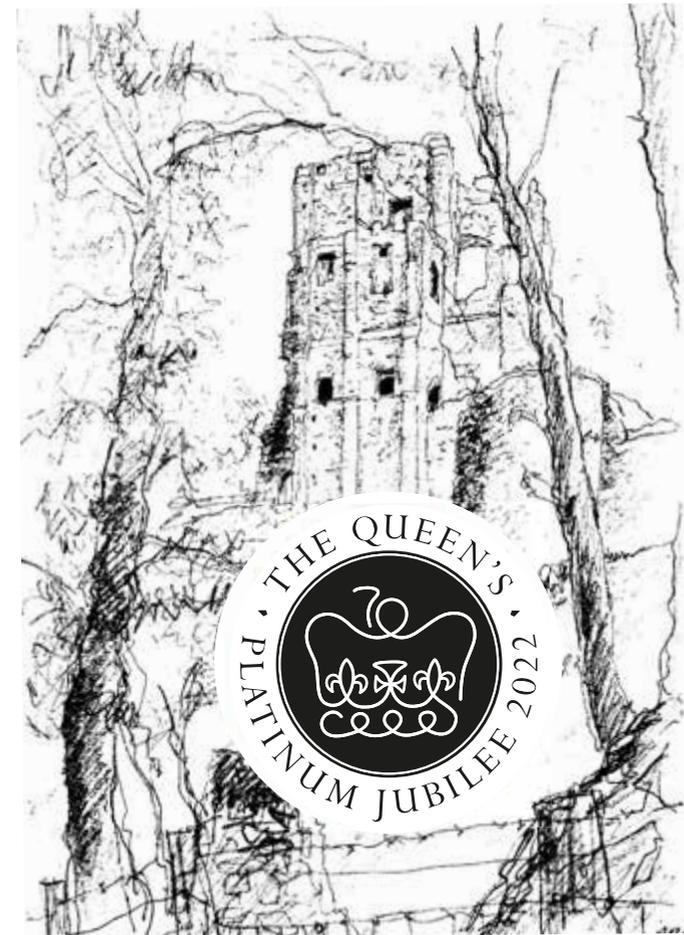


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## Editorial

The Queens platinum Jubilee takes place this month and there is a lot of information about what is exactly planned in the village throughout this copy of the CVN. There is a big program with lots of different events and I'm sure it's all going to prove to be huge fun and a fitting event to celebrate Her Majesties long reign.

Congratulations have to go to all those involved, who have put in a lot of hard work and organisation to make it all happen.

Last month I mentioned the fact that Covid seemed to be on the increase. That has now actually happened and I think there are more people with the disease in the village than there have been over the whole of the last two years. We do seem to be plagued with it. Equally it may be because nobody is now taking any precautions.

Few people seem to wear masks in shops and I imagine that hand washing and the use of sanitiser are equally reduced.

On a more positive note, we do seem to have been having a particularly good and warm weather. Not like the average English spring - no April showers.

Stephen

### Some useful Telephone Numbers

(there are more in the middle of the magazine)

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It is overlaid with the Jubilee logo.

## APRIL FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

“Let’s join *together* today to create a fabulous tomorrow.”

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**Annual Parish Meeting:** The Annual Parish Meeting is not a normal council meeting. It is a meeting run by your parish council to let you know what your Parish Council has been up to the past year, plus what plans lie ahead, but primarily it is for you to voice your concerns or ideas for projects you’d like to see the Parish Council undertake to make the Parish a better place to live and work. We are also inviting local groups to give a presentation about their activities, so come along and listen to their presentation, you may find a group you wish to join. Join us on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall, Main Hall.

**New Domain Name:** Corfe Castle Parish Council has taken the leap to a gov.uk domain name, which sees all emails and the website address change. If you need or just want to say hi to me your Clerk please email me (Michelle) on [clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk) . Our new website address is: [www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk).

**Parish Caretaker:** Your Parish Caretaker (Tim) is still hard at work every month keeping your parish clean, tidy but also safe. Over the last few months, he has been hard at work litter picking, (please remember to use and remind others to use the bins provided); repairing the safety surfaces in the playground; and levelling up graves within Gods Acre, ensuring local residents who visit loved ones within the cemetery can walk about in a safer environment (still take care as not all graves are level yet). Over the next few months, Tim will be working on the playground equipment, removing the rust from the older items, and then repainting them. This inevitably will mean some pieces of equipment will be out of use for a short period of time, but the work will be carried out as quickly as possible but is essential if we wish to prolong the life of the play equipment. If whilst you are out and about around the Parish and you see something that needs a little TLC or outright repairing (not private property) please contact the Clerk via email or phone, or if you see Tim (he will be wearing a hi vis vest with “Parish Council” on the back), stop and say Hi and let him know the issue.

**Mechanical Road Sweeper:** Corfe Castle Parish Council has recently learnt that Dorset Council will only send a mechanical road sweeper to clean the county roads, if a report is lodged justifying why the road needs cleaning. Anyone can lodge a report by visiting <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/MyServices> and then choosing, “DWP Report for Mechanical Road Sweeper”. We will lodge a report monthly requesting different roads around the parish are sweep periodically throughout the course of the year.

**Platinum Jubilee:** Corfe Castle Parish Council will request from Dorset Council that Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June be **FREE parking** within the West Street car park. So why not bring a picnic and join the fun on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June between 12 noon and 4pm on the Millennium Sportsfield West Street. For all the latest Jubilee updates and for the latest information on what’s on when please visit [www.corfecastleplatinumjubilee.co.uk](http://www.corfecastleplatinumjubilee.co.uk). Don’t forget to order a limited-edition mug.

**Planning Application & Treework Application update:** Corfe Castle Parish Council received no planning applications this month, however, did receive 1 Treework application.

- **P/HED/2022/00001-** Adjacent to the B3351 (Studland Road), Corfe Castle  
**Recommend:** No objection, as the hedgerow being removed will be replaced after the Water works have been complete

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 update from Cllr Cherry Brooks**

**Homes for Ukraine:** The scheme is well under way, where residents can offer accommodation for refugees. Dorset Council (DC) is asking residents to register directly on the Gov.uk website.

**Planning web pages:** There is planned maintenance for the planning web pages, and the pages will not be available between 5pm 25<sup>th</sup> April until close of play Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging:** DC is moving into phase two of their EV Charging programme. The order is being placed now and it is hoped will all be up and running by Summer 2022, although there may be some delays due to the time needed to connect to the electricity network.

**Take over challenge:** This runs from June to July 2022, and sees young people aged 13 – 21 or up to 25 for care leavers and people with Special Educational Needs, taking over a role of a Senior decision maker within DC. This challenge

gives the young people the chance to experience the world of work, and make their voices heard, and in return DC gain a fresh perspective on what we do and how it affects young people.

**Summer Visitor Numbers:** DC is planning for high visitor numbers again this summer. The tow away zone in Studland is once again active and will remain in place until November 2022.

**Dorset NHS: Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG):** The CCG was due to be phased out on the 1<sup>st</sup> April but this has been put back to June and will be replaced by the Integrated Care System (ICS), more information to follow.

**Parking Scheme:** The new DC parking scheme is now in operation, seeing a charge of £78 for 12 months for short stay car parks, and £260 for the Flexi permit, allowing for parking within long & short stay car parks.

**Tour of Britain:** West Bay & Ferndown are to host the first ever Dorset stage of the Tour of Britain. The route will see the cyclists coming through Corfe Castle Parish. On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Love your verge:** The “Love Your Verge” campaign is back in operation again this year, with signs being placed across Dorset, with the aim of protecting wildlife and wildflowers on our highways.

**Bus Back Better:** DC applied for the Bus Back Better scheme grant, to enable for better services across Dorset, but the bid was not successful in the first round. DC has been notified that further funding will be available and DC is already working to enhance the bid ready for the next round.

**Next Council Meeting** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (meetings are held on the second Monday of each month), at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. This meeting is the Annual Parish Council Meeting, where we elect our Chairman for the year. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say.

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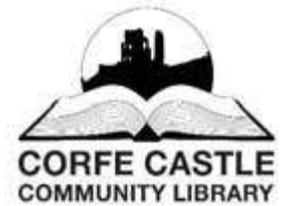
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Michelle Harrington, Clerk

## News from the Library

This month sees the return of the talk from February that had to be postponed due to the severe storm warning.



**May 20<sup>th</sup> 2022, 2.00pm, Corfe Castle Village Hall.**

**Gen Crisford (National Trust): *The Re-introduction of Beavers to Purbeck***

Beavers were a key part of our wetland ecosystems until they were hunted to extinction 400 years ago. Eurasian Beavers are native animals; they evolved alongside our other native fauna and flora and until extinction had successfully coexisted in Great Britain since the last ice-age. It is believed that bringing back Eurasian beavers at carefully chosen sites could benefit Poole Harbour and the rivers which flow into it, and local communities are helping to make it a reality.

The release of beavers on Purbeck could occur within a few months (in fact it may have occurred by the time of the talk!). Come and hear about the scheme and how it is progressing.

### Library Opening Hours

**Monday 3.00 - 5.00 p.m.**

**Wednesday 11.00 -12.00 noon and 3.00 - 5.00 p.m.**

**Saturday 10.00 - 12.00 noon**

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## Environmental Group Update



### Our Next Get-Together

Thursday 12th May at Mortons Manor. 7.15pm in the bar - 7.30pm start

Please note our **new** email: [environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk) to let us know you're coming **OR** simply turn up on the night.

### Our Recent Get-Together

Several apologies for sickness and holidays etc., but importantly we still covered our updates/actions. Notes from the meeting were emailed to all those on our Environmental Group email list. **Here's the highlights:**

#### School:

We're strengthen our bond with the school and hope to have a representative at our meeting in May to find out more about their wonderful efforts, their plans and ways in which the community can support them.

#### Jubilee 'Queen's Green Canopy' Projects Update

- In April we identified yet more sites for our '**70 trees for 70 years**' project and are in working directly with Dorset Council to see how we can make these a reality.
- We've applied for and been awarded 420 free saplings as part of the QGC – so we look forward to getting those in the ground in the autumn
- A wider project of recording 70 trees being planted for each of the 70 years of reign (**yes, 4900 trees!**) is also under way. We've recorded an impressive 2200+ in the 2021/22 planting season. **Have evidence of trees you've planted** since 01.10.21, or are planning before 31.03.23? If so, please get in touch
- We're always willing to accept further donations of 'native-ish' saplings for the cause! Please get in touch David via the Parish Clerk.

#### Churchyards

After successful collaborative efforts in Corfe and Kingston we're aiming to share our learning with Kimmeridge, Steeple and Tyneham to see how we can all further enhance the biodiversity of the churchyards. Several rare orchids in Kingston are the headline discovery and reduced maintenance costs are also an added benefit: A 'no-mow' area = less mowing = less time and fuel.

#### Butterfly Surveys

We're hoping to arrange training in the near future for anyone keen to learn more about our butterfly population and how to help survey them. Make sure you're on our mailing list: [environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Top Tips

**Can you save £1000+ in a day?** We've all seen various lists of Money-Saving tips, but have you actually made time to take action? There's potential to save serious £££.

**It's time to help everyone save £££. Together, we can have a positive impact on the lives of hundreds across our entire community.**

Most actions that save us money usually involve **LESS**: consumption, waste, energy etc. etc. so by default we're in favour of them. What changes are you making or what are your life-long 'rituals' for using less and saving more? **Please share them with us.**

**Don't know where to start? Try these...** (other sites are available!)

[energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://energysavingtrust.org.uk)

[moneysavingexpert.com](http://moneysavingexpert.com)

[citizensadvice.org.uk](http://citizensadvice.org.uk)

### 3 that caught our eye:

- **Lightbulbs:** Swap a 60W incandescent bulb for an LED bulb = Up to **£6 saving** per bulb, per year.  
*ACTION:* Switch now to use less energy immediately
- **Shower:** For 4mins or less? = **£70 saving**, per year for a typical household.  
*ACTION:* Use a timer to 'train' this good habit
- **Water Meter Trial:** Some households can **cut their bill in half** with a free swap to a water meter. Wessex Water are currently allowing customers to trial a meter for up to 2 years. If you don't save £££ they'll **credit you any over spend** and switch you back to a fixed rate  
*ACTION:* Try an online water usage calculator or speak to Wessex Water

## Did You Know...

Over a lifetime of 100 years, a tree could absorb around a tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>. However, in the world of 'Offsetting' it is widely suggested that 6 trees 'fix' a tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>.

## Our Core Team

Josey Parish and Helen Sumbler, the two Parish Councillors who co-lead our group would like to welcome new members to our Core Team. We're achieving worthwhile endeavors, but there are plenty more opportunities to do great things. We'd be delighted with you contributing in a way that suits you best – **Join us...**

**Get in touch:** Parish Clerk (Michelle) -

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### Important Update from Corfe Castle Community Land Trust

Following a challenging few months the CLT Board has made some changes:

1. Peter Morrison Wells has decided to stand down as Chair but will remain on the Board. Colin Fuller has been elected by the Board to take over this key role. The Board offers sincere thanks to Peter for the huge amount of work undertaken since the creation of the CCCLT.
2. The provision of open market homes within our planning application had been causing some problems with viability. Therefore, the Board has over the past few months negotiated a new deal with the Bond family to make the scheme a totally affordable housing package comprising 16 rental homes and 6 shared ownership homes. This has the backing of our selected Housing Provider, Aster Homes Ltd. As a consequence, the current planning application was withdrawn on Wednesday 13th April and a revised scheme is being prepared, to be submitted in a few months' time. The 22 affordable homes will be a mix of 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom homes. This provides an even greater opportunity for local people to live in the village.

This change allows us to move the development forward and provide homes for local people who have a history of connection with the village as well as offering a more integrated plan for the site. Further details will be provided as the development plans progress.



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month's edition.

## Church Knowle Parish Council - April Meeting

The April meeting of the Parish Council took place at the Furzebrook Village Hall on the second Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of April with four Councillors present. In the Village Hall car park is a used clothing collection bin for the Salvation Army. A small three sided door had been cut into the back of this with an angle grinder and the flap bent back with the obvious intent on theft. Inside of the bin could be seen black plastic bags of clothes that people had kindly donated. It is highly improbable that there would be any tiaras or diamonds among these, even in Furzebrook and so the criminal motivation for this effort in cutting through this 3mm steel is unclear. Perhaps it is the same criminal mastermind that has stolen the Creech Bottom post box. As is often the case the damage and inconvenience weighs far more than any gain by the perpetrator – and it is nicer to be in a community where these stupid things are not going on.

The main items of interest in the meeting were:

### Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan consultant, Paul Weston, has produced a very comprehensive Scoping Study for Church Knowle, “Church Knowle Neighbourhood Plan – A Way Forward”, some 90 pages but concentrating on the issues the Council identified as important and it is a very good and useful piece of work. The Council decided to apply for more grant funding and to see if the Neighbourhood Plan could be taken to completion (“made” in NP terminology). This will require some community input and eventually a referendum by the people of Church Knowle to accept it. There will be a steering committee guided by the consultant and anyone interested in finding out more can contact the Clerk or Google Neighbourhood Plan which will bring up the Locality website that gives a lot of information.

A well drafted Neighbourhood Plan gives (in theory) a lot more power at local, Parish Council, level in determining what happens at Parish level with real legislative clout provided by the Localism Act 2011. This is why the Parish Council is taking the path to produce a Plan.

### Planning

This month saw three applications, all of which were passed by the Council with “No Objection”. These are:

P/HOU/2022/02301 – 5 Tyneham Road, Church Knowle  
Erect side extension to form garage and first floor office/store

P/HOU/2022/01666 – Creech View, Creech Bottom  
Single storey extension

P/TRC/2022/01696 – 1 Church Knowle  
Tree work, fell some conifers and crown reductions.

### Missing Post Box

The Council resolved to pursue the replacement of the missing post box at Creech Bottom with the Royal Mail and the Clerk will write to top management to get some action. It should not be beyond the wit of the Royal Mail to provide a new post box on a steel pole. In the meantime there is a petition on change.org titled “Royal Mail – Replace the Creech Bottom postbox” and one at the Lookout Stores. Bit by bit these things disappear from daily and cultural life and eventually you look around and there is nothing left. Meanwhile the cost of a postage stamp has just risen again.

The telephone box at Church Knowle should be safe as it is a listed building because it forms an important and integral part of the cultural streetscape.

### Correspondence

The Langton Matravers Parish Council sent a copy of their “Motion of Little Confidence in DC Planning System” to all of the local Parish Councils for their information. The Church Knowle Parish Council endorses this and is preparing a similar motion.

### Vacancies for Councillors

The Parish Council is three members below its full strength of nine and has a quorum of three. If anyone from the Church Knowle Parish would like to join the Council they can contact the Clerk ([clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk)) or come along to a meeting and simply observe. Anyone can come along to a Parish Council meeting, observe or make a presentation on some particular point if they wish.

The meeting finished at 8:35. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 10<sup>th</sup> May.



With a month to go before the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations begin, we have a lot of information in CVN this month covering the various events and competitions that will be taking place during the bank holiday weekend.

From the Bake-Off to the Best House and Business Frontage, Poetry and Art competitions, Dog-Scenting to the Treasure Hunt, there is something for everyone to take part in. The BYO Jubilee Picnic will have a circus entertainer, traditional fairground entertainment and some games which will be as much fun to watch as to take part in. Our Beacon Lighting event has caught the attention of the BBC and we hope to be live to the nation at 9.45pm on Thursday 2nd June. With the choir and piper it should be a great evening.

Our beautiful bone china Jubilee mugs are now available from James and Roz at The Sweet Shop as well as Pav at The Pink Goat and Angela at The Town House. The sale of these will enable us to give a mug to every child in the Pre and Primary Schools.

We are starting to build a great team of volunteers but we still need more. If you have some time available during the celebrations and would like to help with one or more of the events please contact Denise on 477247 and let her know what you can do.

We have some fantastic prizes for our Grand Draw. A huge thank you to all the businesses and organisations who have given so generously. We still have funds to raise if we are to fulfil our legacy plans.

We hope to see many of you during the celebrations and hope that the BYO picnic will be a real celebration of not only the Platinum Jubilee but also Corfe Castle as a community.

Rupert Spicer-Short



## PROGRAMME OF JUBILEE EVENTS

***THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE From 7pm – 10pm.***

**Event: PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON**

**Come and join us for the lighting of the beacon to mark the official start to the Jubilee celebrations.**

The Castle grounds will be open from 7pm and the event will start at 9.15pm culminating in the Beacon lighting at 9.45pm

We will have our piper playing a specially commissioned tune for HM The Queen and we will have the Corfe Castle Jubilee Choir singing the new commonwealth anthem and the National Anthem.

Bring a picnic and enjoy the lower Castle grounds and then help us countdown the seconds to the lighting of beacons all over the country.

Entry to the castle will be free and we look forward to welcoming you to the event.



***SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 10 am to 4 pm.***

**Event: A DAY OF FUN IN THE VILLAGE HALL - COFFEE MORNING, THE GREAT BAKE-OFF JUDGING, DISPLAYS OF THE CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION , POETRY COMPETITION, DOUBLE ACT ENTERTAIN, AND ENDING WITH THE PRIZE GIVINGS.**

**Information:**

**10 am** Enjoy coffee, cakes, raffle and the displays of **the CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION AND THE POETRY COMPETITION.**

**2.00 pm. BAKE-OFF JUDGING**

**2 – 2.45 pm DOUBLE ACT** perform ‘Who Rules Britannia? The Story so Far....’

**3.30pm. PRIZE GIVING** for THE BAKE-OFF, CHILDREN’S ART COMPETITION, POETRY COMPETITION, TREASURE HUNT, BEST HOME AND BUSINESS FRONTAGE.



***SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 10.30 to 11.30 am.***

**Event: JUBILEE CHURCH SERVICE AT ST. EDWARD’S CHURCH WITH BELL RINGING**

***SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE. 12 noon to 4 pm.***

**Event: THE BIG JUBILEE PICNIC**

**Venue:** Millennium Sports Field, West Street.

Come and enjoy a traditional Jubilee gathering with Family and Friends to mark this milestone event in our nation’s history

Bring your own picnic, rugs and seats and enjoy free refreshments - tea, coffee, Purbeck Ice Cream and Bake-Off puddings and cakes - all free.

Be as outrageous or original as you like and win the prize for best decorated hat!

Be part of The Big Picture

How many villagers can we get into one photograph?

Enjoy the U3A Ukulele Band, our circus entertainer, some very silly but very competitive games and the Youth Club Entertainment Van.

Who will be the knight in shining armour for the Hobby Horse Jousting?

Can you get around the human version of the dog agility course with your dignity intact?

Can you and your team win the relay and make the best Queen’s breakfast?

Can you beat the Goalie?

How many coconuts can you win in the shy?

Will you be the Cornhole Game winner?

**THE RESULTS OF THE GRAND DRAW WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 3.30 PM. WILL YOU BE A WINNER?**

We hope to have free parking in the West Street Car Park for the whole day.

**Sadly dogs will not be allowed on the Sports Field**

Everybody is welcome to this event. Let’s hope that the weather is kind to us but we’re British and not made of sugar

We will be there regardless and look forward to welcoming you all

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**Full details of the competitions including contact numbers.....**

### **JUBILEE COMPETITIONS**

#### **JUBILEE BEST DECORATED HOUSE OR BUSINESS FRONTAGE COMPETITION**

Organised by Corfe Castle Gardening Club and Crazy 4 Corfe

Get your bunting, flags and decorations out and let’s decorate the village in style – 2 categories, house or business.

**Decorating should be complete by Wednesday evening 1<sup>st</sup>. June**  
**Frontages will be judged by Joy Bryer and Chris Clarke from the Corfe Castle Gardening Club on Thursday starting at 10 am.**

**Contact Chris on 480095 for more information**

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#### **JUBILEE DOG SCENTING SCURRY COMPETITION**

Organised by Crazy4Corfe – **Contact Liz on 480447**

**Friday 3rd June 10.30AM**

So how good is your dog at sniffing out a treat?

Organised by Gary Cole of Muttley Solutions, come along and have a go at Gary’s scenting challenge. Scenting is a great activity for your dog, tapping into their natural ability for sniffing out a treat.

The fastest dog of the day wins a professional scent training lesson.  
All welcome, free to try - Come and have a go!!

The venue is the pony paddock to the rear of 126 East Street  
(what3words location : Soothing.earmarked.unionists )

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### **JUBILEE BAKE-OFF**

Organised by Crazy4Corfe –**contact Liz on 480447**

A Jubilee wouldn't be a Jubilee without a lot of cake ...

There are two categories:

#### **A Royal Celebration cake or cakes**

This can be any recipe, design and decoration - go wild!!

#### **The Platinum Jubilee Pudding**

A new recipe to be revealed in May, the result of a national competition. Watch out for the winning recipe in the press during the month. We will aim to print the recipe in June's CVN.

**The cake and pudding judging will take place on Saturday 4th June in the Village Hall. Cakes should be brought to the Bill Carter Room between 10am and 12noon. Please bring your bakes, ideally on a board and in a suitable container with your name on it.**

**Judging will begin at 2.00pm and will be open to spectators. All cakes and puddings will be judged anonymously. Anne-Marie Battle and Kirsten Allen have kindly agreed to be the judges. Prize giving will be from 3.30pm in the main hall.**

All cakes and puddings entered will be donated to the Jubilee Picnic on Sunday 5th June. They will be served along with tea and coffee and Purbeck Ice Cream at the picnic. We all know that 2022 is going to be a tough year for many of us but we also want as many entries to the competition as possible - there will hopefully be a lot of hungry cake eaters at the picnic.

With the support of our friends at Corfe Castle Village Stores and Norden Farm Shop, from Monday 30th May to Friday 2nd June anyone wishing to enter the Bake-Off can collect a bag of ingredients (butter, sugar, eggs, flour) free of charge. Alternatively please feel free to purchase some extra ingredients and leave them at the till for others to collect and use.

### **PLATINUM JUBILEE TREASURE HUNT**

Organised by Crazy4Corfe – **Contact Liz on 480447**

#### **Thursday 2nd June - Friday 3rd June**

A team activity to gather information and items from locations within easy walking distance around the village. You will need a smartphone, a notebook, a pencil and your wits!!

What you need to do:

1. Form a team - at least 3 people, ages to total 70+
2. Collect a task sheet at 146 East Street **from 10am on Thurs. 2nd June**
3. Complete the tasks and submit your results by **6pm on Friday 3rd June** to 146 East Street.

Cash prizes for the winners kindly donated by Peter and Belinda Bell. £50, £30 and £20 for the top three teams. **Prizes will given out in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th June at 3.30pm in the Village hall.**

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### **BEST DECORATED HAT COMPETITION.**

How original or outrageous can you be? Decorate your hat in the best Royal tradition and wear it to our Big Jubilee Picnic **on Sunday 5th June** and win the prize for the best design and decoration.

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### **PLATINUM JUBILEE POETRY COMPETITION**

Sponsored by Corfe Castle Library.

A Poetry Competition on the theme of 'Celebrating Our Queen'. 70 years of service to the nation is well worth our thanks and celebration so let your creativity and your memories run riot.

#### **Conditions of Entry.**

Children from Corfe Castle Primary School and other School age children up to 18 who live in the Parish and adults who live in Corfe Castle parish.

**There will be three categories for the competition:**

**5 – 11years, 11 to 18years and adult.**

**Closing Date 27th May. Corfe Castle Primary School Children should return their entries to the school. Other entries should be delivered or posted to The Gallery at 41, 41 East Street, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EE**

between 14<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May. Please check their website [www.galleryat41.com](http://www.galleryat41.com) for opening times.

The competition will be judged by award winning Dorset poet Sarah Barr. Poems will be displayed and the winners will be announced at the **Prize-Giving event in the Village Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm**. Winning poems will be published in the Corfe Valley News and on our website. [www.corfecastleplatinumjubilee.co.uk](http://www.corfecastleplatinumjubilee.co.uk)

The prizes of £30 book tokens for each category in the poetry competition will be awarded by the Corfe Castle Library.

**Contact Chris on 480095**

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### JUBILEE CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

Sponsored by the Gallery at 41.

As part of the national celebrations a 'River of Hope' printed on 200 silk flags designed by children will be carried up the Mall. The artwork will be focused on climate change.

Following this national theme our Art Competition here in Corfe Castle will be entitled **'My Hope for the Future of our Planet'** and we hope as many children and young people as possible will take part. **Work should be A4 and in any medium.**

#### Conditions of Entry.

Children from Corfe Castle Primary School and Pre-School and other School age children up to 16 who live in the Parish but attend school elsewhere.

The four Categories will be  
Pre- School, age 5 to 7, age 7 to 11 and age 11 to 16.

**Closing date is the 27th May.** Corfe Castle Primary School Children should return their entries to the school. Other entries should be delivered or posted to The Gallery at 41, 41 East Street, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EE between 14<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May. Please check their website [www.galleryat41.com](http://www.galleryat41.com) for opening times.

The work will be displayed as our own **'River of Hope'** on the walls of the Village Hall on 4th June when prizes of art materials for the winners in each category will be awarded. It would be nice if children's messages for the future could be incorporated in the work.

Children attending Corfe Castle Primary School and the Pre-school will be contacted by their schools.

**Contact Chris on 480095 for more information**

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### GAMES AT THE BIG JUBILEE PICNIC

Corgie Capers – Humans tackle a dog agility course. Teams of 2.  
The Queens Breakfast – A relay for teams of four.  
Please register for these games and for the Hobby Horse Jousting when you arrive at the Picnic.

**Contact Chris on 480095 for more information.**

AN OFFICIAL COLOURED PROGRAMME OF EVENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE IN RETAIL OUTLETS IN MID-MAY.

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### NOW AVAILABLE

Corfe Castle commemorative Platinum Jubilee mugs –  
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**We will donate a Jubilee mug to every child at Corfe Castle Primary School and Corfe Castle Pre-School.**

**We will also donate a mug to every pre and primary school child who is resident in the parish but attends school elsewhere.**

**If your child falls into this group please ring Rupert on 480447.**

## Corfe Castle Jubilee Choir.

### *Calling all singers!*

Here in Corfe Castle we are planning to join with the rest of the Nation, and indeed the Commonwealth, in singing 'A Life Lived With Grace' on Thursday evening June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This will start our Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as the beacon is lit on East Hill. We will be singing in the iconic Castle grounds. We would like lots more folk to join in than have come forward so far. The more we have, the better the sound, and less confident singers will feel less exposed!

We plan a second performance to round off the celebrations on the Sunday afternoon but it's fine if you can only manage one.

So dust off those vocal chords and join in! The song is not too demanding - it is neither too high nor too low, neither too fast nor too slow, so please come along and give it a go!

Here is the link. You can download different versions and hear them sung.

<https://www.commonwealthresounds.com/qpjb/a-song-for-the-commonwealth/>

**Rehearsals: Apr 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8.15pm – 9pm, Corfe Castle Primary School.** Enter through the East Street gate, turn left at the building, and use the doors on your right just before the 'new' hall.

**Performances: Thurs June 2, evening, Castle, and Sun June 5, afternoon, Millennium Sports Field.**

**My contact details: David Kemp, 7 Colletts Close, Corfe Castle; 480007, 07702 189758, [davimukem@aol.com](mailto:davimukem@aol.com)**

## Corfe Castle Surgery

### Spring Covid Boosters

The Purbeck Covid-19 Vaccination HUB at Wareham Hospital will be offering a spring Covid-19 booster to those age 75+ and age 12+ who are immunosuppressed (transplants, chemotherapy, some rheumatoid drugs and high dose steroids etc). The booster will be **6 months** from your previous Covid-19 vaccination. Those eligible will be invited by letter by the CVP admin team at Wareham Hospital. Appointments are also available to book on the National Booking System. If you do not receive a letter and you believe you are part of this group, please contact the Vaccination HUB on 01929 557559 /557589. This phone line is manned Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings but also has an answerphone. **Please DO NOT phone your surgery for appointments.** Early vaccination requests will need a referral from a clinician.

**May is skin cancer awareness month.** Most skin cancers are caused by sun exposure so as the weather starts to improve there is a need to be more sun aware again.

The best way to enjoy the sun safely and protect your skin is to use shade, clothing and sunscreen.

Shade and clothing are better than sunscreen at protecting your skin.

Sunscreen shouldn't be used to spend longer in the sun. But they can be useful for protecting the parts of skin not covered by clothing or shade.

### **Sun safety guidelines**

In the UK, the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays are the strongest between 11am and 3pm from mid-March to mid-October. During this time, the sun may be strong enough to cause damage. Take extra care to protect your skin, especially if you get sunburnt easily by:

1. Spending time in the shade, especially between 11am and 3pm in the UK.
2. Covering up with clothes, a wide-brimmed hat and UV protection sunglasses.
3. And using a sunscreen with at least SPF15 and 4 or 5 stars. Use it generously, reapply regularly and use together with shade and clothing.

Skin cancers can look very different and the symptoms can vary. Some of the symptoms are similar to other conditions so if you are suffering from any of the following then please consider booking an appointment with one of our doctors.

A skin lesion that;

- doesn't heal within 4 weeks
- looks unusual
- hurts, is itchy, bleeds, crusts or scabs for more than 4 weeks

Kerry Norman Practice Manager

### Patient Participation Group

We have, we hope, come through another long winter and, despite the high number of people catching the Covid infection and the worrying rise in the cost of living, there is a new sniff of optimism in the spring air. Here in Purbeck we have many blessings to count. We live in a peaceful country (our thoughts are constantly with the Ukrainian people), in a beautiful place, in a wonderfully supportive community – and not least with the outstanding care of Corfe Castle Surgery. In recent weeks up to 25% of the staff there have been off sick but somehow, e.g. by coming in on their days off, the others have managed to keep the surgery running as they have done throughout the epidemic. We the patients thank you all.

At the Surgery the patients' feedback on the new blood pressure monitor is very positive. Once you've got used to it, it's great! Do please read the information about skin cancer in Kerry Norman's Surgery article. It could make all the difference to you. Also do have your spring Covid booster vaccination if you are eligible but NB the booking is not through the Surgery this time.

I recently attended a meeting of the Chairs of the six local PPGs. The disappointment and disillusionment about the scrapping of the planned Integrated health and Social care Hub at Wareham continue to run deep. We welcomed in principle the coming in July of the new Integrated Care Services, with a new Board, in place of the CCG, combining the provision of health and social care in Dorset. It admirably aims to deliver joined-up care to patients that will e.g. help relieve bed-blocking in hospital. We expressed concern, however, about the timing of this major change when GPs, other clinical staff and carers are already exhausted and about how the existing shortage of staff will be addressed to deliver the new service. We hope the patients receiving care in the community will see the benefit in the way their care is planned and delivered under the new system.

Finally an advance notice to all our carers. As part of National Carers' Week, the local Primary Care Network (the six practices) will be inviting all those registered as carers at Corfe Surgery and the PPG to a Carers Day Event at the Springfield Hotel on Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Its purpose is to thank unpaid carers for all they do and to ensure that they are getting any help that may be relevant to them. A variety of different organisations will be there giving information, advice and guidance.

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#### Dates of forthcoming meetings

- 3rd May - Deb Fullbrook & Elmo Hearing Dogs
- 7th June - Dr Barbara Smith, World Travelled Entomologist
- 5th July – Summer Picnic Lunch
- 2nd August – Queen Elizabeth II: Find all your old photos over her 70-year reign - patterns; dresses; old recipes, cars, buses or anything of interest. Who remembers trolley busses? You can even dress up in any outfits from her 70 years or bring retro cakes & biscuits. E.g. Cream horns, jelly, Eccles cakes, garibaldi, wagon wheels, lardy cake?

**WILD WEST PARTY NIGHT:** This was a very enjoyable evening, of course that might have been influenced by the Mint Julip Cocktail to start, where Cowboys, Indians and even a Showgirl enjoyed games such as the Horse Shoe Toss, Tin Pan Alley Shoot Out, Cowboy Film Quiz and Roll The Coin for a bottle of Jack Daniels (the drink of choice for any self respecting cowboy or girl!) The outlaw Barry the Bandit was the winner. The Castle Inn provided excellent chow and a large selection of finger lickin' good cakes for dessert. The hall looked great with its cowboy themed decorations, wagon train raffle, totem poles and numerous cacti and succulents. A big thank you to Rob for the cowboy films displayed on the big screen, they certainly brought back lots of memories. Many people joined in the line dancing, even the men, which was great fun, even if we didn't all end up facing in the same direction. In fact they were all surprisingly good and it was lovely to be all together again, laughing and feeling somewhat normal.

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- Local produce e.g. 'From Dorset with Love' range & Lyme Bay wines

### Mini Garden Centre:

- Great selection of compost at sensible prices
- Really well stocked with summer bedding plants, fruit trees, herbs & more
- Seeds – but only whilst stocks last – our suppliers are predicting challenges as we all race to grow more to save a few £££
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- Check our website or give us a call – The team will be happy to help

### Not called in for a while...?

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## And Now For Something Completely Different!

‘Who Rules Britannia ... The Story So Far!’ will be presented in Corfe Castle Village Hall (free!) on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, as Double Act’s contribution to the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Come along to witness what some of Her Majesty’s predecessors got up to – and often got away with!

As an added incentive, we hope to have some refreshments available, including Purbeck Ice Cream.

See the Platinum Jubilee pages for more details of the weekend’s events.

‘The Wonderful Wizard of Oz’ finally happened, after nearly three years of preparation and delays. The audiences enjoyed the innovative production very much, although attendance was low, probably due to Covid concerns.

**Community Support.** Double Act members led by Peter Smith have completed the flooring of the Village Hall attic, and dividing this cavernous space into various self-contained and secure areas is progressing well. This will give Double Act a single storage and working area, but will also give the Village Hall other spaces for other organisations to use, for the benefit of the Village Hall and its many users.

If you would be interested in joining our friendly safe group or for more details, please contact the chairman, David Kemp 01929 480007, or secretary David Watson 01929 481265 - or email [info@double-act.org.uk](mailto:info@double-act.org.uk).



***New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome!***

*All our meetings conform to relevant Covid restrictions.*

It's **WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY** on the 14<sup>th</sup> May

Most of brands in our shop are made by small independent UK makers, but we also sell plenty of Fair Trade products. Our felt items come from Nepal (as well as Corfe Castle!), providing independence and a sense of pride for female artisans, as well as safe working conditions.

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**News from The Castle**

What a fantastic Easter, the weather was perfect. We hope everyone enjoyed the sunshine; it's not often that Bank holiday and sunshine meet!

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our Billy Kinghorn family fun day and helped to raise money for Jude's racing foundation. We raised around £600 and 20% goes to the Air Ambulance.

Mark and Lucy have raised around £80,000 so far for the Air Ambulance, an amazing achievement, well done.

Well, May and early June offer 2 more Bank holidays ... fingers crossed for the weather again.

We will be hosting another family fun day to celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee, again raising money for local good causes. The afternoon will be packed with activities for both adults and children and our incredible magician will be present, performing close up magic, to amaze adults and little ones alike.

Wishing everyone a wonderful May and hoping the sunshine continues. Mark, Laurice, Mike, Livy and the whole team.



The eagle-eyed amongst you, will also have spotted that Vineyard Cottage had moved to the other side of the old leet. The original cottage is likely to have been demolished when Lady Bankes created her water garden in Mill Close.

Louise Haywood



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## Corfe Castle Village Hall

### general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the Village Hall Coffee Morning in April. £163.79 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In April the first prize of £20 was won by member 12, with member 81 getting second prize £10 and member 46 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.

At the recent AGM George Preston was re-elected as a Trustee, but retired as Chair after many years in the role. Trustees were unanimous in electing Gerry Stoker as Chair.

### regular weekly events:

Monday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio
Monday evenings	Double Act
Monday evenings	Purbeck Chess
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
Tuesday afternoons	Children's Gymnastics
Tuesday evenings	Purbeck Dance Studio
Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Purbeck Crafts
Wednesday mornings	Pilates
Wednesday mornings	Yoga
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Wednesday evenings	Pilates
Thursday evenings	Cubs
Thursday evenings	Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday mornings	Pilates
Friday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio

### regular monthly events:

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

### Renaming of room:

In recognition of George's service to the Village Hall, Trustees voted to rename the smaller of the two rooms in the extension. The Community Hub room will in future be known as **the George Preston room**.

Bookings are still subject to the amended Special Conditions of Hire, as published on the website [www.corfecastlevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.corfecastlevillagehall.co.uk). Contact Carole Speed on 01929 480810, or by email to [carolepspeed@gmail.com](mailto: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.

3	May	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Talk – Deb Fulbrook – Hearing Dogs - Village Hall
8	May	Sunday	3pm	Concert – Karen Grant – St James Kingston
9	May	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in the Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	May	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle village hall.
13	May	Friday	7.30pm	Barn Dance – Kimmeridge Village Hall at the Etches Collection
14	May	Saturday	10.30 am	St Edwards Coffee Morning and craft fair – Well Court, West Street.
20	May	Friday	2 pm	The Re-introduction of Beavers to Purbeck by Gen Chrisford – CC Village Hall
28 May – 12 June				Purbeck Art Weeks – Various locations around Purbeck

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

2	June	Thursday	7 – 10pm	Jubilee – Lighting the Beacon – The Castle and East Hill
4	June	Saturday	10am – 4pm	Jubilee Day of Fun – Corfe Castle Village Hall
4	June	Saturday	Midday – 11pm	Mini Beer Fest – Corfe Castle Club
4	June	Saturday	2 pm	Who Rules Britannia – Double Act – Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	June	Sunday	2pm	Boules Tournament – Corfe Castle Club
5	June	Sunday	12 noon – 4pm	Jubilee Picnic – Sports Field
7	June	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Talk – Dr Barbara Smith – Entomologist - Corfe Castle Village Hall
13	June	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in the Corfe Castle Village Hall
14	June	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Furzebrook village hall.
6	August	Saturday	2pm	Three Parishes Fete – Church Knowle
11	August	Thursday		St Edwards village fete on the church lawns.
17	September	Saturday		St Edwards Coffee Morning – Corfe Castle Village Hall

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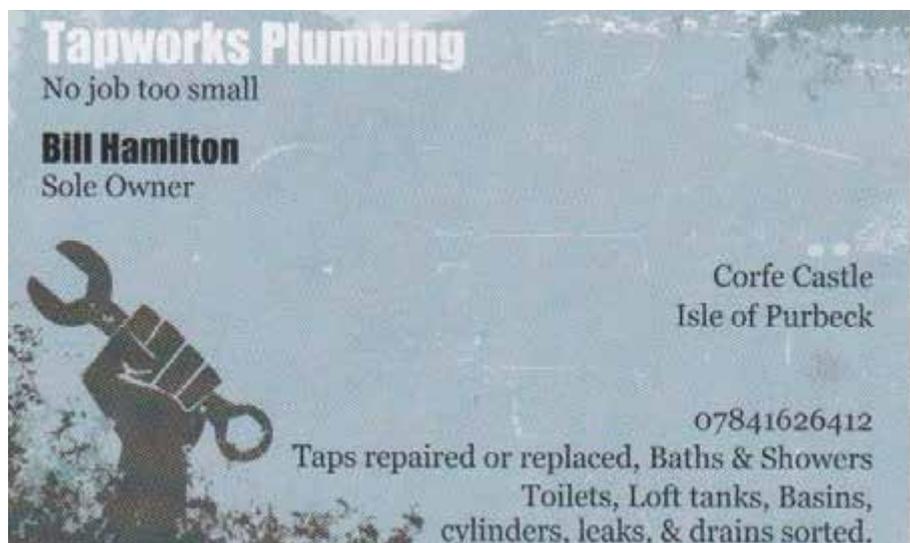
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The Rev Ian Jackson writes:

It was really good to be able to keep Holy Week and Easter in a way that hasn't been possible these last 2 years. There was a strong sense of God's presence as we met in the churches of the Benefice for a variety of different occasions. Thank you to all who took part and helped with the preparations for the services. This of course includes those who took part by means of the live

streaming from Corfe and the zooming from Langton. It was good to learn that the singing at Corfe came over especially well.

This year as we remembered Jesus' own suffering and death we were mindful of those suffering at the present time and especially because of the conflict in Ukraine.

We continue to remember in urgent and frequent prayer the people caught up in this situation. Our hope and prayer is that somehow the fighting will end and peace will be established.

Our celebration of our Easter faith encourages us to look to God, yes acknowledging how painful so many situations in the world seem to be, but looking to him with faith and hope in the strength of his loving purposes.

On Good Friday God's love looks far from strong. At Easter we discover that is not the case at all.

May all God's children know his love and peace.

Ian

### **Bible Readings - May 2022**

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Zephaniah 3: 14 -end Acts 9: 1 – 6 John 21: 1 – 19
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Acts 9: 36 John 10: 22 – 30
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Genesis 22: 1 – 18 Acts 11: 1 – 18 John 13: 31 – 35
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14 Acts 16: 9 – 15 John 5 1 – 9
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Sunday after Ascension Day Ezekiel 36: 24 – 28

Acts 16: 16 – 34  
John 17: 20 – end

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

### **PENTECOST WHIT SUNDAY**

Genesis 11: 1 – 9  
Acts 2: 1 – 21  
John 14: 8 – 17

### **The Reverend Anne Bond writes**

Easter is when all the world decides to have a holiday – so, whaddya know? All the airlines start cancelling flights. Well, anyway, this year they have, because of the world-wide rise in the cost of fuel to make the aeroplanes go. Ho hum. What happens now?

The origin of the word 'holiday' is the phrase 'holy day' indicating a day that long custom has designated the anniversary of some saint or holy person's birth or death or crowning triumph, all of which made a perfectly splendid reason to stop that day's work and start eating the fatted calf. Nowadays, engineering and technology has made it possible to eat not only the fatted calf but also the fatted octopus, prawn, frog's leg, sheeps' eyes, birds nest soup, hundred-year-old eggs and leg of crocodile on foreign shores only hours distance from familiar, boring, home ground. But at what cost? Are we being forced to choose between paying for cheap flights that are only cheap because the airline has economised on comfort, paying through the nose for upholstered reclining seats and space for a (small) handbag, or not being able to get on a flight at all because there aren't enough to go round and holidaying in one's own back yard?

I have watched several programmes lately on TV about people going on pilgrimages. In days gone by you could only get to foreign parts by boarding a ship and, if you were rich, hiring a horse-drawn carriage to take you overland, and if you weren't, employing shank's pony – your own two legs. Pilgrimages were mostly done on foot, the experience of the slow speed of travel giving one time to appreciate nature in all its glory – beauty of landscape, awfulness of weather and difficulty of terrain - together with the company of your varied companions adding depth to the whole spiritual exercise. I notice that today's pilgrims certainly found this to be so; and their sense of achievement as well as a considerable amount of self-discovery made the pilgrimage an experience that for many became the most significant of their lives yet far.

What is a holiday for? To take a rest from the toils of work. To enjoy new experiences. To explore new places. Perhaps more than anything else, to give yourself a gap in your everyday routine to evaluate life as you know it, and to see if improvements can be made. Sometimes an unexpected event or a

chance meeting can illuminate your next step, and that, in its turn, sometimes has consequences that can only be from God.

With love, Anne

### Sunday Services in May

**At Steeple:** there will be the service as usual on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9.30am. This is on May 8<sup>th</sup> and will be Holy Communion with hymns. This service will be followed by the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting.) The APCM will start after the service has finished and not before 10.30am; it may be slightly later, but not very much.

**At Corfe Castle:** we continue with a service each Sunday morning at 10.30am.

This service will be a communion service with hymns apart from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday when the service will be Morning Worship; this service won't be a communion service and will include hymns, readings, prayers and reflections.

### **Ascension Day – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

On Ascension Day there will be a service at Kingston at 10am.

### **The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - 29<sup>th</sup> May**

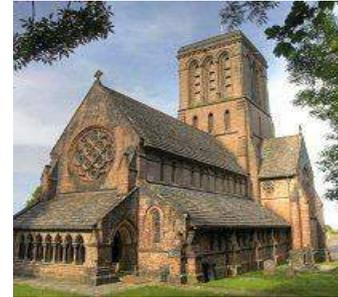
For several reasons the service on May 29<sup>th</sup> will NOT be at Church Knowle. This is for a variety of practical reasons.

Instead the service on May 29<sup>th</sup> will be at St Edward's Corfe Castle and at 10.30. This will be a service for all the congregations of our St Aldhelm's Benefice, and will be the only service on this day.

However, there will be a Sunday morning service at Church Knowle – this will be on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> and at 10.30am. There will be no service at St Edward's Corfe Castle on this day.

This is an appropriate time for a service at Church Knowle as St Peter's Day falls on June 29<sup>th</sup> and the church is dedicated to St Peter.

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## Pioneer View

Dear Friends,

As we enter the month of May you can tangibly feel the improvement in positive feelings of wellbeing.

I want to explore wellbeing and offer some suggestions on how we can improve our wellbeing going forward into the warmer summer months.

My starting point is to consider what is meant by wellbeing? Wellbeing includes physical wellbeing, social wellbeing, and mental wellbeing. Its mental Wellbeing, I want to focus on.

What is mental wellbeing? The NHS public health definition?

“Mental wellbeing means feeling – about yourself and the world around you – and being able to get on with life in the way you want. Learning can boost self-confidence and self-esteem, help build a sense of purpose, and help us connect with others.”

This definition gives us some good clues on how we can nurture our own  
Discover ways to build one’s self esteem and self confidence

- Discover a sense of purpose
- Discover ways to connect with others

Through this pandemic we have been deprived of these opportunities to grow emotionally healthy lives. The challenge in this new post pandemic landscape is to rediscover a sense of purpose and new ways to connect with others.

My team and I in Growing Compassionate Communities are constantly exploring ways to offer communities ways to connect and discover a fresh purpose. So, to facilitate this we will be:

- Collaborating with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra to grow wellbeing sessions and create a GCC choir.
- Open wellbeing and advice drop-ins in several communities.

A quote to ponder

“For everyone, well-being is a journey. The secret is committing to that journey and taking those first steps with hope and belief in yourself”. **Deepak Chopra**

Go well - Peter



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**Arty birds at Shell Bay from this Easter!**



From April, eight arty birds will make their home around Shell Bay to raise awareness of an exciting project that's



coming in the autumn. Young artists from local youth groups and schools have painted the giant birds to help explain what the project is about. Those involved are Swanage Secondary, Sandford Primary, Montacute School, Dorset Wellbeing, Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation, Stoborough Primary, St Mary's Swanage and Linwood School.

***“The bird is called Steve. We really enjoyed decorating Steve for the National trust and hope that Steve can help raise awareness of the plight of the wading birds, thanks Steve” - Quote from Aquila Class at Linwood School***



*Sanderling – Paul Morton*

Wading birds travel long distances to rest and feed during the crucial winter months. Poole Harbour is a designated Special Protection Area and provides an important safe space for these wading birds. In the past, Shell Bay was home to a large gathering of 4,000-6,000 waders, including Dunlin, Sanderling, Oystercatcher, Ringed and Grey Plover, and Bar-tailed Godwit. Most of them spending time here between

September and March. Now, Shell Bay attracts just a handful of birds.

If birds are repeatedly disturbed, they'll abandon favoured roosting sites and not return in following years. It's vital for birds to be able to feed and roost in quiet zones as they need to keep all their energy reserves as high as possible for their long migrations.



*Ringed Plover – Paul Morton*

To help protect and restore this once productive and important roost site at Shell Bay, a partnership project between National Trust, Birds of Poole Harbour, Natural England and the Birds and Recreation Initiative are installing a trial 'Wader Protection Area' which will provide a safe section of Shell Beach away from people, dogs, and horses where waders can quietly roost during the winter. It will also provide an opportunity to see what species take advantage of these safe spaces and could potentially set a framework for similar installations at other busy sites in Poole Harbour.

***“Be aware of birds and don't scare” - Quote from Year 3 at St Mary's Primary School***

We've mapped out the area, the orange shows the coastal footpath, and the yellow box shows where the wader fence will go. The coastal footpath will remain accessible, and you will be able to walk on both sides of the wader fence during most times of the year. It is only during a high Spring tide, that you may not be able to walk on the seaside of the fence.

It has been a real pleasure to work with the young artists of Purbeck and Dorset, they are an inspirational lot and their passion for these wading birds truly shows in their artwork. The schools and youth groups have been buzzing with energy and highlighted some interesting ideas for us. This is the landscape they will grow up in, and it is wonderful to have the youth involved in the restoration process.



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Written by Paul Morton from Birds of Poole Harbour, and Joanna Manning & Julia Galbenu from National Trust.



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### Corfe Castle Gardening Club

May is the month when gardens really start to come to life, and you can think about what to plant and what you might hope to see later in the year. There are less and less good things on TV (unless you have subscriptions to multiple commercial providers) so if you want excitement, turmoil, the experience of defeat and yet the prospect of recovery then you should garden. As Edward Guest puts it: "If it's drama that you sigh for, plant a garden and you'll get it. You will know the thrill of battle fighting foes that will beset it. If you long for entertainment and for pageantry most glowing, plant a garden and this summer spend your time with green things growing."

Corfe Castle Gardening Club is here help you take a step into this world of betrayal, enemies and friends and heroic against the odds victories. More than that we are offering practical help. The next meeting of the Garden Club takes place on 5<sup>th</sup> May in Corfe Castle Village Hall, entrance from 7.45pm and the meeting will start at 8.00pm. We have two attractions that evening. The first is a plant sale where people bring what they can and then buy what they need, with the funds going to swell the coffers of the Club to help pay for future speakers. There will also be a garden related quiz organised by Hazel Cemm, with prizes of gardening vouchers (so pick you team carefully). So, to help launch your garden surge this year come to the meeting and collect some stock.

The last meeting in April saw a great presentation from Jim White about the heathlands of Purbeck. The photos were lovely and the insights from Jim were inspiring. The attendance was a little down from the March AGM so please come along if you can. There will be plants galore to add to your garden and a great opportunity to show off your gardening knowledge (or in my case write down someone else's answers).

Gerry Stoker.

### Cars on the Common

There have been reports of cars being driven over the common at the top of West Street during the evening and at night. Cars are not allowed on the common other than on the road leading to Blashenwell. The common is a site of special scientific interest (SSSI) because of its plant, insect, and animal life. Cars being driven off the road will damage the common and its flora and fauna, so please do not leave the road.

### Corfe Castle Football Club

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L	14/05/2215:00	<a href="#">Corfe Castle Reserves</a>	VS		

Lg	23/04/2215:00	<a href="#">Corfe Castle FC</a>		VS		<a href="#">Bridport FC Reserves</a>	The Fortress
Lg	30/04/2215:00	<a href="#">Sherborne Town FC Reserves</a>		VS		<a href="#">Corfe Castle FC</a>	Raleigh Grove
Lg	07/05/2215:00	<a href="#">Shaftesbury Town FC Reserves</a>		VS		<a href="#">Corfe Castle FC</a>	

1st team fixtures above .

A great win on the 16th April Away at Poole borough gives the 1sts something to play for in the remaining 3 games

With 3 games to go the reserves have plenty to play for. Can they catch the 2 teams above them - it will be an exciting end to the season. Patrick



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### Flowers in God's Acre

There have been reports of flowers being stolen from graves in God's Acre cemetery. Three family graves have been found bare, with all flowers and plants gone, for the second time this year (the first time all the Christmas wreaths were gone). If anybody is taking flowers, please stop as it is very upsetting for the families.

However, it is possible that the culprits are actually deer, which sometimes get into the cemetery. The reason that plastic or fabric flowers are not allowed is because the deer may eat them, thinking them real, and choke or die.

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### **'Who Rules Britannia? The Story So Far ...!'**

Double Act's contribution to the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the village will be a performance of this light-hearted romp through almost 1000 years of the nation's monarchy - so far! You can look forward to meeting heroes and villains, witnessing battles and murders, and hearing little-known snippets of history previously hidden away among the cobwebs!

It promises to be 45 minutes of fun and excellent entertainment for all the family.

**Make sure you are in Corfe Castle Village Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm!**

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### **Concert – Karen Grant – St James, Kingston – 3pm Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Karen Grant has kindly offered to present a second concert at Kingston, with a fresh repertoire of music, with proceeds going towards Ukrainian Relief Funds and St James's Church. There will be a wide range of music and her clear voice, together with the lovely acoustics of the beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> Century church will make this an afternoon not to be missed. It would be appreciated if people could book beforehand, but there will be well-spaced seats available on the day. The people of Ukraine have suffered so much so it will be a lovely way to show our support for them. Please come along and also tell your friends about it.

### Harmans cross flower show

Harmans Cross Flower & Produce Show is a big part of Harmans Cross Field Day on August Bank Holiday Monday every year. After a two year gap we're back! Anyone can enter any of the classes which include: Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Floral Display, Home Produce, Arts & Crafts and Children's sections. Schedules will soon be available – on Harmans Cross Village Hall website and printed copies. So get growing, sewing & making! For more info – Bob Hollister 480870, Jane Ellwood 481129, Helen Selby 481562, Gill Gould 424997, Judy Robson 781033.

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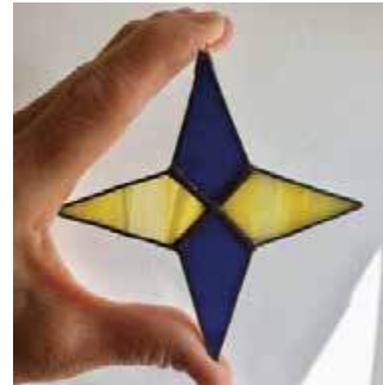
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Then I remembered that I had a skill which could be put to use to raise MONEY. I had blue and yellow glass and decided I could use this to make STARS. These stars can be kept and treasured for years as a reminder of the incredible courage of the Ukrainian people and their charismatic leader, Volodymyr Zelensky.

I am happy to say that between 4<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March we have already raised £1040. Without the help of many people, both in providing money to buy materials and with their time, in helping with the publicity and distribution of the stars this would not have been possible. Many thanks to you all.

Stars can be found at Corfe Castle Library in East Street and at the Sweet Shop in the Square. The Picture Framing Shop in Wareham also has a supply.

### New training programme could help thousands more get online

A free training programme has been launched to recruit an army of special advisors who can help Dorset's digitally excluded residents get online.



*A team from Dorset adult education centre, Skills & Learning Centre, were among the first to complete Dorset Council's new Embedded Digital Champion training programme.*

Open to any organisation in Dorset which works directly with residents, the new programme will train people who can champion online services to their users and customers.

Called the 'Embedded Digital Champion' programme, the Dorset Council-run course aims to train 1,000 of the county's frontline workers by 2023.

Organisations across Dorset are being encouraged to find out how this course can help their staff and volunteers to become digital champions.



Dorset Council's portfolio holder for Corporate Development and Transformation, Cllr Jill Haynes, said: "Whether it's booking your doctor's appointment or filling in an application form, so many things can now be done quickly and easily at a click of a few buttons or the touching of a screen.

"But although it's easy and convenient for

most of us, what we need to remember is there are some people who do not feel confident doing things online – and that's where the embedded digital champions come in.

"Embedded digital champions will be able to assist customers there and then or, if needed, refer them on for extra support and advice."

It's estimated that every embedded digital champion will help on average eight customers a week with a digital related enquiry.

If 1,000 embedded digital champions are recruited, that could potentially solve around 400,000 digital enquiries every year. A survey of Dorset residents revealed that 11% are still totally offline while a further 20% don't have all the skills needed to make the most of the digital world.

The embedded digital champion training, which can be tailored to meet an organisation's needs, will ensure those digitally excluded can turn to someone for advice. Residents who do not have access to a digital device can use computers at Dorset Council libraries and receive help and advice from library staff.

A team from Skills & Learning, which provides a range of adult courses for Dorset residents, were among the first to complete the embedded digital champion training.

Customer and Business Support Team Leader, Julia Fay, said: "We wanted to do the training as a lot of our courses are online but many of our learners come to us with very low digital skills. "The embedded digital champion training really helped us take a step back and look at it from the customer's perspective. For example, not to use jargon. Don't say to someone 'go to the menu' as they might say 'what's a menu' or don't use terms like 'web browser' as not everyone knows what that means.

"We not only feel more confident in helping our learners to understand digital when speaking to them over the phone, but we also know where to signpost them for any extra support they might need."

Any organisation that would like to find out more about the embedded digital champion training and course dates available, can

email [edc@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:edc@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) or watch a new short film featuring embedded digital champion #DigitalNorma, just search for Digital Norma on YouTube.

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## Kimmeridge News

### Preparations for the Platinum Jubilee

A very successful “sit n sew” night was held on 4<sup>th</sup> April to make bunting for the Jubilee Party at the Village Playground, with lots of hard work & furious cutting out & sewing by the many volunteers!



### Kimmeridge Keilidhs Keep Dancing!

Our next Barn Dance is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm in Kimmeridge Village Hall at The Etches Collection. Tickets on the door £5 – no bar, so bring your own drinks & nibbles! All profits go to the Village, split between the Playground & the Museum

Steve & Helen Earwicker



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The Wild Seas Centre opened for the season on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 and is now open daily until the end of October. Currently our opening hours are 11am until 4pm. While our small aquarium room is still closed, our interactive children's activities and touch table are back. Entry to the centre is free and we have a donation box if you wish to contribute to our work. We hope you will visit us soon.

### Spring art exhibition

Throughout May until the beginning of June we will be holding an art exhibition in the Centre. This will include framed paintings and pen and ink stipple drawings featuring marine wildlife. There will be a number of artists exhibiting, with works at an affordable price to buy and take away with you. Please call in to view.

### Snorkel Trail

As the sea temperature begins to increase it is time to reinstate our ever-popular Kimmeridge Bay snorkel trail. This should be in place from early May until the end of September. While the water is still a chilly 12<sup>o</sup>C or so at this time of year, it will continue to warm up as the summer progresses. May is a great time to see the underwater garden of Kimmeridge Bay in all its colourful glory, as the seaweeds have not yet faded from the sunlight. However, a wetsuit is definitely needed if you are to stay in for more than a few minutes.

The waterproof snorkel trail guide can be bought from the Wild Seas Centre, along with mask and snorkel sets if you don't have your own. No need to book for this, the trail is there all summer for you to use and consists of 5 white buoys marking a variety of stations along the trail. There are plenty of shallow areas to rest if needed.

The trail should only be used in calm weather, when the water should fall clear. You can always give us a ring at the Centre to check conditions before venturing down to the Bay. It should be avoided in rough weather.

### Seashore events

We are running a programme of warden-led events this year, including the favourite Rockpool Rambles and Eco-crabbing. To find out about all of our guided seashore events in May go to our website at:  
[www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events](http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events)

We look forward to seeing you.

**Julie Hatcher,**  
**Wild Seas Centre Officer**

# The Gallery at 41

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## News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

Greetings again from Harmans Cross Village Hall. By the time you read this, Easter will be behind us and the summer stretches ahead of us – let's all hope it's a good one. There remains plenty going on at Harmans Cross Village Hall. Most important – so it's up here first – is that the annual **Harmans Cross Fete with Flower and Produce Show** will be taking place on **Bank Holiday Monday 29 August**. Preparation is underway so please watch this space for requests for support from helpers, and please start saving your donations of used jewellery, handbags, scarves, books and bric-a-brac for us. We will be keeping the website updated and hope to ensure the programme for both the Fete and the Flower and Produce Show is available there very shortly.

Our next series of diary dates are:

### **STALLS IN THE HALL on SATURDAY 14 MAY**

Lots of stalls with local crafts, produce, cards, homemade jewellery and more besides, as well as tea, coffee and home-made cakes to enjoy. Free entry from 9.30am until 12 noon. For anyone who is interested in booking a table, please contact David Hollister at [hxvh@btconnect.com](mailto:hxvh@btconnect.com) or on **07384 848 419**

### **MOVIE NIGHT – HOUSE OF GUCCI on TUESDAY 10 MAY**

It's 1978 Milan. Patrizia Reggiani (Lady Gaga) meets Maurizio Gucci (Adam Driver) at a nightclub. He is the heir to a large portion of the fashion house Gucci but his father (Rodolfo, played by Jeremy Irons) disapproves of her supposed mafia family although they only own a small trucking company. He marries her anyway and his father disowns him. Sly Uncle Aldo (Al Pacino) is more enamoured, falling for Patrizia's brassy charms, allowing her and his nephew to get their hooks into the fashion house he co-owns with his brother. "The most Gucci of them all" is how Patrizia Reggiani described herself in a 2014 interview. Various known as "Lady Gucci" and "Black Widow", Reggiani became the centre of a very 1990s scandal involving lust, money, fashion, murder... and a clairvoyant.

### **LIVE MUSIC – THE SPINOFFS on SATURDAY 14 MAY**

Playing music from The Beatles to Elbow with lots more in between and featuring our very own Sue Bunyar as guest vocalist. Tickets are already available online from the website <https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Live-Music/> for £12.00

### **SUNDAY 5 JUNE – PICNIC IN THE PARK (well actually on the Village Hall field!)**

To commemorate HM The Queen's platinum jubilee, we are planning an 'everyone welcome' Picnic in the Park on the afternoon of Sunday 5 June between 2pm and 5pm. You are very welcome to bring your own picnic. The Café will be open selling cakes and refreshments from 2-4pm, the Bar will also be open 2-5pm, and we will be entertained with music through the Queen's decades

### **MOVIE NIGHT – KING RICHARD on TUESDAY 14 JUNE**

As I'm sure everyone knows by now (given the furore at this year's Oscars), Will Smith won the Oscar for Best Actor this year for his astonishing portrayal of plays 24/7-committed, fanatically focused and demanding Richard Williams, renowned father of Venus and Serena Williams. This is the man who, by sheer force of will, took his daughters and the rest of his family straight out of Compton and into the sunlit uplands of multimillion-dollar pro-sports triumph, along the way battling snobbery and racism. The film tracks the Williams family's tough beginnings playing on scuzzy local courts, with Richard regularly getting roughed up when he tries to confront guys hitting on his underage daughters. He badgers a prestigious coach into giving his girls a chance, and then fires this coach and takes Venus and Serena out of the punishing junior tournaments because he feels they need a regular upbringing. The movie nail-bitingly climaxes with Venus's extraordinary professional debut in 1994 at the age of 14, up against the world number two, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario.

A brilliant film to get us ready for Wimbledon which starts on June 27 this year – let's hope for good weather and a Brit or two into the second week!!

### **CHURCH AT HXVH**

Please feel very welcome to join our friendly, informal church service on the third Sunday of every month, starting at 6pm. The next dates are: Sunday 15 May and Sunday 19 May

Alison and the HXVH Committee

## Purbeck Art Weeks Festival Saturday 28 May to Sunday 12 June

Back to our usual time at the end of May, we are delighted to be able to offer an exciting mix of musical events, street theatre, open studios and visual arts exhibitions.

As always there will be an interesting range of artists' studios for you to explore, with many new artists opening their doors to visitors. From collective galleries to pottery sheds in leafy back gardens, you will discover hidden gems that you would normally drive past without even knowing they are there

Rollington Barn, near Corfe Castle, will as ever be bursting at the seams with paintings, sculpture, photography, ceramics, woodcraft and textiles by local artists. This venue continues to develop and is even more exciting this year. Purbeck Young artists will be showcasing the results of workshops with professional artists over the last year. Sue Lansbury will be back with a new installation in the Byre where the weaving so many visitors contributed to in The Renewal Tree installation last year will be on display. Back by popular demand are the lunchtime gigs by local musicians to entertain you whilst you enjoy cakes, coffee or a light lunch in Love Cake's courtyard café.

There is also a new initiative which is sure to be fun for everyone – pop-up open studios in the courtyard where artists demonstrate their skills. A rolling programme of morning and afternoon sessions will entertain and fascinate as we find out about the process of painting, pottery, sculpting, woodcraft, glass art and silver work, and maybe have a go!

Rollington Barn is also a good place from which to plan your itinerary of visits to open studios.

The events programme is as exciting as ever this year and we are offering a wide range of concerts for you to enjoy. Highlights include the internationally acclaimed Gabrieli Consort & Players opening the programme celebrating Bach with voice, strings, wind, brass and timpani. Also much anticipated is the Monteverdi String Band and Hannah Ely reimagining the Madrigal. To see the full programme and book tickets go to [www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk)

We are all very excited about our Street Theatre spectacular 'Out of the Deep Blue' with a giant puppet (and we mean giant!), 5 puppeteers and a female dancer, which will take place during the day in Swanage on Sat 4 June (see brochure and website for times and venues). The free performances are sure to entrance young and old alike, as the group offers us an impactful dialogue around our earth's climate emergency.

This is just a taste of what is happening over the two weeks. Be sure to pick up our free Festival Brochure available in outlets across Purbeck. Our more detailed Events Programme (£2) is also available from Tourist Offices and elsewhere. All events are of course on our website [www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk). Also follow us on @purbeckartweeks and 'like' us on Facebook and receive regular alerts on all activities and artists.



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### Music Night Live at Harmans Cross Village Hall

The next music night at the Harmans Cross Village Hall will take place on Saturday May 14, commencing at 7.30pm. (Doors open 6.45pm)

Taking to the stage will be the five piece band, The Spinoffs, who are based in the Southampton area. They will be performing music from The Beatles through to Elbow, with a lot more in between!

The Spinoffs are led by keyboard player and guitarist Brian Price who has been associated with music all his life. Brian and his wife Chris appeared on the TV show New Faces, and performed professionally as a duo for many years. Chris will also be performing with him on stage.



Brian is no stranger to Purbeck as he has performed previously at the village hall with another band along with fellow band member Darren Henly, They both also played for the Swanage Railway's – Music Train in a

band called Driftwood, a gig they very much enjoyed as Brian said “it was certainly different to performing on a stage”! Brian also writes his own songs and music, and he will be performing one or two of his own compositions during the evening. The other members of the line-up are Dave Jones on bass and Danny Hobbs on drums.

Joining the band on stage for a ‘guest spot’ will be local singer Suzanne Bunyar from Swanage. Suzanne is no stranger to performing having sung from an early age. She has performed a wide spectrum of music from light opera to jazz as well as folk. One of her claims to fame is that she has performed with one of the members of the original 1960’s Australian band, The Seekers. She was on stage with one of the band’s guitarists Keith Potger at a concert organised by her



husband Bob in Bath. She sang one of the Group’s hits ‘World of our Own’. Suzanne is a member of the local Harmony Rocks Choir, which is also based at the village hall, and she recently took part in a concert held over two nights in Bath Abbey. She was in the chorus of a production of ‘The Pirates of Penzance’ which featured the forty piece ‘Fulltone Orchestra’.

Tickets for the concert on May 14 are priced at £12 (no booking fee & un-reserved), and are available via the hall’s website [www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk](http://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk)

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## The Little Old Lady

By Keith Fullbrook

Elizabeth Childs was a lovely, charming old lady who was well liked by her fellow villagers. She had lived in the same house on the edge of village all of her 80 years.

She had been married many years ago but was now a widow and spent a lot of her time reading stories to the children at the village school.

One stormy evening while she was in the kitchen preparing her evening meal she heard a crash coming from the roof. It was raining hard so she decided to check upstairs and, on finding no leaks, she returned to the kitchen to finish her meal. She then sat by the fire and read for a little while before retiring to bed.

She had just settled down and prepared to sleep, when she was awoken by a noise coming from the loft. It sounded like scratching and something running across the floor. Mice she thought, I will go to the store tomorrow and get some traps.

The next day having purchased some mouse traps she entered the loft and carrying a broom looked around for a place to put the traps. At that moment she saw something run across the loft floor so, with her broom, she swung to try to hit it, as another ran across in a different direction. She cried out "I will get you, vermin!"

Whilst placing the traps in different locations her attention was drawn to a white metal object in the corner of the loft near some storage boxes. It looked like a child's toy. She slowly walked over, looked down and saw on the side of the object were the letters N.A.S.A.

She was about to pick it up when a faint voice called out, "Please don't damage it" and, startled, she turned around but at first could see nothing before the voice came again "We mean you no harm". Then to her amazement, standing beside one of the boxes, was a figure of a man in what looked like white overalls. He was about 12" high, carrying a helmet. He was so small she got down on her knees to get closer to him. She said "Who are you"? The man replied "We are explorers. Our ship had engine problems and we landed in your loft, we just need some time to repair the damage."

Elizabeth smiled at which point several other small people emerged from behind the boxes. It was at this stage that she realised that to them she must look like a giant.

"Where do you come from?" she asked the one who appeared to be the leader of the group. "We come from a planet called Earth, and are exploring this galaxy".

Elizabeth said "Don't worry, you can stay as long as you like whilst you fix your machine and, if I can help in anyway, please let me know". With that she left the loft and went downstairs.

A few days later she checked the loft and found the machine had gone. Written on one of the boxes was "Thank you".

It turned out that the little old lady was a big old lady and now tells the children of the village her best story of all which is when she had a visit from beings from the planet Earth.



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### GroundDog Day is Back!

Join Margaret Green Animal Rescue for a fantastic day out at their GroundDog Day event, which is returning to their Lincoln Farm Centre, Blandford, DT11 9BP on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Your four-legged friends will have the opportunity to enter a range of dog show classes, including Best

Rescue, Most Appealing Eyes and Golden Oldie. The fun doesn't stop there, as they will be able to take part in the ever-popular Flyball, Have-a-go-Agility and Doggy Lucky Dip! There will also be a selection of delicious refreshments and stalls from wonderful local traders for you to enjoy.



Gates open at 11am with the dog show starting from 11:30am. Entry is free, but donations are welcome and will go towards the care of their rescue animals.

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[mjballet@gmail.com](mailto:mjballet@gmail.com)
- **Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00** – [warehambowls@gmail.com](mailto:warehambowls@gmail.com)
- **Shotokan Karate** – [www.warehamskc.co.uk](http://www.warehamskc.co.uk)

**TUESDAY**

- **Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00** – [warehambowls@gmail.com](mailto:warehambowls@gmail.com)
- **Pilates** – Alex Moore telephone 07536103364  
[info@pilatesperformancetherapy.co.uk](mailto:info@pilatesperformancetherapy.co.uk)

**WEDNESDAY**

- **Say so Drama 10:30 – 12:00** Adults with learning difficulties -  
Emma 07725942609
- **Yoga** - Pam Steele – 01929 556714 [steelepamela08@gmail.com](mailto:steelepamela08@gmail.com)

**THURSDAY**

- **Shotokan Karate** - [www.warehamskc.co.uk](http://www.warehamskc.co.uk)

**FRIDAY**

- **Weekly Health Qigong Fitness 9.30 & 10.45 am** – Penny Youssef  
07969925502
- **Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00** – [warehambowls@gmail.com](mailto:warehambowls@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY**

- **Purbeck Antiques** Last Sunday of each month – 01929 761398

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TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022  
TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022  
TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022  
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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>MONDAY</b>			
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 <sup>nd</sup>	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
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 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
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
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
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
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
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
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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