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Editorial

The weather continues to be very unseasonal, being cold and wet. Happily however there have been sunny periods and it has not stopped people starting to go back to something like a normal life. The pubs have got people in their gardens and are now also starting to go inside. The forthcoming bank holiday and then half term will probably see lots of people coming to Purbeck for their holidays rather than going overseas.

This month the correspondence about military convoys, North Castle cottages, and who built the castle continues. Please send in your thoughts.

We are circulating the usual annual envelopes with this edition of the Corfe Valley News. The magazine costs roughly £1 an issue (or £12 per year) to print. Most of you will know that we raise this money by advertising, by donations from organisations and societies, and by donations from you the readers. Please send what you can in the envelope to one of the addresses on the front. Your generous donations help us to continue to produce the magazine. No one involved with CVN is paid and our only costs are for the printing and a small amount of miscellaneous expenses. Thank you very much for your support and contributions.

Stephen

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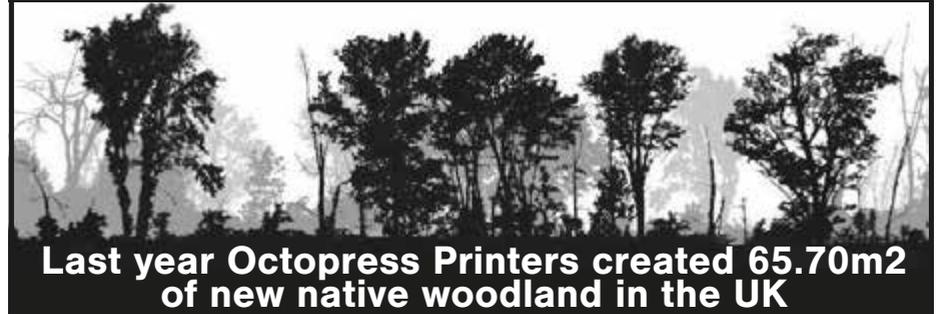
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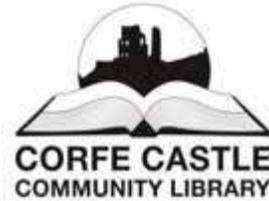
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We also have a Community Facebook Group where you can chat and share news and thoughts — search Facebook for CorfeCastleCommunity

News from the Library

The library is open for 'conventional' use. You can enter the building and browse the books. However, there are some new rules to ensure it is covid secure:



- **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.
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- **Printing/photocopying** – ask a volunteer for help with this.
- If you don't yet have a **library card**, we can help you get one.
- **We are open Wednesday (11.00 – 12.00) and Saturday (10.00 – 12.00)**

Future Talks in the Library

The 'Talks in the Library' series will resume in the Autumn (we never run them through the summer and October seems a 'safe' date to resume).

October 15th 2021 – Martyn Jessop: *An Afternoon of Local Films.*

An opportunity to watch some archive films of Purbeck (screened using the projection equipment in the village hall). There are films of people and places from the 1930's and 1940's in Corfe and Purbeck as well as more recent material from 'the late 20th century' which is surprisingly vintage already! The films should spark reminiscences and there will be opportunity for people to share their memories and comments.

This event was originally scheduled for January this year but was cancelled due to the sudden lockdown.

November 26th 2021 - Deb Fullbrook and Elmo: *An Afternoon of Photography.*

You may have seen Deb's photography when she exhibits in the Purbeck Arts Weeks (PAW). Deb delights in taking images on her wanderings around Purbeck and further afield with her dog Elmo. She aims to capture the immediacy of memory-invoking pictures of landscapes, flora and fauna. Few, if any of her photos are planned, rather they are the happy result of her spontaneous, sometimes quirky and humorous, occasionally wistful, reactions to her surroundings.

Come along for an afternoon of wonderful photography in the presence of a most jovial presenter (and, of course, Elmo).

The illustrated talk will be followed by a collection for the charity Hearing Dogs and an opportunity to buy prints or cards (maybe Christmas cards!) of some of Deb's images.

Obviously at this stage we have no idea what Covid restrictions will be in force by October but we'll deal with that nearer the time. It's quite advanced notice but we thought you'd like to know what we are planning for the Autumn.



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Update from the Environmental Group

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL
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Date for your diary

- Thur 10th June **Environmental Group** meeting – 7:00pm (2nd Thur)
We expect to meet in person but also hope to continue with Zoom for those who prefer that – Those on the mailing list will receive the invite instructions in due course. Not on the list? Email corfecastlepc@aol.com

Hope you've all benefitting from the much-needed rain in May!

Giki Zero – Free Carbon Footprint Tool

We're hopeful that many of you are enjoying using Giki to learn and try new ways of reducing your carbon footprint, most of which will be saving you £££.

As we write, our aim is to send out a **£100 discount** code (see – we told you that you'd save £££!) at the end of June to all those that have signed up to Giki **and** connected to the community version. The voucher will reduce your energy bills when switching to a particular supplier.

If you're using Giki already, but haven't added your ever-growing score to the collaborative community score, simply email the Parish Clerk (Michelle) so that your efforts can be linked to others. Nothing changes at your end; your efforts just slot in amongst others within the community – helping everyone who's joined to keep reducing their carbon footprint.

Thanks to our efforts, the Sustainable Swanage group are getting involved with Giki as well – come on, we've got to show them how it's done!

TRY IT... www.zero.giki.earth/faqs

Biodiversity Projects

- **Churchyards:** Continuing on from the initial success of the no mowing area / wildflower planting / bug friendly wood pile / composting etc at **St Edward's Church** we've started a similar project at St. James's in Kingston.
- **Tree Nursery – PART 1:** Exciting times ahead – We're forming our own tree nursery within the parish, there's the Secret field - which will surely involve more trees, there's a larger scale tree nursery is being created close by and there's Planet Purbeck's Hedgerow & Woodlands project, Holme Garden's are also creating a tree nursery as well. We'll be joining forces with all of these to share success. Interested? Get in touch to join us...
- **Tree Nursery – PART 2:** Do you have any self-seeded **native** tree seedlings that you do not want? Please pop them in a pot for us to grow on ready for our **Nursery** in the autumn. We'll take them now if you like.

Litter Free Purbeck

We're delighted to announce that Kevin Culbert of East Street, Corfe Castle, has stepped forward to become Corfe Castle's representative at Litter Free Purbeck.

Can you help in any way? Find out more at www.litter-freepurbeck.org.uk/

The Secret Field

After a heart-warming evening of close to 50 members of the community taking a socially-distanced walk to the field at the end of April we're now busy getting the T&Cs ready with the National Trust. We've had some wonderful suggestions of how the space can be used. If you want any of those to become a reality, we'll need your help. Year 1 & 2 will be about taking it steady, finding our feet, not over committing etc. all whilst brimming with positive ideas and energy. We grasped the inspiring scale of enthusiasm from the community when we met just a few of you – could this project 'headline' the community's Platinum Jubilee celebrations? Could this project still be thriving at its own Platinum Jubilee???

TOP TIPS

Avoid single use plastic (or single use anything for that matter!)

Did you know that a plastic bag can take over 500 years to decay in a landfill site? As of the 21st May 2021 ALL shops must now charge 10p for each one you buy – so a bag for-life is officially better for your pocket and for the environment!

- Recycle your old plastic bags at your preferred supermarket so they can make more bags for life.
- Use a 'Zero Waste Shop' such as Bare Necessities in Wareham for the bulk of your dried goods and your toiletry and cleaning refills – again you'll be staggered at how much £££ you can save.
- Recycle all your 'scrunchy' plastic at The Co-Op in Swanage – biscuits wrappers / pasta packets etc. etc.
- Try a nude-food lunch box – Challenge yourself to make a packed lunch for yourself or someone in your family without any single use plastic involved
- Try recycled loo-roll – some very quirky company's out there doing brilliant things. Just search 'plastic free toilet roll'.

Join us or get in touch via the Parish Clerk (Michelle)

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Follow us on Facebook: "Corfe Castle Environmental Group"

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Corfe Castle Surgery

As we are still in the Covid pandemic, the NHS recommends that we carry on with telephone triage and phone back every patient who wants advice from a Doctor. We ask many of the patients we have telephoned, to then come to the surgery for a face-to-face appointment, but due to infection control measures and social distancing, we can only let patients into the surgery if they have a planned appointment.

Please could I ask that you stay within close proximity to your phone whilst waiting on a call back as the Doctors have set clinic times and when a call goes unanswered it can delay things for other patients and create more calls for the GP.

We are keen, as we are sure you are too, to avoid transmission of infection and so to ensure social distancing we are closely monitoring how many patients are in our building including sitting in the waiting room. We need to take more precautions than shops etc due to the vulnerability of some of our patients.

The Nurses have continued to see most of their patients face to face for blood tests, dressings, vaccinations and ECG's but continue to call patients for routine reviews. We have however noticed an increase in the number of patients that do not attend these prebooked appointments, resulting in lost clinic times and longer waits for others. If you have an appointment that you cannot attend please let the reception team know as soon as you can, as we may be able to offer the appointment to another patient.

We all look forward to lockdown measures continuing to ease but in the meantime, many thanks for your patience and understanding and please know that you can contact the Surgery for all of your medical needs as before, but until we receive further guidance from the NHS we will be continuing with this way of working.

It is Carers week 7th-13th June and if you require any information on registering as a carer or require help or support, or know anyone who might, please contact Georgia our carers lead on 01929 480441. Please also make sure that all contact details including mobile numbers and email addresses are up to date as this is a good way for Georgia to share relevant information with you.

Kerry Norman
Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

By the time you read this it will be June. Let's hope the weather has remembered this and finally decided to cheer us up with a dose of the sunshine and warmth we have been craving. For much of the past year we have often felt we were in an endless dark tunnel of winter and Covid restrictions. Now at last not only is there the prospect of the summer ahead but also, largely thanks to all those involved in the vaccination programme, the increasing freedom to live our lives as we choose. We can (cautiously!) hug loved ones again, share indoor meals with friends, go to the cinema, concerts, take the children to soft play areas, play sport, re-connect with work colleagues in the workplace again and so on.

That said, coming out of that tunnel will not be straightforward for everyone. There's uncertainty about what the 'new normal' will be like or how the rest of this year will turn out. A year of isolation, loneliness, fear, financial and practical difficulties and personal loss will have taken an understandable toll. Some people here, young and old, may struggle to pick up their lives again and will need ongoing support from us all.

If you yourself would like advice or help there are various places to turn. Just talking to a friend or family member can make a difference. Alternatively, Corfe Castle Surgery and the five other Purbeck GP practices now have four 'social prescribers'. Their role is to give practical and emotional support to local residents facing a wide range of difficulties including long term health conditions, mental health issues, isolation, housing problems or social needs. If you would like their help you can contact them direct at Help and Care Dorset. Their phone number is 0300 111 3303 and email address helpandcare.org.uk/services/self-management. They will give you time to identify what matters most to you and help make a plan to support you. It might include linking you up to any of a wide range of activities or community groups; for example, volunteering, group learning, sport, healthy eating. They will sign-post you to whatever would help you most.

Carers have faced particular challenges during Lockdown. Carers UK has a helpline and also a useful guide covering topics like taking a break, disability benefits, help with Council Tax and other financial matters. Contact the Carers UK Helpline at advice@carersuk.org or phone 0808 808 7777.

Our valiant surgery staff continue to look after us, combining their triple tasks of delivering a near-normal level of everyday healthcare at the Surgery,

catching up with review appointments and spending many hours each week sorting out and delivering our covid jabs. Two very polite requests about how we can help them please. One is not to phone to ask to change the date of your vaccination unless it is for a medical reason. It's very difficult and time-consuming for them to make changes. The other is to make sure that you let them know if you can't for any reason attend your booked appointment with a doctor or nurse at the Surgery. The total of missed appointment time each week adds up to a considerable amount of wasted time for the staff and someone else missing out on being seen. Thank you. I just hope I don't now immediately forget one myself!

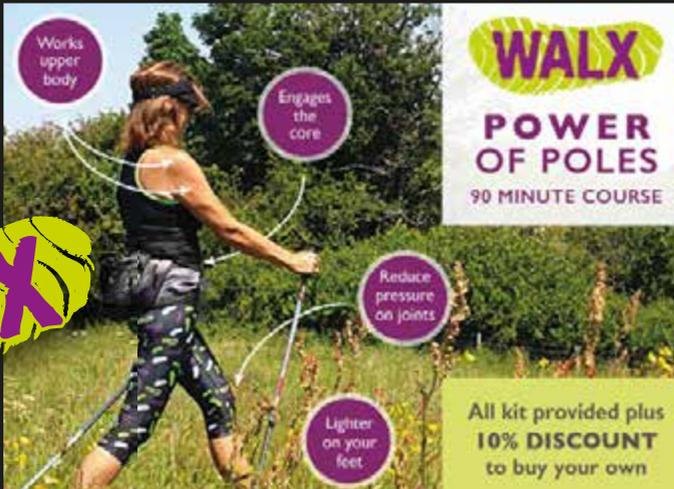
It's not yet clear what the details of the national GP services will look like after the epidemic. We're all looking forward to more normal times here in Corfe Castle Surgery and seeing more of the team's friendly faces again in due course. There will inevitably be some changes, especially as the number of patients has continued to grow, but nothing is clear yet except that we shall continue to be looked after outstandingly well. All we can do for now is hope the team will all be able to have much-deserved holidays this summer.

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Prologue

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Egyptian geese are not a native species and the UK population is derived from birds that have escaped from wildfowl collections. It is unusual to see them in Dorset though sightings of them are increasing, particularly in the Wareham area.

The Residents

Ravens have been regular nesters at Corfe Castle for many years and an easily recognised and well respected feature of the place. In December a pair frequented the castle, going through the courtship routines leading up to another nesting season. The birds refurbished the nest from the previous year in the fireplace high up in the wall of the keep. By the beginning of March the nest had become a huge mass of small branches half hanging over the side of the ledge, the head of one of the pair just distantly visible through a telescope from the Castle View car park, presumably incubating a clutch of eggs.

The New Neighbours

2020 was an exciting summer for birdwatchers at the castle. It has been a long time since peregrine falcons nested there and they entertained visitors with tremendous aerial displays, eventually fledging three young. It’s not unusual for peregrines and ravens to nest near to each other on cliffs and they generally seem to co-exist successfully, so hopes were high that 2021 would be a repeat. All seemed well throughout March with the peregrines being seen regularly and the ravens settled on their nest.

The Invaders

The morning of 4th April was a day of changing fortunes. Two large birds perched on the remains of the gloriette in the early morning sunshine turned out to be a pair of Egyptian geese, perhaps two of the birds that made that flypast back in December. They were bold and noisy, repeatedly taking off and flying a circuit of the castle before landing again on a different part of the walls. The

ravens were clearly unhappy, leaving their nest and keeping watch from the air some distance away. The peregrines flew away out of sight.

The geese had departed by 9.30am. The ravens settled back down and the peregrines reappeared later in the day. Though unrecorded, it seems likely that this scenario was repeated over the next few days because on the morning of the 8th, the female goose was perched on the raven’s nest. The ravens had been evicted.

April

The peregrines appeared most days though the presence of the geese seemed to deter them from nesting. The female was seen at last year’s nest site several times, on one occasion plucking and eating a large bird which, when the fallen remains were examined, turned out to be a kestrel. As the month progressed sightings of the female dwindled though the male was often perched on the high points of the keep.

Surprisingly, the female goose started to occupy the raven’s nest. It seems that it is not unusual for Egyptian geese to use abandoned nests in trees or cliff ledges in their natural range.

Sadly, the ravens had completely abandoned the castle.

May

The fortunes of the peregrines have taken a turn for the better and they seem rejuvenated. Perhaps as the geese have become less boisterous, the peregrines have reached a point of co-existence with them.

This week has seen much peregrine activity and they are now occupying the same nest site as they used in 2020. Earlier today (13th May) I witnessed the most spectacular food pass between the pair as they circled over the outer bailey, screaming at each other.

The goose is still occupying the raven’s nest and the gander makes sporadic visits to view the situation from the high walls of the keep. I have a suspicion that we may see some goslings in the next few days. This will be quite an event to witness as it is a sheer drop of 60 feet from the nest to the ground below.

I can’t wait to see how this ‘Game of Thrones’ saga plays out over the coming weeks.



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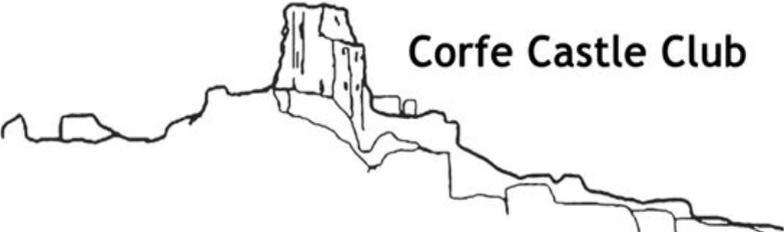
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Corfe Castle Club



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News from the Castle

Wow what a year! A massive thank you, for all your support, sadly the hospitality and travel industry have been hit extremely hard. But things are on the up. However, your safety is still our number one concern.

THE FUTURE

Fingers crossed, we are looking forward to a lovely summer and some form of normality.

On that note:

Friday fish nights are back, Pete and the rest of the crew are looking forward to serving some lovely fish dishes and fantastic hospitality.

Thursday Steak nights, have returned, and we look forward to seeing you all again.

We love this time of year. The Castle Inn is blooming, with hanging baskets and we have all been working hard behind the scenes, to make it look, even more fantastic.

Our aim is to make this summer special, as we feel everyone deserves it.

So, whether you fancy a nice glass of wine in our pretty garden, a special night out or just to pop in, to say hi, we cannot wait to see you. Thank you all again for your wonderful and continuous support.

From the little pub with a big heart.....

Corfe Castle Village Hall

100 club:

The May draw first prize of £20 was won by member 59, with member 9 getting second prize £10 and member 19 winning the third prize £4.50. Prizes for the draws so far this year will be available for collection at the June Coffee Morning.

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.

Village Hall Coffee Mornings:

These resume on Saturday 5th June. It will be great to see familiar faces again. For the June meeting we will have to be socially distanced and masks wearing, as in Autumn last year. We hope soon to be able to run the usual full variety of stalls. Watch out for this - we will probably be shifting out some old stock at bargain basement prices! At the June meeting prizes for the five 100 Club draws we have missed this year will be available for collection - the winning members are 3, 9, 12 (twice), 19, 26, 34, 52, 59, 62, 69, 75, 81, 82 and 86.

general news:

The Village Hall is now re-open more fully, with dance and pilates classes having restarted in May, and other regular users also considering when they should re-start.

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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www.corfeastleivillagehall.co.uk

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

AGM:

Would you like to find out more about what we do? You won't be put under any pressure (!), but we are always looking for more people to become involved in running our wonderful facility for the village. The Village Hall AGM is on Friday 4th June at 7pm. All local residents are welcome to attend and anyone aged 18+ is entitled to vote on the election of next year's Trustees. Due to Covid, numbers are limited – so please get there early to avoid disappointment!

Listening to the sand dunes

By Julia Galbenu (Dynamic Dunescapes Engagement Officer)

Studland Bay has stories to tell. Within the sand and under the heather are hidden noises and untold tales. And they ask you... Do you know what sound a pine tree makes? Or the calls that happen at night? How about the stories from the war or perhaps the wonders of our dune dynamics? Well now you can put your headphones in, go for a walk and experience an exploratory soundscape at Studland Bay.



Alex King – Starlings at Studland

The sound journey can be discovered by installing the free Echoes app and downloading the ‘listening to the sand dunes’ walk at Studland. A map will show you where you are and the location of ten echoes (sound clips) for you to find. Some echoes are in popular spots, while others are hidden in the wilderness. As such, on your

exploration, please be mindful of tough vegetation, cattle grazing and the wildlife that lives at Studland. The dunes are home to some wonderful species, like nightjars that make their nest on the ground or adders that live in the heather. To keep yourself and the wildlife safe please walk carefully, wear appropriate clothing, keep dogs on a lead and take any litter home.

Each echo has a different theme, species or story to tell and has been developed by two sound artists, Laura Reid and Adrian Newton (both members of EAP, Environmental Art Practitioners). Laura blends music with conversation to further deepen our understanding of history, culture and ecology at Studland Bay. Adrian, who worked with Lynn Davy and Arthur Newton, uses specialist equipment to record hidden nature sounds and gives us a window into a noisy world we rarely hear. Adrian comments on his work for the ‘listening to the sand dunes’ project:

“One of the things that makes a place distinctive is its soundscape. At Studland there are many sound marks, which people find evocative, such as the sound of the wind whispering in the marram grass, or of waves breaking on the shore. There is even a local tradition that in some parts of Studland, the sand sings when you walk on it. Using special microphones, this walk explores

such sound marks, with a focus on those that you might not encounter on a typical visit”.

The development of this sound walk is all due to Dynamic Dunescapes, a nationwide project to restore sand dunes across England and Wales. So far at Studland Bay, we have re-created patches of bare sand and reintroduced cattle grazing, but everyone can play a part in restoring this special place. The sand dunes have become over-vegetated, and as a result are declining in biodiversity. By exploring the ‘listening to the sand dunes’ soundscape, you will be taken off-path to trample on overgrown vegetation and create space for rare life. If we leave no trace, and are mindful of the local wildlife, we can help the dunes simply by exploring them.



Changing Landscapes by Caroline Pearce



Memories of Life and Death - Andrew Hawkes
Poole Photo Archive

So, take an immersive trip to Studland Bay. The soundscape works best with headphones, and by downloading the walk before you go. There is also an instruction sheet to collect at Knoll Beach if you wish. You can start at either Shell Bay or Northern Boundary, and the experience will take you approximately 2-hours. Get lost in sound, discover untold stories and know that by doing so, you are also helping restore

our sand dunes.

Download the Echoes app: <https://explore.echoes.xyz/>

Read about the Dynamic Dunescapes project: <https://dynamicdunescapes.co.uk/project/dorset/>

Sound walk instructions: <https://dynamicdunescapes.co.uk/dune-soundwalks-at-studland-bay/>

International sand dune day!



On the 25th June it is International Sand Dune Day, so join us at Studland Bay for a day of celebration and adventure. At Knoll Beach you will find our dune den, where you can chat to us and pick up activity sheets on geocaching, sound trail, mindful movement, wildlife spotting + many more!

We will also be running exclusively local events from the Discovery Centre:

Nature Tots, 10-11:30am

Bring your little ones for a morning of family fun on the dunes.

Wildlife and Ecology Guided Walk, 2-4pm

Explore the dunes on a guided walk, learning about the ecology, biodiversity and conservation.

Save the Dunes, 5:30-7:30pm



Join our family friendly evening to save the dunes. We will be taking part in conservation work to learn and look after the dunes. Activities include pulling pines and making a sand lizard habitat!

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Dates of forthcoming meetings

- **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. This meeting will be in the **Village Hall**. We will welcome you back with scones, cream and jam. A risk assessment will be carried out prior to this meeting and the venue will be Covid secure.
- **July 6th:** A talk from **Citizens Advice**.
- **August 3rd:** **Summer Barbeque – 12.30 – 3.30pm - Save the Date!**

At our last meeting Reggie Wright from Godlingston Manor gave us a very interesting and informative talk about organic gardening. Reggie’s passion for the subject was very evident and she gave us lots of tips and advice in a question and answer session. She emphasised the importance of producing healthy plants to help stop them becoming stressed and then victims to attack from pests. She suggested the use of seaweed as a mulch which is full of trace elements and will break down well over the winter. She also talked about the use of companion plants to draw pests away, such as planting onions and garlic near carrots and basil and tomatoes together. Often what works on the plate will work on the ground. We are hoping that in the autumn as a follow up to this talk some of our members might visit Reggie and her garden.

Aquarius 50/50 Club

So far we have nearly 50 members signed up for this, which is amazing. Thanks to everyone for their support. Our first draw will be at our June meeting which will be back in the Village Hall.



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You probably know the MGM film version. You may know the books.

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If you want to join us, just come along on any Monday evening in June at Corfe Castle Village Hall at 7pm. (till 9pm)

All ages and abilities are welcome!

Murder Mystery in the castle

We are also hoping to run our Murder Mysteries inside the castle this summer.

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

Again, if you would like to join in or just help please contact us for details.

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.



North Castle Cottages

To the north of the castle, lies a large field with a couple of old barns in it. Not unsurprisingly, it is called 'North Castle' and belonged to the castle (part of the Castle Leaze).



An old bound stone, made in 1783, can be found halfway up West Hill by the Norden boundary fence with the inscription:

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William Woodward's 1775 map

The field, in times past, had been divided into three - the field called *North Castle Close* of just over 6a. at no.11, *North Castle Green* and a separate plot of land on the NE side (shown as a 'U' shape on the map). Not all of it belonged to the castle as the plot was privately owned.

Note: St Edward's Bridge is called 'New Bridge'.

The separate plot isn't shown on Woodward's map because it wasn't part of the Bankes Estate although a previous map of 1585 (Ralph Treswell's) did depict the plot lying between the enclosed grounds to Norden on the north, North Castle on the west and the road to Wareham on the east.



'*Haward of Newton*' is written on the map which should have been '*Hayward*' as John Hayward owned the plot at this time. He paid annual dues to the castle of 2 iron horseshoes with nails or their equivalent which amounted to 2d. Because this Lord's payment was so specific, it is likely that in the 1326 survey one Thomas Chepe (assuming that has been transcribed correctly) lived there and although no cottage is shown on the Treswell map, a dwelling is mentioned in the survey along with an acre of land. It is possible that the cottage fell into disrepair and was rebuilt but records are a bit lean on the ground for this period. A survey in 1572 calls it a burgage so a dwelling certainly stood then.

In 1735, Henry Bankes purchased the property and by 1758, it was leased to Corfe's schoolmaster, Samuel Burt, despite it being '*ruinous and uninhabited*'! The Overseers of the parish took it over in 1781 and it was divided into two cottages to provide more accommodation for the needy of the parish. Looking at the watercolour below, it looks like an extension had been built on one side. See the picture on the next page.



The OS 1926 revised map published 1929 showing where the cottages stood.

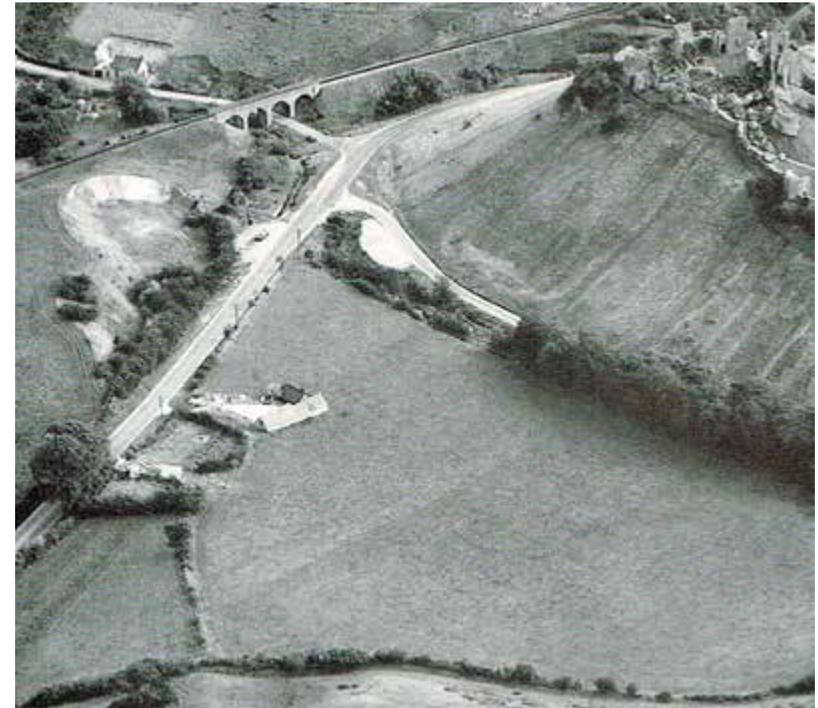


A painting of the cottages – date unknown and artist probably M Wright



A Geological expedition to Swanage in 1910 photographed the plot. The clay pits are shown and in the distance the Arne Road can be seen crossing the railway. Vegetation is sparse!

The cottage was still inhabited in August 1947. It had been reconditioned back to one cottage after 1937 but, about 1948/9, the cottage had burnt down and all that is shown on an aerial photo of 1952 is rubble.



If anyone has any memories of the cottage/cottages, The Corfe Castle Town Trust would love to hear from them. Contact mlouisehaywood@gmail.com
Louise Haywood

Comments received about North Castle Farm and the military convoy

Peter Smith raises a question in CVN about North Castle Farm to the north of the village. It seems to have been a very small farm – there were some as late as the early post-war years – located in the field we still call North Castle. Access to North Castle Farm was through the gate on your left as you drive towards the Norden roundabout. Buildings with a corrugated iron roof are the farm buildings of the old farm. The farmhouse was thatched and almost uniquely in the village at that time seems to have been built of cob rather than stone. It burned down in about 1949. I remember being told that the chimney caught fire (puzzling for a small boy until someone explained that

it was actually the soot in the chimney which caught fire) and sparks from the chimney then set fire to the thatched roof. No one repaired it promptly and once the weather penetrated the cob the walls fell down. I am fairly sure there is an identifiable flat area on your right as you walk towards the existing buildings which marks the site of the farmhouse. Michael Bond

In answer to Mr Peter Smith's letter in May's CVN.

I can't seem to find anything about Mr Croft at Vineyard Farm, but it has always been known that he once farmed there when talking to a few oldies, it seems that Mr Bill Nineham lived in the cottage at North Castle, which in those days I find was "Castlelease farm; Bill was a carter, perhaps for Mr Croft, and the cart house was below the cottage, near the entrance to the field. This present day the national trust has put up a store shed, or workshop on the old footings of the cart house.

Another thing that points to Bill Nineham working for Mr Croft, was at some time he moved down to the thatch cottage at Vineyard, where Mr Croft was farming. Later in life Bill moved to "Ninehams" in East Street. The cottage now has been re-named "China cottage.



An early photograph of the cottages

As far as my wife can remember, her brother Mr Fred Simpson was living at North Castle with his wife Irene. While at North Castle their son Jim was born, and it is possible that he was the last child born there. Fred's

neighbour at this time was Mr Bert Mellish and his wife, I presume he perhaps worked on the farm, as in those day's there were many tied cottages.

We always understood from Fred that they were the last two tenants at North Castle, when the cottage was condemned. Fred moved to take up Claywell farm on the Rempstone estate, Bert Mellish and his wife were allocated a house at Halves cottages, which had been recently built.

The first four houses were built to house farm workers. The cottage stood empty for a number of years.

Eventually the thatch was struck by lightning and that was the end of Castlelease farm. The buttress on the end of the cottage can still be seen from the road at north castle.

I have also been told that Miss Brinton lived there but I have no idea of the date. She later moved to Kingston (Clara Brinton).

In answer to Peter's letter, in World War 2 there was a great build-up of forces in the south, so I would doubt there would be too much posing. It would appear that the build-up was for D-Day as many troops went from our coast. In answer to the lack of scrubby bushes and vegetation around the rivers. In our younger days the Dorset County Council always kept wild growth at bay, and road verges free to drain- if anyone can enlighten on my findings I would be very grateful, bearing in mind "there's only a few of us old ones left".

Ken Williams

The Royal Artillery Convoy.

May I join in the discussion about the Royal Artillery convoy which has appeared in recent issues of the CVN.

The 94th (Dorset and Somerset Yeomanry) Brigade are a likely identity for this convoy. As has been pointed out the transport looks obsolete if the scene occurred during World War II.

During World War I there were cavalry regiments called the Dorset Yeomanry and the Somerset Yeomanry. These were part of the Territorial Army, the army's part-time reserve. Yeomanry regiments had a history going back to the early 19th century. Yeomanry soldiers were expected to provide their own horses and equipment. I don't know whether they were compensated if, for example, the horse was killed by enemy action. Both regiments distinguished themselves in the Middle East during World War I. The Dorset Yeomanry charged and overran a force of Senusi tribesman reinforced by regular Turkish Army soldiers with barbed wire and machine guns in the desert somewhere near what is now the border between Egypt and Libya. The Somerset Yeomanry played a part in the capture of Beersheba by the British army under General Allenby. I have seen their graves there. Horse cavalry played an important part in the campaign in, broadly, what is now Israel, the West Bank and Jordan, which culminated in the collapse of the Ottoman Empire in the Middle East. The simple fact was that in World War I almost the only way to move soldiers across country faster than they could walk was to put them on horses. Tanks at that time moved at walking speed; and the armoured cars, although relatively fast, had limited off-road performance.

In the 1930s it was decided that the army needed a higher proportion of artillery to infantry and cavalry than had been the case; and Territorial Army units, both infantry and cavalry, were converted to artillery. Hence the 94th (Dorset and Somerset Yeomanry) Brigade Royal Artillery. In those days a "Brigade" Royal Artillery was what we now call a Regiment, that is a Lieutenant-Colonel's command, equivalent to an infantry battalion or

armoured regiment. (If this seems confusing to us think what it must have been, and still is, to our enemies). By 1939 the army was re-equipping its field artillery with the 25-pounder, and excellent gun which remained in service into the 1960s. In 1940 the regular army in France would have had most of the 25-pounders which were lost following the evacuation at Dunkirk. A Territorial Army regiment would still be using the 18-pounder which was the standard field artillery gun during the World War I and these are what the photo appears to show. A Territorial Regiment might be expected to be equipped with obsolescent lorries. Incidentally it is worth remembering that much of the German army's artillery was pulled by horses throughout the war and up to their surrender in 1945. The officer is wearing Service Dress, with Sam Browne belt, the standard "combat dress" for officers during the First World War and remaining in use as such between the wars. In 1939/40 a Territorial Army unit might well not yet have been issued with battledress, the World War II "combat dress" which also lasted well into the 1960s.

Might the photo be a carefully posed PR picture to show artillery being moved to Studland to defend the coast against possible invasion during the tense summer of 1940 when as one military operation order put it: "the enemy are far too near"?

Michael Bond.

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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for JUNE 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	June	Tuesday	Afternoon	Aquarius talk about the charity Footprints
4	June	Friday	7.00 pm	Village Hall AGM in the Hall
5	June	Saturday - Details to be published		Gardening Club open gardens
5	June	Saturday	10.00 or 10.30	Village Hall Coffee Morning
12	June	Saturday	Depends on tides	Beach clean – Meet at Gaulter Gap
25	June	Friday		International Sand Dune Day
26	June	Saturday	11.30am	Ivan Orchard Football Shield at Corfe Castle Football Club
26	June	Saturday	2.30pm – 5.00pm	Steeple Manor Gardens Open

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

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
3	August	Tuesday		Aquarius Barbeque
7 – 21	August	Various dates; see item under notices and thanks pages		Purbeck Art Weeks Music events
30	August	Monday	Times to be announced	Harmans Cross Annual Fete and Field Day
2 – 5	September	Details to be published		Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival
11 – 26	September	Details to be published		Purbeck Art Weeks visual events
15	October	Friday	Time to be announced, but probably 2.00pm	An afternoon of local films in the Community Library
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 Ian Jackson writes

At present, we have all become very familiar with words and phrases such as 'flexible', 'cautious' and 'more settled'; and although much is going well in terms of dealing with the virus we continue to be in uncertain times.

Really, this is always the case for some people at some places in the world; and it can seem that some have more than a fair share of uncertainty.

At the same time we cope with such uncertainty in a variety of ways, and some do so more easily than others. All the more reason to be understanding and supportive of each other and especially as a more familiar pattern of life gradually emerges.

Christian faith and life helps us here. At the start of the Bible, in the 1st chapter of Genesis, we read in the first account (there are 2) of creation that God creates order out of 'waste and void' - Genesis 1:2, Revised Version. In Paul's letter to the Romans in the New Testament, chapter 8, Paul speaks of the creation continuing and uses the image of childbirth to express this.

There is much debate about the biblical understanding of creation. A key point from the 2 passages I mention is that creation is ongoing and does involve pain, uncertainty and some continuing chaos. And yet through this comes about all that is good, true and full of God's glory. We do not always see and know this easily or immediately. Encouraging each other in faith and hope is another way we can encourage each other.

As with all aspects of life at present church life is re-emerging. Some things will be the same, others will be different. We hope and pray all will be for good.

It is very good that we have been able to continue working on some of the changes needed since we became a benefice of 7 parishes. The final stage of consultation ends at the beginning of June as the PCCs and parishes of the Purbeck Hills (Kingston, Langton and Worth) become one parish with one PCC. The Corfe valley parishes continue to consider what changes might be appropriate and helpful. We will be finding our feet with some of this and obviously learning and adapting, where necessary, as we go along.

I would like to thank all who have been particularly involved in working out these developments for the benefice – a lot of time and effort has been given most generously; thank you! I would also like to ask for everyone's continuing help, support and prayer. We cannot always embrace all suggestions but we try very hard to listen to all thoughts and comments and to seek God's way for us all in our life together as his people in these parishes.

Ian

Bible Readings - June 2021

Sunday 6 th June	1 st Sunday after Trinity Psalm 130 Genesis 3: 8 – 15 2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5:1 Mark 3: 20 – end
Sunday 13 th June	2 nd Sunday after Trinity Psalm 92: 1 – 8 Ezekiel 17: 22 – end 2 Corinthians 5: 6 – 10; 14 – 17 Mark 4: 26 – 34
Sunday 20 th June	3 rd Sunday after Trinity Psalm 107: 1 – 3; 23 – 32 Job 38: 1 – 11 2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 13 Mark 4: 35 – 41
Sunday 27 th June	4 th Sunday after Trinity Psalm 30 Lamentations: 3: 23 – 33 2 Corinthians 8: 7 – end Mark 5: 21 – end
Sunday 4 th July	5 th Sunday after Trinity Psalm 123 Ezekiel 2: 1 – 5 2 Corinthians 12: 2 – 20 Mark 6: 1 - 13

Church Services during June 2021

Each Sunday of the month
9am In St Edward's Corfe Castle Holy Communion
8 am in St Nicholas Worth – Holy Communion (BCP)
10am In St George's Langton AND on line (zoom) Holy Communion
10am Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83570811911>
On the 2nd Sunday of the month
9.30am in the churchyard of St Michaels' Steeple Morning Worship

June 13th and June 27th 11.15 am in St James Kingston Holy Communion.

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: June 20th, July 18th, and August 15th 2021, informal and friendly.

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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By the time this goes to press, many of you will have seen the scaffolding on the church building. We are having work done on the building to seal it from leaks. We have already replaced the guttering. Once this is done, we will be decorating the inside of the chapel and fitting new flooring. One of the main things that has to be done, is to staple and point the crack that has been caused by subsidence and to put a monitor across it to see what is happening now. Until this is completed, we will eventually be meeting in the Cabin/Fellowship Room.

It is important to meet together, but as you know this has not been possible physically during this pandemic, but it has been possible on line or via zoom etc.

Not where they gather but as they gather, this is the heart of the church. When the word "Church" comes up in conversation, we think of a building. Church is never about bricks and mortar, it was always greater than that. In the Bible, 'Church' is always referred to as people, not a place and the building is where the church can meet.

Jesus never promises that with size or organisation that there would be more of His presence. Jesus was not obsessed by large numbers or grand gestures, what He longed for was FAITH.

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." **Hebrews 11:1**

We don't know what the month of June holds for us, but currently our services are on hold, until further notice.

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Pioneer View

Dear Friends,

We are slowly but surely approaching the time when all the lockdown
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I guess we are all wondering what this new normal will look like. What will
this new post pandemic landscape look like?

I guess my first observation of this new way of being is, it will never be the
same as the pre pandemic. We will be living in a quite different culture with a
manifold number of challenges to face.

Perhaps the overarching emotions in this brave new world could be anxiety,
fear as well a certain amount relief. My sense is that it will take some time to
adjust to our newfound freedoms. It will require us to tread gently and
cautiously.

It will take some time to sink in as to what we have all passed through. It has
been both traumatic and painful for many people in our communities as for the
communities themselves. Perhaps we need to take stock and reflect our own
grief and the loss of loved ones during this time.

The Growing Compassionate Communities charity will be responding to this
new normal in several ways. One important GCC project is that we are
planting a single tree in every community we serve, so that communities can
recognise and remember people that have passed during this pandemic. The
following words will be on a memorial plaque:

"This memorial is a tribute to all of those we have lost, and those who are left
behind during the Covid 19 Pandemic."

This will not only provide an opportunity to say goodbye for many people
who have lost loved ones, as well as their neighbours to visit, but it will also
be a place of healing.

I will end with a quote from somebody who is familiar with grief and loss:

"Grief is the price we pay for love "Queen Elizabeth 11

Go well.

Peter

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Welcome to the Jolly month of June!

I'm sure we all hope there will be causes for us to be jolly and to make merry. Greater social contact – with sensible precautions still - let's not throw out the baby with the bath water. Better and more settled weather, longer days to enjoy gardens and gardening, as well as the uplifting effect of plants in bloom and fruit forming on the trees. Ain't Nature wonderful? It's remarkable what is achieved with, or sometimes despite, our efforts to help Nature on its course.

Club members will have received the programme for the year and will, I hope, be looking forward to the Open Gardens early this month and the self-drive trip to Iford Manor in July. If you are not yet a member you can join at *GREAT* expense anytime. (The only expense is a phone call to Gerry Stoker, our secretary – details on the back page) Membership, is free this year.

We had a very successful Plant Sale last month. Thanks to those who donated plants so generously and those who bought so enthusiastically.

Sat having a well earned “cuppa” in the garden we noted the number of bees and other winged insects that were visiting the blossom on our old apple tree. The hum and their industry brought pleasure during our brief idleness. It also brought nostalgia for the days of youth when the hum from such activity would have been heard in the next door garden, not just by we two sat virtually under the tree.

We really have not been kind to our essential pollinators in recent years; loss of habitat and food sources, excessive use of chemical insect killers and climate change have all contributed. Several years ago at the Chelsea Flower Show there was a stand proclaiming “No Bee – No Me”, and saying that if we destroyed all the bees humans would quickly follow them into extinction. So important are bees to our food chain. Sobering thought!

If you want to do your bit in encouraging bees, butterflies and other pollinators but don't know how, get in touch with the Parish Council Environmental Group. They are encouraging us to help with the greening and flowering of Corfe. Your patch or pots can help.

Right, enough of sitting reading for now, off you go and plan your Autumn crops and flowers and get those seedlings going – oh yes – and plant some wildflowers while you're at it - *please*.

Enjoy your spaces, large, small or miniscule,

David

The Ivan Orchard Shield

On the 26th June Corfe Castle FC will host a charity football match featuring current players and Corfe Castle FC Legends in memory of former player and avid supporter Ivan Orchard in aid of Corfe Castle Surgery and The Swanage Stroke Club.

Kick off will be at 11.30am at Corfe Castle Football Club. Free entry but donations welcome.

BBQ and refreshments are available at the ground and there will be a football quiz and raffle at the Corfe Castle Club from 3pm.

Kind Regards, Steve Norman, Corfe Castle FC

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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).

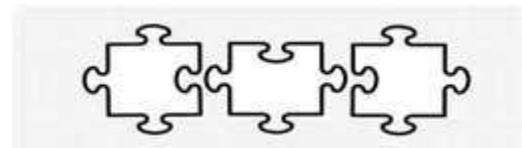
We'll be having 2 sessions each Wednesday,

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.



The JIGSAW LIBRARY will be closing from 1 June to October 2021

The Jigsaw Library has been a great success over lockdown and we are very grateful for all your jigsaw donations and support.

As the weather improves we have seen a drop in the use of the library so we will be closing it down from 1 June. We will, however, be back in October as the nights draw in.

Please return your jigsaws to the collection box at 146 East Street, when they are finished, so that we can reissue them when we reopen.

Jigsaws will no longer be available from the telephone kiosk from 1 June.

We will be Back!

Addendum: The 1769 map & the 1790 Census

Last month's CVN mentioned the 1769 map. Readers might like to know that this can still be viewed at Dorset History Centre and the reference number for it is D-BKL/N/A/1/34. It has recently been cleaned so is much clearer to read so, for example, 'The Wheatstone' should have read 'The Whetstone'. Meadows, gardens, houses & outhouses are all mentioned - also tofts (where a cottage once stood in the past). 'The Ragged Cat' is shown as 'Haskell's house, garden & haws' owned by John Calcraft. In fact it too was a pub - 'The Silent Woman'. 'The Fox' isn't shown by its name either as both would have been 'bush houses' who brewed their own ale and didn't require an alehouse licence. The name was derived from the fact that when a new brew was ready, branches or bits of bush were tied to a pole outside the house indicating that fresh ale was available.

The 1790 Census constantly gets confused with the later censuses of 1811, 1821, 1831, 1841 etc completed for Corfe which all had a one on the end! A detailed transcript of the 1790 census can be found at the History Centre in Dorchester ref: D-2454.

Louise Haywood

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Tom’s Field Campsite launches a guidebook of local walks for charity

Tom’s Field Campsite in Langton Matravers is launching a booklet of local walks – ranging from short strolls to more adventurous hikes – all starting and ending from the campsite. The guide includes some of the most spectacular coastal walks in the south of England, with the campsite being situated just a short distance from the South West Coastal Path and the Jurassic Coast. But it also includes some less well-known routes which head in all directions from the site including one which cuts right across the valley and up onto Nine Barrow Down, offering panoramic views of the whole of Poole Harbour.

Every year, Tom’s Field Campsite is used by many young people on field trips and as part of their Duke of Edinburgh’s Awards. All proceeds from the sale of this guide, which costs £5 per copy, will be donated to the Duke of Edinburgh’s **Award charity which supports thousands of young people every year to undertake DoE awards nationally, many from disadvantaged backgrounds.**

The guidebook is available from the campsite shop, open every day 8am to 11am and 4pm to 6pm.

Badminton In Corfe Castle

The badminton group that runs in the Covid secure Corfe Castle Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 8.15 pm has resumed with all relevant Covid precautions in place.

We are a very friendly, mixed group of light hearted players who would welcome others to join us.

It only costs £1.50 a session to play.

Please bring your own racquet and wear a face covering while not playing and check into the QR code for the hall on arrival.

We look forward to meeting some new players.

For more information ring Chris Kemp on 01929 480007

Please Don’t Feed Grazing Horses

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Also, please shut all gates and make sure they are properly latched.

Northern Ireland

As you probably know Johnny Mercer MP recently resigned/was sacked as the Minister responsible for Veterans’ Affairs. This was on the issue of the continued prosecution in law courts of former soldiers who served in Northern Ireland during the “Troubles” between 1969 and 1997. This continues.

I was lucky enough the other day to attend a Zoom meeting with Johnny Mercer at which he asked those present to write to their MPs about this; and to encourage as many others as possible to do the same. Legislation currently before Parliament will provide protection for soldiers who have served in, for

example, Iraq and Afghanistan. It does not provide protection to those who served in Northern Ireland.

Please consider sending a letter to your MP (Richard Drax for anyone who lives in the parish of Corfe or other southern parts of the Isle of Purbeck).

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The Builder Of Corfe Castle

Paul Randall was a knowledgeable historian and a formidable personality and I would hesitate to challenge him on a historical matter if he were still in the village. But he is no longer with us and I therefore feel safe to do so.

I don't dispute his suggested identity of the builder of Corfe Castle. I do question the reasons he gives for it being built. In passing there was a castle at Wareham too, apparently of Norman origin. It was on the mound which you can see with a large house on its top on your left as you drive across the causeway from Stoborough to Wareham. It was destroyed after the English Civil War. Wareham was an important town in the 9th and 10th centuries. It was one of Alfred the Great's burghs; it was a major port until the Frome began to silt up and ships became too big and could no longer get up the river to the quay; and it has some case to argue that it was the original birthplace of the Royal Navy.

Apparently work on building Corfe Castle started in 1086. I find it unconvincing that it was built as one of a chain of castles along the south coast to prevent a seaborne invasion of England. Contemporary military commanders would have had no difficulty in finding a suitable undefended beach on which to land a significant military force, and major armies seem to have moved back and forth quite freely during the reign of King Stephen about 20 years later during the period known as the Anarchy when people said "God and his angels slept"; and one side, I cannot remember which, build a temporary motte and bailey castle on the site we now call the Rings while besieging the other in Corfe Castle. When I was a child the story of the French knights starving the death in the dungeon of our Castle was a feature of local oral history and I knew about it. I wonder if any child in the village aged about 8 now knows this story, no matter how long his family have lived here. Local oral history seems to have been lost.

Corfe Castle blocks the only route through the Purbeck Hills. The Normans may have regarded the Isle of Purbeck as a possible last redoubt to which they could retreat in event of a successful rebellion by their English subjects until reinforcements could join them. I suggest that a more likely reason for building Corfe Castle when and where they did was a fear of an upsurge of Viking invasions. King William apparently called a conference just before Christmas 1085 to discuss the threat of Viking raids. This was considered very great. In recent history there had been major raids at Weymouth, Wareham and especially Swanage. A Viking forced landing at Swanage would be bottled up if there was a strong fortress at Corfe Castle. We know that after the Norman conquest there were to be no more significant Viking raids on Britain. They did not know this in 1085.

MJAB.



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Dorset Wildlife Trust
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May 17th was the date of the long-awaited re-opening of the Fine Foundation Wild Seas Centre at Kimmeridge. Visitors to Dorset Wildlife Trust's centre can expect fresh new displays and a stunning art exhibition by Weymouth artist Sandra Dawe. As a scuba-diver and an underwater photographer, Sandra's eye-catching woodcut prints and colourful polymer clay marine creatures aim to showcase the incredible, fascinating and often overlooked marine wildlife that she encounters here in Dorset. Find out more about her work at www.seaslugillustration.com

Alongside the exhibition, a group of local divers and underwater photographers are also displaying a selection of their work taken during the pandemic, when diving was allowed. Their breath-taking underwater images make normally unseen sea creatures accessible to all. Surprises are certainly in store for anyone who thinks British seas are dull and boring!

In this display you can learn about Stalked Jellyfish, Nudibranchs and why Kimmeridge Bay became a Marine Conservation Zone in 2019. Entry to the centre and exhibition is free and Covid measures are in place to keep everyone safe as we take the next step in easing lockdown. Face masks must be worn inside the centre.

The Wild Seas Centre will be open everyday from 11am until 4pm from 17th May and the art exhibition will run for one month. Find us by the slipway on the eastern side of the bay.

For more information about Dorset Wildlife Trust and the Centre visit www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/wild-seas-centre

Julie Hatcher
Wild Seas Centre Officer

Corfe's Crooked M.P

Lately, we have read about quite a few 'dodgy customers' among our Members of Parliament, but for sheer bare-faced villainy it would be hard to beat Francis Hawley, who was the second representative for our Borough in the 16th century. He comes to our notice first in 1576 when Queen Elizabeth the first sold Corfe Castle and much of Purbeck to her favourite, Sir Christopher Hatton for £4761. This powerful magnate was her Vice Chamberlain and in due course without much legal training became Lord Chancellor. As her minion, he was expected to be at her beck and call and hence delegated his duties in Dorset to Francis Hawley. This flash and irresponsible man therefore found himself carrying out the duties of Deputy Governor of Corfe and Vice Admiral of Purbeck. He soon struck up a friendship with the pirates, who were infesting the south coast at that time and became, in effect, a receiver of stolen goods operating for the most part through his deputies, Uvedale and Ayres. He had contacts with Howard of Bindon who encouraged the pirates to land at Lulworth, and with the Pitts, Bonds and Randalls who as substantial Weymouth merchants did very well from this nefarious trade.

Eventually the Privy Council set up a Commission to suppress Piracy and it was found expedient to find another landing place. Hawley virtually controlled Purbeck and as Deputy to the Vice Admiral could do what he liked. With the help of the Mayor of Corfe, the Island became the crime capital of Wessex.

The pirates concentrated on Studland, and wines, spirits, costly velvets and even jewels were laid out for open purchase. Three disreputable pubs controlled by the Munday family did a roaring trade day and night, and drunkenness and violence were the order of the day. Hawley drew his commission and was on the best of terms with these lawbreakers. This state of affairs came to the ears of the Privy Council and Hawley was asked to explain his complete lack of control. He managed to convey the impression that he was an honest man trying to compete with an impossible situation. He wrote that he had suffered physical injury and without adequate troops could not drive these violent men away. Hatton backed him up and he escaped censure although he was now a marked man.

The best-known and most violent pirate was one Clinton Atkinson. He was an anomaly in being well educated and the god-son of the Earl of Lincoln. In 1581, he was captured at sea with other pirates, put on trial and condemned to death. Desperate to save his life he gave substantial bribes to Hawley who

promised assistance. Such an action was far too dangerous for a suspected collaborator and Hawley backed down. Atkinson was hung in chains at Wapping Stairs with the other malefactors. There was great indignation in Purbeck at the loss of one of the main suppliers of loot and about Hawley's treachery. In his absence Uvedale and Ayres led an attack on the Castle which was ill defended. Windows were smashed, lead ripped off roofs and stones from the North Wall rolled down into the village. It is said Uvedale rebuilt his house from these. Once again Hawley kept out of trouble. The threat of - the Spanish Armada in 1587 and 1588 put an end to Dorset piracy as such. Letters of marque to attack the Spanish legalised their operations as long as the Queen drew her share. Studland's reign of terror ceased and with the creation of the Borough, Hawley succeeded Uvedale as the town's second M.P.

Paul Randall.

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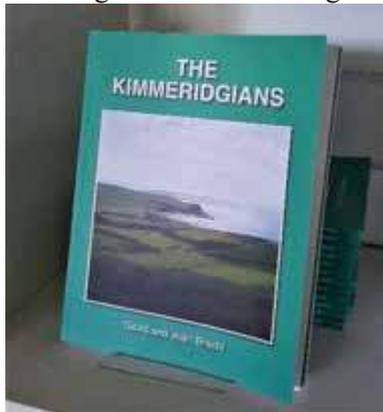
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Kimmeridge News

The Kimmeridgians

This fascinating book about the history of Kimmeridge from its geologic origins, through early settlers, right up to the present day was written by David & Joan Brachi and first published in 2008. It has been out of print for a number of years; but thanks to the generosity of local people, who funded the printing costs, a new edition has just arrived! This keeps all the original work of David & Joan, but with a new forward by their son, Peter Brachi and an extra chapter bringing us up to 2021. The new edition is available at The Etches Collection and will also be on sale at other local places. It costs just £14.95 and all the profits from this print run will go to the Kimmeridge Village Hall.



Steve & Helen Earwicker (earwicker@btinternet.com)

Smiling Seas

Our next beach clean: The next group beach clean will be held on **Saturday 12th June**. Meeting at Gaulter Gap (Car Park Steps). The time is yet to be confirmed due to the tides, but we will keep you updated.

If you would like to join in it would be lovely to have you with us.

Either email smilingseas@outlook.com or send a message on Instagram

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It is important we know numbers to allow us to follow government guidelines. We will also send you updates, confirmations and the time of the clean.



My “Have to watch” recommendations. All of these films are very thought provoking and eye opening and I highly recommend watching them.

On Netflix

- A plastic Ocean
- Seaspiracy
- Project Blue/Mission Blue
- Chasing Coral
- My Octopus teacher

Looking forward to seeing you on 12th June.

Thank you again for reading,
Emily House.





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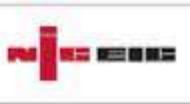
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Harmans Cross Village Hall News

Whilst we have been shut during the Covid lockdowns we have used the time to do jobs in the hall and on the field and playground. Thanks go to all the volunteers who have helped. We have a newly sanded dance floor in the main hall, and an upgraded sound system ready for Movie Nights to resume from October. The playground has been repainted and the equipment inspected and, where needed, serviced. The patio has been tidied up and cleaned, and the garden beds cleared of weeds.

All of this has been in readiness for the hall starting to come back into use, and it has been lovely to see the community starting to return and use the fantastic facilities we have available. As well as the return of Movie Nights already mentioned, live music will be returning with the long-delayed return of Abba's Angels in September.

Before then, we are delighted to be running the HXVH Annual Fete & Field Day on Bank Holiday Monday 30th August. The Flower and Produce Show will be returning, and next month we will have available all the details of the Show and how to enter. There will be live entertainment, and an array of activities, stalls and refreshments – and plenty of free car parking as well.

The day cannot run without the incredibly generous support of local businesses and volunteers. Our charity partner for this year is the amazing local charity Will Does, and we will be sharing the proceeds from the raffle with them. So when the time comes, please buy those raffle tickets – we are working hard to secure some amazing prizes.

A couple of key contacts for you all – if anyone would like to be involved in what we aim to make a very special day for helpers, locals and visitors alike, please contact Richard Purchase at richard.purchase@btinternet.com.

For any local businesses or individuals wishing to book a stall at the Fete, or get involved in sponsoring the Fete by way of a raffle prize or any other involvement, please contact David Hollister at hxvh@btconnect.com.

Finally, we welcome any donations of books, handbags, scarves, jewellery and bric-a-brac for the Fete. Please leave them with Richard & Alison at 6 Flower Meadow Lane in Harmans Cross – thank you.

We look forward to welcoming you all at the Hall in the very near future.

Alison Clough, Chair of Harmans Cross Village Hall

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Wareham’s historic Rex Cinema reopened on Friday 28 May

The Rex Cinema is one of the longest running independent cinemas in the country. The treasured venue opened in 1921 with silent movies, brought

talkies to the roaring ‘20s, held fast throughout the ‘30s depression, the second World War and, more recently, two national lockdowns, but it is still standing strong and is delighted to be reopening its doors once again.

The May programme launches with the multi-Oscar, BAFTA and Golden Globe winning *Nomadland* (cert 12A), and our favourite bunny returns in *Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway*, (cert U) for the half-term family morning and afternoon film.

The Rex Cinema sprang back to life briefly last December and received fantastic coverage across press and television to showcase the stunning, newly refurbished interior which has been completed throughout 2020, using grants and generous donations raised to improve accessibility, including a new stairlift. The cinema is proud to now welcome audiences back and present the lovingly remodelled Art Deco bar with increased access through to the elegant new unisex washroom facilities, all in accordance with social distancing guidelines.

The auditorium, which was also refurbished in 2016 with new carpets and reupholstered seating, boasts a state-of-the-art screen and cinema projection system with Dolby 7.1 surround sound, to ensure that all films are presented as they were meant to be. Coupled with the exciting bottled wine collection now being served in the new bar, this is a cinema experience that you won’t forget.

The Rex, which has been sorely missed during the last year, is celebrating its centenary as a continuously running cinema this year and is a cornerstone of film history in the South West. To celebrate this momentous occasion a series of special events will run later this year and into 2022, including landmarks of silent cinema with a live piano accompaniment.

As we re-emerge from last year’s absence of culture, this cherished cinema welcomes the return of satellite screenings of live opera and ballet from the Royal Opera House, National Theatre and other performances.

This autumn, the Rex will once again be at the heart of the Purbeck Film Festival which will present its 24th film programme from 22 to 31 October, showcasing an incredible and diverse range of films.

The Rex Cinema would like to acknowledge the kindness and generosity of all those who have made this refurbishment possible, including the BFI, The Talbot Village Trust, The Coop, Original Style Tiles, Sainsbury’s, Rotary Club of Wareham, Wareham Lions and many other groups and individuals.

The community cinema is run by a registered charity and has 47 unpaid, enthusiastic volunteers who undertake roles to keep the cinema running. Chair of the Rex Cinema Committee, David Evans, commented:

“As we commence our countdown to the return of the Rex, we would like to give heartfelt thanks to all of our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who help to keep the cinema running. As guardians, we will make sure that it remains at the heart of the community into its next century.”

The Rex Cinema team looks forward to welcoming you back on **Friday, 28 May!**



257 Squadron Battle of Britain Class in Corfe station back in April.
Photo courtesy of Andrew P M Wright



NEW VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OFFICER FOR SWANAGE RAILWAY AND MAIN LINE STATION SUPPORT GROUPS

A new recruitment and retention officer has been appointed to attract volunteers to the Swanage Railway – as well as the Wareham and Wool main line station support groups – thanks to a grant from South Western Railway’s Customer and Communities Improvement Fund.



Based on the award-winning heritage line at Swanage station, the two-year full-time paid appointment will see Jonathan Evans working with the Purbeck Community Rail Partnership and South Western Railway in setting up a new support group for Moreton station.

Rebuilt over more than 30 years since 1976 the Swanage Railway currently has more than 400 regular volunteers.

The Swanage Railway’s director for volunteers Trevor Parsons said: “We are delighted to welcome Jonathan to this new and important volunteer

recruitment and retention role which has been made possible thanks to the support of the South Western Railway’s Customer and Communities Fund for which we are very grateful.

“We look forward to Jonathan working with the Purbeck Community Partnership and South Western Railway for the benefit of not just the Swanage Railway but also the main line stations at Holton Heath, Wareham, Wool and Moreton on the main London to Weymouth line,” added Trevor who is a volunteer guard and signalman on the heritage line as well as a trustee with the Swanage Railway Trust charity.

South Western Railway’s Customer and Communities Improvement Fund manager Veronika Krcalova said: "Here at SWR, we’re passionate about volunteering. Not only does volunteering enable people to gain valuable new skills and experiences, it also helps to connect people with similar values and interests. That’s why we’re delighted to support the Swanage Railway and the PCRCP with the funding required for this important role."

Jonathan Evans, Purbeck’s new volunteer recruitment and retention officer, said: “The Swanage Railway relies heavily on volunteers so their recruitment

and retention is vital to the continued success and development of the heritage line which has been rebuilt from nothing since 1976. Made possible thanks to the support of South Western Railway’s Customer and Communities Improvement Fund, this new volunteer recruitment and retention role is an exciting and challenging one that allows me to work with the Swanage Railway as a whole and understand the structure and responsibilities of each department and group”.

“I look forward to working with the Purbeck Community Rail Partnership, its community rail officer Josephine Foley and the support groups at the main line stations for Wareham and Wool as well as setting up a new support group for Moreton station.

Born in Dorchester, Jonathan has returned to live in Dorset’s county town after travelling and working in France, Switzerland and South America for several years. While in Argentina, Jonathan was a volunteer who helped to run an after-hours school club. The 49-year old also set up and ran a free city walking tour in Buenos Aires for four years that was ranked the best tour on Trip Advisor.

The Swanage Railway and South Western Railway are both members of the Purbeck Community Rail Partnership which aims to develop rail travel in the Purbeck area and has been in existence for more than 20 years.

To find out more about South Western Railway’s Customer and Communities Improvement Fund, visit www.southwesternrailway.com/other/about-us/community-and-rail-station-adoption/customer-and-communities-improvement-fund.

To find out more about the work of the Purbeck Community Rail Partnership, visit purbeckcrp.org.uk.

The Swanage Railway welcomes new volunteers and anyone interested in finding out more should contact Swanage Railway volunteer recruitment and retention officer Jonathan Evans on 01929 408466 or email iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk.

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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
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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
2nd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	By Zoom
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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