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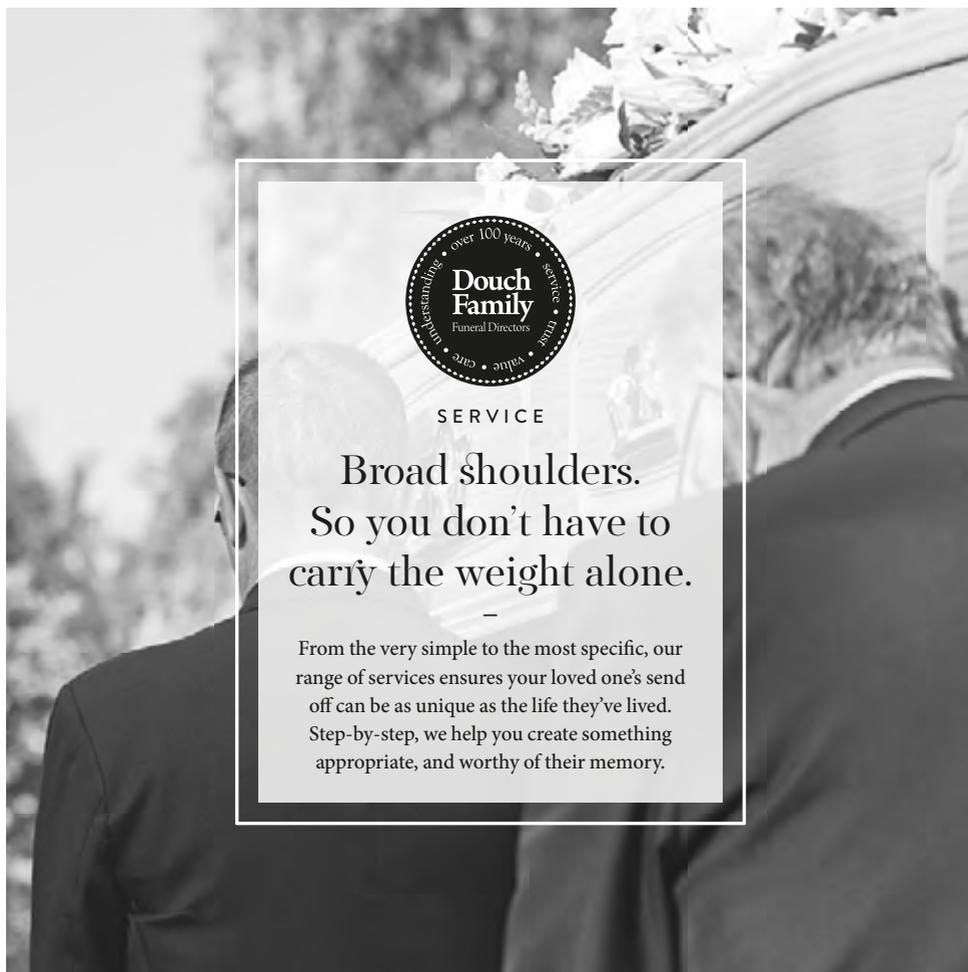
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## Editorial

The number of Covid cases occurring locally are increasing quite sharply, so as you read this it looks likely as though we will be on some new form of lockdown. That will all make the Christmas celebrations very different this year. Our congratulations and thanks therefore certainly go to the festivities committee and the brave people who are putting the lights up around the village at the moment. It will certainly make the village a lot cheerier and make things look a little bit normal. Thank you to all of them.

This addition of the CVN has got quite a bit about stone in it. There is an advertisement for Trev Haysom's awaited book about Purbeck Stone, as well as an article about the quarrymen of Purbeck. This is based on a picture of stone being loaded into boats on the Purbeck coast near to the Tilly Whim caves. Well worth a read and thank you to the author Robert Woolf.

This month we also have Remembrance Sunday on the 8th of November. Like everything else this will be very different this year but it will be worth marking the day. There are details of what will be happening inside the magazine. To commemorate this we have added a little colour to the front page of the CVN.

Stephen

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The sketch is by Sheila Doyle-Stevens

## CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

### OCTOBER AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Report from Dorset Councillor Cherry Brooks.** Dorset Council is still working under Covid restrictions. The leader of Dorset Council has written to the Minster setting out the financial difficulties faced but wish to reassure the public they are working hard to keep the budget balanced without cutting services.

Cllr Brooks stated there is a new grant available for anyone who has received a positive Covid test and is unable to work from home of £500, plus anyone can call the **helpline number 0344 411 1444** if they have any employment concerns related to Covid.

There is a new recruitment and training campaign for several positions across the board of Adult Social Care, with the view to responding to the demand for increased provision.

**James Gould** from the National Trust reported that the National Trust's "Reset Programme" is still ongoing, albeit now in the next phase. James was able to report that with the voluntary redundancies there is only likely to be one compulsory redundancy, but this would not be from within Corfe. Further update next month. The National Trust is starting an Ash Dieback Survey shortly although slightly later in the year than hoped, an update on the survey will be reported back. The Countryside Team is shortly going to start work on fixing all common gates bordering roads so that animals can not escape.

The resurfacing of the Parish Council **residents' car park** was scheduled to have taken place, however due to bad weather this has had to be postponed. New dates have not yet been set but are expected to be carried out shortly. The Clerk will be contacting residents with regards to accessing the car park so works can go ahead.

The government have issued a **Planning Reform white paper**, which will see a major shake up in the way the local plan and in turn the planning applications will be processed. Due to the nature of the Reform and the number of points needing response from the Parish Council it was decided to hold an Extraordinary meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

With such high levels of "Staycation" tourists and restrictions due to Covid on eating in, the **litter** around the parish this summer was unacceptable. With the

end of Covid a long way off the Parish Council have decided to look at how things can be improved next year.

There is a public enquiry to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November in relation to the **Sandbanks Studland Ferry Fare Increase**. Due to the nature of this issue it has been recommended this item be added to the Extraordinary meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> October so that a decision can be made about what representation the Parish Council will take.

On **planning matters** the Council deferred making a decision on Swanworth Quarry and proposed continue monitoring as it was unlikely this application will be determined this year.

The Council had no objections to the development of a garage and summer house, plus construction of a new driveway with a stone boundary wall at 1 East Street.

The Council had no objections to the repair works required to the roof at The Old Vicarage, Kingston.

The Council had no objections to erect a single storey side extension and repair to the thatched roof ridge at Roffy House.

The Council had no objections to repairs on the front of the roof, and roof lighting on the north facing roof slope at Cromwell Cottage, Corfe Castle.

The Council had no objections to erect a Motor Control Centre kiosk at Corfe Castle (Wytch Farm Road) Sewage Treatment Works, Studland Road.

The Council requested a site visit to 130 East Street, which was agreed with the homeowner.

The next Council meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7pm via Zoom. The Public are welcome to attend and participate in the public half hour at the start of the Council meeting. Details will be posted on the website by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. For further information please contact the Clerk Michelle Harrington, e-mail [CorfeCastlePC@aol.com](mailto:CorfeCastlePC@aol.com) – 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ, please note there is no land line number available as the Clerk 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](http://www.corfecastlepc.org.uk))

The parish Council are thinking about setting up a Speed Watch system on East Street to combat the persistent speeding which goes on. If you would be interested in getting involved please contact the Parish Clerk.

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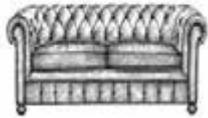
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## MORTONS HOUSE

I have always understood that Mortons House was built in 1603, but I can find no evidence to support this. Sources say rather that it was built in the late 16<sup>th</sup> or very early 17<sup>th</sup> century. From the beginning, it had two storeys plus attics. The ground plan was shaped as an “E”, suitably patriotic while Queen Elizabeth was on the throne. Originally it consisted only of the room that is now the hotel reception area with a floor above; and the two wings. The area that is now the bar and associated sitting area was added later in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Then, as now, there were outbuildings. It has been considered surprising that such a house was built in or on the outskirts of the town (Corfe Castle was a town of some substance at the time) rather than in open country. There is a reference to a farm which was associated with the house. This included what is now Challow Farm. Even in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century the land that went with the house stretched as far as the Rectory, the core of which was the cottage of the coachman working at Mortons House; and the opening of the railway in 1885 cut off other land associated with the house. The last coachman to live in the cottage, in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, was Mr Sheasby who, like most coachman at that time, had to reinvent himself as a chauffeur/mechanic. He then opened a garage, the largest of the three in the village, where Uvedale Court is now, and the family later diversified into coaches as South Dorset Coaches.

The house was built by Edward Dackombe (the spelling varied but this is the usual form) who on his death in 1635 left it to his younger son Brune (or Bruen). This was the period of the English Civil War and the political instability which followed it, and the Dackombes appear to have been Royalists. Royalist landowning families had to be pretty quick-footed if their lands were not to be sequestered, which meant taken without compensation, by those on the winning side. After the Restoration in 1660 they had to be equally quick-footed in order to keep what they still had and repossess what had been taken.

The terms under which land and houses might be left to a succeeding generation in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century seem complex. They were certainly not necessarily left to the eldest son, or even any son, to do with as he wished. In this case, the Dackombe estate in Corfe Castle was eventually left to Mary Dackombe who married Thomas Morton. This interest descended to John Morton, who bought out any other interests so as to become the absolute owner. On his death in 1750 John Morton left his estate in Corfe Castle including the house to his nephew, the Revd. John Colson of Frampton. Having presumably no use for a large house in Corfe Castle, John Colson sold it to John Bond, my great-great-great-grandfather.

We forget what a traumatic time the English Civil War was. The proportion of the population who died as a result of the War was about the same as that proportion of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century population of the country who died in the First World War, over about the same length of time. People were determined that such a thing should never happen again. One of the measures taken was to build up a substantial landowning class with a strong vested interest in continued stability. Legislation was brought in which introduced primogeniture, by which a family’s land and property was passed complete from one generation to the next through the eldest son. Younger sons were expected to make their own way; and daughters to make a “good” marriage, preferably to the heir of another landed estate.

I believe, but have not been able to check, that as late as the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century there were still two elderly spinster Dackombe ladies living at Mortons House. Elizabeth and Abigail Dackombe would have been aged 61 and 59 respectively in 1760. No member of my family moved into the house. Rather it was divided up into “tenements” – nowadays we would say apartments-- and was occupied in this manner throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Agriculture in this country became markedly more efficient in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century and the rural “working class” became better fed and healthier and begat more children who survived. Hence the need for extra accommodation and the motivation to divide a large house into tenements. There are plenty of other properties in Corfe Castle which were divided up into two or even three dwellings during the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the house was refurbished so as again to be suitable for occupation by a single household. A number of internal alterations were made; and the slate roof with a border of Purbeck stone tiles dates from this period. From about 1910 to about 1930 the house was occupied by a family called Cavendish Bentinck, presumably related to the Dukes of Portland. I believe that village gossip had it that these were the black sheep of the family. In about 1930 the Cavendish Bentincks moved out and George Kendrick rented the house with his wife Gladys and their children. Their time in Mortons House was a period of tragedy. Their son, also George, died in 1936, aged 15. I remember as a small child playing with some of his toys, particularly his Meccano, which had never been removed. George Kendrick himself died in November 1938, and his widow gave up the tenancy. Gladys died in 1947. All three are buried in God’s acre. As if this was not enough their daughter’s son was killed in the mid-1950s while playing on Swanage beach. He and a couple of friends came upon a wartime mine which had been washed up. They decided to investigate, hit it hard with a stone, and it exploded.



My parents were married in 1939 and came to live in Mortons House. They were the first members of my family to live there. They had not been there long before another war started, and my father, recently retired from the Army, was amongst the first to be recalled. During the war Mortons House served as the local headquarters for the Home Guard. At that time of the evacuation at Dunkirk my father got away on one of the last boats to leave Boulogne before the Germans overran it.

He spent the rest of the war in England. He moved his family back to Mortons House before the invasion of Normandy. Although no longer at the pitch of readiness that it had been in 1940 the Home Guard had not yet been stood down and we shared the house with a couple of Home Guard staff officers. I was a toddler and have some hazy memories of that period.

Street numbering is a new-fangled idea. Traditionally houses were identified by the name of family who lived there. What we now call Mortons House would previously have been called Dackombes which my mother used to say she thought was a much nicer name. No Bonds lived in the house for about 240 years after the house ceased to be owned by the Morton family. It is the Morton name that has stuck.

Work was begun on building Corfe Castle in 1085 and the Castle remained a Royal possession for half a millennium. During this time the concept of a manor and of a 'lord of the manor' came into existence. The sovereign was the Lord of the Manor in Corfe Castle and his rights and duties were exercised for him by the Constable of the Castle. Sir Christopher Hatton bought the Castle and the estate in 1585, and so became Lord of the Manor. The famous Treswell map of the town drawn up at that time was prepared on his instructions so that he could know what he had bought. A number of properties which existed at that time are not shown. A few years ago, I enquired as to whether there might have been a second subsidiary manor in the town. I was told that this was never the case; but that the Crown had sold some of its holdings in the town, particularly during

the later years of royal ownership when Corfe Castle had degenerated into a damp, cold, obsolete fortress in poor repair and no longer of any apparent tactical or strategic relevance. (Nobody told them about the Spanish Armada just a few years into the future). Mortons House was never occupied by the lord of any manor and has never been a manor house.

Sir John Bankes bought the Castle and estate in 1635 and so became the lord of the manor. He and his family were Royalists. The Castle was "sighted" which means destroyed after the Civil War, and after the Restoration the family did not attempt to rebuild it. They built a house at Kingston Lacy, near Wimborne. The family retained the Castle and ownership of a large part of the Isle of Purbeck, and the lordship of the manor, until the death of Ralph Bankes in 1981 when the whole estate, and presumably the lordship of the manor, passed to the National Trust.

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We want to start off by saying thank you. Thank you to our patients and volunteers alike for such positive, friendly feedback in regard to this year's flu clinics. As you can all imagine, I was slightly nervous before the first Saturday, not knowing how many people would arrive and how quickly we could get you all in and out of the surgery but all the staff working were impressed with how smoothly it ran so THANK YOU all. We are extremely grateful for the continued support that we receive from the local community.

As all our attention is focused on the difficult situation, we all face with COVID-19 it is important that we recognise that other illnesses have not gone away.

There is a national effort to try and improve early cancer diagnosis as we know that the earlier cancer is detected the better the outlook. Most early cancers are detected by national screening programmes which continue to run through the pandemic. This includes, for those eligible, cervical and breast screening and the national bowel cancer screening programme. Smear appointments continue to be available as normal at the surgery. And GP appointments continue to be available so please do not dismiss new symptoms that are causing concern.

Just a reminder that if you need to talk to a GP for a more pressing medical issue, our call back surgery runs every weekday morning from 8.30 to 10.30am. It is important that you call before 10.30am if your problem is urgent as our afternoon clinic appointments are limited and pre booked for routine queries.

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

Kerry Norman

Practice Manager

## Patient Participation Group

At our online meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> Alan Clevett, our Chair, reviewed what the PPG had done in the last twelve months and we considered how we can fulfil our role in these extraordinary times. It was good to see how much we had achieved in the first six months, i.e. from October 2019 until this March:– Health Talks, carers' coffee mornings, a flourishing Purbeck Leg Club (we were the lead PPG setting it up and have been volunteer helpers every week), various activities in the wider community, not to mention taking part in the Care Quality Commission's inspection of the surgery.

Since then, along with all other PPGs, our planned activities have inevitably been put on hold. We would need a crystal ball to know when we will be able

to resume them safely. Our focus is to help and support the surgery and its patients in any way we can. We always welcome your feedback and suggestions and will raise any issues you may have at this difficult time. At the same time we can see the continuing pressures the surgery is under so we must accept we can't always expect the same level of service as usual. We will share as much information with you as we can. We are particularly concerned for people living on their own and carers so do let us know if you have any ideas for ways we could offer them extra support.

The surgery staff have been working many extra hours to ensure that everyone eligible can get the flu jab. We congratulate them on the way the two Saturday morning sessions were organised. To quote an email from one patient 'No queues, great staff, well organised- brilliant!'

Very sadly this was Alan's last meeting as he and Margery are planning to move to Scotland. He will continue as Chair until he leaves, probably in the next few weeks. Mary Sabben-Clare has been elected to take over as Chair and Maggie Hardy as Vice-Chair. I would like to thank Alan on behalf of us all for everything he has achieved in the last two years, taking the PPG from its early days to the flagship PPG it is now. The strong relationships he has built with so many local people, the surgery, and many community groups and organisations, including NHS Dorset, have benefited us all. He is widely respected for his energy, commitment and creative ideas. I would like to add on a personal note that it has been a great pleasure working with him as his Vice-Chair. Like all of us on the PPG I will miss him as Chair and as a friend. I may even miss his awful jokes! Good luck, Alan.



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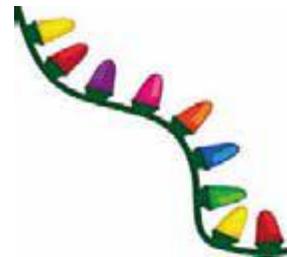


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### News from the Castle

November is here, dark evenings and dreary days? ... Not at The Castle; with the warm glow of our log fire, the fairy lights covering the entire ceiling and cascading down the walls, giving the whole place a warm tingling feeling.

**Wednesdays** are now **curry** night. So, if you fancy an Indian, the castle is the place to be, on offer are different curries and side dishes starting from only £6.95. Advisable to book.

**Thursday** is **Steak Night** 2 top quality steaks and trimmings from only £12.00 what a bargain.

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# Corfe Castle Village Hall

## 100 club:

The 100 Club draw takes place at the VH coffee morning on the first Saturday of the month. In the October draw first prize of £20 was won by member 62, with member 5 getting second prize £10 and member 58 winning the third prize £4.50.

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 October coffee morning - a further £182.05 was raised for village hall funds.

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

Whilst our region remains in "medium risk" 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

[www.corfecastlevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.corfecastlevillagehall.co.uk)

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, Brownies 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. New regular bookings have been made by an **art group** and a **book group**, with other villagers also discussing with our Bookings Clerk Carole Speed the possibility of using the Village Hall rooms to provide a Covid-secure meeting place to enable them to pursue hobbies as colder weather makes meeting outside more difficult.

The hall will also be available for one-off "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](mailto:carolepspeed@gmail.com).

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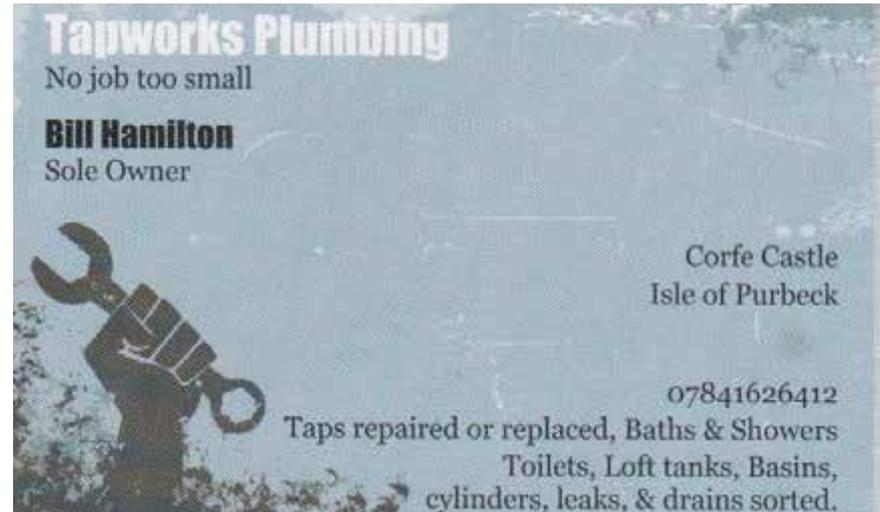
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Although we are still living in very difficult times we are trying to keep some semblance of normality and move forward as best we can. Our October meeting, which was held on Zoom, was a success with around 20 people taking part. This is a record for our Zoom meetings and we are hoping to build on this as more of us get confident about using Zoom. A big thank you to Richard Sedgley for his interesting talk on 'Sir Bevois of Hampton'.

## **Dates of next meetings**

- **November 3<sup>rd</sup> Archery** by Ronnie and John. This will be held on Zoom and is a guest afternoon, so all are welcome.
- **December 1<sup>st</sup>– Making Christmas Garlands** with Carole Lehman and a raffle. We are hoping this will be able to take place in the village hall. If you wish to attend this meeting you will have to book your place in advance as we will be restricted in numbers. More information will follow in our newsletter.

The two satellite groups for walkers have restarted along with one of our book groups

**Charity News** – we received a very nice thank you letter from Besom, thanking us for our donation. They spent the money on a stair climbing sack truck and casserole dishes and saucepans. They have been running low on funds so were very pleased to receive a boost to their finances. We have decided not to change our charities next year but to instead carry on with our current charities as we have been unable to fund raise for them this year.

**Strollers** met on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> and had a lovely walk through the village and down to Castle View carpark and then walked through to Norden railway station and back to the car park. There were a few clouds in the sky but it stayed fine. An enjoyable drink at the cafe, outside of course was had by all.

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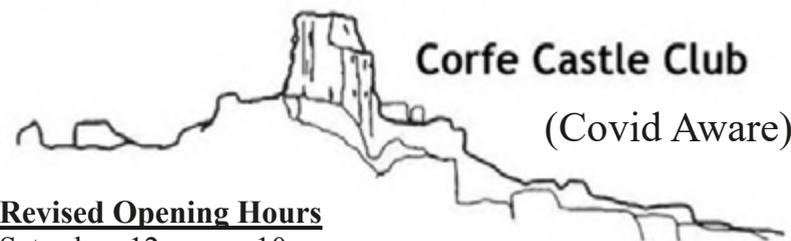
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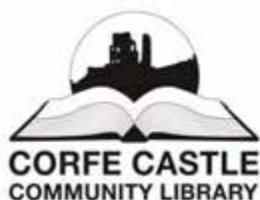
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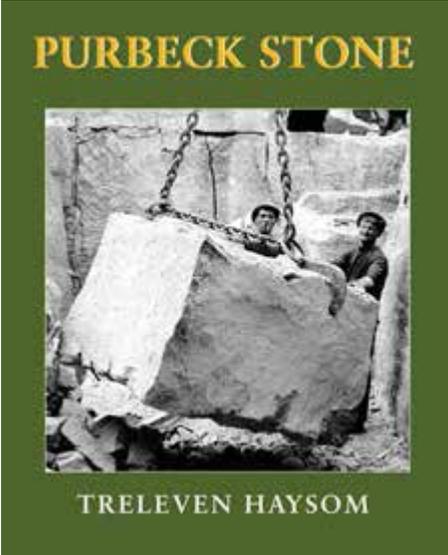
The library will only be open on Wednesday 11.00 - 12.00 and Saturday 10.00 – 12.00 for you to collect the books that you have requested. You should come through the back door into the porch. You will not be allowed inside the main part of the library (this is to minimise the risk of infection for everyone).

**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.

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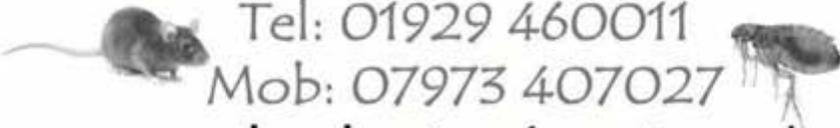
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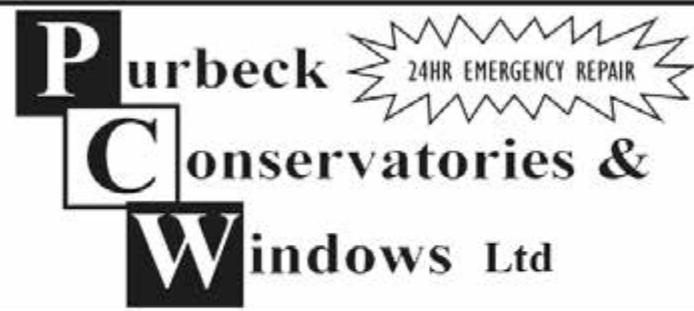


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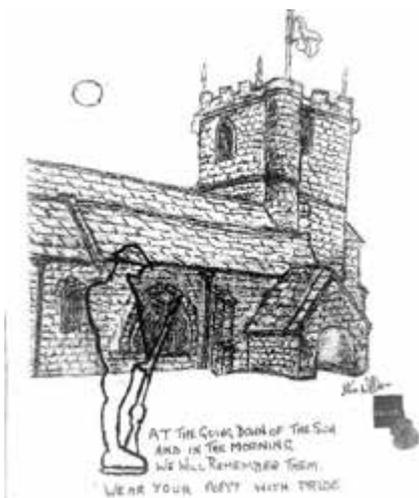
Please note that these events are mostly still tentative so please check timing and that it is actually taking place with the organisers.

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

1	November	Sunday	10 am to 4 pm	Cameo Antiques	Corfe Castle Village Hall
3	November	Tuesday	Afternoon	Virtual Aquarius meeting – Archery	To be held on Zoom
7	November	Saturday	1015am	Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
8	November	Sunday	1050 am	Remembrance	The Square and East Street Cemetery
9	November	Monday	7 pm	Virtual Parish Council Meeting	Meeting via Zoom
27	November	Friday	7pm for 7.30	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.

1	December	Tuesday	Afternoon	Aquarius garland making meeting	Corfe Castle Village Hall
14	December	Monday	7 pm	Virtual Parish Council Meeting	Meeting via Zoom



A sketch by Ken Williams reminding us of Remembrance and poppies



A sketch by Ken Williams of Colin Cross selling poppies in the Square. Colin has been the Legion's poppy seller in the Square for about 36 years. Well done Colin

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### **Ian Jackson writes:**

I am writing in the middle of October and in this morning's post came a letter asking for confirmation of our standing order for the palms, from which we make the palm crosses, and also a 50% deposit! This is understandable as

earlier this year the company faced many cancellations of such orders once the lockdown was announced and they report that they had to dispose of an unprecedented amount of palm; they also obviously have to take account of the company's finances and only place orders that have been confirmed.

Such measures will be being taken in all works of life, at present, by businesses and companies, and smaller but no less important concerns as well. We are all having to take unprecedented measures, plan ahead, where possible, and in all this be flexible and adapt to changing circumstances.

In a way I found the letter which led me to think about next Spring, and the observation of Palm Sunday quite encouraging. We hadn't cancelled our order for palm leaves but, this year, in the event decided not to offer them for collection from the church porch. This magazine wasn't delivered 'door to door' at that point, although copies were left in the church porch at Corfe for collection, as they still are. Most people were being extremely careful then and we had even less information about the virus, and how it is spread, at that time than we do now. Having said that there is still much that is unknown.

Writing about the distribution of palm crosses and local magazines may seem insignificant when we think of the big concerns there are at present. However, we've learnt afresh that some of the seemingly small and local things are really important and can make a difference. We've really appreciated all the good and positive things that have happened in the villages and communities served by this magazine and local groups both formal and otherwise.

So I hope you find encouragement that helps you look forward. I seem to have been looking into next year but not mentioning this coming Christmas. For once it seems too early to announce our plans for Christmas services: we hope to do this in the December magazine and all the other ways we are communicating at present. Christmas will be observed and celebrated: it is unlikely to be the same as usual, but let us hope and pray it will be a no less real celebration of the God who is always with us – whatever the circumstances.

Keep taking care. Ian

### **Services in the Benefice of St Aldhelm in November**

**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.

### **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.

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.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - 5pm Evensong (BCP) Said at St James Kingston

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

4<sup>th</sup> 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 Wednesdays at 10am** there is Holy Communion at St George's Langton. You can attend in church or by Zoom. (BCP on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.)

### **All Souls Day**

On Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> November) it is **All Souls Day** and at our Services we will remember and give thanks for the lives of people dear to us.

At the 10:30 St George's/Zoom service, names are read out and a candle lit in their memory.

- You are warmly invited to attend this quiet service with your family and friends on Zoom.
- If you would like a candle lit for the person you are mourning, please email Katie at the Benefice Office [office@purbeckbenefice.plus.com](mailto:office@purbeckbenefice.plus.com)

with your name and the name of the person you'd like a candle lit for.  
Thank you.

### Christmas Shoeboxes

As you will probably know, as Christmas approaches (!), our thoughts turn to those in a less privileged condition than ourselves and as part of the response, many of us pack a shoebox for a Christmas present for a child in a poorer part of the world. This year presents some extra challenges and we won't be able to collect shoeboxes locally. A simple solution is for this year there is an opportunity to 'pack a shoebox' on line by following this link <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>. It will be packed on your behalf and sent off, so that the children do not miss out. Not as much fun and involvement, but nevertheless, an opportunity to give.

### Bible Readings - November 2020

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>All Saints' Day</b> Psalm 34: 1 – 10 Revelation 7: 9 – end 1 John 3: 1 – 3 Matthew 5: 1 – 12
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b> Psalm 70 Amos 5: 18 – 24 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – end Matthew 25: 1 – 13
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b> Psalm 90: 1 – 12 Zephaniah 1: 7; 12 – end I Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11 Matthew 25: 14 – 30
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b> <b>Christ the King</b>	<b>Sunday next before Advent</b> Psalm 95: 1 – 7 Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16; 20 – 24 Ephesians 1: 15 – end Matthew 25: 31 – end

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Psalm 80: 1 – 8; 18 – 20  
Isaiah 64: 1 – 9  
1 Corinthians 1: 3 – 9  
Mark 1: 1 – 8

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Psalm 85: 1 – 2; 8 – 13  
Isaiah 40: 1 – 11  
2 Peter 3: 8 – 15  
Mark 1: 1 – 8

### Royal British Legion - Branch News



### REMEMBRANCE DAY - 8th November

2020

Our Aim remains the same:

To offer our village an opportunity to remember those, from our village, who gave their lives in the service of our country.

This year, due to the Corona Virus restrictions, our normal commemorations have had to be adjusted and our current plans may have to be altered at short notice  
Regrettably there will be no services in Churches.

POPPY SALES Poppies are on sale in our usual shops & pubs please be as generous as you can, as our contributions to the Earl Haig Fund from Church collections etc will be zero.

### ACTS OF REMEMBRANCE

Attendees must at all times maintain their family bubbles, social distances and face masks as appropriate.

As outlined in the October CVN the plan is as follows

1050 Attendees gather in the Square for prayers by our Rector  
1100-1102 The two minutes silence. The Last Post & Reveille will be played  
1105 Move to our War Memorial Arch  
1120 Short prayers by our Rector followed by the names of the fallen including those from Tyneham; two minutes silence and the laying of the Wreaths.

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## Corfe Castle Congregational Church

HAPPINESS IS .....

Some time ago, I went with my family for a walk along a river. Clear skies, the temperature very hot, the sun shining and reflected across the still water, the flowers were blooming beside the path going along the riverside. Many people young and old, were walking and sitting along the path, others fishing peacefully from the banks, children running and playing with their dogs. Families setting up their picnic lunches, whilst others were just sitting in the grass soaking up the sun and looking out peacefully across the water. I even saw one lady who seemed to be praying, sitting under a tree with such a joyful smile on her face. There were so many people all enjoying their time in the sun.

It has been said that every moment spent in unhappiness is a moment of happiness lost. I for one, don't want to lose any more moments of happiness that I have left in this world, I want to enjoy every one of them. It doesn't matter how they are spent, working, playing, eating, reading, praying, or just walking in the sunshine. I want my life to be filled with happy moments. I want to choose love, share joy and be one with God every single day of my life.

But how different things have been this last summer! A lockdown, social distancing, face masks and all sorts of restrictions on things that we took for granted eight months ago. Even though we cannot mix socially the way that we used to and none of us knows what the future holds, we must remain positive.

Happiness is our choice and not something that we find. Happiness is something that we live. Life here on earth is brief, we need to spend it well, spend it joyously, don't waste a second of it. Go to work with a smile, and greet others with a smile, pray to God with peace in our hearts, even though our lives have been turned upside down by this virus. We must learn from our pain, grow from our troubles and always choose, love, joy, peace, happiness and oneness with God.

*"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble...."*  
*Psalm 46:1*

**Keep well and keep safe.**

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## Quarrymen of Purbeck

### Art and Limestone

There is a painting in Guildhall Art Gallery, City of London, called *Quarrymen of Purbeck* which I enjoy for itself and its connections with



limestone used in London buildings. The subject is unusual particularly as the artist, Henry Tanworth Wells, was a leading portraitist.

Henry Wells knew several leading artists of the Victorian period and they would have appreciated the style of this painting, a mix of portrait and landscape.

Wells' elder daughter, Alice, married the son of architect GE Street who in addition to designing grand buildings like the Royal Courts of Justice in London also designed many churches including St James's in Kingston. This Gothic Revival style church, standing proud on the hillside and of course in limestone, is often referred to as 'The Cathedral of the Purbecks'.

Through his daughter, Wells became familiar with Purbeck. His painting depicts Hedbury Quarry on the coast. The painting hangs in the section of the Guildhall Art Gallery devoted to the theme of 'Work' and while quarrying and stone carving was indeed hard work, families continued to work in the trade through the generations. In the centre standing and facing us, Wells has painted Thomas Chichen Lander who came from a long family line of

quarrymen. He looks to me like he is in charge! Other painting details include, on the left, the crane, or 'whim' as it was called locally, used to lower the limestone blocks to the boats. Sometimes the stone was transferred to larger vessels for say a voyage to London - around the coast and up the Thames.

Behind Thomas Lander, the artist shows the wheel used to control the rope over the crane arm to lower the stone into boats. In front of Thomas Lander is a shaped stone on a trolley with a crouching man adjusting a chain making the stone ready to be lowered. To the right are men with cold chisels working another piece of limestone.

It is said that the stone in this painting was destined for Lyme Regis for a property of Sir Bartholomew Peek of Peek Frean Biscuits. Limestone from this quarry was also used in the building of Kingston's church, completed 1880.

Is Purbeck Stone very different from the more widely known Portland Stone, you may ask? Geologically these are both sedimentary rock layers from the Jurassic and early Cretaceous eras (think 200 to 150 million years ago).



Purbeck limestones overlay the Portland limestones although because of the tilting of the strata, Purbeck limestone may be close to the current sea level as at Tilly Whim Caves. Wells has painted a cream coloured Purbeck Stone which looks similar to Portland Stone, and both types can be easily shaped and carved. As many of you will know, you can try this yourself at nearby Burngate Stone Carving Centre.

There are many variations of Purbeck Stone in terms of fossil content, stone colour and hardness. For example, a dark Purbeck Stone formed from tightly packed fossil shells of a water snail is described as Purbeck Marble when polished and can be seen in the columns in Westminster Abbey. One of the earliest royal effigies in England, that of King John at Worcester Cathedral, was carved in Purbeck Marble.

Outside St Paul's Cathedral in the cloister garden there is an outline of the medieval cathedral marked in dark grey slate pieces. This building was destroyed in the Great Fire of London, 1666. Sir Christopher Wren's replacement cathedral is shown with a delightful fossiliferous Purbeck Stone and this photo shows the curved east end of his cathedral.

In 1823, John Mowlem founded what became one of London's major builders initially supplying Purbeck Stone for paving. He was referred to as a 'footway stone contractor'. To provide ballast in the company's empty ships returning to Dorset, surplus City of London items were often brought back to Swanage. If you walk to the clifftop at Durlston Castle towards Tilly Whim Caves look out for the bollards marked "City of London" on the edge of the path...but that's another story!

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### Pioneer view

Dear Friends,

The core of the Growing Compassionate Communities vision is to grow hope in communities. In the many conversations I have had with people as part of our befriending scheme, it has become clearer that people are searching for hope. It is this hope that is at the centre of our journey to become a compassionate inclusive community that I want to explore in more depth.

So, what is this hope? What does it look like? How do we grow it in our community? It's these questions I would like to address.

The dictionary definition of hope describes hope as a feeling of expectation and desire for a thing to happen. Other words describing hope are aspiration, desire, expectation, aim, plan, dream. These words and descriptions of hope help make it more tangible and provide us with some sense that our hopes are attainable.

I wonder, considering this, how would you describe your hopes? I like the word 'dream' as a description of hope. It invites me to be more creative and not limited to time and practical constraints.

Here is a quote to reflect on

**“Keep your dreams alive. Understand that to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe.” Gail Deavers**

To see our hopes and dreams become a reality I believe there needs to be vision, something to aim for. What does your dream look like? Having a vision gives our journey purpose and direction.

If we are to keep our dreams alive and vibrant then it requires faith and belief on our part that it can be achieved. Moreover, it requires hard work and dedication to make our dreams a reality. How often do we hear that the Olympic gold medalist start with a dream, then put the training time and personal sacrifice to make that make their dream a reality. Nothing is impossible if we are prepared to dedicate ourselves to making it happen.

A few years ago, I had a dream to establish the Growing Compassionate Communities. Communities that are inclusive and hospitable to the stranger, the alienated, the disenfranchised, and the broken. That dream is becoming a reality. The Growing Compassionate Communities vision then grew into a Charity. Our dream in growing compassionate communities is to grow hope in the communities we seek to serve

A Quote to ponder:

“Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality.” – Jonas Salk

Don't give up on your dreams. Keep dreaming.

Go well,

Peter - Chair Growing Compassionate Communities

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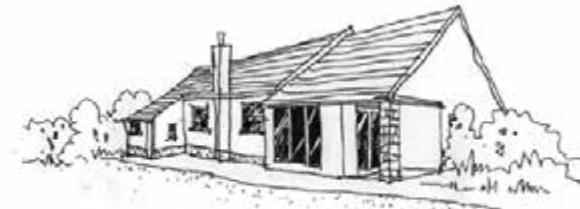
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## Notices and Thanks

### Corfe Castle Gardening Club

November already! This was always a special month for me as a kid. Bonfire night, my Birthday and I could dare to start dropping hints for Christmas gifts.

I couldn't understand why my parents saw this as a gloomy month (apart from the aforementioned expenses!). I do now. Dark mornings, dark early evenings, frosts and cold winds and loads of work in the garden – to name but a few.

I wonder what it holds for us this year? No big gathering around bonfires for sure; and that may not be a bad thing in some ways. I loved fireworks as a boy but now realise what a danger they pose. Not only the obvious physical risks from mishandling or accidental discharge but also the damage to the environment, also danger to domestic animals and wildlife from the cartridges and sticks that end up all over the place. The biggest irony of recent times for me was watching a Newscast which reported on an upcoming international conference on Global Warming and followed it with pictures of New Year celebrations that had Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Thames (and every capital city in between) ablaze with colour and sparkle – and under a pall of thick smoke. Doh!

We are discouraged from burning garden rubbish now (danger to wild creatures, pollution, nuisance etc.) but those leaves will make a lovely mulch/compost for next year's plants. Raked up now and stored in a simple cage of large mesh chicken wire, they'll rot down over winter through summer and be just right for next autumn, when you can replace them with a new crop. They call it recycling, I call it hard work, but worth it.

One thing November holds is the CCGC Zoom meeting. Our pictures and comments on the highs and lows of our gardening year. As we meet on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> an alternative title is 'Firecrackers and Damp squibs.'

Do join in, Zoom is safe and easy to use. If you need help setting it up contact one of the committee ahead of time and we'll sort it with you.

This wretched virus hasn't finished with us yet. We must not get complacent just because this area has (so far) relatively low incidence. Please stay safe and well and look out for the welfare of others around you. Remember, being in the fresh air is good for you and pretty safe. So, wrap up warm and get out in that garden, and/or go for a walk. There are plenty around us here; aren't we lucky? On your walk you'll see nature's Autumnal abundance of seeds and bright

berries and be encouraged to get to work on your patch to prepare for a fruitful and rewarding year in 2021.

Now, as we are into November: for Christmas this year I would like a large pack of anti-bac wipes &...(how do you spell Maserati?).....

*David*

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### 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](http://www.LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk)).

## **Corfe Castle Community Land Trust**

### **An update from CCCLT**

A public exhibition of the CLT's planned housing scheme for villagers was held at the village hall and the Corfe Castle Club during September. It was well attended and feedback offered indicates majority village support for the proposals. We also received helpful feedback on a variety of themes including lighting, drainage and environmental issues which will be taken into account as we finalise the plans.

The scheme is to build 16 houses for rental to villagers and to those who have strong connections to the village. These are conditions which will form part of the planning application and will be fixed by law if planning permission is granted.

The core aim of the CLT is to build homes for villagers so they can afford to stay in the village, put their children through the village school and remain close to family and friends. Once again we would strongly encourage all those who may wish to rent these properties to put their name onto the Parish Council housing list but most importantly also onto the Dorset Council list as this will be used to determine eligibility.

**Covid-19 update**

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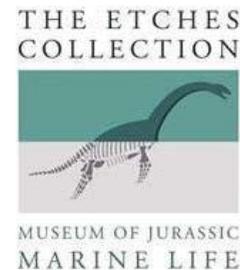
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And of course our Marine Monsters family challenge – especially for Halloween.

### New Exhibition

Local artists Holly and Stephen Yates will be exhibiting on site from 7<sup>th</sup> 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).

### The Etches Collection Needs You!

#### **Front of House/Retail Volunteers sought**

Are you or someone you know looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Do you like meeting and greeting people? Perhaps you have a creative eye and might like to assist with our museum shop? Retail or front of house experience a bonus, but a willingness to learn and a can-do attitude just as valuable to us to complement our existing friendly team.

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**Corfe Castle  
Christmas Festivities Committee  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!**

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**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:

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Calls cost the same as calls to landline numbers.

### Gertie Welsh

Gertrude Maud Stockley was born at School House Norden 19th December 1920. One of Five children Ann, Fred, Bill & Phyl. Her Dad, David Stockley was a clay miner. She started school at the Age 5 walking each way to the School, which was where Corfe Castle Club is now. At the Age of 7 she moved to the Big School across the road, where the current school is.

Gertie was a member of the School Net Ball Team, with matches home & away. At the age of 14 she left school & worked in Domestic Service. At 18 she cycled to Holton Heath to work as a Cook at the Royal Navy Cordite Factory. She Married Francis James Welsh (Curly) at St. Edwards Church Corfe Castle in 1943 and worked at Morton's House for Colonel Bond, living at 51 East Street for 12 years. Gertie & her late husband bought 54 East Street & continued to live there until 2017 when she could no longer care for herself. She is now living in York House Care Home, Swanage.

Gertie had 2 children William who sadly died age 28. Daughter Rosemary was in the Headlines as a 'Miracle Baby' in October 1958; born prematurely at Poole Cottage Hospital, she weighed 1lb 13ozs. She was cared for by Sister Small. On Boxing Day she weighed 5lb 9oz and was allowed home.

She was a lollipop Lady at the School for 20 years retiring in 1987. A lot of people will remember her.

Gertie has 4 Grandchildren: Symon, who sadly died 12 years ago, Sally, Mark & Paul. She has 8 Great- Grandchildren Holly, William, Poppy, Sophie, Joss, Gabriel, Nile & Morden, who all adore her. Gertie was a regular Church goer, & still enjoys a service to the present Day. Unfortunately not allowing visits at the present time. She was always a kind & caring Lady & still puts others before her-self. It will be a very Different Birthday but still a **Big** milestone. I am sure the Village would like to wish Gertie A Very Happy 100th Birthday!  
Rosemary Knight

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### Letter from Michael Bond

I was much interested in the article in the CVN a month or two ago about Marjorie Graves and the East Window at St Edwards Church. I dimly remember Miss Graves who was a friend of my mother's.

I am sure I remember being taken by my parents to the service at which the window was dedicated. Until I read the article, I had assumed that the service was to rededicate the window on its removal from safe storage, where I assumed it had been placed during the War to keep it safe from bombs. There was a film made of the service. I remember it being shown in the Village Hall in about 1978, and I believe it has been shown more recently although I wasn't able to be there.

My reason for writing is to ask what has become of the film. Someone must have it. The number of those who might have any memory of the event and be able to identify those who appear is reducing; and many of us would love to have a copy for our children, nephews, nieces, grandchildren. Could not DVDs be made and sold for the benefit of the Town Trust?

Michael

If anyone has any information please contact the editor.

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### **Winter opening at the Wild Seas Centre**

This year the Wild Seas Centre will keep its doors open for longer, with opening extended through November and into December. Opening days are from Sunday to Thursday, (closed on Fridays/Saturdays). Opening times are 11am to 3.30pm with a half hour closure for lunch.

We hope that the extended hours will mean that people who normally visit Kimmeridge Bay in the out-of-season months will have the opportunity to pop in and see what we have on offer.

### **Winter in Kimmeridge Bay**

Kimmeridge Bay can look very different in the winter months when storms cause the waves to crash against the soft cliffs, even over-topping into the car park. It can be a spectacular place to witness the raw power of the sea! It is especially important to keep well back from both the cliff edge and foot as rock falls are frequent. At low tide the seashore rocks can also be treacherously slippery so please take extra care.

A great winter seashore activity is beach-combing; wandering along the sandy section of the beach and discovering unusual items washed up by the tide. Mermaid's purses, cuttlefish bones and seawash balls are just some of the clues you might find that tell us what is living out there beneath the waves. Bring your finds to the Wild Seas Centre to be identified.

### **Seashore Explorer Packs**

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### **Keeping Covid-19 safe**

Safety measures are in place at the Centre to protect from Covid-19, including a one-way system around our displays, a limit on the number of people in the Centre at any one time and hand-sanitiser and hand-washing facilities on offer. Face-coverings are mandatory whilst inside the Centre.

We look forward to seeing you!

**Julie Hatcher Wild Seas Centre Officer**

## **SHOPPING IN CORFE - 1791**

As many know, the 1791 Census of Corfe and Kingston organised by Morton Pitt, the Squire of Encombe, was very detailed and was the precursor of the British National Census. A close examination shows the shopping habits of our predecessors two hundred years ago. Most of the shops were in the Square and West Street, although the latter was known as High Street. Correspondingly East Street was 'Back Street' as it ended as a bog. (Editor's note – It still does except that the A351 has been routed around the bog)

We find the following tradesmen listed:

4 Carpenters - 4 Shoemakers - 3 Publicans

And one each of the following:

Mason - Sadler - Tallow Chandler - Blacksmith - Baker - Butcher - Tailor - Woolcomber - Thatcher - Lime Burner.

The above list is just in Market Place and High Street. In Back Street there were Labourers, Molecatchers, Claycutters, Painters and one Shopkeeper - probably where Driscolls used to be. Thus we can deduce that West Street was the 'Shopping Precinct'. Four shoemakers seems excessive but the whole population walked. Horses were for the well-to-do. Of these we find the Rector, the Rev Bankes L'anson, Oliver Vye (Quarrier) and William Pike (Clay Merchant); all of these kept servants. Assuming the population to be about 1200, there were about 120 habitable cottages, so the norm appears to be a rather overcrowded 10 to a dwelling, although we read that one cottage on the heath housed 20.

Almost certainly some of the wives were in domestic service but there was also a cottage industry of knitting stockings. The children would earn a few pence at bird scaring and picking stone off fields. Amongst the Tradesmen listed is John Roe, Shoemaker who moved to West Lulworth. A friend has his Family Bible which is available to any descendant who claims it. He appears to have had a daughter who married a Mr. Loader.

Two hundred years ago we had far more shops, but it would be fair to say that the quality of life has much improved.

Paul Randall.

(As a footnote, I can confirm that there were 3 grocers, as well as 2 butchers and a haberdasher in Corfe during the war when I was a boy growing up in the village. Editor)

## Kimmeridge News

Many congratulations to Shanade Row and Callum Rhodes who were married in Kimmeridge Church on 8<sup>th</sup> October. The wedding was the first time the Church had been used since the start of lockdown. Numbers were limited because of the Covid-19 rules, but despite that it was a very special occasion. Shanade arrived in Terry's wonderful Morris Minor Police Car. Following the wedding, celebrations continued just a short walk away in Clavells. We don't know when we will next be able to use Kimmeridge Church, but this was certainly a very special event to cheer us all up!



Steve & Helen Earwicker (earwicker@btinternet.com)

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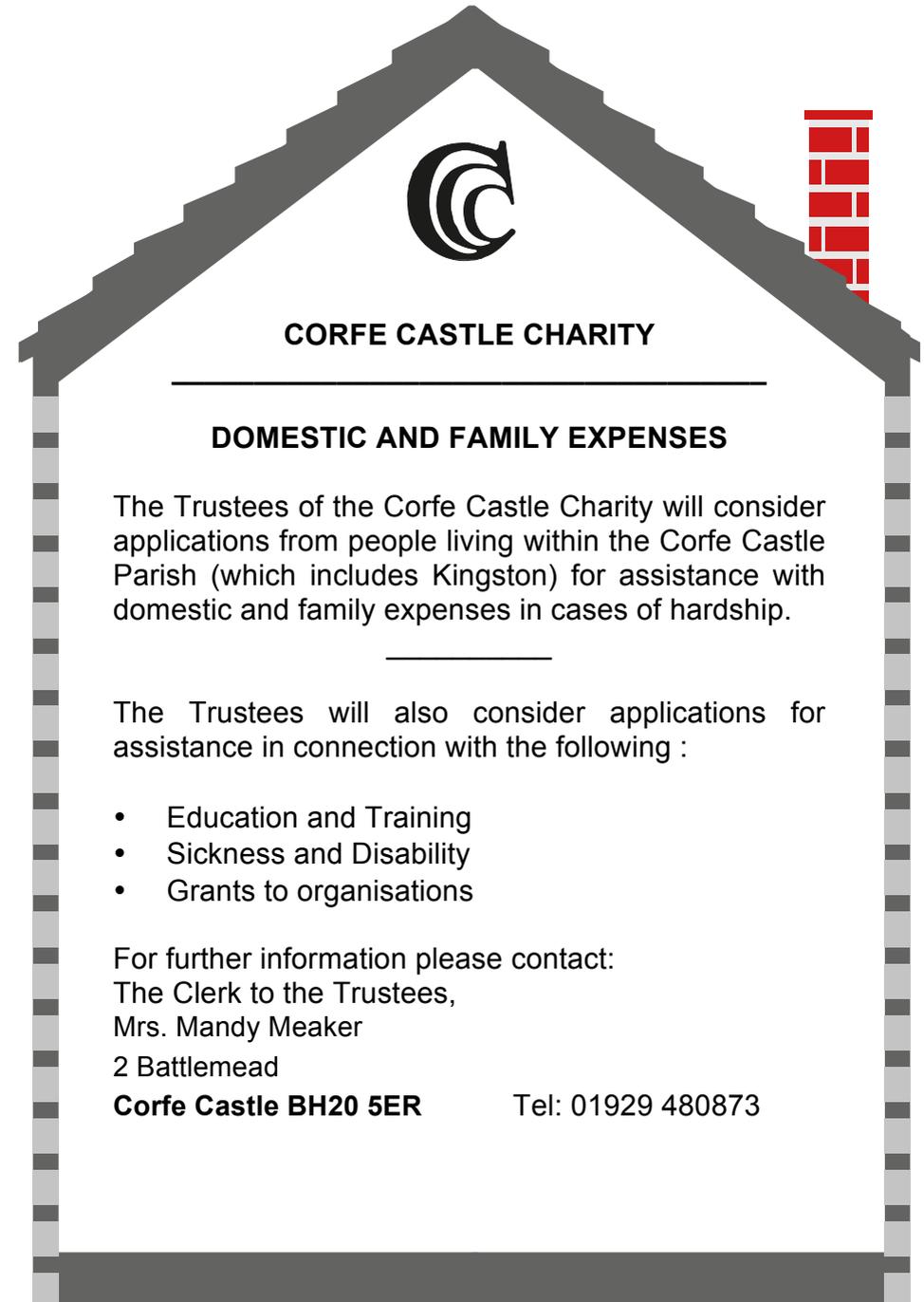
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Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.15 – 10.45am	& 11am – 12 Yoga	Langton Scout Hut
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
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<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
Each	6.00 - 8.00 pm	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall
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