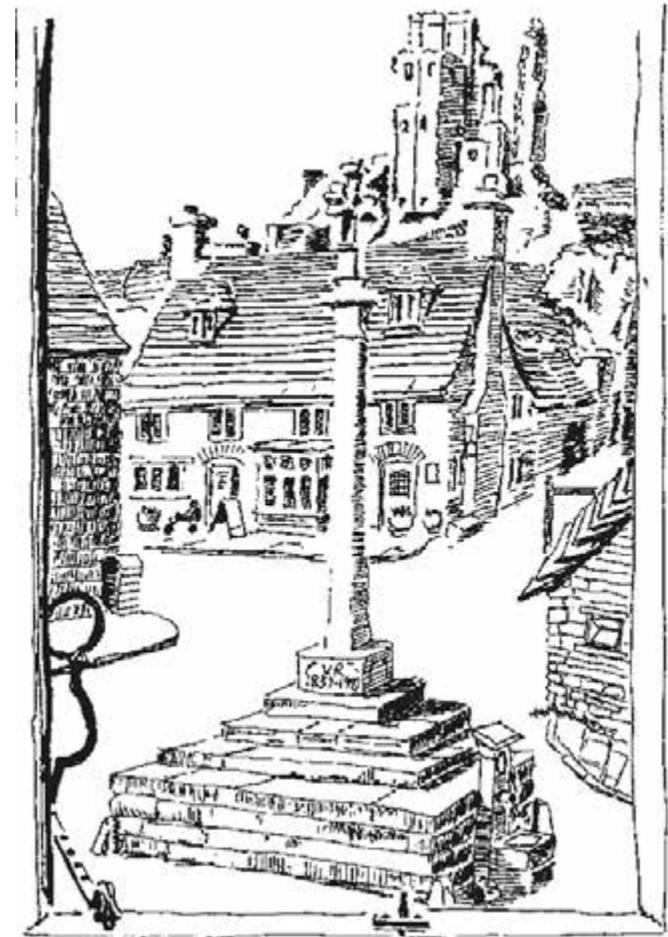


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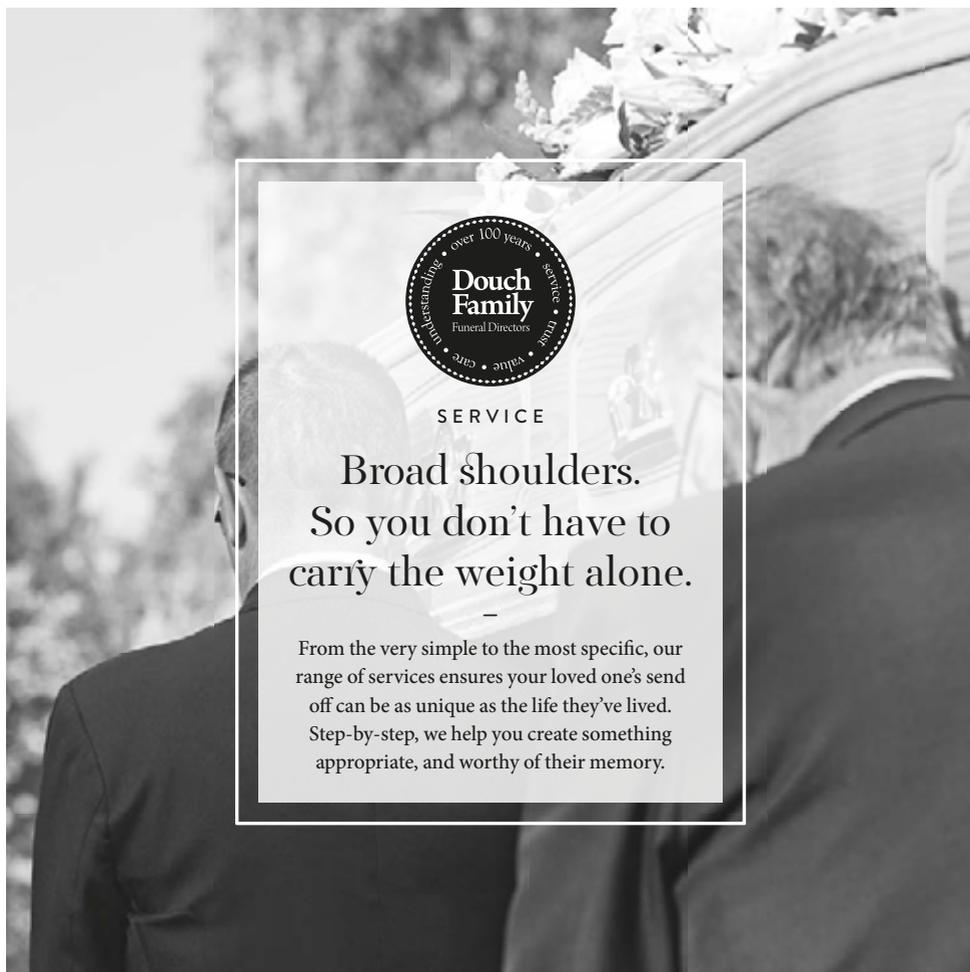
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Editorial

As we move towards the New Year Covid is still raging all around us. We have had more cases in the village and the full force of the Omicron variant is not with us just yet.

Omicron will probably be fully with us by the time you read this. Even though the government have not yet announced further lockdowns it is clear that people are being cautious and further events are being cancelled. Nevertheless, I hope that everybody managed to see as many of their friends and family as possible over the holiday period. I was supposed to have my family from Barcelona with me, but they couldn't come at the last moment, because of lockdowns in both Spain and France. I'm sure many others suffered in a similar way. We made do with technology, without which, I think, many of us would have gone mad over the past 18 months. Hurrah for Zoom, Facetime, WhatsApp and all the rest.

Looking to the future, Happy New Year to everybody and I just really hope that 2022 turns into a more positive year.

Once again thank you for all your support; as I said before we couldn't do it without you.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(there are more in the middle of the magazine)

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National Electricity Number	105
NHS Emergency Medical Care Service	111
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Electricity Failure	0800 0727282
Swanage Police Station - out of hours calls rerouted	422004
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“The cover picture is a sketch of the market cross and castle from the robing room window by John Owens.”

DECEMBER FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” and oh boy what compassionate members Corfe Castle Parish are lucky to have as residents. From the Community Speed Watch group who are reducing vehicle speed through Corfe Castle, the Defibrillator Guardians who look after all the defibrillators around the parish ensuring they are ready at any time day or night, the Gardening Club who help keep Corfe Castle pretty, the WhatsApp Group volunteers who pick up and deliver prescription to those most vulnerable, the list just goes on and on.

Playground update – By the time you read this, the new playground equipment installation should have been started. Just a little while longer and then lets listen for the sound of children laughing and playing. The repair to the roundabout has taken longer than expected, however please rest assured we haven’t forgotten about it and are trying our best to have the issue resolved.

Corfe Castle Youth Club – Do you know the Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation run a youth club in the Village Hall every Wednesday during term time? Sessions are from 5.30pm to 6.45pm for children in school years 6 & 7, then 7pm – 8.15pm for children in school years 8 and up. The youth club provision offers a safe and fun place to be where young people can socialise and learn at their own pace. The club is run by experienced and qualified youth workers and provides a range of activities and opportunities for young people’s development. Young people take an active role in the running of the club and often implement their own programme of events. Sessions cost £1. Come and join the fun.
Replace with Budget item

Budget 2022 / 23 – Back in November the Clerk in her role as Responsible Financial Officer in conjunction with the Finance Working Group agreed a budget proposal to present to full council, for preliminary discussions, during the full council meeting in December. During the council meeting several areas were scrutinised leading to a minor adjustment. The amended proposed budget will be presented again to full council during the full council meeting on the 10th January 2022, for final approval. If final approval is granted this will see an increase per Band D properties of £2.53 per month.

The 2022-3 budget is larger than the current year for the following reasons:

1. Most of the playground equipment needs replacing or substantial repair
2. The maintenance of God’s Acre is greater than the new income from burials

3. Adequate budget provision is needed for the new caretaker role which has been much appreciated
4. Adequate budget provision is required for the organising role of the Clerk
5. Restoring the reserves to the minimum level agreed

Planning Applications & Treework Application update:

- **P/LBC/2021/04499** - 166 East Street, Corfe Castle, Wareham, BH20 5EH - **Recommendation:** No Objection subject to confirmation that the windows are on the southern elevation.
- **P/LBC/2021/03855** - 2 South Street, Kingston, Wareham, BH20 5LL - **Recommendation:** No Objection
- **P/LBC/2021/03826** - 9 South Street Kingston Wareham BH20 5LL - **Recommendation:** No Objection
- **P/HOU/2021/04377** - Chapel Cottage Kingston Hill Kingston BH20 5LG **Recommendation** – No objection
- **P/CLE/2021/04424** - 125 The Square Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EZ - **Recommendation:** No Objection
- **P/FUL/2021/03237** - Roadside Verges Hartland and Norden, Middlebere Heath and New Mills Heath, Wareham, BH20 5DN - **Recommendation:** No Objection but that passing places should be considered for inclusion.

Treeworks Applications

- **P/TRC/2021/05034** - Scott Estate Office South Street Kingston Wareham BH20 5LQ - **Recommendation:** No Objection6

Full details can be found on the Dorset Council website
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning/planning-application-search-and-comment>.

Dorset Council updates

Consultation on school admissions – Dorset Council is holding a consultation on school admissions for 2023 / 24 using the Dorset Council website. Deadline is 23rd January 2022 - www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/2023-to-2024-school-admissions-policies

New system for housing applications - The new system for housing applications is now live. All new applicants are required to register.
www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing-register/apply-to-join-the-housing-register

Virtual Meetings - Dorset Council is to continue with virtual meetings for the foreseeable future.

Youth Project Funding – Round 3 of the youth project funding opened on 13th December. To see if you meet the criteria go to <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/support-for-voluntary-and-community-organisations/funding/dorset-council-youth-fund-round-3-2021-to-2022>

Purbeck Local Plan – Dorset Council have a consultation on the Local Plan (Purbeck) until 11.45 pm on 24th January 2022 please visit the website <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/purbeck-local-plan/purbeck-local-plan-latest-news>.

National Trust updates

“Village Welcome Map – We will be contacting the businesses in the new year and ask for their feedback and opt in / out. as before, there will be no costs for the businesses involved.

Quinquennial works - We have received our return tenders from the contractors and are currently working through the process of appointing one of the specialists to commence work on the castle in the new year to complete essential conservation works.

Conservation Management Plan – We have been in contact with Keystone, who were appointed in late 2019 to complete the Conservation Management Plan for Corfe. This had to be put on hold over the last 18 months due to restrictions that was put in place regarding the spending of funds. Keystone is hoping to commence the delivery of the CMP from April 2022 onwards.

2022 – Planning for events for next year is already well under way by the Visitor Experience team and there will be some slight changes compared to previous years. There will be no large-scale events, such as Vikings and Saxons and Civil War re-enactments. We will be focusing on more smaller scale events that are still as entertaining and enjoyable for our visitors throughout the year.

40 years of National Trust – 16th April 1982 was the day that the Bankes Estate got officially handed over to the National Trust, 2022 marks the 40th anniversary of this occurring and the Isle of Purbeck portfolio are working in partnership with the Kingston Lacy portfolio to host some events to celebrate this – more information to follow as it become finalised.

Accessibility Project – Over the next 3 months we are looking at the accessibility of the castle, visitor journey and NT buildings (tea-room, shop etc) to see how, if possible, can we make the property more accessible for visitors that have disabilities.

Whilst we are compliant with government regulations, we want to see how we can go above and beyond the ‘standard norm’ to increase awareness for staff, satisfaction levels for visitors and make Corfe a place that people wish to visit.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 10th January 2022 at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter room. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say. Please keep an eye on our website just in case the Covid situation requires us to make changes to the meeting

Know your Councillors – Cllr Stephen Dru Drury

I was born in Suffolk but came to Corfe aged three weeks at the start of the Second World War. I came to stay with my grandfather and aunt who lived in the house now known as Drury’s on the square. My grandfather was the local doctor and conducted his practice from the courtyard of the house. My parents were living in East Anglia and Corfe was thought to be much safer against possible bombing. I stayed in Corfe for the whole of the war but moved away to live with my parents once hostilities were over. I went to school in Dorset and had a full career in the Royal Air Force serving as an aeronautical and electronic engineer. I returned to Corfe in 1994 after leaving the RAF. I was a district councillor from 2003 till 2006 serving as a Tory member and representing the Castle Ward. I have been a parish councillor since 2011 and served as chairman from 2011 until 2019.

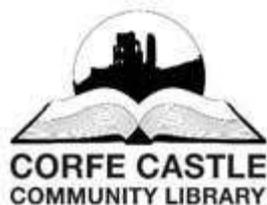


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News from the Library



Talks in the Library

In November we held our first talk in nearly two years of lockdowns/restrictions. Deb Fullbrook gave us an illustrated talk about her photography lightening our hearts for the afternoon with her images and engaging conversation. Nearly thirty people attended and Deb raised £80 for Hearing Dogs through sales of her cards, prints and donations. The village hall showed its value as a Covid Safe venue for our talks. At the time of writing (December 10th) the intention is to continue the series of talks. However, for a variety of reasons, they will often now be held in the Village Hall. They all start at 2.00pm and last for an hour.

Talks for the Next Few Months

- **January 21st 2022:** Dr Phil Judkins: *Purbeck's Navy (and AGM)* – in the village hall.
- **February 18th 2022:** Gen Crisford: *Beavers in Purbeck Feasibility Project*
- **March 18th 2022:** Zoe Squirrell: *An International Para Dressage Dream*

January 21st 2022: Dr Phil Judkins: *Purbeck's Navy* and the AGM

During the Second World War, cities, towns and villages organised “warship weeks” to raise money to meet the cost of providing a particular naval ship. Once enough money had been raised for the ship, the local community would adopt it. Local organisations, women’s institutes, churches and schools would also provide additional comforts for the crews of the ship they had adopted. This was usually in the form of woollen socks, gloves and balaclavas. Children would often write letters and send cards to the crew. When possible, officers and men from the adopted ship would visit the local community, and to celebrate their visit, there would often be a parade.

Swanage adopted the Destroyer HMS *Cattistock* which from 1940 onwards participated in convoy escorts, the raid on Dieppe and the D-Day landings to

name a few. Phil will talk about the ‘Warship Weeks’ scheme and the history of the ship itself.

The talk will be preceded by the Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library Annual General Meeting which will be very short (less than ten minutes).

We Need Your Help

Ten years ago the library was threatened by closure and only survived by being taken over by the village community. We remain connected to the Dorset Council Library Service book stock and all their digital systems so the service is exactly the same as any other library in Dorset. The difference is that we have to administer and provide staff for the library ourselves. Our team of volunteers ensures that the library remains open and available to all for free.

Corfe Castle Community Library needs more volunteers – would any of our Friends like to join us for a few hours a month or more as volunteers?

We are a friendly team and welcome anyone who can contribute, from



greeting customers to shelving books or working with the computer. Most of our volunteers have never worked in a library before, so we provide training and always place new team members with people who can show them how everything works.

Library sessions are on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, and Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

If you would like to find out more, please call in to the library or call Alison on 01929 480123.

Library Opening Hours

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Vanished Cottages in Corfe Castle – West Street

Part 2

Bush Barn, West Street

This little barn was one of several along West Street but was pulled down to make way for the Council housing in the 1930s. It stood at the entrance to Franklyn's Mead, formerly called Tito's Mead, which was eventually purchased by the Bankes family.



Bush Barn in the early 1900s.

The entrance to the adjoining field was through a gate on the southside of the barn.



...and, in roughly the same place, what Bush Barn looks like today

Tito's Mead belonged to George Tito who, it is said, gave these fields to John Franklyn. Today the field is part of the Sports Field and various houses abutting West Street.



1844 Borough map: no. 346 'Franklyn's Mead' with the barn & no. 347 'Great Franklyn's Mead'

To the north lay a small toft called 'Spears' (no. 69). A cottage had stood there but had fallen down by 1781. It had housed a hellier (a stone roof tiler) called John Spear in the early 1700s. The cottage had originally been let to a widow by the mayor & barons in August 1659 and formed part of the town waste, i.e. civic land, and is an example of early infilling. John Bankes purchased the plot with the cottage in 1739. It now forms part of the garden of one of the old council houses.

Hawke's or Stockley's Cottage, West Street



Stockley's Cottage (on the left) was subdivided and is shown on the 1844 map as nos. 348 & 349. The gate to Franklyn's Mead can be seen on the cottage's northern side and the first set of council housing can be seen further along West Street.

In 1844, Stockley's Cottage was owned by the Collett's Charity trustees - one half was tenanted by Richard Stockley, the other by Henry Homer. It became known as 'Stockley's Cottage' named after Simon Stockley, a mason or hellier, who became a tenant there in 1727 when he took over from Michael Hawke, another hellier. The Stockleys had a long association with this cottage. The cottage had been erected before 1653 but I am uncertain of its exact age as originally, it was just a garden plot when it was bought. The land was purchased by Joseph Collett of Wimborne Minster in 1620 from Richard Frodsham (or Fradisham) of Wimborne, a tanner, the profits of which were to benefit 10 poor folk (5 men & 5 women) of Wimborne. The Charity sold their Corfe Castle holdings, along with this cottage, in May 1920.



Stockley's Cottage was pulled down and this is what it looks like today. The exit from West Street Car Park now lies between the house and the 'new' council housing.

On the 1769 map it is shown as no. 152 'George Stockley's House & Garden'. Tito's or Franklyn's Mead was no.150; no.149 was Franklyn's stable, toft or mead; no 148 was John Spear's house & garden which butted out into the street.



1769 map showing the various properties.

What looks like a river at the bottom of the map is in fact the old way to Copper Bridge which had already fallen into disuse by the time of the 1844 map. It was eventually called 'Brook Lane' which gives a hint as to why it was no longer used! The lane can clearly be seen on Ralph Treswell's map of 1585.



Treswell's 1585 map produced for Sir Christopher Hatton

The map of 1585 shows the lane to Copper Bridge below the West Hawes. It led from a gate on West Street. The field is labelled 'The Vickers Hawes' which had nothing to do with the Vicar. It should have been called 'Vicaries Hawes' named after a marbler called John Vickory (Treswell didn't always get names right). It was divided up into parcels of land but not like the strips

of the West Hawes. These were one-acre plots which are not shown on the map. Vicary's Hawes was a lot bigger than is shown on this map, as is confirmed by various deeds, and it did indeed back onto the Common. However, the actual shape of the field on the map looks remarkably like Franklyn's Mead & Great Franklyn's Mead which is interesting as one wonders if Treswell just made an approximation, as the castle didn't own any land further south, or has the Common been encroached upon? What do others think?

Louise Haywood



Join the Team!

Margaret Green Animal Rescue are recruiting Estates Maintenance Workers.

The role involves working within a team that is based at the Church Knowle Centre and looks after 3 sites and 6 shops. The work includes general repairs, proactive and reactive maintenance and fencing and grounds/buildings maintenance. The position requires someone with a good level of skills in general maintenance, such as: plumbing, carpentry and basic electrics. It also requires experience of general grounds maintenance, including the use of strimmers, pedestrian mowers and ride-ons.

The role is 37.5 hours per week at £9.50/£10.50 an hour, dependent on experience.

For further details, please contact david.dubois@mgar.org.uk



Church Knowle Parish Council

As usual the Church Knowle Parish Council meeting was at the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month. Unusually there were some 15 parishioners in attendance for this meeting and the Hall is large enough to accommodate any distancing concerns and also has plenty of seating.

The public participation opened with a presentation by the directors of Cumulus Outdoors who are using the lakes at Cotness as one of the venues for their watersports and training. The Cumulus courses, aimed mainly at school groups look like a lot of fun and seem well managed and organised. However the people living near these lakes are finding their daily lives and the "peaceful enjoyment" of their properties disrupted by the constant and excessive noise and excited screaming coming from these teenage groups. This is compounded by the use of large 55 seater coaches ferrying them to and from the lakes which have, on occasion, totally blocked the road. Even though some of the roads are designated "No Coaches" it is quite easy to obtain a day permit to run coaches over these roads – which does rather beg the question.

The presentation was followed by a long question and answer session during which all parties were able to air their concerns and make their points. It was agreed in conclusion that now that communication had been established that Cllr Burt who is best placed to represent the Cotness residents would liaise with Cumulus to establish working practices that would enable the residents to return to a reasonable form of peaceful country living. Prior to the Cumulus activities the lakes were used for occasional fishing.

The public discussion then moved onto another watery problem for the Cotness residents – mains water or rather the lack of it. In summer months when the demand is high there are periods several hours long when there is no supply. You turn on the tap and – nothing. While this is essentially a public health, regulatory and contractual matter between the water customers and the company to whom they pay their water bills, the Parish Council undertook to write to Ofwat in support of these residents. It was suggested that the householders affected form a consumer pressure group and lobby the regulators and water companies themselves as a united body. It is incredible that in Church Knowle today there are a significant number of households that appear to qualify for Water Aid.

Next came a question about the fingerposts in the Parish and the Council was very pleased to be able to respond that orders have been placed to

have these refurbished/replaced and that the work should be completed by middle of 2022.

This concluded the public discussion period and the normal business of the Parish Council proceeded. It was resolved to support a planning application for a handsome oak-framed garage at Bucknowle. The Queen's Green Canopy initiative is continuing, community liaison is a big part of this and Cllr Evens who is leading it was pleased to tell us that the application to the Woodland Trust for native trees to replace the hedge at the Church Knowle Village Hall had been successful. In fact there may be plants left over which gives opportunity for additional planting. It is expected that we will take delivery of the plants in spring and it hoped that a volunteer group can be put together then to plant them.

The Council was saddened to learn of the death of Maurice Estop, the landlord of the New Inn and the members send their condolences and kindest thoughts and wishes to Matthew and his family.

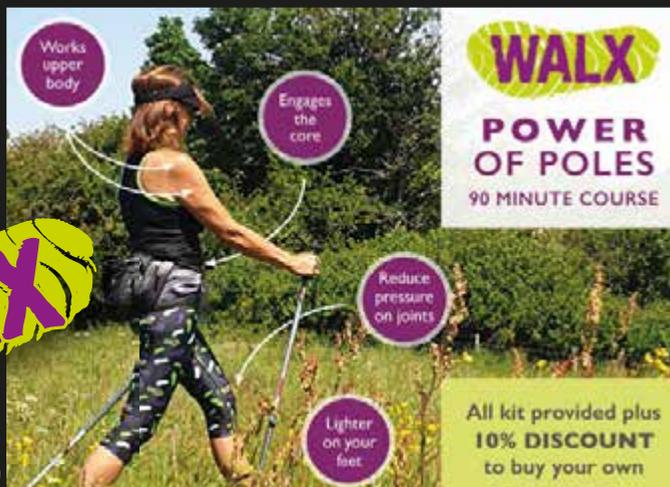
Owing to the Covid recommendations from the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC) there will be no January Church Knowle Parish Council meeting and the next proper meeting will therefore likely be on 8th February 2022.

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Happy New Year!



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We are pleased to say that as of Monday 10th January we will have Dr Vicky Gunn back with us after her maternity leave and we are sure you will be booking in with her again soon!

Continue to stay safe.

Kerry Norman

Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

2022: another year has arrived bringing with it new hopes and fears. We hope it will treat you kindly with as much happiness as possible. So far as Covid is concerned the sudden arrival of the Omicron variant has given rise to renewed fears of the NHS being overwhelmed at a time when every part of it is already overstretched and exhausted. It has temporarily dashed our hopes of the longed-for return to normality. This is not, however, a time for despair. We are not in the same position as we were at the start of the pandemic. We have the

vaccines which give us great hope. We now know that the booster is vital in giving us a high degree of protection from infection and serious illness. The vaccinators and other volunteers (could you help at the Wareham Clinic?) are giving up more and more of their time to help save lives so at the risk of sounding like a broken record please, please play your part too by getting fully jabbed as soon as you can. Up to 90% of those in intensive care are unvaccinated. Let's look forward to better times in the summer.

NHS Dorset has issued a ten-point plan for staying well this winter. It includes :

- carry on protecting ourselves and those around us by testing for Covid regularly, meeting outside if possible, ventilating your home and wearing a face-mask in public places
- get repeat prescriptions in plenty of time and have a well-stocked medicine cabinet including a thermometer
- Help and support relatives or friends to leave hospital so they can recover more quickly at home
- keep an eye on elderly or frail friends, neighbours or relatives

Its final point really resonates. It is 'Be kind and compassionate to those you meet, including hard-working staff who are supporting others'. In this context please understand the extraordinary pressure each and every member of the surgery is under as they start another year of looking after us in these Covid times. We thank them wholeheartedly for their help in the past unrelenting year.

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We are back in school after a lovely Christmas break. We hope you all had a lovely and relaxing Christmas too.

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Another key focus over this last half term has been on equality and ensuring that our setting is inclusive and welcoming for all. As a staff team, we felt this was a perfect opportunity to review our vision and values. This half term we will be inviting pupils, parents and Governors to get involved in this too. Our current school ethos is Nurture, Inspire and Achieve. Although we still hold these values very dearly, we have been reflecting on the journey the school has been on over the past 18 months and the effect of the pandemic on our children. We therefore feel there may be some other significant values we should place at alongside our current school ethos.

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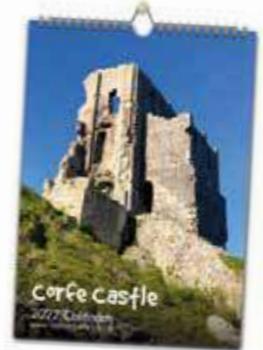
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Dates of forthcoming meetings

- **Jan 4th** – Wellbeing Swanage by Deirdre Selwyn. We will be presenting our 2 local charities with their substantial cheques.
- **February 1st** – “Life with the County Sheriff” Anne Bond. Presentations about other possible charities will be heard.
- **March 1st** AGM with pancakes for tea and maybe even pancake tossing!

The turn out for our Christmas meeting was quite small but those that braved the dreadful weather had a very jolly time making Christmas crackers and enjoyed a festive glass or two of mulled wine and mince pies.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support Aquarius during this difficult year either by coming to meetings or joining in with zoom. We have managed to all keep in touch and support each other when necessary.

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News from The Castle

Wishing everyone a Happy and healthy 2022. We hope everyone has had as jolly and festive a Christmas and New Year as is possible in the present climate.

At the time of writing, we are watching the News with Trepidation as the Omicron variant of the Covid 19 virus spreads rapidly across the country. Fingers crossed for us all.

Here at The Castle our priority is everyone's safety. We have learned a lot since the start of the pandemic and undertake regular risk assessments to for the benefit of all.

This means you can rest assured that; visiting The Castle you are as safe as you possibly can be.

We are not planning any events for January but will maintain our normal great value menus every day including Thursday Night steak nights. Our fantastic value 2 course lunch for only £6.95 is also coming back.

Our thoughts and wishes are with Anne and the family of Robin Swaine. He was such positive and inspirational character and will be sadly missed by everyone here at The Castle. May God bless and take care of you Robin.
 Mark and Laurice

Changes on the Heathlands



**National
Trust**

Blimey, it's the end of the year. It's been really busy one, working for Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve partnership on the Green Recovery Challenge Funded project to establish a new grazing unit and set up the NNR with a presence for visitors and a voice for the community.

You'll have seen the physical changes that have happened this year – cattle grids being the most obvious. Hopefully you'll have found out, through various channels, the ambitious aim to join up Arne and Stoborough Heaths in one big single unit for cattle, ponies and pigs to graze (and deer of course). These 'natural processes' should provide more of the diversity of microhabitats that our most specialised (and rare) Purbeck heath species require.

By the end of February we'll have a new website for the nature reserve, and have new site signage and leaflets.

We've also begun the process of working with other businesses and community groups to create a sustainable tourism plan for the nature reserve. Getting everyone together this year has been tough, but we collectively feel we have a plan for how we can work together for the future. More on that in the new year.

Early in the new year there will be some more changes within the landscape, rationalising the car parking on the roads across the heaths. There will still be plenty of roadside parking but in recent years, especially since the first lockdown, we've seen an ever increasing number of places people park. It's not just the visual impact on the landscape but, during the summer especially, the rarest heathland species are really vulnerable to disturbance. By reducing the number of different places people park we should reduce the total amount of disturbance.

2022 should be the year when the heaths go wild... again.

Tom Clarke, National Trust.

The Fire on Godlingston Heath



**National
Trust**

It's been truly heartwarming to see so many offers of help and support following the recent wildfire on Godlingston Heath - it just goes to show how much the wonderful Purbeck landscape means to so many people.

Although the fire itself was visible for miles around and looked dramatic enough to make national headlines, the good news is we can be cautiously optimistic about the prospects for recovery.



The aftermath of the fire – Courtesy of the National Trust.

Wildfires are never welcome, but a combination of weather conditions and the time of year meant this one was less much less damaging than it might otherwise have been.

The hard work of our rangers in maintaining fire breaks meanwhile helped the brilliant Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service to limit its scope, while the conservation strategy embodied in the Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve (NNR) makes nature itself more resilient. A strong wind meant the fire moved quickly but did not burn deeply, so organic material in the topsoil, as well as hibernating creatures such as reptiles and insects, are likely to have survived.

A well timed burst of heavy rain then helped bring the blaze under control.

caused accidentally and to have originated outside the NNR.
 “While the land will take some years to recover fully, the impacted area represents less than one per cent of the Purbeck Heaths Super NNR,” said David Brown, National Trust Landscape Partnership Manager.
 “This illustrates the importance of conservation at a landscape scale to increase nature’s resilience in the face of threats. This will become increasingly important as we face the challenges of climate change.”

Formed in 2020, the Purbeck Heaths NNR includes internationally important lowland heath including Godlingston and neighbouring Studland Heath. It is a mix of wet and dry heathland areas, important for specialist birds, reptiles and many specialist insects and other invertebrates. It is managed by a partnership comprising the National Trust, Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust, Dorset Wildlife Trust, Forestry England, Natural England, Rempstone Estate and the RSPB.
 Jon Bish – National Trust

Happy New year! We hope you've had a lovely Christmas, and are keeping well. Thanks so much for all your support during (a sometimes difficult) 2021.
 We look forward to new beginnings by welcoming 2022!
 This month we will be open every day from the 2nd - covid permitting. Check the shop door, or our social media pages (fb/insta) to keep up to date with things.
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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

At the time of writing it is not clear whether the coffee morning scheduled for January 8th will go ahead (because of Covid). Keep an eye out for signs in the square and outside the hall. Face coverings are once again compulsory unless you are exempt.

Our 100 club draw is made at the coffee morning. Last month the first prize of £20 was won by member 80, with member 63 getting second prize £10 and member 8 winning the third prize £5. If you would like to become one of the villagers support the local village hall in this way, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

regular weekly events:

Monday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio
Monday evenings	Double Act
Monday evenings	Purbeck Chess
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
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Tuesday evenings	Purbeck Dance Studio
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Wednesday mornings	Purbeck Crafts
Wednesday mornings	Pilates
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Wednesday evenings	Pilates
Thursday evenings	Cubs
Thursday evenings	Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday mornings	Pilates

regular monthly events:

1st Saturday morning	VH Coffee Morning
1st Sunday all day	Antiques Fair
1st Tuesday afternoon	Aquarius
2nd Monday evening	Parish Council
3rd Wednesday morning	Carers' Support (P Jones)
4th Thursday morning	CC Carers Time

new regular bookings

Purbeck Chess Club now meet in Corfe Castle Village Hall every Monday from 7.00 pm. They are usually in the Bill Carter room but every second Monday in the month they are in the Community Hub room – just go in the main entrance and turn left and you'll find them! Everyone welcome – if you can't play, they will teach you! For further information contact Steve Peirson on 552504.

There is also a new group meeting involving gymnastics for children. They meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3.45 until 6.45.

Bookings are still subject to the amended Special Conditions of Hire, as published on the website www.corfecastlehall.co.uk. Contact Carole Speed on 01929 480810, or by email to carolepspeed@gmail.com.

Please check timings and other details with the information available elsewhere in this magazine or with the organisers.

If you know about any forthcoming events please let us know.

2	January 2022	Sunday	10 am – 3 pm	Young People Volunteering – Studland Discovery Centre
4	January	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk - Wellbeing Swanage by Deidre Selwyn
10	January	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in Corfe Castle village hall
11	January	Tuesday	7 pm	Movie night - Nomadland – Harmans Cross Village Hall
21	January	Friday	2 pm	Library talk – Dr Phil Judkins – Purbeck’s Navy – Village Hall
28	January	Friday	8 pm	Live Music – The Churchfitters – Harmans Cross Village Hall

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

Covid restrictions may well cause some events to be cancelled

1	February	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk - “Life with the County Sheriff” Anne Bond
8	February	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle village hall.
18	February	Friday	2 pm	Library talk – Gen Crisford – Beavers in Purbeck
1	March	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius AGM – Village Hall
18	March	Friday	2 pm	An international Paralympic dressage dream – Zoe Squirrel – Library



A sketch of Kimmeridge bay with a fishing boat. The artist is unknown, but possibly Sheila Doyle-Stevens



Asketch of Kimmeridge as it was in 1906 by Joan Bracchi

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The Reverend Anne Bond writes:

Happy New Year! I read somewhere that pandemics usually last approximately three years before gradually fading away, so perhaps 2022 will see covid off. I do hope so.

However – that apart – for many of us a New Year signals a New Start. *This* is the year I'll get out of debt, get slim, get pregnant. *This* year I'll

work, home and wherever we are. In the 8th chapter of the letter to the Romans St Paul talks of the ongoing work of creation. Parts of christian tradition speak of ourselves as c0-workers with God.

The start of a new year is an appropriate time to think of such a theme. As much, if not more than at the start of many years, we are wondering what the year will bring.

Christian faith is that our God is a loving God who gives of himself endlessly to us. May we share in that giving with God and one another and know the fullness of life that he longs for us all to know.

With best wishes and prayers for a Happy New Year.

Ian

January Services

We continue with our current service pattern in January. If there have to be any changes we will let you know in the usual ways.

This means that there will be a service at St Edward's Corfe Castle on each Sunday at 10.30 apart from the last Sunday of the month, January 30th, when the service will be at St Peter's Church Knowle, also at 10.30. This is because this is a month with 5 Sundays.

Also, there will be the usual monthly service at St Michael's Steeple and this will be on January 9th and at 9.30am.

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Dorset's Main Crushed Stone Quarry Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Swanworth Quarry in Worth Matravers, owned by Suttle Stone Quarries, is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The quarry currently supplies approximately 50% of Dorset's required crushed stone to the area, which is used as a sub-base for construction schemes, rock armour on sea defence works, gabions and decorative chippings. Suttle Stone Quarries is a division of the Suttles group of companies, employing some 120 staff locally, with 55 of those employed at Suttle Stone Quarries.

Originally, Swanworth Quarry was a two-man underground quarry called 'Sheepsleights', operating around the early 1920s. According to a book entitled Swanworth by David Pushman, it was 'quarried by Billy Brown, and, when the mood took him, Buff Bower!' The quarry later became 'Worth Quarries Limited' in 1923, with its head office in Bournemouth, producing road stone: broken blocks for foundation, crushed and graded chippings, and tarmacadam. One large contract in 1924 was to supply material for the foundation of the lower valley road between Corfe Castle and Coombe Junction, replacing the cart track that was there previously. From 1933, Swanworth Quarries Limited took over the site, at its peak producing 600 tons per day. The quarry changed hands again in 1980 to Tarmac Roadstone Limited, increasing to a peak of 450,000 tonnes per year in 1985. Today, the quarry is run by Suttle Stone Quarries (part of



A driller at Swanworth

the local Suttles group of companies), who took it over in 2011, supplying around 50% of Dorset's crushed stone.

Although the quarry has changed hands over the years, four generations of the Samways family have been a permanent working fixture at the quarry since 1921. Thomas Samways was the first to work at the site in the early 1920s as a digger; Thomas's son Pete Samways worked at the quarry for over 40 years as a shovel driver, along



Lauren and Carly, 3rd and 4th generation of the Samways family, who have worked at Swanworth quarry for 100 years.

with his brothers. Carly (3rd generation) and her daughter Lauren (4th generation) currently work in the quarry's weighbridge office, selling crushed stone from the quarry to both trade and residential customers for a range of end uses from housing and civil engineering to private garden and driveway projects.

Carly said "My family has worked at the quarry for 100 years - the quarry is in our family's blood! I love working here. It has seen a few changes over the years, although when Suttles took it over in 2011, they woke it up again. It is a real privilege to work here."

The Suttle family has worked in the natural stone and quarrying business on the Isle of Purbeck since the 1920s, before purchasing the Swanworth Quarry in 2011. Suttles is a family-run ethical business with sustainability at the core of its values. Suttles is working towards becoming carbon neutral and has already made many investments in the business that reduce its CO2 emissions by around 60 tonnes per year. This includes investing in a growing fleet of 19 electric and hybrid vehicles and plant; upgrading the quarry's crusher from diesel to an electric-powered engine; and installing a solar panel system that powers the quarry's workshop and crusher.

Suttles has provided crushed stone to many high-profile projects in the area, including Compass Point Housing (Swanage), Pierhead Development (Swanage), Priests' Way Regeneration (Langton Matravers), Durlston Country Park Learning Centre and Footpath renewal (Swanage), and the Dorset Innovation Park (Winfrith).



Some of the Suttles team at Swanworth Quarry today.

Suttles' Director, John Suttle added "As well as supplying around 50% of Dorset's crushed stone, we are also keen to support community and charity initiatives, too. For example, we donated materials for the extension at Corfe Village Hall, as well as stone sub-base for Dorset Wildlife Trust's 'Greengage' project, too. Suttles also sponsors and helps to organise the annual 'Big Night Out', a local night of

clubbing for people with learning disabilities, attended by over 400 people from around Dorset.”

John goes on to say “The quarry plays an important role locally; it boosts the local economy and employment levels; it significantly minimises the carbon footprint of Dorset’s crushed stone market (compared to bringing in stone from other areas) and keeps aggregate costs lower for local businesses and residents. We are very proud of the quarry’s 100 year history and we are currently in planning for the next phase of operations.”

Suttle Stone Quarries is a division of the Suttles group. It has been part of the Isle of Purbeck stone industry since the 1920’s as stone merchants and quarry owners. Suttle Stone Quarries currently offers a variety of services from its Swanworth Quarry base: the sale and delivery of crushed limestone and aggregates for architectural, landscaping, and civil engineering applications; gabion and rock armour, used in coastal and waterways protections schemes; earthworks collection services; and an inert waste recycling facility. For further information about Suttles, go to www.suttles.co.uk

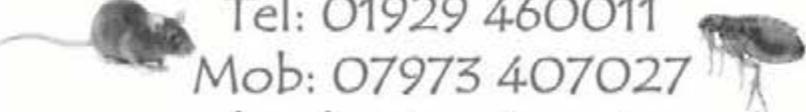


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A new year has arrived and with it, new goals and resolutions that we want to achieve. Everything has changed in the world, but we have the same Almighty God who is able to give us all a blessed year.

Today is a new opportunity to live differently, to live by faith and not fear, to accept, let go and move on.

To walk with God is to walk safely, because He is our guide. As we face a new year, most of us leave the old year behind and look ahead to the next.

Remember that Emmanuel has come! God is with us! He is here to walk with us through every day of our lives.

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Wishing you all a Wonderful and safe New Year.

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Volunteering opportunities

Dorset Wildlife Trust is currently advertising new opportunities to volunteer at the Wild Seas Centre, Kimmeridge and is keen to hear from people in the local area. Our volunteers help man the visitor centre, assist the staff in leading school visits and public seashore events, and promote support for the marine environment and its conservation in a variety of ways. Volunteers must be reliable; enthusiastic about our marine and coastal environment; able to talk to and engage visitors; and work well with other volunteers in the team. A limited number of places are available so if you would like to find out more go to www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/volunteering-opportunities or register your interest at kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk or phone 01929 481044 and leave a message. You will be sent information about an open day planned for February when you can come and meet the team and find out more. For those signing up as a new volunteer, training would begin in February 2022.

Peacock's Tail Seaweed

Last year the team at Kimmeridge began monitoring the arrival, spread and disappearance of Peacock's Tail Seaweed in the bay. This rare seaweed thrives at Kimmeridge, appearing in rockpools in spring, reaching peak growth in the summer and then disappearing over the winter. It prefers warmer temperatures and is more common further south in Europe, the south coast of England being the northern edge of its range.



As a result of climate change we could see changes in its distribution and, as a special feature of the Purbeck Coast Marine Conservation Zone, the Wild Seas Centre has established a long-term monitoring programme for this alga. While most of the seaweed had completely died back by the end of November last year, there was still some to be found in the more sheltered rock pools in early December. Let us know if you spot any!

Julie Hatcher, Wild Seas Centre Officer



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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Happy New Year!

I hope that, after all the problems, restrictions and sadness of 2021, we may have a better year all round. I also wish you Happy and Productive Gardening!

One of the sadnesses of '21 was losing family members and friends. We had to bid farewell to Rosa Marshall and to Robin Swaine, members of our CCGC family. Each of these good people made significant contributions to the life of our village and are sorely missed.

The programme for the year has not yet been finalised. When it is Gerry will circulate details via email. If you are not on our circulation list please contact Gerry, (see back cover) and give him your details. The same applies if you would like to join the club, or you can do so when you attend the meeting on February 3rd

February is AGM time and we need new people for the committee, but we won't be twisting any arms or offering bribes. The shortest AGM you are ever likely to attend followed by a fun quiz – with PrIZES

I am hoping for some crisp, dry, sunny days this month to get out and dig the veg cage – as opposed to just turning it over in my mind. <groan>

Whatever tasks you set yourself, I hope they go well. If you are so inclined, I'm told that a little internal and external embrocation can help to ease the muscular aches and pains; or there's a hot bath of course.

Take care of yourself,

David

When you are gardening you are not just tending your garden, you are looking after the universe.

Robin Swaine

The warmth and kindness from the village has been overwhelming. The power of a card and a caring word is immeasurable.

I want to thank everyone.
How amazing to live in such a special village.

Long may all the lights shine brightly.

With love
Anne



Thanks From Your RBL Branch

As you all know our arrangements for our Remembrance Sunday church services had to be changed at short notice. Instead we gathered in the Square.

Many thanks to all those who turned up to remember our fallen and to all those who bought poppies.



The grand total sent off to the Earl Haig Fund this year was £3,263.78p.

Congratulations and many thanks to all those who donated and to those who helped with the sale of poppies.

George Preston - Chairman

Better broadband could be yours

Dorset Council, in partnership with Openreach, has been rolling out full-fibre broadband to around 3,000 premises across rural areas in the county. You can find out if you are in one of the areas to get full-fibre to the premises (FTTP) by going to www.mapping.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/suerfast/Checker If you are one of the lucky ones to now have FTTP, the uplift in speed does not happen automatically. To benefit from this new ultra-fast technology you will need to contact your internet service provider to see if you can upgrade to a faster speed.

Not all internet service providers have FTTP packages, so you may need to consider switching to one that does when your current contract expires.

Don't have FTTP but would still like to improve your broadband? There are government subsidy programmes that can help residents and businesses in rural areas improve their broadband. For more information and advice email connectingdorset@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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We are able to help most people either by phone or email. However, when required we can offer follow-up face-to-face appointments with specialist advisers at various locations across Purbeck, including our Swanage outreach and Wareham office.

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- Referrals for charitable support or to food bank

Trees Please!

Now is a good time of year to carefully dig up and pot any young trees or shrubs which are growing where you don't want them. Rather than mow them, give them a second chance, and give the planet a mini-boost! If you can re-locate them on your land where they will be able to grow, give shade, add

interest, provide a growing habitat and food source for all sorts of other beasts, and store carbon, please do so. If you can't provide a home for them, please let me give them a temporary home. In time, they will either be planted round the parish, or perhaps first spend some useful growing time at the prospective tree nursery at Kingston before being planted in their final location.

I now have about 50 young trees, and plenty more plant pots awaiting more recruits. It would be good to be able to enhance the parish with 70 new trees (or more) by the end of the Platinum Jubilee Year.

Any species are welcome, but especially native ones (e.g. oak, ash, birch, lime, sycamore, willow, hazel, alder, poplar, hawthorn, yew, DED-resistant elm) or European introductions (e.g. horse chestnut, sweet chestnut, Norway maple, other poplars, plane, walnut, other oaks). Hawthorn seedlings/saplings would be particularly welcomed for some on-going hedging needs.

This is one part of the efforts of the Corfe Castle Parish Council Environment Group to help address the Climate and Ecological emergency.

If you can offer any recruits to the tree-bank, please contact David Kemp, 01929 480007, davimukem@aol.com.

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Kimmeridge News

Christmas 2021

Despite the rise in Covid we were still able to have some of our traditional Christmas Events in Kimmeridge. On 4th December a good crowd from the village watched the Christmas Tree lights being turned on at the top of the village and then enjoyed mulled wine & mince pies in the hall. Thank you to Jerry & Ben for doing the tree and to all those who contributed to the drinks & nibbles!



Two days later we held a very successful Bingo Night with Pat Ward as Master of Ceremonies. This raised funds for the children's Christmas Party and other future village events.

As we write this, covid is on the rise again, but we still plan to sing Carols outside Church on Christmas Eve.

Village Events in 2022

The Village Mexican Night will be on Saturday 19th February
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News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

Happy New Year from all of us at the Harmans Cross Village Hall. We hope you managed to have an enjoyable and Covid-free Christmas, and I suspect we all have at least one hope in common for 2022 – to see a return to a semblance of ‘normal’ for everyone.

We are determined to play our part as far as we can, so there is plenty to look forward to and get involved with at the Village Hall.

First up on **Tuesday 11th January 2022**, we will be showing **Nomadland**. This multi-award winning film is about a new phenomenon: America’s 60- and 70-something generation whose economic future was shattered by the 2008 crash. They are grey-haired middle-class strivers reduced to poverty who can’t afford to retire but can’t afford to work while maintaining a home. So they have become nomads, a new American tribe roaming the country in camper vans in which they sleep, looking for seasonal work in bars, restaurants and – in this film – in a gigantic Amazon warehouse in Nevada, which takes the place of the agricultural work searched for by itinerant workers in stories such as *The Grapes of Wrath*.

The trailer for *Nomadland* can be seen on our website at www.harmancrosshall.co.uk/movie-nights. Tickets are £5 on the doors, which open at 7.00pm with the film showing at 7.30pm. The bar will also be open.

Next up, on **Friday 28th January**, we are welcoming **The Churchfitters** back by popular demand.

The Churchfitters is a folk band like no other. A bass guitar made out of a frying pan. Heart-wrenching vocals accompanied by a musical saw. Foot-stompingly fast fiddle mixed with infectious funk-rock bouzouki. And traditional tunes reinvigorated with mesmerising jazz sax. The three virtuoso musicians from England and France strut their stuff on a stage that bristles with instruments - adding flute, banjo, dulcimer, tin whistle, guitar, ukulele, stand up dustbin bass and a sackful of percussion to their ensemble. And let’s not forget the unique ‘bing-bong’ machine made out of hack-saw blades. Throw in some exquisite harmonies, a slew of startlingly original songs and a few jokes that create instant rapport and you’ve got a high energy show that always leaves audiences cheering. Their previous concerts at the hall have been complete sell-outs, so book early online at the website to avoid disappointment.

Next up on **Tuesday 8th February**, our monthly Movie Night will be **The Old Man and the Gun**. This is Robert Redford’s last appearance on the big screen and a brilliant, ‘mostly true’ tale of OAP gentlemen bank robbers. He’s the Sundance Kid again ... just a wee bit wrinkled now!!! Again, head to the website for a trailer of the film.

In addition, we have all our usual activities back, including amongst others:
Mondays – U3A Table Tennis; Pins & Needles; Yoga with Cathy
Tuesdays – Yoga with Cathy; Art with Judy Robson
Wednesdays – U3A French Class; Harmony Rocks Choir
Thursday – Post Office outreach; U3A Patchwork Quilting; Yoga with Cathy;
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More details as always on the website.

Alison Clough, Chair of Harmans Cross Village Hall

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Pioneer view

Dear Friends,

As we stand at the door of a New Year it invites us to reflect on the past 12 months as well as looking ahead to the New Year. It allows us to consider what opportunities and challenges are before us in 2022. This is the focus of this month's Pioneer view.

The Growing Compassionate communities has laid down some important foundations in 2021 that will allow us to build on 2022. There are 2 key projects that we started last year. These are:

The Memorial tree and plaque Scheme. I have been very concerned about the significant grief in communities and families following the pandemic. I believe there needs to be a place where this grief needs to reside. To that end GCC has been planting a Tree and a memorial plaque in communities that we serve. This will enable both communities and families to grieve as well as providing a place to visit to say goodbye to loved ones. We have been working with Town Councils to help facilitate this scheme. This will help healing as well as manage the collective grief in communities.

So far, we have planted trees in:

Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Ferndown, Broadstone, Potteries Care Home, Parkstone

A Hidden disabilities scheme. This scheme was launched formally at the 2020 GCC conference. Its primary focus is to promote inclusivity for those with a hidden disability through the wearing of a **green ribbon**. Community helpers/carers are invited to wear a **green wrist band**. We are planning to create hidden disability friendly shops, buildings, and communities.

As well as our regular community groups we will seek to grow compassionate inclusive communities where hope can thrive and grow.

Go well into the New Year
Peter



Singing in the New Year

At the end of June my brother unfailingly informs me that the nights are drawing in. To counter this dourness, I will, when I wish him a happy New Year, point

out that as the winter solstice has just passed the days are now drawing out. This will not have gone unnoticed by the garden birds.

Although the nightingale is generally held to be the best British songster, the blackbird, as Messiaen's musical transcription shows, is quite a virtuoso too. The common or garden blackbird also reaches a far wider audience than the nightingale because we all have a resident blackbird. Some male blackbirds will already be practicing to themselves *sotto voce* before announcing themselves loudly in public. Pre-COVID I would usually hear my first blackbird performance each year on a dark January morning while waiting at Wareham train station for the 6:20 to Waterloo. Having not been there for nearly 2 years I have in the meantime got an alarm clock which now wakes me every morning with a burst of blackbird song.

Unlike blackbirds, which only sing for a few months each year, robins sing almost all year-round to proclaim ownership of their patch (what you think of as "your" garden). They have a rather wistful autumn song which they start to sing in late summer and is an unwelcome forewarning of its end. Through the autumn and early winter male and female robins hold separate territories and so both sexes sing – which is unusual in birds. At this time of year, they will be pairing up on a shared territory for the coming breeding season and the much livelier spring song will begin to be heard. However, contrary to the artistic licence employed in some telly adverts and Christmas cards, the males will not be feeding their new partners with tasty morsels (like bits of mince pie) for several months.

I very rarely see song thrushes in the garden, but like robins they sing most of the year round. I have been hearing them since November. One of the song thrushes' signatures is that they almost always repeat their song phrases several times in a row. Much less common than the song thrush is its larger cousin the mistle thrush. I have neither seen nor heard one in my garden for years now, but then it is not really a garden bird. Its song is distinctive in coming in very short

bursts separated by long pauses as it thinks what to sing next. Mistle thrushes nest quite early in the year and so have probably already started singing, which they typically do from the bare, topmost twigs of the tallest tree they can find. Perched in these exposed and lofty spots, they resemble weather cocks and are known as storm cocks because, like Gene Kelly, they are very happy singing in the rain. So, with blackbirds about to burst into song in the next few weeks we will soon have a dawn chorus including four of our resident thrushes to cheer us up on bleak mid-winter mornings.

Last month I mentioned having once seen a sanderling with coloured leg rings (red and yellow) on Studland beach. That was in 2014. I saw it there again in December. Other folks' sightings have shown that it has now flown to and from its Arctic breeding grounds at least nine times, and each autumn it has returned to Hampshire and the Isle of Wight before wisely moving to Purbeck for the winter. The little flock of sanderlings on Studland beach can be very confiding if you approach slowly (and without a dog), so if you take your binoculars you should be able to get close enough to spot this particular winter visitor.

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£25,000 Appeal Launched To Restore Tender Of Unique Victorian Steam Locomotive Saved By A Centenary

A £25,000 appeal has been launched to help fund the restoration of the tender belonging to a unique Victorian T3 class locomotive to assist its return to steam – for the first time since 1948 when the engine escaped being scrapped so it could celebrate the centenary of London’s Waterloo station.



T3 No 563 at Norden – November 2017

After the 1893-built London and South Western Railway locomotive No. 563 was gifted to the Swanage Railway Trust by the National Railway Museum in 2017, work on its £500,000 restoration began during 2019 using specialist contractors in Gloucestershire.

Costing £50,000, the restoration of the locomotive’s tender – which

stores 3,300 gallons of water and three tonnes of coal for the engine – will be taking place in the Swanage Railway’s Herston engineering works, on the outskirts of Swanage.

It is hoped to have the 81-tonne locomotive back in steam and hauling trains, for the first time in more than 70 years, in 2023 for the centenary of the Southern Railway and the 185th anniversary of the formation of the London and South Western Railway.

The Swanage Railway Trust’s 563 Locomotive Group chairman Nathan Au said: “The last time that No. 563 steamed and hauled a train was in 1948 so for more than 70 years many thought they would never see a unique T3 locomotive work again.

“We are working hard to ensure the engine's preservation for future generations to enjoy and the best way to do that is by seeing No. 563 brought back to life.

“With an incredibly rich history to tell – given its Victorian heritage – the T3 is unique because it is the only surviving tender engine designed by renowned locomotive engineer William Adams.

“The only steam locomotive owned by the Swanage Railway Trust, a working T3 gives us the opportunity to show our visitors what the railway was like during the industrial and social development in Dorset at the end of the 19th century.

“No. 563 is a direct link to the Swanage Railway's past – right back to the early days of the London and South Western Railway when holiday makers first visited Purbeck by train,” added Nathan who is a volunteer steam locomotive driver on the heritage line.

The Swanage Railway Trust’s fund-raising chairman Randy Coldham explained: “All the fund-raising work has been managed by the 563 Group itself, on which it must be congratulated, with the Group continuing to ensure that the T3 returns to steam.

“The Swanage Railway Trust is initiating this winter appeal to raise £25,000 towards the cost of the restoration of the T3 tender at our Herston engineering works.

“As always, we'd like to thank our supporters for their generous standing orders and donations that have helped us achieve a significant number of milestones on the railway in a relatively short amount of time.



No 563 Restoration work and Flour Mills Engineering works Nov 2021

“While the work on the tender at Herston is of importance, so is the continued and expert work on the restoration and overhaul of the locomotive at the Flour Mill engineering works in Gloucestershire.

“If their continued support – as well as interest and contributions from new supporters – continues then

the T3 could be back in steam and hauling a train during 2023 which is very exciting,” added Randy who is a volunteer signaller on the Swanage Railway.

Built in February, 1893, for hauling express trains on the London and South Western Railway, T3 class 4-4-0 wheel arrangement locomotive No. 563 was withdrawn by the Southern Railway at the end of the Second World War in August, 1945, by which time it had run a total of 1.5 million miles.

Designed by William Adams for smooth running at up to 80mph – and built at Nine Elms in London – No. 563 was saved from being scrapped in 1948 when it was selected for restoration and display at the centenary celebrations for London's Waterloo station.

That decision guaranteed No. 563's preservation with the unique and last of its class steam locomotive becoming part of the National Railway Museum's collection.

Donations towards the restoration of the T3 tender can be made by visiting the Swanage Railway Trust website at swanagerailwaytrust.org/appeal.

To find out more about the work of the 563 Locomotive Group – and how you can help – visit 563locomotivegroup.co.uk.

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

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	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			
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