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Editorial

We have got another great edition of the CVN with lots of interesting articles and comment. There is more follow-up about cottages on the heath and also an article about Vineyard Cottage as well as an item about people who lived there.

There are many music events in Purbeck during September and it's great to see these all coming back after almost 2 years without them. There is something for every musical taste so go along and support them.

We have certainly had lots of visitors over the past month. Purbeck was just about as full as it could possibly be with car parks crammed and beaches crowded. The weather though has been a definite disappointment, being distinctly on the cool side. It certainly did not feel like mid-summer.

The Parish Council has been busy working on your behalf. Do have a look at the council report, which will update you about what is being done.

There is an article by Jenny Wilson towards the back of the magazine entitled "And where were you that day". Have a read of it and please get back to us to tell us where you were; everyone knows where they were that day, just as those old enough know where they were when President Kennedy was shot.

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
In the event of Gas Leak	0800 111999
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Swanage Police Station - out of hours calls rerouted	422004
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Corfe Castle Community Library	480760
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Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting	0800 068 4145
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The front page is a sketch of Corfe from the Castle gate first published in Highways and Byways of Dorset by Joseph Pennell in 1906

AUGUST, ANOTHER MONTH FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH

It was once said “We can do anything we want to if we stick to it long enough” and this month Corfe Castle Parish Council have done just that.

New Playground equipment is on its way! – The parish council have received and signed the new Playground land lease agreement which has enabled us to place the order for the new playground equipment. It is hoped work will start in early autumn.

Fingerposts – Over the past 2 years, 3 fingerposts within the parish had been identified as in need of attention, and just before work began to repair the fingerposts Covid and multiple lockdowns came our way, but now the first fingerpost has been repaired and is back to its former glory. At time of writing this article the Bushey fingerpost has been completed and it is hoped the Kingston Village fingerpost will be repaired within the next couple of weeks if not already by the time you read this.



Community Speed Watch Scheme – By the time you read this article 12 Corfe Castle residents would have received their training from Dorset Police to enable them to run Community Speed Watch sessions within Corfe Castle. From time to time, you will see our volunteers standing on the roadside helping to keep our roads safe, by recording speeding vehicle details. These details are uploaded on to the Police computer so that advisory letters can be sent to the relevant vehicle owner. Please be kind to our volunteers, they are helping to keep our roads safe for all users. **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY THROUGH OUR PARISH.**

Planning Application – Corfe Castle Parish Council have received 3 planning applications this month. Application no. 6/2021/0181 for Annexe BH20 5EN, 6/2021/0254 for 22 West Street BH20 5LH & 6/2021/0280 for Far End BH20 5EX. Corfe Castle Parish Council have no objections to all applications however requested a condition be added to application 6/2021/0181 that the Annexe not become an independent house. Full details can be found on the Dorset Council website <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning/planning-application-search-and-comment>.

Corfe Castle Community Land Trust (CCCLT) - The application to develop social housing in West Street has now been submitted to Dorset Council. As yet it has not been validated by Dorset Council and therefore is not on the portal for

public viewing and it may take up to 3 months before being validated. The Parish Council will hold a public meeting for you to air your views both for and against the development in the near future. However, until the application goes live a date for the meeting cannot be set. Once the application goes live, Corfe Castle Parish Council have 21 days to return comments, so this will mean a quick turn around from application validation to public meeting. As soon as we can we will set a date for the public meeting and you will be able to find out the date, time and location by keeping your eyes on the main noticeboards, on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC> or the Parish Council website www.corfecastle.org.uk, plus flyers around the village.

WE NEED YOUR HELP - Many years ago the Rowlands family presented Gods Acre Cemetery with a stone memorial bench. For years this bench has been used and appreciated by many residents and visitors alike, however recently it was damaged, and the Parish Council would very much like to talk to a member of the Rowlands Family to discuss the plans for the future of the bench. If you are a member of the Rowlands family who donated the bench or know a member, please contact Michelle (Clerk to Gods Acre) on 01202 670105 or email corfecastlepc@aol.com

Next Council Meeting – Monday 13th September at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter room.

Corfe Castle Parish Council contact details:

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Dorset Council update - Covid update from Cllr Cherry Brooks- “Dorset Council (DC) is still working on the opening up policies. DC is sorry to still be asking people not to come to Dorset but there is simply still too many coming, DC is working with partner agencies to minimise the impact for the Dorset residents.

DC magazine – The magazine will be delivered to all householders across the county shortly and includes highlights of DC’s achievements despite the significant impact of the pandemic.

New Special School - DC voted for the creation of a new special school and centre of excellence near Shaftesbury (St Mary’s School). This school will open up opportunities to children with special needs across Dorset and is part of our £37.5 million investment package to significantly improve and increase the Special Educational Needs or Disabilities provision, reducing the need for remote expensive out of county provision.

Asset Review - An Asset review is currently ongoing, DC is looking at what it is that DC need for the future, not simply looking at disposing of redundant assets. For example the purchase of St Mary's School was identified as an asset which was needed. Alongside identifying redundant or new assets DC is looking at the assets to ensure what we have is fit for purpose, with this in mind work is underway on regeneration for the North Quay and Weymouth bowl site. Dorset Innovation Park – The Innovation Park saw the opening of the Defence Battlelab last month, which is a world leading Military of Defence innovation hub.

Visitors to Dorset - Robert Jenrick MP – Secretary of State for Housing, met with DC with regards to the Government's proposed planning reform. DC is still feeding into this as they have received feedback from Dorset residents.

Matt Warman MP – Digital Infrastructure Minister visited Dorset in respect to the ground-breaking 5G research project that DC is undertaking. 5G masts are being put along the coast at Purbeck to help the emergency services, as there was no signal. Feedback so far is that the project is on track.

New self-powered 5G Buoy - Battlelab have placed a new digital signage at Durdle Door, which informs the public of sea conditions and tide times and uses a self-powered floating 5G buoy, believed to be the only one in the world.

DC is investigating robot agriculture, not for intensive farming due to the environmental impact, but for areas such as automated machinery in fields.

Environment Bill - DC is still working on the Environment Bill to get the environmental strategy measures in place.

Fair deal for Dorset - DC has also been lobbying government for a fair deal for Dorset, as DC believe they do not receive enough money per head compared to other places. In June a bid was submitted to government to fund projects in Weymouth and Portland, including regeneration of the peninsula, Brewers Quay & North Quay, it is expected DC will know the results of the bid in the Autumn.

Local Plan & Neighbourhood Plans– Work is still on going

Parking Review – DC have a proposal and are in final discussions with stake holders with meetings taking place this week. The meetings are brief meetings letting people know how their feedback has influenced the proposal. It is hoped the plan will be presented to overview, then cabinet with the effects of the proposal coming into place in January 2022. DC have also looked at the provision of digital solutions, so that all car park ticket machines provide the same data moving forward. DC would like to introduce Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) into the car parking system, however at the moment the law states that local authorities cannot do this, however this may be changing in the future.

Since the Parish meeting DC has published its proposal and this can be viewed on the Parish Council website. There will be in summer a £1 charge for 30

minutes, £2 for one hour, £3 for 2 hours, £4 for three hours (currently £3.10). and £5 for four hours. The all-day charge will be £10. The public may comment on these proposals by 10th September to parkingtransformation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Town and Parish reviews - DC is obliged to carry out a review of the Town and Parish Councils, and as we are 2 years into the election term, DC is now carrying out a review consultation about Town and Parish Councils.”

National Trust (NT) update - The Castle – “It has been a good start to the summer season seeing some promising level of visitors that are in line / slightly higher than previous COVID times, but this was to be expected. Due to the new ‘staycation’ we knew that Purbeck would be busy this year.

Tree works – The NT has completed their Ash Die Back surveys for this year and have identified 4 trees that need removing. They are all in the vicinity of the walk from Castle View to the castle and the play trail.

The NT has checked, and the trees are outside of both the Conservation Area and the boundary of the Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) so we do not require any consents for the work. Work is to be carried out by the Countryside team in roughly October / November time but will provide a more accurate date closer to the time.

Conservation Works – The NT has just employed a Site Maintenance Officer, who joined the team at the beginning of August to complete low-level conservation works and presentation standards in and around the castle and castle view. He will be working 2 days a week as part of the Operations Team. We have other plans of work in the diary for later in the year, this involves high rope inspections, repointing of some areas and large-scale ivy removal.”

Know your Councillors – Cllr Melanie Roberts

I was born and raised in a rural area of the Parish and have lived here, bar 3 years in France, for my entire life therefore my interests have always been, and will continue to be, the improvement of the Purbeck area for our residents, our children and grandchildren by supporting and improving our local education, economy and our environment. I manage a holiday rental in Studland and am training to become a dog training practitioner. I also volunteer myself to the Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club where I have a very active role as youth chairman.

Contact Melanie - email bean.moriarty@gmail.com



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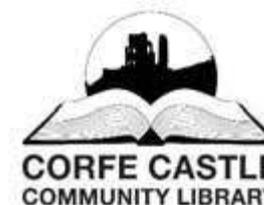
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News from the Library

The 'Library Talks' Return with an Afternoon of Local Archive films.



The series of 'Talks in the Library' return in September (but note that they are not always in the library!). We kick off with *Purbeck in the Past on Film* on October 15th 2021 at 2.00pm in the village hall.

The first half of the 20th century was a period of enormous change across the country. Fortunately, a surprising amount of Purbeck life was recorded on film during the 1930's and 40's. This event is an opportunity to view some of these films. Featured among the films to be shown are farming in Church Knowle and the transition from horses to machines also, Corfe Castle and the artists who lived and worked here in the 1930's. Excerpts of a film made in the 2000's show changes to a location that everyone in the village will be familiar with but may have missed!

The intention is that as well as being of local interest the films will also spark the recollections of those present and some discussion.

This was postponed way back at the beginning of Covid 19. The event will be held in the village hall so we can make use of the new projection facilities. We can't be sure what Covid 19 precautions will be in force (or just be sensible to have) by October so please register for this event via email to corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com or via the library.

Talks for the Next Six Months

- October 15th 2021 – Martyn Jessop: *Purbeck in the Past on Film*
- November 26th 2021 - Deb Fullbrook and Elmo: *An Afternoon of Photography.*
- December 17th 2021: Zoe Squirrel: *An International Para Dressage Dream*
- January 21st 2022: Dr Phil Judkins: *Purbeck's Navy*
- February 18th 2022: Gen Crisford: *Beavers in Purbeck*

Further talks will be added as we progress through the year.

Improving the Library Space

The changes to the children's area in the library mentioned last month have continued (and more are to follow). The children's area is now larger, airier, and brighter. Come in and have a look.

The porch has been rather cluttered for some time as the requirement for us to display more and more posters and notices has grown. These have been reorganised into display units. This has opened up the porch to let in more light and cut clutter.

Reading to Improve Your Mental and Physical Health

There is a huge amount of evidence about the value of reading to support health and wellbeing, as well as the value of libraries as a non-stigmatised space that is both welcoming and empowering for people with mental health problems. In last month's article I introduced the Reading Well scheme which is delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with Libraries Connected and Arts Council England. The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport has funded a universal roll-out of the reading lists to support mental health to every library service across England. The programme is supported by a wide range of professional health bodies including NHS England and The Royal College of GPs. The scheme is evaluated each year to ensure that it delivers positive outcomes. **2.6 million** Reading Well books have been borrowed from libraries and **91%** of people surveyed found their book helpful.

The books are all chosen and recommended by health experts, as well as people living with the conditions covered and their relatives and carers. You can be recommended a title by a health professional, or you can visit the library and take a book out yourself.

The scheme consists of five lists of suggested reading, these are:

- Reading Well for children
- Reading Well for mental health

- Reading Well for young people
- Reading Well for long term conditions
- Reading Well for dementia

These lists cover many issues concerning physical and mental health. The extensive range includes strokes, depression, pain management, anxiety, support for carers, living with long term conditions, sleep problems and a vast range of medical issues. For further details see the Reading Well website <https://reading-well.org.uk/books>. Our own library currently has a display of 90 books taken from the scheme so come in and have a look. These were donated by the Reading Agency and can be taken out like any library book. Other books on the list can be ordered in via the library catalogue.

Reading Well Mood-boosting Books is another scheme, running alongside the main scheme, which promotes promotion of uplifting titles, including novels, poetry, and non-fiction. The books are all recommended by readers and reading groups, different age groups are also catered for. It is also a good way of coming across authors that are new to you. The details can be found at

<https://reading-well.org.uk/books/mood-boosting-books>

As well as 'physical books', many of the Reading Well titles are available to borrow as e-books and audiobooks. If you are unsure of how to borrow e-books or audiobooks drop into the library or go to the website <https://www.librarieswest.org.uk> to find out how to join the library and access books electronically. **Remember it's all free!!!**

Library Opening Hours

Monday 3.00 -5.00 p.m.

Wednesday 11.00 -12.00 a.m. and 3.00 -5.00 p.m.

Saturday 10.00 - 12.00 a.m.

An update from Corfe Castle Community Land Trust

The board of the Corfe Castle Community Land Trust (CCCLT) is pleased to announce that a formal planning application has been submitted to Dorset Council. The full application is not yet available to the public on the Council's Planning Portal (we are told that there is a delay of some weeks) but we will inform the village when we hear it can be viewed.

The aim of the project is to provide affordable homes of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units primarily for those with a connection to our village community by residency, past residency and family history. A key driver is to ensure the long-term vigour of the village and to maintain its balance of economic and social diversity, thus ensuring support for local businesses, our village school and the welfare of our community.

The project has been delayed beyond our original anticipated submission date following detailed environmental and ecological surveys, following which the plans have been amended. These changes have been made in close association with experts to respond, amongst other issues, to recent updates on biodiversity by Dorset Council in our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



Holywell Wind Trio

Sunday 19th September at 3pm

St Edward's Church
East Street, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EQ

Ewan Millar (oboe, BBC Young Musician 2020 grand finalist), Katherine Lewington (clarinet) and Lydia Bennett (bassoon)

We invite you to an afternoon recital featuring works by Mozart and Bozza.



Tickets: £5 for adults, FREE ENTRY for students, tickets available at www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk/events

PAW FESTIVAL - OPEN STUDIOS, ROLLINGTON BARN, AND EVENTS.

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After some fantastic concerts in August – PAW continues. Our artists are delighted to be back in action and warmly invite you to come and explore their **Open Studios**.

Rollington Barn (near Corfe Castle) will host our collective exhibition as usual – with paintings and prints rubbing shoulders with ceramics, photography, woodcraft and greetings cards. Here you can get a taster of what you may find in the Open Studios. Artwork can be purchased

and taken away on the day.

Rollington Barn also acts as our Festival hub. It's an excellent place to plan your art trail over a light lunch or coffee in **Love Cake's pop up courtyard café**, and perhaps catch a free lunchtime performance. There is a large Open Studio map on the barn door, you can also **pick up a handy Open Studio map** to take away. **Purbeck Young Artists'** creativity is on show in the Byre, and at the other end you may want to add your reflections to our **Renewal Tree – an interactive installation** that will evolve over the fortnight. Do come and join us!

You will find more information and our full printable **PAW FESTIVAL BROCHURE** online at www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk You can also book your tickets here for events:

Monday 13 September 7.30 - 10.30pm

PURBECK POETS PERFORMING: An evening hosted by local poets. The Globe Inn, Bell Street, Swanage BH19 2RY
Free with a pint

Tuesday 14 September 7.30pm.

MAPPING TIME: ILLUSTRATED TALK BY DR MARY SPARKS (local historian)

How has the landscape of eastern Purbeck changed over time?

Harman's Cross Village Hall, BH19 3EB

Tickets: £10 adults, £2 students

Friday 17 September 7.30pm.

YOUTH & COMMUNITY CONCERT: celebrating local musical talent

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 160 Victoria Avenue, Swanage, BH19 1AZ

Tickets: £8 adults, £2 students

Sunday 19 September 3.00pm.

HOLYWELL WIND TRIO: A young trio playing music from Mozart to Tansman.

St Edward's Church, East Street, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EQ

Tickets: £5 adults, students FREE ENTRY

Church Knowle Parish Council

An extraordinary meeting was called on 27th July to resolve the Council's position on the application 6/2021/0262 at Withy Lakes/Betcher Farm so that a submission could be made to Dorset Planning by their deadline of 2nd August. The documents which had now finally been made available from Dorset Council's new planning system were examined together with the planning history of the location. The Council resolved, with one abstention to oppose the proposed development on unspoilt agricultural land in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and it was decided that the clerk together with the Chairman and Vice-chairman would prepare the submission so that the deadline was met.

This submission which was passed by the full Council with one abstention at the last meeting can be downloaded from the Parish Council's website under Information→Minutes and Agendas→ Parish Council Meetings→ 2021 Minutes and Agendas. It can also be downloaded from the Dorset Council's Planning website by searching for 6/2021/0262 and looking under View Documents. Alas it seems that Dorset Planning is still reeling from plague and sickness and despite the Parish Council's submission having been submitted on time it was only available to be viewed by the public several days later. And it is still not properly logged under Consultees. Your Parish Council has not been dilatory here.

An ordinary second Tuesday of the month Parish Council meeting was held at the Village Hall on 10th August and two members of the public made a presentation about the state of the footpaths and associated structures: stiles, steps and bridges throughout the Parish. The growth of the hedgerows has made the paths virtually impassible in places and the structures have declined into a dangerous state of disrepair. A definitive map of these footpaths will be obtained from Dorset Council, they will be inspected and all measures taken to have them put back into good order.

The fingerpost renewal project is ongoing. Research into the original configuration and the preparation of a firm quotation is in the hands of the AONB project team. An initial estimate for the two posts that need to be replaced was £5,000 and it is hoped that some external funding will be able to help with this.

The telephone box at Furzebrook which the Council is to adopt is in a particularly sorry state and a request to BT to have it restored to "first class operational condition as befits your corporate ethos and image", while it occasioned some amusement at the Council meeting, was met with less enthusiasm by the corporation. However they did undertake to send a

maintenance team to repair any missing panes and send us a DIY paint kit with plenty of glossy "Currant Red".

The ongoing problem of parking and speeding in the Parish was discussed and a traffic survey is underway at this busiest time of the year so that we have solid data to work with.

The Queens Green Canopy tree planting initiative headed by Cllr Evans is going well and it was proposed that an English Oak be planted surrounded by a tree seat as a memorial to Les Bugler who took exceptional care of the playground.

It was also suggested that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee may be a good opportunity for a community-wide party or event of some description. Any suggestions would be welcome and more consideration will be given to this in future meetings.

Concern was again raised about the "Corfe Valley Learning" activities at Withy Lakes both from a planning and an accreditation point of view. Enquiries will be made to the appropriate departments in Dorset Council to ensure that all the regulatory safeguards, checks and licenses required for an enterprise of this nature that deals with vulnerable young children are all in place.

The next meeting will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on September 14th and all are welcome to either participate or simply to observe.



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Corfe Castle Surgery

Well it's that time of year again that we are starting to think about flu vaccines and the clinics we will run at the Surgery. The first Saturday walk in clinic will be held on 25th September 9am-12pm for over 65's and at risk patients but NOT children, (we will contact you to notify you of dates for these clinics.) We will do another one on Saturday 16th October 9am- 12pm. We will run it like we did last year with social distancing restrictions at the front of the building and a limited number of patients entering the building at any one time. (Please park in the pay and display car park as there maybe people stood in the Surgery car park.) You will be invited into the building to book in at reception before being ushered down the corridor to the waiting vaccinator. You will exit at the back door and walk around the side of the building through the garden area. Weather permitting, there will be a Macmillan coffee/cake stand which I know that patients have generously donated to in the past. We also hope to run some mid-week clinics and will contact patients for these days so that we can continue to monitor the amount of patients in the building and so that there is enough parking available. If you have any queries regarding the flu vaccines, please get in touch and I will be happy to answer any questions for you.

The Covid booster vaccine programme is not yet confirmed but we are expecting this to happen at the Wareham Hospital site and will keep you up to date with information as we get it.

At the beginning of August we said goodbye to Dr Easterbrook who has now completed her 4 month placement with us but as of the 17th August we have Dr John Reid with us for his 4 month stint.

Stay safe.

Kerry Norman - Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

September heralds the end of summer with the harvest home but with new beginnings too – the start of the school year and the return to our routine lives after the summer holidays. The latter is especially true this year with the children mixing together without bubbles and attending lessons in person, more people going back to work at the office and more indoor socialising.

We don't yet know what long-term changes the pandemic will have brought about but as we go into autumn we can permit ourselves to have growing optimism that, thanks to the miraculous vaccination programme (and the heroes delivering it), the legal restrictions of the last 18 months and our continuing caution, the infection rate is now low enough for us to enjoy the freedom to live more normal lives. All the same the word 'caution' is key. The scientists are optimistic that the worst is over but warn that herd immunity, though close, hasn't yet been achieved. How much will case numbers increase with the colder weather, schools back, office workers returning, etc? No-one can be sure how the virus will behave this winter. The thought of a happier Christmas this year is a great incentive!

Apart from being generally careful, there are three ways we can all play our part in keeping well in the coming months – and thereby helping our very busy Surgery too. First, it's worth saying again, and especially to our young people this time, if you haven't been vaccinated yet, please, please have it now to protect both yourself and others from this illness which, though mild for most people, can at random be life-threatening irrespective of age. No-one wants to be left with debilitating long Covid either. Secondly, the Surgery will be holding its annual Saturday morning winter flu jab clinics, one in September and one in October. If you are eligible, do please come along. It's particularly important this year as our immunity will have been reduced by the Lockdown. Finally, although mask-wearing is no longer compulsory we would very politely ask you to consider the scientific advice to wear one in shops and crowded places. These are things we can do individually that will make a collective difference to us all. Thank you.

Good news from the Patient Participation Group (PPG). It is beginning to resume some of its activities. We are very pleased at the prospect of holding a face-to-face meeting in the next few weeks. Now is a good time for you to let us know (via the Surgery or Mary Sabben-Clare) if there are any issues you'd particularly like us to discuss or questions you'd like answered.

We are delighted to tell you that our Carers' Time coffee mornings have re-started. From now on they will be held, as before, from 10.00-12.00 on the LAST Thursday of the month in the community room at Corfe Village Hall. We know what an especially difficult time it's been for carers. We are so much looking forward to seeing our 'regulars' again and very much hope that some of you who haven't come along before will give it a go. It's a small, informal and friendly group. You will be made most welcome. Please come.

I can't finish without returning to the results of the 2021 National GP Patient Satisfaction Survey. A different survey carried out by the National

Association of Patient Participation identified that patients' top priority nationally is access -to their own GP, to making and getting appointments and getting results. It's no surprise therefore that our Surgery has again come top in Dorset with a satisfaction rating of 99%. Many questions scored 100% with questions about access scoring particularly well. It's difficult to imagine a more difficult and demanding year for the staff than 2020/21. They have constantly had to adapt their ways of working so that they could carry on safely looking after us at the same time as giving the extra admin and clinical support for our Covid jobs. Each and every one of the PPG would like on your behalf to thank Dr Lepper, Kerry Norman, the nurses, the admin staff, the dispensary staff and all who work at the Surgery for keeping going through thick and thin and for their wonderful care of us which we appreciate beyond words.

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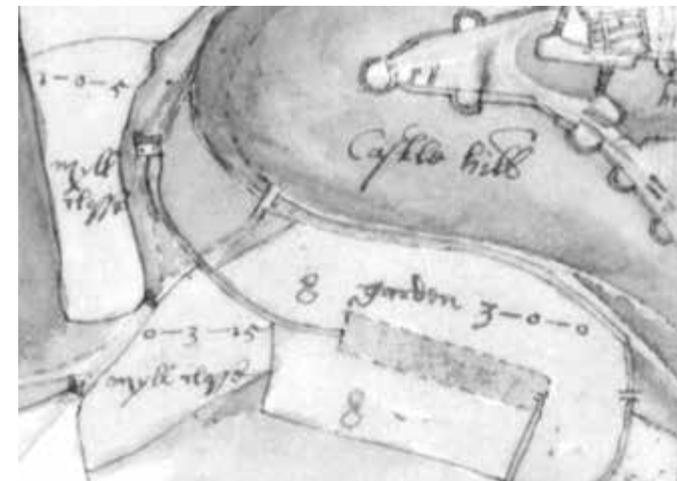
Vineyard Cottage

The Royal Commission of Historical Monuments (RCHM) states that the cottage was built in the late 17th or early 18th century in rubble stone and cob with a thatched roof. However, there was an earlier cottage in situ which is shown on Ralph Treswell's map of 1585 lying in a field called 'Mill Close' which was part of 'West Mill' and belonged to the castle.



Ralph Treswell's map of 1585 showing Mill Close with a cottage in situ

The old cottage was probably pulled down to make way for Lady Bankes's water garden as depicted in a later map of the early 1600s. The Corfe River and the leet running to the mill are still shown but the cottage has gone and a rectangular water feature is now shown fed from the mill's leet.



John Hawsteed's map showing the removal of the cottage

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OS map of 1888 showing the earthworks around Vineyard Cottage.
Note that the mill's leet is no longer shown.

Giles Green of Afflington, a gentleman tenant of Sir John Bankes, rented 'Ye Vineyard' during the Civil War which then consisted of an orchard and garden. A castle survey of 1724 notes that a house and barn existed on the 9-acre site. Farmer Strong had taken over the lease of 'The Vineyard' in 1702 which is described as a tenement. This usually meant it was a piece of land that had a property on it so the cottage was likely to have been erected by the summer of 1702.

By the 1800s, it was let to Joseph Willis of Norden Farm who also rented Castle Leaze, which included the ground inside the castle, from the Bankes Estate and Norden Farm from the Earl of Eldon. He managed the Norden clay pits as steward for the Earl of Eldon. He died in 1849 at the venerable age of 82 years.



Archer Roberts' map of 1769 (turned upside down so that North is in the right direction!) No. 102 Vineyard house, garden & mead

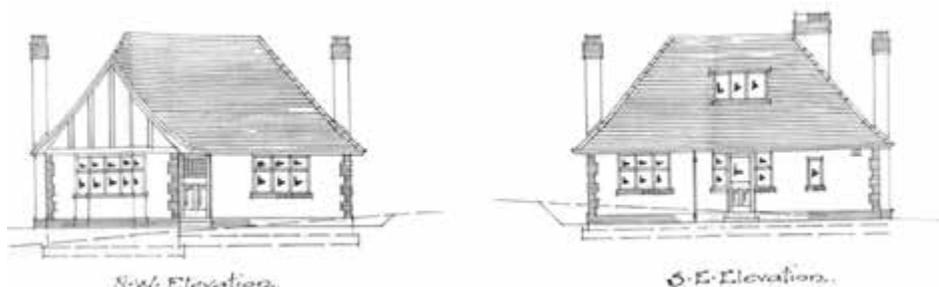


Vineyard Cottage in 1911 (photo courtesy of Mary Wills)

In 1911, James Candy, a cowman, was living there with his wife and daughter. According to the census it had 3 rooms one of which would have been the kitchen (a scullery wasn't counted). A tenant farmer, Reginald Crofts (mentioned in the July 2021 CVN), took it on in 1927 with the pasture and downs, the house, farm buildings and 2 cottages (which were presumably

West Mill). Mr Crofts relinquished his tenancy and Fred Churchill took over as tenant at Michaelmas (29th September) 1945. [refs: D-BKL/E/N/8/5 & D-BKL/A/E/656]

In August 1933, Ralph Bankes decided to build a modern bungalow at Vineyard Farm and put in a planning application to Wareham & Purbeck Rural District Council for permission to build it. It would have 3 bedrooms, a living room, sitting room, scullery and an indoor bath & lavatory. Permission was granted 7 days later – if only planning applications were that quick today!



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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 August 7th raised £152.83 for Village Hall funds; many thanks for all those who attended.

The coffee morning on September 4th will see the return of stalls selling books and bric-a-brac, with the opportunity of securing bargains by "filling a bag for £1" (see advert elsewhere in the CVN).

Covid 19:

The Trustees are mindful that the pandemic is far from over and that our community contains many people who are or maybe just feel vulnerable and that they all have a right to expect a safe environment when using the village hall.

Bookings are still subject to the amended Special Conditions of Hire, as published on the website www.corfecastlevillagehall.co.uk. Users should note that cleaning and sanitizing must still be carried out before and after each event to ensure that the next users can feel they are entering a safe environment.

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

Regular Users:

As confidence returns we are hoping that our remaining regular users such as Toddlers and Wool Workshop will soon feel the time is right to re-start.

One regular user that sadly is not planning to re-start in September is **Bingo**. Many of you will know that there has been a regular fortnightly bingo session on alternate Thursday evenings throughout the year. For many years this has been run by Marg Mayo. Organising involves finding a caller, buying prizes and sorting out refreshments, as well as arranging for the hall to be set out and packed away each time. Marg has now decided that the time is right for her to relinquish this responsibility. The Trustees would like to place on record their thanks to Marg for all her hard work. If anyone would like to pick up this mantle, please contact Carole on 01929 480810.



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As expected, the summer holidays have been busy at the Fine Foundation Wild Seas Centre, and it has been very rewarding to meet and talk to so many enthusiastic marine wildlife lovers. Although our main aquarium has remained closed again this year, our indoor rock pool aquarium has been very popular. The 'red-eyed' velvet swimming crab, blennies and prawns have been elevated to celebrity status by the many excited children who visited. The stars of the show, quite literally, have been the cushion stars - one large one (at a mere 50mm) and the tiny baby ones which stuck to the glass and posed for all to see (measuring just 5mm across).

Our snorkel trail in Kimmeridge Bay has been more popular than ever before, with sightings of sea hares, a variety of crab species, mullet, corkwing wrasse and shoals of tiny sand smelt and sand eel flitting through the colourful seaweed garden. One lucky family even spotted a seal whilst swimming it. The trail remains in place until later this month before being brought in for the winter. There is still time to try it if you haven't already. Pick up a waterproof guide and find out more at the Wild Seas Centre.

We are very pleased to be taking part in the Planet Purbeck Festival this year and are running a Rockpool Ramble on Wednesday 22nd September starting at 2.30pm. Although this guided event with a marine expert is free, booking is essential. So make sure you book your place early. Kids at school? Well you are never too old for rockpooling and this event will be especially for adults and young families. To book your place just give us a ring or call in at the Centre.

The Wild Seas Centre is open every day from 11am until 4pm. 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



Dates of forthcoming meetings

- **Tues. Sept. 7th at 2.00pm** - Ann Brown from the Shire Hall Historic Court House plus a display of the Twiddle Blankets etc made by members.
- **Tues. Oct. 5th at 2.00pm** - Councillor Josey Parish of the Corfe Castle Parish Council Environmental Group giving a flavour of their role and possible sustainable projects, to which all Corfe Castle Probus Members and other guests are cordially invited.
- **Sat. morning Oct. 16th - Autumn Fair in Village Hall** with refreshments and a variety of stalls including delicious homemade cakes and savouries, raffle, collectables and books/toys for sale. All contributions are very welcome. The Autumn Fair is our main fundraiser for our charities so it would be great to have a good turnout. Everybody welcome!

The summer BBQ was a wonderful event, the sun shone, and we had a fantastic turn out. Toby did us proud with a lovely spread of BBQ food and the committee provided delicious puddings. The atmosphere was very relaxed and friendly, people meeting up again after several months of restrictive socialising. The chat flowed along with the wine and a great time was had by all.

Textile/sewing satellite group

On 24th September we are meeting in the Bill Carter room to discuss our future programme. We are planning to spread our wings and learn dress design and cutting. This involves designing and flat pattern cutting. We also want to include all types of textiles including patchwork, crochet, knitting and embroidery including machine embroidery with use of different techniques including dissolving films. Other ideas are 3 D fabric creations, use of fabric pens and paint plus up cycling.

We are visiting the Etches Museum in Aug. to find inspiration for our designs. Our ambition is to create an environment for learning, support and inspiration.

All are welcome to our meeting at **11 am Friday 24th September** for coffee and biscuits with a short demonstration of design and pattern cutting. Sue Sedgley: for more information email aquariusladies2008@gmail.com

Planet Purbeck Festival

The environmental group Planet Purbeck says it is “thrilled” by the area’s rousing response to its first festival.

More than 60 groups or businesses are set to stage at least 70 events across the week-long festival from September 20 to 26.

Joint organiser Rob Waitt said:

“We’re absolutely thrilled to see how the community has reacted to the idea. They have been queuing up to offer events and to join our team to make sure it all happens. It was an ambitious plan but the response has been awesome and actually pretty overwhelming. The idea was to put on a festival by the community for the community – and it seems to be working out like that.”

The events, many of which are free to attend, will all have an environmental twist to reflect Planet Purbeck’s twin mission to tackle the climate emergency while protecting and enhancing the peninsula’s natural beauty and wildlife.

They will take place all over Purbeck, including Wareham, Corfe Castle and Langton Matravers, and will culminate in a grand gathering and children’s parade in Swanage, where a special festival hub will be set up at the Mowlem Theatre for arts, crafts, films, live music and talks by renowned international speakers.

Highlights of the week include a photographic competition at the Blue Pool, tasters for forest bathing and wild water swimming, butterfly and moth surveys, a rockpool ramble at Kimmeridge, an art auction, nature trails, boat trips to discover reed wildlife, stone carving demonstrations and fun teach-ins on the ecology of the sand dunes at Studland.



Fun teach-ins about the Studland sand dunes will feature at the Planet Purbeck Festival

Organisations involved include Greenpeace, the National Trust, Oceans To Earth, Monkey World, Dorset Wildlife Trust, the RSPB, Natural England, Sustainable Swanage, Sustainable Wareham and Langton Planet Action, plus many lesser-known groups.

The Mowlem Theatre hub, open for three days over the festival’s weekend, will feature films and talks on farming, wildlife reintroduction and marine matters such as fishing, plastic pollution and coastal erosion.



Studland sand dunes again

National Geographic explorer and “guerilla geographer” Dan Raven-

Ellison will take centre stage on the Friday, dubbed Earth Day, with Ocean Day on the Saturday followed by Sunday’s Children and Young People Day.

Rob said: “We have been amazed at the variety of events that have been offered to us, including many unusual ones that have come as a pleasant surprise



Walks and talks will unlock the secrets of Purbeck’s coastline

“Some, such as litter picks and nature trails, will be familiar to everyone. But who will have heard of things like an exhibition about the benefits of dandelions that is being staged by the Tom’s Field campsite outside Swanage? Or evening hikes to spot bats? It’s great and I’ll be going to many of them personally because they sound so intriguing.”

The festival is approaching fast and many of the events are number-limited and require reservation, so anyone wishing to attend is recommended to book soon. Details can be found on the Planet Purbeck website at www.planetpurbeck.org.

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On that note, we are hopefully going to bring back our theme nights again, watch our board for advertising.

We are now taking bookings again. And we are going to be having some mouth-watering delicious specials in September.

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When thinking of a theme on which to base my ideas of programming this year,

the image of 'light at the end of the tunnel' kept coming back to me. The idea that we could commune together again on stage and as audience members and that live music making is essential to our lives and a source of 'Light' and hope for many of us. Life was not simple for most of the composers whose works you will hear this weekend, but through struggles very different in nature, a deeper understanding and beauty is revealed.

We have a fantastic array of world-class musicians coming to Purbeck. From Brett Dean to Colin Currie, Tamsin Waley Cohen to The Carducci Quartet, Stephen Kovacevich to Louisa Clein, I hope you will find something new in the unique contribution each of these wonderful artists makes to the festival. We are thrilled to be back, and look forward to giving you a warm and bright welcome this September. Natalie Clein, Artistic Director and Cellist

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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER 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.

2	September	Thursday	8 pm	Gardening Club talk by Toby Hoad on Woodland Management
2 – 5	September	Details on the website and in this magazine		Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival
3	September	Friday		Abba's Angels - Harmans Cross Village Hall
4	September	Saturday	10.15	Village Hall Coffee Morning
7	September	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk by Ann Brown on the Shire Hall Historic Courthouse - CC Village Hall
11	September	Saturday	11.00 am	Ride and Stride starting at St James Kingston
11	September	Saturday	6.30pm	Orlando singers at St Edwards Corfe Castle
11 – 26	September	Brochure available on line		Purbeck Art Weeks – see details in this magazine
13	September	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall.
14	September	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council Meeting in the CK Village Hall
19	September	Sunday	3pm	Holywell Wind Trio St Edwards Corfe Castle
20 – 26	September	Monday – Sunday		Planet Purbeck Festival
24	September	Friday	11am	Aquarius textile and sewing satellite group Corfe Castle Village Hall

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

1	October	Friday	Evening	Ball and Socket on stage at the Corfe Castle Village Hall
2	October	Saturday	10.15	Village Hall Coffee Morning
2	October	Saturday	7 for 7.30pm	Double Act family quiz – Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	October	Tuesday	2pm	Aquarius talk by Josey Parish on the Corfe Castle Environment group
11	October	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall.
15	October	Friday	2.00pm	Purbeck in the Past on film in the Community Library
16	October	Saturday	11am	Aquarius autumn fair in Corfe Castle Village Hall
18 – 20	November	Thursday - Saturday 7.30 pm		Double Act Wizard of Oz in the Village Hall
26	November	Friday	2pm	Deb Fulbrook – An afternoon of photography in the Library
20	November	Saturday	2.30 pm	Double Act Wizard of Oz in the Village Hall Matinee

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The Reverend Anne Bond writes:

Last month I wrote a much-too-long (sorry!) letter setting out Christianity objectively. This month I'm asking – “*so what?*” Why should anyone bother with it? What difference does it make to your life?

Well. Being a believing Christian affects how you think. It affects how you feel. How you think and feel affects your behaviour. And it adds a dimension to your life that deepens your appreciation of the beautiful and true, deepens your awareness of the wrong, and gives you access to a resource within you that you didn't know you had.

You find yourself thinking less about your own well-being, particularly if it might be at the expense of someone else's - which isn't calculated, it's something that simply becomes part of your personality. You find it easier to align yourself alongside a friend or neighbour who is feeling miserable or poorly or troubled - whereas before you might have shied away from becoming involved. And whether you are aware of it or not, your behaviour becomes kinder, less mood-affected, less irritable, and generally more tolerant and generous towards the peculiarities of others.

It is difficult to pin-point the added dimension; all I can say is that it is *real*, and it is a *gift*. It is a positive influence somewhere in your mind that alters your perception of the everyday happenings of life so that pleasure is more often experienced, decisions about right and wrong come more easily, and when the need arises, you are able to dig deep within yourself and find unexpected help. Christians sometimes call this 'the Holy Spirit active within you'.

Christians are as different from each other as is everyone else; what I have described above may be only my own experience and be incomprehensible to other Christians. (I'd be interested to know!) However, I suspect my experience of being a practising Christian is not all that different from other people's; wholehearted belief in the reality of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - has a profound effect on the mind and heart that shows itself in as many different ways as there are different personalities, but at the same time doesn't stray far from Jesus' teaching: 'Love the Lord your God and Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Next month I will come clean about the downside of being a Christian, and I will mention the subject of Church.

With love, Anne

Bible Readings - September 2021

Sunday 5 th September	14 th Sunday after Trinity Psalm 146 Isaiah 35: 4 – 7A James 2: 1 – 10; 14 – 17 Mark 7: 24 – end
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Sunday 12 th September	15 th Sunday after Trinity
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Psalm 116: 1 – 8
Isaiah 50: 4 – 9A
James 3: 1 – 12
Mark 8: 27 – end

Sunday 19 th September	16 th Sunday after Trinity Psalm 54 Jeremiah 11: 18 – 20 James 3: 13 – 4:3; 7 – 8A Mark 9: 30 – 37
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Sunday 26 th September	17 th Sunday after Trinity Psalm 19: 7 – end Numbers 11: 4 – 6; 10 – 16; 24 – 29 James 5: 13 – end Mark 9: 38 – end
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Sunday 3 rd October	18 th Sunday after Trinity Psalm 8 Genesis 2: 18 – 24 Hebrews 1: 1 – 4; 2: 5 – 12 Mark 10: 2 - 16
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Sunday Services in September

We have decided that the Sunday Morning Service at St Edward's will continue to be at 9am throughout September. There will also be the service at Steeple at 9.30am on September 12th.

Then, from October 3rd the service will be at 10.30am and at that time thereafter.

However, please note that at 11am on October 10th there will be a service for the whole of our St Aldhelm's Benefice and this will be at St James' Kingston, and Bishop Karen will preside and preach.

This means there won't be a service at Corfe Castle on October 10th. Then, from October 17th the service at Corfe Castle will be at 10.30.

The service at Kingston on October 10th is to mark the union of the Purbeck Hills Parishes of Kingston, Langton and worth to become one parish with one PCC. It is good and appropriate that as many as possible gather together to mark this important step in the life of our Benefice.

For details of the other services in the Benefice during September please see our email circulation or websites.

Ian

Harmans Cross Village Hall - Church Services

There are 6 pm Evening Services on the 3rd Sunday of each month at HXVH: informal and friendly.



Saturday 11th September

Meet at St James Kingston 11.00am

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Church lawns

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however big the scale of the problem local action is both possible and necessary.

So, the previously tidy but uniform church lawns were identified as a potential area for diversification. The aim is to increase the number and variety of flowers which will in turn benefit bees, butterflies and other invertebrates and their predators. As well as the no-mow area there was some wild flower seeding and the creation of a composting area.

In June a survey of the flowering plants and grasses identified over 40 different species. The next step will be the purchase of a water butt.

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The Vincent Family of Vineyard Cottage

We have been reading the Corfe Valley News with great interest over the last few months, in particular references to Vineyard Farm and the cottage there. My granny, Evelyn Joyce Crocker nee Vincent (known as 'Joyce'), was born in that cottage in November 1925. She died in Corfe at the family home in Halves Cottages in June 2010 and is buried at God's Acre – you can see her birthplace from her grave, which I always find quite mind-blowing and very special.

Joyce was born into a family of mother, Olive Gladys Vincent (known as



Vineyard Farm



Dolly (Olive Gladys Vincent) hanging up the washing at Vineyard Cottage

'Dolly'), father Albert Ernest Vincent (known as 'Ernie'), and sister Phyllis Joan Vincent. My Auntie Phyl had been born in Plush near Piddletrenthide, Dorset, in September 1921. Working out the timeline we think that the family moved to Corfe Castle in 1924, where Ernie took up work as a dairyman at Vineyard Farm.

The family clearly occupied the cottage there, which presumably came with the job, as Gran was born there in November 1925. She used to tell stories of her older sister, Phyllis, walking to school in the village each day with her father. The school was then where the British Legion is now. Ernie built a wooden bridge over the stream down 'Olive Eyes Lane' to make a short cut for her to take to school. Phyllis wasn't too keen on

school as on more than one occasion after she had been left there by her father, she would run home on her own! I'm sure no children feel like that today!



Ernie (Albert Ernest Vincent) with his daughters, Phyllis and Joyce, and Jim Chaffey on a Hay Wain in The Halves

By all accounts Phyl was full of mischief and other farm related stories include Ernie looking out of the farmhouse window and seeing her sat on one of the resident pigs!

As well as the pig there were geese and chickens at the farm and Gran recalled a year they had planned to eat one of the geese for Christmas dinner. The problem was they had given the poor goose a name (if only I could remember what!) and when it came to it, they couldn't eat it!

Gran recalled how as girls they had enjoyed walking to Hatchards, which was on West Street near to The Fox pub, where Seasons Green is now, to buy chocolate. She also mentioned that what is now Dragon's Bakery was a butchers called 'Bussins', which I guess is referring to Mr Bussens, who is mentioned in July's edition of CVN as the then owner of Vineyard Farm and the nearby slaughterhouse. He must have been my great grandfather's employer / landlord too.

In around 1929 the family moved to St Audries in Somerset where Ernie took up another dairyman role on a farm, but they only stayed there for about 6 months before they were drawn back to Corfe later in 1929 / 1930. Now they

lived in West Street in a tied cottage associated with Ernie's job as dairyman at



1924: Dolly and her daughter, Phyllis, with Geese!

West Street Dairy. The dairy was owned by Mrs Moss, who incidentally also made coffins! The cottage was next door to what was Coopers and later, Don Palfrey's butchers, which at the time was a builder's merchants.

Between this and the outbreak of the Second World War, Ernie got a job at the milk factory near Corfe Castle train station. He would leave home at 5am on his bike, his job was to stoke up the boilers. This meant giving up their tied cottage and the family rented rooms from Miss Collins at 'Hazeldene' in

East Street. They remained here throughout the war and Gran talked very fondly of her time there, having moved from places with outside toilets at the end of the garden to a house with a toilet indoors!

I love the opportunity to remember my wonderful gran and the stories she told us, and to share these with others interested in the history of the village and in particular the cottage at Vineyard Farm that sparked our memories.

Livvy Williams nee Suttle

Editor's note:- I recall that, when I was living on the square with my Grandfather and Aunt during the war, the butcher in the square was Tommy Budden; I wonder if this is who is being referred to as Mr Bussens? There was certainly more than one butcher in the village, so perhaps there was a Budden and a Bussens. Any ideas?

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The Vanished Cottages of the Heath – Follow Up

In the magazine last month, Louise mentioned amongst others, the cottage which used to stand at the top of New Line at Norden.

Following are a couple of aerial photos of the cottage and surroundings.

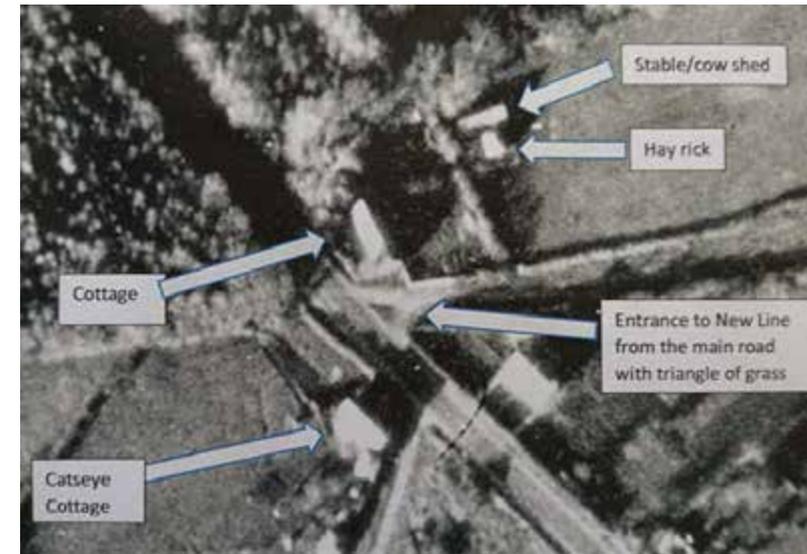


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My grandfather and his family lived here for around 78 years. Grandfather was Seth White, born in a cottage at the bottom end of New Line in 1882, and moved to this cottage around 1885. Originally a pair of cottages, by the time I remember, it was only the one, although the external front wall still ran the whole length of the two cottages, with nothing behind the bit of the wall that had been the second cottage. You can see this in the family group photo below. Only the first window to the left of the doorway was part of the existing cottage.



This is the side facing the main A351. Seth White is the one with the battered trilby, his wife, Ethel Louisa Edith née Brinton, is on the far right. Their daughter Rita has the dog. The remaining folk are relatives from London. This was taken around the mid to late 1940s



In this photo the rear of the cottage is visible, the main A351 is behind them. The people are Ethel White and her son Robert. Photo taken around 1930.

Ethel White died in 1956 and Seth in 1963. The cottage was at that point declared to be not fit for habitation. After a while the tree which stood at the front corner of the cottage next to New Line, rubbed at the thatch, which eventually led to the roof collapsing. The cottage was demolished and the ground cleared in about 1975.

I always referred to my grandparents as Mama and Papa, names which were given to them by an Italian prisoner of war who came to help on the smallholding from the camp next to the railway crossing at Motala, just up the road, but that's a whole other story

Sue Noel, August 2021

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Friends of Salisbury Cathedral – Secret Gardens of the Close and Green Fair

The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral's *Secret Gardens of the Close* event returns in September and this year there's a new attraction.



Time for tea. Tea and cakes will be available at South Canonry, the home of the Bishop of Salisbury.

The event, which enables the public to visit gardens in Salisbury Cathedral Close that are normally hidden from view, will include a green fair comprising a dozen stalls with an eco-friendly theme.

Secret Gardens of the Close & Green Fair takes place on Sunday September 12 from 1pm to 5pm.

As well as touring some of the larger gardens in

the Close and De Vaux Place, visitors can enjoy tea and cake on the lawn of South Canonry, the home of the Bishop of Salisbury. The green fair stalls include Harnham Water Meadows Trust, Plantlife and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, whose representatives will be explaining what they do and how the public can get involved.

Salisbury Florilegium Society will be hosting an exhibition of members' botanical paintings in the Medieval Hall and musical entertainment will be provided by recorder group Close Consort, whose members will be playing in a number of the gardens.

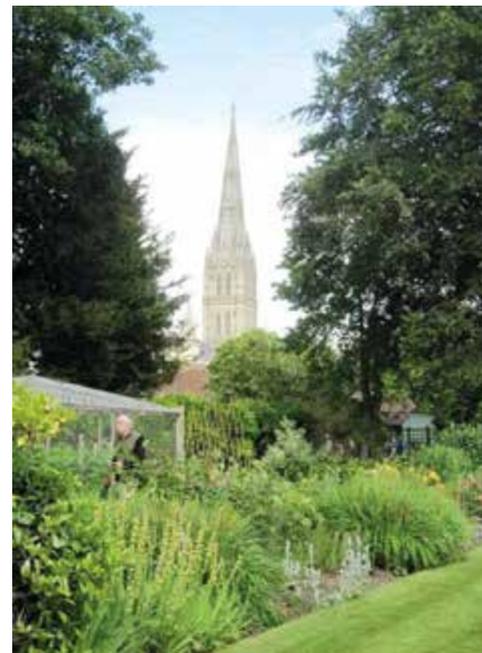
Friends' chairman Duncan Glass said: "The Friends are very much looking forward to holding our *Secret Gardens of the Close* afternoon following the disappointment of having to cancel last year due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

"The green fair will enhance this popular event and we look forward to welcoming everyone to our flagship event."

Tickets for *Secret Gardens of the Close & Green Fair* are £10 (under-16s free), and are available at the event.

For more details, contact the Friends' office on 01722 555190.

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Flashback to 2019 and a visitor enjoys a stroll in one of the 'secret gardens of the Close'.

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Corfe Castle Gardening Club

So, we are off into September, the seventh (*septem*) month of the year in the Roman calendar, unceremoniously promoted to the ninth by the Gregorian calendar, without changing its name. A month that brings joy to some parents (schools go back), stress to some teachers (ditto) and a change of pace for gardeners (we're into Autumn). It also brings pain to some as September 29th [Michaelmas Day] is a Quarter Day, on which land rents are traditionally paid.

It should also bring us Michaelmas Daisies in abundance, provided the poor plants have kept pace with the changes in climate and seasons!

The reference to Michaelmas Day (the Feast of St Michael) reminded me that a goodly number of garden related sayings, lore and superstitions are hung on religious pegs. Our ancestors, of course, had no smart watches that pinged calendar reminders at them. Their calendar was the church's calendar. Saints Days were, literally 'red letter days' (so named from marking them in red in the church's list of services and events, fasting days and feast days).

So watch out for 40 days of rain to follow if it rains on 15th July (St Swithuns), plant your spuds on Good Friday and your Sweet Peas on St Valentines Day (14 Feb, but watch out for late frosts!). There are more.

I'm sure there is Folk lore associated with woodlands too, but whether Toby Hoad will mention it we'll see on Sept 2nd when Toby speaks about woodland management.

Our October meeting will be with Rachel Fooks of the CC Environment Group. Her topic is "Helping the environment of Corfe Castle." Now, that is a subject that should interest and concern all of us. If you are not yet a member of CCGC you can come to the meeting as a guest for a small entrance fee.

Meetings from September onward are back in the Corfe Castle Village Club. We meet upstairs at 8pm but encourage you to arrive earlier to collect your chosen refreshment from the bar downstairs to bring up with you.

On August 2nd Jim organised a moving and fitting Memorial tribute to the late Dr. Rob McGibbon. It was held at Kingcombe Centre, a site that Rob had studied and reported on and supported over very many years. His work, and that of those who came later, has now been recognised in the official designation of the grassland site. We also saw examples of Rob's superb art work and evidence of his impact in studying and protecting other sites around

the country. CCGC is not the only group that will miss having this multitalented, multiskilled, multi lingual, gentle, scholarly, unassuming and very humble man among us.

David



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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.

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.

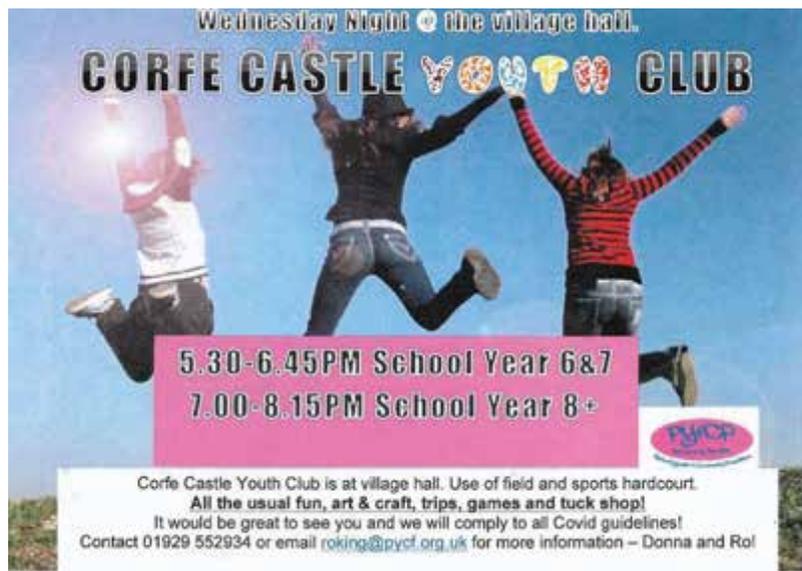
Please bring your own racquet and wear a face covering while not playing and check into the QR code for the hall on arrival.

We look forward to meeting some new players.

For more information ring Chris Kemp on 01929 480007

Corfe Castle Youth Club

We will restart after the summer on Weds 8th Sept (fingers crossed for Co-vid status etc!!)



Please Close Gates

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.

Village Remembrance 2021



We are planning this year to return to our normal Remembrance Sunday and associated events.

Our Tommie will be put up in early November on the St Edward's lawn and our school children will name the fallen on wooden crosses and place them around him.

We plan to have our Poppy Boxes in the local shops and pubs and our doorstep collections will, as usual, be subject to the

availability of our collection teams.

If you would like to join the team please ring me on 01929 480349.

Details of Church services and wreath laying will be announced in the October CVN.

George Preston Chairman CC Branch RBL



Interment Of Ashes, Betty Rowles

Peter Rowles, stepson of Betty Rowles, has asked me to publish in the Corfe Valley News that Betty's ashes are being buried in God's Acre on Tuesday 14th September at 11.00 am. Peter is aware that Betty had many friends in Corfe Castle and is anxious that everybody who would have liked to be at her funeral – which due to covid was a very small event – should know that they will be very welcome indeed to attend the interment of her ashes. (He says to tell you that formal dress is not necessary, and that there will be no wake afterwards.) He is anxious that no-one should be left out – hence this message. *Rev Anne Bond.*

Please Don't Feed Grazing Horses

Feeding grazing horses carrots and/or apples may seem like a kind, inconsequential and pleasant thing to do, however, it can actually be very harmful and possibly fatal. Some horses have special dietary needs - carrots and apples are high in sugar being dangerous for ponies with Laminitis or Cushings. Even healthy horses can choke on fruit and veg if it's not cut and handled correctly or it could cause colic which can be fatal. If you're concerned that a horse isn't being fed properly, then you should report it to the RSPCA 0300 1234 999, but under no circumstances should you feed it yourself. So please, DO NOT feed ANY grazing horses in a field or on the common, many thanks.

Looking forward to Christmas.

Whilst enjoying these summer months our thoughts turn to the advent season and plans for the Christmas tree festival which will take place from 4th to 6th December. With charity funding being hit quite badly over the last eighteen months, we hope to once again hold a festival aimed at raising money and awareness to local good causes. We are grateful once again to Revd James Mercer and the Langton PCC for allowing us to take over St George's church Langton for a whole week at the beginning of December to put on the event. Although we cannot be certain if the festival be allowed to go ahead in the usual fashion, we will still work very hard to ensure it will be as enjoyable as previous years. If you would like to participate and decorate a tree for either yourself or your organisation please contact Sandy on (01929 424431) or download an application form which will be available on the church website.

Sandy Garner

CLAY – a note about a historical event from Ken Williams

A copy of an article originally published in the Church Knowle WI Magazine in the 1970s.

Church Knowle has long been connected with the mining of clay. Although the clay mines lie to the north of the valley the owners have a line of cottages in the village called 'The Barracks'.

Here the clay miners have lived and worked at the clay mines for several generations.

Some villagers have always earned their living in the clay pits - and a dangerous livelihood it sometimes proved, as this extract from the parish magazine of 1859 shows:

“Charles Woolfries, together with George Bartlett, were entombed in a living grave for four days, by the sudden falling in of the shaft of a clay pit at Furzebrook in March 1859. Those who witnessed the scene, at the place where the accident occurred, during those terrible days of agonizing suspense, will never forget the noble conduct displayed by the clay-pit men in their efforts to rescue their comrades from their perilous situation.

The danger from foul air, falling earth, and many other hazards was entirely forgotten by these gallant fellows; their only thought was how long it would take to break down the barrier through which they could hear knocking made by the imprisoned men. With unflagging zeal and energy they worked till they effected the long wished for deliverance.

The poor fellows in the pit had by this time been reduced to the last extremity of exhaustion by the want of good air and food, and the exertions they had made in knocking to encourage their deliverers.

It was a solemn moment when the death-like forms of the two men were brought to the surface of the earth; and the feelings of the multitude assembled at the pit's mouth were too deep to find expression in a shout, or even in a word of congratulation.

It was felt to be a relief when the midnight stillness was broken by the voice of the Rector of the parish reading the fortieth psalm, commencing with the words - I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me and heard my calling. He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay. "

Charles Woolfries survived his rescue seventeen years. Evan Hopkins, who lived with his sister at Swalland Farm until he went to King's College, London to train in Divinity, matriculated in 1863.

“O be Joyful” as choirs return!

Many choirs and choral societies have been unable to sing together since March 2020 but now restrictions are lifting Wareham Choral Society is planning a return to music making in September 2021. Their Monday evening rehearsals at Lady St Mary's Church will include the standard Christmas fare including carols and excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" but also an exciting newly commissioned work. The "Dorset Jubilate" has been written for the Choral Society by composer Philip Singleton, and as well as the familiar words of the Jubilate, it incorporates settings of poems by local poet Thomas Hardy – "The Darkling Thrush", and "The Oxen" which adds a Christmas feel to the piece due to be first performed on 4th December 2021 in a concert with Briantspuddle Singers.

Composer Philip Singleton says: "It is my sincere hope that the "Dorset Jubilate" should contain something to appeal to all... and what better to set than poems by Thomas Hardy? The Jubilate invites Christians to be joyful and to praise God, while Hardy's poem "The Oxen" takes the form of a pastoral carol-like setting, and in "The Darkling Thrush" a lone wanderer on the point of despair finds solace in the song of an unseen thrush – suggested here by solo trumpet."

The "Dorset Jubilate" is scored for Choir, Soprano and Baritone Soloists, and trumpet, all supported by an important and exciting organ part. Philip has worked in close collaboration with Wareham Choral Society's Musical Director, Hazel Ricketts, and John Challenger, organist of Salisbury Cathedral.

Hazel Ricketts comments that "The results of this collaboration are obvious both in choral writing which is crafted to be approachable and singable for amateur singers and a dramatic organ part which compliments and supports the choir. However, the real joy is in the piece as a whole, and the way in which all elements fit together to make a new and exciting, yet still moving, choral work

reflecting our mixed feelings at this strange time”.

Wareham Choral Society meets on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in Lady St Mary’s Church, Wareham, and Briantspuddle singers on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in Briantspuddle Village Hall. Both choirs would welcome new members in all voice parts. For more information please visit www.warehamchoral.co.uk or contact: 01929 552272 for Wareham Choral or www.briantspuddlesingers.uk 01305 262575 for Briantspuddle Singers.

For further information on Philip Singleton please visit:
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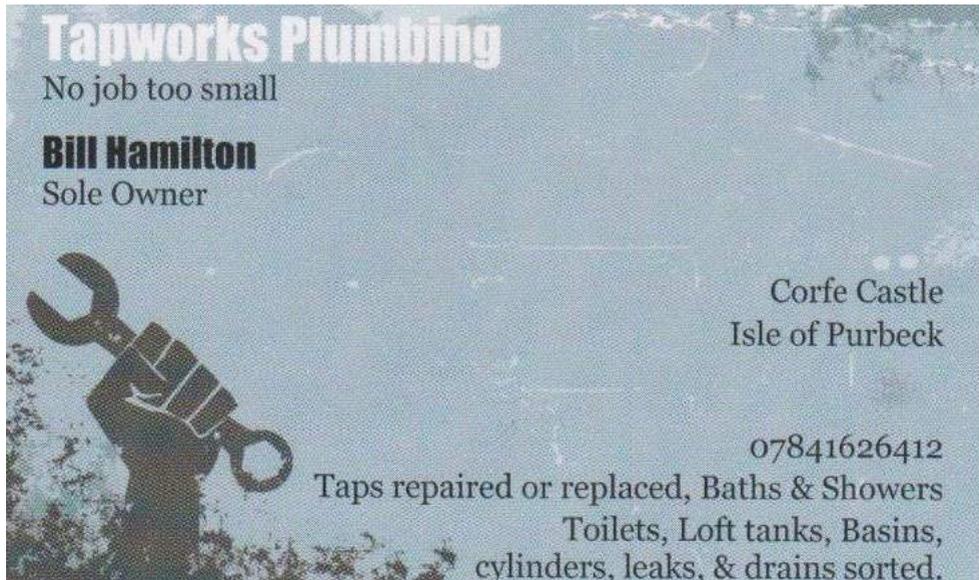
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Kimmeridge News

Kimmeridge Coastguard

Our Kimmeridge Coastguard Volunteers have been kept very busy in the past month with the influx of visitors to Purbeck. Working alongside neighbouring teams from Lulworth, Wyke Regis & St Albans we have been involved in medical emergencies requiring the helicopter to take people to hospital, carrying out people with injuries to the nearest place an ambulance can reach, rescuing a dog that ventured 30 feet down the cliff at Durdle Door, rescuing climbers stuck on the cliffs, helping paddleboarders stranded off Arne back to safety and searching for missing people. Sadly, some of the outcomes were not good, but it is always a strength to work together as such strong teams whatever the outcome. We have also had the opportunity to work closely with our colleagues in the Ambulance Service, Fire & Rescue and the Police. An excellent example of sharing our different skills & resources to help the local community and our visitors.



Steve & Helen Earwicker (earwicker@btinternet.com)



That was the Summer that was.

My sundial has two Latin mottos one of which translates as “*I announce the brightness and radiance of the sun*”. The sundial has under-performed this Summer. In contrast the rain gauge has excelled itself with rainfall in May, June and July all twice the

normal amount. There have been winners and losers as a result. Many of the garden plants were winners; growing and flowering more prolifically than usual – including unfortunately the bindweed which spread so fast you could almost see it grow.

The jackdaws nesting opposite my house were losers. They valiantly fed the chicks in their chimney through the May downpours but by early June when the chicks should have fledged – nothing appeared. For days the parents peered into their pot in a forlorn way and between times had to scrap with a dozen or more rivals for ownership of the chimney for next year.

From late May until early July a male nightjar was churring on Corfe Common, trying to attract a mate. I don’t know if it succeeded but if it did and eggs were laid, they would have needed some good fortune to evade the keen noses of the badgers. I crossed paths with the badgers setting off on their nightly forays across the common. I suspect they Hoover up a fair few eggs of ground nesting birds. They may also snaffle a few of the glow-worms which, at least to our senses, are a bit more obvious than nightjar eggs.

Closer to home I did not have to leave the garden to see a Barn owl fluttering and floating over the meadow in the gloaming. And in the garden this year’s dragonfly nymphs enacted the age-old magic of nocturnal transformation from dull, water-dwelling, creepers into dazzling masters of the air. Some of them are unlucky, emerging on a night that is followed by days of rain. After just such a spell I found a damp dragonfly hanging in low, wet vegetation. I lifted it up into the sunshine to warm up and after a while it buzzed off - up, up and away to infinity and beyond.

I am not sure if the young blackbird came in the bedroom window to escape the rain but lying in bed one night, I became aware that I was being watched by beady eyes from the top of the wardrobe. Having caught and bundled my

unexpected bedtime visitor out the back door I returned to bed to find six more unexpected visitors - sinister looking flies. These turned out to be blood-sucking louse flies that had come off the blackbird. Not being sure if, in the absence of their feathered friend, they might fancy my blood, I hoovered them up. As they are highly adapted to clinging onto birds it proved remarkably difficult to suck them off the walls.

Swifts host their own parasitic flies too and they must have even more impressive adhesive powers to stay on board. In early August there were around 50 swifts flying over the castle chasing and screaming after each other, adding that quintessential Summer sound as an accompaniment to the singers of Illyria performing open-air Gilbert & Sullivan. As the show ended and the clock struck 9 about half the swifts hurtled down into West Street and up in under the roof tiles of the Town Hall and neighbouring houses. That was quite a show too.

The other (somewhat depressing) Latin motto on my sundial translates as “*The vigour of our days passes like a flower of the Spring*”. The swifts of our Spring and Summer are long gone and all our other Summer visitors will soon be going too. But they will return, and in the meantime, we can look forward to a more peaceful Autumn.

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News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

By the time you read this, the HXVH August Bank Holiday Monday Fete and Field Day will be imminent ... or may even have come and gone!! If the latter, we hope you had a lovely time if you made it along. If the former, we really look forward to seeing you. The team will be busy with setting everything up from Friday morning (27 Aug) through to the day itself, and any help is welcome – many hands make light work. The same is just as true from Monday 5pm onwards after the Fete closes as we clear up.

Alternatively, just come along and enjoy yourselves and buy some raffle tickets. We are sharing proceeds this year with Swanage-based charity Willdoes – see more about the amazing work they do for local youngsters on their website at www.willdoes.co.uk First prize is £250 in cash courtesy of the Purbeck Media Group; 2nd prize is a 3 course meal with wine for two from The Pig, and we also have loads of further prizes from our wonderful local businesses, including The Pink Goat, Bankes Arms Hotel, the Black Swan and many more besides – thank you all for your support.

A final plea for all Purbeck Bake-Off fans – your home-made cakes, cookies, brownies and treats are always loved by visitors and welcomed by the tea room team so please bring them along on the morning of the fete – thank you.

After all the fun of the Fete, **Friday 3rd September** sees the long-delayed but much anticipated return to Harmans Cross of **Abba's Angels**. Arguably the best Abba tribute band in the UK, it's an opportunity to dig your high heels and spangly flared trousers out of the attic for a real Mamma Mia of an evening. Tickets are available for £14 plus booking fee online at www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Live-Music

October sees Film Nights returning to the Hall, with Official Secrets screening on Tuesday 12th October, followed by the Purbeck Film Festival screening of Red Joan on Saturday 23rd October. More about those in the next issue

Alison Clough, Chair of Harmans Cross Village Hall

Corfe Castle Evangelical Congregational Church

THE GOD-SHAPED VOID

On the surface most of us look vibrant, happy and contented. We put on a brave face and we put on a smile. We are very good at hiding things. Most of us manage to keep it together long enough to preserve our image, but inside we feel dead, often unhappy and not contented. We can have hopes for tomorrow, thoughts that life can get better. But Life doesn't fix itself. There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person which cannot be filled by any created thing. In every person's heart there is a longing to be filled. The problem is we try to fill it with things which we think will solve our emptiness... things like pleasure, activities, relationships, careers, possessions, alcohol, drugs etc., We may get some enjoyment and even contentment in some of these things for a while, but in the end, they will leave us empty and longing for something more. These things don't satisfy. Nothing in this life can fill that void. It doesn't matter how much we do or we get, it's never enough to fill us up and it's not supposed to because the empty place in our hearts was created to be filled with God alone. All other things are temporary, and won't be lasting

Only God can fill the chasm, everything else only deepens the void. God doesn't remove the void; He fills it. He gives us a purpose in life. God can turn emptiness into fullness and fill us with His fullness even if everything around us remains in emptiness. There is something in the human heart that longs for something. Something is missing like a void and that void is where Jesus should be...

God wants us to have a life filled with love, acceptance, forgiveness and purpose. He is ready to be our hope and our help.

JESUS LIVED, HE DIED AND HE ROSE AGAIN, AND IS ALIVE TODAY!

"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

Many Blessings to all... Keep well and keep safe...

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Update on the church repairs

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Pioneer View

Dear Friends

I want to look at in this month's article the essence of hope. Hope is at the very core and centre of our journey to become a compassionate inclusive community.

But what is this Hope, what does it look like? How do we grow it in our community? Its these questions I would like to address.

What is hope? The dictionary definition of hope is describing hope as a feeling of expectation and desire for a thing to happen. Other words describing hope are aspiration, desire, expectation, aim, plan, dream.

These words and descriptions of hope help make it much tangible and provide us with some sense that our hopes are attainable.

I wonder considering this how would you describe your hopes? I Like the word dream as a description of hope. It invites me to be more creative and limited to time and practical constraints.

Here is a quote to reflect on

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

To see our hopes and dreams to become a reality it requires a starting point to have a vision, something to aim for. What does our dream look like.? Having a vision gives our journey purpose and direction.

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

A few years ago, I had a dream to grow compassionate communities, communities that are inclusive and hospitable to the stranger, alienated, disenfranchised and broken., that dream became a reality when the Growing Compassionate Communities vision became a Charity.

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

Peter Jones - Chair: Growing Compassionate Communities Charity

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And Where Were You That Day?

We felt a buzz of excitement as the plane took off from Heathrow on a Sunday morning. Our trip to Jordan was finally happening and the dream of seeing Petra would soon come true. We had chosen an escorted tour and, on arrival at our hotel in Amman that evening, were surprised to find another couple from Purbeck in the group of twenty-one.

Early the next day we all boarded a coach to begin our sightseeing itinerary, heading north from Amman with our guide, plus a policeman assigned to accompany us throughout. The first stop was Umm Qais, perched on a promontory overlooking the Jordan Valley and the Sea of Galilee. Some of the party nervously speculated on the cause of a distinct booming in the distance. Being accustomed to the noise from the army ranges, the “Purbeck Four” quickly identified the sound of heavy gunfire, confirmed by the guide as coming from the Golan Heights about a hundred kilometres away. The slightly jittery effect this had on some proved in retrospect to be almost prophetic.

After an interesting afternoon visit to the ancient Roman city of Jerash, we headed back to Amman for a second night.

The Tuesday morning began with a tour of Amman, after which we set off southwards. We stopped at Mount Nebo, famed as the vantage point from which Moses looked upon the Promised Land. The spectacular views across the valley towards the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea, heightened our sense of anticipation as we were to spend that night at a spa hotel on its northern shore.

I will fast forward to our arrival that afternoon.

After being shown to our rooms, everyone changed and headed to the beach; we couldn't wait to try floating in the buoyant water. We found a little muddy pool among some rocks and plastered ourselves with the therapeutic salty mud. It was great fun and much cheaper than the spa! I must admit that my skin felt wonderfully smooth after a rinse in the warm sea. It was a pleasant, relaxing afternoon and we looked forward to an enjoyable evening as a couple on the tour had generously invited us all to join them in the bar at seven o'clock for a glass of champagne to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.

After a quick shower, we decided to have a short walk as there was time to spare before we were due to meet the others. The grounds of the hotel were so pretty. It all looked idyllic, twinkling with fairy lights, and we meandered down towards the shore to watch the sun set. Darkness fell; the sea glistened and a gentle glow illuminated the sky behind the low hills on the other side of the

Dead Sea. We felt a goosebumpy thrill when someone told us the glow was from Jerusalem. That tranquil scene is still fresh in my mind as if it were yesterday.

We tore ourselves away and headed back to the bar, arriving just after seven o'clock. We were surprised to find it almost deserted. There was no sign of the silver wedding couple and only two or three members of the group were there. We chatted for a short while, wondering whether to go ahead and order drinks, when another of our number burst in, looking shaken. He stared at us incredulously, asking “*Haven't you seen the television?*” Seeing our blank looks, he told us that hijacked planes had been deliberately crashed into the World Trade Centre in New York. A few others gradually drifted in; the atmosphere turned from elation to horror and stunned disbelief. This soon gave way to speculation about the perpetrators and potential revenge by the Americans. Our minds started working overtime, imagining an order from President Bush for an immediate bombing campaign in the Middle East. My husband quietly disappeared, heading for the loo.

Needless to say, there was no champagne that night and I don't think we had dinner. Everyone went off to watch the confused and sickening story gradually unfolding on our screens.

The next day, breakfast was a subdued affair and our guide did his best to reassure us that there had been no Foreign Office advice for immediate return to the UK and the tour would continue safely.

Frankly, for me that whole Wednesday was a blank. I know we made several scheduled sightseeing stops on our way to a hotel near Petra. I have absolutely no recollection of what we saw and there was only one topic of conversation.

Despite not feeling in the mood when we got up, the much anticipated visit to Petra the following day fully lived up to our expectations. Emerging from a Roman road through the Siq, a huge crack in the sandstone, we caught our first stunning glimpse of el Khazneh, the Treasury. It was truly magnificent and the remains of the city beyond were far more extensive than I had imagined. Our tickets were valid for two days so we were able to return on the Friday to wander at leisure.

Saturday was the final day of the tour and the group travelled to Aqaba via spectacular Wadi Rum, the location for desert shots in the film, “Lawrence of Arabia”.

Most of the group were to fly home the following day but we and the anniversary couple had booked a three night extension in Aqaba. We were no longer part of a tour group, just two couples on holiday, and it was slightly scary to note that the hotels became emptier each day.

On our last evening, we headed for a night market on a quest for some karkade; dried hibiscus, which makes a delicious hot or cold infusion. We stopped at a phone booth in the street to ring our daughter, who was very worried that we hadn't been flown straight home on the Wednesday. We made the mistake of saying we were going to a market and, realising that we were out on our own, she ordered us back to the hotel immediately. Of course we said OK and carried on. We found my karkade in an open fronted spice shop with an affable, larger than life shopkeeper. His friendliness was typical of all the Jordanians we met. He kept saying, "You Eeenglish, you arre verrr-ry verrr-ry well-come". Beaming, he took a pile of postcards from a shelf and proudly showed them to us, "Look, this is Lonnd-donn, this is Ox-forrd". They had been sent by previous tourists and he extracted a promise that we would post one from where we lived. I decided I would send him one showing Corfe Castle.

Our homeward itinerary was for an internal flight back to Amman and connecting flight to Heathrow. However, we were all uncomfortable about this and the tour company arranged a minibus to drive the four of us to Amman. My husband was very nervous about the flight but was reassured when told that there is an armed guard aboard all Royal Jordanian flights. The idea of a shoot-out thirty thousand feet up was no more appealing than being high jacked, but I said nothing.

That unscheduled drive back to Amman through the desert landscape skirting the Dead Sea was a delight. I have a wonderful picture of us posing by a triangular road sign with a camel on it, just like ours warning of deer on the road.

The flight home was uneventful; friends and family were relieved to have us back safely, as if we had done something irresponsible by being in the Middle East at such a time.

There is a lovely sequel to this tale. Some months later, I needed to ring Corfe Surgery. When the receptionist asked for my name there was a slight pause before she replied with an unexpected question, "Have you ever been to Jordan?" I hesitatingly answered, "Yes", wondering whether I needed screening for some disease. She then asked if I had visited Aqaba. Perhaps you can guess the rest? She had recently come back from a tour ending in Aqaba,

had visited a certain spice shop and been shown a pile of postcards. She saw one of Corfe Castle and naturally turned it over to see who had sent it!

Inevitably, whenever we recall our trip to Jordan our minds turn to the terrible events of what has become known as "9/11". We have a kaleidoscope of memories of our night by the Dead Sea twenty years ago - and I bet that as you read this you can immediately recall exactly where you were **That Day**.

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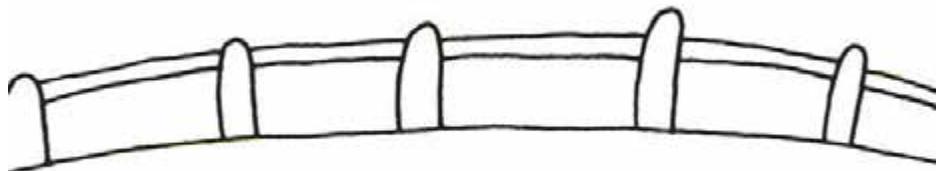
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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MONDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm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