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Editorial

As I write this we have just heard from the Prime Minister that we are affectively going into a new lockdown which is going to go on beyond Christmas. Things are not really going to get back to normal until we have an effective vaccination. However over the summer the village has had many visitors and there were fears that they might bring the virus with them. This does not appear to have happened as the number of cases in Purbeck is relatively small, certainly compared with other parts of the country. Hopefully we've been lucky.

This addition of the Corfe Valley News would normally start to have advertisements for all the Christmas events which will be happening in the village. Unfortunately this year it looks as though very few of them will actually be happening, owing to the restrictions caused by the coronavirus. However do check out the centre pages as there are a few events beginning to be advertised. It's worth remembering that the Village Hall has been configured as a COVID secure location and is suitable for events to happen. See the Village Hall advertisement for details.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

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

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The cover picture is a sketch of the Castle Inn by Paul Gross. Paul has also pointed out an error on page 40 of the August CVN. The sketch of the village is clearly from East Hill, not as captioned West Hill.

SEPTEMBER AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

Two members of the public attended the meeting which was held via zoom video link.

Due to health and safety reports and a possible second Covid-19 outbreak Cllr Brooks advised that the Chief Executive for Dorset Council has taken the decision **that staff will not return to full Council** offices until March at the earliest. Cllr Brooks has been working with the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) to address the needs of people who have come across significant hardship and are in need of benefits or grants. She asked that if there is anyone in our area in need of help to signpost them her way.

Since the last Parish Council meeting there has been a full Dorset Council meeting at which there was a change in cabinet. Portfolio holders were changed and lead members were appointed to portfolio holders to support them with their work. **Cllr Brooks is now the lead member for Highways.**

Cllr Brooks had organised a ‘walk about’ in the village with representatives of the Parish Council and Dorset Council’s Director of Place John Sellgren. This provided an opportunity for the Council to discuss their aspirations for Corfe. One long running project, **the Norden to Corfe footpath and cycle way** was discussed. Cllr Brooks assured the Council this was being progressed and they hoped to have more news soon. The Council had received two reports of inconsiderate parking in West Street that had blocked the road. These were discussed with the neighbourhood highways officer on a separate visit and the Clerk will feed back the parishioners.

James Gould reported that the National Trust’s 45-day period of consultation following the announcement of a proposed scheme of cost savings and redundancies has come to an end. The next step was for senior management to have a further 2 week period to discuss the feedback and create what they call a “Mapping Process”. James is not currently in a position to offer any information about the redundancies and their impact on Corfe, however he will update the Council at their October meeting.

The Council previously 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. Having requested licencing information for each premises from Dorset Council the Council were

informed they could apply for information on a single premises, as can any member of the public. Dorset Council also reiterated that their intention is for all licence conditions to eventually be available online however, due to Covid 19, delays had proved this to not be possible to date.

The Parish Council is still making progress with the plans for a permissive footpath from Woodyhyde. All permissions are in place and a meeting is planned with Dorset Council to provide signage.

The external audit carried out by PKF Littlejohn of the Parish Council 2019 / 2020 accounts has been concluded and the Council has received the Notice of Conclusion of Audit which can be seen in full on the Parish Council website.

The resurfacing of the Parish Council residents’ car park has now received approval for works to go ahead and the works will shortly be undertaken. The Council resolved that following works to relevel the surface, a planter will be positioned in the entrance to the car park that is adjacent to the toilets. This will prevent through traffic and (hopefully) preserve the surface of the resident’s car park. When the planter is installed car access to the car park and disabled parking spaces can be made through the tarmac road to the doctor’s surgery. The Clerk will be contacting residents with regard to accessing the car park so works can go ahead.

The playground working group have been asked to progress the project to install new equipment in the middle halves play area.

On planning matters the Council is minded to make no objection subject to a number of conditions on the lateral extension to **Swanworth Quarry**. The Council debated the application at length and voted 6-3 on the no objection approach.

The Council suggested several points on which they would seek mitigation should they proceed to submit no objection; these focused mainly on the impact of lorry movements and on the environmental impact of the application. They will revisit the application at the next meeting.

The Council deferred making decision to erect a garage and summer house on number 1 East Street until the October meeting.

The Council had no objections to a development of a single storey extension at the rear of Sunnymount, Higher Filbank. The Council also had no objection to

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the installations of rooflights to dwelling and extension of outbuilding to create a carport at Puddledock Cottage, Scotland Heath.

The Council previously submitted a number of conditions they wished to see met regarding the retrospective application for a boxing gym on land to the rear of 83-87 East Street. The Clerk was asked to write to Dorset Council and confirm that the Council objected to the application subject to a revised number of conditions being met. These can be viewed in the full minutes.

The next meeting will be held on the **12th October 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 6th of October. For further information please contact the Clerk Michelle Harrington, e-mail CorfeCastlePC@aol.com – 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ, please note there is no land line number available for 1 week as the new Clerk has started and is waiting for a phone line to be installed. Full minutes of the meetings are available in Corfe Castle library or on the Website (www.corfecastlepc.org.uk).



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Even though we're social distancing and wearing masks – there is something you can do right now, within your bubble, to help get more trees in Purbeck. Collect seeds for **free** trees. For some species it's easy and for others, there's no getting round it, it's tough. But everyone loves a challenge, right? Because let's face it, this year has been such an easy ride...

Beginner Treesmaid: collect ten acorns from one of the many old woods scattered across the Isle. Acorns come from oaks. Ideally go for acorns from the big old trees (if it takes more than two of you to form a chain around the trunk, it's old). Plant each of them in a pot with a bit of soil (a yogurt pot with a hole in the bottom will do nicely). Watch them germinate, then plant them out next October. You could also collect other nuts: hazel, sweet chestnut and beech.

Too easy?

Budding Woodsman: Get some of the small berries of the hawthorn, blackthorn (trying not to get lacerated too badly in the process) and rowan. Mash them up to remove the flesh. Stick them in compost/soil outside and hopefully some will germinate in the spring. Watch Monty show you how: <https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/grow-plants/how-to-grow-hawthorn-from-seed/>

Still not enough of a challenge?

Artisan Forester: Go find some of the rarer native species, stratify the seed (google it), and **bring on** to demonstrate that you are the future of trees in Purbeck. Hornbeam, small leaved lime, silver birch, aspen, field maple are good species to aim for. Not easy to find, but that's what will make you an artisan.

Top tips:-

Not all seeds will germinate – think of all the seeds/nuts and berries you see vs how few young trees are around. So in order to get 10 new trees you may need to plant 30 seeds.

- Here's what the national trust are doing to improve the existing woodlands we own: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/studland-bay/features/woodlands-of-purbeck>
- Challenge your friends and share your trees around.
- The Woodland Trust have some excellent free resources for identifying trees by their leaves, twigs and seeds: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/03/tree-id-kids/>
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Tom Clarke – Engagement Officer – National Trust in Purbeck

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The Dorset's Heathland Heart team have been working with land managers to provide funding and support for targeted habitat management works across a variety of sites, to enhance their suitability for some of our heathland's rarest species.



A wetland site on Hartland Moor National Nature Reserve (NNR) in Purbeck was identified as having potential to be restored as suitable habitat for the scarce Southern Damselfly.



Southern Damselfly *Coenagrion mercuriale*. Credit: D. Liley & S. Lake

Nearby similar habitat supports a good size population of this otherwise vulnerable creature. It is hoped that the creation of this new sites will provide the damselfly's the opportunity to expand its range, population size and stability.

The identified area crucially remains wet all year round with slow-running water and boasts lush vegetation, ideal for the Southern Damselfly

which is a weak flyer and needs this environment to breed successfully. However, a significant amount of Alder trees had encroached onto the site causing it to become enclosed, shaded, and dryer, thereby reducing the wetland environment. The trees also made the area difficult for grazing animals to access, limiting the benefits which large herbivores provide in maintaining more open habitats. Hartland Moor is an excellent example of Dorset's heathland landscape and is cared for by the National Trust as part of their Purbeck estate.



Hartland Moor and views of Corfe Castle. Credit: S. Lake & D. Liley.

It is also a key element of the recently designated Purbeck Heaths NNR which sees local landowners forming a significant partnership to work collectively towards conservation goals.



Area partially cleared of Alder, here seen in the wet winter conditions. Credit: S. Lake

The wetland restoration works here involved clearing some of the over-crowded Alder trees, which were felled during the winter season. The felled Alder was initially left on site as removing it over the winter could have caused too much disturbance to the ground especially as

In addition, some of the timber was used to construct small dams to further slow-down

the flow of water in the deeper channels and create shallow pools in the more open areas.

The remaining timber extraction was planned for the drier summer conditions and a local specialist contracted to complete the works. Dorset Horse Logging, which is based in Corfe Castle, specialise in felling and low impact timber extraction using heavy horses, negating the need for any disruptive machinery. This is especially useful on sensitive sites, in areas of soft or wet ground, or those which are hard to reach by vehicle. Toby Hoad who owns and runs the business is a local resident and is



Dams and pools, image taken in early Spring. Credit: S. Lake

well connected with local conservation organisations. He has worked for many years as a woodsman and greenwood-worker producing sustainable woodland products from firewood and charcoal, to hand-crafted furniture.

We went to see Toby in action at the site in July. He was working with one of his four working horses Celine. Celine is a special breed of horse called a Comtois, which is a draft horse originating from the Jura Mountains on the border between France and Switzerland.



Comtois Horse; Celine. Credit: A. Roe

Celine is a very impressive and strong animal; she was impeccably behaved responding to Toby's commands and moving heavy timber with ease. Despite the heavy work she was very relaxed and enjoyed making the most of the lush vegetation around her, having a good graze between hauling loads.



Toby and Celine negotiating a route through the trees. Credit: T. Bagley

Toby and Celine made a great team working together to get all the cut timber out of the wet site and onto dry ground. Negotiating a route around numerous trees, ditches and banks which all remain intact thanks to this low-impact extraction method. Toby will then process the timber and sell it onto the local community as sustainable firewood.

Southern Damselfly may be the target beneficiary from habitat restoration here but the works will benefit a wider community of species, and the wetland sites provide an important feature within the wider heathland habitat and landscape beyond.

Aemelia Roe

Dorset Heathland Heart Outreach Officer

Would you like to help these incredible species? There are numerous ways in which you can:

- Why not volunteer for Back from the Brink? Check out our events page for opportunities near you.
 - Help us to spread the word of this species, and the others we will be helping over the next 3 years, by sharing our message across our Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube pages. Follow us: @naturebftb.
- Find out more at - <https://naturebftb.co.uk/2020/08/27/horse-logging-habitat-restoration/>
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- Primary care is still open and we encourage people to get in touch for any health concerns that cannot be dealt with by the individual or their family or friends.
- Routine vaccinations and immunisations are important and are available at the practice.
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- If you need to be seen face-to-face then you will be given an appointment to come to the practice.
- This change is happening to help keep staff and patients safe.
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Please contact the Surgery with any queries or concerns that you may have.

Kerry Norman

Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

Autumn is here and the frenetic pace of life on Purbeck has to the relief of many slowed down considerably with the departure of the majority of the holidaymakers. It would be good to write that life here has gone back to normal. Unfortunately, as we know, it hasn't and won't do so for several months at least. The summer, with some of our freedoms restored including more travel and social interaction, was wonderful for many of us after the long months of missing our friends and families so it's very disappointing that with the Covid-19 numbers rapidly rising nationally we are facing new restrictions -including the 'Rule of Six' and strict quarantine rules- as we go into the winter. These will profoundly affect us all for some time to come. We hope everyone in this remarkable and friendly village will keep an eye open for anybody who is struggling in any way. If you yourself need help please don't hesitate to ask. It won't always be like this.

On the subject of getting in touch, the members of the Patient Participation Group are having a meeting in early October. We would like to hear from you if you have any ideas on how we the PPG could better support you and the surgery at this extraordinary time or if you have any comments on your experiences as patients. For example, how have you found the increased use of remote than face-to-face consultations? It is important to get your feedback please. Looking forward, the PPG would also welcome your thoughts on what we might do this coming year, despite the current limitations on gatherings, and especially for our younger and older people (who may either want our help or want to help others). And how can we encourage more of us to take exercise?

More widely, NHS Dorset has been reviewing the way we were looked after by our GPs before the epidemic against the largely remote GP services (i.e phone consultations, video calls and e-consult) it put in place at the beginning of the Covid 19 emergency. It is beginning to consider in the light of its review what permanent changes it would like to make to the way we are looked after in the future. As part of this it has been holding some focus groups and doing some 'snapshot' (small- scale, very short response time) surveys to get the views of doctors and patients on remote versus face-to-face GP consultations and paediatric support. A few of us had the opportunity to take part. There are potentially big implications for all of us here in the village where we have in normal times been very appreciative of the access to Dr

Lepper and his team with mostly face-to-face appointments and the sit-and-wait clinics.

One survey still open is being run by Dorset's Integrated Community care project. If you are over 16 and would like to contribute your opinions about your experience of the mental health services in the community and how you feel people could be enabled to improve their mental health and wellbeing you can email communications@dorsetccg.nhs.uk or request a paper version of the survey by calling 01202 541588. The closing date is October 9th.

If you have any visual or hearing impairment and have faced any issues during the pandemic there is still just time for you to respond to a survey being led by Citizens Advice. It closes on October 4th! The link is <https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=159784834612>.

Finally, as requested by NHS Dorset, we are happy to support the NHS, the GPs and hospitals by encouraging all of us firstly to have the flu jab if eligible and secondly to attend any rescheduled hospital appointments we are given. We will all want to play our part this year when the NHS is under so much extra pressure and this is a way we can help. Many thanks.

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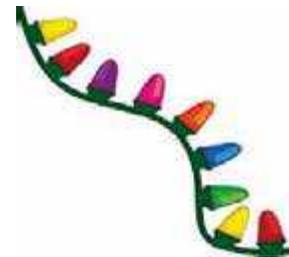


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News from the Castle

Greetings from all of us at the Castle Inn. We hope you are all keeping well and safe in these difficult times. Remember if you (or anyone you know of) is strictly self-isolating and need a meal delivered give us a ring and we will deliver to your door.

The nights are drawing in and the weather is on the change. But it is cosier than ever here at the Castle.

Great News Steak nights are back from Thursday 1st October. These are popular, so this year do not forget to book, as tables are extremely limited.

Our aim as always is to keep you in a safe environment for everyone and so we have a 2 sitting policy 6pm and 8pm.

It is also the time of the year where the pub comes very spooky. So, don't forget to call in for your trick or treat.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continuous support throughout these challenging times.

Whatever you are up to in October keep safe and keep smiling.

Corfe Castle Village Hall

100 club:

The 100 Club draw takes place at the VH coffee morning on the first Saturday of the month. The September draw was made at our "Welcome Back" coffee morning: first prize of £20 was won by member 54 (*second month running!!*), with member 62 getting second prize £10 and member 77 winning the third prize £4.

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:

Many thanks for the superb support for our September coffee morning - £215.46 was raised for village hall funds.

despite "rule of 6" the Village Hall is still open!

Last month's changes to the Covid-19 guidance have been carefully examined and trustees confirm (at the time of going to press) that it is still okay for most if not all the booked activities who have submitted their Risk Assessments to take place at the hall. As a COVID-19 Secure building we can host more than 6 people so long as users can limit their social interactions with anyone they do not live with, do not visit or socialise in a group of more than 6 and continue to wear their face coverings at all times (except when eating or drinking). More than 6 people can take part in activities together – so long as social distancing is possible between households – 2m or 1m+ with extra precautions (face coverings & good hand hygiene). 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

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Please note however that this is a fluid situation in that guidelines and clarifications of them are subject to change at short notice,

Cameo Antiques, Double Act meetings, VH coffee mornings and **Pilates** are already back in action and another Pilates class has relocated to our hall. **Dance** classes are now inside, with extra classes to allow correct social distancing. **Youth Club** are meeting outside but using VH toilets. **Brownies** are hoping to restart this month. **Wool Workshop, Carpet Bowls, Diabetes Prevention classes, Toddlers, Beavers** and **Bingo** are all waiting until the New Year.

On Saturday October 17th we are hoping 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 (see advert elsewhere in the CVN).

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.

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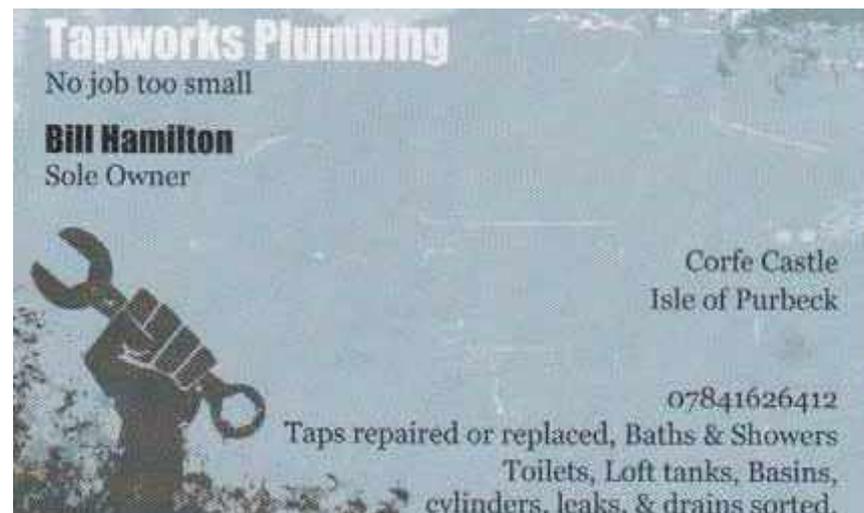
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That is as much detail as we can give for now but save the date and we will be back in touch with more information!

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 held a Special Tea on September 1st. This was offered to all members as a treat for having coped with the last difficult 6 months! 38 Members joined the event, 5 used the Take Away option but the rest chose to sit either on the outside terrace or well-spaced out in the Hall. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces of folk obviously really enjoying meeting up with others that they had not seen for ages, all be it at the prescribed 2m distance! The sun shone and we had a lovely afternoon.

Join our next zoom meeting on October 6th. It will be a very interesting and enjoyable event as Richard Sedgley will be giving a talk on 'Sir Bevois of Hampton'. To set the scene this story is based on a Medieval romance which enjoyed widespread popularity in Europe for many centuries. The narrative version probably originated in Southampton in the latter part of 12th century. A seven year old Bevois, son of the Earl of Southampton is sold into slavery by his wicked mother. He finds favour in the court of the King of Armenia, whose daughter, Josian, falls in love with him. After betrayal, trials and tribulations he is finally restored to his birth right.

A link will be emailed to members just click on it and follow the instructions.

We are gradually trying to get more events going in a covid safe way. The walking groups are restarting as is one of the reading groups. We are planning two more zoom get togethers and then, if safe to do so, a meeting in December in the village hall.

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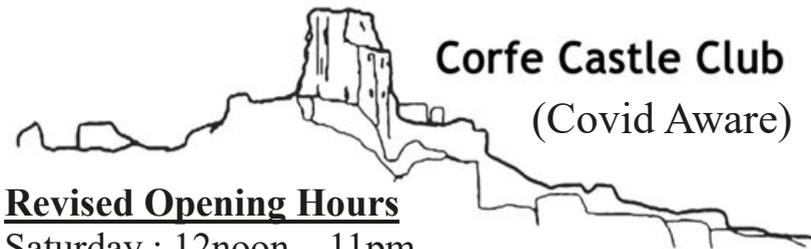
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www.librarieswest.org.uk

If you can't use the internet, you can use one of our 'order and collect' forms and we will order for you. You will receive an email or phone call as usual when your reserved item becomes available for collection. We are hoping that this change will really boost the numbers of customers coming back to the library.

The safety measures are still in place so the procedure for picking up books is still the same

Collecting your books

The library will 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. 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.

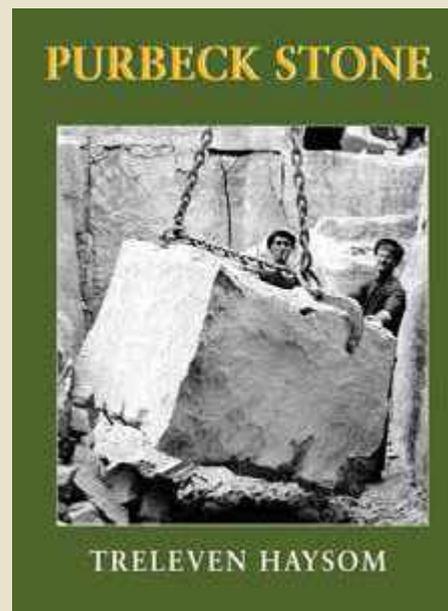
All books will have been quarantined and handled safely before collection.

Overdue charges are also back! So please make sure you have returned any items you may have had since the lockdown began.

Books are Back! Stay Safe and Keep Reading!



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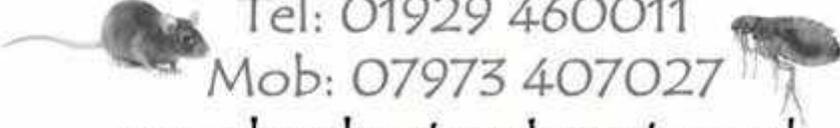
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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for OCTOBER 2020

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.

1	October	Thursday	8pm	Gardening Club virtual online meeting
4	October	Sunday	9 am	Meet in the Square to help with festivities lights
6	October	Tuesday	Time to be confirmed	Aquarius talk by Richard Sedgley, - 'Sir Bevois of Hampton
10	October	Saturday	9 am to 12 midday	Flu vaccination for over 65s and the vulnerable - Surgery
12	October	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting Online
17	October	Saturday	7.30 pm	Living Spit Artsreach Production Corfe Castle Village Hall

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

8	November	Sunday	1050 am	Remembrance	The Square and East Street Cemetry
15	November	Sunday	10 am to 4 pm	Annual Craft and Gift Fair	Corfe Castle Village Hall
27	November	Friday	Time to be confirmed	Double Act Quiz Night	Corfe Castle Village Hall

Details were correct at the time of publishing but please check with the organisers before attending any event.



The East Street alms houses now renamed as Jubilee House after modernisation by the Charities in 1977. A sketch by Joan Bracchi who used to live there.



The East Street Alms Houses as they would have looked after being given by Sir John Uvedale in 1621. The sketch is by Joan Bracchi.

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Church Knowle, Kimmeridge, & Steeple Contact Ian Jackson

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

Ian Jackson writes:

I am writing in September at a time when we are wondering if there will be further changes in guidelines and requirements to cope with the pandemic.

You will find details of the services for October in this magazine and annual meetings are to be held before the end of October. If anything has to change we will do our best to let you know by the various means we are using to communicate at present – the email circulation, websites, ‘word of mouth and so on. Do continue to share such news with each other and in particular anyone who otherwise might not know.

The service pattern changes from October 11th. The main change for the Corfe Valley parishes is that the Sunday morning service in church at Corfe will now be at 9am. Also, the Zoom service will be at 10.30 and will be a service of Morning Prayer from St George’s Langton; you will be able to attend the church or take part by zoom. There are to be other services in the Purbeck Hills churches. The next step will be to consider worship in the other churches of the Corfe Valley.

We shall continue to review the arrangements for worship. We are trying to make the most appropriate arrangements for changing circumstances.

Annual Meetings. These are now normally held before the end of May. This year the Bishop has given an extension and meetings are to be held before the end of October. The Annual meeting for Corfe Castle will be in church on Wednesday October 21st at 10am. The meetings for Church Knowle, Steeple and Kimmeridge will be arranged for that week or the following one. Details will be on the church notice boards, the websites and via the email circulation or contact myself or the relevant church officers. We shall keep these meetings as brief as possible. If you are unable to attend and have any comments or questions again please make contact.

Electoral Rolls. This is not a year for renewing the roll so there is only need to contact us if there have been any changes in your details or if you are not already on the roll and wish to join. Please contact Joy Carter (480925) before October 7th to be added to the Corfe Castle roll. For Kimmeridge please contact Stephen Earwicker, for Church Knowle Sue Lewis and for Steeple Susie Bond.

This letter is about arrangements but the main thing at present is that we continue to support and encourage each other. Do be assured the life, worship and prayer of the church continues, albeit in a variety of ways, some familiar and some new.

Ian

Services in the Benefice of St Aldhelm in October

Please note - as with everything at the moment all events are subject to change or cancellation at short notice. Such changes will be notified if possible on the benefice website and by the email circulation.

Sunday October 4th

8am Prayer in the Morning at St Edward’s Corfe Castle
(this will not be a communion service)

10am Benefice Service on Zoom

From Sunday October 11th and thereafter – until further notice

Every Sunday

9am Holy Communion at St Edward’s Corfe Castle

Please note this service has moved from 8am to 9am for the Autumn/Winter months; it will usually be a communion service.

Every Sunday

10.30 Prayer in the Morning with Zoom in St George’s Langton. You can attend St George’s or take part by zoom; details will be available in the usual ways.

Other Sunday Services from October 11th:

For the present there will be other services in the Benefice in the Purbeck Hills parishes as detailed below. These services will take place in the churches. They will not be available by Zoom apart from, possibly, the Harman’s Cross Service.

1st Sunday. - 8am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas Worth (but not October 4th.)

2nd Sunday - 5pm Evensong (BCP) Said at St James Kingston

3rd Sunday - 8am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas Worth
6pm Evening Worship - Harman’s Cross Village Hall

4th Sunday - 11.15am Prayer in the Morning at St James Kingston
5pm - Celtic Evening Prayer at St Nicholas Worth

We are considering what services there will be at Kimmeridge, Steeple and Church Knowle and details will be made known in due course.

On a Wednesday at 10am there is Holy Communion at St George's Langton.
You can attend in church or by Zoom. (BCP on the 2nd Wednesday.)

Bible Readings - October 2020

Sunday 4th October	Psalm 80: 9 – 17 Isaiah 5: 1 – 17 Philippians 3: 4B – 14 Matthew 21: 33 – end
Sunday 11th October	Psalm 23 Isaiah 25: 1 – 9 Philippians 4: 1 – 9 Matthew 22: 1 – 14
Sunday 18th October	Psalm 96: 1 -9 Isaiah 45: 1 – 7 I Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10 Matthew 22 : 15 – 22
Sunday 25th October	Psalm 1 Leviticus 19: 1 – 2; 15 – 18 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 8 Matthew 22: 34 – end
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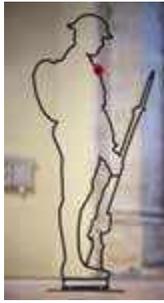
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Nov 8th - REMEMBRANCE DAY. Regrettably there will be no services in Churches.

1050 Congregation meets in the Square for prayers by our Rector.

1100 The 2 minutes silence

1105 The congregation moves to our War Memorial in East Street for our normal wreath laying ceremony and an extended short service. The names of the Tyneham Fallen will be included.

Very regrettably we will have to postpone our afternoon service at Tyneham until 2021.

Wreaths The Branch Wreath Laying Party will lay our normal wreaths in St. Edwards and Tyneham Churches and the memorials at Creech and Polar Wood at a suitable time before our Act of Remembrance.

Please Note This Plan Is Subject To Change

Branch members are asked to note that our AGM will be in the Club at 7pm on Wednesday 14th Oct. As space is limited members are requested to book a seat with our Hon Sec, (first come first served).

George Preston 480349

CORFE CASTLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

As our country slowly comes out of lockdown, some will be pleased and others will be fearful. We will all be having mixed feelings and mixed emotions, so will all need each other's support as we try to move forward. Lockdown has affected us all in different ways and we need to bear that in mind as we begin to go forward. It will be difficult, as different people have different vulnerabilities and will be coming out of lockdown at different rates and some will be shielding for a lot longer. When have times been so uncertain than at present? Will Covid-19 ever be defeated? Today we hear that infections are increasing.

We think about what Sunday Meetings will be like in the future. Some churches have already opened with safety measures in place whilst others use zoom to interact with their members from their homes, live stream and record it for their web sites, so that they can be watched at leisure. This is all very well if you are computer literate, but what about those that aren't?

We all want to return to some form of normality as quickly and safely as possible, but this can't be rushed because this would be too big a leap. There is no fast way back to normality, if indeed we can get back to normality! It will take careful planning to re-open the church. How great it would be to get back to our regular church meetings just as they were before lockdown but this wouldn't be wise.

We at Corfe Congregational are in the process of doing some refurbishments to the church, so it will be a while before we can hold a Service in the main Chapel. We can meet up in the Cabin/Fellowship Room but this would limit the number of people who would be allowed to come in as it is a small room with only one way in and out.

As a church we know that we have a long road ahead of us, but God is in charge and wherever that road takes us, we know that He will be with us.

We must remind ourselves that God is still God as we continue to worship and pray for God to be with us during such uncertain times.

'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble' Psalm 46:1
Martin Luther King Jnr. said Faith is taking the first step even if you don't see the whole staircase....

KEEP SAFE AND KEEP WELL.

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DORSET DREAM BECOMES REALITY **FOR UK'S PIONEERING** **CONSERVATION CHARITY**

The long cherished Dorset Dream of pioneering conservation farmer Robin Page has become reality as the Countryside Restoration Trust completed the most significant purchase in its 30

year history of wildlife friendly farming.

Bere Marsh Farm on the banks of the idyllic River Stour at Shillingstone, near Blandford Forum, Dorset, is set to become the Trust's national showcase for its holistic fusion of sustainable, traditional farming methods, habitat restoration and a dedicated education programme focused around the importance of food provenance.

Furthermore, its idyllic 92 acres of wetland, grassland and woodland, rich in butterflies, birds, wildflowers and rare mammals makes it the perfect setting to commemorate the Trust's co-founder and Dorset conservation icon, artist Gordon Beningfield.

'It is the perfect place for us where we can bring together everything we believe in whilst remembering Gordon and his devotion to the countryside. It represents our vision and why he and I decided to found the Trust all those years ago.

We've got a lot of work ahead of us to shape it into the showcase for our work and our vision but it's a challenge we have long wanted,' said Robin Page, Executive Chairman of the Countryside Restoration Trust.

The cornerstone of the CRT's philosophy is that both traditional and innovative farming methods can be made to work profitably and sustainably together in conjunction with the protection and restoration of wildlife habitats and precious eco-systems.

In all, it has 15 properties throughout the UK ranging from dairy and arable farms to sheep, rare breeds and woodland centres. Running in harmony with these sites is the curriculum based MOSAIC education programme for children at a network of nearby primary schools highlighting where food comes from, the value of its sustainable production alongside wild flora and fauna and how they can play their part in connecting with Nature and the wild world.

All these key elements of the CRT's programme will be brought together at Bere Marsh Farm under the supervision and direction of Estate Manager, Elaine Spencer White, an agricultural consultant and specialist marketeer who is also a Trustee of the CRT.

'Bere Marsh has everything we want and need to make it the exemplar farm of our estate. The setting is magnificent, the farmstead and land perfect but above all else it has a trailway, footpaths, car parks and a bridleway all running through it – in short, lots and lots of visitors walking by. You could not ask for more in terms of footfall and site awareness.'

Robin Page agrees. 'Our long term intention is to turn the farm into an education and visitor centre – to re-attach visitors, as well as ourselves, to the land, to our native wildlife and where our food comes from. This will be where we demonstrate everything that the Trust stands for.'

To this end the intention is to introduce a small herd of milking cows, free range hens, a small flock of sheep, an orchard and a nursery. It is even hoped to produce bread at the farm from wheat grown in the fields of other CRT farms as well as beer and cider from CRT barley and apples.

Existing barns and outbuildings will be specially converted to create the education centre alongside a dedicated art gallery devoted to the wildlife artwork of Gordon Beningfield.

'It is a highly ambitious plan but it will be where the Countryside Restoration Trust puts itself on the map and finally makes our Dorset Dream come true,' says Robin Page.



Bere Marsh field with Barn Owl Barn

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Pioneer view October 2020

Dear Friends,

I see October as a month that bridges autumn and winter. It seems to be a doorway to the colder and shorter days. It is the month the clocks go back and strictly come dancing is in full swing.

With the clocks going back on the 25th of October, it tips us into the colder winter months. It is around this time that loneliness and isolation can really bite, and the onset of seasonal affective disorder (S.A.D.) rears its ugly head. It is often a hidden syndrome that sits in the shadows waiting to pounce or it can creep upon you unknowingly.

I wonder if you would recognise in yourself or family members that S.A.D has arrived on your doorstep? S.A.D is a form of depression. Many people choose to battle with it in silence or simply do not recognise it and therefore fail to ask for help and support. Here is a list of symptoms

- lack of energy
- finding it hard to concentrate
- not wanting to see people
- problems with such as sleeping more or less than usual, difficulty waking up, or difficulty falling or staying asleep
- feeling sad, low, tearful, guilty, or hopeless
- changes in your appetite, for example feeling hungrier or wanting more snacks
- being more prone to physical health problems, such as colds, infections, or other illnesses

The challenge this October is that if you recognise any of these symptoms around this time of year in yourself, .Moreover you may observe these symptoms in friends and family .Let me encourage you to seek help and support .

A visit to your GP would be a good starting point He may offer to help in terms of medication or refer you onto one of the social prescribers based at the surgery who may refer you onto our befrienders scheme for further support .

A quote to ponder

“If you know someone who’s depressed, please resolve never to ask them why. Depression isn’t a straightforward response to a bad situation; depression just is, like the weather. Stephen Fry

Go well this winter

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

So, we are now in Autumn, its official. As I write it's more like Summer as we enjoy a mini heatwave. Which, in my youth, we would have called "an Indian Summer" but that is probably non-PC nowadays.

Whatever we call it, it is pleasant to enjoy a few more hours pottering or just sitting and enjoying our gardens. However, please don't just potter, potter with camera (or phone) in hand as we have a challenge for you. [Drum roll please, Maestro].

2020 has been a funny old year by any reckoning. There have been highs and lows in everyone's life and no less in every garden. Our (your Committee's) challenge is to send us a few slides showing the highs and lows of your gardening year. In November our Zoom meeting on the 5th (auspicious date!) will show your slides. What have you done in your garden? Redesigning? - (seemed like a good idea at the time, but half way through – Help!!); growing something new or special to you; removing a big old tree, branch by branch.... Or what did Nature do in your garden? The plants that went into overdrive to produce or bloom this year, and the ones that presumably went on a journey to Australia 'cos they sure as eggs didn't come up here.

Did you take photos? Course you did, in lockdown when folk couldn't visit we snapped the scene and sent it out. Those shared photos – whether sent to share your joy/sorrow or just to brag, will now come to your aid as you put together your brief "Firecrackers and Damp Squibs in your garden" portfolio. Details of how and when to submit them will come out to you via email soon, meanwhile, get sorting and snapping.

At our next meeting, October 1st, Jim will speak about "Some local wildflowers". Those who have been on a walk with Jim and Rob looking at the various orchids and other flora will tell you that this will be a fascinating and informative session.

This will be a Zoom meeting. If you haven't yet joined one, or if you have tried and had problems, please ask and one of us will talk you through it and help you get comfortable with the very simple process. You can phone me (481236) or Gerry our Secretary (details back cover).

There will no CCGC Christmas Dinner party this year. With the risks and regulations involved we thought it better not invite people to

congregate in a large group.

We look forward to an "End of Covid Regulations" celebration in due course, as do, I'm sure, the restaurateurs!

Meanwhile, Carry On Gardening and Keep on Keeping SAFE.

David

Harman's Cross Movie Night

Owing to the coronavirus outbreak no films are being shown 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 no films will be shown until further notice. Our website will be updated as and when we plan to resume. (www.LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk).

Corfe Castle Community Land Trust

If you were unable to attend last month's Public Exhibition concerning the proposed housing development in West Street, here is a reminder that all the information offered at that time is now available on the CCCLT tab of the Parish Council website (corfecastlepc.org.uk)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to correct an article submitted by Michael Bond in last month's CVN.

The fence around the castle was erected in 1885 by Job Smith, a mason. He was paid £162.13s 6d for the work; the collectors hut and store were built at the same time.

My great great grandfather Henry Burgess was the first warden of the castle, a job he did for many years. In 1885 the Bankes records show he sold guide books at 3d each, and the receipts for admission to the castle amounted to £75.11s 9d for six months, his own wage for the same time was £17.9s 0d. This was featured in the village pump CVN June 2014.

Liz Richards.

Covid-19 update

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HALF TERM at The Etches Collection Museum of Jurassic Marine Life

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Monsters challenge and learn some frighteningly good facts about our marine reptiles and other creatures from the deep along the way. Dual challenge – suitable for all ages (with picture-based alternative for little fossil fans).

ACTIVITIES ON SITE

B.Y.O. FOSSILS! If you plan to visit us, bring in your finds and take a closer look under our microscope and/or ask our friendly team for help in identifying your treasures.

PALAEO-GO! ‘augmented reality’ app - unlock virtual dinosaurs and marine reptiles and see them in fantastical 3D!

Try your hand at our Fossil Lucky Dip – with fossils to take home for just £1.

And of course our Marine Monsters family challenge – especially for Halloween.

NEW EXHIBITION

Local artists Holly and Stephen Yates will be exhibiting on site from 7th October. Their work is inspired by the sea and our stunning coastline in various media. Exhibition accessible to all without charge (entrance fee applies to those wishing to access the museum).

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Corfe Castle Christmas Festivities Committee CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!

We welcome volunteers to help put up this year’s lights. If you can help us, please meet in the Square at 9am on Sunday 4 October (& any other Sunday mornings till end of November)

For more information, please contact:

Robin Swaine 480584 – or Carole Speed 07710 026059
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Thank you in advance for your support



Dorset Residents Urged to reach out for support

Dorset Council and Dorset Citizens Advice have launched a new campaign encouraging residents financially affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to seek support before things become more difficult.

With nearly 50,000 people in the Dorset Council area furloughed during the crisis and potentially 15,000 unable to return to work due to redundancy or business closure, the **Reaching Out** campaign signposts to the wide range of support and advice available.

Dorset Council Cabinet member, Councillor Laura Miller, is leading the campaign. She said:

“These are difficult times for many, and we are encouraging people financially affected by the crisis in Dorset to seek help early.

“For many people in Dorset, this will be the first time they have experienced such financial difficulties. We want to reach anyone who is worried about, or is facing redundancy; including those aged 16 to 25 (who are most at risk of unemployment or reduced hours); and anyone struggling to pay their rent, mortgage or other bills.”

“Our message is reaching out early and speaking to experts can help prevent things getting more difficult.

“We want you to know you’re not alone – there is a range of help and support available. We are working with Citizens Advice and their specialist advisers can help you with immediate problems and plan for the longer term.”

Daniel Cadisch, from Dorset Citizens Advice, said:

“Experience shows talking to someone early on can really turn things around quickly. Citizens Advice can advise on a range of issues, from difficulty paying the rent and mortgage; problems with redundancy; accessing benefits; and loan or credit card repayments; to paying the bills, free school meals and changing career.

“Our knowledge of the Dorset area means we can help put you in the touch with the right people and access support you may not be aware of. Our advice is free, confidential and impartial. Often just a chat with us is enough to set you in the right direction.”

The key themes of the campaign, which will be running until 2021 are:

- **Work and skills** – employment rights, careers advice, access to training

- **Money and home** – rent or mortgage advice, managing debt, accessing benefits, finding somewhere to live, foodbanks, other financial help
- **Health and relationships** – health and wellbeing advice including signposting to mental health and domestic abuse support

Get support now

To talk to someone who can help, call the Dorset Citizens Advice Adviceline on 0344 411 1444 or see more about the support available at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/reaching-out.

Calls cost the same as calls to landline numbers.

Review of The Highway Code to improve road safety for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders – Department for Transport

This consultation is seeking views on proposed changes to The Highway Code to improve safety for vulnerable road users, particularly the groups of:

- cyclists
- pedestrians
- horse riders

The main alterations to the code being proposed are:

- introducing a hierarchy of road users which ensures that those road users who can do the greatest harm have the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger or threat they may pose to others
- clarifying existing rules on pedestrian priority on pavements, to advise that drivers and riders should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross the road,
- providing guidance on cyclist priority at junctions to advise drivers to give priority to cyclists at junctions when travelling straight ahead
- establishing guidance on safe passing distances and speeds when overtaking cyclists and horse riders

This consultation closes on 27 October 2020.

The link to the Department of Transport is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-highway-code-to-improve-road-safety-for-cyclists-pedestrians-and-horse-riders>

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A Local Story
by Ken Williams

Now I be going to tell you, without a word of a lie, about Billy Smart ...

Old Billy Smart was going home from the 'Half Way Inn' across Scotland Heath, back to Ower, about two hours after closing time. He was on his donkey making way to Bushey over Sharford Bridge across the Corfe River. There was a lot of reeds on the river bank and, suddenly, they rustled as he was passing, and out jumped a ghost (I don't know what he was like as I wasn't there). The donkey shied, chucked old Bill off and bolted (that is the donkey – not Bill!).

Bill fell on his right side and broke his right thumb. As he was getting up, there was a loud "POP!" – it was the bottle coming out of the cork (sorry, I meant t'other way round) of home-made parsnip wine he had in his pocket. The shock made old Bill fall over on his left side and broke his left thumb. With that, he laid there for quite some time, when by and by, a helicopter hovered over Bill but the pilot accelerated away and later contacted an animal sanctuary. Sometime later, a car and trailer arrived and unloaded another donkey. Bill couldn't get up (you try getting up with two broken thumbs) and they lifted him on this donkey and told the donkey which way to go.

The next day, I called on Billy to see how he was, and saw he hadn't slept in his bed, so I went around to his barn and I heard a noise. The donkey honked and came out of Bill's closet, or privy, or W.C., or whatever he called that shed. I looked into his barn and there was Bill sound asleep with what looked like half a doughnut in his hand. As I looked round, there was a heap of them a little way away. Well I suddenly realised they had all come from the donkey (it's what donkeys do you know). He had another bottle of parsnip wine between his feet; he'd crossed off Jonny Walker somehow and had the right stuff this time. I didn't know what to do so I left him as he looked the picture of happiness.

Anyway, there you are, Bill's ghost can still be seen at Sharford Bridge to this day, or should I say night. I have just finished Bill's bottle of parsnip wine as he would only have wanted & with two thumbs up the spout.



Sharford Bridge – a packhorse bridge across the Corfe River between Scotland Heath & Wytch. Most likely the remotest bridge in Dorset and once part of the road system from Stoborough to Ower Quay

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A PURBECK WOMAN BEHEADED

The Civil War of 1642 left behind it a legacy of hatred and bitterness. Although in Dorset there were no major battles, practically every town was besieged and often wrecked. Perhaps even worse the animosity between families who had supported one side or another lingered on for fifty years. Old scores were paid off in a most vindictive manner. In the Monmouth Rebellion of 1685 some participants were still alive and many had close relations on opposing sides. A descendant of one well known family perished on the block after one of the most unfair trials in British legal history.

William Bond, the squire of Blackmanston, a hamlet between Church Knowle and Kimmeridge, took no part in the War. He was a cousin of Dennis Bond, MP for Dorchester, who was a member of Oliver Cromwell's inner cabinet and a rabid parliamentarian. He favoured the execution of Charles 1. Bond's daughter Edith married another Cromwellian adherent, Sir William Beckonshaw who lived at Moyles Court near Fordingbridge. Their daughter Alice born in 1618 spent much of her girlhood in Purbeck with her grandparents but married a prominent lawyer, John Lisle. This clever jurist was knighted by Cromwell and was one of the Judges who condemned the King to death. He was rewarded with a peerage but his well known harshness towards Royalist prisoners ensured a dreadful death for his wife. Amongst these was Colonel Penruddock, a nearby Squire who headed the 1655 abortive rising. In 1660 Lisle fled to the continent and was assassinated by a gang of Irish cut-throats a few years later.

His widow lived on undisturbed at Moyles Court for the next 20 years and although it was known that she favoured the local Presbyterians she was left in peace. Then in 1685 after the Monmouth Rebellion the peace of the West Country was shattered and fugitives from the Battle of Sedgemoor were hunted like dogs. Once condemned their hands and limbs were displayed in every town and village in Dorset. (Here in Corfe we have descendants of a young lawyer, Christopher Battiscombe who was hung in chains at Lyme Regis). Over a thousand men were condemned to death and as many transported to the colonies. Only one woman suffered.

The architect of this horror was George Lord Jeffreys, a career Judge who had already risen to fame by the persecution of witnesses, juries and defendants alike. A contemporary writer says 'His behaviour was beyond anything heard of in a civilized country. He was either drunk or in a rage, but mighty witty upon the prisoners at the Bar'. He was given a Royal mandate by James II to strike terror into those who had participated in the rebellion.

After the destruction of Monmouth's army, two fugitives came to Moyles Court. They were John Hicks, a Presbyterian Minister and Richard Nelthorpe, a well known trouble maker. Dame Alice did not realise they had taken part in the rebellion, but when she did, concealed them in an outhouse but sent to the Magistrates presumably giving them time to escape. However the local J.P. Colonel Penruddock arrived with a posse at dawn and captured the two men. They, and Dame Alice were sent in chains to Winchester Gaol. Hers was the first case in the so-called 'Bloody Assizes'. It was obvious from the start that Judge Jeffreys was determined to bring about her death regardless of any relevant facts. Dame Alice deposed that she had never supported Monmouth and in fact her son had fought against him. Quite wrongly Jeffreys referred to the fact that her late husband had been implicated in the death sentence passed on Charles 1. In summing up he said to the Jury, "If I had been one of you and she my mother, I would have judged her guilty".

Poor Dame Alice was sentenced to be hung, drawn and quartered. Influential friends had this cruel death changed to beheading, and so it was that this elderly heroine walked steadily to the scaffold in Winchester Market Place on 3rd September 1685 without a tremor saying, "I forgive all that have done me wrong". The remains of Dame Alice have lain in Ellingham Churchyard for over 300 years. William Bond's granddaughter suffered a vile death solely because of the rancour which arose from our last Civil War. In 1688 a re-trial was ordered by William III and the sentence was quashed. This can have given her little satisfaction.

(Reference has been made to 'Life and Rebellion of the Duke of Monmouth – George Roberts of Lyme 1844). PDR

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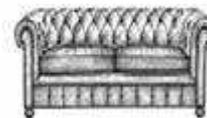
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Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Shanade Row and Callum Rhodes who will be married in St Nicholas Church on 8th October. The numbers who can attend the happy day will, of course, be limited by Covid-19 restrictions; but we all wish them lots of Best Wishes for the future.

A Rare Visitor

In early September we were alerted to a rare visitor to the Bay. Rose Ward (she and Pat are ‘founts of all knowledge’ where birds are concerned!) popped in while we were watering and told us that a rare *pectoral sandpiper* was on the beach and had been for 24 hours. What an excuse to stop the watering! We went down to admire this smart little bird which breeds in North America or Northeast Asia and migrates mainly to South America but is sometimes blown off course or stops here on the way from Siberia! About 50 a year are spotted in Great Britain and Ireland. The books say it usually feeds in freshwater habitats but this one seemed very happy picking over the seaweed near ‘stink corner’! Thank you to Rose for telling us.

Kimmeridge Coastguard Rescue Team

We have remained active locally with a number of rescues carried out jointly with neighbouring teams including rescuing an injured person who had fallen in the rocks near Chapman’s Pool and a walker who had fallen in the Army Ranges near Lulworth Cove. As well as working with our fellow Coastguard Teams these rescues also included Ambulance Crews and the RNLI – real teamwork!

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Seasons under the sea in Kimmeridge Bay.

Weather-wise this has been a good summer and that has been reflected beneath the water in Kimmeridge Bay. Early summer saw a boom in the population of sea hares. These shell-less sea snails grow larger than your average garden snail or slug, measuring up to 20cm long. They feed on seaweed and sometimes congregate on the shore and in rock pools in large numbers to mate and lay strings of eggs in a tangle on the seaweed.

Throughout the summer we recorded a variety of stalked jellyfish. These tiny relatives of drifting jellyfish attach via a stalk to seaweed, holding up their sticky tentacles to the water to catch tiny prey. They only grow to around 2cm or less so are harmless to humans. The presence of stalked jellyfish in Kimmeridge Bay is one of the reasons this special area was chosen as a Marine Conservation Zone, a type of marine reserve.

Now autumn is here the sea hares and stalked jellyfish have gone but there are still plenty of fish, prawns and crabs to be found in the rock pools and shallows. Blennies are probably the most commonly seen fish here and include the common blenny or shanny, Montagu’s blenny and larger tompot blenny. I recently discovered that the old Dorset name for blenny is biddleknob. This fishy family can be distinguished from each other by their head-gear. The shanny has a bald head while the tompot blenny sports a pair of red, antler-like antennae on its head and the Montagu’s blenny has a single, tiara-like headdress. Next time you’re rock pooling at Kimmeridge, be sure to say hello to the Biddleknobs!

Art exhibition

This month the Wild Seas Centre is exhibiting the work of artist and Wild Seas Centre volunteer, Rosemary Edwards. The prints, inspired by the beauty of Kimmeridge Bay, are from her collection of 26 paintings created for the 2.6 Challenge, to raise funds for Dorset Wildlife Trust during what is a very difficult time for charities. The exhibition runs from 24th September to 1st November. Find out more about the artist at www.rosemaryedwards.co.uk

New opening times.

We will be open throughout October but with reduced opening days and times. These are Wednesday to Sunday from 11am until 4pm. We will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. We also close for lunch from 1 – 1.30pm.

Julie Hatcher - Wild Seas Centre Officer



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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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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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