. Wholesale looting of the Castle then ensued. We know that certain townsfolk who supported Parliament helped themselves, and Colonel Bingham and Sir Walter Erle in no small manner. The rules of war permitted this, but it seems now a despicable act. Fortunately the priceless oil paintings were saved.

Local legend has it that the Bankes gold and silver plate had been buried in the Castle well and has never been found. This is most unlikely since Sir Ralph spent much time in endeavouring to recover his property. He wrote to Colonel Bingham and Sir Walter Erle about furnishings with little success. The homeless family rented houses near Blandford at Chettle and Damory Court but planned to rehouse themselves on their Kingston Lacy property as soon as their finances permitted. Ralph prudently married the Brune heiress of Athelhampton and two of his sisters had husbands, who exerted influence during the Commonwealth period. With a knighthood and a place in Parliament for Corfe, Sir Ralph consulted architects as to the building of his new mansion.

It was sad that Dame Mary did not see its completion since she died, regretted by all, in 1661. She had proved a good wife and mother and a brave commander during one of the most troubled periods in our history. The magnificent bronze statue of this gallant lady stands at the entrance to Kingston Lacy. It was executed by Baron Marochetti, and Mary Bankes stands in a defiant posture holding a sword and the keys of her Castle. Every time I pass it I pay homage to our own Corfe Heroine.

Paul Randall

Thank you to everyone who has contacted us about Benjamin Jesty, who was the subject of the article in the July CVN. I think, in due course, we must draw together all the interesting information we now have about him, in a future article.

The unfortunate statement about King Edward II's sexuality in last month's CVN has also been drawn to our attention. We sorry this got published. Hopefully this month is less controversial and we have gone back to Paul's telling of the story of Brave Dame Mary's defence of the castle.

Stephen



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QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 27th November

SAVE THE DATE!

Due to our production having to be cancelled this year we are hosting a quiz night that week instead!

Regulations allowing (with socially distanced tables) it will be a fun evening to get back out after lockdown! Come and dust off the cobwebs, have some fun and maybe even win some prizes!

That is as much detail as we can give for now but save the date and we will be back in touch with more information!

Future events to look out for in 2021:

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

This was due to be our November production this year – plenty of work is still going on in the behind the scenes!

Summer Murder Walk

A new script is in preparation with a ‘World War II’ setting!

We will keep you updated with new dates and events as and when information becomes available. In the meantime, stay safe, follow the rules, and we hope to see you soon!

We are always open to new members so if you are interested in joining us please contact Mike (chairman – 01929 480323) or Cherry (secretary - 07972799300) or email info@double-act.org.uk



We have now held two of our monthly meetings by Zoom with varying success. We appreciate that it is difficult for some members to participate but feel that it is very important to continue to keep our monthly meetings going in some form. It is our intention to continue to do this and to run our program of talks as originally planned but a month behind the published program. The upcoming talk is

- October 6th Richard Sedgley, ‘Sir Bevois of Hampton

We are not having a talk in September as we are holding a tea party instead. Members have been invited to take part in whatever way they feel is appropriate to them. This includes sitting with others in a socially distanced way, coming to pick up a tea and take it home to enjoy or, if necessary, having a tea delivered to them at home. We hope as many members as possible will participate and enjoy this event.

We are in the process of updating our membership list and would be most grateful if any members who have not re-joined yet but intend to could let a member of the committee know by September 10th.

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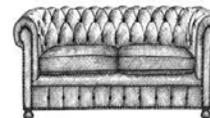
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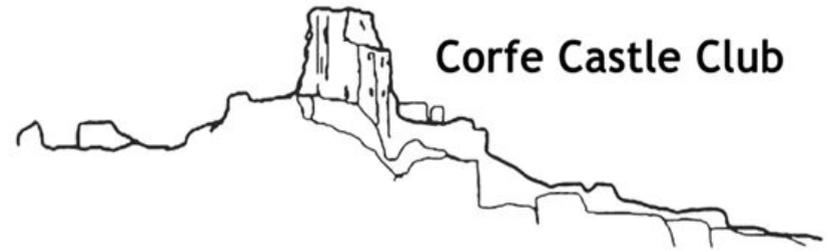
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News from the Library



We are (starting) to come back!

We have been looking at how to get a simple process together to provide a safe **Order and Collect** service for the library. The Dorset Library Service (DLS) libraries have a website and telephone line for this, but so far they have not agreed to include community libraries, so we decided we needed to do it ourselves!

The library building is too small for us to be able to let you choose from the shelves safely. So, we ask that you order your selection of books by the Wednesday prior to when you would like to pick them up on the Saturday. Unfortunately, book stock is not being moved between libraries and the online catalogue is not available for reservations to be made (we are hoping this will change soon). We have done a risk assessment to make sure everyone is safe. What we have come up with is a cut down version of the service being offered by the council run libraries that uses the stock we have access to. However, the DLS have sent us some brand new books so the stock has been enhanced.

How does it work?

You **order** books using a form that you can get from our website or from the library on Wednesday or Saturday mornings 10.30 to 11.30. There are different forms from adults and under 17's.

<https://sites.google.com/site/corfeastlecommunitylibrary/order-and-collect-service>

Forms can also be emailed to corfeastlelibrary@gmail.com or pushed through our letterbox or dropped in when you visit on Saturday.

Order by Wednesday to pick up your books on the following Saturday.

How do you choose books?

Complete a form, giving name, library card number, email address and phone number plus number of books (up to 10).

You cannot order *specific* titles because we do not have access to the DLS catalogue at the moment. So,

- you order **up to 10** books
- by a specific author
- or of a specific genre e.g. crime, biography, etc.
- or a specific topic e.g. travel in Italy, gardening, psychology etc.

We will take the order and do what we can to match your request. These will be bagged up and you will be notified by phone or email when they are ready to be collected (we will arrange with you a ten minute time slot for collection).

Collecting your books

The library will only be open on Saturday mornings 10.00 – 12.00 for you to collect the books that you have requested. You should come to the back door of the porch in your agreed 10 minute time slot. You will not be allowed inside the main part of the library (this is to minimise the risk of infection for everyone). The book collection desk will be inside the porch.

For those who are staying at home, we are offering an '**order and delivery**' library service. Just call 01929 480760 on any Wednesday or Saturday morning between 10 and 12 for details.

If you don't yet have a library card, we can help you get one.

All books will have been quarantined and handled safely before collection.

Clearly this solution is a far from perfect, but it is a safe first step back to resuming a full service. As more services are made available to us by Dorset Library Service the range of books and materials available to us will increase. However, we do not currently know when that might be.

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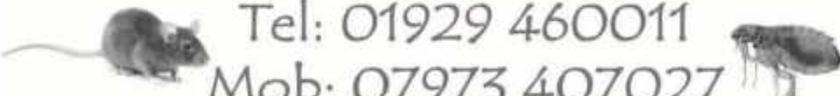


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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

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| 1 | September | Tuesday | |
| 3 | September | Thursday | 8pm |
| 4 & 5 | September | Thu-Sat | Cancelled |
| 5 | September | Saturday | Check the time, but likely to be 10 am |
| 14 | September | Monday | 7 pm |
| 17 | September | Thursday | 1800 – 2000hrs |
| 18 | September | Friday | 1500 – 1700hrs and 1800 – 2000hrs |

Please note that these events are mostly still tentative so please check timing and that it is actually taking place with the organisers.

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

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| 1 | October | Thursday | 8pm |
| 6 | October | Tuesday | Time to be confirmed |
| 12 | October | Monday | 7 pm |
| 17 | October | Saturday | Check the time nearer the event |
| 15 | November | Sunday | 10 am to 4 pm |
| 27 | November | Friday | Time to be confirmed |

CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER 2020

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| Aquarius Special Tea | Corfe Castle Village Hall |
| Gardening Club Meeting – an online virtual meeting | |
| Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival | St Edwards Corfe Castle |
| Coffee Morning | Corfe Castle Village Hall |
| Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting | Online |
| Corfe Castle Community Land Trust exhibition | in the Village Hall – see p10 |
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| Gardening Club virtual online meeting | |
| Aquarius talk by Richard Sedgley, - ‘Sir Bevois of Hampton | |
| Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting | Online |
| Aquarius Autumn Fayre – | Corfe Castle Village Hall |
| Annual Craft and Gift Fair | Corfe Castle Village Hall |
| Double Act Quiz Night | Corfe Castle Village Hall |

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

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Ian Jackson writes about developments in St Aldhelm's Benefice

The way the Church of England is organised is not exactly straightforward, some aspects stretch back over many years and others have been introduced more recently: the office of churchwarden is an ancient one going back to

1604, PCCs were introduced in 1919 and deanery synods were created in 1969.

Some of the terms above may or may not be familiar. It is usually something like sharing a vicar with other parishes, or the possibility that a church may not be able to stay open, that means people want to know how the Church of England is run, how decisions are made and how they can make their voice heard.

Most will know that in 2018 the 3 parishes of the Purbeck Hills, and the 4 parishes of the Corfe Valley became one benefice. This meant I became the incumbent of the whole benefice and was joined later that year by James - initially, in practice, things have continued much as they had done, albeit with the Purbeck Hills parishes no longer having a full-time priest looking after them.

Gradually we have found ourselves as churches getting to know each other better, doing more things together and James and I are involved with all the churches of our still new benefice.

The changes so far mean we need to look at the way we are organised. We have 7 PCCs (Parochial Church Councils - not to be confused with the Parish Councils) and so we are looking, where appropriate, for PCCs to join together. There are many administrative tasks and other responsibilities that would be simplified if they didn't have to be done 7 times; a wider view can be taken and co-operation more easily arranged. The intention is to lift the burden of administration and church maintenance from individual PCCs by sharing it at benefice level.

However, it is important to stress that each church will continue to connect with and serve the local community. Each church will have an informal church committee which will look after more immediate, very local and routine matters.

We have had considerable and careful discussion among the present PCCs - and this has continued during the lockdown period, using Zoom and in other ways. The Archdeacon and the Pastoral Secretary for the diocese have been helping and guiding us. Following this time, which has involved reflection and prayer, it seems right for the first step to be Kingston, Langton and Worth forming one parish with one PCC. At the same time discussions will continue as to the best way forward for the Corfe Valley parishes.

When PCCs and parishes seek to join together both the Diocese and the Church Commissioners are involved in making sure that there is good and wide consultation with local communities and churches. In fact, this goes

further afield as the details of the changes are published on the Church of England website and anyone is welcome to make comments, and these have to be considered.

There will be more information about all of this in the coming weeks. Do please ask if you have questions, comments and suggestions to make.

As so often with re-organisation it is not in itself guaranteed to change things for better, but hopefully it enables us to work together in the parishes and churches more appropriately in our present circumstances. In this we ask God's guidance and grace that we may work together well and for the good of his kingdom.

There will be opportunities to discuss the plans at an informal meeting in Harmans Cross Village Hall on in September (date to be confirmed)

There will also be an opportunity to join a Zoom conversation on 7 October at 7pm

Also, probably in October and December a formal consultation will be launched by the Diocese to canvass community response to the proposals.

Let us be encouraged by St Paul's words: 'We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.' (Romans 8:28)

Ian Jackson

Rector, Benefice of St Aldhelm

Services in the Benefice of St Aldhelm in September

Sunday

Sunday 8am Holy Communion St Edward's CC

10am Benefice Service - this is a live Zoom event. This service includes prayer, readings from scripture, hymns, prayer and a talk. The Zoom link and a recording of the service can be found on the homepage of the Benefice website: purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com

Wednesday

10am Morning Prayer (Holy Communion as from 8 September) - this service is held in St George's, Langton Matravers and can be attended in person or via Zoom

The homepage of the Benefice website also has a link to the August/September [Term Card](#) which contains details of midweek Morning and Evening Prayer offered via Zoom.

St Edward's Corfe Castle will not be open for individual prayer on Wednesdays between 9am and 10am

Bible Readings - September 2020

Sunday 6th September

13th Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 119: 33 – 40

Romans 13: 8 – end

Ezekiel 33: 7 – 11

Matthew 18: 15 – 20

Sunday 13th September

14th Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 103: 1 – 13

Genesis 50: 15 – 21

Romans 14: 1 – 12

Matthew 18: 21 – 35

Sunday 20th September

15th Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 145: 1 – 8

Jonah 3: 10 – end of 4

Philippians 1: 21 – end

Matthew 20: 1 – 16

Sunday 27th September

16th Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 25: 1 – 8

Ezekiel 18: 1 – 4; 25 – end

Philippians 2: 1 – 13

Matthew 21: 23 – 32

Sunday 4th October

17th Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 80: 9 – 17

Isaiah 5: 1 – 7

Philippians 3: 4B – 14

Matthew 21: 33 – end

Ride and Stride, Saturday 12th September

Once again it is the time of year to walk around the churches of Corfe Valley in aid of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. At the moment a select group of two (myself and Helen Finch) will be walking from Corfe Castle to Kingston, Kimmeridge, Steeple and Church Knowle before staggering back to Corfe Castle. If anyone wishes to join us for all or part of the walk please contact Penelope Smith.

If anyone would like to sponsor us this can be done online at justgiving.com/fundraising/corfecastlestedwardspar or we are happy to receive cash. All money raised will go to DHCT then half will come back to St Edward's. Like many organisations we have not been able to fundraise this year so anything you can give will be much appreciated.

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THE ARTIST AND THE POLITICIAN AT ST EDWARDS

The medieval church of St Edwards was reconstructed in 1859. It was in the 1940s, however, that the collaboration between two rather different people - the pioneer woman Member of Parliament Marjorie Graves (1884-1961) and the ecclesiastical artist Martin Travers (1886-1948) – created much of the visual effect we see today.



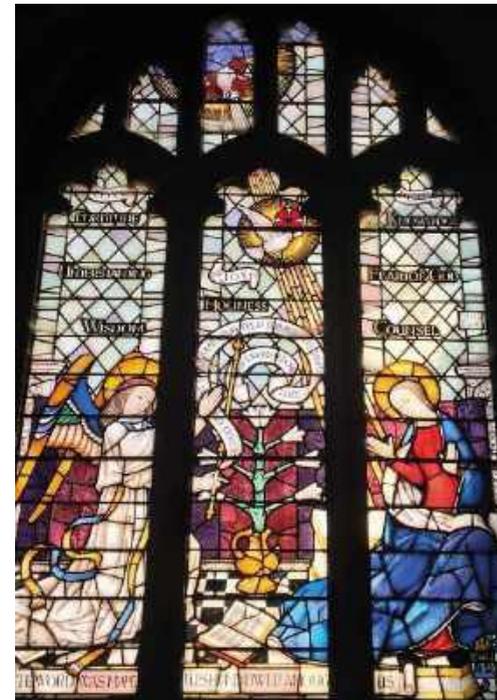
Travers' work is now being reassessed as a significant church artist and designer of the first half of the 20th C, and it was during the incumbency of William York Batley, who became Rector in 1938, that major refurbishments were undertaken under Travers' supervision. The elegant wooden screen by the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in the north aisle was the first of his works in 1938. His involvement with St Edwards would last until his death in 1948. He went on to design and furnish the Chapel with an altar, altar cross and two silver gilded candlesticks. An existing drawing from 1938 for the Chapel also displays a tester representing the Holy Spirit as a dove (it was never done), and hangings with medieval motifs and a curtain reredos.

Travers' ecclesiastical designs blend modernism with a medieval style popular with many Anglo-catholic Anglicans. It was a style which increasingly fell out of favour during the 20th century, and was even then considered retrograde by his more modernist contemporaries. There was much criticism of his work and some of his furnishings were removed from churches in subsequent decades, especially during the 1970s. Yet his aim had been to offer highly decorative design using affordable, even cheap, materials for use in Parish Churches whose budgets were dictated by financial constraints. At St

Edwards, this marriage of affordable materials with decorative style is best exemplified by the gilded, ornate cover (1938) for the medieval baptismal font. Several other items are attributed to him including the oak seats around the font in the Tower.

But it is Travers' work as a stained- glass artist, and his collaboration with Marjorie Graves MP during the 1940s which had the most significant impact on St Edwards. Marjorie Graves held the seat of Hackney South between October 1931 and November 1935. As a Conservative MP, she both won the seat from, and lost it to, Labour's Herbert Morrison. She became an MP following an early career in the Civil Service; in 1914 she was employed in the Foreign Office and attended the Paris Peace Conference after the First World War in 1919. She then moved to the Intelligence Department of the Home Office and became a Conservative Member of Holborn Borough Council. In 1936 she was part of the British Delegation to the League of Nations.

Marjorie Graves settled in Cocknowle and she became a member of the County Council. Her involvement with Martin Travers' work at St Edwards is thought to date from sometime between 1943 and 1946 when Travers



Memorial Window in the Chapel

designed and began to work on a Memorial Window to her. The window is in the east wall of the Chapel Travers had refurbished, and displays the Holy Spirit as a dove looking down from above at a scene depicting The Annunciation. The Graves coat of arms features in the right- hand panel. The window was completed in 1948 by Travers' pupil Laurence Lee who went on to work at Coventry Cathedral. Marjorie Graves' support for St Edwards and Travers' work continued into the late 1940s when in 1947 she sent the Rector a cheque for £500 to help with the church restoration being carried out by Travers. Her contribution was specifically

aimed at redesigning the East window ‘...according to the magnificent design by Mr Martin Travers’. Martin Travers died in 1948. The beautiful stained glass window we see today is what Martin Travers designed and completed in his workshop in 1947; he altered the tracery of the window so that it features four lights (glass panels) rather than the original three using experimental techniques to blend in the original glass with the new.

Perhaps it seems contradictory that a very ‘modern’ independent 20th century woman should have so enjoyed an ecclesiastic artist often criticised for being backward looking. Yet Marjorie Graves’ reasons for commissioning Martin Travers’ work may resonate with us today. As she wrote in a letter to Dr Dru Drury: ‘...It will be a great honour to meet Mr. Travers – you will know how much I look forward to the opportunity because he represents stability in an unstable world.’

We’d love to hear from anyone who has any memories of Marjorie Graves or Martin Travers. Please get in touch with St Edwards to Elizabeth on 07703 387189.

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We are hoping to find other ways to celebrate Beethoven's anniversary and we will write to you all again as soon as we can give more details.

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Pioneer View September 2020

Dear Friends,

In this month's Pioneer View, I would like to reflect on the phrase

“Seize the day, and put extraordinarily little trust in tomorrow (the future)”

or as it is sometimes referred to, “carpe diem”. It is in these uncertain times that seizing the day is key to making the most of our time and gifts.

If there is one single lesson that has emerged for me from this pandemic it is the value of living for the present moment, simply because we do not know what the future holds. This encourages us to be mindful of the moment and to live this present moment out fully and completely.

How often have we heard family members and friends say: “Where has the time gone?”, “Life is too short”. By seizing the day, we make the most of the moment, we live for the present as we can never know what the future holds, or what is around the corner.

Maybe we need to begin to reflect on what we do with our time, how we prioritise things. Could this be our starting point? What is urgent? What is it important? By simply pressing the pause button and scrutinising our priorities we can then begin to seize the day.

Seizing the day may also require us to grasp opportunities that pass our way.

It is important to live in this moment, so let me conclude with a quote from Edith Schaeffer:

“You have started, whether you recognize that fact or not. We foolish mortals sometimes live through years of not realizing how short life is, and that
TODAY is our life.”

What will you do with your time? Life is indeed short.

Go well

Peter

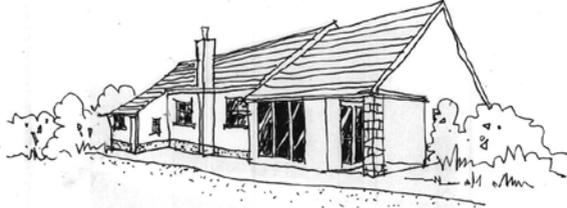
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Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Don't forget to join us for our Zoom Gardening Club Meetings at 8pm on September 3rd and October 1st.

Details will arrive from Gerry Stoker, our Secretary.

A major topic of conversation in the UK is “the weather” and we’ve had, and have, plenty to chat about. Unsurprisingly, the new subject of choice is Covid 19.

Musing about yet another pundit telling us that we have to “embrace” and “adapt to” the ‘new normal’, (in hushed tones, like it meant we’re all going to grow two heads and five feet), I wanted to say ‘Stop fussing and dramatizing! We have been embracing and adapting as a race for millennia and as individuals almost from the hour of our birth.’ We start by having doting adults respond to our every bleat and squeak, move through socialisation among other kids, on to school then big school, further education or work. Next we are the doting parent and, all too soon, face retirement.

Every new step on life’s journey requires us to adapt and, unless we become a hermit, change, to cope with new conditions, new norms, new responsibilities.

So it is with our gardening. How many changes can you think of right off? A couple to get you started.

As I boy I wandered down the length of my granddad’s back garden; rows of spuds, cabbage, runner and broad beans, cauli’s and onions, to name a few. Then houses were built in towns without garden enough to swing the proverbial. Later came the allotment boom and later still the supermarkets where you could buy fresh carrots cheaper than a packet of seeds, so why fight the carrot fly? Gardens became play space for the kids or, at best, more ornamental and filled with flowers.

For those who continued to garden came a cornucopia of chemicals. They would root it, grow it, green it, kill it, or kill every bug known to us - and a few that weren’t. Slowly we seem to be edging back to valuing fresh food straight from the garden or the recently re-established allotment. A move towards “wilding” the spaces and less emphasis on flowers in serried ranks assembled, and less reliance on the chemicals, aiming for a more natural approach and outcome.

“To live is to change” said a wise man many years ago. (Biologists agree with him). Some changes I could do without – like taking three times as long to do a

simple task in house or garden or needing chemicals to control the aches rather than the aphids!

So we adapt, and embrace what nature gives us, be it blooms or babies, backache or bacteria, variegated leaves or viruses, blackfly or butterflies, honey fungus or honey.

Some we shall welcome with open arms, others not so much. It is all part of life’s rich tapestry and we garden lovers are in a wonderful position to understand that, for we cope with changing seasons, and changes to the seasons! Enjoy your garden and your closer walk with nature, worry less about tomorrow and enjoy the beauty, the challenges and the satisfactions of today.

David

Today is the Tomorrow you worried about Yesterday.

Harman’s Cross Movie Night

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Litter Free Purbeck

After 4 years and with the wonderful team having collected over 70 bags of litter from the roads, paths and public areas of Corfe Castle, Liz Short will be stepping down as Litter Free Purbeck's Corfe Castle co-ordinator on 1st October 2020. The enforced break caused by coronavirus is a good time for a fresh pair of gloves to take over running the village litter picks. If you'd like to pick up the (rubbish) bag and run with it please do get in touch! (rupert.liz@gmail.com or 480447).

Dr William Ormerod

Marion, Alison, James and Amanda would like to say thank you so much for the kind condolences we received on the very sad death of dear William, husband and father, who died on Friday 31 July peacefully at home aged eighty-three.

The Editor has received the following Letter and has an email address if anyone wants to Reply.

Please may I introduce myself - my name is Derek Senneck from Castle Combe in Wiltshire and my Ancestry lies in Corfe and surrounding area. In the days of Corfe Carnival being held I attended many times and even took part on a float back in 1967!

Even though the Carnival is no longer held I have tried to make a trip to Corfe most years on what would have been the traditional Carnival day ie. the second Saturday in August (8th this year). Unfortunately, due to the dreaded Corona virus, this year I will not have the enjoyment of visiting your wonderful village on what I think is a special day. However Corfe will certainly be in my thoughts and of course I can look at Corfe Station via the on-line web cam.

The purpose of my e-mail is to wish all the inhabitants of Corfe Castle parish good health and a safe future and I look forward very much to when I can again make the journey from one castle to another.

I said earlier that my heritage lies in Corfe. My Mother was a 'Vincent' and raised (along with her many siblings) at Rollington while my Father's family lived at varying times at Bushey, Little Woolgarston, Knitson etc. Hence the reason I have such an affinity to the area. Some of your Councillors may recognise the two family names?

Not knowing who to direct my greetings to I thought that the Parish Council would be a good starting point especially with the 8th August being a few days away and I believe a PC Meeting is due soon?

May I send very best wishes to yourself, the PC and all at Corfe Castle.

Kind regards

Derek Senneck

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As the Covid-19 pandemic has developed, scammers are finding new ways to scam people.

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- 2. Voucher scams** - Scammers have pretended to be supermarkets offering money-off vouchers. The aim is to steal credit card details when you click on the link.
- 3. Fake medical kits** - Scammers are preying on health worries around coronavirus to sell fake or substandard medical products, and home testing kits.
- 4. Online shopping scams** - As we're all at home more than normal, scammers are using increases in online shopping to scam victims, including asking for payment of goods by bank transfer.

You can find lots of help with spotting and reporting scams on the Citizens Advice website at <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

If you suspect you have been scammed and need help with what to do next, contact Purbeck Citizens Advice on 01929 551913 or contact us via our webform on www.purbeckadvice.org.uk. During weekends you can speak to an adviser on Dorset Adviceline on 03444 111 444 between 10am and 1pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

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Response to the Article about Church Terrace in the August CVN

I have enjoyed the article in the latest CVN about Church Terrace. Can I offer three related titbits.

1 Church Terrace was occupied by Frank Berwick and his wife whose first name was I think Mary. They had two daughters, May and Cecily. Frank Berwick was not a local man. Mary's maiden name was Ford and she was one of the large local family of Fords. She had been milkmaid at Blashenwell Farm as a young girl. Frank's background is long and interesting but not relevant here. I believe the family came to Corfe Castle sometime just before the First World War and initially lived in what is now the Pink Goat where Frank, who was a tailor, was to be seen sitting in the bay windows in order to get the maximum amount of light while working. In those days most clothes were tailor-made and hand stitched. May married a soldier who was billeted on them during the First World War and went off to London with her man. The rest of the family moved into 1 Church Terrace in the 1920s, where Frank died in 1933. Mary continued there until she died in about 1950; and Cecily, by then known universally as Nan, lived there until she died in, I think, 1995. Nan Berwick never married.

I remember Eddie Holland, whose knowledge of Corfe Castle matters was encyclopaedic, saying that just after the First World War the Bankes family put railings around the Castle and someone (whom he named) who had lost a leg in the First World War was given the job of collecting the entrance fees. I believe it was at this time that Corfe villagers decided that they were not prepared to pay to go into their Castle and ripped the railings down. That is the origin of the right of anyone who lives in Corfe Castle to go into the Castle without paying. The National Trust seems sometimes to forget this. Perhaps the time is coming when we should tear the railings down again. I guess Robert Baverstock at 3 Church Terrace would have been the supervisor of he who collected the fees.

The house in East St nearly opposite Mortons House, where Peter Tate lived until recently, is known as the Old Curatage. Particularly in the 19th century Corfe Castle must have been a well-endowed parish; the Bankes family particularly put a lot of money into the parish, and the incumbent Rector was often either a member of the Bankes family or a Bond. The Rector would have lived at the Glebe House on the road to Church Knowle and presumably rode over on his horse or in a carriage if he wanted to take a service. Otherwise the curate had to manage. I speculate that the curate may even have received a note from the Rector at very short notice telling him that he was to take, for example, Evensong. The Curate's Walk would therefore have been very valuable to the curate to get into church quickly.

Michael (Bond).

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Sadly, within a week, the lockdown due to coronavirus was imposed and although the public had access to the exhibits outside, nobody was able to see the artworks inside - until now.

Celebrating 800 years of Spirit and Endeavour comprises 20 pieces of work by some of the most important contemporary artists of the 20th and 21st century, including Antony Gormley, Henry Moore and Grayson Perry.

Visitors can see sculpture, tapestry, kinetic and digital installations on the lawns and inside the building.

The cathedral has had to reduce the number of people it can welcome at one time for safety reasons, so visitors need to book in advance.



Large Reclining Figure by Henry Moore keeps watch in the rain on the cathedral's 800th birthday in April.

Opening hours are Monday to Saturday 10am to 2.30pm.

If you are unable to visit in person, you can take a virtual tour of the exhibition (there's a family friendly version too) by visiting

www.salisburycathedral.co.uk

Curated by Jacqueline Creswell, the cathedral's visual arts adviser, the exhibition runs until 2021.

A catalogue is on sale with listings supplied by galleries, museums and foundations.

- Sadly, Confluence, the much-anticipated flower festival has been postponed due to the coronavirus restrictions.

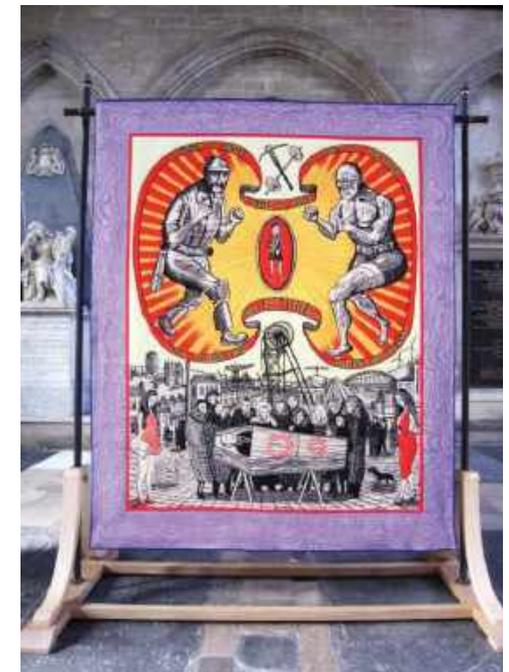
More than 300 flower arrangers from across the Diocese of Salisbury were due to join festival designers Michael Bowyer, Pam Lewis and Angela Turner to put on the show in September.

The Festival has been postponed until 2022.

"The festival will run from Tuesday 10th to Sunday 15th May 2022," said Michael. "The decision to go to 2022 is because in 2021 both Chichester and Winchester already have festivals planned."



When Soak Becomes Spill by Subodh Gupta on Choristers' Green stands as a beacon of light and hope in troubled times.



The tapestry Death of a Working Hero by Grayson Perry is on display in front of the cathedral's west door.

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Kimmeridge News

No surprise that Kimmeridge has been busy during August with plenty of visitors. On the whole people have been good about social distancing and appear to be making good use of the beach area and the water in the hot spell that we had!

As always it is only a minority who cause problems – the fire brigade were called to put out a fire in the car park caused by a thoughtless family having a BBQ on the tinder-dry grass – surprise, surprise, the grass caught fire! The Wareham Fire Service were quick to put it out and I am sure give appropriate “advice”! Another concern has been the car park in the army ranges at Creech Hill which appears to have become a free campsite for the summer with lots of campervans there most nights.

On the good side Clavells, The Etches Collection and the Marine Centre are now open and being well-used by visitors.

At the toll Gate we have a new face – Rose Ward who as well as taking the money also is a fount of local information for our visitors – welcome to Rose!

Kimmeridge Coastguard Rescue Team have remained active locally with a number of rescues carried out jointly with neighbouring teams covering the area all the way from St Alban’s Head to Ringstead Bay. Fortunately, we have been nothing like as busy as during the first couple of weeks after the easing of Lockdown which included repeated incidents at Durdle Door. Let’s hope it stays that way for the rest of the holiday season.

Steve & Helen Earwicker (earwicker@btinternet.com)

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After 4 months of furlough for staff, we were delighted to re-open the Wild Seas Centre on the shoreline of Kimmeridge Bay, on Wednesday 5th August. We spent a week beforehand, re-arranging the Centre to comply with government COVID-19 guidelines, deep cleaning and making it safe for both staff and visitors to return. Our safety procedures include a one-way system around the centre, no-touch displays, wearing of face-coverings, hand sanitising and hand washing stations available for visitors, and card-only payments in the shop. We look forward to welcoming you back.

Unfortunately we have had to keep our aquarium room closed as social distancing and ventilation would be very limited in there. However our artificial rock pool in the main part of the Centre is up and running and the inhabitants are waiting to see you.

As always we have had lots of enquiries about our Snorkel Trail in Kimmeridge Bay. Regrettably we were unable to lay it out back in May so it is not in place this summer. However the bay is a wonderful place for snorkelling when the weather is fine and the sea calm and clear. We are happy to advise on conditions and suitability if you want to ring the Centre before you visit. We also have adult and children masks and snorkels for sale.

New opening times.

Our reduced opening days and times are Wednesday to Sunday from 11am until 4pm. We will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. On occasion we may also need to close for lunch from 1 – 1.30pm.

We hope to see you down at Kimmeridge again soon.

Julie Hatcher
Wild Seas Centre Officer



**‘SAVE OUR SERVICE’
APPEAL REACHES £261,809
ON 25th ANNIVERSARY OF
CORFE CASTLE & NORDEN
STEAM TRAIN RETURN**

An urgent £360,000 ‘Save Our Service’ appeal to help the award-winning Swanage Railway survive in the wake of the economic effects of Coronavirus has reached £261,809 – on the 25th anniversary of steam trains returning to Corfe Castle and Norden for the first time since 1967.

Swanage Railway Trust chairman Gavin Johns is appealing to the public to continue to donate to the S.O.S. fund because the appeal, launched in late March, 2020, needs to reach its target despite a restricted steam and diesel passenger train service returning to the preserved line.

Gavin said: “We immensely grateful, and very humbled, by the response to the ‘Save Our Service’ appeal so far and I am urging the public to still give generously as our restricted train service of less trains – due to the need for cleaning and longer boarding times with allocated seating – is less profitable with 60 per cent fewer seats available due to the need to maintain social distancing to keep our passengers safe.

“The Swanage Railway is still fighting for its survival in these extraordinary and unprecedented times. Several generations of dedicated volunteers have rebuilt the Swanage Railway from nothing since 1976 and there is still so much more to achieve.

“The ‘Save Our Service’ appeal reached £261,809 on the 25th anniversary of the Swanage Railway returning steam trains to Corfe Castle and Norden in August, 1995, for the first time since the summer of 1967 and the days of British Rail.

The Swanage Railway resumed a socially distanced, allocated seating passenger train service between Norden and Swanage – hauled by a 1960s ex-British Railways Southern Region Class 33 heritage diesel locomotive – on Saturday, 11 July, 2020.

Steam locomotives started hauling the passenger train service from Saturday, 18 July, 2020, with Corfe Castle station reopening to passengers on Saturday, 1 August, 2020.

A one-way system has been introduced at Corfe Castle station to keep



*257 Squadron at Corfe August 2020
Courtesy Andrew Wright*

passengers safe while Harman’s Cross station and Herston Halt, the latter on the outskirts of Swanage, remain closed to the public.

Gavin explained: “We decided to re-introduce our passenger services in a restricted and staged way so that we could become confident at safe operation of each stage before proceeding to the next. This has worked

well with many customers saying how well they thought our planning and operations were.

“We are pleased with the public response to our restricted train service – nine return trains a day during August, both steam and diesel – given the detailed work our staff have put in and the extremely unusual nature of post Covid-19 business,” he added.

Rebuilt since 1976, the Swanage Railway – in Dorset’s Isle of Purbeck – carried more than 200,000 passengers in 2019 and contributed more than £15 million a year to the Isle of Purbeck economy.

The Swanage Railway’s fund-raising chairman, Randy Coldham, said: “The ‘Save Our Service’ appeal can be found at www.saveourservice.co.uk where donations can be made by PayPal, debit or credit card. Donations can also be made through our Facebook page.

“The public can easily donate by phone to the ‘Save Our Service’ appeal by texting ‘SOS’ to 70470 to donate £10 which costs £10 plus a standard rate message or other amounts between £1 and £20,” added Randy who is a volunteer signalman on the Swanage Railway.

Clearly marked ‘Save Our Service’ appeal, cheques can also be sent to the Swanage Railway Trust at Station House, Station Approach, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 1HB.

To make a 'Save Our Service' donation by PayPal, a Fast Payment through Internet banking or by a cheque in the post, visit www.saveourservice.co.uk while donations can also be made via the Swanage Railway's Facebook page.

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| | 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 |
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| 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 |
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