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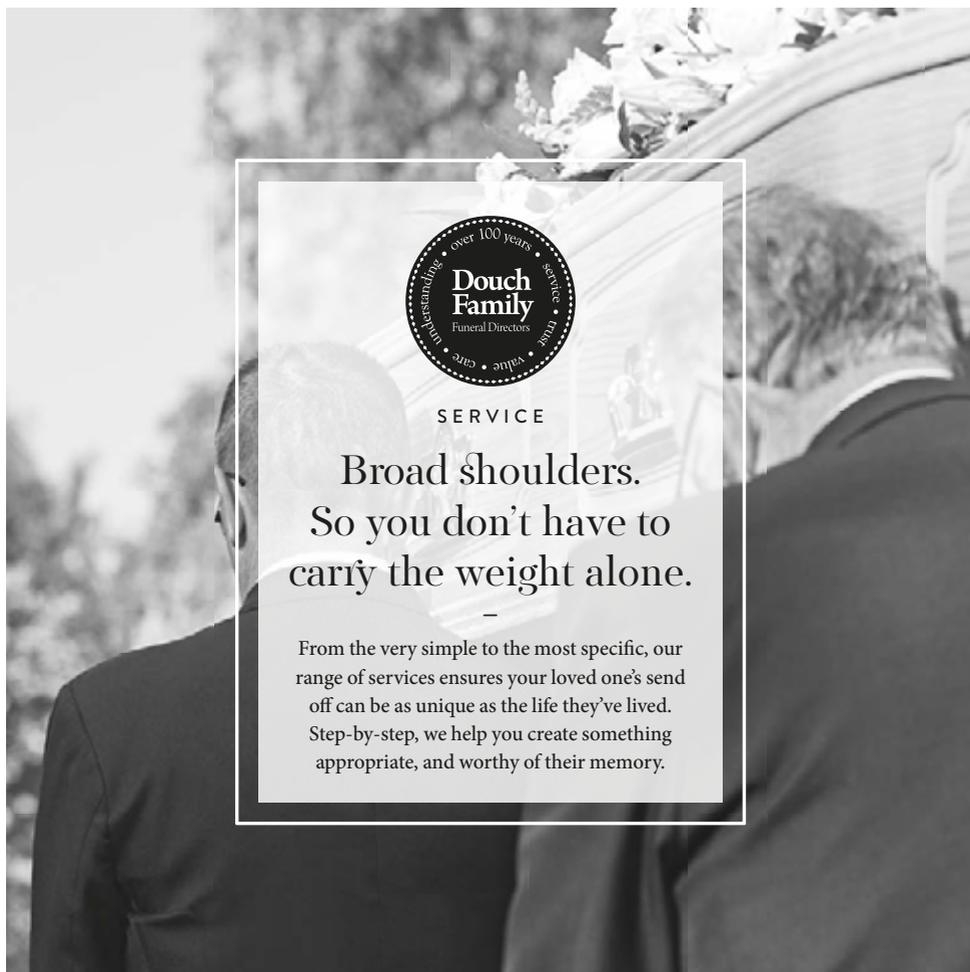
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## Editorial

We have been asked to publicise the bin collection times. This is difficult because different parts of the parish have their bins collected on different days and it's not really possible to provide information that covers everywhere. We have however produced a table which is published at the end of the notices and thanks section. This hopefully covers the BH20 5E part of the parish. If anybody outside this area wants to be included, we could always expand the table, so do get in touch with us if you want to see more.

We have experienced the most incredible amount of rain over the last few weeks. Both tributaries of the Corfe River have been turned into raging torrents and people have found the river running into the bottom of their gardens. The Isle of Purbeck golf course has been frequently closed because of the flooding. This is because the grass could be damaged if walked upon by many people and would prove very slippery and therefore unsafe. The club house has however remained open. Let's hope it dries up soon.

Stephen

### Some useful Telephone Numbers

(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Police non-emergency call line                       | 101           |
| National Electricity Number                          | 105           |
| NHS Emergency Medical Care Service                   | 111           |
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| Wareham Hospital                                     | 552433        |
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| Dorset County Hospital                               | 01305 251150  |
| Corfe Castle Community Library                       | 480760        |
| Citizens Advice Adviceline: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm     | 08001448848   |
| The Samaritans                                       | 01202 551999  |
| Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting                | 0800 068 4145 |
| Childline  | 0800 1111     |
| Dorset Councillor – Cherry Brooks                    | 07512897908   |

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*Cover picture is a sketch of the East Street bus stop by P R Gross*

## FEBRUARY FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Annual Parish Meeting format:** Over the last couple of years attendance to the Annual Parish Meeting has been modest! This either means we are doing a great job(!) or the event is not what you want it to be.

We are thinking this year, we will try something a bit different, possible have an informal session with local organisations / groups invited to have a table, so you can talk to whomever you wish, followed by a short presentation from the Parish Council on future plans.

**National Trust:** The National Trust have given warning of possible Highways disruption from March 4<sup>th</sup> for three weeks, whilst the roof to the Old Stables on the A351 hill leading up to the Square is replaced. BBC Springwatch from Corfe Castle! Watch out for live coverage of the two existing peregrine nest sites within the Castle.

**Playground:** You will have noticed by now there has been a few new ideas within the playground. It was with sadness the old rocking horse had to go, but the Parish Council acknowledges everything has a safe usable life span and unfortunately after approx. 30 years the rocking horse had to go to pastures new! The new equipment seems to be well received by young and old alike, as when I visited just the other day, there was a family on the new 4-seater see-saw and 2 children taking it in turns to bounce on the trampoline.

**Armed Forces Covenant:** Corfe Castle Parish Council have agreed to support the Armed Forces Covenant. It is appreciated that although there is not much physically the Parish Council can offer, but what we can offer is our support and acknowledgement to all those brave men and women within our parish who have served to help keep us safe.

**No Mow Area:** The Parish Council have supported a request from the Environment group to once again this year have a “No Mow Area” running along the Eastern boundary of the playing field. Individual access routes to the rear of the properties bordering the field will be maintained for access.

**Gods Acre Prohibited items:** New rules and regulations for Gods Acre have now been in place for just over a year. They have been displayed both on the website and on the cemetery gates. We stated we would start to enforce the rules once everyone had had a chance to read and adhere to them. From 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025, prohibited items will be removed. Broken items will be disposed of, and items not broken will be re-located into the shed for safe keeping. Owners can call 01202

670105 to arrange collection. After the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 all items unclaimed or prohibited will be discarded.

20mph Consultation: As project lead, Cllr Blinkhorn has written a separate report explaining the results of the survey and the Parish Council’s decisions.

**Becoming a Councillor:** Do you know by becoming a Councillor you will have input into your community in so many ways? For example: What play equipment should we have; and should we apply for a 20mph limited? Along with so many other projects across the parish. If you are thinking you could be a Councillor, why not attend the March meeting and see what a difference you could make.

**Next Council Meeting** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. We will be discussing drones over the Parish and the Sandbanks Ferry Company’s wish to increase charges above agreed levels.

**Parish Council contact details:** Clerk: Michelle Harrington,  
**Telephone:** 01202 670105, **Email:** clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk,  
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### MARTYN’S LAW - Are you ready?

Martyn’s Law will require premises to fulfil necessary but proportionate steps, according to their capacity, to help keep the public safe. It is named in tribute to Martyn Hett who was killed alongside 21 others in the Manchester Arena attack in 2017. This law will affect our Pubs, our Village Hall and other Community Assets

The Home Office has launched a six-week consultation please read and have your say on what will affect you.

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### **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.

#### **My bin was not emptied:**

Self Service Portal - <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/report-a-bin-problem/missed-bin-collection>

Telephone: 01305 221040

#### **A public litter bin is overflowing**

Self Service Portal - [https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP\\_Report\\_a\\_public\\_litter\\_bin\\_problem](https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP_Report_a_public_litter_bin_problem)

Telephone: 01305 221040

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

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

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

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

#### **To report a problem on a road or pavement**

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

Telephone 01305 221020

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

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

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

Self Service Portal - [https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP\\_Report\\_for\\_Mechanical\\_Road\\_Sweeper](https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP_Report_for_Mechanical_Road_Sweeper)

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## 20mph Survey Results

As you may be aware CCPC recently conducted a survey to determine whether there was sufficient support within the parish for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit.

The council would like to thank all those who responded, and from a total of 252 responses received the results were as follows:

|                 | <b>Against</b> | <b>For</b> | Totals     |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Response Option |                |            |            |
| Survey Monkey   | 91             | 64         | 155        |
| CVN Insert      | 19             | 8          | 27         |
| Doorstep Flyer  | 23             | 41         | 64         |
| Email           | 3              | 3          | 6          |
| Totals          | <b>136</b>     | <b>116</b> | <b>252</b> |
|                 | <b>54%</b>     | <b>46%</b> |            |

The results show that there were more responders against a 20mph speed limit than for it, consequently the council has decided that it is not currently viable to apply to Dorset Council for a speed reduction.

Amongst the survey returns were many recurring traffic related concerns voiced by both 'for' and 'against' groups. Amongst these were:

- Improved enforcement of the existing 30mph speed limit.
- Speed cameras at various locations in Corfe Castle village.
- Some form of controlled crossing point at the southern end of East Street.
- Improving the visibility of the current Zebra crossing.

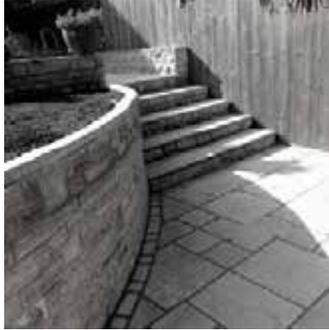
CCPC has formed a working group to investigate the concerns raised and results will be reported back to council at the earliest opportunity.

If you would like to discuss the outcome of the survey and what CCPC is doing to try and manage traffic speed through Corfe Castle, there will be an opportunity during the next Annual Parish Meeting.

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## Church Knowle Parish Council - February Meeting

The February meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6:30pm. It was attended by four members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair) and six members of the public

The main items of interest in the meeting were:

### Public Discussion

The topics raised included:

- A speed limit for Furzebrook Road.
- Flooding on Furzebrook road owing to the inadequacy of the under road culvert.
- Vehicle collisions with deer on Furzebrook Road – provision of deer road signs.
- The road barriers at the Furzebrook Road railway bridge should be checked for compliance with current standards.

### Vacancies on the Parish Council

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council which has a full strength of nine and any interested parishioners can apply to [clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk). A member of the public at the meeting undertook to submit an application for consideration at the next meeting.

### Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Committee is reviewing the draft plan to ensure that there is emphasis on issues raised by parishioners. There will be a public forum in the second week in April. Parishioners are invited to join the steering group and can contact the clerk ([clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk)) or Cllr Carl Grice ([carlgrice@yahoo.com](mailto:carlgrice@yahoo.com)) for more information. The Neighbourhood Plan carries statutory weight under the Localism Act 2011 and this is an opportunity for the parish to take advantage of this.

### Planning

The Council resolved to have no objection to P/FUL/2023/07201. Construct a new tennis court on agricultural land at The Old Rectory.

The Council resolved to object to P/FUL/2024/00337. Create a new access to the mushroom field from Furzebrook Road.

### Highways

**Corfe River Footbridge.** An experienced local civil engineering company has visited the site of the Orchard Bridge and is preparing a proposal with initial estimate that will enable the Council to investigate grants and external funding.

### Furzebrook Phone Box

This was decommissioned by BT and adopted by the Parish Council over a year ago and is available for new role. Suggestions for a use for this box are sought. Please contact the clerk and these will be put to the Parish Council to be implemented.

### Tenders

The recent Playing Field inspection recommended that the wooden elements be treated with preservative. Tenders are therefore being sought for treating all of the timber at the playing field with an approved preservative. The timber will have to be sanded to remove any splinters first. Apply to the Clerk at [clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk) for details.

The February meeting finished at 7:43 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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Corfe Common is a perfect place to watch these frolicking frogs. But like many of our 'common' species, frogs are in decline due to habitat loss, pollution

*Common frogs. Photo: Tom Clarke*

and climate change. Efforts to restore ponds/wetlands are crucial for their survival (see below).

#### Leaky log dams

As part of our wetland restoration project, log dams have been placed in the waterways on Big East Common in Corfe. They are designed to 'slow the flow' in these channels, allowing some of the water to overflow and soak into the surrounding soils.



*Leaky dam, Photo: Gen Crisford*

This will help to create a soggy wetland area which is great for wildlife, including the beautiful and rare southern damselfly. It also helps prevent flooding downstream. The dams were tested in the heavy rains we've had recently – and are proving that they're up to the job!



*Southern damselfly. Photo: Mark Singleton*

Cathy Lewis, the National Trust



National Trust

### Rang Barse – Colours over Corfe Castle

Saturday 23 March, 12noon - 4:30pm

*By Sophie Trenchard, Visitor Experience Officer, Corfe Castle*

I'm so excited to be working with the BPC Indian Community to host the celebration of Holi; the festival of colours, love and spring.



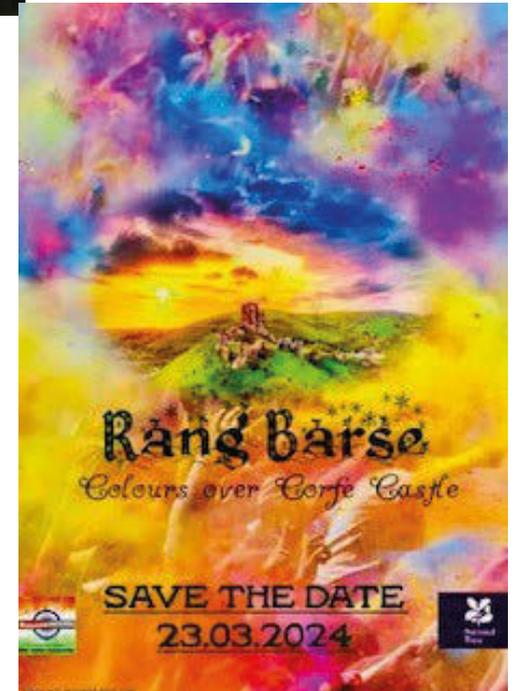
On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the castle will be transformed into a vibrant wash of colours. Scents of delicious Indian food will fill the air and Bollywood beats will get your feet moving!

We want this to be an event that everyone feels welcome to attend, so there will be free entry into the castle

for the day. If you'd like to join in with the fun (especially the throwing of coloured powder... bio degradable of course), we recommend you wear white clothing!

Hope to see you there.

**Tile Workshop.** Why not join our Medieval Tile workshops in the castle? They take place every Monday 10am – 12.30pm. We also have displays of heritage crafts on Fridays at 10am-12.30pm showcasing crafts such as stone and wood carving, wattle and daubing and more.. Don't forget entrance to the castle is free for Corfe residents.



**Traffic Lights on Corfe Hill.** The remedial works to the roof of the Old Stables on East Street will begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. There will be

a traffic management system in place for a three week period with a temporary traffic light system during this time.

**Easter in the Castle.** From March 23<sup>rd</sup>, enjoy Spring at the Castle with traditional family games such as welly wanging, egg and spoon races, building towers, archery and much more. Between Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April, we are hosting our annual easter egg hunt through the ruins. Prices are £3 per trail which include a trail sheet, bunny ears and chocolate egg.

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## **Corfe Castle Surgery**

I apologise that I haven't updated you recently, but we have had a few staff changes that I want to tell you about.

Firstly, we have said our goodbyes to Mel from reception who left us at the end of last year, Mel will be missed by us all and we wish her all the luck in the future.

We are still in the process of recruitment so watch out for a new face on reception soon.

We have also said a temporary goodbye to Jo, one of our practice nurses who has started her maternity leave and we cannot wait for baby snuggles soon.

Before Jo went on leave we welcomed not one but two staff into the nursing team. We have Alison, a practice nurse who is with us almost full time to cover and we also welcome Sue a phlebotomist who will be working with us every week.

Dr Daniel Lane has been with us for a few months now and has settled in well here at the practice, he is really pleased to be part of our team.

I'm sure that you will welcome all of the new staff in the usual way and I will keep you updated on any future changes.

Kerry Norman - Practice Manager

### **Patient Participation Group**

With the lighter evenings and spring flowers coming into bloom it is good to feel that warmer days are coming and we can get out and appreciate our beautiful Purbeck countryside and generally feel better in the sunshine.

I am very grateful to those who have kindly contacted the PPG through our email address [corfecastlesurgeryppg@gmail.com](mailto:corfecastlesurgeryppg@gmail.com) giving me an opportunity to make contact with those offering help or seeking support .

Nationally and locally there is now a great emphasis on '**Medicines Management**' and many of us in the Corfe Surgery will be receiving a medicine review from the Pharmacist now attached to our surgery. Reducing waste will be one aim by avoiding stockpiles of medicines particularly now when some drugs are in short supply. We are fortunate to have our own

surgery Pharmacy team who work hard to make sure that we get our prescribed medicines but these are challenging times for them.

My PPG colleague has prepared a Medicines management poster which will be displayed in the surgery as a reminder for us all to only order what we need and reduce waste whenever we can .

We are also working on a new Health talks programme for later in the year so please look out for details and do get in touch if the PPG can be of help.

Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair



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The February Lunch was so well attended that it was the first time we could not offer seconds of pudding! We don't actually cater for seconds but we usually find we have provided more than is necessary, but not this time! Still it is a good sign that more folk find it very beneficial to attend.

The following comments are from a couple of our diners and volunteers indicating how much they enjoy coming and how good it is for them and the local community. **“A lovely lunch with company, instead of on my own, lots of friends.”** and **“It is a very friendly event with a real feeling of community. Everyone who comes seems to really enjoy both the food and the company. It's nice to work with the other volunteers and be part of such a worthwhile event.”**

We have some ideas for extending our meals to involve younger members of our village community. This should also give the Village Hall more support to pursue grant applications towards improving the kitchen facilities for all users. More details to appear over the coming months!

The next Soup 'n Pud will be on Sat. March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12.30pm and as always we welcome any extra in-date fruit, vegetables and tins and will use them wherever possible to avoid waste but regret that we can't accept any pre-frozen food as we are unsure of the relevant dates.

There will be the expected tasty food and friendly chat and we will have our happy band of volunteers helping with serving etc, without whom we would be unable to manage. If you would like to join them we would be very happy to see you. Remember that you get a lunch as well!

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### Corfe Castle Parent, Teachers and Friends Association

Corfe Castle PTFA are here to support Corfe Castle Primary School, to help make every child's experience of school the best it can be and have some fun along the way!

Finally we've got through January! We have had a relatively quiet month as we recovered from our busy Christmas period, with visits from Santa, a movie night and our annual Christmas fair being just some of the events and activities we do in the lead up to Christmas. That's not to say we've done nothing! As I write this the children and staff at School are involved in a Penny wars! Each class was given a jar in which they could put in pennies, but the children can sabotage their rival classrooms by adding silver coins, for each silver coin that class loses a point with the winning class receives an award at the end of the battle!



Winter Edition 2024

#### Upcoming Events

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Jan-Feb half term

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We are currently starting our planning for our Summer fair which this year will be held on Saturday 8th June 3-8pm. We have now had our first planning meeting. Last year we tried something a bit different and it turned out to be a huge success. We worked closely with our neighbours at Corfe Castle Community Preschool and we will be doing so again this year. This is the biggest event in our calendar and takes a lot of planning! We are lucky enough to already have booked some great food vendors and stall holders as well as a gymnastics group and dance group who will be amazing us with displays!

We need more local crafters and sellers to join us at this event, if you would like more information please email corfecastle.summerfair@gmail.com

The Summer isn't only one event and we are currently finalising details on a few other events too so watch this space!

Our events no matter how big or small can only go ahead if we have the volunteers to carry out the various tasks that it takes to make each and every event a success.

Last year we created an official PTFA volunteers list for anyone who doesn't have the time or just doesn't want to commit to coming to our meetings but still wanted to help out.

We often help out at school events too, like the recent book fair which was manned over the 3 days by the PTFA and our volunteers. If you think this is something you would be interested in, even for just 1 event or an hour at an event please get in touch either via our email address, or by contacting the school office or our chair on the details provided. On this newsletter, we'd be happy to hear from you.



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### 6<sup>th</sup> February meeting

We presented cheques for £777 to each of our chosen charities for 2022-2023. These were Livability – Millie College based at Holton Heath - and The Friends of Corfe Castle Surgery.

We were delighted that both organisations sent representatives to explain about their work so we could fully appreciate how our money will help their service users.

Jon from the Friends of Corfe Castle Surgery explained about their transport service provided by volunteer drivers to take patients to their hospital and GP appointments. There is a small voluntary donation made by those that can afford it and all monies go back to the surgery to support all patients.

John and Annabel from Liveability Millie College (and their therapy puppy Hugo) explained how learners with the most complex needs are able to progress through the enterprise-based learning offered. The College is based in a SSSI site and has many events during the year when the public can visit and engage in the activities that support the learning of the students or just wander the site to appreciate its environment and tranquillity. The enterprise areas are horticulture, conservation, animal care and catering.

### 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024

This will be our Annual General Meeting and we have an exciting Easter Bunny 'Drive' planned and there will be prizes. Easter hats and bunny ears are welcome but not obligatory!

### Future activities

For our Aquarius members we are planning theatre trips to the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton in February and The Mowlem Theatre in Swanage in March and possibly to the Costume museum in Blandford in June.

### Annual Spring Fair Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

This will run from 10.00 until 12.00 in Corfe Castle Village Hall. If anyone would like to have a stall at his year's Fair please contact us using the details at the end.

We are always looking for new members to join our friendly group of ladies. If you would like to come along to our monthly meetings for an interesting talk, a cuppa and chat, why not join us for a taster session. We also have a monthly draw for the 50/50 club, book groups, walking groups and a lunch club.

To contact Aquarius please tel: 01929 289102 or email: [2008aquariusladies@gmail.com](mailto:2008aquariusladies@gmail.com)



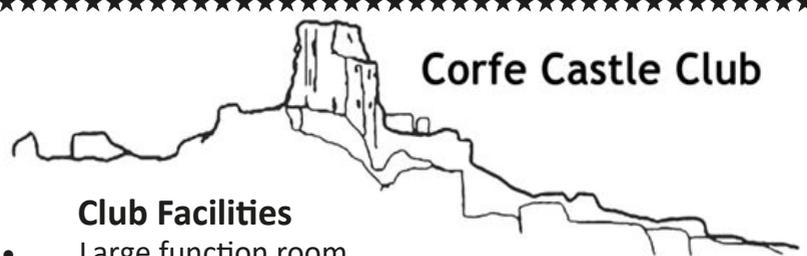
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 Sunday: All day 12.00 - 7.00pm

| Weekly Events  | Forthcoming Events  |
|--|---|
| <b>Poker Night:</b> Wed 8.30pm<br><b>One Card Bingo:</b> Fri 8.30pm<br><b>Beer/Meat Draw:</b> Sat evening<br><b>One Card Bingo:</b> Sun 1.00pm | <b>Sat 30th March 8pm</b> —Alexis sings<br><b>Sat 20th April 7.30pm</b> —<br>Fun Quiz Night |

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So, Happy Readers, what is Double Act up to this month?

Rehearsals continue for 'This Secret Isle' up to the end of March. Although casting is provisionally sorted **any young man keen to get involved with some acting will be very welcome to join us.** We will resume rehearsals after The Shaftesbury Tales has run (or walked?) its course, and continue through the autumn. Performances will be November 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> in Corfe Castle Village Hall.

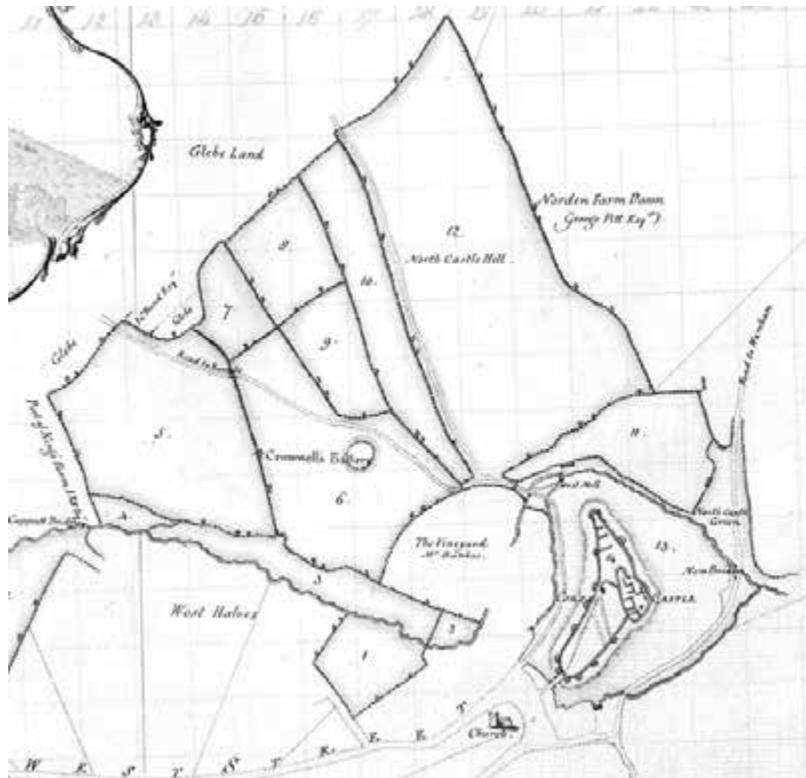
In April the next stage of **The Shaftesbury Tales** will swing into action. The writing competition winning entries will provide Double Act with a Tale to develop into a short play which we will rehearse through the Summer Term, ready for performance in St Edward's Church Corfe Castle, and possibly Wareham Church as well, in July.

On March 18<sup>th</sup> we will hold our **AGM**. All members and friends are encouraged to attend, but anyone else is welcome too, though not in a voting role. Every attempt will be made to keep it as short as possible, because we are following it with a sort of **workshop** aimed at helping actors learn lines. For some (not many!) it is not too challenging, but for many others it is really difficult. We will offer some new ideas and tips, as well as sharing other ideas from members. We aim to make it fun! Come along at 7pm to Corfe Castle Village Hall, and join in!

*If you would be interested in joining our friendly safe group or for more details, please contact the chairman, David Kemp 01929 480007 - or email [doubleactdramagroup@gmail.com](mailto:doubleactdramagroup@gmail.com).*

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

## Castle Leaze Farm



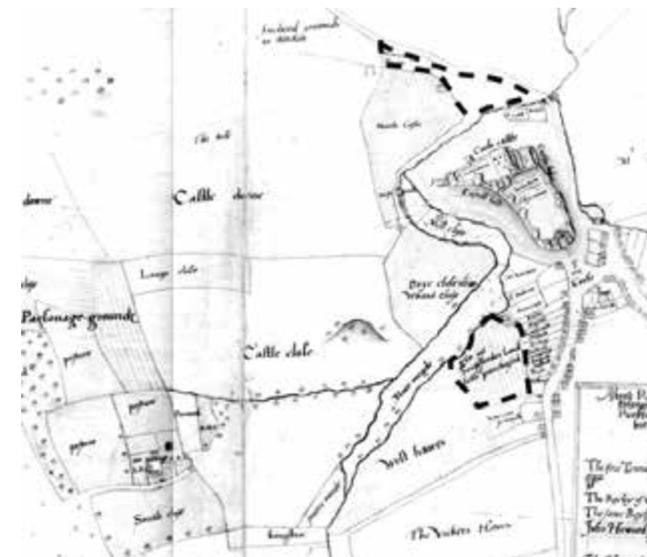
In 1775, the Castle Leaze farmlands, including West Mill, looked like this – no different from today. The land was described as ‘very good’ according to William Woodward who surveyed this map. The Vineyard is shown separately as it was occasionally leased out independently. Most of the land was given to William the Conqueror by the Abbess of Shaftesbury and, in 1585, it totalled 124 acres. According to the survey of 1775 however, it was just over 119 acres which included the Castle Hill and the ruins.

In 1698 a list was drawn up to decide who could vote in the town’s elections. It noted that Robert Gentle, a yeoman of Corfe, had taken a plot of ground out of the farmlands which he was not entitled to do. Nothing seems to mention where this plot lay or how much had been taken and a later survey of 1724 also noted that the acres are fewer than on the old survey (presumably that of 1585 - the 124 acres). It can only be presumed that the land was reclaimed. Boundary lines could be a bit flexible sometimes.

The customs of the manor permitted a horse to be stabled on the farm for the use of the mayor. It was thought this had been granted by the Constable of the castle so that the mayor could attend him whilst out stag hunting; by 1728 this practice had ceased. The mayor was also permitted to keep one lamb in Castle Close (No. 5 on the 1775 map).

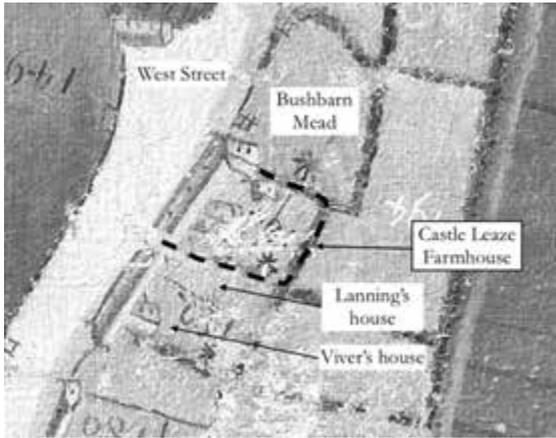
A rental account of 1507 shows that Castle Leaze, together with the castle mill, brought in £6 13s. 4d. annually. It was rented by the then bailiff, John Bonvyle. Sir John Banks leased the property to William and Henry Cullyford in 1631 and the 1635 rental accounts show that William Cullyford paid £20 p.a. excluding West Mill. Sir John did not actually purchase the castle until 1635 so I am a little mystified by this earlier date. He could have been leasing the property prior to purchase.

Castle Leaze was granted by Elizabeth I to Sir Christopher Hatton in July 1572. He extended his holdings and purchased 8 ½ acres at No. 1 (now Gods Acre) in 1577. He also acquired the land of about 5 acres on the eastern boundary of North Castle.



The dotted lines on the 1585 map show the extra land purchased by Sir Christopher Hatton.

The farmhouse was never included in the total quantity of land owned. It stood where the current allotments are on the east side of West Street. A cart shed still stood there in 1910 but the farmhouse had long gone.



The 1769 plan showing Castle Leaze Farmhouse.

Louise Haywood



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# Corfe Castle Village Hall

## general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the February VH Coffee Morning. £168.44 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In February the first prize of £21 was won by member 13, with member 83 getting second prize £10 and member 50 winning the third prize £5. If you would like to become one of the many villagers who support their local village hall like this please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

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## regular weekly events:

|                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday mornings      | Purbeck Dance Studio      |
| Monday evenings      | Double Act                |
| Monday evenings      | Purbeck Chess             |
| Tuesday mornings     | Toddlers                  |
| Tuesday mornings     | Yoga                      |
| Tuesday evenings     | Martial Arts              |
| Tuesday evenings     | Badminton                 |
| Wednesday mornings   | Purbeck Crafts            |
| Wednesday mornings   | Pilates                   |
| Wednesday afternoons | U3A Pickleball            |
| 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     | Cameo Antiques Fair       |
| 1st Tuesday afternoon  | Aquarius                  |
| 1st Thursday evening   | Gardening Club            |
| 2nd Monday evening     | Parish Council            |
| 3rd Wednesday morning  | Carers' Support (P Jones) |
| 3rd Friday afternoon   | Citizen's Advice bus      |
| final Thursday morning | CC Carers Time            |

## Smart TV in BC room

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## Village Hall AGM

Our AGM will be in the Bill Carter room on Tuesday March 26th at 6.30pm. All parishioners are entitled to attend, listen to reports from the elected officers, ask questions and vote for those standing to be trustees. If you are interested in serving your community as a trustee, please contact David (see below).

To book a room at the hall, preferably use the email address david@davidjatin.plus.com. Alternatively ring David on 07590 352219.

## News from the Library



Remember to get your tickets for the **Charity Quiz Night** run by the inimitable Mr Barry Stocks on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024** in the village hall. You can buy them in the Village Stores or library from 16th March at £8 each. Proceeds will be split evenly between Corfe Castle Community Library and the Weldmar Hospice charity.

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We hold regular **Storytime sessions** for children from the pre-school, and we hope to have a **Children's Activities session** during May half-term. Come and ask in the library if you would like to help with these, or if you are interested in volunteering during our normal sessions (see below) from as little as 2 hours a month.

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## Come in out of the cold for a free Cuppa and a Biscuit!

We will be offering a hot drink and biscuits for anyone who would like to come in to warm up and have a chat.

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### **News from The Castle**

We can finally see the end of Winter; The days are longer and spring is well and truly on it's way. We have a busy March ahead, and the plans are in motion to make this month a great one. Starting the month with:

#### **Mother's Day Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of March**

We'll be offering a delicious Mother's Day menu, with 2 courses for £20.95 or 3 courses for £25.95. Mum will also receive a free box of choccies on the day for bookings. Bookings are essential.

Next on the list is St Patrick's Day:

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Another one of the diary, as we decorate the pub in all thing's Irish, and offer delicious food all day, including a very special Beef & Guinness Pie. As always with a Sunday, booking is highly recommended and you may even be lucky enough to spot an Irish Leprechaun!

The big finale to the month is Easter!

#### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

We've got lots going on, starting with Fish & Shellfish Night on Good Friday. Delicious, fresh seafood from 6pm to kick off the bank holiday weekend. Easter Sunday will be one for the kids, with Superhero Sunday. Children who come in dressed as their favourite superhero will receive a free bag of sweeties. The Easter Bunny will be dropping off Easter Eggs in the garden ready for the Big Easter Egg hunt on Sunday 31st & Monday 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there!

From the team at The Castle: Happy Easter and have a great month!

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## CORFE VALLEY NEWS

## CALENDAR for MARCH 2024

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

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

|    |       |          |                 |   |
|----|-------|----------|-----------------|---|
| 2  | March | Saturday | 10.15 am        | Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall                      |
| 2  | March | Saturday | 12.30 – 1.45 pm | Soup and Pud Community Lunch – Corfe Castle Village Hall                |
| 5  | March | Thursday | 8 pm            | Gardening Club – Growing happy veg and heritage seeds – Corfe Castle VH |
| 5  | March | Tuesday  | 2 pm            | Aquarius – AGM & Easter Bunny drive – Corfe Castle Village Hall         |
| 8  | March | Friday   | 7.30 pm         | Keilidh – Kimmeridge Village Hall at Etches collection.                 |
| 11 | March | Monday   | 7 pm            | Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall         |
| 12 | March | Tuesday  | 6.30 pm         | Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle Village Hall       |
| 18 | March | Monday   | Midday          | Deadline for short story writing competition                            |
| 18 | March | Monday   | 7 pm            | Double Act AGM – Corfe Castle Village Hall                              |
| 23 | March | Saturday |                 | Rang Barse celebration of Holi by BCP Indian community in the Castle    |
| 26 | March | Tuesday  | 6.30 pm         | Village Hall AGM – Bill Carter room Corfe Castle Village Hall           |

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

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| 4  | April | Thursday | 8 pm              | Gardening Club talk on Stoker's visit to Costa Rica – Corfe Castle Village Hall |
| 5  | April | Friday   | 7 pm              | Church Knowle Village Ceilidh with supper – Church Knowle Village Hall          |
| 12 | April | Friday   | 6.30 pm           | St Edwards Ladies fashion show and pop up shop – Corfe Castle Village hall      |
| 13 | April | Saturday | 6 pm              | Library Charity quiz night - Corfe Castle village hall                          |
| 15 | April | Monday   | 5 pm              | Parish Council Annual Public Meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall                |
| 20 | April | Saturday | 10 am – 12 midday | Aquarius annual spring fair – Corfe Castle Village Hall                         |
| 9  | May   | Thursday | 8 pm              | Revised date for gardening club meeting in Corfe castle Village Hall            |

## More Useful Phone Numbers

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Western Power Distribution:  
0800 365900 (free phone land line and mobiles)

**Water** - Wessex Water:  
03456004600 (free from most land lines or local charges apply dependant on the land line or mobile provider)

**Gas** - Transco - Gas Emergency:  
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**Roads and highways** - Highways England (including incidents A35, A37 and A31):  
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Dorset Council (including incidents on the Dorset Council highway):  
01305 221000 (10p per minute from a land line or 3p - 40p per minute from a mobile dependent upon the provider)

**Flooding** - Environment Agency - Flood Line:  
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**Dorset Council Self Service Portal.** This portal can be used to report anything to do with Dorset Council and to request services and information from the council. The web address for the Dorset Council is also below.

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

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

### **Reporting non injury collisions or near misses**

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

**Anti-Social Behaviour** 01305 762439 email [ASB@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ASB@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

# Church of England

## St Aldhelm's Benefice

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

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

**Benefice Administrator: St George's Church, Langton Matravers**

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**Enquiries for Baptisms / Weddings / Funerals / Banns - contact Benefice Office and for the Corfe Valley parishes contact the Church Wardens**

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### Church Wardens in the Valley Churches

Corfe Castle: Penelope Smith 480109      John Lindsay 481498

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

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

They say 'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb' referring, one assumes, to the weather. The transition from February to March is often wet, stormy, noisy with thunderstorms and raining cats and dogs (*why 'cats and dogs'?*); but March to April's weather transition tends to be soft and tender, sweet with the fragrance of primroses and blossoming fruit trees, and garden flowers opening their buds and promising beauty to come.

So March is a 'waiting' month.

As children, weren't we told "wait and see"? And the waiting for whatever-it-was seemed endless, everlasting, out of sight, over the horizon ... then, suddenly, there it was, the longed-for something, the more precious for having been expected with hope and longing for such ages. Did it lose any of

its marvellousness during the waiting? Or was it the more valued *because* of the long wait for it?

In these 21<sup>st</sup> century days instant gratification seems to be the predominant mindset. You know what you wanna wanna want ... and *when* d'you want it? NOW!

That's OK. It's completely understandable, particularly if you stand back and take the long view. The 20<sup>th</sup> century's two world wars left in their wake a gulf of human need terrible in intensity. We tend to measure time by the length of our own lifetimes. It became imperative to find cures for broken bodies and scrambled minds, to find solutions for impossibly difficult political situations, to explore new venues in which to carve out satisfying and comfortable places to live, and in the doing to cast off the values and behaviours of our predecessors – our grandparents and great-grandparents, perhaps even our parents – because, evidently, they had proved to be not fit for purpose.

In many brilliant and inspired ways, post-world-war successes have exceeded expectations. In the medical field antibiotics see off previously incurable infections, surgery achieves undreamt-of miracles, and research uncovers the secret workings of the human body. Racial prejudice is universally frowned on. Social status is levelling out. Wealth is still a measure of success and probably always will be, the gap between rich and poor still needs attention, as does our multiplying world population. And we need to learn how best to regard Artificial Intelligence.

Now, what the world needs more than anything else, is PEACE. PEACE between peoples of different nationalities and faith systems, coupled with universal acknowledgement that war is simply wrong, never an answer to perceived injustice however profound. Somehow all national governments and all faith communities must find ways to settle differences and agree that to wreak devastation, destruction and death upon uninvolved innocent people peacefully living ordinary family lives, is criminal ... tantamount to murder most foul.

I don't believe any of us want to 'wait and see' while the hot breath of Armageddon creeps closer. Would we not vastly prefer the sweet breezes of Spring heralding the rebirth of nature, new births of wildlife, and all humanity resolved on universal PEACE based on loving God and neighbour, no matter what?

Thanks to the limitless imaginings of our brains we humans are the most powerful living beings on this planet. No way is it beyond our capability to achieve worldwide PEACE. We just have to wanna wanna want it enough to work out how to do it.

The PEACE of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God – and may his Spirit be amongst us, informing and guiding us.

With love, Anne

### **Bible Readings – March 2024**

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|------------------------|---|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March  | Third Sunday in Lent<br>Exodus 20:1 - 17<br>1 Corinthians 1:18 – 25<br>John 2:13 - 22             |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March | Fourth Sunday in Lent<br>Numbers 21:4-9<br>Ephesians 2:1-10<br>John 3:14-21                       |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March | Fifth Sunday in Lent<br>Jeremiah 31:31-34<br>Hebrews 5:5-10<br>John 12:20-33                      |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March | Palm Sunday<br>Genesis 17:1-7, 15 - 16<br>Romans 4:13 - 25<br>Mark 8:31 – 38                      |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March | Maundy Thursday<br>Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14<br>1 Corinthians 11:23-26<br>John 13:1-17, 31b-35 |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March | Easter Day<br>Acts 10:34-43<br>Isaiah 25:6-9<br>Mark 16:1-8                                       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> April  | Second Sunday of Easter<br>Exodus 14:10 – 31, 15:20 – 21<br>Acts 4:32-35<br>John 20:19-31         |

### Sunday Services in March 2024

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|---|--|
| <b>Sunday 3rd March</b><br>Corfe Castle 10.30am                                   | Third Sunday in Lent<br>Holy Communion                     |
| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>Steeple 9.30am<br>Corfe Castle 10.30am     | Fourth Sunday in Lent<br>Holy Communion<br>Morning Worship |
| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>Corfe Castle 10.30am<br>Harmans Cross 6 pm | Fifth Sunday of Lent<br>Holy Communion<br>Evening Prayer   |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>Corfe Castle 10.30am                       | Palm Sunday<br>Holy Communion                              |
| <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>Corfe Castle 6.30 pm                     | Maundy Thursday<br>Holy Communion                          |
| <b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b><br>Corfe Castle 11.00 am                      | Easter Day<br>Easter Communion                             |
| <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b><br>Church Knowle 10.30                         | Second Sunday of Easter<br>Holy Communion                  |

### Decorating St Edwards Church for Easter

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March in the morning, we will be filling the church with spring flowers ready for Easter Sunday. If you would like to help (and we hope you will) Please come and join us. If you have any spring green foliage or flowers to spare, please bring them along. Coffee and Biscuits will be served to aid inspiration.

### Easter Lilies and flowers



There is a well-established tradition at St Edward's that at Easter donations are given for lilies and flowers to be placed in church. The Church Wardens will collect donations so please pass any contribution to them.



### Harmans Cross Village Hall Church Service

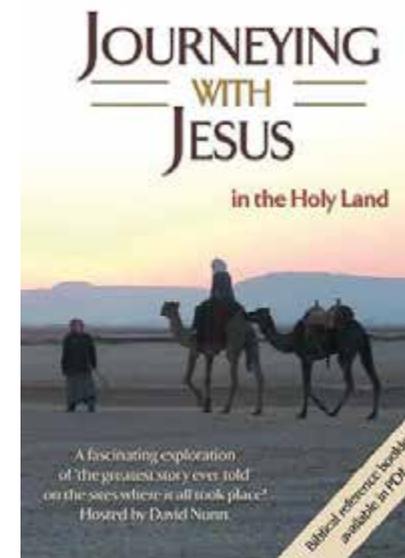
#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6pm

As we prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter, we are including part of 'JOURNEYING WITH JESUS' This is one of a series of eight films that our very own David Nunn has made in the lands of the Bible.

6.00 - 6.30 Film  
6.30 - 6.50 Refreshments  
6.50 - 7.15 Service

David's film sweeps us inexorably through the momentous events of Holy Week and on to the triumphs of the Resurrection appearances. The events leap dramatically from the page as we visualize them in their original setting.

**Informal, friendly service - everyone welcome!**



### Good Friday. St George's Church 2.00pm 29th March.

There will be a quiet hour of music and readings to mark Good Friday on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm at St George's Church, Langton Matravers. This is a time of contemplation whilst revisiting the last hours with Jesus before his crucifixion. It is a chance for preparation and reflection before the celebrations of Easter. In the busy chaos of life today, it is a very meaningful service. All are very welcome. Any more details: contact Becca 07553877947



### Good Friday

St George's Langton Matravers  
29th March 2.00pm

### An Hour at the Cross

Contemplative words and music.  
All welcome.

### St. Edward's, King & Martyr church, Corfe Castle

#### REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL FOR 2024

The Electoral Roll revision is completed during the two weeks prior to a Church APCM which in Corfe Castle this year will be April 28<sup>th</sup>. Any additions, removal or address changes etc. need therefore to be with me by Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> please.

Joy Carter 480925

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## Corfe Castle Evangelical Congregational Church

### The Resurrection of Christ

*Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word, I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: **that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8*

**Q:** Why Jesus Christ is willing to sacrifice and die for me, an ordinary person and for us all: to self-righteous and sinners, young and old, rich and poor, unprivileged like me?

Why he cares even to his death? Does it really matter?

**A.** *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16*

*“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8*

*“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13*

The divine love of God is eternal and there is life after death. He doesn't want us to perish because he loved us so much. However, the reality matters, that the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23)

The tenet of Christian faith is centred on the atonement of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary more than 2000 years ago and his resurrection speaks volumes through his disciples.

***“And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.***

*More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.*

*For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.  
And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your  
sins.”*

*1 Corinthians 15:14-17*

*Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He  
who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.  
And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.  
Do you believe this?” John 11:25-26*

**Action Point**

*“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt  
believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou  
shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;  
and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Romans 10:9-  
10*

**Wilma Fagence**

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| <p><b>Celia Taylor (Church Secretary)</b><br/>Fr_ee2talk@yahoo.co.uk<br/>Mob. 07908807115</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MARCH</u></b><br/><b>COFFEE MORNING</b> every Wed.<br/><b>10.30 - 12pm</b><br/><b>SERVICES</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup> at 3pm<br/><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm</p> |
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## What’s On at Harmans Cross Village Hall

### **HXVH Playground**

We start with the news that we have opened our new play equipment for younger children. Huge thanks for the support we have received from Perenco and Worth Matravers Parish Council and it’s a wonderful addition to the playground.

### **Booking the Hall**

A reminder to anyone interested in booking the Hall that our new Bookings Guru is Kelly King. There’s loads of information available on the ‘Make a Booking’ section of our website and you can check availability using the online calendar which is always kept up to date. Kelly can be contacted on either 07384 848 419 or email at [bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk).

### **Movie Nights – doors and bar open at 7pm, admission just £5**

We are saving paper, ink and printing costs by just noting dates of Movie Nights going forward, but reviews and trailers can still be found on the Movie Nights section of our website.

Tuesday 12 March – Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning

Tuesday 9 April – My Sailor, My Love

### **Coffee Junction – in the small meeting room from 10.30am**

Thursday 7 and 21 March

Thursday 4 and 18 April

### **HXVH Church – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 6pm**

Sunday 17 March and Sunday 21 April

Alison and the HXVH Committee

## Notices and Thanks

### Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

As I write this, the sun is shining outside, there are signs of spring all around and I know we will all be hoping this will continue into March.

In February we met in the Village Hall for a short AGM and Hazel's Gardening Quiz with prizes, which, as always, was great fun. Happily we are able to keep our subs at £10 for a year with an increase for visitors to £3 per visit. I think you will agree this is fantastic value.

**We have been working hard on producing a really varied and exciting programme for the 'new season' - more news of this in the next CVN.**

**7<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30 coffee. 8pm - Growing Happy Veg and Heritage Seeds. Lucy Saunders will talk about the challenges of growing vegetables and Sharon Warden will be talking about the Seed Bank and sharing our seeds. This should be a very helpful and informative evening.**

**4<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30 coffee, 8pm - Gerry and Deborah Stoker will be giving an illustrated talk on their visit to the wonderful Costa Rica, which should be fascinating.**

**CHANGE OF DATE. Please note that the May meeting will not take place on the first Thursday of the month as the Village Hall will be being used for the local elections. We will be meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May in the hall instead.**

Meetings usually take place in the Village Hall, Corfe Castle, starting at 7.30 pm for coffee and starting the programme at 8pm. Non-members are welcome to join us for a small fee if they are interested in a particular talk. We also arrange visits to a variety of wonderful gardens and have social get togethers, plant sales, seed swaps and Open Gardens. If you are interested in joining us please contact Chris Clarke on 01929 480095 or 07815 058880.

Chris Clarke



### Dorset's volunteer digital champions help record number of people

Dorset Council's volunteer digital champions service had its busiest year in 2023 with more than 2,000 face-to-face appointments. The volunteer scheme, which also celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year, held 2,063 appointments and saw more than 1,800 people.



*Digi champion at work*

In previous years, the volunteers held on average between 1,000 and 1,500 sessions.

Dorset Council has 45 volunteers based at libraries, community centres, GP surgeries and even at a café in Wareham.

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Community groups can also book a volunteer digital champion to speak to their members.

The volunteers help with things like online shopping, Zoom meetings, comparison sites, apps, GP booking appointment systems and getting to grips with new devices like smart phones, tablets and laptops.

They also provide help over the phone via the Digital Hotline – 01305 221048 which was set up during the Covid pandemic.

Volunteer digital champion, Mike Watson, said: "I am delighted that so many people know about the service we offer and are coming to see us.

"We are a very friendly bunch and will aim to help with any digital issue someone may have – and if we can't help there and then, we will go away and research and come back with a solution.

"Some people only need to come and see us once, for example if they just need a bit of guidance on how to use a new device.

"While others will keep coming back to us as they want to keep on learning and become more confident using digital.

"Whatever advice is needed, we are ready and waiting to help – no problem is too big or too small."

People can find their nearest volunteer digital champion session by calling the hotline or by going to [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/volunteer-digital-champions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/volunteer-digital-champions)

Community groups interested in booking a volunteer digital champion can email [digitalchampions@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:digitalchampions@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) for more information.

## David Kemp's Petra Trek for Julia's House Nov. 2-9, 2024

I will be joining a group of about 15 volunteers to tackle the Petra Trek of about 48 miles over 5 days across the Jordanian desert. As a reward for the hot hard slog and basic camping, we finish at the ancient city of Petra, carved out of the rose-red sandstone **rock**. The Trek is led by Julia's House fund-raising staff and members of the Different Travel Company, all experienced leaders. The prime function of the challenge is to raise funds for Julia's House Children's Hospice in Broadstone. My target is £2,900, to be raised by the end of August.

As part of my fundraising, I have devised a ‘

### Rock Quiz!

which costs £1, and the winner will receive 50% of the takings. The more quizzes bought, the bigger the prize! They are available in Corfe Castle at The Sweet Shop, The Village Stores, and at the Library. I will also have them at Village Hall Coffee Mornings, along with rock cakes, post cards, and a draw for a bottle of Champagne – only 20p a ticket!

My thanks go to the staff of the two shops and the Library for their support, and to the donor of the champagne.

My Justgiving page is:

[www.justgiving.com/page/david-kemp-1694853078368](http://www.justgiving.com/page/david-kemp-1694853078368). I am also happy to accept cash or cheques at any time, and for anyone who would like to donate to me directly on-line, I can give you my bank details. All donations will go towards the target.

Many thanks! - David Kemp, 7 Colletts Close, Corfe Castle, 01929 480007

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## Wareham & Purbeck Vintage Ploughing Committee

### 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Ploughing Match

To be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 9am onwards  
at Manor Farm, Watery Lane, Studland, BH19 3AT.

Turn right at the cross roads in the village by the shop.

Free Entry - Hot Food available - Raffle - Vintage & Modern Tractors  
Money raised to go to The Dorset Cancer Centre at Poole Hospital.

If you would like to make a donation, give a raffle prize and have an advert in our programme please get in contact with me.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Helen on 01929 481562. Email [helenselby@outlook.com](mailto:helenselby@outlook.com)

## New Partnership Launched to Help Residents who Fear Losing their Home



Dorset Council and national charities Shelter and Citizens Advice have joined forces for the first time to prevent homelessness in the county.

The new partnership is supporting Dorset residents who are experiencing a range of housing

issues by providing a free, confidential and non-judgemental one-stop-shop for anyone with housing cost concerns.

Experts can assist with many areas of housing, such as giving legal and debt advice, help finding a new home due to eviction and in some circumstances facilitate financial assistance to enable residents to remain in their accommodation.

The Housing Advice Line is open to anyone who:

- has a mortgage
- rents privately
- has a social landlord or
- are landlords themselves.

The service is also open to lettings agents, so they can share information with landlords and their clients.

When people call the Housing Advice Line on 01305 221000, their enquiry will be triaged and passed on to the most relevant team or organisation to progress.

The collaboration was formed to make it easier for people to access help if they have concerns or worries about losing their home, by having only one point of contact to get help.

Every local authority has a statutory duty to provide advice to everyone who is experiencing housing issues. Our data from 2023 shows we:

- took approximately 8,000 calls on housing issues via our Housing phone line.
- answered more than 25,000 emails about housing related topics.
- managed around 350 referrals from professionals – from both our internal and external partners.
- took more than 4,000 enquiries through our dedicated online portal – a rise of 6% from 2022.

Residents can also access the Housing Advice service by emailing [housinghelp@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:housinghelp@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) or visiting the webpage [Are you struggling with housing costs or worried about losing your home? - Dorset Council](#)- for more information.

Dorset Council continues to work with a range of partners to offer support with the cost of living challenge including access to food, housing and energy support. Information on all help available visit [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help).

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### **Dorset Council launches supportive school attendance campaign**

#### **Dorset Council launches supportive "In This**

#### **Together" campaign to bolster school attendance**

To assist families facing challenges getting their children to school, Dorset Council has launched the "In This Together" school attendance campaign.

The campaign aims to provide support and guidance to those needing help by ensuring their children attend school regularly.

Amid national concerns about school attendance, worsened by the pandemic, both locally and nationally, there has been a significant drop in young people going to school over the past few years.

Studies show a direct link between how often children go to school and their future opportunities in life.

Going beyond just grades, attending school has positive effects on a child's well-being and offers chances to make friends and try new activities.

However, we know many families face hurdles in supporting their children to attend regularly, with anxiety often being a big obstacle.

Dorset Council understands these challenges and has launched the "In This Together" campaign to tackle the issue head-on.

The campaign offers advice and support to families who need that extra help and encourages education settings to listen and support.

Dorset Council suggests that if families are worried about school attendance, they should start by talking to their child's school.

If concerns persist, families can contact their Locality Inclusion Team, which has a lot of knowledge and information to help-out.

For more details about the campaign and getting support, visit [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/attendance](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/attendance)



### **Citizens Advice – Here for Local Residents**

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

the table.

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

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

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

#### **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:

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- Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council – Tuesday 10am-12pm
- Upton Library – Wednesday 2pm-4pm
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## Bin Collections

It has been suggested that we include dates of bin collections in the magazine, so here are the dates, we think, for most of Corfe – that is BH20 5E and 5H postcodes. If we are wrong, please let us know.

The standard collection day is Wednesday. Specific days are given below.

|            | Recycling and Food | Rubbish and Food |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| March 2024 | 13, 27             | 6, 20            |
| April 2024 | 10, 24             | 3, 17            |
| May 2024   | 8, 22              | 1, 15, 29        |
| June 2024  | 5, 19              | 12, 26           |
| July 2024  | 3, 17, 31          | 10, 24           |

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### ROAST LEG OF "KIMMERIDGE" PORK | 18

Roast potatoes, crackling, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, chantenay carrots, honey glazed parsnips, buttered mange tout and garden peas, braised red cabbage and mashed swede. Served with pan gravy and apple sauce.

### TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY BREAST | 18.5

Roast potatoes, stuffing, pigs in blankets, Yorkshire pudding, chantenay carrots, honey glazed parsnips, buttered mange tout and garden peas, braised red cabbage and mashed swede. Served with pan gravy and cranberry sauce.

### TRIO OF ROASTS | 22

Beef, Turkey and Pork with all of the trimmings.

### VEGETABLE WELLINGTON (V)(VG on request) | 18.5

Roast potatoes, chantenay carrots, honey glazed parsnips, buttered mange tout and garden peas, braised red cabbage and mashed swede. Served with homemade gravy and cranberry sauce.

### CHILDREN'S ROASTS (BEEF, TURKEY, OR PORK) | 10 (Under 12s)

## DESSERTS

LEMON POSSET & SHORTBREAD (V) | 8.5  
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CRUMBLE OF THE DAY & ICE CREAM (GF) (VG) | 8.5

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING & VANILLA ICE CREAM (V) (GF) | 8.5

BELGIUM CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE & BLOOD ORANGE SORBET (VG) | 9.5

LUXURY BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING WITH VANILLA ICE CREAM (V) | 8.5

SOUTH COAST ICE CREAMS & SORBETS (V) per scoop | 4  
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DISARONNO AFFOGATO | 10  
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Available Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March 2024

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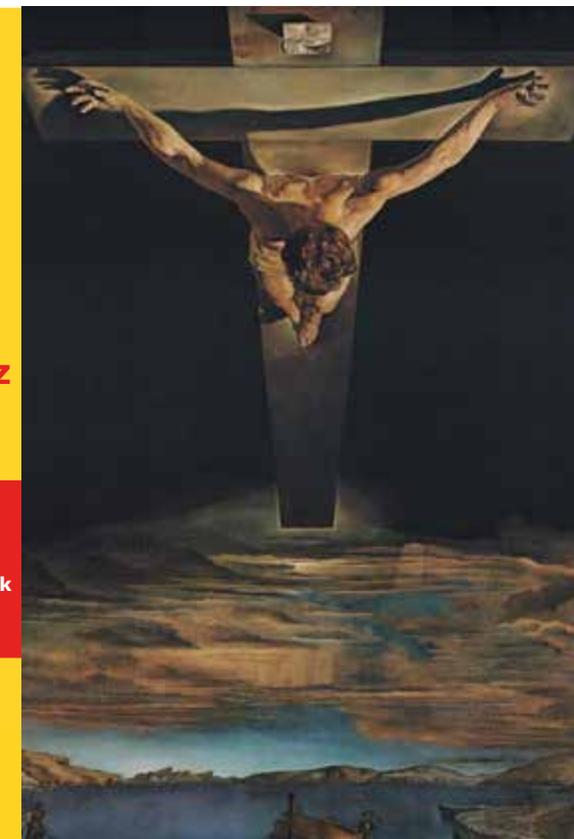
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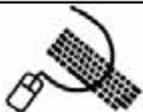


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### Sealing wax and wings.

*The time has come,  
the Walrus said,  
to talk of many things,  
such as sealing wax and wings.*

A few years ago, I planted a guelder rose bush in my garden in the (so far unfulfilled) hope that its red berries would attract some berry eating birds in winter. One species I was especially keen to attract was the waxwing. However, I had no real expectation that waxwings would appear because they are very infrequent winter visitors to Britain, turning up in numbers only every few years when they cross the North Sea from Scandinavia in search of berries to eat. I can count on one hand the times I have seen waxwings. The first time was in 1971 in central Glasgow – when I did this drawing. I knew it would come in handy one day, although I admit it contains some slight inaccuracies! The last time was on a freezing January morning in 2010 at Gretna service station on the M6. That’s the type of place they seem to like. I had never seen a waxwing in Dorset. So, when local birders reported a flock of eight waxwings in Upton in early February, it was time to leave my comfort zone in Corfe Castle and brave a trip into Poole.

Tracking down rare birds can sometimes be a challenge but the waxwings could not have been more obliging – sitting in plain view in the bare branches of two large trees. Although waxwings are about the same size and shape as starlings, and flock in much the same way, they could scarcely look more different. They have the silkiest-looking, pinkish-buff plumage, a black bib and mask, a punky crest, a chestnut-coloured bottom, and a black and yellow tail. However, their most striking feature is their wings which are boldly patterned in black, white, and yellow. The finishing touch is the bright red spiky tips to some of their wing feathers which look like drops of old-fashioned sealing wax – from which they get their name.

To my surprise these birds were not eating bright red berries but the white berries of the mistletoe which was growing in abundance on the two trees. Quite what goodness the birds were extracting from these berries was hard to see as they seemed to be coming out the back end as fast as they went in the front end.

In fact, what came out looked most indigestible - long sticky strings of a glue-like substance containing the undigested mistletoe seeds – which stuck to the branches of the trees where the seeds will now germinate – as nature intended.

Needless to say, there were more birders watching and photographing than there were waxwings – but that is not surprising because they are such spectacular looking and rare birds.

Once they have finished the mistletoe berries the waxwings will wander off in search of more berries. I doubt they will come to the Corfe valley but you never know! I appreciate that this is not really Corfe Valley news but the trees were growing in Dacombe Drive in Upton. Dacombe is a name with a long connection with Corfe Castle, William Dacombe built the house in East Street now known as Mortons Manor.

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## The Rambling Gardener.

With longer days spring is on the way, yeah! I have blue crocus, large pink Cameilla, multi coloured Tulips, lots of different Daffodils and yellow Hypericum Rolacy what else do you have? There, is change every day in March, and no one knows what we will get, hot, cold, gales or still, snow and/or ice, but with the longer days some plants will start growing while others will depend on temperature. Deciduous plants coming into leaf in many differing shades of green. The mixture of colours changing as the leaves reach maturity, fascinating to watch, (the leaves turn red/yellow if to cold or to dry), yet more variation.

Birds are looking their best in beautiful colours for courting, singing for their mates or to proclaim their territory. There are a lot of different species in my garden, 12 come to the bird table and as many can be seen on the wing. I open the window early in the morning and listen to the clear notes of the song thrush. Or, download bird sound app to learn bird song/singers.

Whatever the weather enjoy it, and if you only have a patio or a house you can still grow food on a patio in pots. Even strawberries and tomatoes like hanging baskets in the house, so buy a day light bulb (for better cropping) and to also grow salad crops inside.

When growing plants some animals eat/destroy them is very discouraging. Sticks will keep of pigeons off, prickly Holly stops cats and dogs, aphids are best squashed with fingers, washed off or apply organic sprays. If left sometimes nature sorts aphid problems. I keep a few small hens and ducks who work over all the garden eating slugs, snails and green food, my bonus is my very tasty eggs. Planting salvias next to roses discourage black spots, so think about planting some next to your roses, it will save time in the summer. Remember to take time to just enjoy the outdoors.

March is the time for planting nearly all seeds, there are too many to mention. I just suggest, lettuce, radish, peas, carrots, cabbages, roots, (winter squash and peppers need to be sown in heat of 18<sup>o</sup>-25<sup>o</sup>), do try something you have not grown before. Order any seeds/plants you need, checking they are plants that will put up with adverse weather. If buying dormant plants without soil (bare rooted), it can stop buying in diseases from other gardens.

It is good to grow food from seed but many things take years to grow. Being able to pick food straight from the garden is good for mind and body, growing lots of fruits is easy. Most fruit trees have now been bred to be smaller, so they crop quicker. Apples for example are first grafted onto dwarf rootstock then different 2 to 3 varieties can be grafted on to one tree. In choosing apples

that ripen in different months, fresh apples can span several months. The fruit will have to be picked and stored in a cool place for eating when ripe. Yes, it does take time but is so rewarding. Lots of other fruits that have been grafted on to dwarf rootstock and are worth growing, look them up.

Please divert house/shed water pipes to fill containers or water subsoils deeply, save while we can. We might have another dry summer, so be mindful with water. Spain already has severe water shortages in some areas, and it is only early February (at time of writing)!

Enjoy this year, look forward to a good summer and ask if you want me to give you suggestions for your garden. I love showing people around my garden just email [rjehelfer@gmail.com](mailto:rjehelfer@gmail.com).  
**Rachel**

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**VOLUNTEERS WIN TWO NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AMBITIOUS RESTORATION OF UNIQUE VICTORIAN STEAM LOCOMOTIVE**

**Dedicated Swanage Railway volunteers are celebrating after winning two prestigious national awards for their six-year restoration of a unique Victorian steam locomotive so it could haul its first passenger train in almost 80 years.**

The Swanage Railway Trust's 563 Locomotive Group scooped the Heritage Railway Association Chairman's Special Award and also the Association's Steam Railway Magazine Readers' Award for the ambitious project costing £650,000.

The two Heritage Railway Association awards to the Swanage Railway Trust came just days after the Swanage Railway won the Business of the Year Award, for its contribution to tourism in the Isle of Purbeck, from The Total Guide to Tourism, in the Purbeck Business Awards.



*T3 HRA Chairman's Award Brighton Saturday 10 February 2024 JACK BOSKETT*

563 Locomotive Group chairman Nathan Au was presented with the two awards by Heritage Railway Association vice-chairman Chris Price and Steam Railway deputy editor Thomas Bright at a special Heritage Railway Association Annual Awards evening in Brighton, East Sussex, on Saturday, 10 February 2024.

Resplendent in its new lined out 1890s Drummond passenger green livery, the 81-tonne T3 was officially unveiled in a special ceremony at Swanage station in October, 2023, so that it could haul its first passenger train since 1945 when the locomotive was withdrawn by the Southern Railway after having run a total of 1.5 million miles. With the £650,000 cost of the meticulous restoration almost all covered by generous donations from railway enthusiasts, No. 563 hauled its first freight train since 1945 during a special Winter Warm Up weekend on the Swanage Railway in January, 2024.

Built in 1893 to a design by renowned engineer William Adams – and one of the finest express passenger train locomotives of the Victorian era – the non-working T3 No. 563 was donated to the Swanage Railway Trust by the National Railway Museum in 2017.



*T3 563 Swanage Andrew PM WRIGHT*

563 Locomotive Group chairman Nathan Au said: "We are delighted to have won these two Heritage Railway Association awards and I would like to thank everyone who voted for the T3 project. We are also very grateful to everyone who has been involved with the T3's restoration."

Swanage Railway Trust chairman Frank Roberts explained: "The

Swanage Railway Trust is thrilled to have won these two prestigious awards from the Heritage Railway Association which reflect the achievement and professionalism of the T3 restoration."

**Anyone interested in finding out more about volunteering should contact the Swanage Railway volunteer recruitment and retention officer Lisa Gravett on 01929 475212 or email**

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## Kimmeridge News

### The Power of the Sea

A big hole has appeared again in the sea wall at Kimmeridge demonstrating just how strong the sea can be!



### Eyes to the Skies

Spring is nearly here. The birds are singing and nest building and defending their territories. Greenfinches, goldfinches and the great spotted woodpecker have all returned to the feeders at the toll gate. The Bay has hosted 2 separate sightings of Slavonian grebe, in the last month. There are around 100 individuals that are reported each winter in the UK these being the first that have ever been reported at Kimmeridge, thanks to James from Church Knowle. The first spring migrants will be arriving this month from Africa, so watch out for the return of wheatears, sandmartins and smaller songbirds.

Rose and Pat

### Etches Collection

Visitors have been flocking to Kimmeridge to see the new Pliosaur. There have been times when there were so many cars that the road became blocked; but mostly the gallant volunteers on car parking duty have kept the traffic moving and people smiling! Special mention goes to Mike Clarke who has done an absolutely amazing job juggling cars!

## Kimmeridge Keilidh

Our next Barn Dance is on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Live music from Arish Mel with caller Malcolm Churchill. No Bar, so bring your own drinks & nibbles! Tickets on the door £7.50 for adults, £2.50 for children. All profits go to support Kimmeridge Village Hall & The Etches Collection.

Steve & Helen Earwicker

### Smiling Seas – Thank you!

Thank you all so so much for coming to Big Winter Quiz Night! Your support to Smiling Seas, it means an enormous amount to us so thank you! I hope you were all able to have an enjoyable time and win lots of prizes! Honestly thank you all so so much lots of exciting plans are coming, so watch this space!! Of course a massssssive T H A N K Y O U to all who donated and contributed to the raffle and quiz prizes! A very big shout out to;

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The evening wouldn't have been possible without you all!

This year also marks the 4 year anniversary for Smiling Seas, which means only one thing...something intriguing is coming!!

Thank you all so much again I really mean that.

Here's to new plans for 2024! Love, Emily xx

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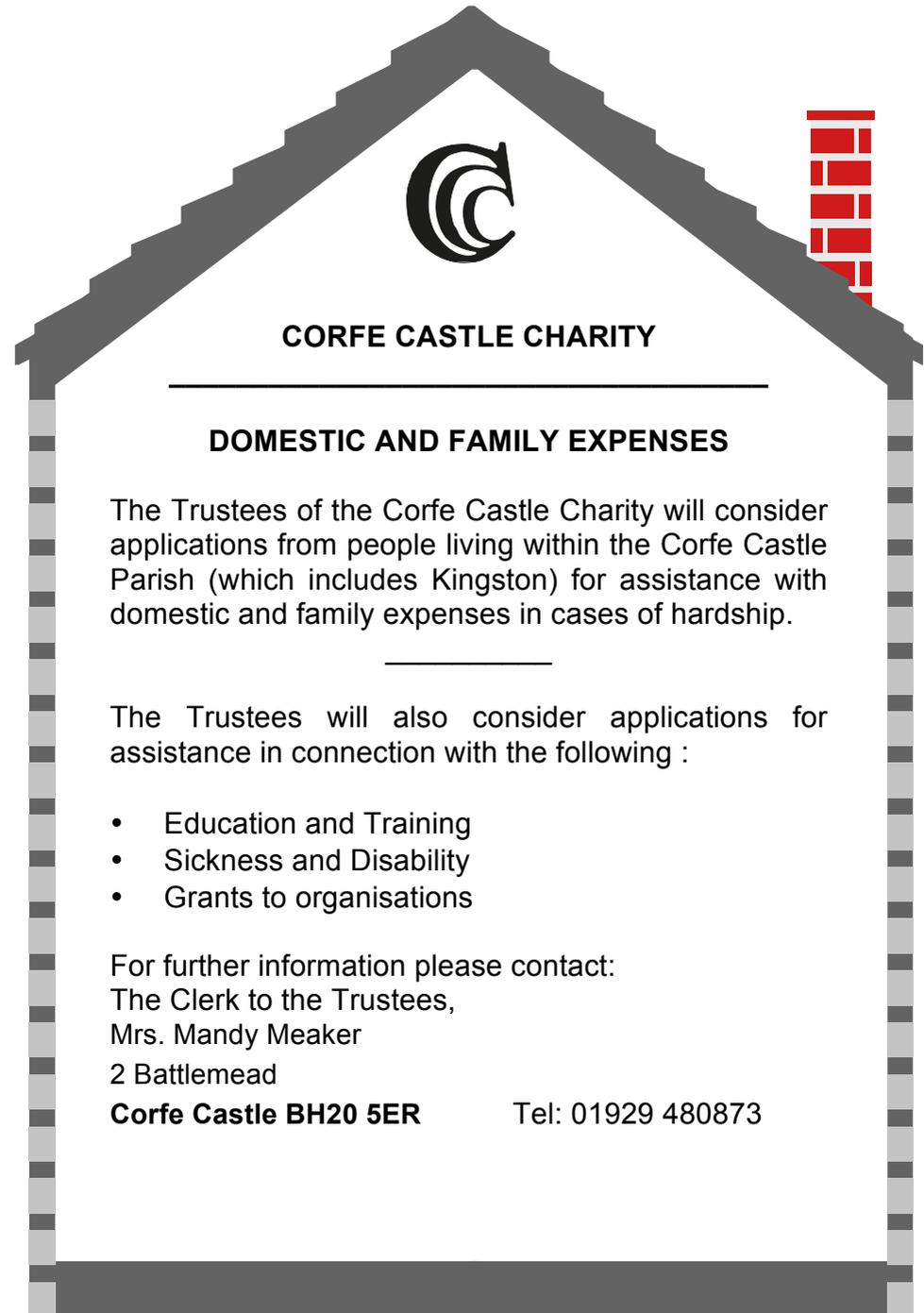
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|                  | TIME            | EVENT                  | LOCATION                               |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    |                 |                        |  |
| Each             | 8.50am - 2.50pm | Community Pre school   | The Pre School                         |
| Each             | 10.00-11.00am   | Coffee Morning         | Springwell Close                       |
| Each             | 2.30 - 4.30     | Whist and tea          | Springwell Close                       |
| Each             | 10am – 1pm      | Pottery Class          | Furzebrook Studios                     |
| 1st              | 7pm             | Double Act             | C C Village Hall                       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 7pm             | CC Parish Council      | C C Village 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 Ballroom Dance   | C C Village Hall<br>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 Manor                          |
| 3rd              | 7 pm            | CC Environment Gp      | Mortons Manor                          |
| 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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