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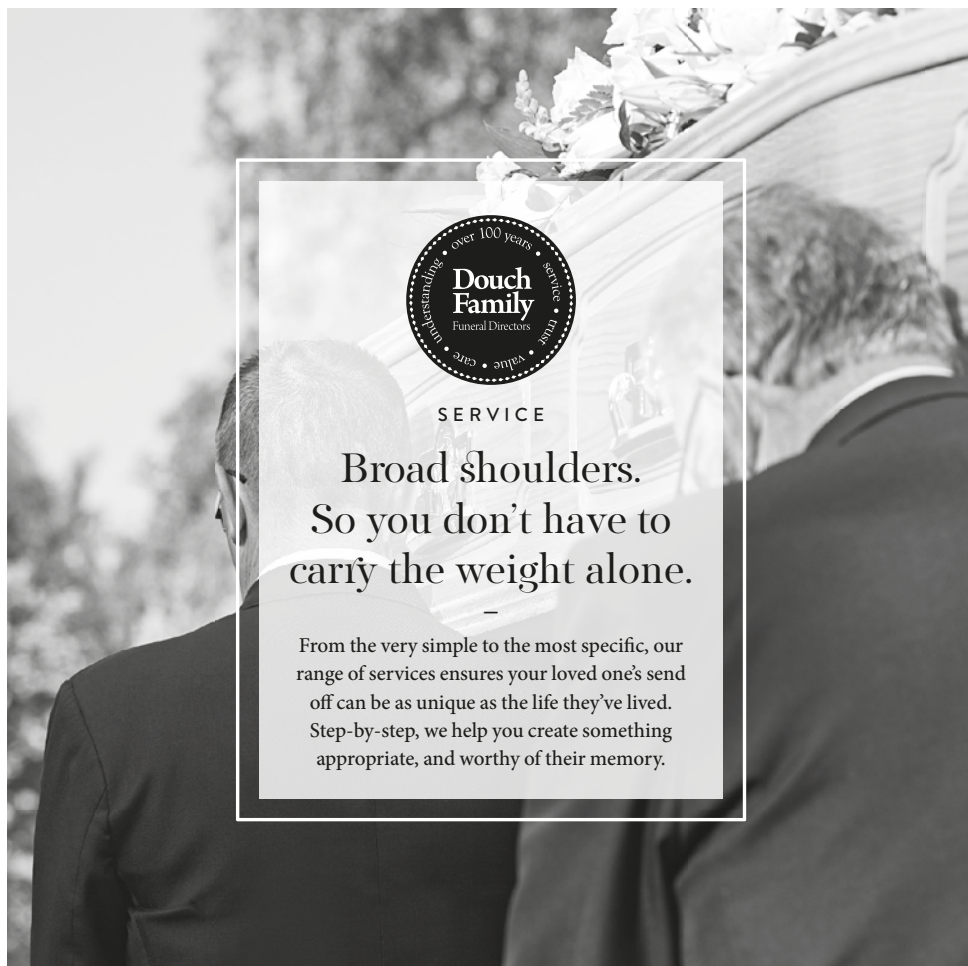
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## Editorial

Our wonderful Parish Clerk Ali is moving on to a more full time job; she will be missed and difficult to replace. She will complete the job of Clerk in September so there is an advert for a replacement clerk in this edition of the CVN. If there is anyone out there who would like to be considered please get in touch with Ali as stated in the advert.

This month we also have two articles from Louise Haywood on some history of the village; in particular about Halves Cottages, as a follow up to the item in last month's edition about the estate's architect. There is also an item and about Church Terrace. Thank you Louise.

We have decided to include the contribution envelopes in this edition of the CVN. These are for individuals to send us whatever contribution, they wish, hopefully online, to help fund the CVN. Each copy of the magazine costs just a little more than £1.00, depending on how many pages there are. The CVN is funded by advertising, donations from organisations and societies, and donations from individuals. If possible please send donations on line to Corfe Valley News at BACS sort code 30-99-12 and account number 00864273. If you don't do online banking please return the envelopes with whatever you can afford, remembering that a year's set of copies costs a bit over £12.00. Thank you in advance.

Stephen

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The cover picture is a sketch of Clavells Tower at Kimmeridge and St Aldhelms Chapel near to Worth Matravers. The sketch is by Joan Bracchi. The view of Clavells is as it was before the Landmark Trust rebuilt it and moved it away from the edge of the cliff. St Aldhelms chapel is a very old place of worship going back to the reign of King Henry III (1261 – 1272).

It may also have been used as a lookout tower. The new St Aldhelms Benefice, which combines the Valley and Hills parishes is named after St Aldhelm, who was a very early Bishop of Sherborne

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### JULY AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

There was one member of the public present at the Council's third Zoom meeting. **One of the first items of business was to consider the co-option of Sue Lansbury to fill one of the two vacancies on the council.** Sue was duly co-opted and she was welcomed to the Council. Sue moved to Corfe Castle in 2017, having lived in Langton Matravers for 20 years and prior to that, Swanage. She loves living and working here and welcomes the opportunity to play a more active role in supporting the local community

Cllr Brooks reported that Dorset Council are now meeting virtually and will be holding their first full Council meeting in September. Dorset Council services closed due to Coronavirus are resuming; leisure centres and swimming pools are opening and libraries are operating a click and collect service.

Dorset Council have removed the **finger post from Halves Cottages** so that it can be repaired and reinstated. The Clerk is still liaising with Dorset Council regarding the installation of a barrier at the entrance to the residents' car-park and the repair to the bollards outside of Gods Acre. The Clerk is continuing to liaise with the landowners regarding the permissive footpath from the village to Woodyhyde Campsite.

The Council were presented with a report which outlined the ongoing threat of **coronavirus** and they considered **the many responses they had received to the recent consultation on how to enable social distancing around the village and in the Village Square.** The responders were unanimously opposed to the removal of any parking in the square. Several individuals **suggested fencing off the Jubilee Cross to discourage people sitting on it.** The Town Trust had made it known they would not support this proposal and stressed that should Dorset Council do so they would need to take responsibility for any barriers and any damage to the cross. There was not support within the Council to take any further action regarding the cross. **Several residents suggested notices directing people away from the Square.** The Parish Council have as a result produced a new banner directing visitors to the middle halves and it was felt that polite notices were probably the most effective way of communicating with visitors. The Council will endeavour to install further signs as soon as possible prior to the summer holidays. **Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond with thoughts and comments.**

The Council are **working urgently to open the play area** and are aware that some people are climbing over the locked gates to use the apparatus. The Council had hoped to open the play area on the 4th of July. However following the Government announcement giving permission to open there was insufficient time to ensure the Council could do so as safely as possible. The Clerk is currently

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working on implementing the recommended requirements; installing notices and assessing risks. The Council approved a proposal to **clean the play equipment twice each day through the summer holidays; wiping and sanitising touch points.** The motion was passed by a casting vote. Whilst the responsibility to sanitise children's hands before and after play must be with parents, those members in favour felt that **any action to reduce the possibility of infection was worthwhile.** Signage will be displayed advising that cleaning will be done, however people must take responsibility and sanitise. There will be additional signage noting recommended rules for safe use of the area.

A further recommendation in the paper on coronavirus was that the West Street toilets are given an additional clean each day throughout the summer holidays which should help minimise risk. This was approved by all Councillors.

Prior to the Coronavirus crisis the Parish Council had planned to consult the village at the Annual Parish Meeting regarding the removal of the exercise equipment and installing a new play scheme in its place. The Council have received correspondence from the Sports Trust enquiring if the **gym equipment could be relocated to an area near the Sports Pavilion.** The current apparatus is near the end of its life and the cost of moving could not be warranted, therefore new equipment would need to be purchased for this purpose. The Council resolved to revisit the discussion at a future meeting.

The Council had received a letter **expressing concerns about pubs reopening** and asking how possible it will be for the council to ensure that the pubs in Corfe Castle follow government guidelines on reopening. Dorset Council are the licencing authority and it is they who would be responsible for regulating licencing matters. The Parish Council can request a review of licences and will be looking at this at their next meeting in August.

The Council will apply for a Tree Charter Day pack from the Woodland Trust to participate in Tree Charter Day in November. They will be liaising with local landowners to look into possible sites which could be planted.

**On planning matters** the Council considered the **erection of an agricultural Barn** at Lynch Farmhouse, Kingston. The Council consider the proposed barn to be too big for the suggested purpose giving regard to the available farmland. They have asked the planning officers to consider this. The Council raised a number of points they would like the planning officer to consider regarding a **retrospective application to erect a community boxing gym** with associated access at the rear of 83-87 East Street, Corfe Castle. These included concerns regarding health and safety, parking and access, recognition of a footpath, the appearance of the building and a restriction on operational hours (should the permission be granted). The Council discussed a notification they had received for a Certificate of

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Lawfulness to **landscape a small plot of land at the rear of 29 East Street**. Whilst not invited to comment the Council would like it recorded that if it were a planning application they would object ask for Purbeck stone cladding to a retaining wall. Full details of the Council's comments can be read in the minutes which will be published on the Parish Council website.

**The next meeting will be held on the 10th August 2020 at 7pm via Zoom.** The Public are welcome to attend and participate in the public half hour at the start of the meeting. Details will be posted on the website by Tuesday the 4th of August. For further information please contact the Clerk.

(phone 01929 426125) (e-mail [CorfeCastlePC@aol.com](mailto:CorfeCastlePC@aol.com)) – 41 Bell Street, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 2RY. Full minutes of the meetings are available in Corfe Castle library or on the Website ([www.corfecastlepc.org.uk](http://www.corfecastlepc.org.uk)).

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We have written to around 15,000 'shielded' people today to let them know we're thinking of them, and to check they have everything they need to keep them healthy and happy during this time. I attach a copy of that letter. We know there are probably more people across the county who are not necessarily shielding but do not have the help and support they need.

We're asking you to please help us spread the word among your residents and anyone who may use your services of the various ways they can get in touch if they need help and support during these times.

#### **Dorset COVID-19 Response Helpline: 01305 221000**

Referral into the Dorset Council COVID-19 response will reduce the likelihood of vulnerable people going without support.

#### **Guidance for referring into responses:**

##### **1. Care and safeguarding concerns, urgent food/meds requests - no other support network available**

Dorset COVID-19 Response Hub. Call **01305 221000**, 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week or email [communityresponse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:communityresponse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk).

##### **2. Ongoing food/meds/befriending help - no other or limited support available**

Voluntary and community support for vulnerable and shielded people in Dorset area (including East Dorset).

**Age UK (North, South and West Dorset)** are co-ordinating requests for help with issues relating to loneliness and isolation, or support in accessing items such as food, cash or medication. Call **01305 269444** or email [enquiries@ageuknswd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageuknswd.org.uk).

##### **3. Carer concerns not fitting into above categories**

Support for carers across the Dorset Council area linking into local groups – online resource and advice centre.

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Our clear message is don't be afraid to ask for help and support during this time. No-one should go without essential food or medicines or feel lonely or frightened. We're working with community organisations, town and parish councils, and registered care and housing providers across the county to make sure support is available to anyone who needs it. If you know anyone who needs help, please encourage them to get in contact.

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Interviews will take place in August and the successful candidate should be able to take up the position in September. The closing date for applications is 13 August,

For a job pack and application form or further information contact the current Clerk,

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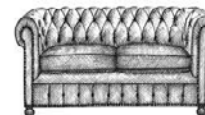
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We have a new Doctor starting with us in August for 4 months called Dr Luke McMaster. He is a trained doctor completing placements in hospital and community settings in preparation for his future career. He will be calling and assessing patients as a trained Doctor but all clinical decisions are approved by Dr Lepper.

Just a reminder that we will also be closed on Monday 31st August. Please ensure you have enough repeat medication for the long weekend and that we receive any request in good time in preparation for this closure.

During these times (and whenever the surgery is closed) you can call 111 for non-emergency requirements (please do not call them for repeat medication requests).

For any life-threatening requirements please call 999 and ask for the ambulance service.

We have welcomed our new dispenser Zoe to the surgery who has come to us from community Pharmacy so please be patient whilst we are busy getting Zoe trained.

A message from Tina; Thank you so much for the good wishes and for my lovely retirement present. The paddle board has already been in use several times. My time at Corfe Castle Surgery has been amazing, I have always enjoyed my nursing and hope to continue this for a while so may see some of you still! My time as a Practice Manager was also very rewarding and I will miss seeing everyone. It was such a shame that I couldn't celebrate my

retirement because of COVID but as long as everyone keeps safe that is far more important to me.

Many Thanks

Kerry Norman

## **Patient Participation Group**

This month has seen the lifting of some significant Lockdown restrictions which have happily enabled many of us to see our beloved families and friends again. As we know, however, it's also brought with it large numbers of visitors wanting to enjoy everything Purbeck has to offer but alas with the additional risk of bringing the Covid 19 virus with them. We must continue to be very careful, remembering especially those who have been shielding and may still need our help. The surgery team inevitably has to continue the new ways of working for the time being. They are very much there for us – but we miss seeing their friendly faces!

We are pleased to say that there are now two online ways of keeping up with news of the surgery and our PPG. One is to look at the Corfe Castle Surgery NHS Choices website where you will find regularly updated information about the surgery's services, staffing, reviews of its performance and ratings (including both the CQC inspection Report and the Annual GP Patient Satisfaction Survey results) and about the PPG. The other is to visit the PPG's new Facebook site. It's getting frequent visits each day (up to 60 followers already) and has new posts added on most days. Over the last few days it has included NHS notices, photos and posters by the surgery team, how to avoid ticks, advice on using antibiotics and a PPG update! You will find it mentions the formation of a Purbeck Youth PPG which will be open to all young people aged 13-18 across the six Purbeck GP practices. It's being led by Wareham surgery which will in due course be contacting all the students at the Purbeck School to encourage them to participate. Here in Corfe we have for some time been keen to have some input from our young people and have tried hard to identify a youngster or two to come forward and see how the surgery and PPG work, so with the strong encouragement of Dr Lepper we are gladly supporting this initiative. Watch this space for more information soon!

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### *News from the Castle*

Hi, from all of us at The Castle. We sincerely hope that you are all keeping well and coping as best one can in the present predicament.

This year is flying past so, do try and make the most of it while summer is still here ... on that note the garden at The Castle Inn is in top condition, we even have mains flush toilets and a large open 'Star Marquee' (thanks to Billy Kinghorn) so you can socialise outdoors in the fresh air.

For the moment to encourage people to come in:

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We would love to hear from you.

Mike, Livy and the team

## **Corfe Castle Village Hall**

### **100 club:**

The 100 Club draw usually takes place at the VH coffee morning on the first Saturday of the month. These events aren't happening at the moment, but the July draw has nevertheless still been made: first prize of £20 was won by member 55, with member 51 getting second prize £10 and member 71 winning the third prize £4. Under Covid restrictions over the last few months we have been retaining these prizes, and also collecting only a few of the subscriptions that have fallen due. We are hoping that it may soon become possible to distribute these prizes and also to collect subscription payments. So there is some good news coming for members 4, 5, 21, 26, 32 (twice!), 51, 53, 55, 71, 74 and 86!

Profit from the 100 Club plays a significant part in supporting the everyday running costs of the Village Hall. With no income from bookings currently, this support is even more valuable. If you would like to discuss becoming a 100 Club subscriber, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

### **general news:**

Government guidelines seem to change almost by the day, but at the time of writing we are planning that

### **the Village Hall will re-open on 1st August!**

A great deal of preparatory work has been done by the Trustees working group in order to make the premises "Covid secure". Naturally the capacity of the rooms is currently reduced, and there are enhanced obligations for hirers to clean surfaces. Also the kitchen is unavailable for most bookings. We will continue to do everything to enable groups to use the hall, but if conditions or government guidelines change then our current plans for use of the hall may have to change to reflect the new situation. Full details of all the extra conditions that have been necessary (including a Risk Assessment template which will be required for all bookings) are published on our website [www.corfecastlevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.corfecastlevillagehall.co.uk)

A few of our regular activities are hoping to resume this month. Cameo Antiques are aiming for Sunday August 2nd. It may well be that it is possible that Pilates and Dance classes (Latin American & Ballroom and also Modern Line Dance) will be able to operate in August. Aquarius are planning a "Special Tea" on Tuesday September 1st. Other regular users will also be working on their plans to start using the hall again from September onwards, including a special "Welcome Back" Village Hall Coffee Morning on Saturday September 5th.

The hall will also be available for occasional bookings by members of the public. As usual you can do this by contacting Carole Speed by phoning 01929 480810, or by email to [carolepspeed@gmail.com](mailto:carolepspeed@gmail.com).



**National Trust**

### Update from National Trust Corfe Castle

Another busy update from CCNT this month. As our visitor numbers increase, we continue to welcome back different elements of the Corfe Castle experience. The Corfe Castle National Trust shop reopened on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July with new social distancing measures in place. The shop has seen some great sales figures which is really encouraging. In the castle, we have been able to welcome back our Castle Quest and a new Saxon Rune Challenge, to keep things fresh and exciting for the summer holidays. This summer is a little different from the Tudor and Civil War living history village we had planned, but it's a great opportunity for our visitors to connect with the simplicity of enjoying the castle itself.



Fancy a trip to the castle? If you're local to the village, and prove so with your address, then you can still visit for free as you always have. When booking your ticket online via [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfe-castle](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfe-castle) and the 'what's on' section, select the 'member free' option and when prompted for your

membership number enter 'community pass'. On the day of your visit please bring your proof of address for our Welcome Team.

**Peregrine update!** I'm sure you will have seen the coverage in the media or on our social media of the success of the three Peregrine chicks fledging from Corfe Castle keep. For the team here at Corfe is has been so impressive



to see just how fast Peregrine chicks grow and develop. In the matter of just 10 days we've seen the birds growing in confidence in their nest and stretching their wings to perching confidently on the curtain wall of the gloriette, a short flight away from their nest in the keep.

*Photos courtesy Neil Davidson (Peregrine perching on the Keep) and Sophie Trenchard (Peregrine in flight)*



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## Studland's Dynamic Dunes

By Julia Galbenu (Dynamic Dunescapes Engagement Officer)



National Trust

Studland Bay has a stunning coastline, we can all say that with a lot of confidence. Walking along the beach, picking up shells, watching the gentle waves – it's idyllic. But what about what is behind the beach? Behind the wall of marram grass that fringes the shore? There lie, Studland's wild dunes. A playground of sandy hills and endless adventure. A land of constant change with bare ground, long grasses, pretty heathland, dense scrubland and scattered trees. A home for special and rare life. And a place that needs your help to survive.

Data from the Cyril Diver citizen science project in 2016, revealed that Studland is losing its dramatic mix of habitats. It showed species like Sand Lizard and Meadow Pipit shrinking in distribution, their numbers squeezed to the dune edges. Climate change, air pollution, reductions in land use and over-protective management are all causes of our dynamic dunes turning static. Now Studland's mosaic landscape is slowly being smothered by gorse and trees. Open sandy habitats are being buried and rare life pushed out.



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Dynamic Dunescapes is a nationwide project that aims to bring life back to the dunes of England and Wales. At Studland, four routes will be taken to restore the land:

1. Bare ground creation using excavators
2. Reintroduction of cattle grazing
3. Removal of invasive carp from Little Sea

4. People - What better way to open the land, limit vegetation growth and create some much-needed disturbance than our very own feet? We want to remove the presumption that exploring the dunes will harm them. Instead we want to encourage people on the dunes, to learn about them, experience their beauty and maybe even help them. If this intrigues you, keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to volunteer and participate in citizen science. If you can't wait till then, trail off the beach and explore the secret paths hidden within the dunes.



The Dynamic Dunescapes project will essentially open the gates to Studland's dunes.

Reforming natural cycles of dune dynamics to restore a mosaic landscape. When this happens, it is also critical that we strike the right balance. We must target our efforts at the right place and time of the year. Being mindful of different breeding seasons and avoiding vulnerable areas.

If we strike the right balance and let nature steer us, we can restore so much of



what has been lost – we can again see a mosaic landscape of open sandy habitats with lots of special life hidden inside. For we have always needed the dunes, but it is only just becoming clear to us now that the dunes need us too.



## The Show Must Go On.... But Can It..?

**With all this uncertainty, we wanted to check in and update you on all things Double Act!**

**We are very sorry to say that it looks as though we will have to postpone our events this year. Please see the summary below.**

### **Our 'Main Event' - The Wonderful Wizard of Oz**

This was due to be our November production, and although it is unlikely to take place this year, work is still going on in the background. The script, staging, sound effects, costumes, music, advertising and lighting designs are all being planned and refined.

Once we get a clear go-ahead this production can be up and running as soon as possible. We do, of course, have experience at putting on a show in only two months, but more time is always going to be useful!

### **Summer 2020 Murder Walk**

The National Trust have restricted access to the castle so unfortunately this will not be going ahead this year. However a new script is in preparation, and we will certainly return next summer if allowed, with a 'World War II' setting!

### **Welcome Back Social Event**

Once we are all allowed out of 'lockdown' we will arrange a fun event to meet up, dust off the cobwebs and to get Double Act back on the road again!

### **Workshop**

The NODA sponsored Theatre Skills Workshop that we had to cancel at the beginning of 'lockdown' will also be re-scheduled. We were all really looking forward to it, so we will make sure it will go ahead once safe to do so. It will be a fun day and would be a good way to get things back to normal, maybe even learn a new skill after lots of thinking time during the lockdown!

**We will keep you updated with new dates and events as and when information becomes available. In the meantime, stay safe, follow the rules, and we hope to see you soon!**

**We are always open to new members so if you are interested in joining us please contact Mike (chairman - 01929 480323) or Cherry (secretary - 07972799300) or email [info@double-act.org.uk](mailto:info@double-act.org.uk)**



As a response to the need to adapt to the 'new normal' Aquarius held their first zoom meeting for all the members last month. Sue Sedgley started the meeting with a brief introduction to Buddhism and then gave a mindfulness session. She will expand on this topic when normal meetings are resumed. This was an apt subject in the current circumstances. 15 members were able to join the meeting which we felt was a good start. Our next meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> August, again on Zoom. Chris is going to set up a simple Bingo game for all members who would like to join. You will need to create your own card in advance to be able to play and instructions will be included in our next Newsletter. It would be great to see as many of you as possible. We realise this method of meeting can be challenging but we feel it is important to keep going despite the difficulties.

Please **KEEP THE DATE** for our **SPECIAL TEA PARTY** for all members on Tues. Sept. 1st in the Village Hall with full Covid-19 safety precautions in place. We will give further details in due course once they are finalised assuming there are no further changes of circumstances.

Another date for your diary is Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. This is our preferred date for the Autumn Fayre. Obviously at this stage it is a tentative date but please make a note of it.

Finally, a big well done to all those that made scrubs in Aquarius. We had a lovely thank you letter from Livability. They also sent us some photos from the staff and residents of York House up in Shrewsbury who were the recipients of some of our scrubs. We also had a thank you from Fran Frith in Swanage who is the contact for the baby hats. She said that they looked beautiful and will pass them on to her contact at Poole Hospital. The button bands were also handed over. They are not just for Swanage Hospital but for the whole of Dorset Healthcare Trust.

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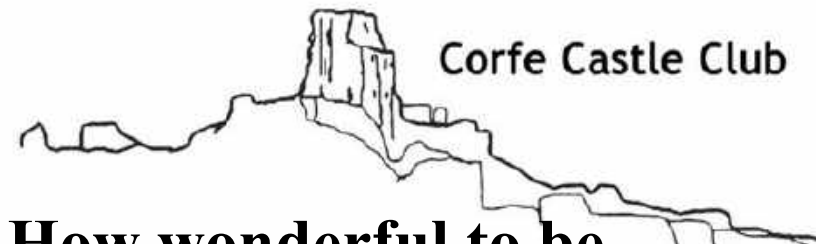
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## A FALSE KING AT CORFE CASTLE

Everybody knows about King Edward the Martyr at Corfe but not so many know of the strange story connected with King Edward II. The main account of some very strange happenings is in John Stowe's "A Summary of the English Chronicles" (1565). Stowe was prone to exercise his talent for history in a lurid manner but there seems no doubt that there was a basis of truth in his account.

Edward II was in every way a bad king. He was no warrior unlike his father. He was a homosexual and he had a series of favourites who were hated by the Barons. His wife Isabella – the she-wolf of France – was not much better and aided by her lover Roger Mortimer in 1326 forced the abdication of her husband Edward II in favour of his young son who became Edward III. The old King was imprisoned in Kenilworth Castle. They then ruled the land under the terms of the Queen's Regency.

Edmund, Earl of Kent, the new King's brother was much more popular and although not very intelligent, many of the Barons would have preferred him to reign. Rumours about young Edward's legitimacy were spread.

Isabella and Mortimer moved quickly. Edward II was moved to Corfe Castle early in 1327 watched over by two villainous knights Maltravers and Gurney. Maltravers owned large estates in Dorset and even now two villages bear his name.

Finally Edward was moved at night from Corfe to Berkley Castle where he was put to death in a most barbarous manner. Isabella and Mortimer now concocted a plot to dispose of Edmund.

George Banks wrote in 1853 "of all the mysterious happenings of that period, none will appear more extraordinary than that of which Corfe Castle was the scene". They caused rumours to spread about the kingdom that Edward was still alive and Edmund was so credulous that he believed it in view of certain happenings, which they arranged. A series of masques "and other diversions upon the battlements of the Castle were held, which the country people observing imagined a great prince was there".

In addition a man was dressed in Royal clothes and a visiting Friar was allowed to see him from a distance. All this was reported to Edmund who swore an oath to obtain his brother's release. The Pope at Avignon encouraged him to lead a revolt providing him with funds and the threat of excommunication if he failed to do so. Thus the trap was baited. The foolish

Edmund gathered some followers and wrote an imprudent letter which fell into Mortimer's hands. He was duly captured at Winchester and attainted of High Treason.

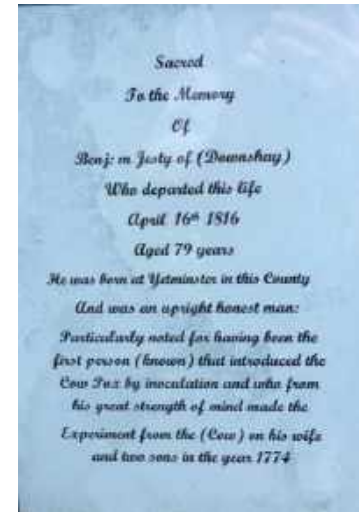
He went to the scaffold on March 9<sup>th</sup> 1329 much lamented. He was a victim of his own credulousness and of his Royal blood.

His progenitor King Henry II was reputed to be descended from the devil and his descendents were serial killers. Each generation almost without exception revelled in fratricide, matricide and causing death of countless nephews, nieces and cousins. The Plantagenets and the Tudors were a rough lot!

Paul Randall

## **Correction to the story in July's CVN about Benjamin Jesty.**

In the July edition we said that the memorial to Benjamin Jesty was in St Georges Church Langton Matravers. Several people have told us that this was incorrect – it is actually in Worth Church churchyard. I have been to see it.



Benjamin Jesty's grave in the churchyard of St Nicholas Worth Matravers and notice of the quotation on the gravestone. Thank you to everyone who offered the correction.  
Stephen



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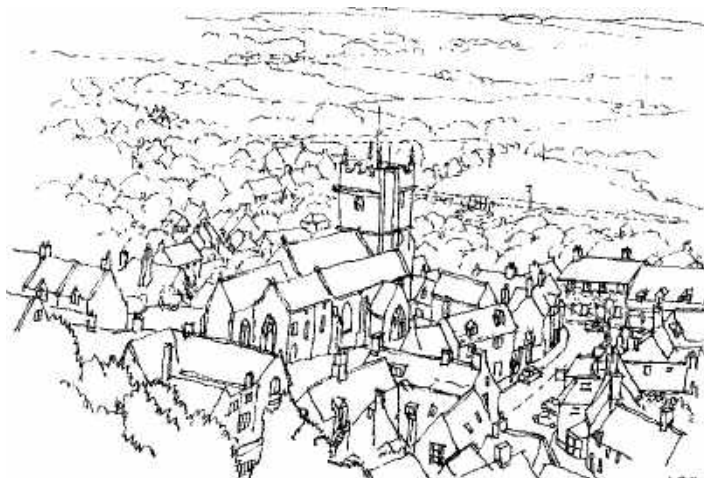
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Please note that these events are mostly still tentative so please check timing and that it is actually taking place with the organisers.

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

1	September	Tuesday	
4 & 5	September	Thu-Sat	Various timings – see page 52
5	September	Saturday	Check the time, but likely to be 10 am
17	October	Saturday	Check the time nearer the event
15	November	Sunday	10 am to 4 pm

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



A sketch of Corfe village from West Hill by P R Gross, who is a regular contributor to the CVN

## CALENDAR for AUGUST 2020

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 Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting Online

Aquarius Special Tea Corfe Castle Village Hall  
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A reminder from Ken Williams that this is the month when the fetes usually take place – not this year though!

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Church Knowle, Kimmeridge, & Steeple Contact Ian Jackson

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

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

After discussion with the churchwardens, and taking account of present circumstances, we have decided to continue with the pattern of church opening and services in August as has been the case in July.

This means that on Sundays there will be a service at 8am at St Edward's Corfe Castle and at 10am the Benefice Service will continue, and will be a live streamed service via Zoom. An edited version of the 10am service can be watched later on and details are on the Benefice website homepage – please note this website is [www.purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com](http://www.purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com) (It is for the whole benefice, but 'Purbeck Hills' is part of the address.) Further details on how to join zoom by telephone are elsewhere in the magazine.

On Wednesdays there will be a service in church at 10am at St George's Langton, and this can also be joined via Zoom.

At the moment the services will be 'Services of the Word' – there will be readings and prayers, and on Sundays an address.

As far as opening for private prayer is concerned St George's Langton will continue to be open after the Wednesday service at 10am.

The time of opening for private prayer at St Edward's Corfe Castle may change; again, we will let you know in the usual ways. We are reconsidering this as no-one has so far taken advantage of this opportunity.

I think we're all aware any arrangements made at the present time may have to be amended. We will always do our best to notify you of such changes.

It is clear that although some events are happening again, and some places opening up again, all needs to happen with the necessary precautions in place for everyone's safety. Also, there are many who rightly feel it is not yet time to venture out and about all that much. So do continue to be mindful of each other. We try in our different ways of gathering to worship to include in our thoughts and prayers all those joining with us in whatever way.

We are all well aware that during recent months extra burdens have fallen on particular groups of people. I am very grateful for the support received from the churchwardens, my ordained colleagues and many others involved in the life of the churches and parishes of the Benefice at this time. Thank you.

There have been many things which have cheered us over the recent months. Among them, it has always been good to see the pennant flying from the church tower at Corfe. The previous pennant had done good service and was no longer serviceable, having been repaired several times. Those of you who receive the church email will know that the new replacement pennant has been given by Terry and Carole at the Village Store. Thank you indeed for this kind and encouraging gesture – a reminder of lots of things, not least of all that our local businesses and others do for us in this community.

Keep taking care everyone. Ian

### **Benefice of St Aldhelm - Church Opening**

St Edward's, Corfe Castle and St George's, Langton Matravers will be open at the following times from 8 July until further notice:

Corfe Castle - Sunday 8am Morning Prayer

Langton Matravers - Wednesday 10am Morning Prayer, followed by an opportunity for private prayer until 12 noon

Corfe Castle - Wednesday 5 to 6pm for private prayer

The 10am Benefice Sunday Morning Service will continue on ZOOM and can be joined by following the link on the homepage of the website: [purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com](http://purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com).

Also see below for more information about how to join.

*Covid 19 social distancing protocols will be observed in the churches*

### **Bible Readings - July 2020**

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

8th Sunday after Trinity  
Psalm 145: 8 – 9; 15 – end  
Romans 9: 1 – 5  
Isaiah 55: 1 – 5  
Matthew 14: 13 – 21

#### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
Psalm 85: 8 – 13  
Romans 10: 5 – 15  
1 Kings 19: 9 – 18  
Matthew 14: 22 – 33

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11: 1 – 2A; 29 – 32  
Isaiah 56: 1; 6 – 8  
Matthew 15: 21 – 28

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
Psalm 138  
Romans 12: 1 – 8  
Isaiah 51: 1 – 6  
Matthew 16: 13 – 20

#### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
Psalm 26: 1 – 8  
Romans 12: 9 – end  
Jeremiah 15: 15 – 21  
Matthew 16: 21 – end

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

Psalm 119: 33 – 40  
Romans 13: 8 – end  
Ezekiel 33: 7 – 11  
Matthew 18: 15 – 20

Again, we have included all the readings for each Sunday, and hope you will find this helpful.

## **The Benefice of St Aldhelm**

*Corfe Castle, Langton Matravers, Worth Matravers, Kingston, Church Knowle, Kimmeridge and Steeple.*

*Pursuing life in all its fullness - John 10:10*

Rector : Ian Jackson  
Associate Minister : James Mercer  
Hon Assistant Priest: Anne Bond  
Curate: Nick Webb

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### **Benefice Services during the Covid 19 Emergency:**

**‘How to join the Sunday 10am and Wednesday 10am services which are being live streamed via zoom.’**

Links to Zoom will be forwarded by email prior to each service. The order of service for Sunday morning worship will also be forwarded by email. The Sunday morning service can also be accessed live via Zoom by clicking on the appropriate service link on the homepage of the [Benefice website](http://www.purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com). Please access the Zoom link 5 to 10 minutes prior to the start time.

The Sunday morning service can also be joined audibly by landline telephone.

To join our service at 10am on Sunday by phone you will need to do the following:

1. Dial 020 3481 5240
2. You will be asked to enter the meeting id which is: 864 5296 9559.
3. Follow this by typing # (hashtag)
4. If you are asked for a password, type # again

We will then know you are waiting to join the Zoom service and will admit you.

Please phone in 5 minutes before the service start time.

**The 10am Sunday service will be recorded and an edited version can also be viewed on Youtube via the [Benefice website homepage](http://www.purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com) and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/StAldhelmBenefice) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/StAldhelm).**

**Confidential Prayer Ministry is offered at the end of the monthly Benefice Service and at other times on request, (currently by phone to Ian or James)**

### **Getting in touch with us:**

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[james\\_staldhelm@icloud.com](mailto:james_staldhelm@icloud.com)

Hon Assistant Priest Anne Bond 01929 480249 [rev.anne@outlook.com](mailto:rev.anne@outlook.com)

Curate Nick Webb 07866 546162 [fulloflifegardens@googlemail.com](mailto:fulloflifegardens@googlemail.com)

Benefice Office: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Benefice Administrator: Katie Curtis St George’s Church, Langton Matravers BH19 3HZ 01929 427822 [office@purbeckbenefice.plus.com](mailto:office@purbeckbenefice.plus.com)

(NB Katie is currently working from home, but is contactable by email above during office hours)

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

Wednesday: House Group 7.30pm Pauline and Michael Humphrey  
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## Expansion of Corfe in the 20<sup>th</sup> century – Church Terrace

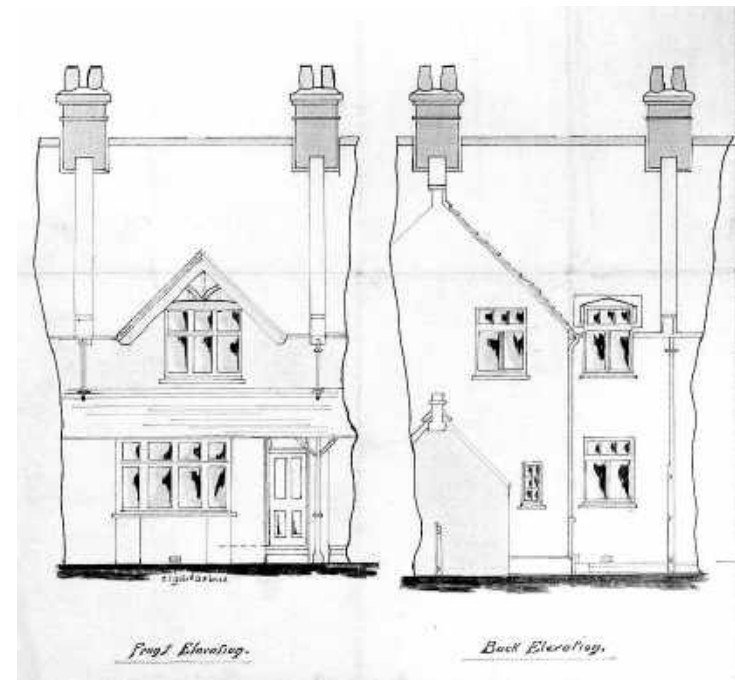
Up until the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Corfe's housing had mainly been owned by the large estates although there were still a few freeholders. It relied on the landowners to maintain the properties which in some cases were little more than hovels and had a tendency to burn down because of the thatching. By 1891 the village had 592 families, or separate occupiers, living in 368 houses – not ideal by today's standards. The population then stood at 1,706. By 1901 the population had decreased by 300 and only 263 houses were inhabited. Better pay and the availability of jobs would have drawn folk to the bright lights of Bournemouth and Poole but it also meant that there was a reduced labour force for the estates around Corfe. An event in late August 1896 meant that one of the ancient properties by the church on East Street was about to be upgraded and become 5 semi-detached houses.

In the early 1600s, this ancient property belonged to the Dackombes, a royalist family. It also included the stable and garden plot that lay on the other side of East Street now forming part of No.39. When Edward Dackombe died in about 1683, many of his properties were sold off as the family had been forced to make reparations to The Commonwealth after the Civil War. However, this was one of tenements retained by them and used to raise a mortgage of £100 in 1697. By then, it was rented out to the Rector of Corfe, Dr Nicholas Gibbon, and on the north side, a passageway lead to the churchyard. (A passageway still exists behind the terraced housing leading to the churchyard called the 'Curate's Walk' although it can't be accessed from the churchyard side as it is now blocked off.) Dr Gibbon was also a Royalist and despite being appointed to the parish in 1644, he had to leave and didn't return until the restoration of the monarchy in 1660. He died here aged 92 in 1696. There is a white marble plaque in St Edwards which records his death as 1686. Since Dr Gibbon had had this plaque made, he rather underestimated his existence by 10 years.

On a Saturday morning on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1896, a bakery behind the ancient property caught fire at about 4am. It destroyed the whole building. Luckily a neighbour, Mr Stockley, had heard the cracking glass and raised the alarm. One of the tenants, a family called Stevens, had no time to dress, and lost all their clothes; George Cleall, from the village stop, was able to help an aged widow out although both were slightly burnt. Part of the house had been sub-let to Mrs Paine, a widow, and she ended up throwing her three children out of an upstairs window; she escaped by a small ladder. Another tenant, Mr Day, a carpenter, managed to save himself, his family - and some furniture, the only

one to do so. Fortunately, the fire didn't spread and by 6am the Wareham Fire Brigade had arrived with their 'manual machine'. Needless to say, no one was insured apart from Ralph Bankes who owned the property and he decided to rebuild hoping to turn the site into 5 cottages.

The ruins stood for several years before the estimate of £1,200 for the rebuild was accepted in March 1901. The site stood 2-3ft in places above the footpath as the hill slopes down towards The Square and it was decided to build a dwarf wall to keep up the soil and build steps to the front doors. In the interim, the boundary wall between the churchyard had fallen down and had to be repaired. By September the builder, Thomas Luther, had realised he'd underestimated his costs and was now asking for £1,394 exclusive of drains, the 2 new pumps and the boundary wall. Usually when a site was cleared the old materials could be sold on but, because of the intensity of the fire, the stone had been split and was unusable. The Estate and Mr Luther must have come to an agreement in October 1901 as the five semis were built. Anecdotal evidence, records that they were built to commemorate the birth of Henry John Ralph Bankes on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1902.



The new semi-detached terraced housing on East Street.  
Dorset History Centre ref: D-BKL/F/C/38

One of the earliest tenants in number 4 was Joseph Tubb, a traction engine driver, and in 1937, Fred Orchard, a dairyman, moved into number 5. In 1911, the caretaker of the castle, Robert Baverstock, lived in number 3. There are a couple of photos that exist of the ancient property before it burnt down but if anyone has any other information, it would be fascinating to know about. Please get in contact with the CVN.



Louise Haywood

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## Pioneer view August 2020

Dear Friends,

I have been reflecting recently on the recent COVID 19 pandemic and the ensuing lockdown and its implications and challenges for our communities as these restrictions are lifted. Perhaps the most striking theme that has emerged for me was the depth of loneliness and isolation in our communities.

This theme became patently clear whilst helping with a befriending service. What seem to emerge for me was that loneliness and isolation is often hidden and seems to exist on the shadow sides of our communities.

Moreover, I believe loneliness and isolation pose a significant challenge to all communities at this moment in time. So, the vision is to reduce loneliness and isolation in all communities in which we seek to serve.

I would like to outline the nature of vision and how we as Growing Compassionate Communities' charity are reaching out to communities to deliver this vision. However, it is not enough to simply have a vision; it needs to be coupled with action.

"Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare."  
*Japanese proverb*

A key focus of our mission in communities in which we seek to serve is to "work towards inclusion of all diverse groups and peoples". This central aim underpins our vision as a charity, but what are we doing about achieving this vision?

The primary route we adopt to promote inclusion is to practice a form of radical hospitality, which offers doorways for marginalised groups and peoples to reconnect and integrate back into community life. So far, we have provided several groups and activities that make this possible. These groups include carpet bowls, as well as a carer's support group. These take place in Corfe Castle village hall

This is our vision, and this is how we intend to deliver the vision of reducing loneliness and isolation in our communities. We need to be ambitious about this journey as it is my conviction that:

"You've got to think about big things while you're doing small things, so that all the small things go in the right direction." - *Alvin Toffler*

I look forward to welcoming you back some of these events.

Go well,

Peter

Chair Growing compassionate communities

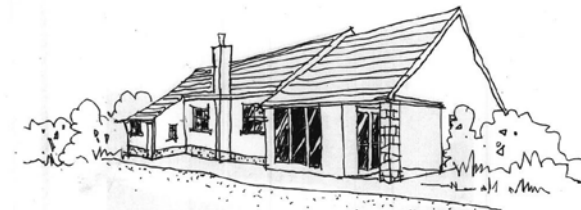


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## Notices and Thanks

### Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Unusual weather patterns have confused some of our garden plants and they have bloomed early – or late. However, in general most seem to not only have coped but to have thrived this year. Good veggie crops, masses of roses, hollyhocks, irises, marigolds et al and the signs of good apple and pear harvests too. [*this opinion is based on a very unscientific survey carried out in our little patch and by me noseying other peoples' gardens while out for my prison exercise.*]

I'm sure some of the bounty is due to the extra care received since lockdown but most will have been set and formed long since. The wildlife seems to be buoyant too. I accept that some of the critters are not too welcome in our gardens, but the pollinators, dragon flies and even the butterflies seem more plentiful this year. Ain't nature wonderful!

Our meeting by Zoom in July gave us a fascinating insight into the trials, tribulations, tricks and techniques behind the scenes at Chelsea Flower Show. We also saw the joy and jubilation among the winners and those who had worked with them. A very entertaining and informative presentation, thanks Sally.

Next meeting August 6<sup>th</sup> is, again, a "Virtual Meeting" when we are travelling abroad!  
Courtesy of Jill Revens and Zoom, we are going to explore 'An Island Garden in Norway'.

We start at **8pm**, you will receive an email with the link a day or two beforehand. If you haven't got it by the 5<sup>th</sup> contact Gerry, our secretary, and ask him for the link. Contact details on the back cover of CVN.

We look forward to joining you and other members and friends via our computers, tablets or smart phones.

If you haven't joined us because you are unsure how safe the system is, or because you are unfamiliar with setting it up, contact me and I'll talk you through it. I am not the smartest bunny in the warren when it comes to technology, but I can do it and enjoy it so I'm sure you will too.

If you don't have any of the gadgets you can join via your landline phone, you won't see or be seen but you can hear and join in. Again, ring me if you want

details. 481236

Once again I wish you well in mind, body and spirit, and remind you that the virus is still lurking out there. Stay safe!

*If Music be the food of love then surely Gardening is the way to Health.*

*David*

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### Harman's Cross Movie Night

Owing to the coronavirus outbreak no films are being shown until further notice. Our website will be updated as and when we plan to resume.  
(<https://www.harmancrosshall.co.uk/Movie-Nights>).

### Langton Arthouse Cinema

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### Corfe Castle Youth Club

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D.R. Ford

**LOCKDOWN! WHAT LOCKDOWN?!!**

**Despite Lockdown the 1<sup>st</sup> Corfe Castle Brownies have been meeting up weekly on Tuesday evenings using Zoom and having lots of fun and chat!**

We have played many different games, made cakes and various other crafts, often connected to different themes chosen by the girls. The Brownies have designed their own sew on badges and come up with a simple syllabus to fit these, for themselves or others to do. Singing together has been a strange experience but we have managed!

Most girls have been busily working for badges, some already in their Brownie Programme and also new ones that have been created by Dorset Girlguiding, especially for these difficult times! They have developed lots of new skills in their houses and gardens that they have enjoyed and will hopefully stand them in good stead for the future.

This week we are having a pet show and have invited a local Vet (who used to be a Brownie in Corfe Castle) to talk about her work and interact with the girls and their pets and we are planning a Sleepover at their homes for the beginning of August!

All these activities, I hasten to add, have been done virtually via Zoom! A skill we have developed and improved upon. The Sleepover will be a particular challenge but we are all looking forward to it.

It has been great that the girls have fully participated in these activities and it has been lovely to see and speak with them all but it is not the same as face to face get togethers.

As soon as Girlguiding UK give us a date to resume, hopefully in the autumn, we will do so, but if any girl aged 7 – 10 years wishes to join us now or in the future it would be great to hear from them. Please register your interest on the Girlguiding UK website or email [warehamandwooldistrict@gmail.com](mailto:warehamandwooldistrict@gmail.com).

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**Covid-19 update**

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## Are you scam aware?

The coronavirus crisis means more people are facing issues - from employment and debt, to housing and health - resulting in some being in vulnerable situations.

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If you think you've been scammed Citizens Advice is here to help. If you receive emails or texts about coronavirus from someone you don't know, or from an unusual email address, you are advised not to click on any links or buy anything.

Don't give money or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust - for example someone who knocks on the door and offers to help.

As the Covid-19 pandemic has developed, scammers are finding new ways to scam people.

**Here are four examples of recent coronavirus scams that you should be aware of:**

1. **Spoof texts and emails** - Scammers are using spoof emails and text messages pretending to be government agencies, like HMRC. This might include offering payments if you click on a link or a request for bank details.

2. **Voucher scams** - Scammers have pretended to be supermarkets offering money-off vouchers. The aim is to steal credit card details when you click on the link.

3. **Fake medical kits** - Scammers are preying on health worries around coronavirus to sell fake or substandard medical products, and home testing kits.

4. **Online shopping scams** - As we're all at home more than normal, scammers are using increases in online shopping to scam victims, including asking for payment of goods by bank transfer.

You can find lots of help with spotting and reporting scams on the Citizens Advice website at <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

If you suspect you have been scammed and need help with what to do next, contact Purbeck Citizens Advice on 01929 551913 or contact us via our webform on [www.purbeckadvice.org.uk](https://www.purbeckadvice.org.uk). During weekends you can speak to an adviser on Dorset Adviceline on 03444 111 444 between 10am and 1pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

## Sort out sale

8<sup>th</sup> August - 10am to 4 pm

Puddleducks, 2 Springwell Close

This will be a sort out sale similar to a car boot sale but without the boot.

It is in aid of the Nursing Staff at Maiden Hill Nursing Home. Funds raised will be used to personally support the staff, who looked after my mother. She unhappily died of Covid 19 in March and also had severe dementia.

**For more details contact Jayne Mallard on 481033**

## Help Wanted

My name is Martin Barry, and I am a PhD student from the University of Bristol researching 'The Materiality, Memories and Material Culture of Princess Mary's 1914 Christmas Gift to Soldiers and Sailors during the First World War'.



These little embossed brass boxes were only given to those 'wearing the King's uniform on Christmas Day 1914' and in all around 2.6 million were issued.

They were packed individually into a cardboard box along with accompanying 'comforts' such as smoking pipes, tobacco, cigarettes, sweets for non-smokers and chocolate for nurses. Nothing was placed inside the brass box except either a flint and tinder cigarette

lighter or a pencil made from a rifle bullet.

This object is a powerful example of the material culture of the First World War and carries with it many significant biographies. Biographies that include memory, remembrance and commemoration. Some are empty reminders of a much-loved father or grandfather, now gone but not forgotten. Some are the legacy of an ancestor not personally known by the current custodian of the Gift but still being commemorated today.

Many of these 'Gift's from a Princess' were kept and sent home. A significant number remain with the soldier's descendants and it is these people I am seeking to contact.

My goal is to interview people who still have these brass boxes to investigate these 'memory processes' and to see how we link those people from over a hundred years ago to today through these simple objects.

Can you help me?

Before the Covid- 19 crisis I would interview face-to-face but am now going to do it either virtually or over the telephone.

All interviews will be recorded (audio only) but ALL results will be made anonymous.

If you would like to take part in my research or would like more detailed information, please email me at;

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Thank you for your help.

## **When will the library open again?**

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## Halves Cottages, Corfe Castle

Halves Cottages was never part of the Mediaeval Strip farming system of the village, despite its name. It stands on three fields; two used to belong to the Priory of Holme or East Holme (a Cluniac order owned by the Priory of Montacute, Somerset) and the other one belonged to the Uvedale family.

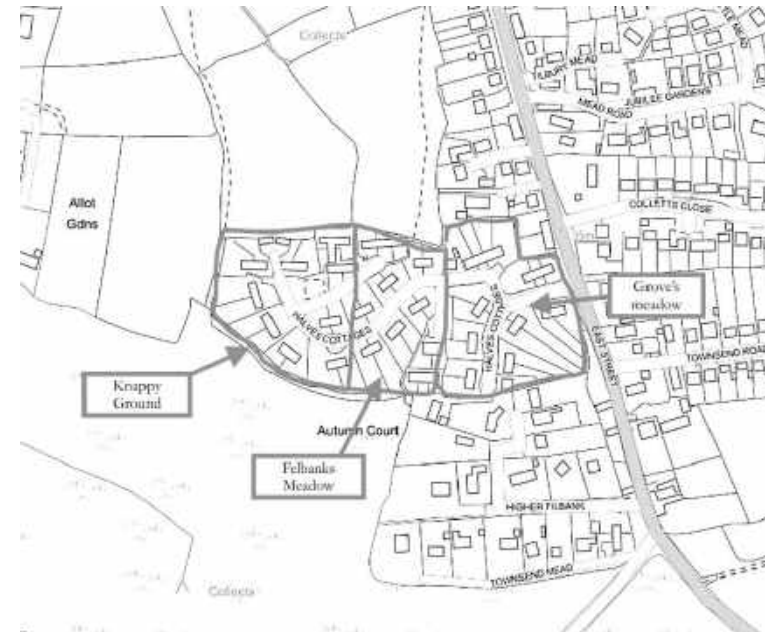
Halves Cottages partly stands on land that once belonged to Alured de Lincoln. His surname is sometimes written 'de Wallis' as this family owned the now non-existent Manor of Langton Wallis. He bought these fields from 'Grimaldus medicus' (Dr Grimaldi) sometime between 1100-1135. The late Brenda Chappell was convinced that her house on East Street (nos. 158 & 160 and she had lived in both of them) was a plague house so maybe Dr Grimaldi was Corfe's first Doctor? Alured left these lands to his heir, Robert, the son of Pagan.



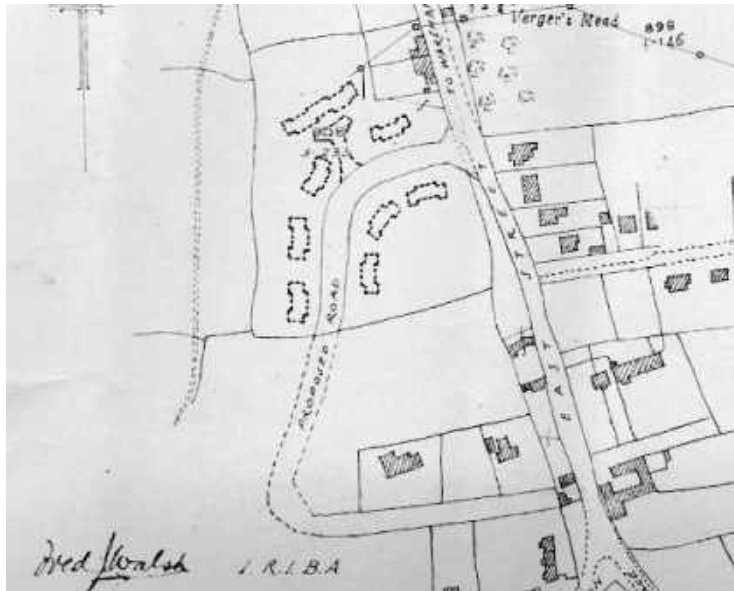
Robert then founded Holme Priory in the mid 12<sup>th</sup> century (or as Thomas Bond wrote in 1890 'who had been moved by divine instinct to found a house of religion'). Eventually, Robert granted the land in Corfe, consisting of five fields, to the Prior with the agreement of his wife, Beuza, and his son, another Alured, sometime in the 1160s. The Priory was dissolved in about 1535 at the dissolution of the monasteries with the land being purloined by King Henry VIII. The last prior of Holme was Thomas Walys, whether he was a

descendant of the family that gave the lands originally is not known. It then passed to Edward VI who gave it to Edward, Duke of Somerset, who sold it to John Hannam of Wimborne in the 1550s. It remained in this family's hands until 1696, when it was sold to Gabriel Odingsell of Wells, Somerset, to pay off debts. The Odingsell's also struggled financially and sold it just over twenty-five years later to the Bonds of Creech Grange. The Bonds retained the land (and still retain part of the Priory's old lands) until Halves Cottages was built in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Two of the fields owned by the Priory were called 'Felbanks Meadow' and 'Knappy Ground' but the other part of Halves Cottages lies in a field that ran adjacent to East Street which came to belong to the Bankes family and was called 'Grove's Meadow' simply because a man called Thomas Grove of Studland had leased the field from William Okeden in 1682. William Okeden was a descendant of Henry Uvedale, the man who renovated Uvedale House in 1575. His father, William, owned 143 acres in and around Corfe Castle when he died in 1542 although it's not clear whether this also included this particular field. Most of the Uvedale estate was purchased by John Calcraft and John Bankes had acquired the field from him by 1769. This meadow remained with the Kingston Lacy Estate until 1948.

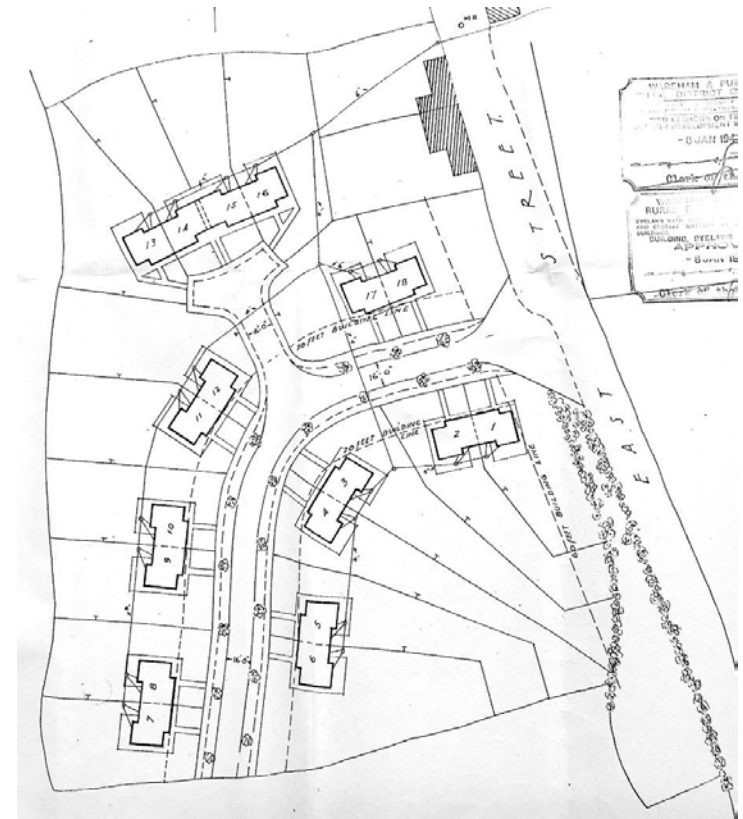


A sortie flown by the RAF in 1947 still shows aerial views of the fields (you can find this on <https://explorer.geowessex.com/> under Imagery & Photography). Affordable homes were needed, even though the population in the parish had remained static since 1911. An application to build 10 Swedish timber houses in Webbers Lane (now Close) in March 1946 had already been approved. So, In January 1948, a planning application was submitted to the Wareham & Purbeck Rural District Council to build 18 council houses on Grove's Meadow only. Frederick Walsh was the architect, as Angelica mentioned in the previous issue. The original plan (held at Dorset History Centre, Dorchester) was altered as the proposed road through to Higher Filbank (a private road) was never extended because of the dangerous exit by the thatched cottage on East Street and a temporary turning space was created at the end of the Council's southerly road instead.



The original 1948 Plan for Halves Cottages. Reference: DC-WAP/BC/Series1/1054

This plan was superseded by one in April 1948 which proposed blocks of four and/or pairs of semi-detached houses with the road blocked off from Higher Filbank. These were the original 18 Cottages erected by the Council on 'Grove's Meadow'.



Louise Haywood

### John Lawrence

Mary Rose Bray has also contacted the CVN to tell us that John Lawrence who at the time was head of planning at the District Council was responsible for the design of the whole project. The architect, Frederick Walsh, and John worked closely on the project and both must be recognised for the result. For example it was John who insisted that the site was not laid out in straight lines and that all building was to be in Purbeck stone, which in the post war environment was difficult to get people to agree to.

John was a local man from Worth Matravers who lived in Corfe and married Mary Rose's sister Jo. I remember driving with him along the Bere road at 80 miles an hour, which I thought was fantastic. Unhappily he was later killed in a car accident.

Stephen



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#### SUNDAY

- **Purbeck Antiques Collectors Fayre** – (**Last Sunday of each month**) phone Lesley 01929 425402

## Kimmeridge News

This month we have a special report from Kimmeridge's very own Emily on:

### **Kimmeridge's plastic pollution**



Kimmeridge Bay is a place not to be wasted or taken for granted just because it's on our doorstep. Throughout lockdown I have been lucky enough to spend a great deal of time down the beach. Since around mid-March I have noticed a huge increase in plastics compared with previous years, not only down the bay and in the sea but throughout our streams, fields and on roadsides. I have litter picked

the beach virtually every day determined to keep this small haven clean from rubbish; But sometimes it can be exhausting to continuously see, time and time again, the sheer amount of plastic (and other waste), that has been carelessly discarded, left behind or washed up, with no thought to how it can seriously impact the environment.

Devastatingly within in a day or two it is back. All the hard work spent hauling rope, plastic and other rubbish all undone. Kimmeridge Bay (March 30<sup>th</sup> 2020) Lots of different micro-plastics including nurdles, chippings from larger plastics, bottle tops and potentially dangerous materials, including two needles! Plastics, like nurdles, whilst in the sea can soak up toxic chemicals known as 'PBTS' (Persistent Bioaccumulation Toxins) which can be mistakenly ingested by wildlife, both marine life and other wild life. Far



too often clear-coloured nurdles are mistaken for fish eggs which are then ingested by sea birds which is regularly fatal to them.

A crisp packet collected, on the 4<sup>th</sup> June, from the bottom of the Clavell Tower. Reading best before May 1995, it's over 25 years old! For me not only does this show how

long plastic litter can last in the environment but also how frequently people really litter pick in the area. @smilingseas

## **Top culprits found during litter picks**

### **On the beach and in the sea:**

*Nurdles*- Once collected I try to upcycle these, instead of putting them in the bin where they will be sent to landfill allowing the cycle to start again.

*Old and unused fishing lines, crab line and rope.*

*Small fragments of plastic (Micro plastics)* which are mainly found sprawled in amongst the rocks, shale and always caught up in the seaweed. Entangled Seaweed generally has to be cut or put in the bin in order to remove the plastic from the beach.

### **In the fields:**

Plastic bale wrap, Confectionary wrappers, Plastic bags (shopping bags and heavy duty feed bags), Lids from bottle tops and animal feed tubs

### **In the streams:**

Plastic bottles, Styrofoam/polystyrene, Food Wrappers, Shoes

### **On the road side:**

Drink Cans, Wrappers, Dog-poo bags, Plastic bags, Tickets/receipts, Cigarette butts

*Even though it can be overwhelming try to stay positive and remember that every effort you make will make a difference. Keep safe and thank you for reading, Emily.*

To get in touch regarding beach cleans, litter picks or general questions you can send a message via [@smilingseas](https://www.instagram.com/smilingseas) Instagram account.

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**Steam Trains Resume And Norden Station Has Re-Opened**  
**Corfe Castle, Harman’s Cross & Herston Stations Closed**

Steam trains are have resumed on the award-winning Swanage Railway for the first time since mid-March – with Norden station re-opening to the public while Corfe Castle, Harman’s Cross and Herston stations remain closed.



*31806 Leaves Swanage for Norden. Photo courtesy Andrew Wright and SR*

The move comes as the Swanage Railway, in Dorset’s Isle of Purbeck, continues its ‘Save Our Service’ (S.O.S.) Appeal to raise £360,000 to help the popular heritage line – which has been rebuilt from nothing since 1976 – survive in the wake of the economic effects of Coronavirus.

Steam trains now operate a non-stop service between Swanage and Norden stations. Trains are not stopping at Corfe Castle, Harman’s Cross and Herston Halt. Norden station has re-opened for passengers starting their journey from Dorset Council’s Purbeck Park car park off the A351 Wareham to Corfe Castle road.

The steam locomotive that will be hauling the trains will be late 1920s-built Southern Railway U class No. 31806 which used to haul trains to Corfe Castle and Swanage during the 1950s.

The resumption of steam trains and the opening of Norden station will see the health of passengers and railway staff still protected with socially distanced queuing at Swanage and Norden stations, socially distanced assigned seating on trains and the wearing of face coverings.

The non-stop train service departs Swanage station at 10.30am, 12.00 noon, 1.30pm and 3pm for the return trip to Norden.

While a socially distanced Swanage station shop is open, subject to volunteer availability, when trains are running, the catering outlets at Swanage and Norden stations remain closed.

Passengers are being encouraged to book in advance for the trains via the Swanage Railway’s website at [www.swanagerailway.co.uk](http://www.swanagerailway.co.uk).

Swanage Railway chairman Gavin Johns said: “Everyone intending to travel must have a ticket and seat reservation to ensure social distancing can be maintained. Customers are expected to have face coverings unless there are health grounds not to do so. Full details can be found on our website.

“We are pleased with the progress we are making with re-starting train services after the enforced closure due to the Covid-19 lockdown. Our risk assessment has proven its worth, ensuring that customers and staff can confidently travel with us to enjoy the Swanage Railway and the magnificent Purbeck countryside.

“We are continuing to look at the practicality of re-opening Corfe Castle station and hope to be able to make announcements concerning this station in due course,” added Mr Johns who is a volunteer signalman on the Swanage Railway. As of Tuesday, 14 July, 2020, the Swanage Railway’s ‘Save Our Service’ (S.O.S.) Appeal had raised £238,937 towards the target of £360,000.

Gavin Johns explained: ““The Swanage Railway still has considerable work to do to ensure that the impact that the Coronavirus lockdown has had on our finances can be managed to ensure survival to 2021.

“The summer train service – first hauled by heritage diesel locomotives and now steam – is but one part of our survival plan. Continuing to raise awareness and funds through our ‘Save Our Service (S.O.S.) Appeal campaign, we are very grateful and humbled by the support that we are receiving from the public,” he added.

The Swanage Railway last ran its public steam train service on the weekend of 14 and 15 March, 2020.

**To make a ‘Save Our Service’ donation by PayPal, a Fast Payment through Internet banking or by a cheque in the post, visit [www.saveourservice.co.uk](http://www.saveourservice.co.uk) while donations can also be made via the Swanage Railway’s Facebook page.**

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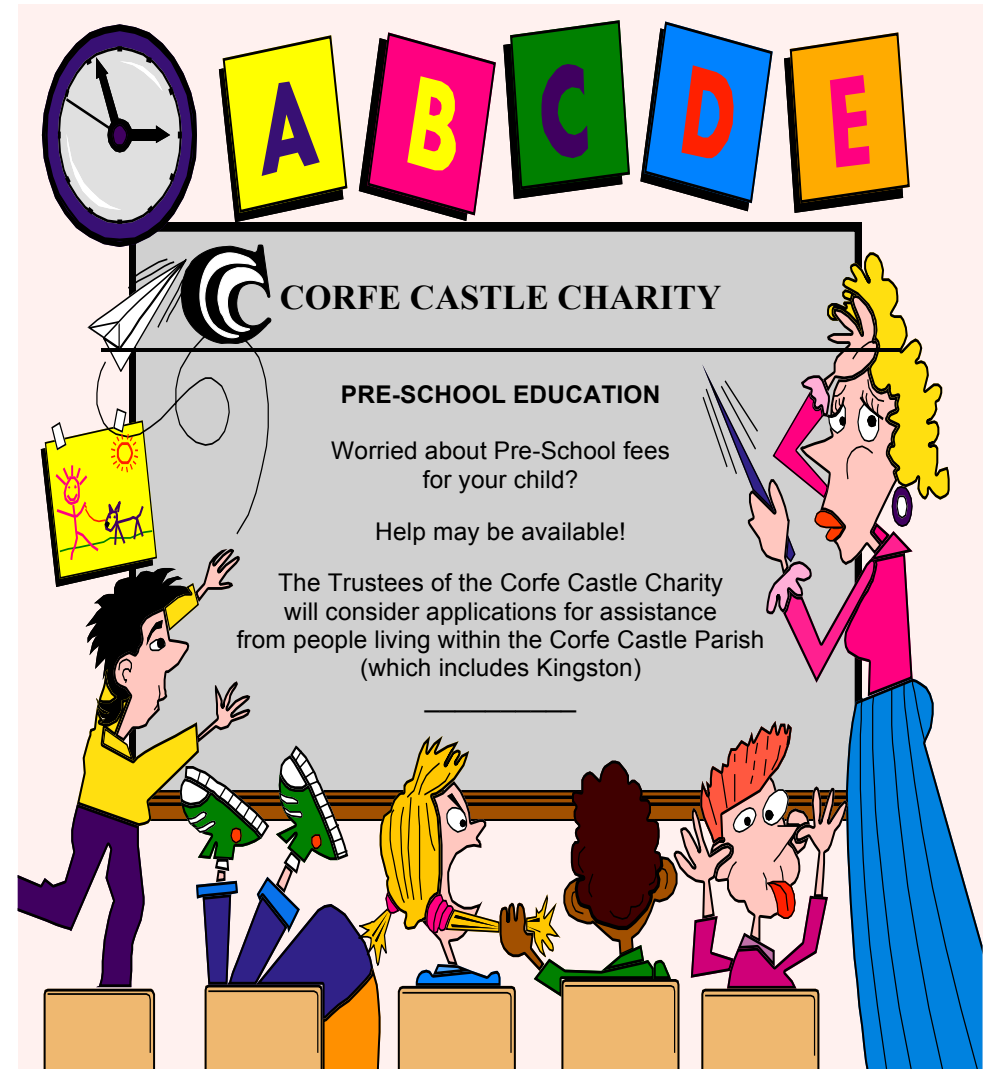
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Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
<b>TUESDAY</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
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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
Each	6.00 - 8.00 pm	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
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>			
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