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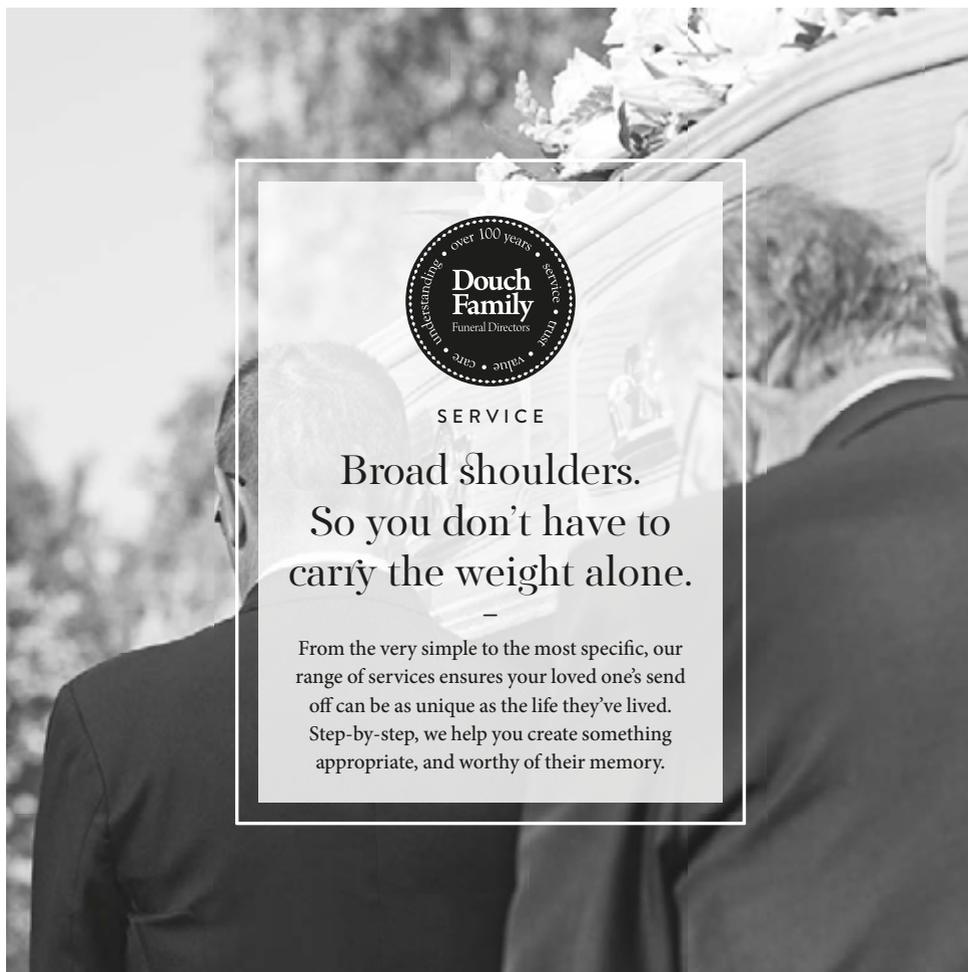
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Editorial

Thank you to everyone who has sent back an envelope with a contribution. If you have not yet done so please send whatever you can afford. It all helps us to continue publishing the CVN.

Thank you also to Michael Bune who has checked our accounts – they are not large enough for a full audit – and found them all in order. The summary of our accounts is published at the back of this magazine.

Thank you again to Louise Haywood for her interesting articles – there are 2 more in this edition. They have given rise to some fascinating responses and discussion. If you have any response please do send it in to share with everyone.

Finally, gates are still being left open or unlatched allowing animals to escape. Whether holiday maker or local, please, please shut and latch any gate you use to enjoy our beautiful walks and countryside. Also do not feed horses and other animals – the wrong food could seriously damage their health. There is more information about gates and feeding animals in the notices and thanks section of this edition of the CVN.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

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

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National Electricity Number	105
NHS Emergency Medical Care Service	111
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Electricity Failure	0800 0727282
Swanage Police Station - out of hours calls rerouted	422004
Swanage Hospital	422282
National Trust outside office hours	07970-595963
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Poole Hospital	01202 665511
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Dorset County Hospital	01305 251150
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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
Childline	0800 1111
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JUNE IN CORFE CASTLE PARISH

Jolly June for the Parish Council.

What a month June has been! With a return to Face-to-Face meetings the Annual Parish Meeting was able to be held in person in the Village Hall, where Cllr Clarke Corfe Castle Parish Council Chairman was able to talk through all the councils' achievements during Lockdown.

The council achieved so much last year, as you may recall from last month's issue, but the Parish Council is most proud of the way the parishioners of Corfe Castle Parish rallied together to help each other collecting prescription, food and other essentials when people were unable to leave their own home, and who still to this day are helping others. Thank you to each and every one of you, you are valued and appreciated. Special thanks too to Cllr Liz Spicer Short who coordinates requests.

New Councillor - Back in April a by-election was called to fill a vacancy of Councillor for Corfe Castle Parish Council. The by-election took place on 27 May with Melanie Roberts being declared as the new Councillor. Melanie joined the Council for the June council meeting and was welcomed by all. We look forward to working alongside Melanie.

End of Year Finance Report – 2020 / 21 was a strange financial year, mainly due to Covid restrictions causing a lot of businesses to be affected negatively financially. As Corfe Castle Parish Council's income is from Precept and the residents Car Park, which is a yearly scheme, and the fact that we do not rely on external income (i.e., tourist car park revenue), we were fortunate enough to see little impact financially. We did however arrange extra cleaning in the toilets and the playground to mitigate the impact of Covid.

Last year's budget monitoring was even further complicated than previous years, because after the 2020/21 budget was set the Council inherited budget responsibility for God's Acre Cemetery. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) was agreed during the Full Council meeting on the 14th June and by the time you read this will have been submitted to the external auditors, along with a copy placed on the website; if you would like to have a copy please contact the Clerk for details.

Playground Roundabout update – You may have noticed the roundabout within the playground is under repair. This is taking a little longer than expected, however this is so that we can have a thorough inspection carried out with the aim of having it repaired so that it can last for several more years. Please rest assured we are working on getting the roundabout back to full working order as soon as possible.

Giki Zero Pro Pilot Scheme – We have had wonderful news from Giki Earth the company that runs Giki Zero. They have announced they will no longer be charging Corfe Castle Parish Council to run this app and therefore we are able to open the scheme up to everyone who wishes to join.

The Giki mission is to help people live more sustainably. By joining the app you will receive a step-by-step guide on how to lighten your footprint on the planet.

Understand, track and reduce your carbon footprint and build your personal path to Net Zero. If you already have Giki Zero you can link to the Corfe Castle Parish Council scheme and help us with our aim to help reduce the carbon footprint of Corfe Council Parish by 1 ton in 2021?? If you would like to join the Giki Zero app you can either download the app direct to your device or you can contact the Parish Clerk to receive your invite to join us to help the parish reduce our carbon footprint, please email the Clerk on corfecastlepc@aol.com

Community Speed Watch Scheme – Once again the residents of Corfe Castle Parish have not let their parish down. Last month the Parish Council asked for volunteers to help run a Community Speed Watch Scheme and we are happy to announce we have enough volunteers to start the scheme with Dorset Police. It is not too late to join us, if you feel you could help even if only once or twice a year, your time and effort will be most appreciated, so please contact the Clerk on 01202 670105 or email corfecastlepc@aol.com

Ban the BBQ - Dorset Council (DC) is banning BBQ's and fires at its Country Parks and on DC land that is deemed to be a high fire risk. DC have been in touch with others in Dorset who are also looking to do the same within their organisation and after a multiagency meeting in April, DC is leading on a coordinated approach/campaign to address the fire risk problems from BBQs (especially disposable) and fires that happened last year. Indications are that there is likely to be a repeat of the previous year and already we have had a number of large fires in Dorset in 2021. Corfe Castle Parish Council have agreed to support this campaign and have added the Playground area in Corfe Castle plus the Sports field and Gods Acre Cemetery to the list of areas where BBQ's will be banned, (With the exception of professionally managed events on the sports field).

Electric Charging Points – The Parish Council have agreed to be proactive about the future needs of parishioners for electrical charging points. Although it is expected that the government will set out a national installation framework for those who do not have off road parking facilities it will be for the Parish Council to supply electrical charging points to its own car parking facilities. With this in mind the Parish Council will be talking to the car parking permit holders about future needs.

Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – With just under one year to go until the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations the Parish Council would like to hear from

anyone your thoughts one how you would like to see the Parish celebrate this momentous occasion. Please contact the Clerk on 01202 670105 or email corfecastlepc@aol.com

Breezer 30 is BACK! - Re-introduced for the summer season serving Swanage, Harman's Cross Corfe Castle, Wareham, Wool, Lulworth and Weymouth, the Purbeck Breezer 30 will also be operating via Wareham Station for revised train connections. Please look at the Morebus website for timetable details.

Dorset Council Update from Cllr Brooks - Covid update – DC have a low number of cases of the virus, but the Delta variant is increasing and doubling each week. DC is below the Southwest average with 5 in hospital at the moment.

Waste services – when DC merged all 6 councils there were a few issues within the waste services section, the main issues being felt by the Wareham Depot. The biggest issue was recruitment of staff as only 10 minutes down the road the staff in Poole and Bournemouth were being paid more for the same role. DC have now rectified this issue. The other issue is lack of enough vehicles and the strategies in place. DC have vehicles on order and are looking at different strategies such as a possible change to collection days. As and when more information become available it will be communicated back to the Parish Council.

Partner agency – DC and Partner agencies are working on welcoming visitors to the major tourist areas of the county, along with having a good presence of enforcement officers. On the bank holiday weekend DC issued 553 penalty charge notices, plus 50+ in Studland alone over the last weekend. Tow away zones are in place and active, particularly from Winfrith to Durdle Door where there is a clear way, which has been successful at stopping the parking and clogging up the roads.

Dorset Volunteers Centre - DC have partnered up with the Dorset Volunteers Centre to offer welcome ambassadors, at key visit locations. If anyone would like to apply for a role or know anyone who might, this will be on a voluntary basis and a uniform will be issued, please ask them to get in contact.

Environment & Local Plan – Environment consultation results are being looked at by the scrutiny committee. For The next stage, DC is looking at getting the strategy completed.

On the Local Plan there is a lot of work going on at the moment within the Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel. DC is looking at the responses received and seeing how all the policy areas can be linked, including Highways, Drainage so that DC can make a comprehensive policy for the Local Plan.

Local highways issue. There is a small 3-metre patch of road, which needs repairing by the traffic lights on East Street (Corfe Castle). DC tried to carry out a full repair recently, however due to high traffic flows it has not been possible to carry this out. A

temporary repair has been done, with the aim of carrying out the full repair in the Autumn, if cracks appear in the repair do not worry it is expected due to vehicles numbers.

National Trust Update

During half term, it was very busy within the Castle, with almost all capped entry numbers being reached, people were being turned away when they were arriving at the castle without booking entry first as there was simply no space to allow them in. The Trust has decided once social distancing is lifted, for the larger NT properties (including the castle) will remove the booking system, and the normal entry system will return.

The next Council meeting will be on the 12th July 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall. 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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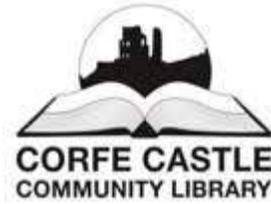
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News from the Library



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Saturday 10.00 - 12.00 a.m.

The stock in library will soon be rotating with the stock in the other libraries of Dorset again so there will *always be something new* in stock (you can also, of course, order in books via the online catalogue). At the moment, we have a range of new *Children's* and *Teen* books just waiting to be read! We also have a good number of brand new books.

You can enter the building and browse the books. However, as Covid remains a threat, there are still some 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.
- **Use of the public PC** – must be pre-booked and time limited to 30 minutes.
- **Printing/photocopying** – ask a volunteer for help with this.
- If you don't yet have a **library card**, we can help you get one.

Fast Broadband coming to the library.

Although the village has fast fibre broadband in the street this usually turns into old copper wire for the last few metres to your house. This results in a faster service than a few years ago but does not reach anywhere near the

speeds that are available over a complete fibre service. The analogy often used is that it's like having a broadband equivalent of water going along a huge fire brigade's fire hose in the street that then goes into a dribble through a garden hosepipe just before it comes into your house!

Openreach have installed a complete fibre link into the public use computers in the library as a trial service, which will be active soon. We don't have any example speeds yet but book a PC and give it a try!



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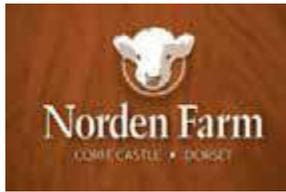
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Update from the Environmental Group

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP



Date for your diary

- Tuesday 13th July – Family Discovery Event at The Secret Field 7:00pm

Giki Zero – Free Carbon Footprint Tool, and this month ...

Join us in hopefully setting the Guinness World Records Title for the most people pledging climate action in one month!

Giki Zero are trying to set the record by organising **140,001 people to commit to take climate action**. Every person taking a step via Giki Zero between 18th June – 17th July will count towards this effort, and if successful, every person that takes a Step will get a virtual **Climate Hero / Guinness World Record Holder badge**. We know we can do this together! Let our Clerk know if you join Giki Zero, so you can be added to our CCPCEG team.

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

Annual Parish Meeting

- The Environment Group provided displays at the **Annual Parish Meeting** and gave a presentation showcasing our achievements of the past two years.
- The initial draft plans showing possible sites for **tree planting** in the Parish were displayed – thank -you, David.
- The proposal for tree planting to commemorate the **Queen’s Jubilee** in 2022 was shared with parishioners.
- The councillors in the Environment Group also **answered questions** from parishioners during remainder of the meeting about subjects such the environmental credentials of the materials for the new playground equipment.
- After all the presentations, the Environment Group **discussed the displays** with parishioners, with the Terms of Reference, tree planting and Secret Field displays being of particular interest.

Core Group news

- In print... our very own Josey has made it into the **National Association of Local Councils magazine** for her efforts with our Environment Group!
- Due to other commitments during the peak summer season, some of the core team members are unable to spend as much time on Environment Group matters, so momentum may slow a little until the autumn. However, we will **return in time for the tree planting season!**

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP



The Secret Field

Following the initial launch of **The Secret Field**, further meetings have been held on-site and by zoom to progress initial thoughts, and to start to draw up the legal arrangements for the transfer of the lease for this space to the Parish Council.

While this is being finalised, we will be holding a drop-in, family discovery event on **Tuesday 13th July at 7pm**.

Please come along to the Secret Field and help us discover what is already living in this special place...! This will help inform our plans for the future, and help us all share our knowledge of the natural world.

We will bring some **nature spotter sheets** to help you and your children identify some of the more common species of plants we expect to find there. Please also bring any reference books you have showing native flora and fauna, and maybe a magnifying glass for close up inspection of what you find, and / or binoculars for those elusive butterflies and moths!

TOP TIPS - TRANSPORT

- Every mile matters, so ask yourself if your journey is really important.
- Use public transport when possible.
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Follow us on Facebook: “Corfe Castle Environmental Group”

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

News from Church Knowle Parish Council

The first face to face meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council was held at the refreshingly breezy outside area at the New Inn on 25th May 2021. There was plenty of fresh air, regulation distancing was easily achieved and a full and effective meeting was held. It was resolved that:

1) Subject to a public consultation in the Corfe Valley News (this article) the single street light outside the New Inn would be disconnected. The Council decided that the light served no good purpose and was unreasonably expensive to run. The raised pavement is well served by a sturdy handrail which provides adequate safety. Having no artificial night light also allows the community to observe the natural night sky, an increasingly rare privilege highlighted by the “Dark Skies Initiative” to reduce light pollution. Any observations may be addressed to: clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk

2) The traditional road signposts (fingerposts) in the Parish would be surveyed with a view to refurbishing them as required, guided by the AONB “Fingerpost Refurbishment” specification which may be found at: <https://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/project/dorset-fingerpost-project/>

Parish Council meetings are now set to resume as normal on the second Tuesday of the month and a meeting was duly held at the Church Knowle Village Hall on 8th June at 6:30. The next meeting will be at the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th July at 6:30pm. The June meeting was the first booking the Village Hall had had for many months and there was plenty of room for six people to keep properly distanced and another productive meeting was held. It was decided that:

1) A Parish-wide speed limit of 40 mph would be applied for with the possibility of a lower speed limit for the Village itself being investigated. It was agreed that other parishes in Purbeck would be contacted to advise them of the scheme and it is hoped that support for an integrated Purbeck wide speed limit scheme would emerge. At present the speed limit through the lanes is the National Speed Limit of 60 mph. The Council will apply to the County Highways Department to have a temporary speed recording device installed on the outskirts of the village where speeding occurs and this will provide solid up to date evidence of the extent of the problem.

2) A survey of the fingerposts has been undertaken and three candidates within the Parish have been identified:

- 1) At the crossroads to Puddlemill and Bradle
- 2) At the tee junction to East Creech.
- 3) At the Grange Road turn-off to East Creech.

It was decided to seek costings for a complete refurbishment of posts 1) and 2), which are in a sorry condition, to the full specification laid out in the AONB guide. It was felt that this was well worthwhile and that the restoration of these posts to their traditional design would be an asset to the Parish

3) The Queens Green Canopy is an initiative to plant trees to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrating a reign of 70 years. It was decided that the Parish Council would embrace this and that Cllr Debbie Evans would co-ordinate the Parish’s Green Canopy activities. The Parish would take advantage of any grants, offers of trees etc and while the details remain to be decided it was decided in principle that the Parish would participate in the scheme.

4) The County Highways Department would be contacted about the potholes on East Creech Road and the severe depression on the road by the Church that is a hazard to cyclists.

5) A schedule of traditional red telephone boxes destined for removal by BT was presented and there are two in Church Knowle. The call log for these boxes was 0 and this was given as a reason for removing them. As it is not possible to make outgoing calls from these boxes, this facility is blocked, the 0 usage number is most kindly described as disingenuous. It was decided that these boxes are part of our heritage and that application would be made to retain them. If BT decided that there was insufficient reason for retaining them then the Parish would purchase them under the £1 adoption scheme. They would then become the property of the Parish that would be responsible for their maintenance and their future.

6) The problems with the water supply to East Creech were discussed and a request will be made for a copy of the Water Resources Management Plan which OFWAT requires each water supply company to have in place to provide for future predicted water demand.

Meeting closed at 8-45 and it was decided to hold the July meeting at the Village Hall.

Surgery - Patient Participation Group

As I write this there is increasing uncertainty about the timing of the lifting of the final Lockdown restrictions. Will it be on June 21st as hoped or will caution prevail in the light of the rapidly spreading Delta variant? How will this affect us all? Close to home the PPG is keenly waiting to see when it can at last hold a face-to-face meeting and start to plan some events and the re-start of Carers' Time. That certainly doesn't mean to say we have been doing nothing!

Next month we shall hope to be able to report to you on the Ivan Orchard Shield charity football match organised by Corfe Castle Football Club and being played on June 26th. We have been doing what we can to help. The club is extremely generously donating half the money raised to our Surgery to go towards buying a blood pressure- measuring 'pod'. The pod would be a booth in the waiting room where patients could check their own blood pressure without the need for an appointment. The PPG will be hoping to add to the fund by holding some events later in the year.

We have continued to represent the patient point of view whilst strongly supporting the Surgery e.g. about Dorset Council's proposed changes to West Street Car Park charges. We have tried to keep you all informed through this magazine, our Facebook page and word of mouth. Do please get in touch if you have any issues to raise or questions to ask.

Several PPG members have been quietly active throughout the past year helping, and continuing to help, other more vulnerable people. Thank you to them all. I'd like to pick out one of our members for special mention this month- Maggie Hardy, our Vice Chair. Many of you will know her from her time as Matron of Swanage Hospital. As if she didn't have enough to do already with her many voluntary roles including chairing the Friends of Wareham Hospital, she has for months been giving up her time to be a volunteer vaccinator at Wareham Hospital Hub. I expect some of you have been jabbed by her! I'm delighted she has accepted my invitation to write about her experience and here is her account:

'A day in the life of a vaccinator at the Purbeck Vaccination Centre

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To date over 35000 vaccinations have been given at Wareham of either the Astra Zeneca or Pfizer vaccines; a very impressive total for the dedicated Primary Care Network Team who co-ordinate the appointments with the 6 GP Surgeries, arrange the staffing and liaise closely with the wonderful team of volunteer Stewards who in my opinion are the real stars! They attend in all weathers working outside or inside the hospital supporting those attending for vaccination, and the vaccination team members. The weather has been so variable since clinics started in mid- January yet they remain cheerful and committed so I thank them all!

As vaccinators we work until about 1pm have a short lunch break before starting the afternoon session which often finishes about 6pm.

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Thank you, Maggie. We are hugely indebted to you and all your fellow vaccinators.

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News from the Castle

We hope everyone is still managing to keep safe and well during these difficult times. The June 21st deadline came and passed for the end of restrictions. We are carrying on with social distancing and table service in the garden and even managing to smile while running up and down. Generally all members of the team expected to come through this lighter and fitter than ever!

Please note that during the children's holidays we are unable to take bookings; if you turn up and we are full, let us know you are waiting and we will get you the next available table.

Lockdown rules permitting, during the holidays, every Monday is a Magic Monday with our acclaimed professional magician. Starting at 6pm, with entertainment for all the family.

On behalf of the whole team,

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

100 club:

The June draw first prize of £20 was won by member 68, with member 11 getting second prize £10 and member 57 winning the third prize £4.50.

Profit from the 100 Club plays a significant part in supporting the everyday running costs of the Village Hall. With limited income from bookings currently, this support is even more valuable. If you would like to discuss becoming a 100 Club subscriber, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

Village Hall Coffee Morning:

The coffee morning on June 5th raised £195.67 for Village Hall funds; many thanks for all those who attended. It was great to see so many familiar faces again.

general news:

The Village Hall is now re-open more fully. Exercise is available with badminton or dance and pilates classes, Youth club and Aquarius have also re-started. Other regular users such as Woolcraft are hoping to come back in September.

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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Dates of forthcoming meeting

- **July 6th:** A talk from Citizen Advice.
- **August 3rd:** Summer Barbeque: We are hoping that this will still be able to go ahead and will start selling tickets very soon.
- **September 7th:** Ann Brown from the Shire Hall Historic Court House.

Our first meeting back in the Village Hall was very well attended with just under the maximum number of members attending. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and to be able to catch up. The scones and cream were enjoyed by all. Our speaker was from Footprints. We had a few technical issues with the new technology and were unable to show the video about the scheme for preventing women going to prison, however the meeting was very interesting. We agreed to send a donation of £50 to Footprints.

Aquarius 50/50 Club

We held our first 50/50 draw at the meeting, and one lucky member won £20. So far we have raised £276 for our charities, which is amazing.

Summer BBQ

We are hoping to make this a really special event for members, their partners and friends. With this in mind, we have organised caterers to provide BBQ food, with committee members providing puddings. The price will be £5 for the first 80 tickets sold. Invitations will be sent to all members shortly with more information regarding the event. This is all subject to Covid regulations.



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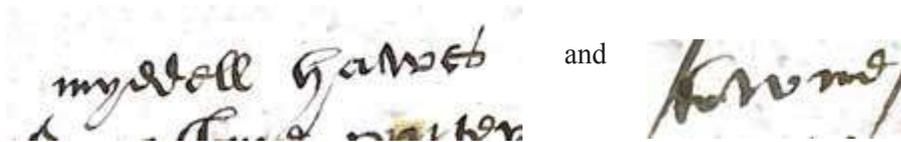
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Medieval Strip Farming on the Common (shared) Fields

Corfe is blessed with having various examples of medieval strip farming in the village. These were part of an open-field system (the 'common shared') of each manor. Usually the Lord of the manor selected 2 or 3 fields and then divided them up into narrow strips for the use of the tenants. In Corfe's case, the owner of the Castle, or his predecessor, would have decided which fields to use. Possibly about 1215, when its likely the Mayor and his barons were appointed to oversee the first Market, the Mayor took over the administration of these strips. Presumably before a civic body existed, the Constable of the Castle, or his steward, managed the field system.

What has become known as the 'Halves' was originally 'Hawes' possibly because someone had misread an old manuscript as the then 'W' looks very similar to today's 'L' and 'V'. Hawes is an old name for an enclosure.



'Myddell Hawes' in comparison with the word 'townte' mentioned in the Doom Book of Corfe Castle dated April 1551.
Ref: D-BKL/C/D/1/16 [Dorset History Centre]

The town and borough used several fields which were divided into strips, called 'Laws', varying from ½ an acre to just over 1 acre. They were known as West Hawes, Middle Hawes and Lodge Hawes and each was carefully recorded by the Mayor and his Barons (the civic councillors) as to where they lay, as shown in the example below:

'One close of pasture of one acre in the hands of John Sampford abounding on the lands of Thomas Buckler on the east side & the lands of Henry Uvedall, esquire, on the west side.'
Doom Book 27th April 1551

John Sampford was the then mayor and Henry Uvedall/Uvedale, the landowner of the Rollington Estate, had yet to renovate the building down East Street called 'Uvedale House'. Thomas Buckler's family had probably lived in Corfe since 1401 as a man with the very same name who lived in

Corfe is mentioned in a grazing rights issue at East Creech ... so a family that survived the plague!



You can still find the odd stone marking a strip on the Middle Halves. The Corfe Castle Charities certainly marked their strip in the Middle Halves although it's difficult to spot now as it is hidden in the bushes. They also own an adjacent strip which was purchased from the National Trust in 1987.

On the Tithe map of 1844, you can clearly see the various strips which, by then, had become associated permanently with various landowners (Banks, Bond & Calcraft) amongst others. To this day, all of the Halves are still split amongst several owners. I am not sure when it changed from being managed by the borough to being owned by others but it probably occurred sometime during the 17th century. More research is needed to discover how this came about though. If others have any ideas, please let me, or the Editor, know.



1844 Tythe Map of Corfe Castle showing part of the Middle Hawes and all of Alms House Hawes otherwise called Lodge Hawes

Over time, the various Halves have altered in acreage as houses and fields have encroached upon them and hedges removed.



Threshing in the Middle Halves in 1910

The Western Hawes are interesting as they had originally been ploughed by oxen, as had a field called 'Vicary's Hawes' at the top of West Street. This Hawes had nothing to do with the Vicar as it was named after a family called Vicary who lived in Corfe in the early 14th century. The curved ridges were caused by turning the oxen, and the cumbersome plough, at the end of a furrow and can be clearly seen on the RAF's aerial photo of the village dated 1947. The ridges can still be seen in a certain light from West Hill.



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CALENDAR for JULY 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	July	Thursday		Gardening Club self-drive outing to Iford Manor
3	July	Saturday	10.00 or 10.30	Village Hall Coffee Morning
6	July	Tuesday	Afternoon – probably 2 pm	Aquarius talk about the Citizens Advice
12	July	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall.
13	July	Tuesday	7 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council Meeting in the CK Village Hall
13	July	Tuesday	7 pm	PC Environment Group family discovery event at the secret field
21 & 28	July	Wednesday	7 pm to 8.30 pm	Double Act Murder Mystery near the Castle. Meet in North Castle field
31	July	Saturday	Kick off 11.30am	Ivan Orchard Football Shield at Corfe Castle Football Club

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

3	August	Tuesday		Aquarius Barbeque
7 – 21	August	Various dates	See separate article in this magazine	Purbeck Art Weeks Music events
12	August	Thursday	Probably 10 am to 3 pm	St Edwards event on the church lawns – details to be decided
30	August	Monday	Times to be announced	Harmans Cross Annual Fete and Field Day
2	September	Thursday	8 pm	Gardening Club talk by Toby Hoad on Woodland Management
2 – 5	September		Details to be published – see the website - booking open	Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival
7	September	Tuesday	Afternoon – probably 2 pm	Aquarius talk by Ann Brown on the Shire Hall Historic Courthouse
11 – 26	September		Details to be published	Purbeck Art Weeks visual events
1	October	Friday	Evening	Ball and Socket on stage at the Corfe Castle Village Hall
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

In days gone by weddings, christenings and funerals were known as the occasional offices; 'office' is sometimes used as another word for 'service'. Nowadays, these occasions are known as 'life events'. If you look on the

Church of England website and click on 'life events' there's lots of information about such occasions.

I write in June when restrictions might have been lifted; by the time you read this we may know what is to happen in July. In any case, as you'll know, there is something of a backlog in terms of 'life events'.

I heard recently how many weddings had been cancelled in 2020 - a considerable number. The other day 2 of our future wedding couples met and almost the first thing they said to each other was to ask how many times they'd postponed their weddings; it was twice and 3 times respectively.

As with so many things in recent months we've discovered what is really important and essential. When I've been talking to couples and making new arrangements they've stressed how, basically, what they want is to get married, and to do so with family and friends around them in a way that is safe.

So much has been difficult recently. In particular it has been difficult to mark the passing of family and friends who have died. There have been services with limited numbers present and others watching by live streaming; some services have been held outside, and others have not been able to hold a service at all.

Later in the year we hope to hold one or more services to remember those who have died and will let you know more about this in due course. Equally, if you wish to hold a service in one of our churches to remember someone who has died this is something we can discuss and arrange as appropriate; do, please, be in touch.

I often ask myself 'what is the church for?' there are lots of possible answers. We certainly hope the church (both the buildings and the worshipping communities within them) can be places where we can gather at the special moments in life - both to express sorrow, and joy; to mourn and to celebrate. These are times when all of us - whatever our faith and beliefs - look to the meaning of life, and to what is important, and to encourage and affirm, as well as seeking strength from each other for the challenges and painful experiences. Christian belief is that as we share together in this we know that God, who is at the heart of all things, is with us, longing to share the depth of his love for us all, so that all can know the fullness of life.

Ian

Bible Readings - July 2021

Sunday 4 th July	5 th Sunday after Trinity Psalm 123 Ezekiel 2: 1 - 5 2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 20 Mark 6: 1 - 13
Sunday 11 th July	6 th Sunday after Trinity Psalm 85: 8 - end Amos 7: 7 - 15 Ephesians 1: 3 - 14 Mark 6: 14 - 29
Sunday 18 th July	7 th Sunday after Trinity Psalm 23 Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6 Ephesians 2: 11 - end Mark 6: 30 - 34; 53 - end
Sunday 25 th July	8 th Sunday after Trinity Psalm 145: 10 - 19 2 Kings 4: 42 - end Ephesians 3: 14 - end John 6: 1 - 21
Sunday 1 st August	9 th Sunday after Trinity Psalm 78: 23 - 29 Exodus 16: 2 - 4; 9 - 15 Ephesians 4: 1 - 16 John 6: 24 - 35

Church Services during July 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. We will review them as lockdown eases further. We have consulted with the churchwardens and others about this and it seems the most appropriate arrangement for the moment.
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:
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Through Prayer we can step into the calming presence of the Lord and find the strength to go on. As we bring our heartaches and needs to God, He meets us where we are and gives us His Peace. He is always present to help and care for us in every situation.

No request is too great or too small to bring to God.

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

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Church Repairs

As you will no doubt have noticed, the scaffolding has now come down from the church building. After a long time of neglect, now after a lot of prayer and with skilled craftsmen we have completed the first phase. This is a great step forward for the Church. Our prayers have certainly been answered. When we pray, God listens. Our next step is to get the inside of the building decorated, new flooring and chairs.

At this present time we are not meeting up at the Church for Services.



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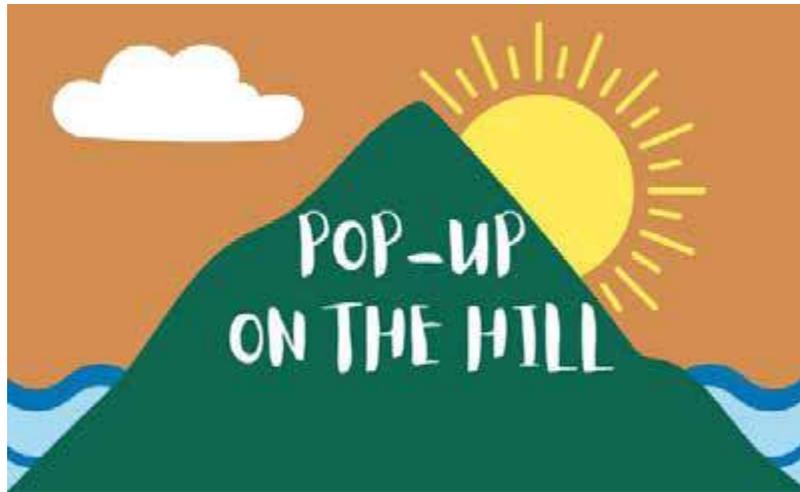
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Pioneer view

Dear friends,

Well, after nearly 18 months 3 lockdowns there appears to be some light at the end of the tunnel. This pandemic has taken an enormous toll on many communities, families, and individuals.

For me, the last 18 months has help me get a healthy perspective on life and priorities. Fundamentally it has challenged me to reflect on the many things that we often take for granted.

I arrived at the view that we often take the simple things as a given. You just have to look around you to grasp the beauty of the world around us: to hear the birds singing, the flowers blooming, simply walking around the community and viewing everything through a different lens.

I found myself becoming more appreciative of the little things, the simple tones that I had previously taken for granted. What I discovered, and what bubbled up inside me, was a deep sense of thankfulness tinged with sadness to what we are doing to world around us. We can be so destructive when we take things for granted.

So, I wonder what have you taken for granted during this time? Have your priorities changed?

The legacy of this pandemic is that life will never be the same for many people and our communities. It has permeated society, challenging each one of us to reflect deeply on our priorities and in some cases, our purpose in life, as we face a new normal.

Here is a quote to ponder.

“The more often we see the things around us - even the beautiful and wonderful things - the more they become invisible to us. That is why we often take for granted the beauty of this world: the flowers, the trees, the birds, the clouds - even those we love. Because we see things so often, we see them less and less.”

Joseph B. Wirthlin

Let us be thankful for the simple things of life and look with fresh eyes on the world around us and value what we see.

Go well.

Peter

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WYTCH FARM OIL

I understand that as far back as 1935 the search for oil started in Kimmeridge. From 1958 to 1980 six exploratory bore holes had been sunk, along the cliff top and surrounding area; the best strike was at Broadbench North in 1959, which found oil and gas.

This site was to be known as Kimmeridge well site n° 1. This being a small site with a single beam pump, which is now known to all as a nodding donkey. This has been pumping since 1961 making it the oldest working pump in the UK. As far as I know it is still pumping, and in its prime it produced 350 barrels a day from 1,150 feet below the cliff.

Kimmeridge oil had to be transported by road to the gathering station at Wytch farm through narrow country roads, therefore British gas was only able to put two small tanker lorries on this time consuming journey. Often there would be obstacles to overcome, such as cows being driven along the roads, or perhaps farm vehicles working.

When reaching the Wareham road, under the castle it would be a right turn, then a left turn onto the Studland road, along to the first left at (keeper Witt's cottage) straight on down to lower Bushey and along Thrashers lane to the gathering station.

In the early days with British Gas this was the only way to Wytch farm. British gas was privatised in 1984 and was sold out to British Petroleum; from then things started to change. BP was opening up more wells, and soon came the need for much bigger equipment to be transported to Wytch. This meant there was now a need for enormous storage tanks. There was no way big loads could get to the farm; the only answer was to widen the Wareham

Road and Norden bridge (if you drive into Norden Farm, you will be on our old Wareham road, cats eyes still intact). This will give you an idea of the width of our old road. At the top of North Castle, there was a small T junction, which was the Arne road; from this point BP put in an access road, which led directly to the gathering station.



The storage tanks negotiating the roundabout

Dorset county council widened the Wareham road and built the roundabout at



Norden. Should one drive from Wareham to Corfe, it is easy to see that the Norden roundabout is off centre, unlike most. The reason for this is, that BP was about to get a couple of Christmas presents. The Wareham road had to have a steady natural curve onto the access road to enable the presents to be delivered.

Babcock Robey Ltd delivered two giant storage tanks at Christmas time 1987. The loads were 200 feet long. The tanks got safely to Wytch as planned, and were buried underground in the gathering station.

Ken Williams

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

As I write this the southern half of England is enjoying a heatwave. The beaches are thronged, the garden chairs are cleaned off and back in use. Spiders are being evicted from the garden parasols and cool drinks are in demand. Whoopee!!

Whoopee indeed, until 8 or 9 at night, sun finally set, garden in shade – time to water! Out come the watering cans and / or hose pipe. Tired legs propel you on garden patrol again. Unless, of course, you are an early bird who likes to water at 6.30 am! (Not sure it's such a good idea - a lot of the (expensive) water you distribute will simply evaporate away when the sun comes up and the plants won't get the full benefit.)

Swings and roundabouts; we love to see the sun and all the growth and colour it stimulates, but it brings extra work too! C'est la vie 🌞 🌱

We were glad of the good weather for our Open Gardens day. Big “thank you” to the members who let us enjoy their labours. Different sizes, different layouts, different planting schemes and, of course, different content. What they all had in common: lots of hard work, love, care and attention.

This month we visit Iford Manor to see gardens prepared and maintained by professionals. I'm sure they will be big and stunning, but there will be no more love there than we have lavished on our own patches, however humble.

There is no Club meeting in August.

On 2nd September we plan to meet in the Corfe Castle Club to hear local woodsman Toby Hoad speak about sustainable woodland management.

You may not own a wood, but his insights will have relevance for all gardeners.

Enjoy the sunshine and the (restricted) freedoms safely. Stay well and keep on gardening – you know it's good for you!

David

The Ivan Orchard Shield

The Ivan Orchard Memorial Cup is taking place on Saturday 31st July at Corfe Castle Football Club, kick off 11.30am. BBQ and refreshments available.

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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).

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Ball & Socket Are Back!

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Watch this space for further details!

P.S. The event and it's management is subject to Covid rules in force at the time, but I'm sure we all hope that by October they will be minimal.

David Kemp



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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.

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Horse and livestock owners are struggling at the moment with their animals escaping into neighbouring fields, common land and even someone's garden! This happens when someone doesn't close the gates properly. If horses and livestock get onto the road it can be extremely dangerous for drivers, passengers and the animal. Horses escaping into areas of lush grass can cause laminitis which can be fatal. This is a particular problem at the moment on the Little Common East where the gate over the railway bridge is being left open regularly. Please shut all gates and check that they have closed properly. Some horses are very clever at opening gates, so if there's a rope attached to secure the gate, put that in place too. Thank you.

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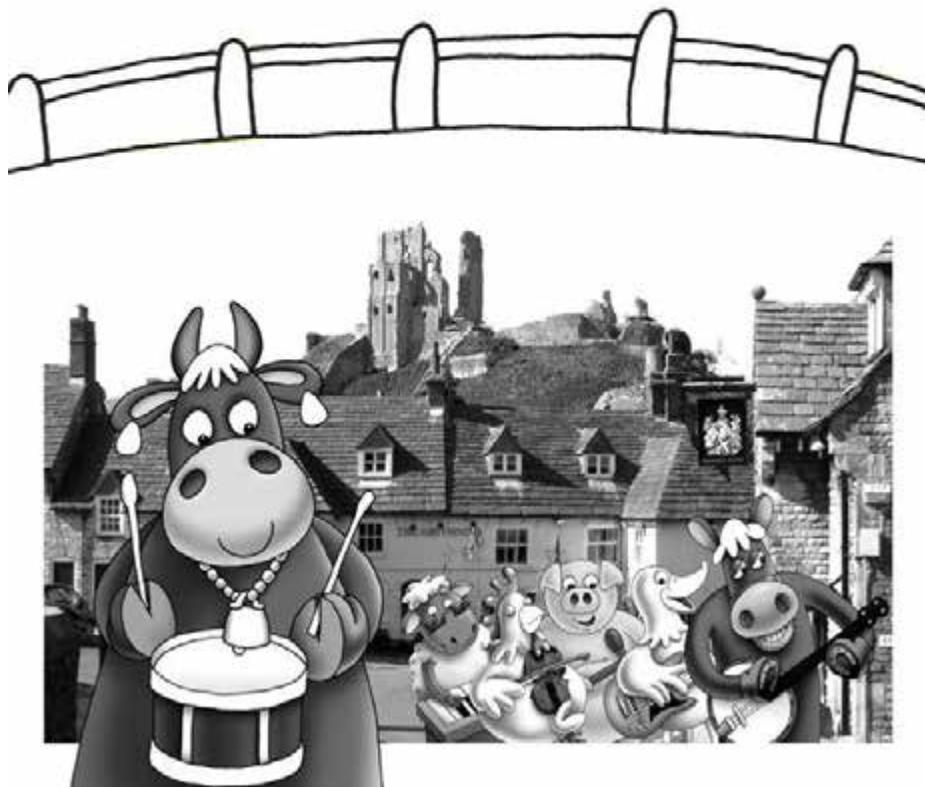
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Responses to Recent Articles in the CVN

There have been several very interesting responses to recent articles in the CVN. These are laid out below. Thank you to everyone who has responded.

From Peter Smith - It was good to see that my comments raised some excellent responses and even provided focus for another detailed local history article on North Castle.

Even though the Council kept all the vegetation ‘well-trimmed’ don’t you think that it made the area look a bit bleak.

As to that convoy of field guns.

Some good information of the military unit probably involved. Assuming that it was near the beginning of the war had they just resurfaced the road in anticipation of having to move vital defence equipment about in a hurry?

I am still convinced that the photo was staged – whether they were busy or not. Michael Bond’s theory for the out of date uniform and equipment being used by a Territorial unit sounds plausible.

The reason for taking the photo could have been to show our preparedness for the fight to come. But was this more for morale boosting home consumption rather than maybe leaking to the other side?

If the Germans had seen the out of date equipment in this area they may have been lulled into a false sense of security and planned their invasion in Purbeck at Studland and Swanage?

Or was that all a double bluff? To lure them into landing here where we actually had all our best defences secretly ready and waiting?

We will probably never know for sure, but it is always entertaining to look at old photos and try to speculate what was going on and wonder at the changes that have occurred since. It has certainly provided something else to think about during the lockdown instead of Covid.

So Ken Williams is right, after his great recollections of the occupants of North Castle or Castlelease Farm, I would invite all those of you ‘old ones’ who were around here in your childhood or younger days, to please do what you can to place on record your memories of the area before the war and later commercialisation and development changed everything.

Photos can only tell us so much – the details are still inside your heads – hopefully for a while longer at least.

I also found the ‘Builder of Corfe Castle’ articles interesting.

Paul Randall's assertion that it was William de Braose because it was 'identical to Bramber Castle in Sussex' seems a bit stretched as I cannot see that much similarity between them let alone identicalness. Unless the reference was to just the Keep – but then how many variations can you have a four walled building? I would have thought each castle got built to suit the physical and geographic constraints of the chosen site. Maybe there has been confusion with the old Wareham castle which has happened before, as Corfe seems to get subsumed into Wareham for historical references.

Old Public Houses – The Ragged Cat.

I understood that there was once a Ragged Cat built opposite St Michaels garage in Harmans Cross, to 'water' the navvies building the new railway line to Swanage.

The building that is there has a large roof pediment that bears the marks of letters having been there at some point? But I could of course be hallucinating!

Peter Smith

Response to Ken Williams article about North Castle Cottages

I was interested to read in particular his mention of Clara Brinton. At the end of September 1939 when the National Register was taken, Clara was living in a gated community in London designed for single women who had trades – Clara was a dressmaker. She had been born in London and lived all her life with her parents until they died. Her father had been born at Norden, and maybe that influenced her move. No-one I have spoken to knew what had happened to her after she left the cottages, so I was pleased to discover that she had moved to Kingston. From my best calculation I think she was at the cottages between about 1940 and 1945. Clara's death was registered at Weymouth in 1972.

In June 1938 the sanitary inspector reported that the unoccupied cottage at Vineyard Farm should not be used for human habitation, and in relation to the two cottages at North Castle, one was empty and the other tenant was being provided with alternative accommodation whilst the agent considered reconditioning and merging the two cottages into one.

With regard to Mr. Crofts – In September 1927, Mr. Bussens, who had owned the slaughterhouse at Corfe since early in 1922, quit Vineyard farm and held a farm sale. Mr. Crofts advertised for help on the farm in May 1933, so it seems likely he took Vineyard farm over after Mr. Bussens. In December 1950, Mrs. Crofts held a sale at the farm because she was giving up.

Sue Noel

With acknowledgement to the British Newspaper Archive

Mr Crofts of Vineyard Farm.

Reginald Atkins Crofts (1877-1961) was my grandfather and he farmed at Vineyard Farm from c1920s to the 1950s when he retired and moved to West Street. According to the 1939 Register, my grandparents were at Vineyard in 1939 with my father, Percy Reginald Crofts (1913-1994), who was listed as a "general farm worker". My parents were married in the following year and took over the old farmhouse - no electricity, mains water etc.

Ada Cooper, in her book "As I remember Corfe Castle Village 1920-1950", published in 1986, says "On the farms, tractors were now doing the work formerly done by horses; old Mr Crofts of Vineyard Farm being the last man in the neighbourhood to keep one or two cart-horses." (in the chapter, "After the War"). Unfortunately a lot of my parents' old photos disappeared many years ago, but I remember one of my grandfather leading a pair of working horses. On a small farm, it made sense to use horses and during the war it was probably more cost effective than finding petrol for a tractor.

I do have one photo of Vineyard Farm dated 1949, see below.



Vineyard Farm before restoration

I have not done much research on Bill Nineham, mentioned by Ken Williams, but it seems likely that he and his parents and siblings preceded my grandfather at Vineyard since the Censuses of 1871, 1881 and 1891 record the family at

"Vineyard Dairy House", presumably Vineyard Farm. By the 1901 Census the Nineham family had moved to Osmington.

Sarah Crofts

We have also heard from Mary Wills that the artist who painted the picture of North Castle Cottages was possibly Hugh Wright- Rudby (1855 – 1954). He painted a number of pictures of Corfe and the Heaths. However a close inspection of the picture shows it is probably signed by M Wright-Rudby not H. Therefore as his wife was a teacher at the Corfe School it may have been by her.

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Harmans Cross Fete & Field Day Bank Holiday Monday 30th August

As we write this, we are awaiting the Government's announcement about further unlocking on June 21st. All the indications seem to now be that some, if not all, of the current restrictions will remain in place. Nevertheless, we continue to press on with our plans for the Fete and we remain very optimistic that we will be able to enjoy our August Bank Holiday Monday event. We are planning with a view that social distancing – especially indoors – will continue to be important, and so there will be larger 'plots' for individual stallholders. The Flower & Vegetable Show will have fewer categories this year to allow better spacing in the marquee, and careful thought is being given to managing the tearoom, BBQ and Pimms & Prosecco Bar areas.

But we are determined that, if permitted, the show will go on, and we have lots of fantastic activities already lined up:

- Jamie Jigsaw will be back to entertain the children, and there will be plenty of kids games, inflatable slides, bouncy castles and the playground open to enjoy. The Purbeck Ice Cream Van will be onsite, and there should be plenty of donuts as well – although we expect those to be as popular with the adults as with the children !!
- Live entertainment will be provided by the Tuba Libres band.
- A new Jewellery, Scarves and Bags stall will run alongside the ever-popular Books and Bric-a-Brac
- Up to 40 local stallholders will be onsite with a huge range of brilliant local produce, arts and crafts to browse and buy
- For the main Fete Raffle, we have already secured a £250 cash first prize, courtesy of the Purbeck Media Group, and there are many other prizes available. In addition, the ever-popular tombola and whiskey raffle will be back
- And of course refreshments galore – BBQ, tearoom, bar, and Pimms & prosecco

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.

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. Drop us an email at Richard.purchase@btinternet.com

And we are also hoping that many of our fantastic Purbeck Bake Off Fans will be baking cakes and making scones, cookies and other treats for us to sell in the tearoom – please bring them along on the Monday morning of the Fete.

We look forward to welcoming you all at the Harmans Cross Village Hall in the very near future, and especially to seeing you at the Fete – fingers crossed !!

Alison Clough, Chair of Harmans Cross Village Hall

Corfe Valley News - Summary of Income & Expenditure Year ended 31 March 2021

	Income	
2019/2020		2020/2021
10332.75	Adverts	7935.00
3380.00	Organisations/Societies Donations	3001.00
2624.05	Individual Donations	1671.00
£16336.80	Total	£ 12607.00
	Expenditure	
14842.00	Printing	12812.00
339.74	Stationery & post	231.00
£15181.74	Total	£13043.00
£1155.06	Excess income/expenditure	-£436.00

Stephen Dru Drury (Editor)

The Vanished Cottages of the Heath

If you look at the 1888 OS map on Dorset Explorer <https://explorer.geowessex.com/> you can see that certain dwellings are no longer standing. 'North Castle Cottage' has been mentioned in a previous issue but others fell out of use and were demolished. One of these lies close to the Arne Road just a little bit beyond the railway bridge heading north.



OS map of 1888 showing Arfleet Mills and a cottage with an outbuilding & well close to the Arne Road (close to no.81)



Present day: Arfleet Mills was demolished by the time the map was revised in 1926 but the cottage survived. Today the cottage is no more, just part of the field, and the ancient mill, is a Waterpark.

The little cottage was built on Norden Heath and belonged to the Pitts of Encombe. It was leased to the Balson/Balston family in June 1801 and by the late 1880s it was completely surrounded by land rented out to the Norden Clay Company.



The Corfe Castle Town Trust have no photos of this property, or much information about it, and would be grateful to hear from anyone who can add any further details.

Almost due north of this cottage lay what became known as 'Snag Farm' lying on the edge of Langton Wallis Heath. It was originally called 'Thornmoor' (today another property is confusingly called this) and its brook marked the boundary between New Mills and Langton Wallis Heaths. Since the 1400s, this brook caused a constant problem to the right of way (which no longer exists) as it frequently flooded forcing the tithing men of Langton Wallis to regularly repair it. The area is still waterlogged.



William Woodward's 1775 map of John Fry's property leased from Henry Bankes, Lord of the manor of Langton Wallis. The cottage had not been built and presumably the building shown is a barn.

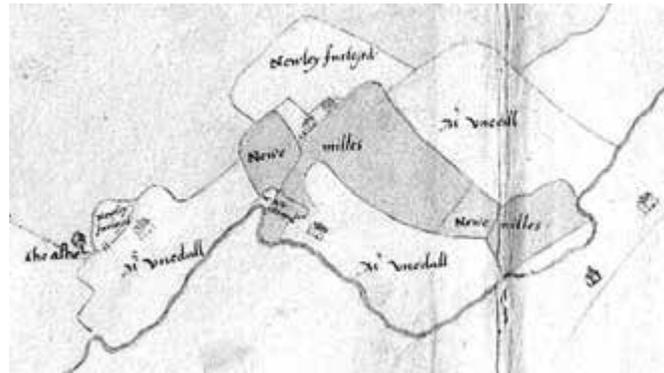
In 1793, John Fry of Arne, a fisherman, leased the 3 acre site and agreed to erect a cottage there. Sadly, the cottage was destroyed by fire in March 1920 and the then tenant, Reginald White, a clay worker, installed a wooden Army hut as living accommodation. He was asked to remove it in 1941, just before the Admiralty requisitioned the area.



Snag Farm with Mary Rumsey and her cows and chickens (Photo courtesy of Mary Wills)

On New Mills Heath another cottage stands in ruins close to Scotland Farm which also stood in the manor of Langton Wallis. It belongs to the Corfe Castle Charities and has not been occupied since 1942 when the War Office requisitioned the land for training purposes. The War Office paid the rent but allowed the thatched cottage to decay and by 1947 it was considered to be beyond repair and left to slowly disintegrate.

There are references in the court records to a property at 'Neumulle' in 1335 but, again, it was not well looked after and a new fulling mill was built by 1487. It is a mystery as to where exactly this mill lay especially as a 'water grist mill' called 'New Mills' is mentioned when the manor of Rollington was sold to John Calcraft in 1757 (Ref: D-RWR/E/42) but although mentioned in a deed, it is not shown on a map.



The 1585 Treswell map completed for Sir Christopher Hatton and showing the lands owned by Mr [Henry] Uvedall which were bequeathed to the Corfe Castle Charities by his son, Edmund, in 1601.

The little cottage lay on the north side of the Corfe River and certainly existed in 1585 (its shown on the above map) but it is unlikely that it was part of the original mill. Sir William Uvedale leased New Mills in 1539 from the Willoughby family and a mill is not mentioned. The low lying area to the south of the river was altered when a meadow drowning system was installed in about 1711 and the cottage constantly suffered from flooding when the water levels rose. Alice White (shown below) survived her husband to become the last tenant.



New Mills Cottage taken about 1912 with the then tenants from L to R: Albert, Alice, Dorothy & Vera White (Photo courtesy of Pat Welsh)

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Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
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
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.30 – 7.30pm	Adult	C C Village Hall
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1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
WEDNESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
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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