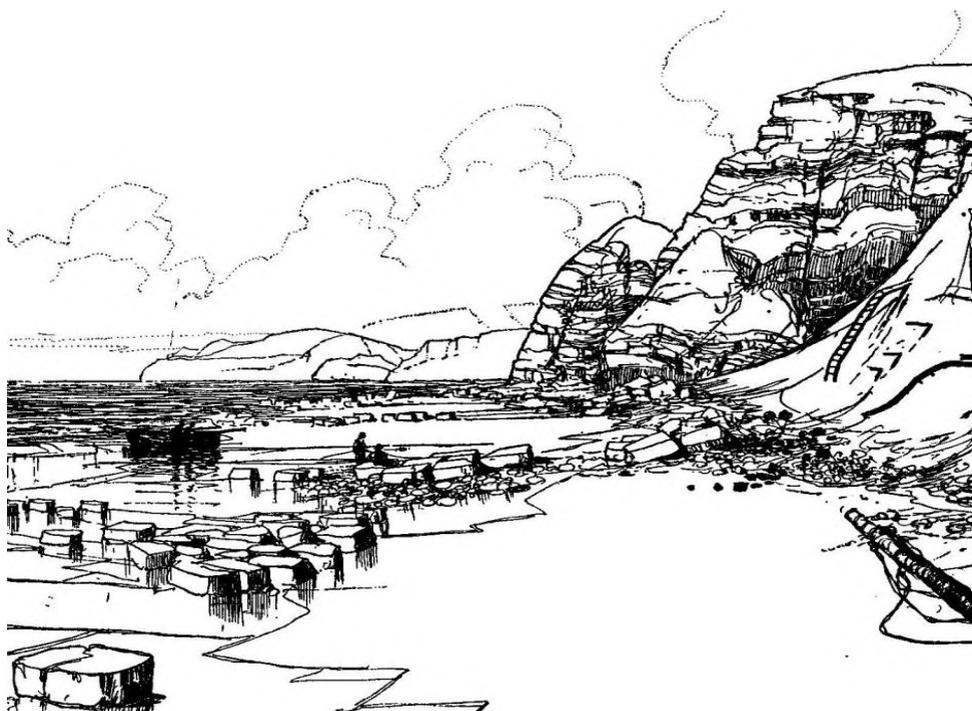


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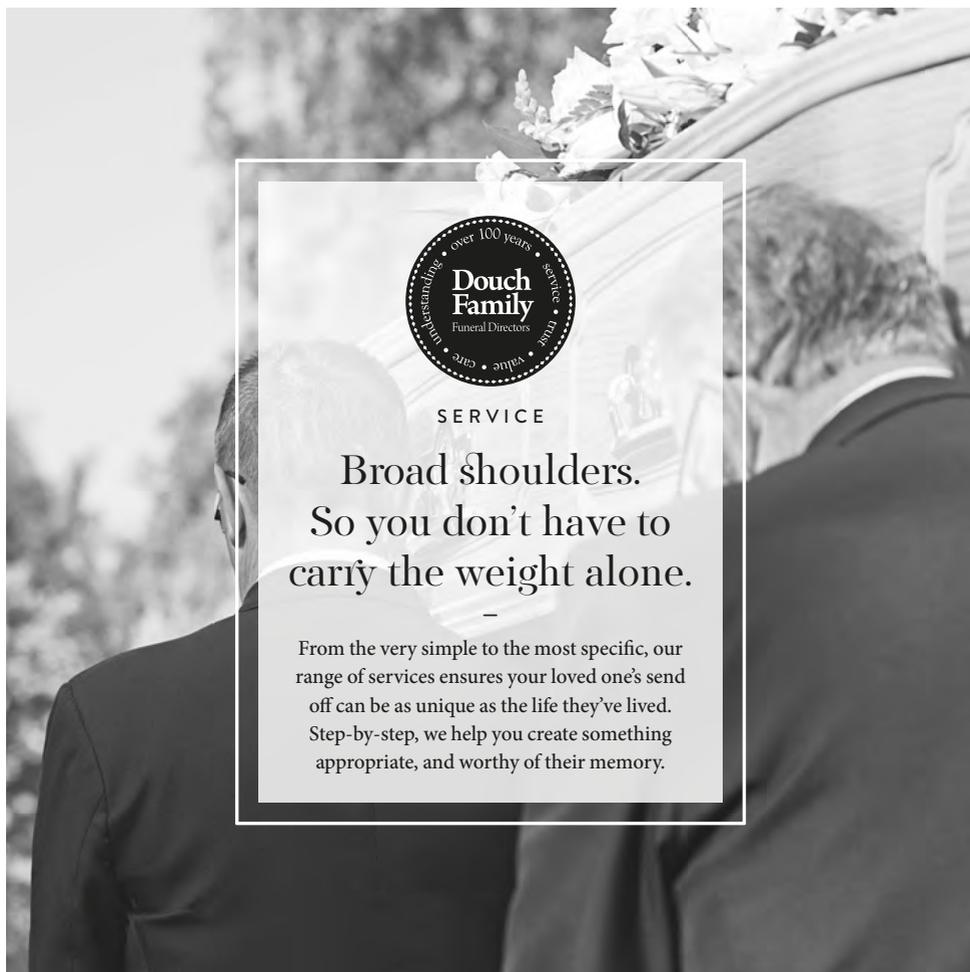
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*Items received after the 15th may not be printed until the next issue*

## Editorial

This month we again have a pull out centre page. This one has been submitted by the Sports Trust to judge what support there is for developing the sports field and pavilion area. Do please have a look at it, fill it in and return it so that sensible decisions can be made about the future of the sports field area.

The Coronation will be with us soon, and the Parish Council are pulling together various organisations in the village to make it another memorable weekend. So far it looks as though the actual Coronation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May will be available to be seen on a big screen in the Village Hall. On the 7<sup>th</sup> May there will be a big lunch in the Castle and on the bank holiday Monday there will be street parties. If you want to help out or otherwise become involved please get in touch with the Parish Clerk or any councillor. It should be a great weekend so lets hope the weather is kind to us.

Stephen

## Some useful Telephone Numbers

(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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*“The front cover is a sketch of Kimmeridge Bay entitled a strange beach from Unknown Dorset by Donald Maxwell dated 1927.”*

## FEBRUARY FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

### 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.

**Drop-Down Kerb/ Traffic & Parking:** The Drop-down kerb working group along with the Traffic and Parking working group, have recently compiled a report listing highways related issued from within the parish. The report was presented to the full Parish Council and approval was given to submit to Dorset Council. The issues within the report range from new / extended areas of double yellow line request to a new parking area for West Street residents to be considered. The full report can be viewed on our website: [www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk/news](http://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk/news).

**20mph speed limit:** The 20mph Working Group, met last month to discuss the viability of placing an application to Dorset Council for 20 mph speed limits within the Parish and to look at how best to engage with parishioners on the subject. The working group looked at the cost of such an application, and what grants are available. The next step is to seek public opinion, this will be done in the form of a leaflet drop in Corfe Castle village with the aim of gathering data on whether parishioners would support a reduction in speed through the village, and which parts of the village should be prioritised.

**Coronation of King Charles:** The coronation of King Charles the third will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. The Coronation Coordination group of the Parish Council has met and decided to pursue the option of having two days of celebration, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of May. The bank holiday on the 8<sup>th</sup>, which is when we originally planned to have an organised event, will now be left free for neighbourhood groups to have their own street or other celebrations. Consequently, we are now planning to have a large screen live viewing of the Coronation on the 6<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall, and then a 'Big Lunch' event in the grounds of the castle on the 7<sup>th</sup> by kind permission of the National Trust.

As soon as more detail is available it will be published in the CVN and on the Corfe Castle Parish website <https://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk/news/>. If you are interested in being involved please contact Councillor Mike Blinkhorn at [cllrmblinkhorn@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllrmblinkhorn@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk) for further details.

**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/PAEL/2023/00185**, Location: Rollington Hill.

**Recommend:** Corfe Castle believes an application is required, because:

- The proposal increases the burden of radiation pollution.
- There may be health and safety consideration of public health.
- More information is required to confirm if further structures are required (i.e., repeaters) within the village,
- There may be impact on wildlife and nature.
- The proposal contravenes Government policy including the UK Sustainable Development Strategy.

**Application No: P/ADV/2023/00177**, Location: The Corfe Castle Town Trust Town Hall West Street Corfe Castle Dorset BH20 5HA.

**Recommend** No Objection

**Application No: P/FUL/2022/07181**, Location: Purbeck Mineral and Mining Museum Norden BH20 5DW.

**Recommend** No Objection

**Application No: P/LBC/2022/06040 & P/HOU/2022/05969**, Location: 18 West Street, Kingston, Dorset, BH20 5LH.

**Recommend** No Objection

**Application No: P/TRC/2023/00506** Location: 3 West Street Kingston Wareham BH20 5LH.

**Recommend** No Objection

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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say.

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# Environmental Group Update



## Our Last Get-Together

*Guest Speaker Dr. Ben Pears from the Department of Geography & Environmental Science at Southampton University gave a talk entitled "The Past is the Key to the Future - The Importance of Determining Historic Environment Baselines"*

- This very well attended talk covered three main topics, Environmental Warnings, Environmental Protection and Environmental Understanding.
- In Environmental Warnings, Ben described how the Flood and Flow project used medieval names of watercourses in specific areas to categorise them, with example categories being Idlers and Aggressors. Place names were also studied and mapped to the watery landscape at the time of naming, along with a geological survey. As the early medieval time was a time of climate warming, it is a good comparator to help understand how watercourses might now behave.
- Environmental Protection covered the restoration and rewilding of chalk streams, focussing on the Norfolk Rivers Trust's Stiffkey River catchment rewilding project. There are lots of historic sites along this catchment, which were used to identify where the original river may have flowed. A transect across the river was selected, and sediment sampling carried out. This showed three different channels, indicating how the river changed over time due to changes in climate, human impact, etc. This data is guiding the Trust with how best to carry out their project, which seeks to change the river to meander more, but also needs to protect historic sites and address conflicts with current land use.
- In the Environmental Understanding topic, Ben talked about research into the history of agricultural terraces, or lynchets, on hillsides, examples of which can be seen in Worth Matravers. Using DNA from soil sediment samples, data about the number and diversity of plant species shows how this changed over time, one example being a significant increase due to the acceleration in cultivation in the early Medieval period.
- Ben then spoke about Corfe Castle's own dig in the garden of a home on East Street, where a metre pit was dug, and soil samples taken at 10cm intervals and analysed for chemical elements by the University. The homeowners also spoke, describing how a TV program, The Story of England with Michael Wood, had inspired them to excavate this pit and catalogue the artifacts found. One interesting finding was there were quite

a lot of pieces of Purbeck marble, despite the marble workings being thought to be nearer to West Street!

- Contact us if you would be interested in excavating a similar pit in your garden!

## Our Next Get-Together

**Thursday 16th March at Mortons Manor: 7.15pm in the bar - 7.30pm start**

***Our meeting will be focussing on butterflies with three separate talks:***

- Richard Hughes, supported by Christine Bowman Hill, will be speaking about the Corfe Common Butterfly Survey Transect - where they survey, how long they have been doing it, how the results are recorded and changes in the results over the years, including which butterflies are declining and which are increasing in numbers.
- Corfe Castle's own Martin Warren will give a talk about Gardening for Butterflies.
- Sarah Spurling from Sustainable Swanage will be speaking about the process of setting up new butterfly survey transects on the Downs and at Prospect Green, the progress made over the last two years and any interesting findings.
- Plus all the usual topics and the chance to input your thoughts and ideas.

Simply turn up **OR** email:

**environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk** if there's something you'd like to discuss.

## Update on our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting Project

- At our recent tree giveaways, people came and collected 169 free tree plants from us to plant in their gardens or other land, mostly in Corfe Castle but also all over Purbeck with a few going further afield in Dorset.
- Thanks to everyone who is planting trees – we would love to see photos of where they are planted – just email them to the Clerk!
- We recently joined National Trust volunteers to plant or protect 190 tree plants in a native hedgerow at the bottom of Our Secret Field, and still have more trees to go in during March, which marks the end of this tree planting season.
- We have agreed to defer the plating of the 16 larger trees until the autumn, due to problems getting quotes from native tree nurseries for the required tree species and waiting for other works to be completed in God's Acre.

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**Get in touch:** Parish Clerk (Michelle) - [environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Facebook:** "Corfe Castle Environmental Group"

**Core Members:** Josey, Helen, Tom, David, Richard & Luke

### **Who to Contact When:**

If you have a problem, do you know who best to call to help deal with the issue?  
If not don't worry, the contacts below may help you.

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Telephone: 01305 221040

#### **To report a pothole**

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#### **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>

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#### **To request a highways gully clear**

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#### **To request a road sweep on a highway near you.**

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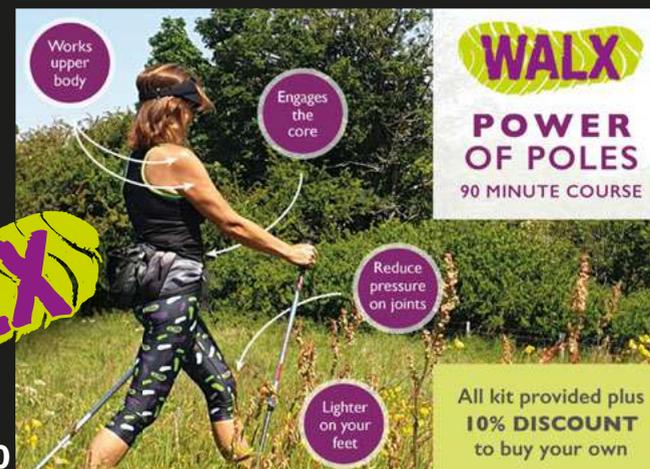


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## **Church Knowle Parish Council - February Meeting**

The February 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. Before the meeting at 5:30pm the Dorset Police held a community consultation session with an emphasis on the prevention of rural crime.

The meeting was well attended with seven councillors present and eight members of the public.

The main items of interest in the meetings were:

### **Public Discussion**

#### **Flooding of Furzebrook Village Hall by Stormwater from the Highway**

In periods of heavy rain the stormwater from the road is flooding the Furzebrook Village Hall and causing water damage. Reports have been made to Dorset Highways by both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee and we have been assured that the matter is being addressed.

### **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

#### **Call for Election**

Following the recent vacancy for a parish councillor for Church Knowle, which was advertised on the parish noticeboards and on the Dorset Council website, an election has been called. The Poll will take place on Thursday 13th April. Due to the number of electors able to vote at this by-election only one polling station will be used at Church Knowle Village Hall. The Polling station will be open from 7am until 10pm.

Candidates have until 4.00 pm on 15th March to complete a nomination paper and submit it in person to The Returning Officer at Dorset Council. The nomination pack may be obtained from the parish clerk by email: [clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk). Please indicate whether you would like the pack sent by email (word document) or by post. Completed forms must be hand delivered to The Returning Officer, Elections Department, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ. Full details will be available on the Notice of Election which will be published on 7th March.

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

The key themes that have been identified from the survey responses and the consultation will be developed and the steering group will continue to meet.

### **Planning**

This month saw two applications requiring Council comment. These are:

**P/HOU/2022/05768** – Puddle Mill Cottage – Renovations, Garage rebuild and kitchen extension.

The Council resolved to have no objection.

**P/HOU/2022/06555** – Fossil Cottage, Church Knowle – Erect a car port and a single storey side extension.

The Council resolved to object citing previous concerns of overdevelopment.

### **Highways**

It was agreed that Church Knowle would liaise with and support the Corfe Castle campaign for a 20mph speed limit through the villages in the district.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Priority Register for Essential Services**

Wessex Water and Scottish and Southern Electricity maintain a priority register of vulnerable households to be given special consideration in the event of a power outage or water cut off. This is called the Priority Service Register (PSR) and is free to join. Please contact the clerk ([clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk)) or of course the companies direct for the appropriate forms to submit.

#### **The Creech Bottom Post Box**

The Royal Mail has responded to a request for an update on the replacement of this box saying that it is in hand.

### **Furzebrook Noticeboard**

This noticeboard had toppled over as its uprights had failed. A proposal has been received from the Men in Sheds group and they are going to refurbish and reinstall it.

### **The Memorial Tree Seat in the Church Knowle Playing Field**

Jill Bugler sent a very nice letter on behalf of her family thanking everyone who had worked on or contributed towards this seat and tree as a memorial to her late husband Les Bugler. Les did a great deal for the parish and took an especial interest in the playing field.

### **Grit and Salt Bins**

We had a mercifully mild winter so icy roads have not been a major problem. However it was decided to review the status and location of the parish's grit bins as this has not been done for some time.

### **Deer Management**

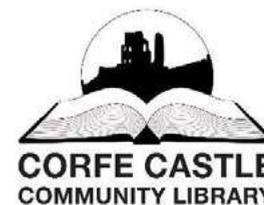
The large herds of deer, increasing in number and roaming free have become a problem and it is noted that DEFRA have had a consultation on a deer management strategy. A copy of the resulting report has been requested to see how it might be applied to the local problem. It was observed that Purbeck has the largest density of deer in the country.

### **Request for Tenders to paint Archive Container**

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](mailto:clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk).

The February meeting finished at 9:30. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

## **News from the Library**



### **Who believes in conspiracy theories and why?**

Many aspects of modern life seem to hinge on conspiracy theories. A mob was prepared to storm the United States Capitol Building and disrupt a democratic election process with violence because they believed there had been a conspiracy to remove their preferred candidate from power.

There are many examples of followers of conspiracy theories acting completely at odds with reality because the facts do not fit their beliefs. Social media allows conspiracy theories to propagate themselves across national boundaries and build massive support.

**Professor Gerry Stoker** of Southampton University (and Corfe Castle!) will discuss this phenomenon in our next talk.

**“Who believes in conspiracy theories and why?”**

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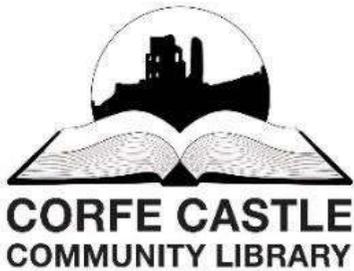
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## Corfe Castle Surgery

As we started the new year with the return to the 'Sit and Wait' clinics, I thought I would firstly share how this has been a success for all. The feedback from patients has been very positive and the GP's are happy to return to this way of working for all urgent on the day problems.

As you have probably read and seen on the news, there is a national shortage of GP's. For us this has meant we are still unable to cover the two days we lost when one of our salaried GP's left in July 2022. We apologise for the delay in booking routine GP appointments and for the next few weeks this may be worse as Dr Armitage is taking extended leave from mid February until the end of April.

The staff are working extremely hard to ensure requested appointments are available and we are still looking to recruit more GP's but please bear this in mind when speaking to the reception team.

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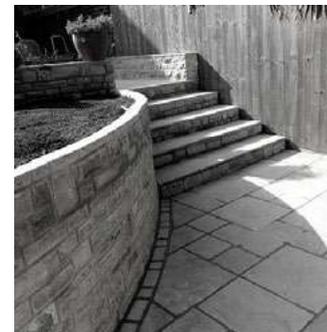
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## Purbeck Heaths – National Nature Reserve

We're coming into spring across the Purbeck Heaths right about now... woodlarks should be singing. I say should, I'm guessing a bit because currently it is icy as anything outside.

Spring means ground nesting birds start to nest. On the ground. These rare birds migrate all the way from Africa over to the Purbeck Heaths every year to have their chicks.

Nesting on the ground means they are sensitive to any disturbance which is more likely to be caused by dogs than humans. We like paths whereas some dogs prefer to bounce around off paths and chase birds when they find them.

Our heaths are some of the best in the world, they really are that good and that rare. The massive fragmentation over the last 200 years has been reversed in Purbeck (almost uniquely) – let's do all that we can to make them as successful as they can be. So, it's a good time to remind you to keep your dogs on a lead during the breeding season and whenever livestock is around (which on the heaths is a great deal of the time).

We've been working on a lovely project to celebrate our heaths, bringing together local schools and youth groups to create a series of Arty Dogs around the single grazing unit on the western side of the Purbeck Heaths NNR. They should be a really colourful, temporary addition to the landscape.

If your dog needs some off lead time then Bog Lane SANG is worth a visit (which is free) as is Purbeck Dog Park (which you pay for). Check out the Dorset Dogs website for more information – [Dorsetdogs.org.uk](http://Dorsetdogs.org.uk). It is worth saying that we are working with Dorset Council to identify new SANGS and areas for dogs to be off lead, it isn't straightforward when so much of our open access land is also so nature rich and/or has grazing animals.

It's going to be an interesting wildlife surveying season – starting to see how the joined-up grazing unit from Gold Point to the A351 has impacted nature. There will be plenty of local people from the Purbeck Natural History Forum out and about looking for all kinds of plants and animals – don't feel scared to ask them what they are doing!

Enjoy the spring – whenever it does arrive – it's such a marvellous time of the year in Purbeck.

Tom Clarke, National Trust, on behalf of the Purbeck Heaths NNR.



### **AGM and Entertainment! Monday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Corfe Castle Village Hall**

After the brief AGM, members of Double Act will indulge in a bit of home-grown entertainment. At this time of year we are not learning lines or making props for imminent shows, so this is an opportunity for our members to show off their talents in a stress-free environment. As we go to press, we don't know the detailed programme of party-pieces, but we can guarantee it will be entertaining and fun. Why not come along and enjoy the evening?

### **Coffee Morning Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**

Many thanks to everyone who came to Double Act's Coffee Morning, whether as stall-holder, refreshment provider, helper, produce supplier, or of course customer! David Watson set up a sequence of Double Act pictures and videos on the big screen, which added greatly to the morning. The event boosted Double Act finances for the benefit of planned 2023 productions and our donation tins collected £82 for the Turkey & Syria Earthquake appeal.

### **'Find Your Voice', Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**

We were fortunate to have Jo Wilson-Hunt of NODA to run this workshop for us at our February meeting. Over 20 members and friends enjoyed a wide range of activities and games aimed at helping us make our voices both louder and more expressive. It was great fun, and we all learnt a lot!

### **And looking ahead to April and beyond...**

Our April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will include the first reading of the Murder Mystery Walks which we will be presenting 'al fresco' during the summer holidays. A bit further ahead, you can expect Double Act to be actively involved in the Coronation Celebrations or the May Fair, or both, before we get down to the hard work of preparing our November production of 'Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders' scheduled for Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. It is a busy year for your local thespians!

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).

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**7<sup>th</sup> February** - Jacquie Hall, the Lady Town Crier from Wareham arrived resplendent in her outfit and feathered hat. She entertained us with stories about her interesting role. In the country there are approximately 260 town criers but not that many females. Jacquie had to audition for the role and now has the job until she wishes to retire or her voice fades!. This is not the case in other parts of the country where this is a specific time frame. Jacquie is fortunate in having the skill to project her voice without shouting and therefore less strain so I think she has a good few years to carry on. She regularly enters competitions across the country and has been a winner. Surprisingly the judges are not looking for the loudest, but need a good clear diction that can be heard at distance, a presence and flair. They are given topics to make up a cry for which I think would be quite difficult. There is a competition in Wareham on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023, held on the riverbank by the Quay and it should be a very colourful event. Jacquie is regularly seen around Wareham and Purbeck at many varied events, you may even have seen her in action recently on her visit to Corfe Castle with the Purbeck Mummings on Boxing Day.

- **7<sup>th</sup> March** – A G M with a demonstration of using eggs for decorations from Eileen. This is one that you can do with your grandchildren.



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### *News from The Castle*

We hope with all the challenges of energy costs and the winter weather you have managed to stay warm. The log fire is still burning here and if you do need a warm up, pop in and a welcoming space is always available.

Warm or cold, it's not long now until British Summer Time begins ... on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>, so get ready to alter the clocks!

#### **Some dates for the Diary this month:**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March St. David's Day** Our famous Welsh Cawl plus more.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March ... St. Patrick's Day** Not only fish on this most Irish of Days!

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March ... Mother's Day** special menu available, including her favourite roasts.

Do keep watching the boards and social media because in April we will be Hosting our Billy Kinghorn Day and raising money for a local charity in his name.

Thank you all, once again, for your continued support,

Mark, Laurice, Mike, Livvy and all the team here at The Castle

## Corfe Castle Primary School



Our Warm Space has worked well and we were able to welcome local parishioners and many of our own families. As we move through the year, I would like to think about a half-termly 'Community Space' that is open to our families and the Corfe Community. I want to thank Mr and Mrs Revans for funding our wonderful banner at the front of the school and to those who have supported us through the past couple of months: the PTFA and St Edward's church.

The year seems to be rattling by and in the last edition, I wrote about our school projects that focus on *Creating Calmer Reflective Spaces that Inspire*.

### Library:

The walls have been painted and a tree has been built to enhance the space and make it the central hub of the school. There are still a few bits to add to further enhance the calm nature of the library and I will provide pictures in next month's edition.

### Playground:

After a few initial discussions, and after looking at all the children's amazing ideas, I want to focus first on the pergola structure. Ideally, I would like to enclose it as a type of shelter to focus on a buddy stop and a reading base. Again, I reach out to you in the community, if you have any suggestions, expertise in these areas of support that you might be able to offer.

### Our Easter Service:

The school will hold their Easter Service at St Edward's Church on Tuesday 28th March at 2pm; we are very grateful to Rev Ian Jackson who has arranged for The Rt Reverend Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne, to be in attendance and share an Easter message with our children.

We welcome you to join us on this occasion and the PTFA will be serving coffees and teas from 1.15pm in the church.

The school vision: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

**Thank you for all your continuing support, Mr Robert Stoner (Acting Headteacher) and the whole team at Corfe Castle Primary School.**

Contact: [office@coastalpartnership.co.uk](mailto:office@coastalpartnership.co.uk)



Hello from all the staff at

## Corfe Castle Community Pre School

Spring looks like it's on its way with the bulbs popping up and the sun shining through our windows.

We are so grateful and count ourselves lucky to receive such wonderful support from our community. Since Christmas we have received donations and contributions from Crazy4Corfe, the Festivities committee and Corfe Castle Charities.

Thank you for choosing our pre school, we always appreciate your support.

Looking into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the spring term (how are we here already!) we are so excited to be starting our library visits again. This is with a HUGE thanks to the volunteers at the library. We can't wait for the children to spend time immersing themselves in the stories.



### Upcoming Event



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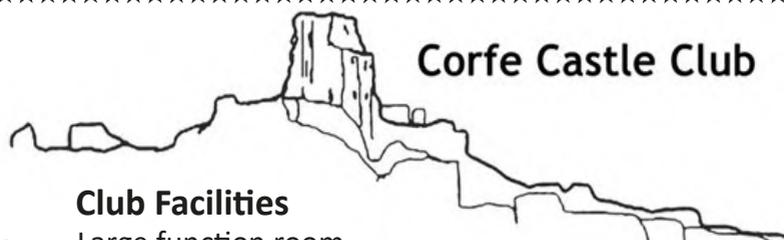
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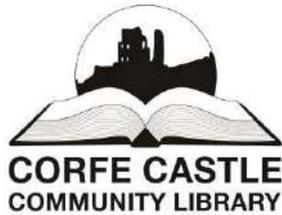
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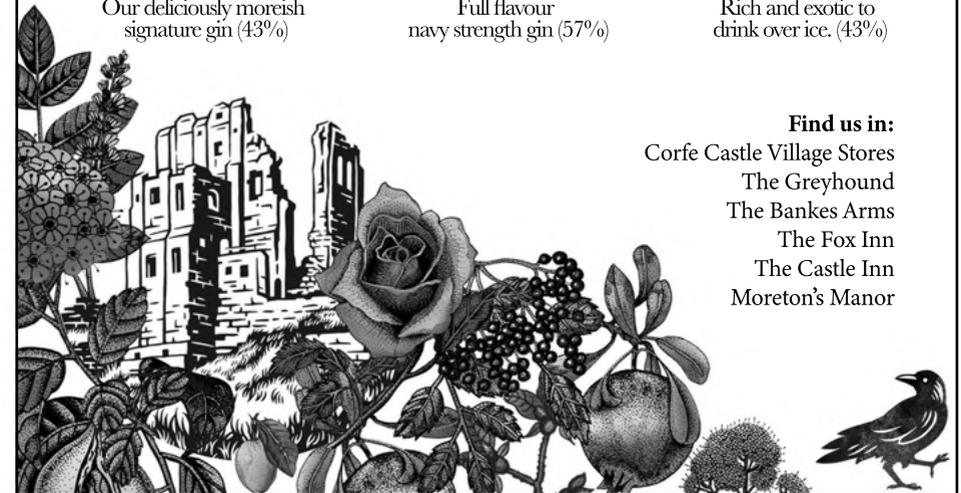
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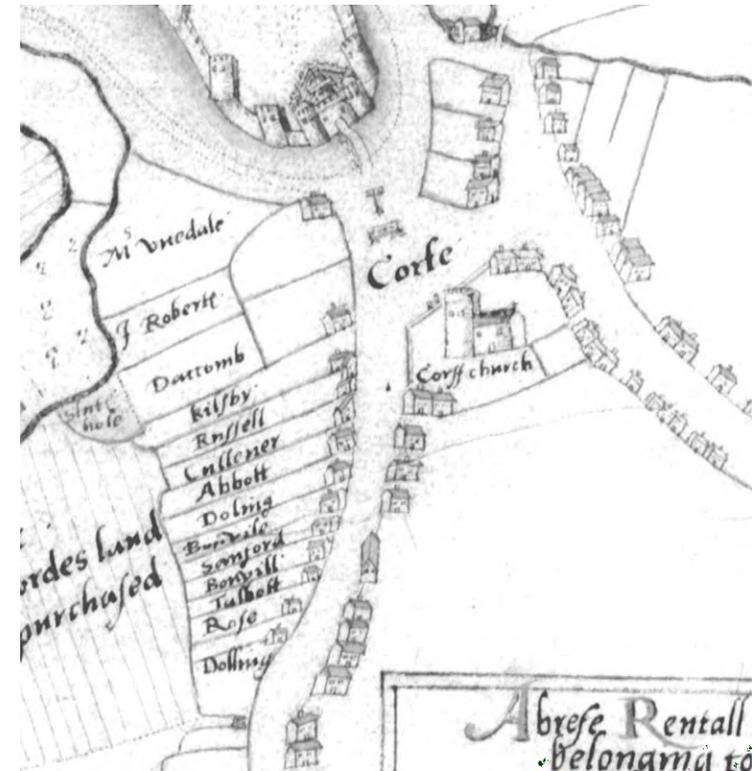
## Medieval Town Planning

When the 12<sup>th</sup> century arrived, Corfe was a growing town and the castle needed to retain the skills of tradesmen, victuallers, craftsmen, and encourage others to remain here and benefit the town. To do this, Freemen of the town were created and given burgages in Corfe paying rent to the court held at Corfe Castle.

A burgage was a defined plot of land, often a garden or a yard, attached to house, which faced onto one of the main streets. They were usually long and narrow and in Corfe, a trip up the church tower, will provide you with perfect examples of burgage plots down West Street. They were usually narrow to fit as many in as possible, a perch wide (from 14 - 28ft), and the tenant of the property, the burgess, was permitted to subdivide their plot and could sublet it or bequeath it to someone.

The tenure was fixed at a moderate rent (2d. a month in some cases to attract settlers) and unlike rural tenancies it didn't include labour services. It was up to the owner of the burgage to build the property and the rent was never adjusted even if the plot was divided.

There are several burgages mentioned in deeds in Corfe (57 in total; 19 in West Street and 38 on East Street) with seven listed as 'ancient' burgages. This is an estimate as some deeds may not have survived, and I might not have listed the fact that they were burgages when I initially transcribed the deed. It's not known when they were laid out by the surveyor but possibly by the late 12<sup>th</sup> century when the market was created.



1585: the burgage plots on Treswell's map

By 1585, Treswell's map clearly shows 13 dwellings just on the west side of West Street. The current houses on the burgage plots have altered over time but their boundaries can still be clearly seen.

Louise Haywood

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# Corfe Castle Village Hall

## general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the February VH Coffee Morning. £247.96 was raised for Village Hall funds. Next one is on March 4th.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In February the first prize of £20 was won by member 8, with member 85 getting second prize £10 and member 53 winning the third prize £4. 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.

The Village Hall storage units are conveniently right here in Corfe and are competitively priced. More units will be available soon; 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

## Artsreach news:

This month sees the return of Artsreach drama to the village hall. **"Nothing on Earth"** is an inspiring show about pioneering women - women who flew Spitfires, crossed continents in pursuit of Chairman Mao, parachuted out of rickety hot air balloons, shouted 'No Surrender' into the mouths of the guns. It is brought to Corfe Castle by the award-winning theatre company "Pursued By a Bear" on **Sat March 25th**.

## Broadband

We are delighted to announce that all groups or individuals hiring any of the Hall's rooms will from now on have broadband access to the internet.

## Annual General Meeting

The Village Hall's AGM will take place at 6.30pm on **Monday March 27th**.

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Another very successful 'Soup 'n Pud' was held in the Village Hall after the Coffee Morning on February 4<sup>th</sup>. We had an amazing 49 diners and 6 supporters. It was brilliant seeing so many tucking in to the tomato & basil and parsnip & herb soups, followed by lemon meringue pie and croissant, lemon & blueberry bake.

Once again thanks to our serving gang for their help, particularly with a mountain of washing up. We were very grateful to be able to use half the tins of tomatoes that were donated by a kind resident. The other half will follow in March's soup along with a spiced pumpkin one, using pumpkins we were given by the Pink Goat.

Thanks also to the Village Bakery for the bread rolls.

We again ran a small free raffle using tins of soup and fruit as prizes and we had on sale jars of our apple and pumpkin chutney, which sold well. All the money made or donated on the occasion will go towards future lunches! If you have ingredients to spare from your cupboard, garden or allotment, please consider the Soup 'n Pud lunch as we are more than happy to put such items to good use. One of our aims is to use good food which might otherwise be wasted.

**Our next 'Soup 'n Pud' lunch is scheduled for Sat. March 4th 2023 following the Coffee Morning. We would love to have more residents joining us, in this friendly, warm environment. Remember this is a free event but donations are always welcome.**

**WHY DON'T YOU COME AND GIVE IT A TRY?**

Best wishes from Chris, Sue and Gill.

## CORFE VALLEY NEWS

## CALENDAR for MARCH 2023

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.

Every Wednesday and Saturday	10am – 12 Midday			
2	March	Thursday	8 pm	Corfe Castle Library Biscuit Hot Drink and Chat in the warm library
4	March	Saturday	12.30 pm	Corfe Castle Gardening Club Talk – Plants in a changing climate - CCVH
4	March	Sunday	7 pm	Soup and pud lunch in Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	March	Sunday		Orlando Singers Aiming at Eternity St Marys Church Swanage.
7	March	Tuesday	2 pm	Antique and Collectors Fair - Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	March	Friday	7.30 pm	Aquarius AGM - Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	March	Friday	2 pm	Kimmeridge Keilidh in the Kimmeridge Village Hall.
13	March	Monday	7pm	Library talk by Professor Gerry Stoker - Corfe Castle Village Hall
13	March	Monday	7pm	Double Act AGM – Corfe Castle Village Hall
14	March	Tuesday	6.30pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
16	March	Thursday	7.15 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle Village Hall
19	March	Sunday	3 pm	Corfe Castle PC Environmental Group Meeting in Mortons Manor
25	March	Saturday	7.30 pm	Earthquake fund raising concert – Karen Grant – St James Kingston
26	March	Sunday	9 am	Artsreach – Nothing on Earth - Corfe Castle Village Hall
28	March	Tuesday	1 – 5 pm	44th Annual Ploughing Competition – Between Wool and Bere Recis
28	March	Tuesday	2 pm	Dorset Hospitals Trust Listening Event - Corfe Castle Village Hall
				Primary School Easter Service in St Edwards.

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

3	April	Monday		Read through Murder Mystery Walks - Corfe Castle Village Hall
22	April	Saturday	7 pm	Wareham Choral Society – Lady St Mary church Wareham
6	May	Saturday		Coronation of King Charles the Third on big screen in Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	May	Sunday		Coronation big lunch in the Castle
22	May	Monday	7pm	Corfe Castle Annual Parish Meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall

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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/>

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### **The Reverend Ian Jackson writes:**

Last month I wrote about how appropriate it is that the 2 major festivals of the Christian year are times when many people are able to get together with family and friends. It is appropriate because we are celebrating our faith that we know God through Jesus, and when we meet together.

We often talk of 'keeping in touch'; 'do keep in touch' we say. There are many ways that we go about this – seemingly, more so than in time past. The ways we keep in touch reflect our different personalities, gifts and abilities.

Some enjoy speaking and would far rather do that face to face than through email, or even the telephone.

It has been really good to have been able to install the live streaming equipment in church at Corfe Castle. Many thanks to everyone who has helped to make this possible – researching the options, liaising with the contractors, obtaining the necessary permissions and contributing to the costs. We can simply press a button and the equipment does its job; there are several other features and in due course we will be exploring and using these.

Sometimes communication can go wrong – wires get crossed, we have n't explained ourselves very clearly and perhaps we have n't been able to take in what someone else is trying to say to us. This may not always be the worse outcome. At best we're then able to clarify, reach a better understanding and a relationship or life of a family, group or community is deepened. This too is a way we discover God is close to us.

Ian

### **Bible Readings - March 2023**

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Genesis 12: 1 – 4A Romans 4: 1 – 5; 13 – 17 John 3: 1 – 17
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Exodus 17: 1 – 7 Romans 5: 1 – 11 John 4: 5 – 42
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday Exodus 2: 1 – 10 2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 7 Luke 2: 33 – 35
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14 Romans 8: 6 – 11 John 11: 1 – 45
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Palm Sunday Isaiah 50: 4 – 9A Philippians 2: 5 – 11 Matthew 21: 1 – 11

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

I have absolutely no idea what is going to come out of the end of my fingers onto my laptop screen as I write this – but here goes! I am recovering well from having had pneumonia. My family tell me that I have had a 'Very Lucky Escape'. I remember almost nothing about the first six days in hospital, and what I can remember is really very peculiar. I remember feeling there was a conspiracy against me. Michael telephoned me and I tried to say to him, "I can't stay in this place, it's completely mad, it's a dreadful place, you've got to get me out of here ..." and the words turned into squares of emptiness and floated away. And I remember in quite a lot of detail being in a huge ward - which, I later discovered, doesn't exist.

It's a bit daunting 'remembering' what never was. But I have now read that people suffering from severe covid who had to have help breathing had similar experiences. I gather it is a side effect of being treated with large doses of oxygen. When I did eventually come to my normal senses, I saw I had large bruises up and down both arms where (the family tell me) great clusters of tubes had been plugged in (though I don't suppose oxygen goes into your *arms*, does it?) For the rest of the time in hospital I had to wear a face mask channelling oxygen up my nose. Not really a high fashion look ...

The other thing that made the biggest impression was the cold. It seemed to me that the little room I had to myself, although very nice, was absolutely freezing. I couldn't get warm, particularly at night. The NHS doesn't run to duvets. However, perhaps you won't be surprised to learn that it was only me who was cold; to visitors and everyone else the ambient temperature was quite normally warm – but the memory of that bitter cold has stayed with me and I'm now very particular about keeping warm.

I would love to tell you that I prayed for healing and was answered ... but I don't think I was enough in my right mind to do anything so sensible as pray. Except for casting into the unresponsive air undirected yearning to be at home and warm, it wasn't until I got home that I regained my spiritual balance, so to speak.

I was very much taken by surprise at suddenly getting pneumonia, so much so that I'm still not sure how to think about it. I'm not asking: 'why me?' because the answer to that is always 'why *not* me?' However, my small, insignificant experience of life-threatening illness has somehow led me on to renewed rage and fury about the plight of Ukrainians being pitilessly bombed out of house, home, and life itself by the merciless criminal Putin, and equal rage and fury on behalf of the victims of the earthquake that has devastated Turkey and Syria, which some would call an Act of God. As, even in my least *compos mentis* moments I would not accuse God of 'doing it on purpose', I can only suppose it was a random act of nature unforeseen by seismologists

and that a loving God is powerfully present at the rescue scene; whereas there is no extenuating circumstance whatsoever for what Putin is doing.

One *excellent* thing has come out of my stay in hospital: I lost a stone and a half in weight! Which means I can now wear my beautiful red velvet trousers ...

With love, Anne

### Sunday Services in March 2023

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30am Corfe Castle - Holy Communion with hymns

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

9.30am Steeple - Holy Communion with hymns

10.30am Corfe Castle - Morning Worship with hymns

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday**

10.30m Corfe Castle - Holy Communion with hymns

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

9am Kimmeridge - Holy Communion

10.30am Corfe Castle - Holy Communion with hymns

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday**

10.30am Corfe Castle - Holy Communion with hymns

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### World Day of Prayer - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10.30am at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage

The World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which is celebrated in over 120 countries on the same day, this year it is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world, through Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Europe before finishing and the Americas some 38 hours later.

This years' service has been prepared by women of Taiwan, an island which is culturally very diverse. They share the issues faced geographically, politically and socially and also their hopes for the future. We can give thanks for this beautiful island and the people of Taiwan and encourage each other in our faith, just as the apostle Paul did in his letters.

This year's local service is being held at Emmanuel Baptist Church on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at **10.30am** and will be led by people of various local churches,

both in the town and some of the nearby villages. All are welcome, men , women and children and there will be light refreshments to follow.

There is also a service in Studland on the same day at St Nicholas' Church at 2.30pm

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## Corfe Castle Evangelical Congregational Church

### Giving thought to those who might struggle to attend Church on Mother's Day

Why is Church hard on Mother's Day? That is a question I hear a lot about... I have always found it difficult, not for myself as I am a happy and fulfilled mother, but for others whom I know struggle at this time. Every year there are people all over the country who decide not to go to Church because they believe their story doesn't belong there and some Churches question whether to mark Mother's Day at all. I know the history of Mothering Sunday, but it doesn't make the day less painful and it often doesn't have much impact on the message preached by Churches. Sometimes they embarrass, hurt, confuse or alienate not only non-mothers but also mothers. I know it's a special day to spoil mums and grandmothers, but for women it can also be a painful day. So every year those grieving the loss of a mother, those living through the struggle of infertility, those who have lost children, those who are single and long to be married with a family or those who were hurt by or never met their mother's, may not be at church on mothering Sunday. It can be a sensitive time for many, particularly if you are longing to be a mum. It can also be a painful reminder of a missing piece of your life. It is hard enough for people to bear their own disappointments regarding motherhood. It is worse when the Church reminds us of these disappointments, pouring salt on very real wounds...

So how can the Church be thankful for Mothers whilst also respecting the feelings of other people in the Congregation? We should plan with much sensitivity. At Church we should talk about ALL the special women in the children's life. Provide pre-printed cards for everyone, to Mum, to Aunt, to Mrs...reminding the children that they are loved by God... and by men and women in their lives and that Mother's Day is another day to love and be thankful to those who take care of us. Make it a blessed day for everyone. Yes, Mothering Sunday is historically seen as an opportunity to celebrate and of course the Church should celebrate, but Joy should not come before grief, nor the celebration of the majority to ignore the pain of the minority. For Mother's Day and Father's Day, for those who are desiring children, it's important for Church Leaders to recognise that there could be people who are hurting in their congregation.

And as for the Church, Christ has opened up the Kingdom of Heaven to the outsider, the grieving, the childless and the orphan...Mother's Day will be another day to remind us of God's love for us, and our love for one another...

*'We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves' Romans 15:1*

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control' Galatians 5:22-23a*

**We meet fortnightly  
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Light refreshments will be available.

**Saturday March 25th 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Tickets (£10 adult, £5 under 18) available from [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk),  
the Village Stores or from David on 07590 352219**

## The Rambling Gardener

March is a good month as the days are getting longer and the sun is warming which lifts everyone's spirits and energy. The third week of March is the spring equinox so we often get, unsettled weather possibly gales, thunderstorms, snow, frost, or hot sun. We may get anything!

I remember that in March 1945 snow blocked the roads and, aged 11, I rode my pony from Swanage to Corfe for my dancing lesson. Also, in 1953 March power cuts due to snow meant that some days I had to hand milk most of the cows, and the rest had to wait until the evening milking.

Back in the present time, with prices going up, everyone will be glad to get home-grown food so do think about your garden. Certainly, plant whatever pleases you, but think about saving water. The soak away at the top of my small field has been damp every summer since being dug out 5 years ago, but it is completely dry now. How long will people have food to eat if these weather conditions continue? I believe that if everyone can share and make do with what they have then life may be harder but possibly more fun and fulfilling. Eat seasonally, with what is grown locally as it is far more planet friendly.

The water we use should perhaps be used more on vegetables not flowers, so when you are choosing plants for the flower garden do find species that cope well in dry weather. I find bulbs and foliage plants are often useful. To help establish new plants, encourage deep root growth, sink a pipe or pot 6" to 18" deep into the ground so that water goes under the surface, the top stays dry, and water is not lost through evaporation. Put vegetable cooking water into soups or onto plants to spread nutrients.

March jobs. Deciduous shrubs and trees need to have their branches thinned out, taking out dead and weak growth. Check the ties and posts supporting taller plants/trees. It is best to leave evergreens uncut until April when most shrubs can be cut back hard which will keep them healthier in a dry summer. Do hire a trained person to cut tall shrubs and trees, for his knowledge and safety.

In the vegetable garden tidy beds, but try to not turn the soil unless you need to dig up bindweed, couch grass or ground elder. Use a slide hoe (a) to keep weeds down (b) to keep a dry layer of soil so the water can't be sucked up from the subsoil. On bare ground you can sow green manure like clover or phacelia to control weeds. Use winter rotted compost and lawn mowing's to retain moisture to fertilize trees, shrubs and particularly fruit bushes.

Sow: peas, broad beans, lettuce, carrots, and anything else you see in the catalogues that you fancy and have room for. I am also planting onion set

now, but onion seeds may be even more productive when kept weeded, watered and thinned. If you wish to grow peppers, then March it is best to buy seedlings as they grow very slowly.

At this time of year, I enjoy this fresh apple muesli which celebrates last year's harvest: *Recipe*. Grate one apple including the skin and pips (I am using the last of my Bramley's stored in October), add one handful of raisins, 1/3 cup full fat yogurt, and a sprinkling of nuts and / seeds. You can add some oats too. Mix and enjoy.

Welcome to March and all the beauty that is around – outside my kitchen window there is a sparrow hawk which is a treat to see. How does such a large bird fly with such precision through hedges without getting hurt?

Happy sowing and have a good spring, Rachel



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## Notices and Thanks

### FUNDRAISING FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA

Karen Grant has kindly offered to do a concert at St James' Church Kingston in aid of the people so tragically affected by the Turkish and Syrian Earthquake.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm, please join us as we have an afternoon of music followed by light refreshments whilst supporting the much needed funding needed in this devastated area. Why not come along with the family to give your mother a treat as it is Mothering Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you.

Doreen Farr and Judy Forgan (St James' Church, Kingston)

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### The Orlando Singers – Aiming at Eternity

4th March at 7.00pm

at St. Mary's Church, Swanage:

The Orlando Singers: 'Aiming at Eternity'

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### Citizens Advice – Here for Local Residents



With winter approaching and 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:

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

[www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/in-person](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk) or to speak to an adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline Freephone on 0800 144 8848, 10am-4pm weekdays.

### **Corfe Castle Transport Action Plan**

A Corfe Castle Transport Action Plan has been agreed, and has been submitted for inclusion in a Purbeck-wide plan. A copy of the Action Plan can be found at <http://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk/news/>.

The PC invites parishioners to have a look to make sure it represents your views, and to contact Michelle, the Clerk, if you have any comments.

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The hot food offerings have included Lasagne, Cottage Pie, Chicken and Leek Pie, Sausage Casserole. Homemade cakes and puds are also available, as are freshly-made sandwiches. Tracie and Gary have lived in Corfe Castle for 10 years, have three children and both work locally too. You may recognise them as they sell the Rhubarb and Runner Beans at the side of the road, on East Street when in season!! A warm welcome and a natter in a warm space await".

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### Improving Motor Skills While Having Fun at the Farm Park

The unlikely pairing between a Dorset farm park and two paediatric physiotherapists has produced a unique book for children.

Farmer Palmer's, in Organford, Poole, and the Bournemouth-based Storycises, have joined forces to create a book called *I Love Visiting My Favourite Farm Park!* With the low level of physical activity among children and young people a major health concern, a day out at the Farm Park is packed with opportunities for fun-filled play to get experience of important foundation skills for movement in.

The collaboration came about after Wendy Joy and Jane Reynolds, both Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapists, met with Sandra Palmer-Snellin at Farmer Palmer's, and spoke about their work helping children to gain essential motor skills. They were able to link crucial motor skills practice to the various areas of Farmer Palmer's and show how important the physical experiences at the Farm Park are.



The colourful book shows how to integrate essential foundation movement skills through play, practice, learning and experiences all available at Farmer Palmer's, that help children to prepare for school and beyond.

The book launch marks a special anniversary for the award-winning farm park – 25 years since the doors

opened. Sandra, whose family own the farm, explains:

“For the past 25 years, generations of children have grown up at Farmer Palmer's. We've had employees that are coming back with their children, and I thought 'what better way than to now integrate Storycises skills and our 25 years with this beautiful creation as a celebration?’”

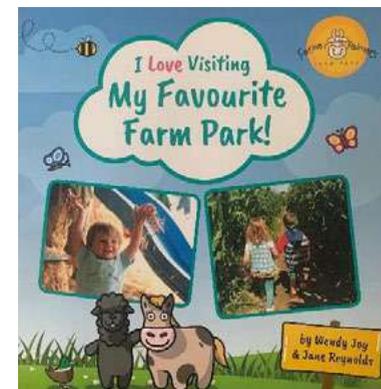
“We all know that ‘play’ is crucial full-body exercise that develops problem-solving skills. Children are like sponges, soaking up everything as they learn new things. At Farmer Palmer's they can be curious and investigate, explore, run, climb, communicate, and develop imagination and creativity.”

Jane and Wendy created Storycises after seeing increasing numbers of children referred to physiotherapy to difficulties with fine and gross motor skills over a decade ago. The number of children being referred has increased dramatically since the pandemic.

They have created a school's programme and provided resources to pre-schools, nurseries, and libraries. In addition, they have self-published two children's storybooks. Last year, the pair released *'Farm Adventure,'* to help primary school pupils build motor skill confidence using interactive storytelling and play. The pair approached Farmer Palmer's about stocking their latest publication, so were delighted when Sandra asked to work together to produce a bespoke book for the farm park.

Jane says “If our children are to be robust and healthy young people, they need to be more physical and experience a wide range of movements from birth onward. They need time to experiment, practice and consolidate their motor skills with those adults around them scaffolding them to do this. Farmer Palmer's provides so many opportunities to do this in a fun and exciting way.”

Wendy adds: “Now families will be able to take away a special memory of their visit to Farmer Palmer's while helping their children to gain essential movement skill practice.



“We love the family sense to Farmer Palmer's. Every time we met, Sandra would talk about family and the intergenerational activities, and in our work, we're always talking about modelling. Modelling behaviour, modelling play and modelling the joy in movement, so the collaboration links in well with that.”

Copies of *I Love Visiting My Favourite Farm Park!* are available to buy from Farmer Palmer's onsite shop with online sales to follow.

## Pioneer view

Dear Friends,

We are just about to publish our Post Pandemic document. I wanted to take this opportunity to share some reflections on the document with you.

The findings reported in this document, clearly suggest that the COVID 19 pandemic has impacted communities significantly in several ways. The findings are rich and informative and invite us all to make a response based on these findings.

A pivotal finding was the discovery of the large numbers of people suffering from loneliness in our communities. This seemed to be a challenge lurking within our communities, which was driven to the surface by the pandemic. This appears to be a hidden issue that demands a response. We will need to discover creative ways of addressing this, although we have begun to engage with this through our Reach and Care scheme.

Moreover, perhaps the starkest finding was the challenge that the COVID 19 pandemic posed to people's wellbeing: primarily their mental health. The pandemic seems to have left a legacy of mental ill health in its wake, and, in some cases, it seems to have exacerbated pre-existing mental health conditions.

This finding about mental health and general wellbeing suggests communities may need to acquire key collaborations in producing a mental health promotion strategy. Having more joined up services would be a positive step forward.

In addition, having a proactive intervention in providing people with the information and insights to monitor their own mental health would be both beneficial and empowering. Considering this, a starting point is to invite people to download the GCC Mental Health Promotion app. Its free to download and has the potential to make a positive difference in improving mental health and wellbeing.

The challenges left behind by the COVID 19 pandemic are significant and can't be ignored. Let's learn the lessons and leave a legacy of hope.

Go well,

Peter



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## **Flood in the Wild Seas Centre**

Welcome to this month's newsletter. The weather in January was rather challenging, and things came to a head when torrential rain hit Dorset on the night of the 15th. There was so much rainwater that the large seawater holding tank, that normally sits in a pit at the back of the centre, floated up to ground level, severing the pipes that lead into the centre. The tank supplies water to all the aquariums in the centre, and luckily it had been drained when we closed for the winter. Even when empty though this is a heavy bit of kit, and together with the partial flooding in the centre there was a sorry scene to greet staff coming to work the following day. Thankfully, our team got stuck in and cleared up quickly. The foot paths around the bay also suffered some damage, and there was further erosion to the WWII tank teeth on the beach with their concrete bases significantly undermined.

## **Litter Pick at Worbarrow Bay**

The Wild Seas Centre Volunteers and friends were out in force again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January at Worbarrow Bay. Over a 2-hour period 22 people retrieved over 418kg of litter from the beach, including a huge section of trawler netting. In addition, the team also collected 82 mermaids' purse egg cases. We recorded 5 species of ray and shark with all the data reported to our friends at The Shark Trust.

## **Marine Identification Course**

Finally, news that we are hosting a training course for members and the public on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> at The Wild Seas Centre 10-16.30. This covers Identification of whales, dolphins and seabirds, and is being run by MARINElife. To book a place please go to

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/WhaleDolphinandSeabirdIDcourseKimmeridgeDorset> Many of our team have completed the course and although it is not free it is very worthwhile!

**Dan Bartlett - Wild Seas Centre Assistant**

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## Kimmeridge News

### Pilates Class in the Village Hall

There's always something new happening in Kimmeridge! For the past month Sophia has been running Pilates classes in the lovely Kimmeridge Village Hall at The Etches Collection. These are every Tuesday at 6pm; everybody is welcome, all you need to bring is a mat and to wear comfortable clothing. There is no set charge, just voluntary contributions and half goes to the Kimmeridge Village Community fund. Contact Sophia on 07740 109 835 for details. Many thanks to Sophia for getting this up and running.

### Kimmeridge Keildhs

In February we had our most successful dance yet with 34 lovely dancers enjoying the music of Arish Mel & the expert calling by Teresa Williams. We had a real treat with songs from Gilly Kemp during the break. These dances are another great way to support our local community with over £5600 being raised for Kimmeridge since we started back in 2012. Come and enjoy the fun on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 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!

Steve & Helen Earwicker



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### Calling all local traders!

Margaret Green Animal Rescue are very excited to be hosting their summer events at their Dorset centres again this year, and they would love for you to join them.

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GroundDog Day at Lincoln Farm, Blandford, DT11 9BP on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Country Dog Show at Church Knowle, Wareham, BH20 5NQ on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

If you have a local business and are interested in booking a pitch at one or both of the Dorset events, please get in touch by emailing: [comms@mgar.org.uk](mailto:comms@mgar.org.uk) for more details.



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## “Home Words For Heart & Hearth”

*a forerunner of the Corfe Valley News from 1877*

This monthly publication contained a mixture of Church & local news along with a nationally produced section of an “improving nature”! Tucked away in these magazines are various snippets of local history including accounts of the Lifeboat & Coastguard rescues that had taken place over the years. Here is an extract from these fascinating pages which tells the story of how the first Lifeboat came to be stationed at Kimmeridge Bay 155 years ago.

### *Our Life Boats (February 1877)*

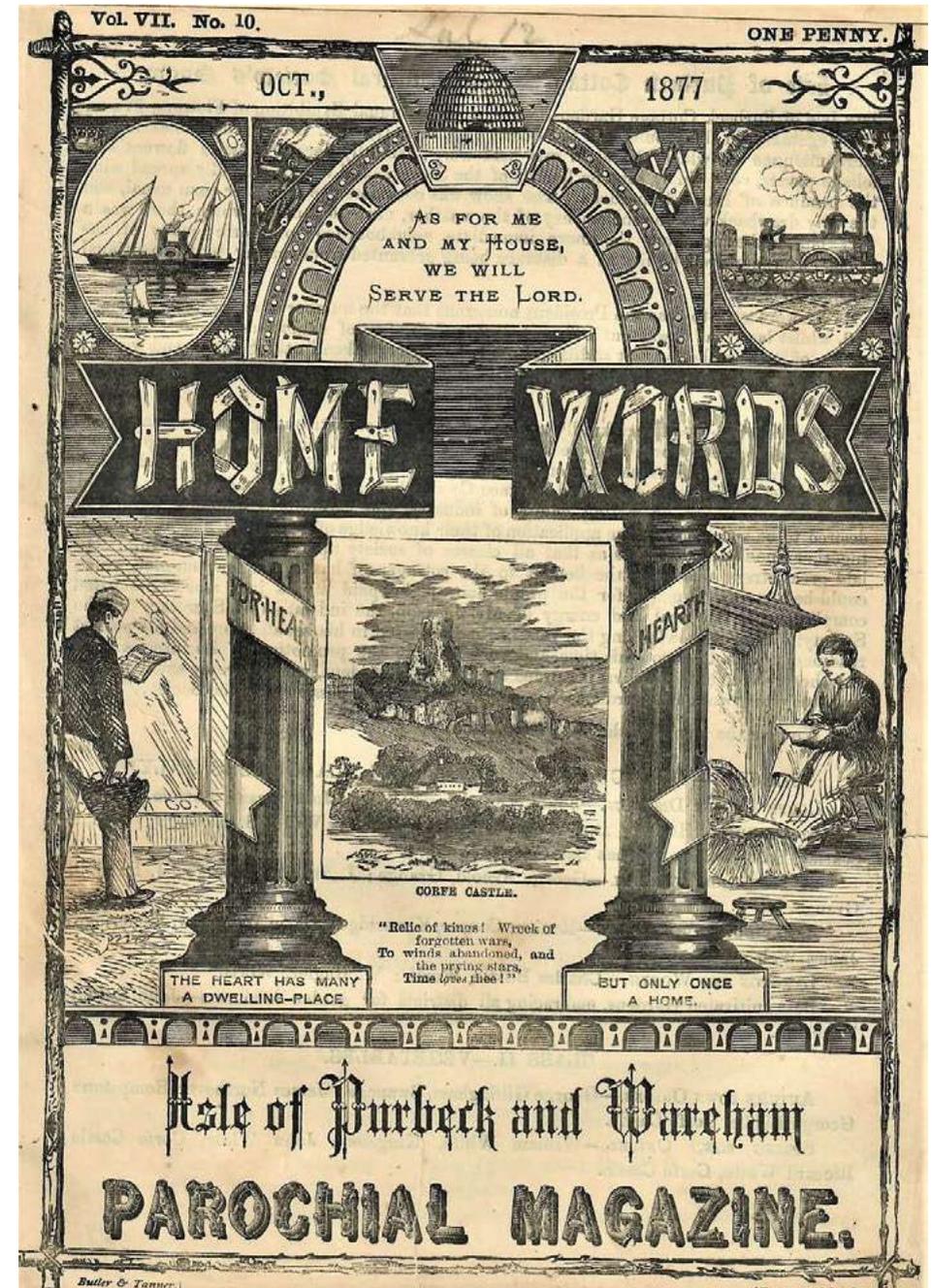
*During a terrific gale, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1868, a schooner, the Liberty, bound for Portsmouth, was seen helplessly drifting towards Kimmeridge Bay. The coastguard men were ready with the rocket apparatus to render assistance at whatever point the vessel might strike, but unhappily she foundered just outside the bay, off Broadbench. For a time the masts remained standing, and the survivors of the crew took refuge in the rigging.*

*Efforts were now made by Mr Stocks, chief officer, and some of the coastguard crew, to reach the wreck in their galley; but such was the violence of the wind and the sea, that no human effort could make way against them, and after battling with the elements at some risk, they abandoned the attempt, and witnessed a harrowing spectacle, the falling over of the masts of the sunken vessel, carrying with them the poor fellows to whom they had afforded but a short respite from a watery grave.*

*The distance, as well as the state of the tide and weather, prevented the lifeboat at Chapman’s Pool from reaching the scene of the disaster.*

*In consequence of this calamity, strong representations being made to the Lifeboat Institution, their result was the placing of a second boat, the Mary Heape, so named from the daughter of the generous donor, at Kimmeridge on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1868. The wisdom of this step was soon manifested by the gallant rescue which this boat was enabled to effect of the captain and crew (15 in all) of the Stralsund, a full-rigged German ship, which came ashore on the Kimmeridge Ledges, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 1873.*

Steve Earwicker



## TRAFFIC SPEED 20's Plenty - the new norm?



A novel but apt way to mark Entry to my Eighth decade (*I intend to acclimatise gradually to 70*), was attendance at the national 20sPlenty conference held in Oxfordshire County Hall, as coordinator for 20sPlenty for Dorset campaign. I invited all 82 Dorset Councillors to celebrate with me in Oxford and even to cover the £100. Public Delegate fee for one lucky Member but alas, I was the sole Dorsetonian. Our last conference in 2019 was held in London's Borough of Walthamstow to which I had travelled by train bus and bike with ease, given that Borough's 20mph roads.

The day before conference, we viewed Oxford's sights from atop a double-decker with its history and fascinating facts relayed to us via red earphones to match our bus. Choral Evensong at Queens and Merton Colleges (not the same night) were an unexpected delight to our senses as was The Botanic Garden in rain: it was the site of an early Jewish cemetery before Edward I expelled them from his shores in 13thC.

On 20th Oct, County Hall welcomed people from across the country to learn how highway authorities, both urban and rural, are reducing traffic speeds, and with it road injuries and deaths, in built up areas from the 30mph limit, introduced before WW2 when motor vehicles were a rarity, to the NEW NORM of 20mph. Over 26million people in the UK (over 1 in 3) now live in an authority where fear of traffic speed is recognised as a major factor in car dependency = deterrent to active modes of travel such as walking or cycling = obesity through lack of physical activity = poor mental health and social isolation and have done something about it by changing their default limit from 30 to 20mph. Consider too deaths and disease caused by Particle Pollution from heavy vehicle emissions (the modern car) which will not be addressed by switching to electric powered since tyre particle pollution increases with increased weight of e-vehicles.

If people are lucky enough to be the 1 in 3 living under a forward looking authority, we heard how their chance of injury or death by collision with a vehicle on the road has reduced by some 40% since the majority of collisions occur on 30mph roads. It is why our young and old no longer consider it safe to walk to school or the shop even though it may be within easy walking distance and certainly a short bike ride away. Vehicles travelling at 30 travel twice as far to stop as those moving at 20 when 'thinking distance' equals the 'braking distance' ie: 30mph: 24metres = 6 car lengths, 20mph: 12m = 3 cars and at 20mph a driver's visibility splay is twice that of a driver at 30mph.

We were inspired by Lee Waters, Wales' Dep Minister for Climate Change, whose country recently passed legislation to introduce a default 20mph limit with 30 or more as the exception in built up areas and announced Wales Transport Strategy five year priorities to make communities safer and encourage Active Travel.

We heard how North Yorkshire and Cornwall campaigners, both rural regions akin to Dorset, are pushing from bottom upwards by helping town and parish councillors understand the facts and pathway by passing a Motion in support of the 20sPlenty campaign and seeking a 20mph limit from their highway authority to show support and demand for lower traffic speeds.



Returning to Dorset, on 6 Oct, I and several others spoke at County Hall in Dorchester during which the latest draft 20mph policy was debated by Dorset Councillors. Having partially succeeded in persuading Councillors to reject the policy last April in favour of one which enabled (not prevented) communities from getting lower speeds, we were not satisfied with the tweaks made to the policy details, and particularly the criteria imposed by Dorset Council following its interpretation of the Department for Transport's now decade old guidelines. The policy was recommended for approval by full Council but it is never too late to voice your concerns.

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**News from Harmans Cross Village Hall**

**HXVH Playground**

We are looking to provide more play opportunities for children in the age group 1 to 5 years, and we are canvassing views from users of the playground area as to preferred equipment. It is envisaged to site the new equipment in the area of the existing adult exercise equipment which is old and will be removed. Considering cost (funded by HXVH) and space constraints it is not expected to be able to accommodate more than 3 items but we will do what we can. Please go to our website at <https://www.harmancrosshall.co.uk/News/HXVH-Children-s-Playground-Equipment/> to review the suggested options (or suggest others) and comment by emailing [website@harmancrosshall.co.uk](mailto:website@harmancrosshall.co.uk)

**HXVH Annual General Meeting – Friday 21 April**

The Annual General Meeting of Harmans Cross Village Hall Management Committee will take place in the Hall on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 6.30 pm. Please come along to find out what has been happening at your village hall over the past year. The meeting will be followed by a cheese and wine social from 7.30 pm. (A suggested donation of £5 per person will be requested on the evening for the cheese and wine event.) All Harmans Cross residents are welcome.

To book a place at the meeting contact Kathy Furlong on: [secretary@harmancrosshall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@harmancrosshall.co.uk) and indicate if you wish to stay for the social event.

**Movie Night – Fisherman's Friends: One and All on Tuesday 14 March**

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Thank you for reading and all the best

Alison and the HXVH Committee



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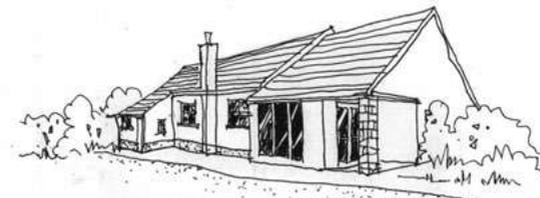
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## Regular events in Corfe Castle & environs

	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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