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Items received after the 15th may not be printed until the next issue

Editorial

In this edition of the CVN there is a pull-out section at the centre which gives all the details about what is happening in the village for the Coronation. In summary on Saturday the 6th of May the Coronation will be screened live in the village hall and in the assembly room at the school. There will also be food available in the village hall. On Sunday the 7th, the National Trust have kindly given the castle over for use by the village. There will be a bring your own picnic and in addition there will be some food stalls in the castle. Entry will be for parishioners and their families and guests, and they will need a ticket to get in. Tickets are free and are available from the shops in the village.

Our accounts have been independently examined by Mike Brett; thank you very much Mike for undertaking this task for us. The summary of the accounts is towards the back of the magazine; however, our deficit has continued to rise. This is almost entirely due to the increased cost of paper on which the magazine is printed. Nevertheless, we are going to have to ask people to contribute a bit more in order to keep the magazine viable. The envelopes for personal donations will be going out next month in the June edition and we will also be asking organisations and clubs to try to contribute a bit more.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

Police non-emergency call line	101
National Electricity Number	105
NHS Emergency Medical Care Service	111
In the event of Gas Leak	0800 111999
Electricity Failure	0800 0727282
Swanage Police Station - out of hours calls rerouted	422004
Swanage Hospital	422282
National Trust outside office hours	07970-595963
Wareham Hospital	552433
Poole Hospital	01202 665511
Bournemouth Hospital	01202 303626
Dorset County Hospital	01305 251150
Corfe Castle Community Library	480760
Citizens Advice Adviceline: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm	08001448848
The Samaritans	01202 551999
Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting	0800 068 4145
Childline	0800 1111
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APRIL FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Perenco / Wytch Farm Oil Leak: The following motion was placed before council:” The Parish Council expresses its deep concern about the significant oil spill in Ower Bay on 26th March which caused pollution in Poole Harbour and the coastline. The PC believes that the terms of the operating licence require fail safe maintenance procedures in this world class and highly sensitive environment. The PC asked how did the maintenance failure occur?

What system changes are being put in place to prevent any reoccurrence?” This motion was approved by Council and a letter will be sent to Perenco / Wytch Farm and those responsible for regulating the Oilfield

Car Parking Fees increase: The Parish Council have received notice from Dorset Council that they intend to increase parking fees within West Steet Car Park from the end of April 2023. Dorset Councils are holding charges for most areas but increasing them in “tourist” areas. Corfe Castle Parish Council strongly object to the way this increase has been dealt with, but mainly object to the price increase for 30-minute parking, as it is believed this will impact residents and not tourists. Corfe Castle Parish Council agreed to write to Dorset Council asking they revisit the 30-minues fee for parking within West Street.

Highways Report: Last month we mentioned the Parish Council had submitted a report to Dorset Council Highways requesting various Highways and Parking issues around the parish be addressed. We are pleased to say the response so far has been positive and we look forward to meeting with a Dorset Council Highway representative shortly. As and when we have further update, we will let you know.

Playground: The Parish Council recently commissioned an external inspection of the playground equipment, ensuring that all items of equipment compile with British Standards. Although there were several areas of work identified, nothing was deemed dangerous or urgent. A works priority report is being created and will be submitted to council in a forthcoming meeting.

Busy, Busy, Councillors: This month many Councillors have been busy as usual working behind the scenes ensuring the Parish Council is keeping up to date with information on various on-going and possible future projects. Such projects include: The Kings Coronation, organising the parish celebrations; Electrical Charging for vehicles; Playground safety; Suttle Stone Quarry planning and associated possible funding opportunities; Emergency Planning; Railway matters including joining the inaugural trip from Wareham to Corfe Castle; Environment enhancement with Talks from visiting experts: this month was all about Butterflies; Litter Free Purbeck, helping keep our parish clean; Low Carbon Dorset & finally Purbeck Transport Action Group.

National Trust Update: This month we welcomed Adam Evans the new acting Corfe Castle Visitor Operations & Experience Manager. Continuing with previous custom Adam produced a report for the Parish Council detailing various activities and projects which have already been carried out plus ones planned for the near future. A £2 million maintenance schedule has been agreed over the next two years. Although this will mean more scaffolding the Trust hope to allow visitors to see areas normally out of sight.

After his report was discussed, Adam was asked as the National Trust have just installed a Ground Source Heat Pump system at Castle View Visitors Centre, would the National Trust be looking to carry out heating and insulation works within their locally owned Trust homes. The answer was yes, and work should start soon. Further information on activities and projects past and future, can be found on the Parish Council website.

Planning application & Treework application update: The following applications have been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council; for full details including proposed works please see the Dorset Council website:

Application No: P/FUL/2023/01820 & P/LBC20230/01821, Location: Glebe House, BH20 5NS. Recommend No Objection, strongly supported and recommend approval.

Application No. P/FUL/2023/01297 & P/LBC/2023/01298, Location: 49 East Street, Corfe Castle, Recommend: No objection and recommend approval.

Application No: P/TRC/2023/01277, Location: 33-35 West Street, BH20 5HA Recommend: Objection to T2, noting the comment due date had passed and therefore the comment will be emailed to planning for consideration.

Application No: P/TRC/2023/01619, Location: Old Church of St James Langton Road BH20 5LR Recommend: Corfe Castle Parish Council make no comment.

Full details for all planning applications can be found on the Dorset Council website, <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>

Next Council Meeting – Monday 15th May 2023, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room, Plus 22nd May 2023 with the Annual Parish Meeting being held from 7pm in the Village Hall, Main Hall. Do please join us and have your say.

Parish Council contact details:

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

Monday 22nd May 7pm
Corfe Castle Village Hall

This is your chance to hear what your Parish Council has achieved over the past year, and through your questions and comments help set the agenda for the Parish Council for the coming year.

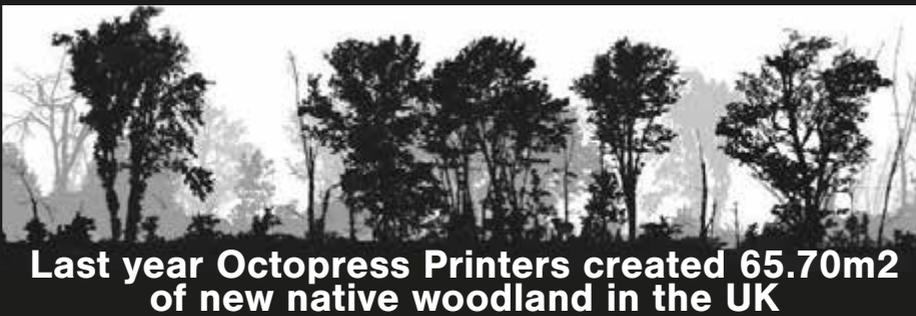
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Telephone: 01305 221040

A public litter bin is overflowing

Self Service Portal - https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP_Report_a_public_litter_bin_problem

Telephone: 01305 221040

To report a pothole

Self Service Portal - <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-a-pothole> - Telephone 01305 221020

To report an overgrown hedge, tree or verge onto the highway

Self Service Portal - <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/report-a-hedge--tree-or-verge-issue> - Telephone 01305 221020

To report a problem on a road or pavement

Self Service Portal - <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement>

Telephone 01305 221020

To request a highways gully clear

Self Service Portal - <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/report-a-gully--drain-or-flooding-issue> - Telephone 01305 221020

To request a road sweep on a highway near you.

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Corfe Castle Parish Council invite Parishioners to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III

Saturday 6th May

1030 a.m. - Live screening in the Village Hall – *tickets required.*

1000 a.m. - Live screening and refreshments in the school.

1230 a.m. - Free 2 course meal served in the Village Hall.

Timing tbc – Judging of the ‘Fit for a King’ scarecrow competition.

Sunday 7th May

1000 a.m. - Castle gates open for the ‘Big Lunch’ – byo picnic *-tickets required.*

- Live music- *Celtic Confusion*

- Childrens entertainment –Face painting-Magician -Balloon twister

1100 a.m. – Subsidized hot food available – Hog roast and pizza.

1230 p.m. – Scarecrow competition prize giving.

1240 p.m. – Tug of war competition – teams of 6 – enter on the day – prizes!

1330 p.m. – Live music – *Hugh Budden and the Blue Chords.*

1500 p.m. – Event ends and castle gates close.

* All events are for *parishioners and their families only* and *free tickets* for both days are available from the bakery, village store, sweet shop and school.

* For more information on any of the events, see the special ‘pull out’ in this month’s CVN.

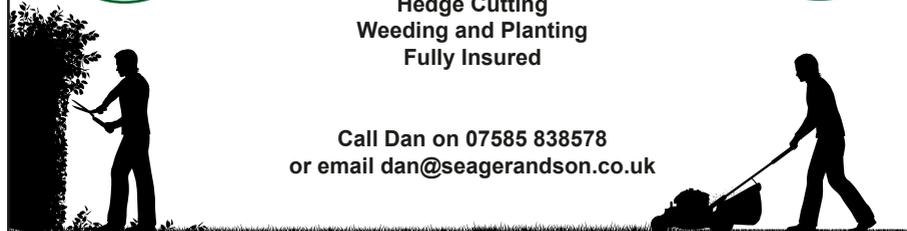
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Environmental Group Update



As our April meeting hadn't happened at the time of writing this month's CVN entry, we thought we'd share some interesting information from Ethical Consumer about which consumer actions have the most impact on cutting carbon emissions.



Some of us were surprised at where the actions appeared on this list in terms of their impact!

Of course, not all of these actions will be possible for everyone, for example, you might depend on car usage for work or caring responsibilities, or not be able to fit solar panels or a heat pump on your home.

Cutting carbon can, unfortunately, have costs attached – as the list of actions above shows. You have to be reasonably wealthy in order to install a heat pump, switch to an electric car or get solar panels.

Luckily, some other high impact actions can save you money.

- Going from an average UK diet to a vegan one saves about 1 tonne per head per year, and just cutting down on meat and dairy will have an impact. Why not try meat free Mondays?
- Switching one trip per day from driving to cycling could save about 0.5 tonnes per year – and can help you keep fit!
- Take one fewer short-haul flight a year, for example a round trip to Spain, saves about 0.4 tonnes. We know that for holidays abroad, the alternative to flying is often considerably more expensive, as well as time consuming. Why not try exploring Our Wild Isles here in the UK every other year instead?
- Increasing the lifespan of clothes saves 0.3 tonnes per person. There is a Repair Café in Purbeck that holds events every 2-3 months, you can take your clothes there for repair, or to learn how to repair them yourself.
- Recycling saves 0.2 tonnes per person per year. We're hoping to organise a meeting about food waste and waste in general soon, hopefully in June.
- Buying a more energy efficient fridge-freezer could save your household 0.05 tonnes a year. But only do this when you need to replace it anyway!
- Reusing electronics saves 0.02 tonnes on average per person. Look for reconditioned or secondhand devices for replacement or upgraded devices instead of buying new, either on the internet, from people locally or from shops in Swanage and Poole.

If you feel overwhelmed by all the possible actions you could take, don't panic! You could take it one step at a time. Identify a few things to research and change over the course of a year, rather than trying to tackle everything at once. You could start with the smaller but often easier changes and do several in one year. Or you could go big and do one of the higher impact actions this year, if appropriate to your personal circumstances. To read more, go to <https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/which-consumer-actions-cut-most-carbon>

Our Next Get-Together

At the time of writing, we are hoping to arrange an outdoor foraging event instead of our usual meeting in May! If you are interested in joining this event, please let Michelle know by email or phone on 01202 670105.

Get in touch: Parish Clerk (Michelle) - environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk
Facebook: "Corfe Castle Environmental Group"
Core Members: Josey, Helen, Tom, David, Richard & Luke

Church Knowle Parish Council - April Meetings

The April meeting of the Parish Council took place in the Furzebrook Village Hall. All Parish Council meetings take place at 6:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. The odd months are at the Church Knowle Village Hall and the evens are at the Furzebrook Village Hall. The meeting was well attended with eight councillors present, our Dorset Council Councillor and four members of the public.

There was also an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council at the Church Knowle Village Hall on 3rd April to discuss a planning application (6/2021/0292) that was heard by the planning committee on 5th April at Wimborne. This was attended by four members of the Parish Council, our Dorset Council Councillor and six members of the public including the applicant.

The Extraordinary Meeting

The Withy Lakes application (2/2021/0292) was being examined again by the planning committee with reference to the nutrient runoff regulations. The Parish Council, which had been notified of the hearing at short notice had to decide whether to send a representative to the hearing. After some discussion a motion not to send someone was tabled and carried with a vote of 3 for and 1 against. The Parish Council therefore resolved not to send a representative to the hearing.

The April Parish Council Meeting

The Chairman for this meeting was Mrs Debbie Evans and the Vice-chairman was Mrs Pippa Edwards. The main items of interest in the meetings were:

Public Discussion

The disturbance to the residents at Cotness by the activities of Cumulus Outdoors was raised.

The question of whether the Parish Council is responsible for clearing the drainage gullies was raised.

New Elected Parish Councillor

The Council welcomed Mr Derek Burt as the new Councillor who had been elected unopposed as the only applicant for the formal election that had been called. This brings the Parish Council up to full strength of nine councillors.

Neighbourhood Plan. The grant funding period ended at the end of March and the unspent portion of the grant was returned. The steering group now has

enough information to prepare a very good draft plan. More grant funding will be applied for when it becomes available to take the Neighbourhood Plan through to final made status. This will involve a local referendum.

Planning This month saw one application requiring Council comment. This was:

P/HOU/2023/01167 – Barn House, Steeple – Erect a triple garage with a workroom over. The Council examined the application and voted (5 for, 3 abstentions) to have **no objection**.

Highways

The Council is to support a 20mph speed limit in built-up areas (mainly the village of Church Knowle) of the Parish. A drive around the parish with the Highways Engineer is scheduled this month to review signage and other highways issues.

Items in Progress

The Creech Bottom Post Box. This is now in place but not yet operational. The Chairman is to follow this up.

The Furzebrook notice board. This has now been repaired and reinstalled by the Men in Sheds organisation which is much appreciated.

The New Inn Defibrillator. The cabinet heater has now been fixed and the defibrillator is fully operational.

Correspondence

The Church Knowle Telephone Box

A note has been received from a parishioner saying that the door has been replaced on the Church Knowle telephone box but there is still a pane missing in the top of the box and the equipment does not allow outgoing calls. The screen gives the message, “Maintenance – BT Apologises”. The light also needs fixing. The Clerk has reported this to BT. This is a listed building so it must be maintained in good order. The phone box will however accept incoming calls!

Eligibility to be a Parish Councillor

A councillor reported that he had received queries from a parishioner about the eligibility criteria to be a parish councillor and need to ensure that these criteria had been met by all of the current councillors.

The criteria are: You must be at least 18 years old, and be a British, Commonwealth or EU citizen and you must fulfil at least one of the following requirements:

- You are and continue to be a registered elector in the parish or;
- You have occupied as owner or tenant land or premises in the parish for the whole of the 12 months prior to your application or;
- Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to your application has been in the parish or;
- You have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months prior to your application.

You also must not be disqualified from holding office by being employed by the council, bankrupt, have been subject to a prison term of more than three months in the past five years or have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal electoral practice. This applies throughout the country – not just to Church Knowle.

General Discussion

There has been a lot of fencing erected around estates and agricultural properties in Church Knowle to keep out deer. This is starting to have a significant impact on parts of the parish and advice will be sought on any regulations regarding this in a Conservation Area.

Request for Tenders

Website Maintenance.

Some replies have been received regarding help with maintaining the Parish Council's website but interested parties can still contact the clerk.

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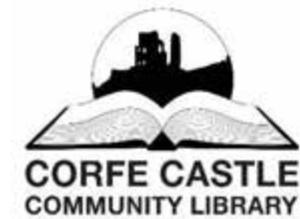
The Council is inviting tenders to paint the blue Archive Container behind the Church Knowle Village Hall. The paint will be provided. Any interested parties can contact the clerk for details at clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Local Government Act 1972 requires that every parish has an Annual Parish Meeting where the activities of the parish and various organisations can be reported on and discussed. This is not a Parish Council meeting but is chaired by the chairman of the Parish Council and is open to all electors. This will be at 6:00pm at the Church Knowle Village Hall, before the May Parish Council meeting.

The April meeting finished at 9:15. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 9th May.

News from the Library



A Talk by Fran Gleason of Waldmar Hospice Care

Waldmar Hospice Care is a charity that provides specialist end of life care to people in Dorset who are living with a life limiting illness, which includes conditions such as cancer, motor neurone disease, and heart disease. An important aspect of this care is to also support their loved ones throughout what can be one of life's most difficult journeys.

In addition to inpatient hospices the staff of 'Waldmar at Home' provide hands on care to patients with very advanced illness, in the comfort and familiar surroundings of their own home. The aim is to help people to remain comfortable, as well as assisting and supporting those important to them.

Come along to hear Fran speak at Corfe Castle Community Library on Friday 19th May. Find out how they may be able to help you, or those close to you, and maybe how you could help their work too. It's open to everyone and admission is free.

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This year we are having a Portraiture Celebration with exhibitions, a ‘compered’ live painting event *Portrait Artist of Purbeck* (June 10th), a schools’ portrait competition, and a talk by PAW’s President, the internationally renowned sculptor **Philip Jackson**, about *The Trials and Tribulations of doing Portraiture in Public Sculpture* (June 8th); his work includes the award winning RAF Bomber Command Memorial (Green Park), Gandhi (Parliament Square) and Queen Elizabeth II (Windsor Great Park). Philip’s talk is followed by a panel discussion and you may start to think differently about what makes a good portrait.

In the evenings there is music to enjoy in beautiful venues. This includes some of the best vocal consort music sung by the **Gesualdo Six**, a commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the great William Byrd by **Tenebrae** and an imaginative performance by **Voice** celebrating the life and works of 12th century visionary Hildegard von Bingen. The Festival ends with **Helen Charlston** and theorbo player, **Toby Carr** exploring the stories of women in war in 17th Century England and Italy.

For more information and to book tickets for all our events please go to our website at www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk



We have a busy month ahead of us! Mondays May 15th and 22nd, Corfe Castle Village Hall, 7pm, are when we have our read-through/auditions for the November production ‘Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders’. Chris Kemp is directing this show, which promises to be great fun for actors and audience alike.



This is not the first time Agatha Crusty has solved a case in Corfe Castle; she previously unravelled a tortuous plot in The Village Hall Murders in 2017, a most successful production. Our happy cast and crew on that occasion appear to the left!

For the May Fair, Monday May 29th in the Castle, we will be presenting a ‘Five Minute Peter Pan-to’ with lots of audience participation. There will be two showings – one in the morning, one in the afternoon, near DA’s stall with information, free gifts, and friendly faces! Come and see us!

Dates for your diary – our ever-popular Medieval Murder Mystery Walks, by the Castle, will take place on the evenings of July 19th and 26th, August 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Then in the autumn, we are holding a Barn Dance featuring the well-known local Arish Mel band, on Friday October 27th.

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.

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Hopefully the sun will come out in May, but whatever you are doing, have a fantastic month.

Woolgarston in the 16th century

Woolgarston is divided into two – Little Woolgarston in the west and Woolgarston in the east and is composed of lots of little fields which formed small farmsteads. The boundary patterns here are higgledy piggledy because the land has changed hands many times and merged with other small farms over the centuries. Looking at the landscape closely one can see a degree of continuity in certain areas off the Down with Sandy Hill Lane cutting a swathe through the strips of land possibly developed from an Anglo-Saxon era. The Domesday Book says that in 1066 five Thanes held the land of 2 hides (240a.) called ‘Orgareston’ so the land was already divided.

The similarities of the names of both East and West Woolgarston means that it is difficult to track ownership - even the Revd. Hutchins despaired of trying to find out whose hands all the tenements had passed through. Not to mention the spelling as in one survey Woolgarston is spelt four different ways! A survey for the castle of 1574 lists the following four free tenants (those who owned land) at Woolgarston - George Uvedale (who held two premises), John Seward or Sewell, William Dackham and John Waddam.

Part of the land that George Uvedale held belonged to his wife, Margery Ashley, the only child of John Myller of Worth Matravers. It was her second marriage. She was 6 when she inherited her father’s property in 1558 and guardians would have been appointed to take care of her inheritance. On the Treswell map of 1585, Margery’s lands are shown at the NE end of Tabbits Hill Lane (the Lane did not exist then) lying beneath Wolston Down. These were valuable meadow lands providing grazing for sheep.



1585 the lands held by ‘M^r George Uvedale by his wyfe’.

George had married Margery Ashley in October 1574 at Almer even though they both resided in Sherborne. Her husband had died after an illness 9 months previously aged about 22. It is unusual that they chose to marry in Almer as neither had an affiliation with the place. The Woolgarston lands were eventually inherited by William Okeden who had married their daughter, Elizabeth. Part of the land (just over 5 acres) belongs to the Corfe Castle

Charites now. They purchased this in 1700 (nos. 805 & 806) from Benjamin Heather. The rest (nos. 803 & 804 of over 8 acres) were acquired by John Calcraft and formed part of Tabbits Hill Farm in 1844.

It is not clear where the other lands George owned were situated as further surveys of the manor of Afflington confuse this tenement with his wife’s.



1844 map showing John Myller’s lands.

By November 1581, John Seward had died (a church Visitation record noted this as his will and inventory have not survived). Some of his land was purchased by George Bullock, who granted this to Benjamin Heather, and which also became part of the 1700 acquisition of the Corfe Castle Charities.

John Waddam’s land passed to his heir, Nicholas Wadham, and his co-heirs. Some of his fields are shown at nos. 808 & 807 on the 1844 map on the eastern side of the sheep drove to the down. This would become part of the Rempstone Estate which would also acquire the land that William Dackombe had held in Little Woolgarston.

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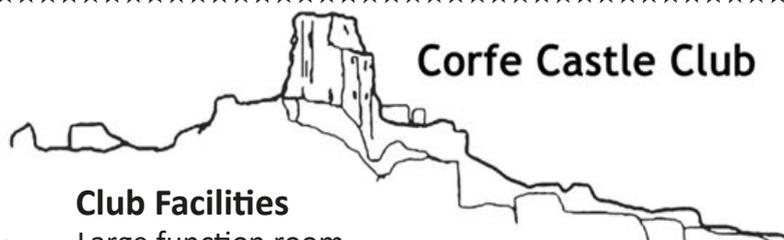
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Dance displays (by Athena Theatre Works) – morning

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Dog Show & Display (by Moonlight Dog Agility Club) - afternoon

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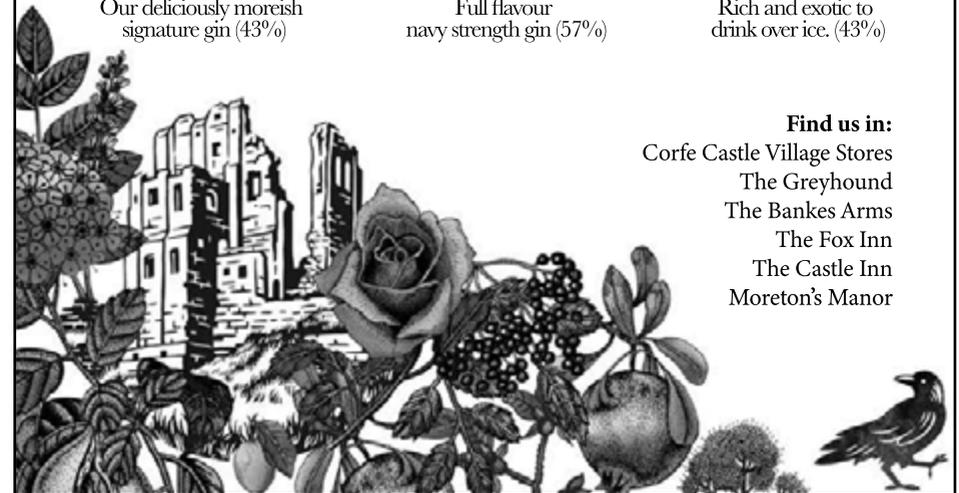
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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the April VH Coffee Morning. £262.32 was raised for Village Hall funds. Due to the Coronation, this month's is on Saturday May 13th.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In April the first prize of £21 was won by member 90, with member 59 getting second prize £10 and member 89 winning the third prize £5. If you would like to become one of the many villagers who support their local village hall like this please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

The Village Hall storage units are conveniently right here in Corfe and are competitively priced. More units will be available imminently; details from Judith on 01929 480216.

regular weekly events:

Monday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio
Monday evenings	Double Act
Monday evenings	Purbeck Chess
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
Tuesday evenings	Martial Arts
Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Purbeck Crafts
Wednesday mornings	Pilates
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Thursday mornings	Silver Swans adult ballet
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)
final Thursday morning	CC Carers Time

Revised Hire Rates for new bookings from 1st May 2023

At the Trustees meeting after the AGM on March 27th, Trustees voted to increase the hire rates for most bookings by 20%. Rates for regular child / youth bookings remain as they were, as do the charges for storage units.

Trustees are aware that this news will not be welcome, but most users will have been expecting it (especially as we indicated last year that a rise was likely). The context is that for many years, at least a decade, hire rates have been kept constant. Over this period our costs have risen substantially. As Trustees we have an obligation not just to ensure that our income meets these costs but also to build funds for future development projects, for example the plan to enlarge the kitchen and create a store room for chairs.

Trustees believe that the revised rates are still competitive when compared with other venues, and that the facilities offered are much improved on what they were ten years ago. We hope that you will continue to take advantage of the wide range of activities now taking place at the village hall, and continue to book it for your own events too.

To make a booking contact Carole Speed on 01929 480810, or by email to carolepspeed@gmail.com. Booking conditions are on our website.

Hire rates from 1st May 2023		resident	non-resident
Main Hall & Kitchen	one-off occasional booking	£48	£66
	party	£60	£78
	regular user adult	£30	
	regular user 1 hour 2 slots	£30	
	regular user 1 hour 1 slot	£18	
	regular user mixed	£18	
	regular user child	£5	
	wedding until 6pm	£240	£300
	wedding until midnight	£300	£420
Bill Carter Room	one-off occasional booking	£36	£54
	party	£48	£66
	regular user adult	£18	
	regular user 1 hour 2 slots	£24	
	regular user 1 hour 1 slot	£15	
	regular user mixed	£12	
	regular user child	£5	
	regular user commercial child	£12	
George Preston Room	one-off occasional booking	£18	£30
	party	£30	£42
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	regular user mixed	£5	
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all rooms	regular charity 2 sessions	£120	
	occasional commercial 2 sessions		£180
	regular commercial 2 sessions		£150

Nature Tots

Both my daughters and I attended the first ever Nature Tots session on Dunes Day 2021 and the second session during the Planet Purbeck Festival in September 2021 both ably led by Julia and her team of volunteers. By the time regular sessions started up on Monday mornings in October 2021, my daughters and I had fallen in love with Studland and attending Nature Tots were an absolute must in our weekly routine.

When the need arose, I found myself leading a session or two. At Julia's suggestion, I have since become a National Trust volunteer and I have led and will continue to lead Nature Tots sessions on a rotary basis with 3 brilliant volunteers: Katherine, Pam and Christine.

As a family, attending the Nature Tots sessions has encouraged a wonder and appreciation of our local area.

Walking through the woods is fun throughout the year and we love observing the changes in nature through the seasons. The crafts we do are always interesting and really help the kids engage all their senses and get their hands into nature.

We love the unique variety of habitats that Studland offers and I love the challenge of choosing what to do on the sessions I will lead depending on the weather. In Winter if it is sunny we are on the beach, building sandcastles, stacking stones, playing hide and seek in the dunes, marking the tide as long as the dogs leave our stick in the sand alone. If it is wet and/or windy, into the woods we head. We generally forage natural items for a set purpose, for example, to make different sounds with; to build dens; to create mud faces, fairy potions; to make nature bracelets, crowns, wands, homes for little



really special memories.

woodland folk. It is fascinating watching the kids imagination run free. The adults have a lot of fun too. It is a lovely hour or so where we can get away from the bustle of parenting and just enjoy the great outdoors with our little ones. My daughters and I more often than not stay in Studland after the sessions are officially over which greatly helps us with our 1000 hours outside challenge. We have enjoyed many adventures in Studland and created some

As an individual, Nature Tots at Studland has given me new friends, another way to bring nature into my life, an opportunity to give back as a volunteer and is helping develop my self confidence as I lead sessions.

Nature Tots at Studland has taken me on a journey I never anticipated but will always be grateful for.

My family and I have fun creating the sessions I will lead. At my most recent session, I read a story and the kids chose pictures from the story which my husband and eldest daughter drew, and decorated the pictures using pine needles, bracken, birch leaves and mud. In an effort to be as natural as possible, to minimise the use of plastic and to demonstrate just how awesome nature is, we used pieces of birch and oak bark as "plates" for glue and we used pine needles and the smallest fir cones we could find to apply the glue. I was very proud of my daughters who eagerly helped me prepare before the official start time. I was very pleased at how well the session went. All the parents had positive feedback which is always a great boost.



We all love that Nature Tots at Studland is free and open to all little ones and their parents or guardians. Getting families into the great outdoors and encouraging a love of nature is vital if we are all to play our part in nature conservation. Nature Tots is hugely significant in getting kids into nature from a very young age.

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

Every Wednesday and Saturday	10am – 12 Midday		Corfe Castle Library Biscuit Hot Drink and Chat in the library
2 May	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius – Giuseppe from Olive Tree cookery school - Corfe Castle Village Hall
4 May	Thursday	8 pm	Corfe Castle Gardening Club - Fiona Forsyth on plants of Vietnam and Cambodia
6 May	Saturday		Coronation of King Charles the Third on big screen in Corfe Castle Village Hall
7 May	Sunday	Starts 10 am	Coronation big lunch in the Castle.
7 May	Sunday		Antique and Collectors Fair - Corfe Castle Village Hall
9 May	Tuesday	6.30pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle Village Hall
12 May	Friday	7.30 pm	Kimmeridge Keilidh – Kimmeridge Village Hall
15 & 22 May	Monday	7 pm	Double Act - Read through Agatha Crusty - Corfe Castle Village Hall
15 May	Monday	7pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
19 May	Friday	2 pm	Library talk by Fran Gleason – Waldmar Hospice - Corfe Castle Village Hall
22 May	Monday	7pm	Corfe Castle Annual Parish Meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
27 May – 11 June			Purbeck Art Weeks Festival
29 May	Monday	10 am to 4 pm	May Fair in the Castle

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

9 June	Friday	7.30 pm	Sports Trust Quiz Night – Corfe Castle Village Hall
10 June	Saturday	3 – 8 pm	PTFA and Pre School Summer Fair – Corfe Castle Village Hall and school field
15 June	Thursday	7 pm	A modern approach to common eye problems – Corfe Castle Village Hall
17 June	Saturday	2.30 – 5 pm	Steeple Manor Open Gardens
24 June	Saturday	7 pm	Crazy 4 Corfe – A Murder Mystery Dinner – Corfe Castle Village Hall
5 August	Saturday	2 – 5 pm	3 Parishes Fete - The Old Rectory – Church Knowle
10 August	Thursday		St Edwards fete on the church lawns

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0800 0727282 (free phone land line) or 0345 072 1905 (free phone mobile contracts or local rate for pay as you go)
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Dorset Council out of hours Emergency Contact Number – 01929 556561

Dorset Council Self Service Portal. This portal can be used to report anything to do with Dorset Council and to request services and information from the council. The web address for the Dorset Council is also below.

<https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/en>

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>

Reporting non injury collisions or near misses
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/road-safety>

Anti-Social Behaviour 01305 762439 email ASB@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Church of England

St Aldhelm's Benefice

Contact Details for St Aldhelm's Benefice

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Curate Nick Webb 07866 546162 fulloflifegardens@googlemail.com

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Benefice Administrator: St George's Church, Langton Matravers

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Enquiries for Baptisms / Weddings / Funerals / Banns - contact Benefice Office and for the Corfe Valley parishes contact Ian Jackson

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Church Wardens in the Valley Churches

Corfe Castle: Penelope Smith 480109 John Lindsay 481498

Church Knowle, Kimmeridge, & Steeple Contact Ian Jackson

Visit St Edwards Website - <http://stedwardscorfecastle.co.uk/>

The Reverend Ian Jackson writes:

This month I am writing in both the Dubber and the Corfe Valley News – if you like, a reminder that our Benefice of St Aldhelm includes the areas covered by both magazines.

As I write I have just taken school assemblies and we have talked about the King's Coronation taking place this month. None of us in the school halls had been alive at the time of the last coronation in 1953. But be ready, I suggested

the children asked those born before then about their memories of that occasion.

We also talked about David and Goliath – most of the children knew of this account from the Old Testament. The link between this and the Coronation might not be immediately obvious.

At the time when David defeated Goliath (the Philistine’s ‘giant’) he was just a young shepherd boy. He was visited by Samuel, a holy and prayerful person, and was anointed with oil as the future king, successor to Saul.

In the Bible oil is a sign of God’s blessing. During the Coronation King Charles will be anointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury with oil. You may have read that this has been prepared according to a traditional recipe, and has been blessed in Jerusalem, a city of importance to people of many faiths. This part of the Coronation is considered so special that it will not be shown on television, the cameras will show other parts of Westminster Abbey.

This special moment and the whole of the service focuses on the King himself, but they are also about the life of all of us together in our nation and furthermore, our links with all nations across the world.

So, aspects of the Coronation link us with those who have gone before us. Equally it can be a time to look forward and a time of re-dedication for us all.

The King has a special role in the Church of England and that will be clear in the service. Much has been written of the King’s wish to be a defender of faith – of all faiths. However you understand the place of the monarchy in the life of the nation, and indeed however you view life and faith, it is a hope shared by many that the Coronation is a time of blessing and re-dedication for us all.

Ian

Bible Readings - May 2023

Sunday May 7 th	Genesis 8: 1 – 1 Acts 7: 55 – end John 14: 1 – 14
Sunday May 14 th	Genesis 8: 20 – 9:7 Acts 17: 22 – 31 John 14: 15 – 21
Sunday May 21 st	Ezekiel 36: 24 – 28

Acts 16: 1 – 14
John 17: 1- 11

Sunday May 28th PENTECOST
Acts 2: 1 – 21
John 20: 19 – 23

Sunday June 4th Isaiah 40: 12 – 17; 27 – end
2 Corinthians 13: 11 – end
Matthew 28: 16 - end

Sunday Services in May 2023

7th May 5th Sunday after Easter
10.30am - Corfe Castle - Holy Communion with hymns

14th May 6th Sunday after Easter
9.30am – Steeple - Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am - Corfe Castle - Morning Worship with hymns

21st May 7th Sunday after Easter
10.30am - Corfe Castle - Holy Communion with hymns

28th May PENTECOST - WHIT SUNDAY
9am – Kimmeridge - Holy Communion
10.30am - Corfe Castle - Holy communion with hymns

4th June Trinity Sunday
10.30am - Corfe Castle - Holy communion & baptism with hymns

Thursday 18th May ASCENSION DAY
10am - at Kingston - Holy Communion with hymns

The Reverend Anne Bond writes

Last month we celebrated Easter, the Christian festival that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus, that mysterious six weeks when people who had known him in his lifetime reported seeing him walking, chatting, and eating, clearly and obviously alive – despite having been clearly and obviously dead on his release from the Roman crucifixion cross on which he had very publicly and unmistakably, three days before, died.

Over the succeeding two millennia, many attempts have been made to debunk the resurrection: *yeah, well, lots of ancient religious systems have*

'gods' who came back from the dead - it's, kind of, par for the course don't-you-know ... of course he only showed himself to his friends – it was all in their imagination, fond wishful thinking ... it's obvious really, he wasn't dead when they cut him down from the cross. And the one that is mentioned by Matthew in his Gospel (Mt 27:11-15): *the disciples of Jesus came during the night and while the guards around the tomb were asleep, they stole the body of Jesus.* How they made the dead Jesus appear to be alive and kicking is not explained.

In this 21st century with a vast technology-aware human world population, I guess most people would probably not admit to straight-forward belief in the resurrection – that is, the Easter event of Jesus rising from the dead. In the 1st century AD the very much smaller world population would have been well able to distinguish a dead body from a live one, death being all too frequent amongst one's friends and relations due to the lack of effective medicines. In the 1920s a determined young man named Frank Morison set out to debunk once and for all time Jesus' resurrection. He was quietly confident. He assumed it would be an easy task given the latest scriptural research and resources, and the profound scepticism of the scientific world of his day towards anything described as miraculous. His book 'Who Moved the Stone?' published in 1930 (and still in print, easily obtainable from Amazon) sets out in detail his examination of the Biblical accounts of events leading up to the crucifixion and the sightings of Jesus alive afterwards.

BUT ... the book as Frank Morison had originally envisaged it never got written. The final words of his book read: 'There may be, and, as the writer thinks, there certainly is, a deep and profoundly historical basis for that much disputed sentence in the Apostles' Creed – 'the *third day* he rose again from the dead'.

Far from debunking the resurrection of Jesus, this determined young man's honest research brought him to a reasoned reinforcement of the truth of it.

What was it that caused such a total about-face in Frank Morison?

Well ... you'll have to read the book to get to the bottom of it; it makes fascinating reading ... and, remarkably, a key piece of the puzzle is contained in the passing mention in Matthew's Gospel speculating that Jesus's body had been stolen while the guards around the tomb slept. However, in a nutshell, it was the fact that it would have been so easy for Jewish hierarchy to quash the phenomenal growth of Christianity in Jerusalem. All they had to do was to display the dead body of Jesus. But they did not. Why not? Because it was no longer in the tomb where he had been lain. It wasn't anywhere. Despite the best efforts of Palace officials, the Roman military occupation force, and Temple authorities, along the lines of frantic searching and desperately offered bribes and rewards, no evidence of the deceased Jesus was ever found, and

new Christian believers increased by thousands. Christianity began to spread like wildfire to the outer reaches of the Roman Empire and beyond.

And Jesus, alive for six weeks after his public and unmistakable death by crucifixion, quietly kept being seen walking, chatting, and eating.

With love, Anne.



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After a much needed break, Isle of Wight potter Neil Tregear is back at the wheel, and we are thrilled to have his ceramics again.

Purbeck Art Weeks is on from 27th May-11th June. We'll be open every day from 10am, with plenty of original art, prints, ceramics, textile art & cards.





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On a recent train journey, I found myself sitting in an adjacent seat to a passenger who was unable to produce a valid ticket when the conductor came round. Despite the passenger's excuse that he had run for the train at its place of departure and did not have time to buy a ticket, it was explained to him that not only would he be liable for the full standard fare, but also an additional ten pounds, the "fine" for travelling without a valid ticket.

Unfortunately for the passenger, he did not have sufficient funds with him to pay, so suffered the embarrassment of having his name and address taken, and being told to pay within a certain time.

Doesn't this incident remind us of our journey through this world, when so often we are pre-occupied with worldly affairs and pleasures, that we forget to prepare ourselves for this journey so that we might reach our eventual destination, the Heavenly Kingdom, without let or hindrance? Just as the railway company lay down certain rules and conditions for its customers to enjoy travel to their destinations, so God has stated certain rules for our safe arrival in heaven.

Think of just a few of them:

You must be born again *John 3:7*

We should be Holy *Ephesians 1:4*

And there are quite a few more.... But it is worth remembering that for our journey we do not need a ticket, the Lord does not charge us because He paid for our Salvation on the cross at Calvary, when He died to save us from our sins.

Jesus said: *'Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life and only a few find it'* (Matthew 7:13-14)

'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him' (John 3:16-17)

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The Rambling Gardener

Welcome to May, a beautiful month when all the plants are opening new leaves in a myriad of greens. Since greens are made up of blues and yellows every leaf is different, many plants have red or variegated leaves, and in hot or cold weather if the plant is stressed then normally green leaves can turn a bit red!

One hardly needs flowers for the countryside to be colourful.

It is fun to watch the insects, thousands of them, busy coming to life on a warm day. My first sighting of a Brimstone, which is rare, was in April this year and I hope that it will be a good year for all butterflies. Birds that give so much enjoyment all year are now busy courting, nesting, or feeding hungry babies, and I spend time trying to watch their nests with my binoculars. The blue tits feed their babies on green and black aphids so we need them to hatch their babies in time to clear our plants of these troublesome sap suckers. There are so many lovely insects, beetles and birds of every size and shape, so much to look at, that it is hard to get on with tidying the garden, but jobs are waiting if you want flowers and food for the rest of the year.

Tomatoes now must be bought as young plants if needed, and it is worth looking for blight resistant varieties of tomatoes and potatoes. Cabbage, lettuce, carrots, peas and beans, beetroot, and parsnip all need sowing and the potatoes need planting. In your beds use a slide hoe to control weeds, and leave the hoed weeds as a mulch. Established plants may need weekly watering, but buy a water meter to test whether the soil actually needs the water as it is precious and both difficult and time consuming to use effectively. Seeds often need daily watering, but try to keep them shaded until germination when the roots are established.

However, here are some sobering facts. Nothing would exist without water and there are 1,050 miles of rivers in England which have always supported complex ecosystems. Now, due to humans, less than half of these waterways are in good health, and all of them have some pollution. One species badly affected by us is the wild Salmon; they take up to 3 months of fighting polluted waters to reach their spawning place, and evading re-introduced beavers that eat them and the slow-growing salmon eggs all winter, which leaves few or none to go back to their lives at sea. Further, last summer's drought, reducing river water levels, will have wiped out a whole year of salmon, and David Attenborough, on "Wild Isles" suggested that it will not be many years before wild salmon are extinct in England. Please can we all help by reducing or stopping our use of chemicals and fertilizers.

I did not enjoy the heavy April rains but it should make gardening easier this May and hopefully this year will not have the extremes of wind, rain and

drought that we had last year. In the early 1950s I remember riding on a wagon pulled by a big black shire horse transporting hay. Along the back lanes the wagon travelled were greater or lesser whitethroats singing, cow parsley on the banks, and hedges white with Hawthorn with its sweet tasty young leaves. This hay would not have been fresh cut, as damper May grass makes "gay hay" which didn't keep well. Leaving grass uncut this month, in the fields and our gardens, gives time for many butterflies to breed, and a lot of plants to set seeds before the cut. Later grass cutting encouraged rich wild-flower meadows then, and will enrich our gardens now.

Let's love, enjoy, and be thankful for what we have and what we can make.

Rachel



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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

After challenging spring weather our gardens and the countryside are showing so much promise with those beautiful fresh greens, hawthorns breaking, tulips, wallflowers and early paeonies.

In April we enjoyed a fascinating talk by Jenny Myers about Soil Health and Composting in our garden, so important to the health of our plot. She had so much knowledge to share and was so enthusiastic about her subject. We held a Raffle for two free tickets for the Gardeners World Spring Fair at Beaulieu on 30th April, kindly donated by Gardener's World. The lucky winners were Jill and Mike Revans. It should be a great show.

We have great plans for the summer season:

May 4th Fiona Forsyth will talk about Plants of Vietnam and Cambodia and we will have a PLANT SALE.

Don't forget to bring along your plants, cuttings, seeds etc and your wallet of course for those irresistible purchases.

JUNE: There will be no meeting in Village Hall but on 22nd June we have a members' visit to the delightful Knitson garden, Swanage (Fee £4) Rachel has agreed to open the garden for us and give us a guided tour. More information to follow.

All indoor meetings take place in the Village Hall at 8pm on the first Thursday of every month.

It is nice to be able to welcome new members to the group. If you are interested in joining us please contact Chris Clarke on 01929 480095 or 07815 058880.

Chris Clarke

Are you an Armed Forces Veteran?

If so, whichever service or branch you were in, there is advice and help from Dorset Council under the Armed Forces Covenant Programme.

There is so much to say about this programme it may just be better for you to read the information directly from their website.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/the-armed-forces-covenant>

Save The Date!

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Sat 5th August, from 2pm

We are ready to collect your bric a brac, good quality clothing, books (holiday reads but not cookbooks/encyclopaedias please), so why not have a clear out? If you'd like to be part of this wonderful event, we'd love your help either setting up and taking down the fete, or manning a stall/gate/car park.. For further information please contact Ben or Pippa: benpippa@yahoo.co.uk



Citizens Advice – Here for Local Residents

With the on-going cost of living crisis, many people are increasingly worried about how they are going to pay bills, heat their home and put food on the table.

Citizens Advice in East Dorset and Purbeck would like to remind residents to seek help early on and that we are here to offer free advice and support.

Experienced advisers are available to provide support about a wide range of issues including, debt, energy advice, employment, benefits and housing. There is a range of support available particularly to low income households which many residents may not know about.

Advice is provided through multiple channels including telephone, email, video conferencing and face to face from our offices in Wareham and Wimborne and from outreach services including Swanage and Herston. Home visits are also offered to those more vulnerable people who are unable to access these services.

Free Carbon Monoxide Monitor

Citizens Advice in East Dorset and Purbeck are offering free Carbon Monoxide Monitors. Please speak to an adviser for a chat about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning and a free monitor will be ordered for you.

Drop-in Locations

Local residents can call into one of the drop-in sessions at the following locations. Advice is free and no appointment is necessary:

- Swanage Library - Wednesday 10am-12pm (except first Wednesday of the month)
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage – Monday 10am-2pm
- Wareham Citizens Advice – Tuesday & Thursday, 10am-12pm

- Lytchett Matravers Library - Friday 10am-12noon
- Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council – Tuesday 10am-12pm
- Upton Library – Wednesday 2pm-4pm
- Wimborne Citizens Advice - Monday & Wednesday, 10am-12pm
- Ferndown Library - Tuesday & Friday, 10am-2pm
- The Centre, Barns Road, Ferndown - Thursday, 10am-2pm

And by appointment only at:

Bovington Hive & Verwood Library.

For details of all of our outreach and drop-in locations visit

www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/in-person

For general advice and support call the **Dorset Adviceline freephone 0800 144 8848 (Textphone: 0800 144 8884)**, 10am-4pm weekdays or visit

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Citizens Advice Can Help with Winter Worries



Residents are reminded that free support and help is available this winter if worried about debt and paying bills.

Cost of Living and Debt

If, like many, you have debts and find you can't afford to reduce these after paying your priority bills and essentials, seek advice as soon as possible. Don't feel you have to manage your situation alone. Our debt advice is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

We also hold free Income Maximisation advice sessions by appointment at locations across Dorset. Specialist advisers are able to advise on a range of money-related topics with the aim of helping people to budget and manage finances more confidently.

Energy

The ongoing increase in energy costs has resulted in many people feeling anxious and worried about paying energy bills. Citizens Advice have a team of energy advisers who can help if you are struggling with energy bills or your supplier. We can offer advice and check to see if you are eligible for extra income or benefits. We can also offer energy saving tips and advice.

If you would like to speak to an energy adviser, call the Energy Line on 01929 775500, leave a message and someone will return your call. Or email:

energy@edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

Crisis Support Bus

Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck is currently raising funds for a Crisis Support Bus which will provide vulnerable residents with access to free advice and support. The cost of living crisis has meant that many more people are in need of advice with some unable to access current services due to rural isolation, restricted mobility, cost of fuel or limited access to public transport. The mobile advice unit will deliver a service to rural areas in and around Purbeck & East Dorset, for those who cannot easily access outreaches, local libraries or are digitally excluded. It is anticipated that the bus will be ready for service early 2023.

Donations to the Crisis Support Bus can be made on Aviva's Community Fund page www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/cost-of-living-crisis-support-bus Aviva will match fund the amount raised.

For more information about Citizens Advice services visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk or to speak to an adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline Freephone on 0800 144 8848, 10am-4pm weekdays.

Reporting Non Injury Collisions or Near Miss Incidents involving motor vehicles

The Parish Council has agreed to explore whether a 20mph speed limit is possible for the village (replacing the 30mph). The current Dorset Council procedure requires traffic surveys on speed, accident data, a speed watch scheme and support from the village. If approval seems possible there will be consultation throughout the village on whether we should apply for a 20mph limit.

Many of you tell us there are many near miss incidents which are currently not reported and Dorset Council need to know this. So, if you have been involved in or witnessed, either a non-injury collision or a near miss incident involving a motor vehicle, it is important to ensure that it is correctly reported and recorded.

This information will assist the Parish Council and Dorset Council with deciding if changes are required to how traffic is controlled within the Parish.

Dorset Council have recently improved their online process for reporting 'Non Injury Collisions or Near Miss Incidents involving motor vehicles', which can be accessed via the following link

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/road-safety>

If you are unable to access the internet, non- injury collisions and near miss incidents involving motor vehicles can be reported directly to the Parish Clerk by telephone. (01202 670105)

The Corfe Castle Sports Trust

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Sports Trust Survey

“Many thanks to all of you who replied to the Sports Trust survey in the March CVN. We promised a prize for sending back the survey and **congratulations** to Sally Ann Talbot of East Street whose name was drawn from the hat.

Disappointingly only about 2% of the Parish responded so we have limited information to work with. We will look at the results in detail and propose a way forward after our next meeting.

Steve Clarke, Corfe Castle Sports Trust

Corfe Castle Football

The U16 Girls team have had a great year in the league with some memorable performances at home and away. They will finish mid table and have thoroughly enjoyed themselves playing at the fortress. Matt and Tim are preparing for the next season, and welcome any new recruits.

The vets have been sponsored this year by The Oldie magazine and their support has been part of the success for the inaugural season in the league . Over 40 players registered from Swanage, Kimmeridge, Wareham and further afield and they have done the team proud to finish mid table on their first attempt .

As chairman I would like to thank everyone involved with the football club for giving of their time , marking the pitch , running training, sponsorship and to the sports trust for working with the club to provide football in the local community .

We will be putting on a quiz night on the 9th June in the village hall to raise funds for the sports trust and supporting them in their fundraising later in the year .
Cheers Patrick Ward.

Saving Honey Bee Swarms

Honey bees have a natural instinct to swarm when the colony gets too big. About half the bees leave the colony with the queen and they initially settle as a large cluster in a temporary resting place like a tree branch, fence, hedge or sometimes in a more inconvenient place (eg. a door handle or the wing mirror of your car). After some hours, or occasionally days, they move on to a more permanent home, like a hollow tree. But sometimes they decide to set up residence in a cavity wall, shed or chimney, which may be a significant nuisance. Even if they find a new home, a high proportion of swarms don't survive very long in the wild for a variety of reasons.

Happily, beekeepers are keen to collect swarms from their initial temporary resting place, provided they can do so safely. This saves the bees by giving them a new home in a hive and avoids them taking up more permanent residence where they are not wanted. Swarming season depends on the weather and is usually from April to July. During this time the East Dorset Beekeepers Association has a number of beekeepers on stand-by to collect swarms. There is no charge for this and everyone benefits. If you are ever lucky enough to find a swarm of honey bees, please help us save the bees by calling our swarm co-ordinator on **01202 873292**. We'll do our best to help.

For more information about honey bee swarms see

<https://www.edbka.org.uk/swarm>

and

<https://www.bbka.org.uk/Pages/Category/swarm-removal>

Martin Battersby, Tabbits Hill

School Readers are looking for Volunteers.

We have received the following request from Rosie Cunningham, the Dorset representative of the charity, Schoolreaders, We recruit volunteers to listen to primary school children read, to support the school and help raise literacy levels. Schoolreaders is the largest school children's literacy charity in the United Kingdom and our volunteers are in over 760 primary schools throughout the country, supporting 18,000 children.

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What to do if you spot a swarm of Honeybees.

Who are you going to call if you see the marvellously natural sight of thousands of bees swarming. Eventually they may choose to alight in your favourite tree, garden bush or even the

bird table, in what's known as a cluster.

During April and June honeybees will follow their queen to find a new home. Remain calm, it is also sensible to keep your distance, and keep children and pets indoors. Remember, these vital pollinators need care and not a pest controller. It is much better for the bee's survival if you **phone your local beekeeping association below**, to collect them, before the little scout bees decide your chimney is the ideal place to live!

You can anticipate the bee swarm will rest for between a few hours and even 2 days before their scout bees have come back to tell them about a perfect permanent nest.

Firstly, a colony of bees prepares to swarm when they are raising lots of baby bees and it is getting a little crowded in their original hive. The queen bee decides to take half of the hive with her to find a new home. That could be between 1,500 and 30,000 bees including workers (female bees) and drones (male bees).



Secondly, and most interestingly, the bee's little tummies will be engorged with honey for their flight. Because of this they will be in a docile, passive state of mind. In addition, they do not have a home to defend!

Rest assured East Dorset Beekeepers have a Swarm Coordinator who can be contacted via our website and will try to find someone to come to your home, for free, to collect them.

These are passionate beekeepers who can help you. They are volunteers and, even if they are working and cannot come immediately, there will be a network of trained swarm collectors happy to remove them carefully for you, for free.

Your trained swarm collector will ask a number of questions to help you identify if you have honeybees, or if you are describing the nest of wasps or hornets. They may ask you to forward a photo if you are unsure. Please be ready with your address and postcode, your best contact phone number and as much

location of the swarm information as possible i.e. 8 feet up in my apple tree! It will really help if we know we need to bring a ladder with the other equipment.

Our friendly swarm collector will guide you through what happens on the phone and arrange to pop over if they are honeybees. You can learn a lot by watching from a safe area, preferably indoors.

To get the information, and who to call, check out our interactive map on our new EDBKA website - <https://edbka.org.uk/swarm/>

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BBC Wild Isle

Have you been watching the new David Attenborough series - Wild Isle on BBC1? This has become must watch television on a Sunday night, and programme 5 (broadcast Easter Sunday) featured marine habitats and some of the animals that live in them. This included footage taken in Dorset of those super intelligent, colour-changing creatures – cuttlefish. They live short lives (1-2 years) and breed only once before dying. Most people only know them from the white bones washed ashore after the animals die.

In summer, cuttlefish eggs sometimes get washed up onto beaches. The little clusters of black eggs are called 'sea grapes' as that's what they resemble. At the Fine Foundation Wild Seas Centre, we have been lucky enough to hatch cuttlefish eggs in our aquarium when they have been rescued from the beach. The pea-sized babies can change colour and become camouflaged immediately and it has been a privilege to watch these superb predators sneaking up and seizing prey even at that tiny size. For these intelligent molluscs to be showcased on Wild Isles, and their tragic plight and dramatic decline highlighted is incredible and will hopefully result in some conservation gains to restore their populations to what they once were.

Our colleague Julie Hatcher was lucky enough to help with some of the filming for the seahorse sequences. Many people are surprised to learn that we have seahorses living in the shallows around our coastline, and Dorset is a hotspot. We have both British species, the short snouted and the long snouted or spiny seahorse. While short snouted seahorses can be found in a variety of marine habitats, they are most frequently recorded in open water on rocky, shelly or sandy seabed's and are often accidentally pulled up with fishing gear. Spiny seahorses prefer the shelter of seagrass beds where they hide in plain sight thanks to their superb camouflage.

The Wild Seas Centre re-opened on 1st April, and it was great to see the sun come out bringing lots of people down to Kimmeridge over the Easter Bank Holiday. It will go quiet again for a short while, so if you haven't visited before why not come down & see us before the summer holidays. We are open 7 days a week from 10.30 – 5pm. **Dan Bartlett, Wild Seas Centre Assistant**

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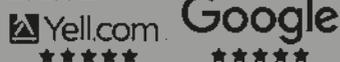


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Kimmeridge News

Eyes to the Skies!

Hi all, well the tollgate feeders are still busy everyday with an array of finches and tits smashing out the sunflower seed, joined one morning to my surprise by an unexpected pair of beautiful yellowhammers, who joined in feasting on the fallen seeds along with the Dunnocks, chaffinches and collared doves. Chiffchaffs and willow warblers are appearing in greater numbers daily, enjoying the insects attracted to the early flowering blackthorns. Now's the time to keep your eyes peeled for the return of the smaller garden/hedgerow birds such as Blackcap/Whitethroat and Lesser whitethroat along with spotted flycatcher to name but a few, and always check fields with cows in for yellow wagtails. Small numbers of swallows and sand martins coming through but no sign of house Martin or swifts yet, but it's still early days. Over the Easter bank holiday weekend I was very lucky to see a Red kite fly over and get a fleeting look at my first whinchat of the year, my husband Pat was also lucky enough to spot a whimbrel and a corn bunting down in the Bay Area on one of his early morning walks.

Happy birding, Rose Ward

Weddings!

Congratulations to Mel, who was married to Jim Clelland on 25th March and to Sophia & Terry who were married on 15th April. We wish both couples lots of happiness for the future.

Community First Responders

Keith Welsh is looking for new volunteers to join the Ambulance Community First Responders in Kimmeridge. This group does an amazing & valuable service for our community, but needs more hands! All training & equipment is provided by the Ambulance Service, so no previous experience required. Contact Keith on 07443 427 319

Kimmeridge Keilidhs

We had another successful dance on 14th April raising money for Kimmeridge. The next one is on Friday 12th May 7.30pm in the Village Hall – tickets on the door £7.50 for adults & £2.50 for children. No Bar, so bring your own drinks & nibbles!

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Plenty more fish in the sea? Let's hope so.

In last month's article I included a very important Postscript to alert you to the consultation by Defra on proposals to improve the management of the industrial fishery for sandeels in English waters of the North Sea including, thankfully, the idea of a complete ban. I promised some more background on this, so here it is.

Sandeels are small, shoaling fish that spend the winter buried in sandy sediments on the seafloor but emerge into the water in spring and are then an important part of the diets of whales, seals, seabirds and other fish which we eat such as haddock and whiting. Sandeels are a key link in the marine food web between the invertebrates on which they feed and the many predators that feed on them.

However, sandeels, being so rich in protein and energy, have been the target of an industrial fishery for many decades. They are ground up and used to make fishmeal and fish oil of which only a tiny fraction is for direct human use. Nearly two thirds of the fishmeal and over three quarters of the fish oil is used to produce feed for fish farms, and a further quarter of the fishmeal produced ends up as pig feed. In a single year, the 179,000 tonnes of salmon produced in Scottish aquaculture farms consumed fish meal and fish oil produced from 460,000 tonnes of wild-caught fish including sandeels. Over 99% of the total value of sandeels caught from English waters (around £41m each year) has been landed by non-UK vessels. In recent years, two thirds of the average annual Danish export value of fishmeal and fish oil, made from sandeels, was from sandeels caught in UK waters.

In 2020 Parliament passed the Fisheries Act which contains two key objectives. The "sustainability objective" is that— "*fish and aquaculture activities are— environmentally sustainable in the long term*". The "ecosystem objective" is that— "*fish and aquaculture activities are managed.....so as to ensure that their negative impacts on marine ecosystems are minimised and, where possible,*

reversed". Much as it pains me to say so, the current consultation on proposals to close English waters of the North Sea to industrial sandeel fishing and deliver on these objectives is a post-Brexit benefit. This would not have happened had the UK remained inside the EU and subject to its Common Fisheries Policy. Every cloud has a silver (darling) lining.

What will happen to the marine environment in the North Sea if/when a ban is implemented is impossible to say with certainty. However, our understanding of how the marine ecosystem in the North Sea works suggests that closure of the sandeel fishery will lead to an increase in the abundance of sandeels, increasing the food available to animals which feed on them, which are expected to increase in numbers too. Seabirds are predicted to be the biggest winners because in the past high sandeel availability has been linked to both good breeding success and good adult survival. Ecosystem models predict that a full ban of sandeel fishing in UK waters could lead to an increase in seabird populations of 4-8%. Some individual species like kittiwakes that are especially reliant on sandeels would likely fare even better.

However, a ban on industrial sandeel fishing in English waters in the North Sea may have undesirable knock-on consequences especially if, as is likely, the fishing fleet that serves the fishmeal and fish oil production industry looks around for other seas to target and other fish species to catch to keep the industry afloat. That might lead to industrial-scale fishing of sprats and sardines in the English Channel and south-western waters with the same potential for detrimental ecosystem impacts closer to home. In solving one problem we may create another. However, that possibility is not a reason not to right an existing wrong.

Thanks to our Jurassic (and some Cretaceous) geology here in Dorset and on the Isle of Wight we have small local populations of many species of cliff nesting seabirds including guillemot, razorbill, puffin and shag. In Poole harbour we also have a thriving colony of common and Sandwich terns. Of all these species, the kittiwake and the puffin are the two which appear to be in terminal decline in Dorset. Kittiwake numbers have fallen by around 90% since the early 1980s as have the numbers of puffins since the late 1950s. Both these species typically eat a lot of sandeels when they are readily available, but we know next to nothing about what they eat in Dorset. Katie Black, the Senior Ranger at Durlston Country Park, has told me that studies over several years have shown that, although there is much year-to-year variation, the guillemots at Durlston mainly feed their chicks on sprats (60%), with sandeels making up about 25% of the chicks' diet (the other 10-20% of fish brought to chicks being unidentifiable). It is likely that the kittiwakes and puffins in Purbeck also rely

on both sprats and sandeels, so it is not clear why they are faring so badly while the guillemots are faring so well.

This summer I plan to spend some time observing the puffins near Dancing Ledge to record how often they bring in fish for their chicks, and what size and types of fish they are catching (though without a live camera feed like that at Durlston, doing this in real time with binoculars will be a challenge). If successful, this may help to understand if the decline in puffin numbers is in any way linked to them having difficulty finding high-quality food fast enough to rear their chicks. In the Autumn, I will report back on the findings (if any).

Meantime, Defra's consultation closes at the end of May so now is the time to vote in favour of the recovery of the marine environment in preference to the continuation of an industrial fishery that supports environmentally damaging production of farmed fish and pigs.

You can find the Defra consultation at this web-address:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-spatial-management-measures-for-industrial-sandeel-fishing>

PS The swifts will be returning very soon so if you want to help them too, there is just time to make sure that any holes they nested in last year have not become blocked since last summer. You could also make or buy a swift box to put up on your home or business. Swifts won't nest in any new box this year, but they may suss it out for next year.

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News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

We have some great events coming up at HXVH in the next few weeks and hope to see you at some of them.

Move Night – Mrs Harris Goes to Paris – Tuesday 9 May

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It's been described as 'Cinderella' meets 'The Devil Wears Prada' meets 'Pretty Woman' with a dash of 'The Phantom of the Opera'. Maybe it is a well-executed fairy-tale meant to teach morals as opposed to be realistic, but it's a lovely movie. Mrs Harris is someone who is optimistic, attentive, considerate, and hopeful, suffers a few setbacks, yet still has the strength to carry on and stand up when it matters the most.

Doors and bar open at 7.00pm, and the film starts at 7.30pm with admission still at the inflation-busting price of £5.

And diary dates for our next movies are:

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Thank you for reading and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Alison and the HXVH Committee

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TUESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.15 – 10.45am	& 11am – 12 Yoga	Langton Scout Hut
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.30 – 7.30pm	Adult	C C Village Hall
		Ballroom Dance	Donna 01202 243803
Each	7.45 – 9.15pm	Badminton	C C Village Hall
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
WEDNESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
2nd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	By Zoom
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall
SUNDAY			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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