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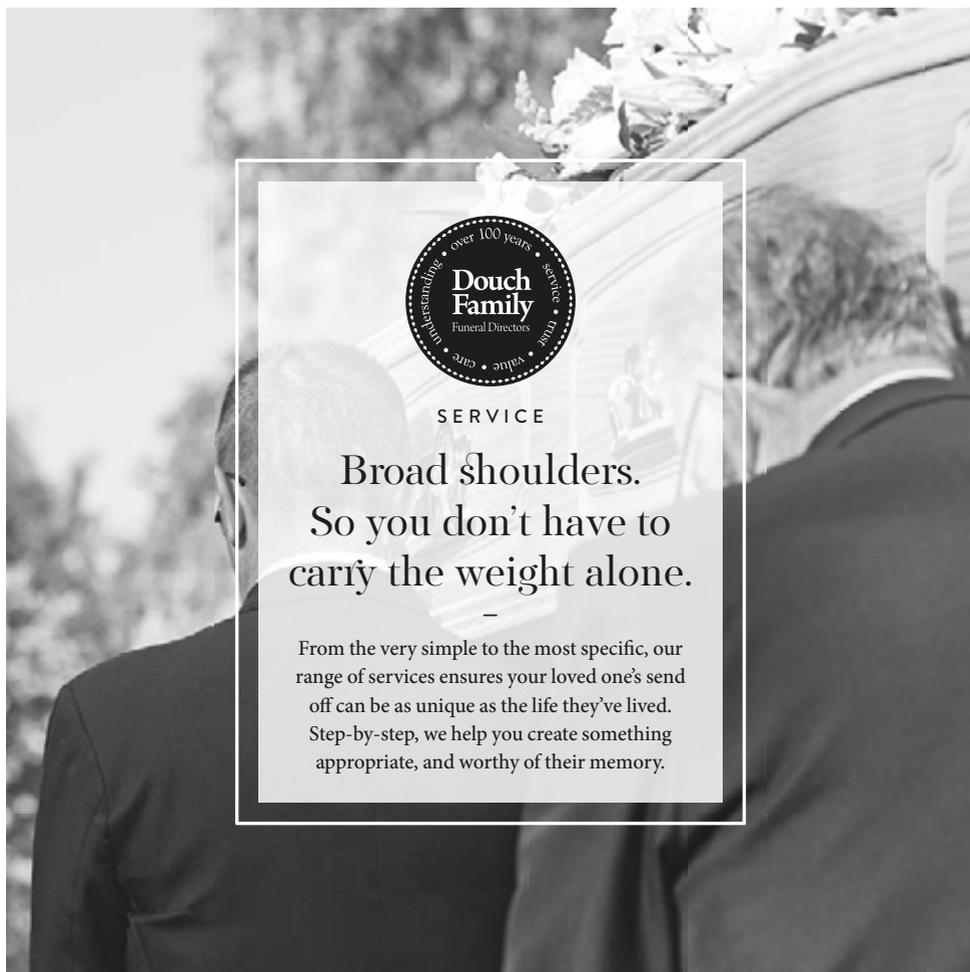
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Editorial

We have had the most extraordinary spell of remarkably settled, dry and warm daytime weather, although I think the farmers and gardeners - me included - must be beginning to worry about the lack of rain. Of course the evenings have been very cold with freezing temperatures on most nights. As I write there is no end in sight and the forecast is for at least another two weeks of settled weather.

It's been good to be able to go back to hospitality venues albeit in the gardens. It's just nice to see people face-to-face rather than electronically on screen. Now I have had my second vaccine I feel much more secure going out and about.

The magazine raises the cost of printing by three separate methods. Firstly of course there is advertising, and secondly village organisations make contributions to the magazine. Thirdly we invite individuals to contribute via the envelopes which we usually send out with the May addition. We are of course very grateful for these contributions, which help enormously in defraying the costs of printing. However we have decided to delay it by a month so the envelopes won't come out till after the lockdown is fully cleared.

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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Dorset CAB Advice Line: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm	0800 144 8848
The Samaritans	01202 551999
Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting	0800 068 4145
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Dorset Councilor – Cherry Brooks	07512897908

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Spring has sprung and our spirits are starting to lift, especially now that lockdown measures are beginning to ease just a little and many of us have received at least our first vaccine.

Gardening Club – The Corfe Castle Gardening Club have been hard at work again, this time planting new shrubs by the West Street Toilets. We would like to send our appreciation to all involved for their time and hard work.

Caretaker – Our new Parish Caretaker Tim started in post from 1st April 2021 and has already been given a list of issues to address from around the Parish. If you know of any issue or see anything you feel needs a little TLC, please contact the Clerk Michelle on 01202 670105 and we will look into the issue.

Parish logo – The Parish Council is looking to have a logo created for use on items such as letterheaded paper, the parish website etc. Are you able to offer your assistance and design a logo? The council are open to design ideas, but it must incorporate all areas of the Parish. If you feel you can help, please contact the Clerk Michelle on 01202 670105. All designs will be run past the full council for approval.

Annual Parish Council Meeting – The date for the Annual Parish Council Meeting has been confirmed and will be held via zoom on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7pm. The decision was taken so that as many members of the public who wished to join the meeting could do so from the safety of their own home.

Annual Parish Meeting – The Annual Parish Meeting has been provisionally set for the 24th May 2021 at 7pm, venue to be confirmed. However, this date may need to be postponed depending on covid regulations. Please keep an eye on our website page www.corfecastlepc.org.uk or Facebook page www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC for updates.

West Street Residents Car Park resurfacing work – It has been agreed that work will start as soon as possible to install a soakaway drain, resurface, and re-position bays 21 & 22. The work will mean the car park will be unavailable for approximately 1 week, however alternative parking is being negotiated for the period of the works. All permit holders will be contacted directly to confirm dates.

Cattle incidents – Have you been out walking with your family or your dog, or cycling through the countryside and had cattle chase or attacked you? If so, please contact Cllr Liz Spicer-Short on CllrEspicershortccpc@gmail.com with the date, time, location and a brief description of the incident.

Giki Zero Toolkit Pilot Update. – Last month we told you about an exciting new pilot scheme we are running with Giki Zero on reducing our carbon footprint and offering 50 people the chance to join Free of Charge Giki Zero Pro. We still have a few spaces left so if you are interested in joining, please contact the Clerk Michelle on 01202 670105 or email corfecastlepc@aol.com.

Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill – The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill is a private member's bill of the Parliament of the United Kingdom that "would significantly expand the remit and scope of the Climate Change Act 2008, assigning new duties to government, parliament and the advisory Committee on Climate Change to enact a strategy that meets more ambitious targets for both climate change and biodiversity loss, as well as stronger criteria of justice, responsibility and safety."

The bill would also establish a citizens' assembly to come up with specific plans to change society and the economy in line with the legislation's fundamental aim on the climate and ecological emergency.

The CCPC Environmental Group recommended CCPC support the bill, and after a unanimous vote CCPC agreed to support the Climate and Ecological Bill.

Notice of Vacancy in Office of Parish Councillor - Update. - Last month a notice was published asking if the electors wish to hold an election to fill the new vacancy. On 1st April Dorset Council announced this vacancy will be going to election and have since published a Notice of Election, stating nominations had to be received by 29th April 2021, and if any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday, 27th May 2021. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Tuesday, 11th May 2021 and for amendments or cancellations of postal votes or proxy votes by Wednesday, 12th May 2021. Please see the main CCPC website or notice board for full details.

Dorset Council Update - The emphasis now is on opening Dorset up again. The local resilience forum (Council, NHS, Public Health, Police & Fire services) have been working together and putting together actions including targeting hotspots particularly Lulworth and Studland which will be tow away

zones, more enforcement will be in place, the police will have more officers on the ground re-deployed from other areas; there will be signage around the area asking the public to help where possible for example by taking their litter home, black bin bags disposers will be given out to encourage people to help. A temporary Clearway between Winfrith and Lulworth will be in place and people will be turned round in Winfrith, Lulworth or Wareham depending on numbers.

Car parking charges - Phase 1 was implemented on the 1st April, phase 2 is now underway and DC will be talking to local groups to gather local information; DC has already gone public with the 3 levels, showing that it is aimed at visitors having to pay more than the local residents. DC has been advised that consultation is not required, and the charges are not for consultation.

Covid numbers are going down, but people are asked to still wear masks, and keep a social distance, so hopefully we don't go into another lockdown.

BBQ's - work is being undertaken at the moment to identify safe areas to have BBQ's. DC put up signs as last year, but there will not be a blanket ban plus DC have asked local supermarkets to not have the BBQ's right by the doors.

National Trust Update - The Castle reopened on Monday 29th March and has had a slow but steady uptake of booked visitors. As the level of booked visitors is below the daily (and half hourly) capacity the National Trust (NT) is allowing visitors to enter if they have not booked. The tea-room and CV have reopened for takeaway orders only but will adjust on the relevant days to accommodate outside and inside seating. The shop also reopened on the 12th April.

The Woodland Clan – The NT are working in partnership with Durlston Park and a local playwright, Annie Herridge, for the children's summer Trail. The Clan will be in Durlston in May and June and then coming over to Corfe for July and August, more can be found at <https://thewoodlandclan.co.uk>

40-year Anniversary – Next year the NT will celebrate 40 years since the areas of the Isle of Purbeck were gifted from the Bankes family to the NT. After Easter the teams will be looking to how we can celebrate this.

Quinquennial works – Plans are being finalising for the castle for the rest of the financial year next week. As no works took place in 2020 due to COVID the NT have been able to secure additional funds in 2021 to complete more works this year.

RESET program – The reset program for Corfe has been completed for the staff and all adjustments to departments, line management changes, budget holders etc has been finalised. There is minimal impact on the running of the property and shouldn't have any effect on the visitor's time at Corfe.

Solar panels - As an organisation the NT supports the use of renewable energy sources in helping to meet its target of achieving net zero carbon by 2030. While the NT are unable to provide a blanket response at this stage, they would be happy to consider these proposals on an individual basis, taking into account the context of each property including any covenants or listed status where applicable.

The gate by the railway bridge – The NT Ranger team have investigated the gate and noted that the issue isn't that the latch is broken, they have replaced the catch with an ordinary non 'long handled one' as the previous one had been hammered flat by a third party – for what reason we are unsure.

The next Council meeting will be the annual meeting and will be on the 4th May 2021 at 7pm via Zoom. 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. <https://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC>

For further information please contact the Clerk Michelle Harrington, e-mail Corfecastlepc@aol.com – 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ, or telephone 01202 670105. Full minutes of the meetings are available on the Website www.corfecastlepc.org.uk a postal copy can be requested through the Clerk

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A Double Annual Report about the Parish Council

We couldn't hold a Parish Meeting last year and you may not be able to come to our Parish Meeting provisionally booked for 24 May so below are some headlines about the last two years.

- **Keeping the Parish Safe:** We have installed a Speed Indicator Device, as traffic is the No 1 issue for many residents. Thanks especially to Dave Picksley and Richard Sedgley.
- We funded extra cleaning for the playground and toilets during the Covid emergency and encouraged visitors not to overcrowd the square.
- We undertook a traffic and parking review and we hope to have Dorset agreement soon to some parking restrictions which will improve safety
- We organised a voluntary register in the early days of Covid and *immense thanks* go to those who helped their neighbours.
- We have worked alongside, Lee Jennings (Woodyhyde Campsite), Katie Black (Dorset Council) & Mark Singleton (National Trust) to create a new, safe, walking route across Corfe Common, towards Woodyhyde and onto Swanage.
- **Keeping the parish tidy:** We try to repair quickly any Parish assets, which are damaged such as seats and bus shelters. We have now a new Caretaker who will help us keep the Parish tidy
- **We took over new responsibilities:** The *toilets* are now cleaned better and at lower cost than before. We have let a contract to improve the drainage and surface of the *resident's car park*, which we inherited in poor condition. We were asked to maintain *God's Acre* and we have modernised all the information and achieved savings in operating it.
- **Playground:** After consulting local children we hope to install exciting new equipment later this year.
- **Environmental projects:** We have an energetic environment group of residents who are working on a host of projects, which will improve the Parish such as tree planting, and creating better habitats for wildlife. The Parish wishes to support Dorset Council's climate change agenda and we are encouraging solar panels where suitable and initiatives to reduce our carbon use (Giki Pro). We are pleased that The National Trust is working closely with us as they have the same aims.

- We installed a water fountain by the toilets (paid by Wessex Water) so that no one has to buy water in plastic bottles
- **Planning Applications and Tree Works.** We have considered and commented on 76 planning applications and 35 tree work applications since the last Parish meeting in 2019.
- **Giving the Parish a voice:** We responded constructively to Dorset Council's consultations on the Dorset Local Plan, the Climate Emergency and Dorset's own plans. Before doing so we hosted two People's Assemblies (arranged without cost), which enabled us to hear resident's views during lockdown.
- We engaged a planning consultant to advise us on how to respond to the *Swanworth Quarry* application and we await the latest developments.
- We objected to the fare proposals and were represented at the *Sandbanks Ferry* public enquiry
- **Achieving Value for Money:** We are one of the lowest cost parish councils in the area and our annual increases have been modest. We now have a much better website and a new Facebook page. We have modernised all our procedures and invested reserves in interest accounts higher than inflation.

I would like to give thanks to all our Councillors who have given freely of their time and we have had two excellent Clerks, Ali Burnett and now Michelle Harrington.

If we have fallen short or are not addressing your concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

Steve Clarke

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Update from the Environmental Group



Date for your diary

- Thur 13th May **Environmental Group** meeting – 7:00pm (2nd Thur)
TBC if we'll be meeting via Zoom or in person – those on the mailing list will receive the invite instructions in due course.

We continue to seek **volunteers** to “get your hands dirty” on our projects.

‘Solar Streets’ Scheme

Endorsed by Swanage Town Council, this initiative is open to the surrounding environs. Visit www.solarstreets.co.uk/swanage to arrange a free appraisal

CEE Bill

Please support the **Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill** by writing to your MP – Mr Richard Drax, Dorset Green Technology Park, Purbeck Buildings, Winfrith Newburgh, Wool, Dorchester, DT2 8ZB, asking for him to vote for it.

Free Carbon Footprint Tool - Giki Zero

Have you signed up for Giki Zero yet? www.zero.giki.earth/faqs.

Once you've done so, let the Parish Clerk (Michelle) know so that your efforts can be linked to the collaborative community version – Giki Zero Pro.

There's the exciting opportunity to set up Teams in Giki for each of the numerous village community groups. Maybe your group would like to challenge another group to a friendly (yet highly competitive!) 6-month carbon reduction competition?!!! **Who will win?** 😊

Please chat to your friends, family, neighbours and local businesses about Giki Zero – are they joining in too? Just how much can we cut our communal carbon footprint?

Biodiversity Projects

- Work is progressing at **St Edwards Church Lawns**: A no mowing area / wildflower planting / bug friendly wood pile / composting etc. Thanks to the PCC for their enthusiastic support for this project.
- Do you have any self-seeded native tree seedlings in your garden that you do not want? Please pop them in a pot for us grow them on ready to be transferred to our **Parish Tree Nursery** in the autumn.
- Sharon Warden, a Corfe Castle resident, is starting a **seed saving circle** – Please see the Parish Council website for more details and contact the Parish Clerk (Michelle) if you'd like to join in, no experience required!
- **SEED GIVEAWAY!** We held our first **wildflower seed giveaway** courtesy of **Aquarius** at their plant sale and seedling swap in April.

- There will be more giveaways coming soon if you missed out. Encouraging everyone to save their seeds for next year's giveaway is our aim
- We'd also love to receive **photos of your wildflowers** and **of the trees** given away last year, again please email to the Parish Clerk (Michelle).



Some excited little fingers preparing our recent seed giveaway packs 😊



The Secret Field

As Tom Clarke from the National Trust said in April's CVN: “The first rule of the Secret Field is that there is no secret field. We share our village with lots of visitors, so wouldn't it be lovely to have a special place just for our community? A place for nature and people and hope! Sounds good, doesn't it?”

How did you get on with Tom's cryptic puzzle? Well done if you've found it!

We write this just ahead of our first get-together at the field so there will be more info via our email mailing list and Facebook page as you read this. How do we, the community want to shape the future of this special place we're being given stewardship of? Please get in touch to share your vision/thoughts.



For more info keep an eye on our “Corfe Castle Environmental Group” Facebook page, ask the clerk, or stop and chat to a member of the Core Team as we come out of lockdown and are free to get out and about in the village!

Join us or get in touch via the Parish Clerk (Michelle)
corfeastlepc@aol.com

Follow us on Facebook: “Corfe Castle Environmental Group”

CCPCEG Core Group members: Josey, Helen, Tom, Luke, David & Richard.

Corfe Castle Surgery

As we start a new month, we are pleased to announce that we have had a new GP start at the end of April. Dr Zara Mufti will be working with us every Tuesday and Friday and I am sure you will all welcome her to the Surgery.

We also have a new F2 Doctor that has started, Dr Hannah Easterbrook will be here completing her GP training for the next 4 months and working alongside Dr Lepper who will be discussing any phone consultations that you have with Dr Easterbrook.

Just a reminder that we continue to offer a telephone triage service in the first instance for all appointments unless you are given a time to come in by one of the GPs. Please allow morning appointments for more urgent problems and for routine queries the receptionist will book you an allocated time slot for your telephone appointment.

Please could we ask that all patients ensure that their personal contact details are kept up to date as we have found that during our Covid-19 Vaccine invites, letters are being returned as 'not known at this address' or there is no response to phone calls. It is very important to let us know as soon as possible of a change of address or phone number.

The amazing volunteers that have been delivering prescriptions for the last 12 months have now scaled back on the days that they are coming to the Surgery, so if all patients are able to organise their own collections it would be much appreciated. Please talk to the Dispensary on 480697 if you have any queries.

Please stay safe, but enjoy the freedom that the lifting of restrictions will allow.

Kerry Norman

Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

Another month has come and gone. April has brought with it cautious optimism, with treasured reunions (outdoors) with friends and family after long spells of painful separation. Shops are re-opening. Life and smiles are visibly returning to the Square here with bikers, visitors and local friends happily talking in groups again. The Lockdown has, however, cast a long

shadow. Please give a thought to those who have lost loved ones or are continuing to suffer from serious health or financial issues as a result of it. They still very much need our support.

The latest vaccination figures are a tribute to all those involved in the roll-out. As of 7th April, over 500,000 of us have been jabbed in Dorset. We again thank our Surgery, both the clinical and admin teams, for their tireless (probably the wrong word) part in this achievement. They are continuing to carry the extra workload this entails whilst also now resuming the full range of GP services. They deserve medals.

In a recent national survey most GPs said that they had not gone into practice to deliver care to their patients on the phone or online all day but to treat their patients' ailments and build up trusting relationships with them predominantly in person. No doubt there will be ongoing increased usage of the internet after the epidemic but in common with the doctors we the patients, at least here in Corfe, are also looking forward to more face-to-face contact when permitted.

I recently attended a meeting of the Purbeck Primary Care Network's PPG Chairs. The PCN is made up of the six GP Practices in Purbeck, including our own, which aim to work together across the area to improve access and extend the range of services available to us all by helping to integrate primary care with wider health and community services. Its decisions affect us all. We discussed how the patient voice could be heard at PCN level through the PPGs so that our views can be taken into account in support of our own surgeries and how we can receive regular updates from the PCN. Another topic was the Youth PPG which has recently been set up for 11-18 year olds in the PCN. There are currently eight members of the Group aged 16-17. They've decided that their initial focus will be on trying to get more surgery slots to avoid the need to miss school and to enable them to attend without their parents, and to make surgeries more inclusive for young people with mental health conditions. The Group is actively looking for new members so if you know any young people through your family, friends, local school, youth clubs etc who might be interested please contact me (marysabbenclare@gmail.com) and I will forward their names. Our Corfe PPG is always keen to hear the views of our young people too.

Dorset Council's review of its car parking charges continues. Wearing my PPG hat I've attended the first of its three stakeholders' meetings for Corfe and Wareham at which I explained the potential difficulties their proposed

changes to the West Street car park charges will cause our Surgery and its patients. We await more news of the consultation process.

To end on a very positive note, we are delighted to announce the excellent news that Corfe Castle Football Club has decided to make the Surgery the object of its charitable fundraising in the coming year. The dispensary is now impossibly small to cope with handling over 5,500 prescriptions per month so this will be a great start to an initiative to raise the money to extend it. We hope that the PPG will be able to take this forward in due course. The team's new season starts in August so we will give you more information before then. Meanwhile lots of very grateful thanks to the football teams. Our thanks to you too for your support of the Surgery and PPG through the last grim twelve months.



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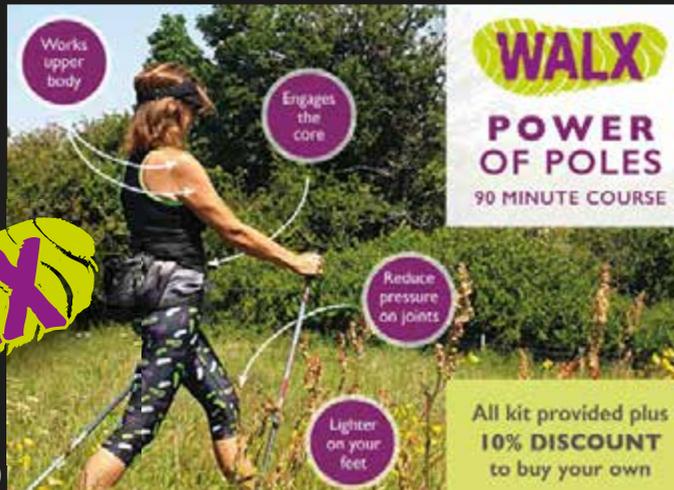
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Bridges in Corfe Castle: King or St. Edward's Bridge

This bridge spans the Corfe River close to the NT car park, 'Castle View'. The river dog-legs round to the Studland Road and heads off towards Wytch Lake. Hutchins describes the bridge as having two arches and a rude escutcheon (shield displaying a coat of arms) on which were two bars and a plume of feathers for a crest. Below this lay an inscription '1564 B.G.'. To the north east of the bridge there was an old Lime Kiln (now a rubble base). The NT car park was a chalk pit with the chalk being used to make lime. Whilst digging for chalk in 1753, an urn was found full of burnt bones with its mouth facing downwards and there is reference to a hill or barrow called 'Corfe Barrow' lying outside the walls of Corfe Castle in 1728 with the lessee allowed to take the rubble from the barrow for 'burning and making lime'. Was this how they found the urn?



Archer Robert's map of Corfe dated 1769 showing St. Edward's Bridge with its two arches



The bridge was rebuilt when the Turnpike Road was made in 1776 and you can still find a remnant of the Turnpike Road standing close by – the little stone with 'IV MILES FROM WAREHAM' engraved on it. No Toll House was built probably because the Parish was against the idea fearing that it would be costly to traders.



An early 20th century postcard view from the Wareham Road leading into the village – note the lack of vegetation.

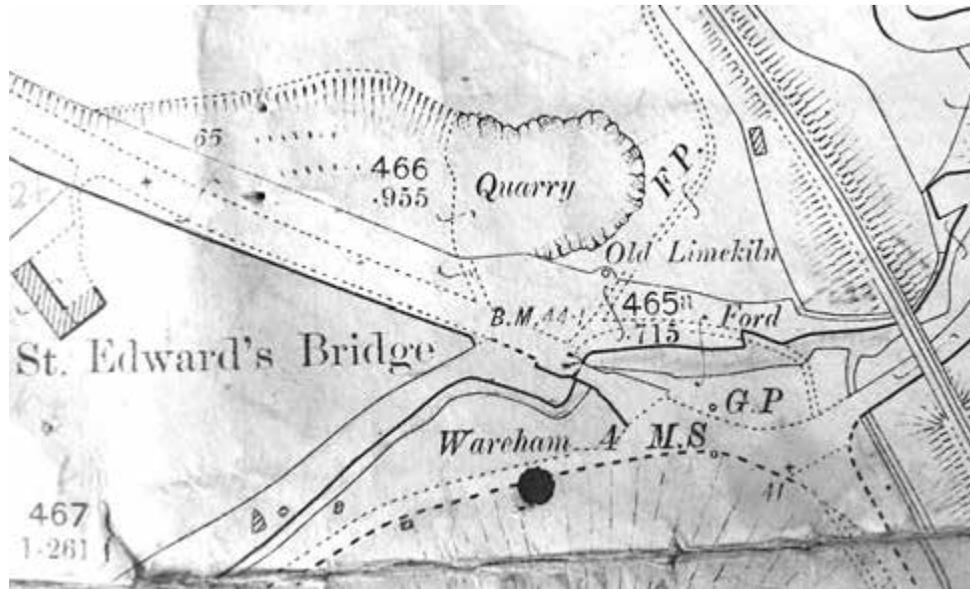


WWII tank traps (small concrete columns in this case) were erected alongside the castle side of the River which can still be seen amongst the brambles (and rubbish) by the lay-by on the Church Knowle Road.

Sometime during the 1940s the road was widened and King Edward's Bridge was altered again. The eagle-eyed will have spotted an Ordnance Survey benchmark with bolt on the top of the western side of the bridge wall.

An old Ford is shown on the turning to the Studland Road. This fell into disuse sometime during the 1960s. It was an easy car wash! Anglo Saxon Charters mention a Wicken Ford (the Wicken being an old name for the Corfe

River) but whether this was actually it, is extremely uncertain as there were a few fords across the River.



1900s map showing the narrow bridge, the Ford and the Kiln

Edie Langtree recalls a motorcyclist crashing into the bridge during WWI. He survived with only concussion but his brand new motorcycle was a right-off. He'd accidentally pressed the accelerator rather than the break! Sadly, there have been a few more accidents, and fatalities, at this spot since then.

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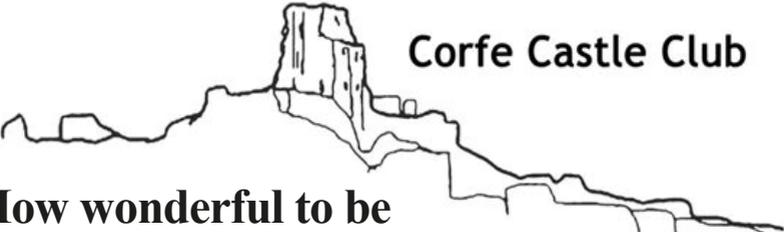
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Corfe Castle Club



How wonderful to be welcoming members back in the Garden! All the regular faces are here and Chubby's Ales and Rolls are as fine as ever.

We opened on April 12th, in compliance with the Government Road Map. This means that members can enjoy a drink and some social time in the garden and area outside the Club, but without access to the interior, except via the rear door to the toilets. Table Service is being provided at the front door. We have re-arranged some of the outdoor seating to ensure social distancing.

Weather permitting our opening hours are:
Monday-Friday :12.00-2.30 and 6.00-9.00 (Flexible closing)
Saturday : 12.00 -9.00
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News from the Castle

We hope you all enjoyed the April sunshine. It certainly allowed us to get off to a cracking start, trading in the garden. A big thank you all of you who turned out to support us. Now, May is upon us and hopefully the warmer weather.

We are set to reopen our indoor space on Monday 17th May. We are still restricting numbers to just a few tables, making sure we are a safe place for families and friends to meet.

On that note; with the indoor space reopening, **Thursday 20th May** will be our first **Steak Night**, so with limited tables please don't forget to book. From **Friday 21st May** we will be back to **Fish Nights**. The first one we are kicking off with a special menu ... not to be missed!

Our **TAKEAWAY MENU** is still available, including our famous Sunday Roasts. Its collection only as we no longer have the time to bring it to you, but it's still just as delicious and excellent value!

In case you didn't know Mike and Livy are pleased to announce they are expecting their second child to arrive late summer. Congratulations to them.

Thank you all once again for continued support,
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Corfe Castle Village Hall

100 club:

The April draw first prize of £20 was won by member 34, with member 3 getting second prize £10 and member 12 winning the third prize £4.50. We will retain the prizes and distribute them when lockdown finishes.

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:

Monday May 17th will (hopefully!) see the Village Hall re-open more fully, but there are a few events permitted ahead of this. There will be a Cameo Antiques Fair on Sunday May 2nd and the Police and Crime Commissioner Election on Thursday May 6th.

The Village Hall is a COVID-19 Secure building, so on re-opening 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 six and continue to wear their face coverings at all times (except when eating or drinking). More than six 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).

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Bookings can be made by contacting Carole Speed on 01929 480810, or by email to carolepspeed@gmail.com.

AGM:

The Village Hall AGM is on Friday 4th June at 7pm. All local inhabitants are welcome to attend and anyone aged 18+ is entitled to vote on the election of Trustees. If you are considering becoming a Village Hall Trustee, please contact David on 07590 352219 before 15th May for more details on how the election process works.

Notable Gates in the Parish

All around Purbeck, there were gates across the lanes and ways to prevent animals from wandering and causing damage. There were gates leading onto the Common on both East (Townsend Gate) and West Street and there was also another gate a little beyond West Mill, going towards Church Knowle. Any animals found where they shouldn't be, were placed in The Pound on East Street and their owners were fined unless they could illicitly get them out. Such was the case in 1786 when some sheep were lifted over the wall. This was surpassed in 1816 by the pony that was removed over the wall with the offender or offenders being fined £1.

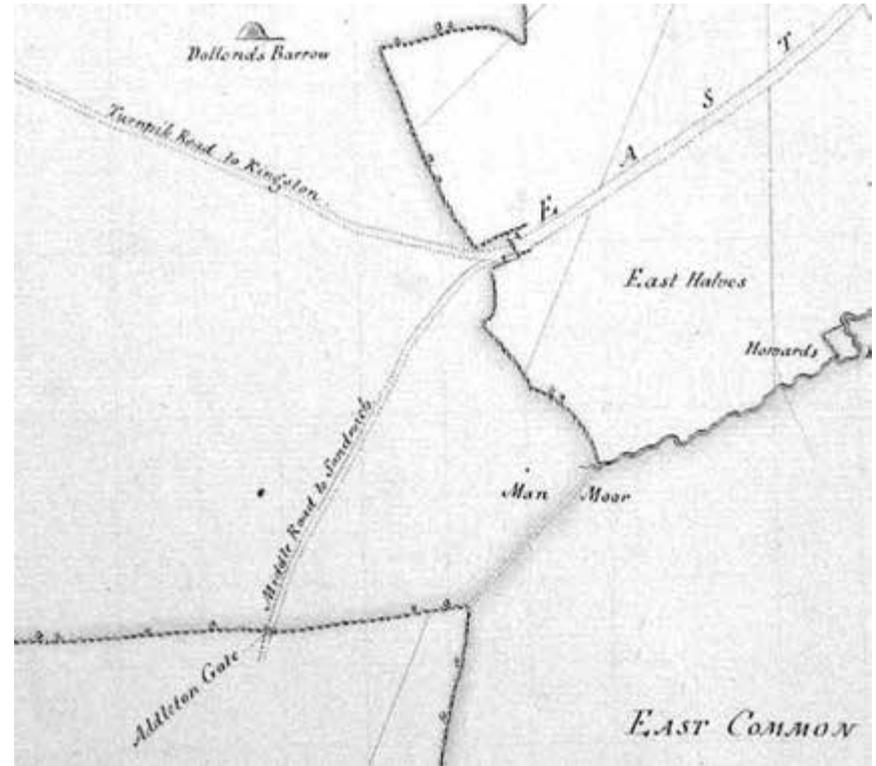


One of the gates along Sandy Hill Lane by Challow Farm

At the southern end of the village was Afflington or Addleton Gate which lay across the 'middle road to Sandwich'. Today this is where the A351 passes 'Peake House' as you travel to Swanage.

In 1832, The Wareham Turnpike Trust actually removed the Townsend Gate which annoyed everyone because cattle strayed and the Trust were told to erect another within 6 months. However, 2 years later, it still hadn't been erected and it is not mentioned again in the court records.

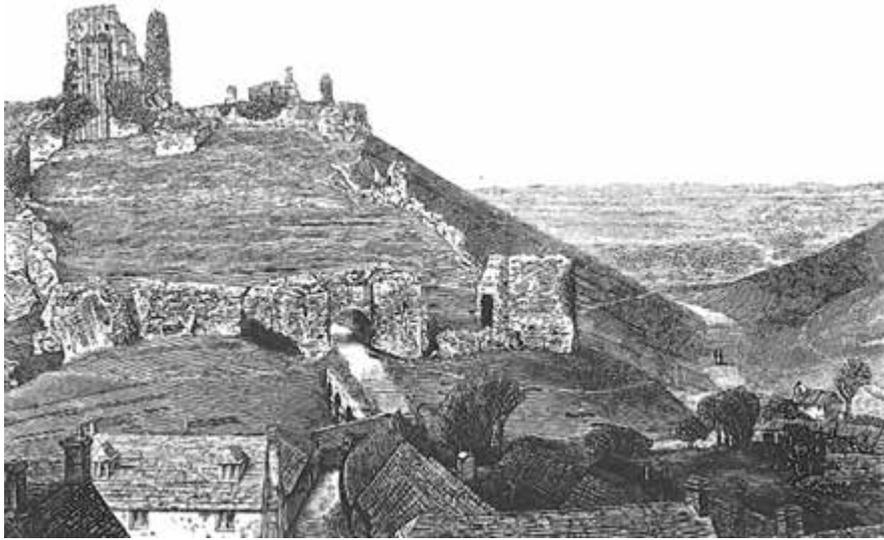
Norden Gate is notable because it marks the extent of the northern boundary of the parish. It stood on the south side of the little stream that still flows under the present road.



From William Woodward's 1775 map showing the Afflington & Townsend Gates

The road was widened and strengthened here in the 1980s to make way for the Wytch Farm Oil Field traffic. In so doing, a boundary stone was removed at the start of New Line. Whether this was the original 'Kipe/Kype Cross' shown on the Treswell map of 1586, and referred to as lying on the east side of the road by Hutchins, we may never know.

The most famous gate is Corve's Gate. The name is derived from two Saxon words 'ceorfan' (to cut) and 'geat' (gate). This is where Edward, King of Wessex, was said to have been treacherously stabbed by either his jealous stepmother, Elfrida, or one of her attendants, on the evening of 18th March 978. But where was it? The portal to the castle or the start of the entrance to the Town where the Borough Bridge stands? No one is very clear but if anyone else has speculated about this do let me know.



Etching from Thomas Bond's 'History & Description of Corfe Castle' printed in 1883. It shows the entrance to the castle, the main road to Wareham and the little path curling around Rollington Hill. No railway arch in sight!

Louise Haywood



Dates of forthcoming meetings

- **May 4th:** Reggie Wright from Godlingston Manor Kitchen will talk about her work **on Zoom**.
- **Depending on how the roadmap out of lockdown continues and the wishes of the members the following meetings will hopefully be back in the Village Hall with all social distancing and other relevant protocols in place.**
- **June 1st:** A talk about 'Footprints' – a charity which aims to bring a sense of community, hope and increased self-worth to socially excluded people, thereby reducing reoffending and building stronger communities
- **July 6th:** A talk from Citizen Advice

At our last meeting Gill Wilkinson gave us a fantastic talk about her recent heart transplant. Gill had been born with a congenital heart defect. This had impacted on her ability to take part in many physical activities and by the time she had reached the age of 53 she required a heart transplant.

We followed her journey at the Royal Papworth Hospital as she was assessed for her suitability for a transplant, through the two operations that had to be aborted at the last minute due to the unsuitability of the heart, until finally in early 2020 she underwent a heart transplant. Gill went on to make a full recovery despite some rejection of her new heart by her body. She is now in good health and able to take part in many activities that she could have only dreamt about before.

Gill drew our attention to some of the statistics of transplants from the Royal Papworth Hospital. In 2019/20 out of the 281 people on the heart transplant list 38 transplant took place in the UK while 20 people on the list died. In the same year 233 died while waiting for a kidney transplant. She emphasised the importance of us all having that conversation with our loved ones about our



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own wishes with regard to organ donation and she expressed her deep gratitude to her own heart donor without whom she would probably have died.

Aquarius 50/50 Club

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Murder Mystery in the castle

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On July 21st, 28th, August 3rd, 11th & 17th.

We will hold a read through and cast this event at a meeting in
Corfe Castle Village Hall on May 31st at 7pm.

All our meetings will of be socially distanced & conform to relevant restrictions.

If you are looking for a new hobby after lockdown and would be interested in joining our friendly safe group for either event, please contact the director, Peter Smith 01929 480109, or Cherry (secretary - 07972799300) or email info@double-act.org.uk, for more details.





OUR RAPID RESPONSE AMBULANCE CAR IS AT RISK

When the Swanage Hospital Minor Injuries' Unit (MIU) was closed overnight, the local communities got together and consulted with the health authorities and the South West Ambulance Service Trust (SWAST) and proved and convinced them that our area needed a 'standalone' ambulance just for our area in The Isle of Purbeck.

The Swanage and Isle of Purbeck Rapid Response Ambulance Car came to Swanage in 2008 and six paramedics and Emergency Care Practitioners were specially recruited for the Car. This would be to meet the emergency health needs of local residents and especially in peak holiday times, when thousands of tourists descend on Purbeck to share the joy and beauty of our area.

The car and paramedics worked out of Swanage Hospital, Swanage Medical Centre, did home visits for GPs and worked with the staff at the MIU at the Hospital, as well as being there for any emergency callouts in our area. It worked brilliantly. The paramedics loved their new job, as did the local population, the hospital staff and the GPs. They saved many lives and were able to deal 'on site' with patients, often preventing them from ending up in Poole or Dorchester hospitals. Not so now. The Car can be anywhere in the county.

The Ambulance Car's future is bleak because of 'reorganisation' of ambulance service funding and provision. We have been lobbying the powers-that-be over the last 12 months, because they said the Car was now not needed and they were considering taking it away. So, month by month, the Campaign to save our precious service lobbied and objected and month by month, we have managed to prevent the loss of the car. The DCCG and SWAST have continuously said they won't take this service away until the communities' objections in a public consultation are taken into account. But they have not issued a formal statement so far. Now, it appears that there is a serious chance that we may lose the Swanage Ambulance Car in the next few months or so. The campaign to save the Rapid Response Paramedic Ambulance Car has the full support of the Swanage Area Forum, the Swanage & Purbeck

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Spring has sprung

In spite of the unseasonal frosty weather we have been having, Spring is most definitely in the air. Last month I mentioned the battle for nesting rights on the castle. In early April the ravens were still holding out against all comers including peregrines and a persistent drone that buzzed annoyingly around the keep for

an hour or more one day. However, last time I looked there was no sign of the ravens, but one peregrine looking very much at home. My neighbouring jackdaws have been very busy nest building – collecting great beakfulls of fluffy cardoon seeds heads from my garden and flying off sporting luxurious handlebar moustaches. With fewer uncapped chimney pots in the village these days they too have had competition and needed to see off other pairs that have tried to get down their chimney. It seems that suitable nest spots are in short supply all round.

When we had our house re-roofed many years ago I baffled the roofers by asking them to leave a few gaps around the felting at the eaves to give birds access to the roof space for nesting. Thankfully they did and we now have starlings and house sparrows nesting under our roof. The starlings have been feeding their chicks for a while and they will be fledging soon.

Some birds have come back from abroad to breed with us but are not so far advanced in their breeding activities. The swallows and house martins will nest soon but those that arrived in early April may have wished they had not arrived quite so soon given the cold weather. I once visited a farm where a dozen or so swallows had all died probably from starvation after a prolonged cold spell in May. Trying to get first dibs on suitable nest sites by arriving early can be a risky business.

The ospreys are back too and at least one ringed bird is hanging about the nesting platforms around Poole Harbour. Near Dancing Ledge the puffins are getting in the mood too – I saw a pair mating on the water – something I have never seen before. Hopefully, there will soon be more Dorset Pufflings tucked away safely on the Prickle Bed or Puffin Ledge.

The real Summer tourists (including those of the bird world) are still to arrive in Purbeck from their distant wintering quarters. The nightjars and the swifts should be with us any day now and to my mind it is the sight and sound of swifts that make the Summer. Their high speed aerial screaming parties careering over and around the rooftops and along the streets give a sense of unbridled exuberance and are a joy to behold. However, like the jackdaws, the swifts too may be finding nest sites harder to come by these days. They need gaps around eaves and under roof tiles to get into roof spaces to nest, so favour roofs that have not had too much TLC. They like the buildings with Purbeck stone roofs around the village square and also hang around the former Royal British Legion. There may just be time to buy or swiftly make a nest box and put it up for them. Next time you are in Corfe Castle village square of an evening, stop a while and enjoy our noisy Summer visitors; I mean the swifts' Summer spectacular screaming parties.

Richard Caldwell

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A Short Story

by Keith Fullbrook

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Taking a Hackney carriage from the station I continued my journey to the previously arranged small guest house in the Lake District. Over breakfast I read the local newspaper and noticed in passing a picture of a cotton mill in Preston owned by Sir Issac Braithwaite. However, I was immediately distracted by another picture of an old army friend whom I had served with in Africa, George Ogden, now an employee of Sir Issac Braithwaite who was rewarding him for his sterling service by promoting him to Chief buyer of raw cotton. My spirits soared to discover my old friend so close and doing so well and I was determined to set out immediately to visit him.

I hastened back to Preston to locate the cotton mill and after many helpful directions I was shown into the main office. I introduced myself to the secretary, quickly explained the circumstances of my visit and asked if it would be possible to see George Ogden.

Unfortunately however, my visit coincided with George's weekly trip to the cotton exchange in Manchester and I was forced to leave in a disappointed state. I agreed to visit once more in a few days' time after George's return. I duly made the trip again two days later only to discover that he was once more out buying cotton. Plans to visit again had to be delayed as I was required to return to London urgently.

A week later having completed my business in London and returned North, I made my way once more to the cotton mill. Yet again however, it was only to discover that once more George was not at the cotton mill. Sensing my growing disappointment and being of a kind nature the secretary offered me his home address. Pressing matters once again prevented me from visiting George's home until a week later, when I found myself knocking on the door of George's small cottage in a stone village where smoke rose lazily from the chimney pots. The door was opened by a small woman dressed in clean and well cared for clothes.

I excitedly explained my connection to George and the unsuccessful efforts I had recently made to contact him. At this point a tear began to trickle down

her cheek and with a trembling voice she informed me that George had that very week died and been laid to rest in the local churchyard. I could not believe that having come so far, I had missed George by so little time. Sensing my deep sadness his wife pointed me towards the churchyard and I shortly found myself standing by the fresh grave with the new headstone engraved...

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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for MAY 2021

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	May	Saturday	See Smiling Seas April report	Beach Clean at Kimmeridge.
4	May	Tuesday	Afternoon	Aquarius talk about Godlingston Manor kitchens
4	May	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Parish Council meeting via Zoom
6	May	Thursday	5.30 – 7.30 pm	Gardening Club plant sale in the Corfe Castle Club
17 & 24	May	Monday	7.00 pm	Double Act casting for Wizard of Oz in the Village Hall
24	May	Monday	7.00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting possibly in the Village Hall
31	May	Monday	7.00 pm	Casting for Murder Mystery in the Village Hall

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

1	June	Tuesday	Afternoon	Aquarius talk about the charity Footprints
4	June	Friday	7.00 pm	Village Hall AGM, hopefully in the Hall
5	June	Saturday - Details to be published		Gardening Club open gardens
1	July	Thursday - Details to be published		Self-drive Gardening Club outing to Iford Manor
6	July	Tuesday	Afternoon	Aquarius talk about Citizens Advice
21 & 28	July	Wednesday – times to be announced		Double Act Murder Mystery in the Castle
7 – 21	August	Various dates; see item under notices and thanks pages		Purbeck Art Weeks Music events
2 – 5	September	Details to be published		Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival
11 – 26	September	Details to be published		Purbeck Art Weeks visual events
18 – 20	November	Thursday, - Saturday 7.30 pm		Double Act Wizard of Oz in the Village Hall
20	November	Saturday	2.30 pm	Double Act Wizard of Oz in the Village Hall Matinee

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The Reverend Anne Bond writes

Having stuck my neck out about Global Warming last month, I should mention something about that subject in this letter. As well, shops and hairdressers are open after a year of lockdown due to covid, and very soon tourists will be flocking back to Purbeck, desperate for holidays and bringing

desperately needed income to proprietors of our various hospitality venues. And of course we are once more able to worship together in person in our churches.

If nothing else, this past year of social deprivation has illustrated that, as a species, we humans are not designed to be solitary animals. If we are to be on top of things both mentally and physically, we *need* to meet often ... to express affection, to exchange opinions and ideas, for the comfort of physical contact, and to support each other. It's a sort of mutual feeding process; without it we become ever more starved of something vital to our well-being. Speaking for myself, this realisation has made me acutely aware of the plight of those who live alone perhaps with activity-limiting conditions. It is true that most of us are fiercely independent; but even so, however independent a character we may possess and however reluctant we may find ourselves to confess it, loneliness is a condition harmful to humans, and sometimes can even be fatal. The necessity to keep our senses alert to the well-being or otherwise of our neighbours is real; and we need never be shy of indicating to someone that we ourselves need help. Easier said than done, I know - but better to risk rebuff than to die of never-spoken-of despair.

On a much lighter note! ...and speaking as a person who is insecure about her appearance, I have discovered, to my surprise, that I can live quite happily with my hair looking like one of those mops with which you clean the floor. Have I suddenly grown-up? Or is it second childhood? By the time you read this I shall have had my first haircut for much too long!

I had a very welcome response to my Global Warming letter suggesting one of the best actions we as a church might take could be to install photo-voltaic solar panels on the church roof. I consulted the Salisbury Diocesan web site and discovered there is a national Church of England campaign to promote global climate justice called 'Shrinking the Footprint'. As part of this, the **Resources** page of the ecochurchsouthwest.org.uk website offers a wealth of information about projects and ideas for future action by churches, including such things as composting toilets, Fairtrade churches, Eco-congregations, and solar panels on church buildings. Exeter Diocese has installed nearly 300 PV schemes (solar panels) in the region. I hope to be able to have further information for you on this subject in the next couple of months. Incidentally, an 'Eco-congregation' is a congregation of people who have all made conscious attempts to reduce their own carbon footprints as individuals and households, and who are all contributing in some way to the 'greening' of their church.

As regards the influx of tourists expected here, let's welcome them with open arms. Both Old and New Testaments of the Bible bid us to

'welcome the alien in our midst' so let's willingly and generously share with them our good fortune in living somewhere so beautiful. Some of them may have been cooped-up in high-rise flats in inner cities, with too many children requiring home schooling, patience running out and tempers beginning to boil; if they run a little wild in our streets having cast off their face-masks, thrown away all caution and become intoxicated by fresh air and freedom ... let's try and understand how they're feeling, and persuade them to continue to apply social distancing for safety's sake, rather than grumbling furiously about them from behind our front doors. (Or perhaps it's only me turning the air blue ... I'm sure you're all much too friendly and sympathetic to be so horrid!)

The way we in this country in our respective communities have responded to covid 19 is truly remarkable. Of course there are some who criticise the government and see Lockdown as over-the-top - but that is one of the privileges of living in a democracy where free speech is valued. On the whole, as a nation, we have cooperated with the advice given on TV and worked together not only for our own sakes, but for the sake of our friends and neighbours, for our fellow countrymen, for people living in countries where we enjoy holidaying - in short, for all humankind whoever and wherever they may be. In a world-wide pandemic so serious, one can hardly do anything less, because nobody will be actually safe until everyone is vaccinated.

With love, Anne

Bible Readings - May 2021

Sunday 2nd May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 22:25 – end

Genesis 22: 1 – 18

Acts 8: 26 – end

John 15: 1 – 8

Sunday 9th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 98

Isaiah 55: 1 – 11

Acts 10: 44 – end

John 15: 9 - 17

Thursday 13th May

Ascension Day

Psalm 47

Daniel 7: 9 – 14

Acts 1: 1 – 11

Luke 24: 44 – end

Sunday 16 th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter Psalm 1 Ezekiel 35: 24 – 28 Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 – end John 17: 6 – 19
Sunday 23 rd May	PENTECOST Psalm 104: 26 – end Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14 Acts 2: 1 – 12 John 15: 26 -27; 16: 4B – 15
Sunday 30 th May	TRINITY SUNDAY Psalm 29 Isaiah 6: 1 – 8 Romans 8: 12 – 17 John 3: 1 – 17
Sunday 6 th June	1 st Sunday after Trinity Psalm 130 Genesis 3: 8 – 15 2 Corinthians 3: 8 – 15 Mark 3: 20 - end

Church Services during May 2021

Each Sunday of the month

9am In St Edward's Corfe Castle Holy Communion

10am In St George's Langton AND on line (zoom) Holy Communion

On the 2nd Sunday of the month - NB From May 9th

9.30am in the churchyard of St Michaels' Steeple Morning Worship

10am Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83570811911>

There will be other services in the Purbeck Hills Parishes as well as the 10am Sunday Service at Langton - please see the Dubber, posters and our email circulations.

Just a reminder – if you have a computer (PC or Apple) with internet access, you do not need to install any Zoom software to “attend” Zoom services. If you use a smartphone or tablet, you will need the Zoom application installed.

The present arrangements will continue for the time being and will be reviewed during the coming months. We have consulted with the churchwardens and others about this and it seems the most appropriate arrangement for the moment.

We have also been considering the pattern of services for when we move to a more settled time; more about this in due course. Ian

Online coffee mornings.

We are now holding a regular Thursday online Coffee Morning each week 11am – everyone is welcome. The link to join is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84655538059?pwd=dzJESHN2M3B1RzIrSVVpZmphaUxiUT09>

Harmans Cross Village Hall - Church Services

There are 6 pm Evening Services on the 3rd Sunday of each month at HXVH: May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, and August 15th 2021, informal and friendly.

Annual Meetings

These are now normally held before the end of May each year. Last year, because of the pandemic, the bishop gave permission for these meetings to be held before the end of November. Dates are given below and once again we will try and keep the meetings as brief as possible; if you are not able to attend and have any comments or questions please let us know.

Corfe Castle - in church on Wednesday 26th May at 10.30am

Church Knowle - in the church on Saturday 22nd April at 11am

Steeple - in the churchyard at Steeple following the short service at 9.30am on Sunday May 9th

Kimmeridge - in the church on Saturday May 22nd at 0930 am..

St. Edward, King & Martyr Electoral Roll Revision 2021

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

All forms have to be returned by 10th May, at the latest, in order to be included in the revised Roll for 2021.

Anyone may enrol provided that they are baptised, live in the area, are regular worshippers and are 16 or older.

Please contact me on **480925** for a form should you wish to enrol.

Joy Carter

3 Parishes Fete

After further careful consideration the small group who plan and organise the 3 Parishes Fete have decided not to hold it this year (2021). We know this is disappointing but we all think it is a wise and safe decision and we wanted to let you know about this.

We really do hope the Fete will be held in 2022 and we look forward to preparing for that.

We are very grateful to Neil and Angie Harbury, who have offered to make a donation to cover the funds usually raised for the 3 parish churches and the local charities, which are decided upon each year. This is a considerable help and encouragement for the life of our local churches and communities and helps us all as we cope with all the changes in our lives over recent times.

We look forward to seeing one another more easily over the coming months as we gather safely and to future community events and in particular a 3 parishes fete in August 2022.

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Pioneer View

Dear friends

It extremely exciting to begin to consider opening up again, welcoming you back to all our events and activities. Much of our agenda has been shaped by the recent pandemic and as such it will need to reflect a proactive response in post pandemic landscape.

In the light of our learnings from this pandemic, much of our vision is around promoting mental health and wellbeing as well as reducing loneliness and isolation whilst working towards inclusion of all diverse groups and people.

As well of our regular and popular activities such as carpet bowls and support groups we will be introducing more specific support around mental health issues associated with isolation and loneliness. A recent innovation is the creation of a community allotment, that will be open to various groups, including those people with memory loss or additional needs. We are hoping to create a steering group to oversee this project so please get in touch through our Facebook page or on 07856 579750 if you're interested in being part of this.

We've also recently taken under our wings the East Dorset Good Neighbour Scheme. The primary focus of this is to do small one-off tasks for older folk (or those with additional needs) that they need some help with. We are looking for volunteers to be part of this community innovation, so please do leave a message on 07856 579750 or on Facebook.

You can follow (or Direct Message) us on <https://www.facebook.com/corfemullendfc> or <https://www.facebook.com/growingcompassionatecommunities/>. You will also find information about our 'Hidden Disability' scheme. Its primary focus is to promote inclusivity for those with a hidden disability through the wearing of a green ribbon. Community helpers / carers are invited to wear a **green wrist band**. We are planning to create hidden disability friendly shops, buildings, and communities. Do contact us if you're interested in being involved in this project.

I look forward to hearing from you, and also to welcome you back to our activities and events.

Go well, Peter

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Who would try to garden in England? Glorious sunshine in the day – biting frost at night; storm force winds, rain, hail and snow. Excuse me Mr Weather Controller, it is April you know. Our young Magnolia Ruby was coming out a treat, I failed to act on a frost warning and now it is a sad sight. The bushes covered all winter, Kumquat, Camellia etc, will stay bagged until these frosts have departed – around mid-June I reckon!

If only we knew what the future holds. Well, we don't where the weather is concerned, but we do when it comes to the Club programme; read on –

6th May Plant Sale, in the gardens of Corfe Castle Club, 5.30 – 7.30pm.
[Bring and buy plants and seedlings for Club funds]

5th June Open Gardens. A chance for members to visit other members' gardens. If you wish to offer yours, please contact the CCGC secretary. What's open and when will be published nearer the time.

1st July Self-Drive Outing to Iford Manor
Estate. <https://www.ifordmanor.co.uk/>

5th Aug No Meeting [We shall all be in our gardens soaking up the sun and a glass of something cold or a cup of something hot.]

The rest of the year is mapped out and I will share the details with you in due course.

We welcome everyone to the Plant Sale. The other activities are for Club Members – BUT – that is not a problem because you can join this year FREE. Just contact the Secretary of the CCGC – details on the back cover of this most excellent publication – and give him some basic details (Name, address, email address, PIN number for your secret Swiss Bank account...) and you're in.

We had a super meeting with Katherine Crouch in April, via Zoom of course. An entertaining speaker who gave us all food for thought.

The gardens we look after on behalf of the Village (by the toilets off West street) are looking good. Thanks are due to 4 hard working members in particular. Take a bow please: Joy and Don and Denise and Colin. Thanks also to the Parish Council who matched the £50.00 donated by CCGC and to Simon at *Holme for Gardens* who gave us a special discount on the replacement plants we purchased. We needed to replace some that had died and others that had grown legs and walked away all on their own.

As we celebrate the fall in numbers ill and dying with Covid 19, and the numbers vaccinated, please let's remain vigilant and take good care of ourselves, and therefore one another, by sticking to the guidelines.

As Sgt Esterhaus on Hill Street Blues used to say, "Let's be careful out there."

David



Citizens Advice Seeks Volunteer Telephone Advisers

Your local Citizens Advice is looking to recruit additional volunteer telephone Advisers for our East Dorset and Purbeck service.

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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.

Corfe Castle Youth Club

Good news!! Youth Club has re-opened. It meets each Wednesday outside on the field behind the Village Hall (Weather Permitting).

We'll be having 2 sessions each Wednesday,

The first from 5.30p.m -6.45 FOR YEAR 6'S

The second from 7 p.m -8.30 FOR YEARS 7 & above.

We'll be offering our usual mix of sports, games, music, quizzes and topical chats with Youth Workers Donna & Ro, along with sweets and drinks to buy.

NEW ATTRACTION: Ro will be bringing the Clubmobile - a customised van with music and entertainment on board.

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PAW Festival events – 2021

The new dates for PAW 2021 are below. Due to the prior commitments of many of the musicians, we have had to split the events (7-21 August) from the visual arts (11-26 September). More detail on the events is listed below so that you can hold the dates in your diaries.

Saturday 7 August - Lady St Mary, Wareham - 6.30pm

I Fagiolini celebrate the changing seasons with Monteverdi, Schutz, Howells, Poulenc, Vaughan Williams and others.

Tickets: £22 (students - £2)

Tuesday 10 August - St James's, Kingston - 6.30pm

Fieri Consort and **Chelys Consort of Viols** play part songs and fantasias by Michael West with choral works by Byrd, Gibbons and Tallis.

Tickets: £18 (students - £2)

Wednesday 11 August - Lady St Mary. Wareham - 6.30pm

Michael Collins and **London Winds** - quintets by Mozart, Danzi, Bartok and Dvorak.

Tickets: £22 (students - £2)

Thursday 12 August - Lady St Mary, Wareham - 6.30pm

Rachel Podger + 2 perform works for violin by Bach, with **Sestina**, led by countertenor Mark Chambers, singing music by Tallis, Byrd, de Rore and White.

Tickets: £25 (students - £2)

Saturday 21 August - St Mary's Swanage - 6.30pm

Trombone Quartets play music from Mozart and Beethoven to Hoagy Carmichael.

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Thursday 2 September - Encombe House - 10.15 for 11.00

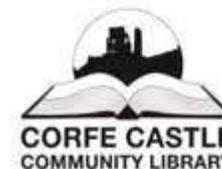
Coffee recital with Eluned Pierce and **Hugh Webb** (harps) playing music by Handel, Bach, Faure, Poulenc and Debussy.

Tickets: £30 (restricted to two per Friend)

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of the above. We also hope to offer two illustrated talks during the visual arts side of PAW in September and will circulate details of these nearer the time,

For more information go to www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk and follow us on Facebook for news and alerts.

News from the Library



We are now opening the library for 'conventional' use. You will be able to enter the building and browse the books as in the 'good old days' of pre-covid but with some new rules to ensure it is covid secure.

Services on Wednesday and Saturday mornings:

- **Browsing in the library** – numbers of customers will be limited and you will have **15 minutes** to choose your books. We ask customers and volunteers to follow face covering, social distancing and ventilation guidance.
- **Order and collect** – reserve books via the library catalogue (at www.librarieswest.org.uk) or use our 'order and collect' service using forms available at the library.
- **Use of the public PC** – must be pre-booked and time limited to 30 minutes.
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- If you don't yet have a **library card**, we can help you get one.

Response to recent articles offered by Peter Smith.

I have enjoyed the recent local history items in the CVN.

A few months ago (*February edition*) you ran some pictures wanting to know where they were taken. (*The answers were in the March edition on p53*)

The old stone bridge fooled me for a while as it looked more like a painting with some artistic licence. As there was no foliage around the bridge and no west hill visible in the background.

This land management issue comes up again later on.

The lady outside a double doorway could have been taken at the alms houses by the school. Jubilee House?

But I have no idea who the lady might be as I have only lived here 35 years. (So still a newcomer!)

The article about the bridges (*March*) was really enlivened by that wonderful photo of the Royal Artillery lorries. This photo throws up so many interesting issues.

Why and exactly when it was taken?

The lorries look like Morris 30cwt 6x4 D Types which might have been built from 1925 to 1930's. The uniforms - particularly the clearly 'posing' officer, look pre WWII. So was this actually taken during WWII or during the 1930s?

It almost looks 'staged' - clearly the photographer was expecting them in order to take that shot from slightly up the railway embankment.

The road looks so pristine and even - almost as though this convoy was expected and the road repaired in anticipation? Whilst the road is not metalled with a tarmac top coat the steel barrels on the corner could indicate that a top dressing of loose stones bedded in bitumen / tar had just been laid. (Or do they contain fuel for the convoy? - Ed)

Then there is 'North Castle Farm' at the top of the hill to Wareham - apparently intact. When was this demolished?

But the most remarkable thing about the photo is the almost total lack of any vegetation apart from grass! It's all so pristine! Is this because this convoy was a big event and expected? Or was the land managed so well at that time that no scrubby bushes were allowed to grow around the rivers?

Did all that vegetation spring up after it fell into National Trust hands? Peter

Editor's note – Thank you for your comments Peter. The second article on bridges by Louise is in this edition of the magazine. In this article there is another picture of the same turning taken from the Wareham direction and there is again a great lack of vegetation.

Your points about the RA convoy are also interesting. I looked it up and there was a 94th Regiment RA but it was an anti-aircraft unit and was deployed to the Middle East; the guns in the picture are clearly not anti-aircraft. There was also a 94th (Dorset and Somerset Yeomanry) brigade RA, but I can't find any more details. There was also a 94th Regiment of artillery in the US Army (and still is), but the soldiers in the picture are clearly British and the lorry is a right-hand drive. Can anyone offer any more thoughts? Stephen



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WHO WAS THE BUILDER OF CORFE CASTLE?

Everyone knows that our splendid Norman Castle was built on the orders of William the Conqueror. It is described as being at Wareham in the Domesday Book, but historians now acknowledge this to be a topographical error. As a usurper, William feared a counter-invasion from France, Denmark or even from supporters of the hereditary King. For this reason he caused to be built a chain of Castles on the coast, between 1067 and his death. These were usually built and occupied by his most trusted adherents. They were usually granted Manors nearby to provide materials, labour and rents.

I have been in touch with a French Historical Society who believe that the builder of Corfe was a distant cousin of the Conqueror, William de Braose. This formidable character came from Briouze, south of Falaise, and he guarded Normandy for his ruler in 1066, joining him shortly after the invasion. He enjoyed the reputation of being a renowned castle-builder as well as a fierce fighter.

The Society put forward three valid arguments for their theory.

1. He was granted ten Manors adjacent to Corfe.
2. The layout of Bramber Castle, in Sussex, is identical, and de Braose definitely built Bramber.
3. Certain early stonework at Corfe has a marked similarity to that at Briouze. I have inspected the French site and, although the Castle was destroyed by the French, the Grange and Chapel remain and certainly the stonework is the same.

I find these reasons intriguing but not conclusive. There are other Norman Barons who possessed Manors in Dorset. Robert de Beaumont is a possibility. He may well have been given the Manor of Wareham in view of its proximity. De Braose spent much time fighting in France and Wales and there is no record of a sojourn in Dorset. The family were eminent until the reign of King John, owning vast estates in Normandy, Sussex and Wales. Through the female line, their blood runs in several noble families to this day. It was King John who caused the downfall of William Braose, who was suspected of favouring the King of France and who owed money to the King. Retribution in those days was swift and he was stripped of rank and possessions and died a penniless exile in Paris, leaving his wife (Mathilde de St Valery) and his son in the hands of the wicked King.

By a strange quirk of history, they were confined in the dungeons of Corfe Castle with a couple of dozen captive French Knights. We read in 'Histoire de Ducs de Normandy' that all were deprived of any food for the period of their

captivity. Shrieks and prayers were heard all over the Castle and in the end they resorted to cannibalism, young Braose being the first to suffer. There is little doubt that, in its long history, our grey Norman pile holds many grim secrets.

An old inhabitant of Corfe told me that when the wind was in the right direction at certain times of the year, it was possible to hear blood-curdling screams emanating from the Castle dungeons. King John's evil acts have much to answer for!

Paul Randall.

The Corfe Castle Map.

Several people have shown interest in the article I wrote about the 1791 Census authorised by William Pitt of Encombe. However there is another document in the Dorset Record Office, which shows the location of every inhabitant in 1769. This was commissioned by the Bankes family and although it does not show occupations we can discover where everybody lived at that time and which families have survived the passage of time.

The larger residences are described as Houses and the smaller ones as "Tofts"

The families, which have survived until recently, are Bonvilles or Bondfields, Bonds, Norman, Vincent, Stockley, Nineham, and Randall

Others such as Chinchin and Bevis are located at Swanage and Kingston.

The Public Houses listed are:-

The Ship, The Greyhound, The Wheatstone, The Royal Oak, The Anchor and the Castle.

There is no mention of the Ragged Cat.

In addition there were two maltings and one beer house so it would be correct to say that Corfe men liked their alcohol. Hutchins in his History of Dorset confirms this. The murder outside the Castle Inn some 125 years ago was the result of a drunken brawl.

Nearly all the houses in East Street were on the right hand side. On the left we see mostly gardens and open spaces although Mortons House was there. The Corfe River is shown as quite wide.

We are indeed fortunate to know so much about our predecessors; their names, their houses, their trades and their principal leisure activity.

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April has been lovely down in Kimmeridge Bay. Although there were a few people about along the cliffs and shoreline, it was not busy. The Wild Seas Centre was able to offer self-led activities for families, such as Shoreline Spotter Guides and Beachcombing Bingo, as well as the hire of our fabulous Seashore Explorer Packs which are packed with a range of activities to keep everyone happy. The Packs cost £6 for all day to hire and include a Plastic-free Crabbing line for you to keep. Just drop by the pop-up kiosk at the Centre to pick up your activity guides and speak to a warden.

Whilst we are still unable to allow visitors inside the Centre, staff and volunteers have been working hard to get it ready for our re-opening on 17th May. Our indoor rockpool has been re-stocked with a variety of seashore animals and algae to show our guests what they can find in the Kimmeridge rockpools at low tide. We will also be hosting an art exhibition by local artist and scuba-diver Sandra Stalker, with her stunning prints and models of local marine life. They make a wonderful souvenir to take home.

The Kimmeridge Bay snorkel trail has been laid for the summer. Unfortunately this was absent last year as a result of lockdown so it was great to get it back out there in the shallow, sheltered waters of the bay. The trail is marked by five white buoys and is located around the large intertidal ledge in the middle of the beach. A waterproof guide to show you how to follow the trail and what you might expect to see can be bought at the Wild Seas Centre by the slipway. We also have masks and snorkels to buy. At this time of year the water has started to warm up but is still chilly, so a wetsuit is definitely recommended. Despite the cold this is the best time of year to see the underwater colours before the sun bleaches them. A wide variety of algae in vibrant blues, reds and golds form a stunning backdrop to the animal activity of fish building nests, crabs searching for food, while beautiful stalked jellyfish in pinks, greens and yellows decorate the seaweed.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Wild Seas Centre this month and are available to advise on best places to explore our special marine wildlife. For more information about Dorset Wildlife Trust and the Centre visit www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/wild-seas-centre

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Kimmeridge News Easter Day

An outdoors, socially distanced Easter Day Service was held at Steeple with music provided on clarinet & melodeon. A very happy occasion with the sun shining on us, birds singing, spring flowers in abundance and even the nearby sheep joining in the singing!



Kimmeridge Coastguard

Our local Coastguard Volunteers were kept busy over Easter including a call to a walker on the coast path taken ill. We were helped by the Swanage Ambulance Car & Paramedic joining us on scene. The Ambulance Car was able to follow us across fields to reach the patient. A campaign is taking place to save this vital service to our local community in Purbeck – details can be found at <https://saveswanageambulancecar.org> Do please support this!



Steve & Helen Earwicker (earwicker@btinternet.com)

Smiling Seas April Report

1.7 tons of plastic removed!



Ever since the beginning of lockdown, back in March 2020, Smiling Seas has removed over 1.5 tons of plastic from Kimmeridge Bay. Given that one person can collect this amount in one year, imagine what a whole village and its visitors could do!

After each beach clean I document what I had found, the weight of the collection, then systemise it. This is essentially sorting through the bags (which admittedly is pretty unpleasant) and separating the rubbish into categories: hard plastics, metal, polystyrene, non-recyclable plastics, rubber, fishing lines, rope etc. Fortunately all hard plastics

can be collected by the Ocean Recovery Project, a small organisation based in Devon, who recycle hard plastics from beach cleans into useful products like picnic benches and fence posts. Rope and Polystyrene are still a monumental issue and are not yet widely recycled. If you can avoid using/purchasing Polystyrene, do!



Now that lock down is beginning to lift and the bay has reopened, I can begin to organise beach cleans again! The first organised beach clean will take place on **Saturday 1st May 2021**, from Gaulter Gap (Car Park Steps). The time is yet to be confirmed, due to the tides, but if you are able to join and help make a difference please do! Numbers will need to be monitored (Covid regulations) so please contact myself by email at smilingseas@outlook.com or message me on Instagram @smilingseas.

The first beach clean of the year will also be part of the million-mile beach clean, a plan created by Surfers Against Sewage. 100,000 volunteers will each commit to cleaning 10 miles of blue and green space throughout 2021: a worthwhile movement that will aid the mind, body and planet! The idea was created in direct response to the pandemic in order to reconnect people with the ocean and their natural surroundings and restore wellbeing. I am also sure many of us have noticed lots of discarded face masks and gloves! Lastly, please be careful when going down to the beach as I have found several syringes and needles recently!

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1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2nd	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
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Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
2nd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	By Zoom
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Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
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