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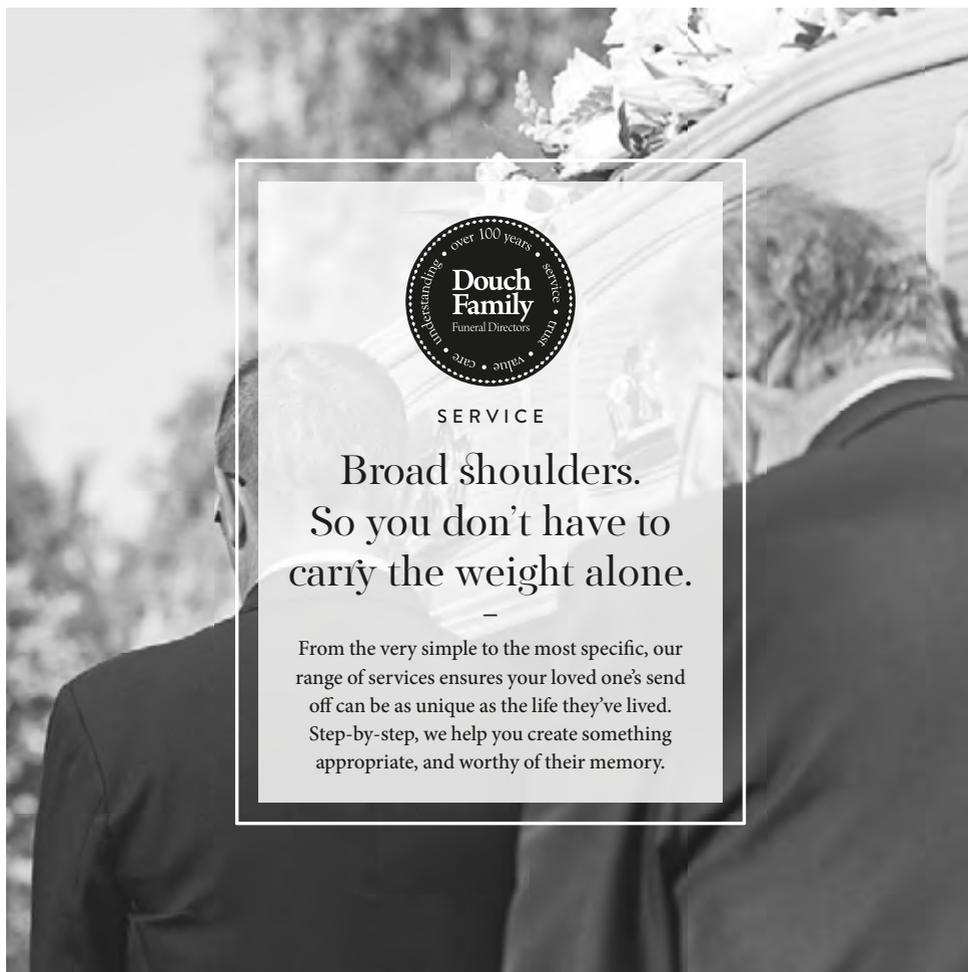
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Editorial

As we run up into Christmas it has become clear that it's going to be very different from what we normally experience and enjoy. We may actually have to have some form of lockdown during Christmas and we probably won't be able to visit family and friends. As I write it looks as though Covid cases may have peaked and now be on the way down. Nevertheless it's great to see the lights going up around the centre of the village; well done the festivities. It cheers us all up

There's also been some discussion about whether Castle view ought to open or not during the lockdown. I think the National Trust have now closed the takeaway coffee from there, but have kept the car park and toilets open. However it's good to see the Castle lit and I understand the National Trust has introduced the timer again so that the lights go off after 11pm.

Everyone at the CVN wishes you all as merry a Christmas as will be possible in the circumstances. We hope you are able to meet as many of your family as possible, albeit possibly only electronically. Happy Christmas to everyone and thank you for your continued support.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

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

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National Electricity Number	105
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The cover picture is Christmas at Corfe by Mathilde Luke, a pupil at the Primary School, Thank you Mathilde.

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

November At The Parish Council

Corfe Castle Parish Council would like to thank each and every member of the Covid volunteer group for your wonderful offer to help others during the first Covid-19 National Lockdown. Many of you have received calls asking for your assistance and we are so thankful to say parishioners have not struggled for long due to your help. Thank you.

Unfortunately, with the entering of a **second National Lockdown**, yet again we are asking for your kind help. Our main concern this time round is now that it is colder the most vulnerable should not necessarily be outside and therefore this lockdown could be a very lonely one.

We are asking please SUPPORT EACH OTHER: Contact family, friends and neighbours, is there anyone you know who doesn't have regular visitors e.g. those new to the area, those who live on their own? Please make contact and offer support and exchange telephone numbers for a chat.

One kind word can change someone's entire day.

You can join the Covid Volunteers Group by contacting the Clerk - Michelle via email corfecastlepc@aol.com or phone 07882 861122. Thank you

Cllr Mike Blinkhorn was co-opted onto the Corfe Castle Parish Council during the November Council meeting. We would like to thank Mike for this application and look forward to working along side him.

Corfe Castle Parish Council have finally joined **Facebook**. For all the latest updates please like / follow the page at <https://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC>

With 22 new positive Covid cases within the Purbeck area Dorset Council is appealing to all residents to *follow the lockdown advice*.

Dorset Council have confirmed during this second lockdown that household recycling centres will remain open and services will continue. Social Care Services will continue, Public Car Parks and Toilets will stay open, Beaches, Parks, Skateparks and Greenspaces will remain open for public use, Registration Services will continue but weddings will not be held, and funerals will continue to be restricted to 30 People, Country Park open spaces will stay open for people to enjoy but visitors' centres will close, and restaurants will only offer take away services, School, Colleges and Childcare remain open, Leisure Centres will be closed, Library buildings are closed, Tourist

Information Centres are closed, and The History Centre and Archives are closed.

Dorset Council have decided to **extend Car Parking charging hours** for DC car parks from 8am to 8pm. The Council needs additional revenue to fund winter maintenance. This will affect users of the West Street car park including those visiting the surgery and Corfe Castle residents who shop early in Wareham.

James Gould from the National Trust reported that the Castle, as per guidance from the Government, has closed its gates for the period of the lockdown with the exception of Castle View, which remains open to offer toilet, car parking and refreshment facilities for those that wish to do their daily exercise across the local area. With the exception of a small number of staff to complete essential security checks and visitor facing in Castle View the remainder of the property team have been placed back into furlough.

The Council agreed to go out to tender **for grass cutting** for the old part of the God's Acre extension

The Council discussed the possible role for a **Village Warden** and a decision will be made on this at the December meeting

On planning matters; the Council had no objections to the planning application for 130 East Street, Corfe Castle, to replace existing single storey extension; 3 storey extension & detached single garage with a 2-storey side & rear extension & single storey rear extension, replace front porch and insert a flue.

The Council had also no objection to the planning application for 78 East Street, Corfe Castle, to replace the first-floor window on the front elevation.

The next Council meeting will be on the 14th December 2020 at 7pm via Zoom. The Council will set its budget and precept for 2021-2022. The Public is welcome to attend and participate in the public half hour at the start of the Council meeting. Details will be posted on the website & on Facebook by Tuesday 8th December.

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 as the Clerk is waiting for a phone line to be installed. Full minutes of the meetings are available on the Website www.corfecastlepc.org.uk or a postal copy can be requested through the Clerk.

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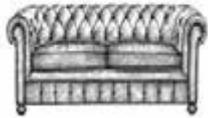
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Climate and Ecological Change is the greatest existential threat we have ever faced. The great majority of scientific evidence, built up over many years, shows that the planet is getting warmer and that human activity is the main contributor to this warming.

If we act to radically reduce greenhouse gas emissions now, there's a good chance that we can limit average global temperature rises to 2°C above pre-industrial levels. This doesn't mean that there will be no more changes in the climate – warming is already happening – but we could limit, adapt to and manage these changes.

Dorset Council has a key leadership role to play in tackling climate change and dealing with its consequences, but we can only hope to make a real impact by working closely with communities, organisations and individuals. Part of this is finding out what you think about our proposed Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy and Action Plan, which sets out exactly how we intend to help tackle climate change.

This work is incredibly important. Just sitting by and letting others address this crisis is not an option. We need to work together to overcome this monumental challenge. What we all do – or don't do – to address this climate and ecological emergency will impact our children, grandchildren and every other generation for centuries to come. What we agree now will set out how we – both as a council and a county – will do in the future. Please take the time to read our strategy and action plan, then let us know what you think. Thank you for your help.

Consultation

This consultation about the proposed new Dorset Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy starts on Thursday 29 October and closes on Wednesday 20 January 2021 at midnight. We invite your comments to make sure we have considered a wide range of views, which will help shape the final Dorset Strategy. We want to hear from as many organisations and individuals as possible.

What happens next? All responses to the consultation will be collated. The responses will be used to help shape the final Climate Strategy. Councillors will then agree the final details of the strategy which the council adopts. It is intended that the new strategy will be adopted by Dorset Council in Spring 2021.

How do I respond?

Respond to the survey at <https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=160260542487>

Although too big a file to attach to an e-mail, the strategy and all supporting documents can be downloaded and printed at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/climate-strategy. Just click the box labelled “Download our Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy as PDF” to [view/print/download the full strategy document](#). PDF files for each section, as well as action plans and technical papers can also be found on the website.

Also Mortons Manor is providing a printed version for anyone to pick up. They will have copies available in reception or alternatively will gladly deliver a copy to you. Call the hotel on 01929 480988 to request your copy.

Corfe Castle Parish Council - Invitation to Tender

Notice is hereby given inviting contractors to tender for the contract for Grounds Maintenance at Gods Acre Cemetery (Original Extension), Corfe Castle.

For an information pack containing the Information for Tenderers, a detailed Specification of the Work required and Conditions of Contract, please contact Michelle Harrington -Parish Clerk, 07882 861122 or corfecastlepc@aol.com

According to instructions in the information, tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked “TENDER” and posted to 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ. Tenders cannot be submitted by email.

Schedule for tendering process.

Information and Instructions for Tenderers Available	23 rd November 2020
Deadline for responses	23 rd December 2020
Contract Award	11 th January 2021
Contract Commencement	1 st March 2021

All submission must be received by the 23rd December 2020- any received later will not be considered.



★ Merry Christmas from
★ Crazy4Corfe!



Why not try your hand at our Christmas Quiz? It's just for fun. After your Christmas lunch test the family or friends on their knowledge of the season. Answers are on page 56.

1. Which country donates the Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square each year?
2. In the song of the Twelve Days of Christmas, how many ladies dancing did my true love send to me?
3. In which book is it 'Always Winter, but never Christmas'?
4. In which country did the plant Poinsettia originate?
5. How many points does a snowflake have?
6. On Christmas Day 1974, which city was decimated by cyclone 'TRACY'?
7. Written in 1984, which is the best selling Christmas No. 1?
8. What is the chemical formula of snow?
9. Which King of England was crowned on Christmas Day?
10. In George Orwell's Animal Farm, what kind of animal is Snowball?
11. Which villain played by Alan Rickman called off Christmas?
12. In Victorian England which people were traditionally called robins because of their red uniforms?
13. What did Scottish students take from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1950?

14. Which liqueur goes into a snowball?
15. In the song Winter Wonderland what is the snowman called?
16. Who wrote the Christmas message broadcast by King George V?
17. How is a female fox connected to Santa Claus?
18. Which Christmas film features a British Prime Minister dancing in No. 10 Downing Street?
19. According to tradition, in the Christmas story which gift did Balthazar give to the baby Jesus?
20. What was the first Christmas song broadcast from space?

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The surgery will be closed for **Christmas** from **1.00pm on Thursday 24th December until 8am on Tuesday 29th December**

We will also be closed for **New Year** from **1.00pm on Thursday 31st December until 8am on Monday 4th January.**

During these times (and whenever the surgery is closed), you can call 111 for any non-emergency requirements. For any life-threatening emergency requirements, call 999 and ask for the ambulance service.

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.

Seasons Greeting From All Your Surgery Team

Kerry Norman Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

When you read this we shall be coming to the end of another four weeks of Lockdown. Most people will have been feeling resigned, possibly pretty fed-up but managing to get out to do the necessary shopping and maintain some contact with friends and family where permitted. For others it will have brought yet more loneliness and anxiety. There is at last some hope on the horizon with the optimistic news about the apparent success of a Covid-19 vaccine but meanwhile do please continue to check on your neighbours or phone someone for a chat in case they need any help or just want to talk. If you yourself are feeling lonely don't hesitate to pick up the phone and talk to a friend. It can make the world of difference.

The surgery has, as we know, been working under huge extra pressure since the Coronavirus epidemic hit the UK early in the year and we would like to salute them for the way they are managing to look after us all, week in, week out. Yes they are having to keep us at arm's length for their and our safety and we miss the face-to-face consultations and contact with the surgery team but we are continuing to receive overwhelmingly positive feedback from the patients with individual stories of exceptional care and kindness. We would like to acknowledge that the extra hours they are working in order to maintain nearly the usual level of services and standards of care must be often exhausting and eat into their family time at home. We have said it before: we are lucky.

We have been thinking about how the emergency services can gain access into our homes if we live alone and have a fall or become unwell. We all need to lock our doors. Either a trusted neighbour or family member may have a key for emergencies or we may have a key safe with a combination lock and these are both good ideas. If, however, the key is left in the lock inside the door after locking it, it wouldn't be possible for anyone to get into the house quickly to help. You might like to consider removing your key from the lock and keeping it in a safe place (out of sight of a window or letterbox) after you've locked the door.

Your feedback is always welcome so if you would like to contact us please send an email to marysabbenclare@gmail.com or contact us through the surgery. You can also find news and information on our Facebook page Corfe Castle Surgery PPG.





Well- this term has been a term like no other in the history of Education! The children have adapted to the changes imposed upon them remarkably well and the whole team at Corfe Castle Primary School would like to thank the pupils, parents and community for supporting us through such difficult and unprecedented times!

Despite the National Pandemic, the children have still been immersed in a wide range of extra-curricular activities and staff and pupils have been learning to adapt to the new restrictions together. Our Forest School has been a particular success. Each week, every child has had the chance to learn outside in our Forest school developing their team building skills, resilience and perseverance. It has been a delight for the children to be able to get outside, in all weathers and learn new skills. We have also one of our classes beginning to learn guitar- this was a new skill for their teacher as well! Remembrance Day was marked by all pupils in school and some wonderful artwork has been displayed in the corridors. Our oldest children went to the church in order to support the local Remembrance service.

Christmas is still very much being celebrated in school but with a few adaptations to our usual Christmas activities. We are going to still have a Christmas service and we will share this virtually across our school bubbles. During the National School Closures, our wonderful little village school turned 125 years old. We cannot let this monumental anniversary go by without celebrating this with our children. We have decided to have a Victorian Christmas themed day to celebrate!

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas!

Sally Craig- Executive Headteacher

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We are now enrolling children for 2021. If you are considering a Pre School setting for your child, please call us for more information or to make an appointment to have a look around. We offer full day care for 2, 3- and 4-year olds from 8.50am – 5.15pm daily across our sessions.

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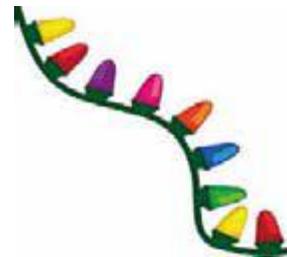


Corfe Castle Christmas Festivities Committee Heralds the 2020 Festive Season



Christmas Lights

To bring a little bit of festive cheer during these difficult times, the Christmas Festivities Committee are pleased to say we are still decorating the centre of the Village and work has already started !



Unfortunately due to current Covid19 restrictions, we are unable to host our usual visit by Father Christmas but we hope you will continue to enjoy our Christmas Lights displays



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News from the Castle

As we move towards the end of 2020 ... what a year to reflect back on.

The most important thing to us has been your continuing support, and for that we would like to say a big thank you to all of you. It really has kept us going.

Christmas is going to happen this year in one way or another and we are busy getting ready. The Castle will be a safe, happy place for friends and family to meet this Festive season. **We are even building a Christmas Grotto, an ideal place to enjoy a glass of mulled wine, our extra special hot chocolate and complimentary mince pie.** Santa himself will be making an appearance from time to time to check we are all following the rules.

We always make a big effort for Christmas and this year will be no exception.

This year, more than ever, it is going to be important to book tables, so please ring (01929 480208) so we can be ready for you.

New Year's Eve is planned to have a Country and Western Theme, please phone for details and remember space will be very limited.

Whatever you're up to this festive season, we wish you all a Merry safe Christmas and a prosperous, healthy New Year.

We will be opening on Christmas morning so don't forget to call in and see if Santa has left a drink behind the bar for you!

Thanks again from all of us at That Castle.

Corfe Castle Village Hall

100 club:

The November draw first prize of £20 was won by member 24, with member 85 getting second prize £10 and member 20 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:

Unfortunately the November coffee morning was cancelled as we entered the second Covid lockdown. Hopefully it will be possible for us to run our final coffee morning of the year on Saturday 5th December.

When the second lockdown ends the plan seems to be to return to "tiers" and "the rule of 6". 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.corfecastlellagehall.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,

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.

when we ARE able to return the Hall will be different!

Trustees are pleased to announce that the main hall now has a new sound and audio-visual system! This includes speakers, amplifier, mixer, inputs via CD, Blu-ray, Bluetooth, USB and AU, microphones, a digital projector with drop-down screen, and a hearing loop. We are confident that current and future users will benefit from these incredible additional facilities, and look forward to exploring their potential. We are very grateful to the National Lottery Community Fund and to the Garfield Weston Foundation for providing the funding.



National Trust

What is changing at Studland Bay?

By Julia Galbenu (Dynamic Dunescapes Engagement Officer)

Studland Bay is on the move.

Under the new Dynamic Dunescapes project, change is starting to happen at Studland. Dynamic Dunescapes, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the EU LIFE Programme, is a nationwide project aiming to restore sand dunes across England and Wales. At Studland Bay, the National Trust has been busy at work getting this restoration project underway.



One of the aims of the project is to re-create patches of bare sand through the formation of scrapes. This involves removing the above ground vegetation and then digging out the soil back to bare sand. Last month, in the depths of the dunes, twelve areas were marked out. These areas were over-vegetated with heather and gorse, had little bare sand in sight and were no longer home to the rare wildlife that once thrived.

The areas needed their mosaic landscape back. So in October, the blue areas marked on the map, totalling 2.1ha, were cleared. The heather and gorse were cut, and the invasive pine trees were felled and left to form a dead wood habitat. The vegetation removal formed the first stage of the restoration process. The second stage will happen in 2021, when excavators will scrape back the soil to bare sand. *Why does this change need to happen at Studland Bay?* Over the past 100 years, Studland's sand dunes have become over-stabilised and have declined in biodiversity. Climate change, air pollution and previous overprotective management have all accelerated plant growth and seen our sand dunes slowly turn into heathland and woodland. In the 1930's about 30% of Studland Bay was bare sand, now it is just 2%. The aim of the Dynamic Dunescapes project is to restore 15% of the land back to bare sand. Doing so, will restore the mosaic landscape of our dunes and hopefully see an increase in rare wildlife that depend on sandy habitats.



To enable us to track these changes and ensure that the impact we are having is a positive one, a citizen science project is underway. Come rain or shine, our citizen science volunteers meet every Friday to record data on the dunes. The last couple of months have focussed on sheep's bit. This pioneer plant species is a positive indicator, growing only in healthy dune habitats. As the map shows, the species was found mainly on the edges of the dunes, where these

healthy sandy habitats still exist. The hope is that as the Dynamic Dunescapes project progresses, this pretty blue flower will be seen across more of Studland Bay.

Swanage School has also partnered up with the National Trust and Dynamic Dunescapes. By embedding Studland Bay into their science curriculum, students conduct their field studies on the dunes and send their data over to help monitor the dunes. Similar stories are happening with Land & Wave and Bournemouth University. The aim is not only to get great data, but to also connect people with the dunes, to learn about them and encourage people to protect them. The conservation and engagement volunteer group go one step closer to making this happen. Either by practically helping the dunes or educating people on why they are so special.

Another big change happening is at Little Sea. This freshwater lake is very unique indeed. It once supported all kinds of strange life due to the high acidity and nutrient poor, crystal-clear water. That was until around 2005, when carp were illegally introduced. The result was disastrous. Carp fed on the rare aquatic plant life and churned up the lake's sediment. The result was the water turning murky, a dramatic loss of species and a decline in overwintering birds.



Last month was the first step to restoring this ecosystem. A line of deflectors was installed along the eastern edge of Little Sea. Pictured here, the deflectors reduce wave action and sediment movement. Alone, this won't be enough. So next year in 2021, the plan is to remove carp from Little Sea under licence and then re-home them to more suitable lakes. Cormorants and otters will also be encouraged to inhabit the area to help us achieve our long-term ambition of keeping carp numbers as low as possible.

Studland Bay is such a special site. It is the only place in England to find the earthtongue fungus and one of the best sites to see sand lizards. It is also a playground of sandy hills and endless adventure, for both children and adults alike. Here at Studland Bay, we are really excited to see the restoration underway and cannot wait for our dunes to come back to life!

Want to get involved? Contact julia.galbenu@nationaltrust.org.uk for more.

Want to find out more? Follow our Instagram page [@StudlandBay_NT](https://www.instagram.com/StudlandBay_NT) or check out the [Dynamic Dunes](https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dynamic-dunes) website.



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Lost in the Dunes

By Julia Galbenu (Dynamic Dunes Engagement Officer)

How often do you walk and return home with little recollection of what you saw, smelt, heard or felt?

Imagine the path is wide, with deep tyre marks tracked into the sand. It's an easy path to walk, and you exert little energy in following its course. You walk with your head down and march rhythmically forward. Your mind is elsewhere, and you find it hard to be present. The open path calls for no attention. You know the path too well and you find your mind drifting. You walk like this for some time. Your feet sink into the sand, your hair sways with the sea breeze, your skin is warmed by the sun, but you register almost nothing at all. And so you go, without really going at all.

Then a sound interrupts your daydreams, the strange melody jerking your head upwards. Far off the path, nestled in the gorse bushes, there is movement. The sweet song plays again. The yellow gorse flowers bounce together, but the musician cannot yet be seen. Automatically, your body turns in the direction of the song and you walk towards it. You step off the path. Your shoes and legs scratch up against the hard heather and crunch under your feet. The noise is loud and you freeze, fearing that you will scare away the animal. But the melody plays on. You continue, moving slowly and carefully through the overgrown vegetation, gently placing one foot and then the other to make the least amount of noise and give you the greatest stability. You spot it. The tiny dark body, topped with purple tinged feathers and bearing distinctive red eyes; a Dartford warbler. It flies up and over the gorse bushes and you follow obediently.

Walking on no path at all, you trample through the thick vegetation. It is impossible to walk in a straight line. You must change direction constantly, twisting around tall trees and jumping over deep holes. Your trail looks like that of a searching ant's - erratic and disorganised, but with a steady progress in the direction you desire. The land you walk on is vivid. The dark grey stems and lush purple flowers of the heather. The pale lime green of the lichen. The long yellow tufts of grass. The white openness of the sand. You walk on a patchwork of microhabitats, the land changing dramatically from one step to the next. It is not simple and repetitious but diverse, frantic and chaotic. It pulls you in and does not let you go. Your eyes are wide, trying to absorb the different colours. Your feet are sensitive to the different textures. Your ears in tune to the changing melodies.

You lose track of time. Following the sounds of birds, tracing the tracks of deer, or moving towards a point of interest – you are far from the path now. You are in the wild.

The land is shaped like that of rippling waves; moving upwards and downwards and adding another element to this game of hide and seek. At the trough of the wave, the land towers over you and only a short distance can be seen. At the peak of the wave, the land stretches out in front of you. On one side there is endless heathland meeting the forest and on the other a slick of bright blue sea. The lands around you are the Purbeck heaths, the sea is the Jurassic Coast and you stand lost in Studland's dunes. A giggle escapes you, for although you can work out your location from the view you truly have no idea where you are. There is not another person in sight. You take a seat on an open patch of sand and breathe out. You decide to stay awhile.

Studland's sand dunes are a place of mystery and adventure. They are also threatened and at risk of being lost forever. For a long time, we believed that we should stay off sand dunes to protect them. New data and research has now shown that sand dunes function as dynamic ecosystems. They need disturbance to keep them diverse and we can help them, simply by exploring them.

Dynamic Dunescapes, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the EU LIFE Programme, is a nationwide project aiming to restore sand dunes across England and Wales. Due to climate change, air pollution and overprotective management, our dunes have become over-vegetated and over-stabilised. The once mosaic landscape of sandy hills and diverse habitats is now slowly turning into heathland and woodland. At Studland Bay, we want to change this mindset that walking on the dunes will harm them. Instead we want to encourage people onto the dunes, to go off path and explore their wild ways. Trampling on overgrown vegetation opens the land and creates space for rare life. If we leave no trace, and are mindful of local wildlife as we go, we can help the dunes simply by getting lost in them. For we have always needed the dunes, but it is only just becoming clear to us now that the dunes need us too.

Want to find out more? Follow our Instagram page [@StudlandBay_NT](#) or check out the [Dynamic Dunescapes](#) website.

Want to get involved in the Dynamic Dunescapes project? Contact julia.galbenu@nationaltrust.org.uk for more.



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St Edwards Way Sponsored Walk in aid of 'Children in Need' & Corfe Castle Village Hall

David Kemp of Corfe Castle was looking for a useful way to gain permitted daily exercise! Having exhausted local footpaths he came across St. Edward's Way, a new trail connecting Corfe Castle to Shaftesbury. This looked varied and interesting, linking the Dorset scenery to the dramatic story of St. Edward King and Martyr, who was murdered in Corfe Castle in 978 AD. After a modest burial at Wareham the King's body was moved to Shaftesbury Abbey for a more royal interment. David felt the route could be walked in a series of 15 stages, each being part of a circular walk back to their starting points.

He decided to seek sponsorship for donations to good causes, to be shared equally by 'Children in Need' and Corfe Castle Village Hall improvements towards completion of flooring the attic.

David is walking the sections each appropriate day, depending on weather and other factors, accompanied by another member of 'Double Act', as Covid guidelines allow. He aims to complete the whole route, about 70 miles, by the end of this year.

Any contributions you are able to make will be gratefully received online via – www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/david-kemp-3

For those wishing to pay by cash or cheques please contact David on 01929 480007 or email davimukem@aol.com or use the sponsorship forms based in local village shops.

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Watch this space for further Corfe Castle Village Hall and Double Act events.

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Double Act drama group are always open to new members, so if you are interested in joining us please contact Mike (chairman – 01929 480323) or Cherry (secretary – 07972 799300) or email info@double-act.org.uk



As we look forward into the New Year there is a glimmer of hope on the horizon that gradually life might begin to return to some semblance of normality. In the meantime, we are using zoom as best we can. The November meeting was a jolly affair with some members joining to hear about Archery. Our thanks to Ronnie and John for this talk.

Dates of next meetings

- **December 1st**– *Making Christmas Garlands* with Carole Lehman and a raffle. Due to the new restrictions this will now take place on zoom.
- **January 5th** – Lorraine Love - *The Purbeck Apothecary*

Last month we encouraged our members to compose either a limerick or a short poem to include the words "Covid" and "Christmas" or any derivatives e.g. "virus", "Noel" etc. We are very much looking forward to hearing what our members have come up with.

Following in the creative vein we are also hoping to start some creative projects. We have a few ideas in the pipeline such as making twiddle blankets for dementia sufferers and maybe the creation of a wall hanging reflecting the year 2020.



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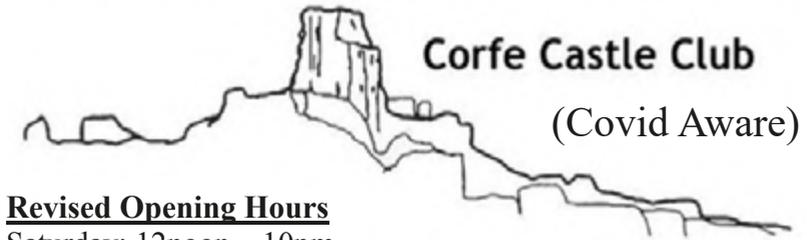
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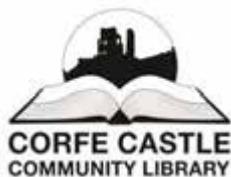
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We are still home to the Corfe Castle Branch of the Royal British Legion

News from the Library

2020: A Writing and Photography Competition



This year has been unlike any other. We are all aware of the negative aspects of 2020 but there have been positives too. Acts of kindness between members of the village, the quiet of the Spring and early Summer had many effects not least our wildlife flourishing (for example the Peregrine falcons in the castle), discovering, or rediscovering, walks from our doorsteps, more time for gardening (and excellent growing conditions) made our gardens spectacular, the community adapted to support itself (even more than usual!).

We invite you to write some prose or a poem to reflect your more positive experiences, thoughts, and memories. The word limit is 1500 words (no minimum!). The winners will have the chance to have theirs *published in the Corfe Valley News!*

In addition, there will be a **photography competition**. We are looking for an image that expresses the same positive ethos as the writing competition. We also have an art category on the same theme for children who are 5 or under.

The categories and prizes (in vouchers) are as follows

Adults:	Writing	£20 (winner)	£5 (runner-up)
Young Person 12-18:	Writing	£20 (winner)	£5 (runner-up)
Children 6-11:	Writing	£10 (winner)	£5 (runner-up)
Children 5 and under:	Art	£10 (winner)	£5 (runner-up)
Any Age	Photograph	£20 (winner)	£5 (runner-up)

We will hold an exhibition of all entries as soon as Covid regulations permit.

Closing date: 31st January.

Entries can be posted through the library letter box or handed in (in an envelope marked '2020 Writing and Photography Competition'. *Please include your name, the category you are submitting to, and contact details.*

Or submit via email to corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com

Old films of Purbeck and its People

We haven't been able to run our usual 'Talks in the Library' since February but we plan to hold a short (10 minute) AGM followed by a showing of archive films of Purbeck (from the 1930's, 1940's and later). We hope this will be an opportunity to get together again and for discussion afterwards too.

To ensure that it is a Covid-safe event we have hired the Village Hall so there is more space to observe social distancing. You will need to wear a face mask. The event is free but as space is limited we need to ask you to register either at the library (opening times below) or via email to corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com

Save the date! Friday 15th January at 2.00pm in the Village Hall

Old films of Purbeck and its People



Getting your Christmas Reading Organised

The library will continue to be open through the lockdown as follows

Wednesday: 11.00 – 12.00 a.m.
Saturdays: 10.00 – 12.00 a.m.

Our volunteers are a dedicated band but we will be closed on Boxing Day! (and on 2nd January).

You can reserve up to ten items of your choice from a huge collection on the library catalogue (at www.librarieswest.org.uk). Alternatively, use our 'order and collect' service using forms available at the library. Or email us at corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com and we'll send you a form to print out.

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.

Keep Reading and Carry On - Merry Christmas Everyone

SIR CHRISTOPHER HATTON by Paul Randall

In the past thousand years three events have affected the even tenor of life in Corfe Castle. The murder of King Edward, the Siege, and the transfer of the Castle and its lands to Sir Christopher Hatton after having been in Royal hands for 600 years. It had always been their property although devised to members of the Royal family. Queen Elizabeth sold the Castle and most of Purbeck to her favourite in 1576 and no doubt the townsfolk were saddened by this transfer, so it is worthwhile learning something about his background.

He rose to eminence from a family of small repute and was born in 1540. He practised law but realising that without influence he would make no progress he prudently enlisted in the Queen's Bodyguard. He was outstandingly good looking with a pleasing personality and soon drew attention to himself as he was also an accomplished dancer. There is no doubt that in the Royal estimation a well-executed pavane (a popular dance) was a better recommendation than a quick wit or martial excellence. He rapidly rose in the Queen's favour and acquired wealth and honour.

Shortly after the purchase of the Castle he became Admiral of Purbeck and Vice Chamberlain. He was a great admirer of Sir Francis Drake and invested in his piratical expeditions. It is not generally known that when Sir Francis sailed round the world (the second to do so) he named his ship the 'Golden Hind' in honour of Hatton, as the Golden Stag was his family crest. In spite of acquiring his Dorset property he did not spend much time in the County. He concentrated on building himself a magnificent mansion in Northamptonshire, which was probably much more comfortable than the stark Norman Castle. Most of his time was spent, however, at Court.

Some years after Hatton's death George Sandys wrote in his amusing book 'English Worthies', "He was much beloved of the Queen for his handsome dancing, his proper person and best of all for his abilities. By power and persuasion he was able to convince sullen lawyers of their errors. At one time he was suspected of Popish affections." However he soon realised that his worldly success depended on him joining the Anti-Catholic party and after the Babington plot he was one of those who persuaded the Queen to execute her cousin Mary Queen of Scots. He reached the height of his career when he was appointed Lord Chancellor and wishing to exert influence he persuaded the Queen to grant Corfe Castle its own Charter with the privilege of electing two Members of Parliament for this little town. He seldom visited Corfe and left the running of his Dorset Estate to the rascally Francis Hawley, who was a most unsavoury character.

Sir Christopher did not pay the Queen the agreed sum of £42,000 for his lands in Dorset in full. She was of a grasping disposition and threatened him with expulsion from her Court, which would have meant the end of his career. He was a consummate actor and pretended to be ill and dying. This so upset the Queen that according to George Sandys she rushed to his bedside with a broth which she prepared herself. Hatton recovered and was soon back in favour, remaining so until his death in 1591. For the next 40 years Corfe remained in the hands of the Hatton family. They were an eccentric and unreliable lot and did little for the town. The nephew's wife Elizabeth came into possession of it. She was the daughter of the Lord Chancellor Coke and led a rackets life at the Court of King James 1st. Our predecessors in Corfe must have heaved a sigh of relief when the Estate was sold to the reliable Sir John Bankes. Alas, owing to the Civil War they only lived in the Castle for eleven years and devotion to the Crown cost them one of the most magnificent residences in the country.

It is, however, the only memorial remaining to Sir Christopher. His splendid tomb in St. Paul's Cathedral was destroyed in the Great Fire of London and Holmby House in Northamptonshire, described as the finest in Tudor England is a jumbled mass of stone. He died owing his Queen the vast sum of £42,000, but she cherished his memory as one who excelled in loyalty and on the dance floor.

(Acknowledgement is due to Professor A. G. Vines 'Life of Hatton' 1978)



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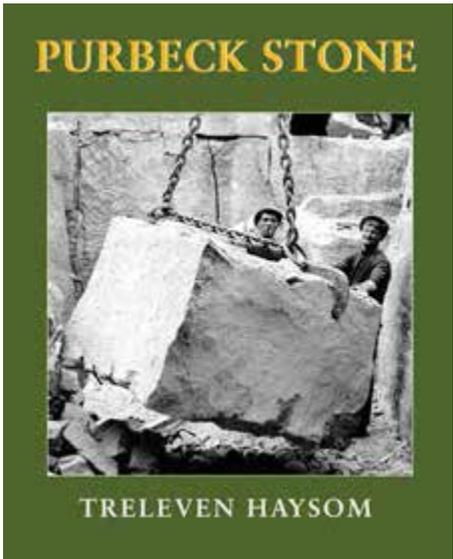
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The Christmas Festivities Committee install the Christmas Tree



The picture shows members of the Christmas Festivities Committee erecting the Christmas tree towards the end of November. Thank you to them all for brightening up the Village and the Square. They are always looking for helpers, so if you would like to join them get in touch with:

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Many of you will be aware that Trev Haysom has spent many years writing a book on the history of the Purbeck Stone industry. At last it has been published! The Dovecote Press describes it as "Perhaps the most overdue of any book about Dorset..."

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Royal British Legion - Branch News



Thank you to all those who attended the Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday 8th of November and also those attending at 11am on the 11th.

Thank you for all your generous donations to the RBL Poppy Fund.

Next year things will hopefully be back to normal and we will have the usual church service and ceremony at the war memorial.



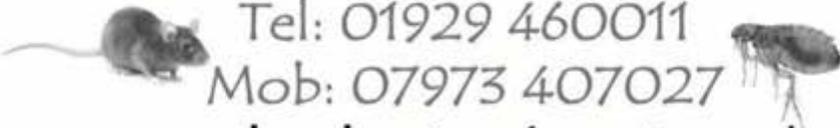
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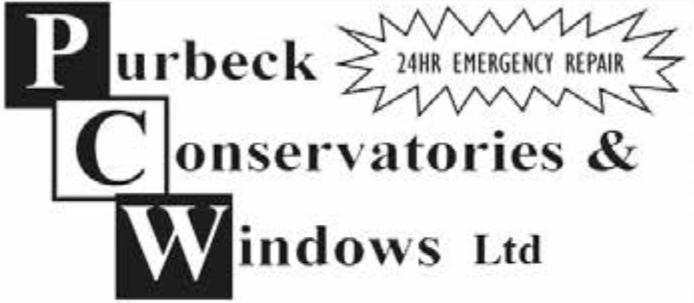

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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for DECEMBER 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	December	Tuesday	Afternoon	Aquarius garland making meeting	Virtually on Zoom
13	December	Sunday	5 pm	Season of Advent service	St James Kingston
14	December	Monday	7 pm	Virtual Parish Council Meeting	via Zoom
18/19	December	Friday/Saturday	5 – 7 pm	Santa's sleigh around the village	
24 – 29	December	1pm Thurs 24 th – 8am Tues 29 th		Surgery closed for Christmas	
31 Dec – 4 Jan		1pm Thurs 29 th – 8am Monday 4 th		Surgery closed for New Year	

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

5	January	Tuesday	Afternoon	Aquarius - The Purbeck Apothecary	Corfe Castle Village Hall
11	January	Monday	7 pm	Virtual Parish Council meeting	via Zoom
15	January	Friday	2 pm	Old Films of Purbeck and its People	Corfe Castle Village Hall
31	January	Closing date for writing and photography competition.		See page 36.	



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

Ian Jackson writes:

When I wrote in the November Corfe Valley News I mentioned the request for orders for next year's palm crosses. In my final paragraph I went on to say: 'So I hope you find encouragement that helps you look forward.' I then said

that it was still too early to mention our plans for Christmas services but that we hoped to do this in December.

Christmas Arrangements

As I write again, in the middle of November, we are in a further period of national lockdown in England and it is still not possible to tell you about what services may be held at Christmas in St Edward's Corfe Castle and at Kimmeridge, Church Knowle and Steeple. This is not only because we do not yet know what will be permitted, but also because we cannot safely accommodate the large congregations we would normally have at most of the Christmas services.

So, at present, we have to say that details of what becomes possible will be on the websites (details on the contact page for St Aldhelm's Benefice), in the email circulation and on the church notice boards. There are also phone contact details you can use. To be on the email list please contact jwlindsay2@gmail.com (emails are sent bcc).

Please note: Details are being published for services at Langton, Kingston and Worth. If any changes have to be made nearer the time these will be known through the website and social media.

Comfort and Joy

This is the heading being used for the national Church of England Christmas campaign this year. There are free online services, reflections and other resources available for those able to use them. 'Comfort and Joy' is, of course, the refrain from the carol 'God rest you, merry, gentlemen...'

Some may not feel that much like singing or listening to carols this year; others may find them very welcome indeed. This is always the case each year depending on our circumstances, but is more so than ever this year. And of course, as yet, we are not able to sing them together in church. Nonetheless there are many ways we can listen to carols.

The image used on the 'Comfort and Joy' material is that of a house and a church. This is a helpful reminder that Christian belief and experience is that God is with us – wherever we are, and whatever the circumstances. We may or may not be able to join together easily in church, but we hope and pray many can know and celebrate God's presence with us in our homes and with those who are close to us.

God's presence with us - Emmanuel

Some find this sense of God's presence elsewhere – often outside, near the coast, or in hills and valleys, such as is possible for us here. Equally others find this in more urban settings, and through art, music and literature as well as through the challenges and satisfaction of academic study and research, design and manufacturing, and indeed through the round of sometimes tedious daily life. There is no limit to where God may seem present and close.

And Christmas is about this – God's presence; and that it is this same God of all life and creation present in the birth of the child at Bethlehem. Jesus' birth speaks to us of the holiness of each and every life and of our own lives. In the carol 'O little town of Bethlehem' we pray 'O holy child of Bethlehem... be born in us today'. May that be so and Christmas be a happy and blessed time.

Once again we are mindful of each other and, if it be our way and it is possible, to pray for each other and help each other. And especially so during the coming weeks.

Ian

Services in the Benefice of St Aldhelm in December

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, by email and in the church porch. If lockdown ceases services in St Edwards may start again at 9 am on 6th December.

However until further notice while and if lockdown continues:

Every Sunday 10.00 Prayer in the Morning with Zoom in St George's Langton. You can take part by zoom; details will be available in the usual ways.

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 - December 2020

Sunday 6th December	2nd Sunday of Advent Psalm 85: 1 – 2; 8 – 13 Isaiah 40: 1 – 11 2 Peter 3: 8 – 15 Mark 1: 1 – 8
Sunday 13th December	3rd Sunday of Advent Psalm 126 Isaiah 61: 1 – 4; 8 – 11 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 24 John 1: 6 – 8; 19 – 28
Sunday 20th December	4th Sunday of Advent Psalm 89: 1 – 4; 19 – 26 2 Samuel 7: 1 – 11; 16 Romans 16: 25 – 27 Luke 1: 26 – 38
Christmas Day	Psalm 98: Isaiah 52: 7 – 10 Hebrews 1: 1 – 4 John 1: 1 – 14
Sunday 27th December	1st Sunday of Christmas Psalm 148 Isaiah 61: 10 – 62:3 Galatians 4: 4 – 7 Luke 2: 15 – 21
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Christmas is going to be different this year with distance! Words like lockdown, shielding and those most at risk have become part of our conversation.

The news of coronavirus seems to change by the minute. Listening to constant updates are enough to send us into a hole to hide. The Coronavirus and the unknown, interruption's, cancellations and social isolations are far from over, which means so many blessings we love might be missing for months to come. A crisis like this disrupts everything. It affects our wellbeing.

While the Covid Pandemic grips the world in these extraordinary times, we must not lose hope. So where do we find hope and good news in the middle of a continual stream of bad news? We can experience the calm, peace and hope in the presence of God. God has not given us a Spirit of fear but of power, love and self control that enables us to face circumstances with confidence and complete peace.

Jesus said, ' Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give to you: not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid'.
John 14:27

As we share our gifts this Christmas time with one another, let us remember Gods greatest gift of all when He sent His Son into the world on that first Christmas morning.

We are thinking warmly of each of you and wishing your families an extra measure of comfort, joy and hope this Christmas.

Keep well and keep safe.

Celia Taylor (Church Secretary)

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Pioneer view December 2020

Dear friends,

Christmas is just on the horizon. The Christmas period can play a pivotal role in family life. It provides an opportunity for meeting up and reconnecting with friends and family. This is so key, but sadly this has not always been possible during this pandemic.

At the time of writing this article we are in the middle of a 2nd lockdown. These lockdowns as well the prevailing pandemic, has highlighted the importance of family, friends, and neighbours.

This Christmas time could well be shaped by this next lockdown. These lockdowns and the pandemic generally have put a lot of pressure on these connections and relationships as well as the importance of belonging. These connections to people and friends can play a big part in our own wellbeing and mental health.

This year has posed some significant challenges to both families and communities. Christmas can open a fresh door of opportunity; the buying of gifts is a reminder to look outside ourselves and to other people. Moreover, it is a time to begin to cherish the greatest gift of family and friendships.

What helps me value the gift of friendship and family is to unpack this word gift:

G is for Generosity, giving of our time to our friends and family

I is for invitation. This is about hospitality and openness to others

F is for friends. It reminds us of the gift of friendships

T is for thankfulness. It reminds us not to take our family and friends for granted.

A quote to ponder

“The most valuable gift you can receive is an honest friend.” **Stephen Richards**

A Merry Christmas to you all

Peter

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3. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.
4. Mexico
5. Six
6. Darwin
7. Do They Know It's Christmas?
8. H₂O
9. William the Conqueror
10. A pig.
11. The Sheriff of Nottingham in Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves.
12. Postmen.
13. The Stone of Scone (The Coronation Stone).
14. Advocaat.
15. Parson Brown.
16. Rudyard Kipling
17. Vixen was one of Santa's reindeer.
18. Love Actually.
19. Myrrh.
20. Jingle Bells.

We hope you enjoyed the Quiz. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year from all of us at Crazy4Corfe.



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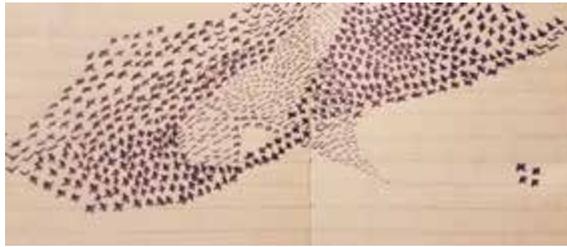


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Birds of a feather...

As I write, the hordes have not raided my garden – only a few scouts have appeared. Although starlings are with us all year round it is in late autumn when the big flocks

congregate and rove around the countryside searching for food. I have a grape vine growing over a pergola and when this article appears it will have been stripped. That's fine though as I will have had my share and the wildlife can take its share.

When I was growing up my home was near an electricity pylon where every afternoon in the winter the starlings would gather in their hundreds, sometimes thousands, as they flew in from the surrounding countryside on their way into Glasgow to roost. Flocks would come down to the garden for food and to bathe. They enjoy communal bathing and the birdbath would be emptied in minutes by a splashing frenzy as a dozen or more birds would pile in together. They are sociable but quarrelsome birds.

The most amazing of their social behaviours are aerobatic displays known as murmurations. You can see mini-murmurs as small flocks form in late afternoon but the most impressive displays are when these flocks come together from all points of the compass to display where they will all roost for the night. The reedbeds on Studland are such a place. A few years ago there was a particularly mega-murmuration over the sand dunes. These big displays take a long time to get going as little handfuls of birds appear seemingly from nowhere and coalesce into an ever-growing flock until an impressively large display team is performing. Equally impressive that year was the murmuration of people in the dunes watching. The odd thing is, these aerial displays are completely silent, the rushing of the air through massed wings being the only sound, there is not a cheep, until they land.

Starlings are usually very noisy birds; feeding flocks chatter and squabble constantly and in the breeding season they can be heard "singing" most of the time. Many young songbirds learn much of their song from what they hear before they leave the nest. That way they pick up phrases from their male parent singing nearby. But starlings are great mimics. If you listen carefully to a starling song you will hear samples of other birds' calls – sometimes a tawny owl's "kee-wick" or a green woodpecker's laugh. Many years ago my wife visited Australia and came back with a cassette tape (remember those) of

Australian bird song. We had starlings nesting in the roof and I thought of repeatedly playing the tape to the nestlings so they might pick up a bit of kookaburra or galah. I never quite got around to it though – just as well.

Starlings in large flocks can be troublesome (think guano) but they can be beneficial too. They love eating leatherjackets and if like me you had an infestation in your lawn this Spring you would have welcomed the parent birds winking them out by the dozen to feed their hungry chicks.

From a distance starlings are not the most striking of birds but looked at closely they are remarkably smart, especially in Summer. Arguably even smarter is the rose-coloured starling (known more poetically as the rosy pastor) which is bright pink and glossy black. We very rarely get to see them here as they breed in central Asia. I was lucky enough to see two on Portland a couple of years ago but we do get them much closer to the Corfe Castle parish - there is at least one record on St Aldhelm's Head. So it's always worth checking through the late summer starlings in case there is a pastor in the flock.

Richard Caldow

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Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Christmas is coming! – but as I write this in the middle of Lockdown 2, we have no idea how, where or with whom we are going to be celebrating it.

One thing I am sure about – many local tables will be groaning under the weight of home grown produce!

Our recent Club night of photographs of “Highs and Lows in the garden in 2020” brought news of some very good crops that went into the freezer for later consumption. [As well as few plantings that, presumably, led to surprise crops in Australia, ‘cos they didn’t show up here!]

We shan’t be meeting as a Club for a Christmas meal this year. When the time came to plan it the situation was too fluid and vague to allow us to make the commitment to book it.

So, what have you told Santa you want this year? (taking World Peace and the end of the Covid 19 pandemic as givens.)

I have all the tools and kit I am likely to need or use in my remaining years, so I haven’t been looking, but

I’m told there are bargains to be had online.

Many people have commented that their gardens have never before had so much attention. Lockdown has some positive spinoffs. Some have talked about makeovers, or long delayed plans coming to fruition; to put in a pond, build a fruit cage, redirect a path, read more gardening books. So maybe TIME will be the greatest gift. Time to assess - what worked, what didn’t; to take stock – what’s grown too vigorously and swamped what’s around it, and needs re-siting or cutting back; to plan – what you want from your plot in the next two/five/ten years, to add to its beauty or productivity or make it easier to manage as the arthritis kicks in.

Whatever gifts you get, and however you choose to use them I wish you a Joyous and Peaceful Christmas.

Your Corfe Castle Gardening Club Committee wish you all a very Happy Christmas, however and wherever you celebrate it, and Happy Gardening in 2021.

David

Sad News

We are very sad to have to report the death of a member of the Corfe Castle Gardening Club, Rob McGibbon.

Rob was a gentle, warm and friendly person. He wore his immense learning and academic prowess lightly and was always willing to share his knowledge with others.

Rob spoke to the Club many times, often at short notice when a booked speaker pulled out. He, together with partner Jim, prepared and presented some fiendish, but always entertaining, gardening quizzes.

Even while undergoing a very uncomfortable regime of treatment for his cancer Rob still managed a smile for everyone and was concerned more about others than himself. He was a Gentleman in every sense of that word.

Because of current restrictions, attendance at his funeral will be limited to family members. To Jim and the rest of Rob’s family we send our condolences and say, – we share your grief and sense of loss of a lovely man who gave so much and had so much more to give, taken too soon.

A Memorial gathering will be arranged in 2021.

David Gynes - Chairman CCGC

Harman’s Cross Movie Night

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We are sorry that we did not get a chance – thanks to Covid - to say goodbye properly to all our wonderful friends in the Corfe Castle area. We will miss you but look forward to seeing you again in March when we return to Swanage for the spring.

As we are not sending cards this year, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully 2021 will be better for all of us and not lost as 2020 has been!



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New drop-in has started at **Mill Lane, Wareham Office** - from **Tuesday October 20th, 12-2pm** on a first come, first served basis.

News from Church Knowle - Peter and Gloria Grant have moved

To our dear friends and neighbours in Church Knowle and nearby. We would like to thank you so much for all your good wishes and the generous gift of a garden centre voucher presented to us on leaving the village. We have moved to a bungalow in Corfe Castle with a smaller and more manageable garden. It is beginning to feel homely but we have a lot of unpacking to do, which is keeping us busy. We would always be pleased to see you when we have finally finished 'nest making' and present circumstances allow. After 58 years in the village Church Knowle will always be home to us. Remember, we are only just down the road.

With our very best wishes

Peter and Gloria Grant



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RVS Knitted Teddy Bears' Picnic

During lockdown when all home visiting services were suspended our Home Library Service volunteers kept in touch with their clients on the phone, which has been much appreciated particularly by those who live alone and don't have family and friends nearby. And to keep everybody engaged and busy we came up with the idea of a Knitted Teddy Bears' Picnic, calling on all crafters stuck at home during lockdown and beyond to help us by making bears, picnic food and blankets – no limit to the imagination! We advertised this county wide in March, and we now have handcrafted items flooding in from the whole area and beyond.

We have been kindly invited by Cards for Good Causes in Dorchester to display some of our creations in their temporary shop in Antelope Walk (the former Tourist Information Centre). Our teddies are sitting there happily, enjoying their picnic and the attention they are getting from all the customers in the shop. And of course people are able to buy them and take them home – all proceeds and donations will support the work of Royal Voluntary Service in Dorset.



Sadly due to the second lockdown the shop is now closed until 2nd December, but we are hoping that many people will read this, and come and see our teddies when the shops reopen!

If anybody in the community has made bears or other items for us and kindly held on to them until now, can they please get in touch with us on 01305 236666 or e-mail maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk to let us know and we will arrange to pick them up!

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For any information regarding the Knitted Teddy Bears' Picnic or the Home Library Service/Doorstep Delivery Service please contact Maria Jacobson, Service Manager, on 01305 236666 or maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.

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Kimmeridge News

Sausages!

Sue Pawson has brought us all some Lockdown Cheer as well as starting up an exciting new enterprise from her kitchen in Kimmeridge. We have just had our first delivery of made-to-order sausages. Under the name “Bailey’s Bangers” Sue is making a whole range of flavours including Winter Spiced Pork with Brandy-soaked Sultanas, veggie Feta & Pesto, vegan Chestnut & Apple and even traditional Pork Sausages & Burgers. We sampled the Veggie & Vegan options and can confirm that they are excellent! Sue can be contacted on sueandbaileybythesea@gmail.com for orders!

Christmas

With the ongoing uncertainty over lockdowns, tiers etc etc we have decided that it would not be safe or sensible to try and hold the usual Christmas Eve Nativity Service in Kimmeridge Church. However, I’m sure Kimmeridge people will use their usual ingenuity to make Christmas special for us all in these very strange times.

Kimmeridge Coastguards

Our Coastguard Rescue Team have been in action again recently in an incident that made the local television news. The Kimmeridge & Lulworth Coastguard Teams along with Fire & Rescue and the Coastguard Helicopter rescued a climber stuck on the cliff at Stair Hole. We welcome Emily House & Lucy Jellis who are joining the Kimmeridge Team after completing their initial training. It is great to have new recruits from the local community – welcome!



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During a 1mile beach clean across Kimmeridge Bay we collected **over 150 plastic containers**. To put this in to perspective, for every **0.1 miles 15 plastic bottles** were collected!

Sadly during another beach clean we quickly came across a **deceased dolphin**. Although I am not certain that this particular dolphin lost its life due to

adverse effects of plastic, **ingestion** or **entanglement**, it would not be unlikely. **56%** of all **whale and dolphin** species have been recorded **consuming plastics** mistakenly thinking it was food.



Lastly, whilst on a short beach clean, I discovered this plastic crisp packet buried beneath the shale on **Kimmeridge Bay**. It dates back to **1985, over 35 years old!** Although it really is striking to keep finding litter that is **decades old**, it is **not surprising** it is **alarming**. **Plastic** breaks up into **smaller particles** which can then be **ingested** by animals and quickly transferred into the **food chain**.



As a plea I ask for you all to try and moderate your plastic consumption and reduce waste wherever possible, especially with Christmas coming. Simple changes are great too! Become the slightly crazy person in the family who saves wrapping paper for next year! A lot of wrapping paper cannot be recycled, so it all helps! I would love to hear from you! If you have any questions or would like to

join a beach clean you are more than welcome. You can contact me through Instagram by searching either **Smiling_seas** or **litterfreekimmeridge** . You can also email me on: smilingseas@outlook.com
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The Dackombe's of Corfe Castle and Morton's House

The Dackombe family made a judicious marriage in the late 1400s - one Thomas Dackombe (a branch of the Iwerne Steepleton family) married Elizabeth Clavell, the eldest daughter & heiress of Richard Clavell. The Clavell family had been living in Purbeck for a while, certainly since the 13th century, and had amassed quite a bit of land so when Elizabeth married Thomas she inherited land in Quarr, Arfleet, Rollington, one acre in Afflington (now part of the Charities' lands), Challow and elsewhere in Purbeck on the death of her father in 1510. She also inherited 4 houses with gardens, a shop and 4 acres of land in Corfe. She was 24 when her father died and only lived until she was 42, dying in 1528; her eldest son, Robert Dackombe, then aged 7, inherited his mother's estate. Her Inquisition Post Mortem (IPM's were locally held inquiries to discover exactly what the family held, how valuable it was and what rights and income were due to the crown) is slightly more specific about exactly what she held in the town and borough of Corfe – 16 burgages (Hutchins only noted 10), 5 gardens and an acre of meadow (Hutchins mentions 4 acres) held by grant of the Duke of Somerset. Luckily for Robert his father, Thomas, was still living, so would have managed his estates for him until he came of age at 21 years. His father died when he was 20, a year short of his majority, and it is not clear who managed his estates for this short period. Possibly the crown briefly appointed an overseer during this time.

On his death in 1540, Robert's father, had recently bought 3 burgages and a toft (a small plot of land) in Corfe from Stephen Hedgeman, Thomas Walterboz, Alice & Rob Gyllet and Walter Dyllyngham. His IPM mentions his wife's property in Corfe of 6 houses, 6 gardens, 4 tofts, 5 acres of land and 2 acres of pasture. By the time of Robert's death in 1565, aged about 44, his mother's property had increased by an acre of land and his IPM also lists his father's 3 burgages and a toft. So, were any of these properties part of what is now Morton's House? It is quite likely.

Robert's son, William, inherited the estate but died in 1593 (aged about 50 - none of the family seem to live for long) leaving it to his wife, Mary, and their eldest son, Robert. Sadly, Robert died 4 years later in 1597 (his mother outlived him) and the 3rd surviving son, Edward, who was nearly 21 when Robert's IPM was held in 1600, became the next heir and it has been suggested that it was he who built Morton's House in 1603. Edward's first marriage was to Susan Turner in 1603 and the following year he was returned as one of the MPs for Corfe (the town had sent two MPs to Parliament since 1572). This marriage produced two children, Robert and his elder sister, Mary (who married Thomas Morton of Henbury). Susan died and Edward remarried to Ann Bruen of Athelhampton

and it was their son, Bruen, who was the Royalist in the Civil War. When Edward died in 1638, it was Bruen who was left the house in Corfe along with Challow Farm. Robert was left Scoles and his Great Grandfather William's estate on the understanding that it would pass to Bruen if he died childless. He died childless in 1651 and his estate passed to his stronger willed sister, Mrs Morton!

Was it Robert or his brother, Edward, who began to build 'Morton's House'? It would seem unlikely that the 23yr old Edward would take on a project like this in 1603, the year Queen Elizabeth died, but maybe he felt the need to create a better impression as MP or build a more modern home for his first wife. It's unknown how old his brother, Robert, was at his death. The first time the property is mentioned is in 1639 when a marriage portion was arranged for Bruen's wife-to-be, Mary Barnard, where it is described as a '*burgage or dwelling house with stable, garden, barns, orchard, backside with appurtenances and diverse grounds of land called Hillway and Challway with the adjoining Downe of about 300 acres*' so it was definitely built by the 12th November 1639. [Ref: D-BOC/889/3/K1 held at Dorset History Centre]

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THE GHOSTS OF MORTONS HOUSE.

I was brought up in Mortons House from the age of about 2 until the family moved out when I was 11. One of the background themes of my early life at Mortons House was stories of our ghosts. I am not generally sensitive to ghosts, as some claim to be, so most of this is second hand.

Before explaining about our various ghosts, it might be helpful to describe the layout of the building as it was at that time. The central room on the ground floor, now the Reception area, was usually referred to in my time as the Hall and would have been the Hall in the 17th century. When Mortons House was first built the front and back walls of the Hall were outside walls. The area which is now the Bar and sitting area was added a little later. In the early 17th century, the Hall was the main living room used for eating, drinking and just sitting around talking. The North and South Wings were probably much as they are now. The area on your left as you come in through the Front Door (rather than entering up the steps from the car park), where coats are now hung was smaller than it is now, and was used as a Scullery, having been previously the Kitchen. There was a toilet close to it (still there I believe – the present Ladies' Loo?) and some narrow stairs, usually referred to as the Back Stairs, went up to the first and second floors. My parents employed domestic staff. The building which is now staff accommodation for the hotel was then available and would have been most attractive to a family from one of the great cities where housing was desperately short as a result of wartime bombing. Therefore, we usually had a live-in cook whose husband took on the role of odd job man/chauffeur/butler (in that order).

There were ghosts in the Hall. These were cheerful jolly ghosts who liked to have parties late at night. I was very young and was put to bed early and slept very soundly, but I was told all about them. They were not visible, but extremely audible. Ghosts are usually expected to return or stay to haunt somewhere where they have had a traumatically bad experience or suffered tragic death. I wonder why these friendly ghosts stayed in Mortons House. Perhaps they remembered happy parties in the Hall in the early days of the house and came back to re-live those times after much sadness and deaths, including their own during the English Civil War in the 1640s.

Much less happy were the ghosts who seemed to live around the Back Stairs. They were also less tangible, being neither visible nor audible but nevertheless

discernibly present. My mother hated going to that corner of the house particularly after dark. The family had two dogs, a Cocker Spaniel and a Springer Spaniel, who hated the Back Stairs, and not just because they were difficult to climb. I know I was often frightened when going up the Back Stairs at bedtime. There was also a story told concerning Mr Kendrick whose family lived in Mortons House during the 1930s. One morning after breakfast he went to the toilet by the bottom of the Back Stairs as was his custom. He stayed perhaps a little longer than usual. When he came out, he looked, to use a cliché, as though he had seen a ghost. He apparently always refused to say what he had seen. I now wonder whether he had had a small heart attack. It was, and possibly still is, not uncommon for middle-aged men to have heart attacks while sitting on the loo, due to the effort of “trying” too hard. One other strange sighting was of someone wearing the clothing of a well-dressed man from about 1600 standing in the Courtyard immediately outside what is now the Back Stairs loo. He was only visible from about his knees up, as though the ground on which he was standing was some 18 inches below the surface of the Courtyard. This sighting was by someone, newly employed, who had come to Mortons House a very few days earlier and would not yet have had a chance to hear any ghost gossip. I do not recall any other reports of this ghost.

Mortons House often used to be described in the village as an unlucky house. Its history during the middle of the 20th century certainly supports this. While the Kendrick family were living there their teenage son died. Mr Kendrick also died which is probably the reason why what was left of the family moved out. My mother died of cancer while we were there. So did the wife of Fred Keil, who bought the house from my father in the early 1950s.

There is one other story from my childhood which is not about ghosts but fits in with the theme. There was an elderly man called Johnny Morris, a retired railway worker, who used to mow the lawn in the summer. This was quite an undertaking since all of the present garden and all that is now the car park had to be mowed. Johnny Morris and his wife lived opposite Mortons House in the house now known as The Old Forge. He claimed that when he was a young man, he and a couple of friends found an entrance to a tunnel from Morton's House which he supposed went to the Castle. They went down it and got about as far as underneath the house now occupied by Paul Davis and his family, where they met a roof fall. This would probably have happened in the early

1900s, perhaps while work was being done to the house to convert it from tenements to somewhere suitable for a home for a single family. The tunnel apparently started near to what is now the Kitchen of the Hotel. The direction of the tunnel if correctly described does not seem to be heading for the Castle but more likely for the Church where it might have come out in the Crypt. Corfe Church was rebuilt in about 1860 and presumably any Crypt was filled up with builders' rubble leaving no access, so we cannot know if any tunnel comes into it. When the house was being refurbished in the 1980s and converted into a Hotel the builders looked in the general area where the tunnel was supposed to have started but didn't find anything.

Is there any more recent news of the ghosts of Mortons House? I haven't heard any. Perhaps the upheavals of converting the old house into an Hotel, combined with the increase in numbers of people using the place, have frightened them away. Seems unlikely? I don't think ghosts frighten easily. Perhaps the scary ghosts who lived around the Back Stairs found that too many humans made them uncomfortable. Perhaps the jolly ghosts who partied in the Hall have decided that there is now enough partying going on without their contribution. Or perhaps they have all decided that after 400 years it is time to stop haunting and finally go to their rest.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR CUSTOMERS AND READERS OF THE CORFE VALLEY NEWS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROPEROUS NEW YEAR.



**Margaret Green Animal
Rescue Rehoming &
Visitor Centre**
Church Knowle, Wareham,
Dorset BH20 5NQ

Open 10:00 - 16:00
t: 01929 480474
e: comms@mgar.org.uk

At Margaret Green Animal Rescue we take in pets that have become homeless due to a change in circumstances, or that have been neglected, mistreated or abandoned. We pride ourselves on the standard of care each animal receives and finding forever homes is at the very heart of what we do.

The animals at Church Knowle are waiting to meet you! Take part in the visitor trail and children's quiz or simply wander at your leisure and meet the animals in our care. Enjoy and relax with a cup of tea or coffee, cake or ice-cream in our café.

Rescue | Care | Rehome | Support  margaregreenanimalrescue.org.uk

Charity number: 1167990

Alexander Technique

Exploring greater freedom and ease of movement in specialised sporting or musical performance, AND in all your everyday activities.

For more information about ongoing small friendly and interactive classes, one day workshops or one to one tuition.

Kate Brailsford

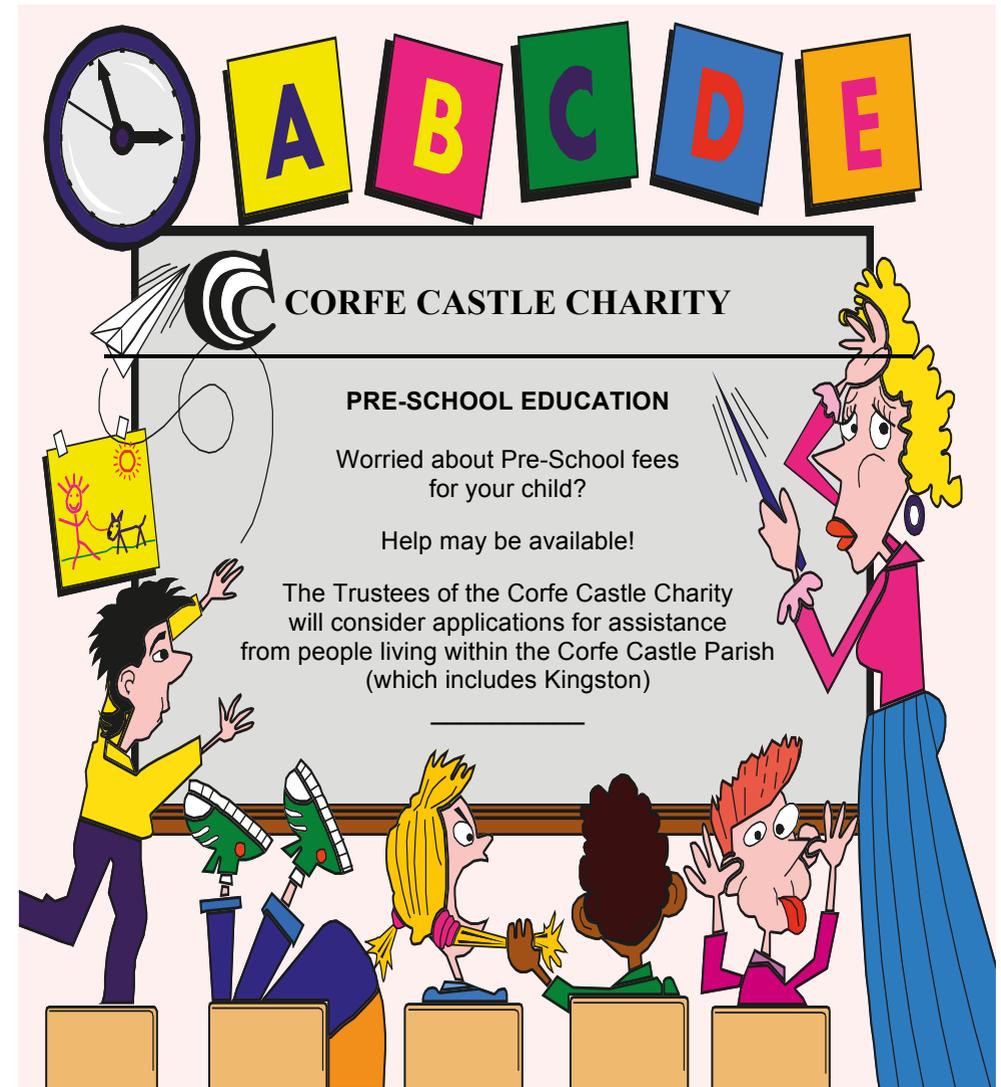
ITM Alexander Technique Teacher

Member of the Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council

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PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

Worried about Pre-School fees
for your child?

Help may be available!

The Trustees of the Corfe Castle Charity
will consider applications for assistance
from people living within the Corfe Castle Parish
(which includes Kingston)

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

- Education and Training
- Domestic and Family expenses
- Sickness and Disability
- Grants to organisations

For further information please contact:
The Clerk to the Trustees,
Mrs. Mandy Meaker
2 Battlemead
Corfe Castle BH20 5ER
Tel: 01929 480873

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Then simply email your completed advert along with how long you would like to advertise for to **corfevalleynews@tiscali.co.uk** and send your payment as follows: Payment should go to John Courtney at Stonewood, Calcraft Road at the same time as you submit copy or via BACS to the account shown at the bottom of the page.

All Addresses and Phone Numbers are on page 3.

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John Courtney, Corfe Valley News
Stonewood
Calcraft Road
Corfe Castle
Wareham BH20 5EL

Fees due on acceptance of the advert

Regular events in Corfe Castle & environs

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

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