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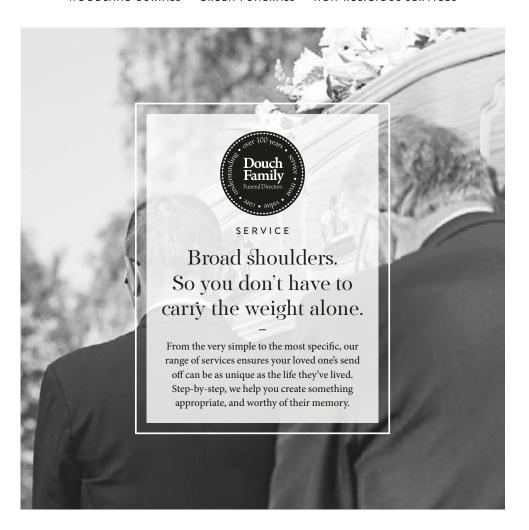
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Editorial

We've had the hot spell and are now back into a cool spell. Unfortunately, we did suffer with several fires in the parish and East Common has been damaged, although, according to the National Trust, it should recover in time. Thankfully, we've actually had some rain. The plants and trees and other vegetation were all desperate for the water. Several trees in my garden are clearly showing signs of stress with the leaves already brown and falling. This, of course, is all caused by Global Warming. Please follow the Parish Council Environmental Group to see what is being done locally and find out what we can all do to face what will probably become the greatest problem the world has seen.

The summer has certainly whizzed by and we're already in the month where schools restart. Walking around the village it has looked to me as though we've had many visitors both from the UK and from overseas. Hopefully they've helped businesses boost their coffers after two years of restrictions.

Again, thank you to everyone who has sent in their contribution envelopes. Your generous help keeps the magazine going. Thanks also to our retiring treasurer, John Courtney, who has moved to Yeovil. There is more about him in the Notices and Thanks pages of this edition.

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(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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NHS Emergency Medical Care Service 1	111
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Swanage Police Station - out of hours calls rerouted 4	122004
Swanage Hospital 4	122282
National Trust outside office hours	07970-595963
Wareham Hospital 5	552433
Poole Hospital 0	01202 665511
Bournemouth Hospital 0	01202 303626
Dorset County Hospital 0	01305 251150
Corfe Castle Community Library 4	180760
Citizens Advice Adviceline: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm 0	08001448848
The Samaritans	01202 551999
Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting 0	0800 068 4145
Childline	0800 1111
Dorset Councillor – Cherry Brooks	07512897908

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AUGUST AT CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Six Little Stories with Lots of Meanings: 1. Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of the prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That is faith.** 2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That is trust.** 3. Every night as we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set the alarms to wake up. **That is hope.** 4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That is confidence.** 5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. **That is love.** 6. On an old man's shirt was written, "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." **That is attitude.** Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember, good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace.

Help needed: At present we have one wonderful grave digger to dig and infill the smaller cremation plot as and when required (approx. 10 per year), However from time to time he needs a holiday, so we are looking for someone who would be willing to lodge their details with the Parish Clerk, undergo basic training so that if our current grave digger is on holiday we are able to continue with Interments. Payment is made per dig / infill on production of an invoice sent to Council for a pre agreed rate. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

20's Plenty – The Parish Council was recently contacted requesting we contact Dorset Council to request a reduction in the speed limit along East Street outside the School to 20mph. After investigation it was decided that the Parish Council should attend the 20's plenty campaign meetings to feedback information to the Parish Council, plus to request Dorset Council consider Corfe Castle be a pilot area for a 20mph "A" Road trial.

Parking Restrictions on East Street – At present there is a parking restriction along a small section of East Street by Why Jewellery's which restricts parking between 1st May to 15th October. Dorset Council previously offered to extend this restriction from March to November however have now offered to instead remove the restriction and replace with double yellow lines. The Parish Council considered the tail back effect during the summer, alongside the traffic calming effect, plus felt residents use these spaces during the quieter winter months and have therefore agree to request Dorset Council revise the parking restriction to between 15th March and 1st November rather than remove them all together.

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

- **P/FUL/2022/04201** 5 West Street, Corfe Castle BH20 5HA **Recommend:** No objection, however the present category of use should be confirmed.
- P/ADV/2022/04493 The Castle Inn 63 East Street Corfe Castle BH20 5EE.

No comment to date as application received too close to meeting date. See September for Council recommendation.

• 6/2020/0321_1- Swanworth Quarry, Kingston Lane, Worth Matravers, BH19 3LE

No comment to date as application received too close to meeting date. The Council is likely to make a recommendation at its September meeting.

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

No Mow Area: Last month we asked for your feedback on No Mow Area's around the playground & playing field, and as usual you did not disappoint. After discussion the Parish Council have agreed to implement the following No Mow Area's: 1. A strip of land from the memorial bench to the heath access gate along the Eastern side of the playing field, with the provision of cut walkways through the No Mow Area to enable continued access to neighbours' property. 2. The thin strip of land between the playground fence and the path between East Street & West Street. 3. The area of land recently cleared of brambles by the lamp post, West Street end. & 4. The area behind the Youth Shelter.

The intention this year is simply to not cut the No Mow Area, however for the 2023 season to plant Yellow Rattle seed in these areas which will slowly kill off the grass, replacing with a small plant with yellow flower heads, and then to scatter wildflower seeds, so that these areas are full of colour.



Areas out lined in black will be no mow areas this year, and wildflower areas in 2023, with the area under the trees also planted with bulbs.

Trees for the Jubilee – Green Canopy:

The Environment Group have been working hard to identify possible locations around the parish where trees may be planted with the hope of planting 70 x 70 trees to honour the Queens' Platinum Jubilee. The possible

locations were presented during the monthly meeting and the Council have approved the Environment group can now contact landowners.

Dorset Association of Parish and Town Council (DAPTC): Corfe Castle Parish Council have agreed to request DAPTC, discuss during their Annual General Meeting the following 2 motions: 1. That DAPTC support the provisions in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill to discourage the growth in second homes by a 100% surcharge on council tax and seeks further discretionary controls on the growth in holiday lets and if passed a resolution be forwarded to NALC, Local Government Association and Dorset MP's 2. DAPTC ask NALC to lobby for alternative financing of PC elections.

You can make a Difference: Councillors make a huge difference to the quality of life of local people and how local issues are dealt with. Council's need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve. In May 2024 Dorset will be holding the next local elections where your Parish Councillors will be elected. If you want to make a difference to your community, why not think about standing? You will need to start becoming aware of issues in your local area; what your local council is doing about these issues; come to a couple of our meetings, watch what it is all about, and if you feel you could make a difference think about standing.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 12th September 2022, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say.

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Environmental Group Update



Our Next Get-Together

<u>Thursday 8th Sept at Mortons Manor. 7.15pm in the bar - 7.30pm start</u> Simply turn up **OR** email: **environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk** to let us know you're coming or to raise any topics you'd like to discuss.

Guest speaker Jim White MBE will give us an insight into grassland biodiversity and their management options. Jim has unrivalled enthusiasm alongside decades of experience in nature conservation. Jim is currently the Vice Chair of Dorset Wildlife Trust's board of trustees and also Chair of the Dorset AONB Partnership Board. Jim was made an MBE in 2008 for services to nature conservation in Dorset.

We'll also be discussing the spending of our allocated funds. Want to have your say on how we spend significant sums of money for the benefit of the environment and our local community? Come along to contribute your ideas.

Our Recent Get-Together

A massive thank you to Sarah Spurling from Sustainable Swanage for updating us about the brilliant and varied work that their group is achieving. Impressive to hear that Swanage Town council have guaranteed funding for Sarah's role for a further 3 years. Meaning they can plan several longer term 'legacy' projects. Search 'Sustainable Swanage' to get inspired. **What do 'we' want Corfe to achieve???**

Any quest speakers you'd like us to invite in the months ahead?

Project updates:

We're delighted that the Parish Council have agreed that we can progress both our Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree planting project and our Play Area biodiversity project.

Come along to find out more or get details, including maps and photos of our proposals from the Clerk, in Corfe Castle library and on the EG section of www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Our Core Team

Josey Parish and Helen Sumbler, the Parish Councillors co-leading our group, would like to welcome new members to our Core Team. There's plenty of opportunities to do great things. **Join us** and contribute in a way that suits you best

Get in touch: Parish Clerk (Michelle) - environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk **Facebook:** "Corfe Castle Environmental Group"

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

Corfe Castle goes into the Minecraft world...

In common with other charities the Trust has a broad approach to engaging with children and young people (and we're continually trying to get better at it – we are most definitely not perfect). We provide access to great places, provide experiences that connect children to nature or heritage, sometimes further their understanding of the theme and occasionally give them the opportunity to make a difference and take action. Often some of these are delivered by third parties.

Over the past 10 years you'll have noticed the language of 'connection' used a lot. It's really helped change how nature and heritage organisations try to engage children. Different organisations have worked with various academics to measure the impact of their work with children, and continually have found (unsurprisingly) that unless the topic area (nature or heritage or music or whatever) resonates/connects/stimulates an emotional response – then the experience won't stick.

None of this is new, but hopefully explains why some of what our sector does is different to what has gone before.

All that is context because we've only gone and worked with Minecraft to get Corfe Castle in their latest update! Not only that, but one of the world's premier Youtubers has rebuilt the castle, in Minecraft, as historically accurate as possible.

[Minecraft is a very creative computer game, sort of a virtual lego set, that is incredibly popular with kids around 6-14].

The exciting thing about this, is that our kids can go and follow Grian (a Youtuber with 8m followers) and interrogate the castle, rebuild it, break it down again, play with it – all in a space and a way that they are comfortable with. And they can do that with their friends.

My 10 year old thinks I'm cool because we work with Grian. I'm sure it'll wear off, but if you fancy it have a look at (and share) the youtube link below... and see if it changes the way the young people you know who play Minecraft relate to the castle. We'd be really keen to hear...

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Boundary Stones 1 - Mile Markers

As you've pottered around Purbeck, you may have noticed certain stones by a gate or along a verge. Some mark the boundaries of property and others mark the distances – these are the milestones (M.S. on an OS map). The Wareham Turnpike Trust started an ambitious project in about 1765 to create 10 Turnpike roads. The southern branch was the Wareham to Swanage route passing through Corfe and onto Langton Matravers.



The first stone is at Stoborough Green; 1 mile measured from the market cross in Wareham to here. It can still be seen (see snapshot below).



The milestones are shown on the old OS map published in 1887 (https://explorer.geowessex.com/). Some are now multi-functional as they have benchmarks on them - for example, the 'II' and 'III' mile markers from Wareham which are by the exits, on the western side of the A351, from The Blue Pool and Norden respectively.



II MILES FROM WAREHAM
The mile maker by the exit onto the A351 from the Blue Poole Road.

Not all have survived. The 5-mile marker going out of Corfe along the Kingston/Lynch Road (B3069) has vanished presumably lost in the hedgerow.



Before the Wareham Trust was founded, everyone in the parish was assessed on their yearly income and paid a rate towards repairing the highways. The parish raised the sum of £9 19s. 11d. in 1727 towards the maintenance but it was insufficient, and the roads remained ill kept, flooded in places, were narrow and potholed. The idea of forming a Trust to look after the roads was formed but even so, there were those who were against the Turnpike and a petition was made to Parliament in February 1765 claiming that it would be unnecessary as the inhabitants of Purbeck could always travel by sea if the roads were bad and the collectors' gates across the Turnpike Road would only slow 'traffic' down. The 'antis' failed in their attempt and the first meeting of the Trustees was held at The Red Lion, Wareham, in July 1766. They now had to raise money to finance this venture which would only be valid for 21 years before they had to reapply. Corfe did not have a Toll House, but Stoborough did, and Wareham had two - Northport gate and Westport gate.



The old Toll House along the Corfe Road, Stoborough. Fees to pass through the gate were 1d. for an unladen horse, and 2d. for a rider; Coaches were 6d.

In 1836, the Dorset County Chronicle recorded that Stoborough had raised £432 from its gate and side gates (the gates were sold off in 1876). How effective this Trust was can only be surmised as in 1856, this advert appeared:

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Church Knowle Parish Council.

The August meeting was at Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 9th. The meeting started with the Public Discussion Period and several representations were made by parishioners. These included an application with a supporting argument for a speed limit (40mph say) on Furzebrook Road and a discussion of the activities at Cotness Lakes.

We are pleased to welcome a new member of the Council, co-opted at this meeting, Mrs Pippa Edwards. Pippa knows the area well and would like to help and participate in its management. This brings the Council up to its full complement of nine councillors.

Public Discussion

The residents at Cotness discussed the Cumulus Outdoor activities at the lakes and undertook to deal directly with the company over any future issues.

A request was made for a speed limit of 40mph on the Furzebrook road. This will be forwarded to the Highways Department at Dorset Council. Applications have previously been made to the Dorset Council for speed limits in the parish but the Dorset Council has always declined our applications. The speed limit throughout the Church Knowle parish is presently the National Speed Limit of 60mph which is obviously much too fast.

The Neighbourhood Plan

This is underway with a core Steering Group of five Councillors helped by the consultant. Community engagement is important to the success of the Plan and the Steering Group will ideally have about 10 people on it so there are places available to anyone who would like to join. A flyer about the Plan and a questionnaire will be sent out to all households in the Parish. When the Plan is completed it has to be passed by the community in a referendum so any input to the plan at this early stage would be welcome.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is looking for members and parishioners who would like to provide input, just email clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk and you will be put in touch with the Group.

There will be a Public Engagement Event at Church Knowle Village Hall on Saturday 24th September between 10am and midday and anyone is welcome to come along and see what the Neighbourhood Plan is all about and

give input and direction. It is early days in the drafting of the Plan so there is plenty of scope for suggestions and input.

Planning

There were no new planning applications. Camping within the Parish was discussed.

Heatwave

The Council resolved to write to campsites and anyone else with a significant fire risk to remind them of the very real dangers and to take the appropriate measures. There have been heath fires in the parish before.

Footpaths

The rule for a footpath is that it has necessarily be in good order but it must be passable and not blocked. Cllr Pitcher has just undertaken a complete survey on foot (at some speed) of the footpaths in the Parish, identified structures; stiles, gates, bridges etc that are in need of attention and places where the overgrowth has actually blocked the path. This excellent, comprehensive survey will be passed to the Dorset County Footpaths Officer with a view to having these paths and structures put back to a good standard.

Tour of Britain 2022

This is a cycle race attracting some of the world's best riders and it has a 109.4 mile stage through Dorset for the first time starting from West Bay and finishing at Ferndown. The route passes along the Steeple road through Church Knowle village to the main Wareham road. Let's hope they don't get stuck behind a tractor. It takes place on Saturday 10th September so expect some road closures but there should be plenty to see.

Correspondence

Outdoor Gym Equipment. A brochure for some municipal quality outdoor gym equipment landed on the doormat and this was presented at the meeting. It would expand the use of the playing field from just children to adults who could use the equipment as part of a run or simply for an exercise session. This will be discussed in detail at a later meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm. The next meeting is at the Church Village Hall at 6:30pm on 13th September 2022. The Neighbourhood Plan Public Engagement is at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 10-12 on Saturday 24th September.

Planet Purbeck Festival

A family fun evening on Wareham Quay will launch this year's "bigger, better and broader" Planet Purbeck Festival.

Hosted by the Sustainable Wareham eco group and opened by the town's mayor Malcolm Russell, the event on Friday September 16 will feature live music, food and drink along with stalls outlining a host of activities that will take place across Purbeck during the ten-day festival.

These include a bumper day of arts, crafts, music and nature-themed activities at Corfe's Sandy Hill Arts centre and several "introduction to blacksmithing" sessions at The Veterans Forge, at which you can have a go yourself.

Folk duo Flogan and Southern rock group Leverstock have been signed up to provide the music at the Wareham launch event. And along with a display of Sustainable Wareham's solar energy project, there will be contributions from Dorset Wildlife Trust, the Families and Babies support group, Purbeck Youth and Community Trust, the Allotment Society and the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust.



Total relaxation is the aim at the forest bathing experience

Other highlights of the festival include a relaxing "forest bathing" experience in glorious woodland at Langton's Wilkswood Farm; an autumn equinox mass swim at Studland; an intriguing "taste of Bollywood" party at Shell Bay involving Indianthemed food and music, a DJ and dancing on the beach; a paella feast with live band Feverstreet at Joe's Café on South Beach; snorkel trails at

Kimmeridge Bay; wildlife-spotting trips on the River Frome; film celebrations in Swanage of Purbeck's glorious sea, coastline and heathland, and the debut of Planet Purbeck's new marine and freshwater initiative.

It's all part of Planet Purbeck's desire to broaden the appeal of the festival, which will last three days longer than last year's successful inaugural week and has attracted backing from the Talbot Village Trust, the National Trust and Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

While the focus will still be on the battle against climate change and the protection of our environment and wildlife, the group wants to attract a wider audience – and have a lot of fun along the way.

Planet Purbeck's Rob Waitt said: "We want to show that trying to do what we can to tackle climate change and boost sustainability doesn't have to be all about doom and gloom. It can be fun, especially if you join in with the numerous projects already happening all around Purbeck.

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Purbeck Art Weeks Festival is looking for additional trustees

Purbeck Art Weeks Festival (PAW) is a vibrant community organisation supporting the arts across Purbeck. Our annual two week Festival, at the end of May/beginning of June, includes open studios, a collective exhibition in Rollington Barn, concerts, and

talks. Our outreach programme for young people/community projects takes place before and during the Festival period.

The present trustees would welcome additional members to strengthen the profile of the group and contribute to PAW's strategic direction. Anyone interested in joining and working with us should be a proven team player with experience or interest in the arts. Most importantly we are looking for the enthusiasm, skills and commitment needed to enable PAW to continue supporting the arts and artists in Purbeck. The trustees are particularly looking for people with a background in any of the following areas: project and people management, marketing, fundraising, visual arts and music.

If you are interested, please complete a 200-word statement outlining the reason for your application and send with accompanying CV, if appropriate, to info@purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk by 1 October 2022.

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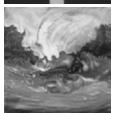
If you'd like to be involved in the arts and are looking for part time flexible work, largely home-based, this might interest you.

For more details please go to www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk and look in Vacancies under About PAW.

The deadline for applications is 23 September 2022.







Purbeck Art Weeks Festival (PAW) is a registered charitable arts organisation, which holds an arts Festival once a year in late May/early June. The Festival includes concerts, exhibitions, talks, and workshops, and encourages people from across the local community to get involved.

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I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mary, who has now stepped down from her role of PPG Chair. You have been a pleasure to work with and have always had the best interests of the Surgery at the forefront of everything you do. Please enjoy your extra free time!

I wanted to update you on this years flu vaccine clinic plans; we will be holding our Saturday clinics on 24th September and 15th October from 9am to 12pm. This will be a walk-in, no appointment needed clinic for over 65's and 50–64 year-olds in an 'at risk' group for Corfe Castle patients only. Any patients in the 50-64 year age group not in a 'clinically at risk' group will not be eligible for vaccination until 15th October onwards.

All children will be contacted separately with an appointment to come into the Surgery.

We will be sending out reminder text messages and hope to have our new website up and running soon in order to keep you updated. Please make sure that all contact details that we have for you are correct and up to date.

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As many of you are aware, we are looking to recruit a new GP to cover the hours Dr Mufti worked. If you know anyone that is interested in coming to work with us at our welcoming and friendly Practice, please ask them to get in touch with me.

Kerry Norman Practice Manager

PPG ARTICLE

I am honoured to be the new PPG Chair and in that role am delighted to bring good news for us all.

In the National Patient Survey held recently, our Surgery came 1st in Dorset and 13th in England!

What an amazing and well -deserved result for our hardworking team at Corfe Castle Surgery who go 'above and beyond' to care and support us all as patients?

It is therefore appropriate and important that the PPG provides support and encouragement to the Practice team whilst also acting as the 'critical friend'.

Please do contact us via the surgery if there is something you would like us to raise.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Sabben-Clare for her stewardship of the PPG as Chair over the last two challenging Covid years. Mary has provided dedicated care and a strong commitment to the Corfe Castle Surgery valuing and championing the excellent services provided by Dr Lepper, Kerry and their team. Big shoes to fill but I hope to be able to effectively use the knowledge and experience I have gained from my many years in both NHS nursing and management roles in Purbeck to the benefit of the PPG and the Surgery. Promoting and maintaining Purbeck Services is of great importance to me.

The Surgery will be holding the first of its annual flu vaccination sessions on Saturday 24th September and as a PPG we will be seeking support to marshal the events. I will be continuing as a member of the Purbeck Covid Vaccination Team at Wareham Hospital which is due to restart sessions from early September. I will look forward to meeting more members of our Surgery community.

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Crime around Corfe

William Moreton Pitt leased the clay works at Norden in 1804 to Benjamin Fayle, who constructed a plateway from the clay pits to Middlebere Quay in 1806. The Plateway tunnel which runs under the A351 was an extension to this and is dated 1807.

Thomas Giddons, John Alexander, George Walker and Thomas Wright were not local men and all came to work on the installation of Benjamin Fayle's railway (plateway), and had been working there for a few months before their crime.

Three of them lodged at Corfe Castle with Robert White a local man.

On the night of the 18th November 1806, all five, possibly along with an accomplice called William Watson, met at Robert White's house at Corfe. They disguised their dress, blackened their faces and hands, and armed themselves with bludgeons and a gun.

Their victim was Robert Nineham aged 79, who lived in a farmhouse at Harpson, close to Bradle, about two miles or so from Corfe Castle. Robert lived with his son and a maidservant.

At one o' clock in the morning the group broke into the farmhouse and went into the bedrooms, where they threatened the residents with instant death if they did not lie still. The group broke into a bureau and several boxes and stole one hundred guineas, one 10/- bank note, one 5/- note, a silver watch, and a gun.

Warrants were issued on 2nd December 1806, and they were brought to prison the same day.

Their trial on 14th March 1807 lasted for five hours. They were found guilty. The judge, Sir Thomas Sutton, said that their crime had been committed with the greatest aggravation and said that the ends of public justice and the security of private property meant they should expect no mercy.

Thomas Giddons, John Alexander and Robert White were sentenced to death, and were hanged at Dorchester on 28th March 1807.

George Walker and Thomas Wright were sentenced to death respited during pleasure. To be transported for life. They were the two youngest of the group, in their early twenties. George Walker was the only one of them who was recorded as being of disorderly behaviour, and he escaped from prison on 15th

July 1807. Thomas Wright was sent from Dorchester prison on 2nd September 1807 to the "Captivity" hulk in Portsmouth Harbour. On 16th August 1809, he was sent aboard the "Ann" to New South Wales where he arrived in February 1810.

William Watson their accomplice was brought to prison at the same time as the others and charged with receiving ten guineas knowing it to have been stolen. He gave evidence against them, and having admitted evidence he was released on 15th March 1807, the day after the trial.

All were single men except for John Alexander and Robert White. All were labourers, and all except Robert White and William Watson were particularly tall for the time, ranging from 5' 10" to just over 6'. The average height of a man was closer to 5' 6".

Thomas Giddons – (more than likely Thomas Gittens according to parish registers) – from Westbury in Shropshire.

John Alexander was born at Great Durnford near Amesbury Wiltshire, and belonged to the parish of Westbury, Wiltshire.

Robert White was born and lived at Corfe Castle.

George Walker was born at Tean near Uttoxeter.

Thomas Wright came from Stratton in Wiltshire.

William Watson came from Hampton in Warwickshire.

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News from the Library

The Library Events Restart

Library events are back! Next month we have two events



- Ball and Socket Concert for Ukraine.
 Saturday 8th October 2022. 7.00 for 7.30 start in Furzebrook Village Hall.
- **Purbeck's Navy.** 21st October 2022 at 2.00pm in Corfe Castle Village Hall.

Ball and Socket Concert for Ukraine

Ball and Socket are giving a charity concert for Ukraine on Saturday 8th October 2022 at Furzebrook Village Hall (BH20 5AR). The Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library (FCCCL) are providing help with the organisation and support. For anyone who does not know of them already 'Ball and Socket' have been entertaining audiences throughout the country for over 30 years by singing songs of gentle satire inspired by Flanders and Swann, Noel Coward and more. Local and topical references are also part of the show (one half of the duo being our 'local lad' David Kemp!).

Doors open: 7.00pm with the performance beginning at 7.30pm. Bar, refreshments and a raffle will be available. There are a huge number of parking spaces at the hall.

Ticket price: £12. Available Online at:

- Corfe Castle Village Stores
- Online at https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-c-c-library
- By phone: 01929480123 (Alison)

All profits will go to the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

Have you heard about Purbeck's Navy?

During the Second World War (1939-1945), cities, towns and villages organised 'warship weeks' to raise money to meet the cost of providing a particular naval ship. Once enough money had been raised for the ship, the local community would adopt it. Local organisations, women's institutes,

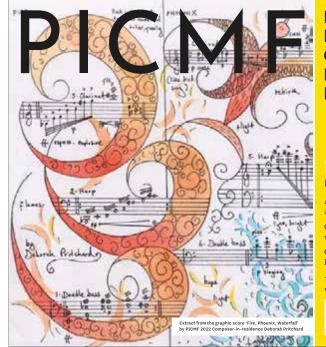
churches and schools would also provide additional comforts for the crews of the ship they had adopted. This was usually in the form of woollen socks, gloves and balaclavas. Children would often write letters and send cards to the crew. When possible, officers and men from the adopted ship would visit the local community, and to celebrate their visit, there would often be a parade.

Swanage adopted HMS *Cattistock*. Dr Phil Judkins will talk about the 'Warship Weeks' and *Purbeck's Navy* on Friday 21th October 2022 at 2.00pm in Corfe Castle Village Hall. Any queries to <u>corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com</u>

Open to Everyone - Free entry (no ticket or registration required).

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Dates of forthcoming meetings

- 6th September Volunteering at Marwell Zoo by Richard Cook
- 4th October Wartime Evacuees by Cindy Parish
- 11th October Outing to Southampton

AUGUST 2nd: Fun was had by all, sharing stories, looking through memorabilia and eating cakes from the Village Bakery that have been favourites from the 70 years of Queen Elizabeth 11's reign. There were lots of photos showing on the big screen throughout the afternoon. It brought back good, and bad memories, especially seeing some of the fashions from the previous decades. Some of us remembered the knotted swimsuits!

SEPTEMBER 6^{th-} Richard Cook was a primary school teacher and still has contact with some of his pupils! There was nothing he liked better than to take the children on school trips out to the countryside. He was involved in Amateur Dramatics and some were musicals. Richard and Jean his wife travelled extensively in Africa where they took many photos. Last month Richard visited his favourite reserve in Zambia where they all know him from many visits. His love of animals lead him to join the volunteers at Marwell Zoo.

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News from The Castle

Wow what a lovely hot summer so far, hope you all managed to keep cool.

So hopefully, now; we are all going back to some sort of normality.

So let us tell you, what we are up to.

We are now taking bookings again. And we are going to be having some mouth-watering delicious specials in September.

We are bringing back our theme nights.

For the festive season plans are well under way and this year The Castle is definitely going to be an exciting place to be.

We have lots going on and amazing things are being planned, (watch this space) we feel life as been put on hold, so the little pub with a big heart feels it is time to wake up and have some fun.

Whatever you are doing be happy, smile and look after yourselves

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Date night at the Dairy Den...

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"Hysterical Histories" themed evening.

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Double Act members are putting on a one-evening performance at our glorious village hall comprising two separate acts in November this year. For the initial act, we will be presenting a further chance for you to enjoy our take on the powers that be in "Who Rules Britannia"; so much relished by our Platinum Jubilee audience. We all learned how many of our monarchs died of dysenteryand what George 1st mistresses were known as!

After the break, we will be revisiting our very successful 2000 production of "1066 And All That" with our collection of highlights. Our original tongue-incheek romp through the history of England was well received at The Millennium. We are very much looking forward to having another go at it, learning our lines and all! Below is a photograph recorded at the original presentation – who might you recognise?



Interested in joining our friendly safe group? Please contact the chairman, David Kemp 01929 480007, or Secretary David Watson 01929 481265 - or email info@double-act.org.uk.

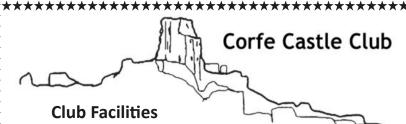


As a community charity run preschool we are always looking for ways to raise funds

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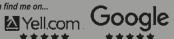


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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the Village Hall Coffee Morning in August. £192.45 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In August the first prize of £20 was won by member 69, with member 50 getting second prize £10 and member 34 winning the third prize £5. If you would like to become one of the villagers support the local village hall in this way, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

Our new storage units will be available very soon for rent by individual and/or businesses. Details on sizes and hire rates are o the VH website now and will be in October's CVN.

regular weekly events:

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Purbeck Dance Studio Double Act Purbeck Chess Toddlers Purbeck Dance Studio Badminton **Purbeck Crafts** Pilates Youth Club Silver Swans adult ballet Cubs Alcoholics Anonymous **Pilates** Purbeck Dance Studio Aikido

regular monthly events:

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

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Ukrainian Visitors

It is good to know that many readers of CVN are interested and have provided support for the situation in the Ukraine

The Ukraine situation is important to me as my husband and I decided to offer a home to Ukrainian visitors. Whilst this may not be possible for many people for several reasons, space, location, regular family visitors or commitments, for us it was more a question of "Why not?"

I thought it might be helpful to share our experience, which has been a positive one as it may encourage more people to see it as a possibility and make further enquiries. A recent discussion with a friend who is in regular correspondence with a resident of Kiev, highlighted the passion of the Ukrainian people to continue the war to ensure their independence from the aggression of Russia. Without doubt this will be a longer conflict than we would wish and more people will flee the country requiring refuge in friendly countries.

Our guests have had a short break visiting family including a return to Odesa, Ukraine. They speak of lack of food and fuel, frequent air raid sirens and an underlying constant fear as to where missiles may fall.

The actual administrative process for obtaining Ukrainian visitors is streamlined now and should not present too many difficulties, although impossible, I would think without access to a computer. I must highlight the services of the Ukrainian Dorset Community (based in Bournemouth) who have worked tirelessly to assist hosts with applications, match them with known friends and family in Ukraine and ease the process of Visa application and introduction to families. The community is providing social events for the visitors, practical assistance and advice.

Additionally, Dorset Council and I believe, Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Council have provided support, information and prompt financial assistance to hosts and visitors.

There are now a network of support groups developing throughout the area to offer friendship and support to hosts and the new communities arriving in the area.

Our own visitors, a 53 year old Mum who is an English teacher and a 17 year old young man, have proved to be easy house guests who have accepted help

but generally wishing to be independent in their new home. Our Mother is an able, charming and kind person, who it is good to consider a friend. She has been keen to find appropriate employment, but firstly to obtain a College Course for her son. He has now found a place at Brockenhurst College.

It has been humbling to hear the experiences of our guests and to share with their upset and grief for the loss of family and friends and dealing with the uncertainty of the future. Memorably we had a conversation with our guest's husband who emotionally expressed his gratitude for us welcoming his family into our home.

I have been grateful to all my friends who have offered practical and emotional support. It has been amazing all those who have wanted to help.

Please do consider if you could offer a home to a Ukrainian family or indeed have friends who may wish to do this. I would be pleased to offer support if I can.

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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER 2022

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.

1–3	September			Summer Art Exhibition at Kimmeridge Bay
1 - 4	September	Thursday – Su	unday	Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival
6	September	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Talk - Volunteering at Marwell Zoo by Richard Cook
8	September	Thursday	7.30pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council Environment Group meeting in Mortons Manor
10 - 1	8 September	Saturday to Su	unday 10 am – 4 pm daily	Norden Art charity Open Studio for Art4action
12	September	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in the Corfe Castle Village Hall
13	September	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Furzebrook village hall.
16	September	Friday	Evening	Opening Planet Purbeck Festival family fun evening on Wareham Quay.
17	September	Saturday		St Edwards Coffee Morning – Corfe Castle Village Hall
24	September	Saturday	9 am – 12 pm	Walk in flu vaccine clinic at Corfe Castle surgery – surgery info in this edition.
24 - 2	5 September	Saturday and	Sunday – 1 pm – 3 pm	St Edwards bag a bargain in the Church
25	September	Sunday	2 – 5 pm	Smedmore House Open Day in Aid of Wessex Cancer Trust_
	All	details are corre	ect as at publishing date, but please check	with the organization involved before attending any events.
1	October	Saturday	7.30 pm	Double Act beetle drive – Corfe Castle Village Hall
4	October	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius meeting and talk Wartime Evacuees by Cindy Parish
8	October	Saturday	7 pm	Ball and Socket charity concert for Ukraine in Furzebrook Village Hall
10	October	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in the Corfe Castle Village Hall
11	October	Tuesday		Aquarius outing to Southampton
11	October	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle village hall.
14	October	Friday	6 pm	AGM Church Knowle Village Hall
15	October	Saturday	9 am – 12 pm	Walk in flu vaccine clinic at Corfe Castle surgery – surgery info in this edition.
21	October	Friday	2 pm	Library talk on Purbeck's navy by Dr Phil Judkins in Corfe Castle Village Hall
25	November	Friday		Double Act - An Evening of Hysterical Historical Hi-jinks
26	November	Saturday		Purbeck Arts Choir Concert
8	December	Thursday	7 pm	Carols for Everyone Concert - St. Edward's Church

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Flooding - Environment Agency - Flood Line:

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Dorset Council out of hours Emergency Contact Number – 01929 556561

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Church of England

St Aldhelm's Benefice

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(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

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St Aldhelm Benefice

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Church Wardens in the Valley Churches

Corfe Castle: Penelope Smith 480109 John Lindsay 481498

Church Knowle, Kimmeridge, & Steeple Contact Ian Jackson

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

The Reverend Anne Bond writes:

Last month the Lambeth Conference met in Canterbury for the first time in fourteen years. Normally it happens every ten years, but covid delayed it. Approximately 650 Anglican Bishops from all over the world discussed the most pressing issues of interest in world-wide Anglican church communities with the emphasis on mutual co-operation and prayer, accompanied by their

wives who had their own concerns to air. They were all accommodated in student lodgings at the University of Kent, a matter of uncertain plumbing and

narrow beds with inadequate mattresses bristling with unruly springs. At the end of the conference the Diocese of Salisbury found itself with 44 Bishops for whom to find hosts for a week's rest and recuperation. Michael and I, with no real idea of what to expect, volunteered, and had Bishop Onesimo of Lomega in South Sudan and his wife the Reverend Mama Frida allocated to us. They were exceedingly glad to find themselves in a comfortable double bed with a bathroom next door; they said it felt like heaven!

They both speak good and fluent English – which is the official language of Christian South Sudan; but as it only became an independent nation in 2011 having separated from Muslim northern Sudan, there hasn't been much time for it to become an ordered national entity. Although all schooling happens in the English language, there are more than 67 tribes in the country each with a



Bishop Onesimo of Lomega in South Sudan and his wife the Reverend Mama Frida

language of their own. Onesimo speaks 7 languages and Frida 5. Between themselves they speak Arabic, which for both of them had been the language of their schooldays.

We may think we have difficulties in our lives. However, consider this: between 1983 and 2005 Sudan was riven by ethnic violence and rampant human rights abuses in a vicious civil war between north and south. It was clearly not safe for Frida with 4 small children to remain there; they fled as refugees to Uganda. There, Christian church workers liaised with the government of Western Australia and arranged for Frida and the children to travel to Perth as refugees, where they stayed for the next ten years. The family have Australian passports, the children (now all adult) still live in the Australian government-provided refugee house and their parents divide their time between South Sudan and Western Australia as need dictates. Frida was trained and ordained a priest in the Anglican church in Australia, where she serves the large Sudanese community in Perth, predominately teaching and ministering to women. Onesimo has a relatively small diocese in South Sudan of 26 parishes, but the distances between them and his office and home in



Bishop Onesimo and Frida at Langton

Juba, the capital of South Sudan, is measured in hundreds of miles; and although there are surfaced roads in and around Juba, almost all roads in South Sudan are dusty, rough tracks; he spends a lot of time getting from place to place so it is not very easy for him to get to Australia. Frida needs to stay in Australia for the next few months in order to have an operation on her knee that would be impossible in South Sudan.

married life Onesimo and Frida are in private clearly a devoted couple and were a delight to have with us here in Corfe Castle. However, they both do also have public lives in the service of the One and Only True, Living and Active God which they carry out with deep faith and faithful commitment, in danger and in safety, in health and in sickness. Last month I wrote about the Kingdom of God which for many is a life-giving reality illuminating their lives. This is certainly so for these two remarkable people from South Sudan. I pray they may be richly rewarded - in this world, and in the next.

With love, Anne.

Bible Readings - September 2022

Sunday 4th September 12th Sunday after Trinity
Deuteronomy 30: 15 – end
Philemon 1 – 21
Luke 14: 25 – 33

Sunday 11^{th} September 13^{th} Sunday after Trinity Exodus 32: 7-14 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10

Sunday 18th September

14th Sunday after Trinity

Amos 8: 4 – 7

1 Timothy 2: 1 – 7

Luke 16: 1 – 13

Sunday 25^{th} September 15^{th} Sunday after Trinity Amos 6: 1A; 4-7 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Luke 16: 19-end

Sunday October 2nd

16th Sunday after Trinity
Habakkuk 1: 1 – 4; 2: 1 – 4
2 Timothy 1: 1 – 14
Luke 17: 5 - 10

Sunday Services in September

Sunday 4th September 10.30am - Holy Communion with hymns at Corfe Castle

Sunday 11th September 9.30am - Holy Communion with hymns at Steeple 10.30am - Morning Worship with hymns at Corfe Castle

Sunday 18th September 10.30am - Holy Communion with hymns at Corfe Castle

Sunday 25th September 9am- Holy Communion at Kimmeridge 10.30am - Holy Communion with hymns at Corfe Castle

Sunday 2nd October 10.30am - Holy Communion with hymns at Corfe Castle

Friends of Salisbury Cathedral

The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral are planning their programme of events for 2023, so now is a great time to join.

Members of the Friends enjoy free entry to the cathedral (excluding ticketed events, concerts or parking), they receive newsletters and the charity's annual report, and they are invited to its social events.

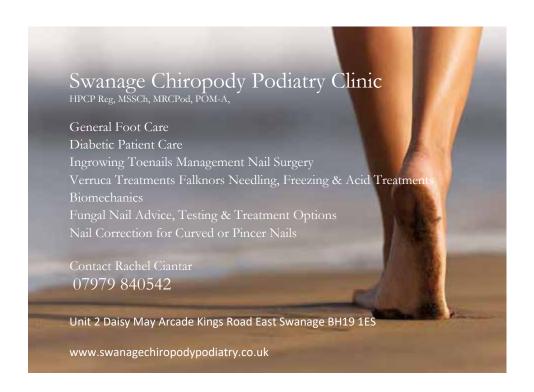
Next year's programme begins in January with the Dean of Salisbury the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopulos being 'cast away' at a Desert Island Discs event. This is followed by a coffee morning in February and a new members' afternoon in March, the latter to include talks in the cathedral and tea in the refectory.

There will be a day trip to Wells Cathedral in April and the annual *Secret Gardens of the Close* afternoon in June, during which a number of gardens in Salisbury Cathedral Close are open to the public.

We hope to run a holiday to Wales in July and Friends' Day is in September including the AGM, a lecture, cream tea, organ recital and evensong. In the last financial year, the Friends gave more than £128,000 in grants to fund projects at the cathedral and safeguard it for future generations. These grants were made possible by means of members' subscriptions, donations and legacies.

Subscriptions are £25 for a single membership and £40 for joint membership. Gift membership is also available.

For more details and a membership application form, contact the Friends' office on 01722 555190, email friends@salcath.co.uk or visit our website: www.salisburycathedralfriends.co.uk



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www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk

CORFE CASTLE EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Promises, promises, promises.

Today sadly we are used to those in authority making promises they rarely keep. So often at election time political parties make promises to attract our vote, but whether they can meet those promises is another matter. On our bank notes the Bank of England promises to pay the bearer the sum of the note. In our personal lives promises matter: "I promise to stick with you through thick and thin."

Promises matter to us.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God is God's promised rescuing king. The opening chapter of Mark's gospel, in the Bible, tells us this.

Jesus means 'God will save His people.' Christ means 'God's promised rescuing King,' and Son of God tells us He, Jesus, is in charge of everything. You might wonder why I keep talking about Jesus. The answer is that we, at Corfe Castle Evangelical Congregational Church (CCECC), will keep talking about Jesus because He is the One in all authority and the only way, we can know God

Jesus was promised years before He came. The Old Testament was full of God's promises to send Him. And the New Testament, which includes Mark's Gospel tells us Jesus is here. The promise has been kept! It's only through Jesus we can know God personally and know how to live with God as our friend and loving Father. We'll be talking about Mark's gospel at CCECC on Sunday 11th September at 3.00pm and then fortnightly after that.

Friends, the Bible says that one day we will all meet God; without Jesus, we will meet Him as our Judge. God knows all that we do, He is that big and that powerful. Think about it, He made the Universe, and we live on a tiny piece of it. Despite being much bigger than you or I often realise, God made us, loves us, and wants us to enjoy a relationship with Him. It's only right that as our creator. He says how we should live.

One day we will have to give account to Him about how we lived our lives. Who of us can say we have lived a God-pleasing life all the time? Never lying, never having a bad thought about others, doing good whenever we can; no-one can if we're honest. God will rightfully judge us, and the Bible says each one of us are guilty and deserve punishment. But the Bible also says there is good news. God became man by coming to us in Jesus to save us.

The promised rescuing King, Jesus Christ the Son of God, came to save us from the punishment that we deserve. For all who accept Jesus, and ask His forgiveness, we can call God our Father. This is good news. In fact, it's amazing news! Each time we meet on a Sunday at CCECC we will talk about this good news.

Please join us at CCECC on Sunday 11th September at 3pm. Everybody is welcome, and it's a chance to get to know others, both those who know God as their loving Father, and those who want to find out more.

Andy Nash

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We at this Church would like to thank the many people in Corfe and the surrounding areas for their help since lockdown. and a special thank you to Andy Nash, who has stepped in to help and is very keen to see this Church in Corfe grow and the Gospel proclaimed in this area. We have seen many miracles take place at the Church; God has been so good! It should be no surprise how much God can do in His Church.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

September Services
Sunday 11th at 3.00pm

Sunday 18th at 3.00pm

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

This summer has been one where the sun and rain have not matched each other. Not for the first time I hear many of you say and not for the last. July was the driest on record for England overall since 1935, with just 35% of average rainfall. August continued that spell of dry weather. Our gardens have shown the impact both in what has been encouraged to grow and in what has suffered. It would seem timely if then we had arranged an opportunity with Corfe Castle Gardening Club for a discussion of how to select and grow drought resistant plants. But we have taken the whole thing a little further by offering at 8.00pm Thursday September 1st in the Village Hall a talk by Ben Turner talk on "Houseplants-Far Flung Exotics" (with some bulbs and plants also for sale). Please do come along and share also in the informal chat before and after about how your garden has survived this summer. We know that many of you like the brightness and comfort that indoor plants provide so come along and join in the meeting (all welcome) to hear about what further options could be open to you and ask any questions you like (even should I talk to my plants?)

Gerry Stoker

John Courtney - Our Retiring Treasurer

On behalf of all the readers of the Corfe Valley News, we wish John Courtney well as he settles into his new home near to his family in Yeovil. John became treasurer of the magazine in February 2009 and worked tirelessly to manage the accounts until May this year. Throughout that time, which included the two lockdowns, John managed to keep the advertising revenue coming in and the books balanced

John will continue to read the Corfe Valley News in his new home, and he plans to return regularly to the village, so he will be maintaining a close interest in local affairs.

Thank you John for all your hard work and good-humoured commitment over the past thirteen years; you have certainly earned your retirement from this post and can now hang up your spreadsheets

St Edward's fete

Many thanks again to everyone who helped in any way at the fete last month. We raised over £1900 on a very hot day and also in our Summer Raffle we raised £2000 for Julia's House Hospice and £2000 for church funds. What a great team!

Dawn Lindsay

citizens advice East Dorset & Purbeck

Need Advice?

We are here to help whenever you need advice to **Need Advice? Citizens Advice is OPEN for drop-ins.**

With the rise in energy prices and the increase in the general cost of living, Citizens Advice in East Dorset and Purbeck is experiencing a high demand for their services. They are open for drop-ins where no appointment is necessary at a number of locations.

Judy Herring, Service Manager, Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck says: "We are here to help local people find a way forward. We offer general advice and also have specialist advisers available including energy and debt specialists. Whatever your problem, our advice is free, confidential and impartial."

Citizens Advice provide advice about a wide range of issues, including:

- Benefits entitlement and claims
- Debt management, budgeting and income maximisation
- Energy and water advice, and support schemes available
- Employment advice including Statutory Sick Pay and rights when laid off work
- Advice for the self-employed including the Income Support Scheme
- Housing and advice if at risk of homelessness
- Referrals for charitable support or to a food bank

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

- Wareham Citizens Advice Tuesday & Thursday 10am-12noon
- Wimborne Citizens Advice Monday & Wednesday 10am-12noon

- Ferndown Library Tuesday & Friday, 10am-2pm
- The Centre, Barns Road, Ferndown Thursday, 10am-2pm
- Lytchett Matravers Library Friday 10am-12noon
- Swanage Town Hall, Wednesday 10am-2pm (except first Wednesday of the month)
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage First Monday of each month 10am-12noon

And by appointment only at:

Bovington Hive, Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council, Swanage Library, Upton Library &

Verwood Library.

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

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

For general advice and support call the **Dorset Adviceline on our freephone line 0800 144 8848 (Textphone: 0800 144 8884)**, 10am-4pm weekdays or visit **www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk**



Pensioners Urged to Apply for Household Support Fund

Citizens Advice in Dorset are encouraging pensioners to apply for the government's Household Support Fund to help with the cost of

living increase, before the funds are no longer available.

Citizens Advice is working with Dorset Council to administer the government's Household Support Fund which is now available to pensioners who are on a low income.

Nina Downes, Project Leader, said: "The government has allocated funding for pensioners to help with the increase in the cost of living and spiralling energy prices."

"If you're a pensioner living in the Dorset Council area and are on a low income, we urge you to apply for the fund. It's easy to apply and if you're not online, there are other options available."

Citizens Advice is encouraging residents to help an elderly relative, friend or neighbour who could be eligible for the Household Support Fund by telling them about the funding and helping with the application if applicable. The online application asks for proof of ID and providing pensioners do not have savings of more than £10,000, a supermarket voucher will be issued.

Nina continues: "It's really important that pensioners apply now before the funding is no longer available. There is a time limit so we want to encourage as many pensioners as possible to apply. This is not a grant, they don't need to pay it back, it's money available in the form of a supermarket voucher to help with the cost of living increase."

Dorset Council residents can apply online here

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/household-support-fund. If not online, residents can call into their local Citizens Advice office for help. For opening hours and locations visit www.citizensadvicedorset.org.uk or call the Dorset Adviceline on 0800 144 8848.

Alternatively, Digital Champions at local libraries can assist with applications. Appointments must be booked in advance by calling 01305 221048, Monday to Friday, 10am to midday. Opening times for the Digital Champions can be viewed here www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/getting-online

For free, confidential advice and support, call the Dorset Adviceline on 0800 144 8848 or visit www.citizensadvicedorset.org.uk for details of your nearest Citizens Advice.

Swanage Folk Festival

Swanage Folk Festival is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year from 9-11 September and has a bumper line-up booked.

The multi-talented Seth Lakeman headlines on Saturday night and, on Friday evening, Festival favourites Oysterband will be kicking off the three-day event. Foot-stomping folk band Sheelanagig will be closing the Festival with their own brand of gypsy funk on Sunday.

Banter, Faustus, Man the Lifeboats, Tinderbox, Mother Ukers, Monkey See Monkey Do, Wareham Whalers and The Magpies are just some of the other guests appearing.

There are free Marquee concerts on Saturday and Sunday afternoons with food and drink available on the main site at Sandpit field which also hosts the craft fair. Over 60 dance sides will be performing round the town during the weekend and, this year, there is a Mad Hatters Competition that will be raising money for Ukraine with all entry donations matched by the Festival.

There will be singers performing around the town as well as a ceilidh and sessions in a number of the local pubs. Music and dance workshops are also on offer.

Margaret Tyrer, Folk Festival Chair, says: "We have really pushed the boat out this year, as it is our anniversary, and we really hope that people will come and

help us celebrate."

Tickets are available for the weekend or for individual concerts via the Festival website, www.swanagefolkfestival.com where more information on all the events can also be found.

Swanage Linking Lives & Purbeck Good Neighbours working together to Support the Local Community



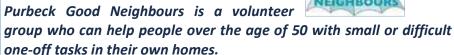
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From Lulworth to Dorchester, Studland to Worth Matravers, we are hoping to tempt you with beloved staples of chamber music by Schumann, Bach and Brahms.

This year's theme is *Freedom*. It will take you to discover Composer Deborah Pritchard's world of music and images and improvisations by Europe's leading performers.

See the website for an example of Deborah's remarkably colourful representation of music. In this case her graphic score for *Fire*, *Phoenix*, *Waterfall*.

Performing with pianist Cedric Pescia who will be playing in Purbeck in September, the concert features firm favourites Schubert's Arpeggione Sonata and Brahms Cello Sonata Op.99

We hope to see you at one of our concerts between 1 - 4 September. <u>Tickets and</u> festival passes are on sale now.

The Purbeck Arts Choir

The Purbeck Arts Choir is open to anyone who wants to sing! We presently number 60+ in all voice parts (SATB) and extend a warm, friendly, and supportive welcome to new singers and, although previous experience is helpful, it is not essential.

We meet for our weekly practice from 7.00 to 8.30pm every Thursday at: St Mary's School, Northbrook Road, Swanage BH19 1QE starting 1st September 2022

Generally, we rehearse and perform from September to May but we do occasionally extend our "season" to participate in local events or join with other choirs. Our two main concerts are held around Christmas and Easter

Our next concert is on Saturday 26th November 2022 at St Mary's Church, Swanage, entitled 'A sure refuge' by David Fawcett and some Vaughan Williams pieces

New members will be made very welcome if they would like to join us to sing in this landmark concert, celebrating the 150th anniversary of Vaughan Williams' birth as well as HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

All enquiries: <u>purbeckchoir@gmail.com</u>, or Liz Roberts 01929 481419

Wareham Choral Society

Come and Sing with us! Wareham Choral Society are offering a FREE Taster Workshop Monday 19 September 7.30-9.30pm Lady St Mary Church Wareham. No booking necessary. Join us for some fun and bring a friend.

CELEBRATING TESSA'S ONGOING SUCCESS



Tessa at work

The Ukrainian War may have slipped from the headlines, but it is still a very serious situation for its people. A Corfe Castle resident continues her selfless effort to raise money for the Ukrainian Disaster Fund. Since March this year Tessa Somerville, a Stained Glass Artist who retired 10 or more years ago, has been creating beautiful stained-glass stars in the Ukraine colours of blue & yellow & has already raised an outstanding £4,000 & the figure is rising daily. Tessa will continue using her wonderful skill to raise even more money for such a deserving cause. Thanks to the kindness of James & Roz. stars are available from "THE SWEET SHOP" in Corfe Castle Square & also from "44 WEST STREET", Corfe Castle where

you can knock on the door or telephone 07760 203375. A minimum donation of £10 is requested & having seen first-hand how much work goes into each individual piece they are worth every penny. The stars make lovely gifts or act as a constant reminder in your home of the hardship of others. It would be wonderful if you felt able to support Tessa in her hard work & enjoy a beautiful piece of her art in your home. VERY WELL DONE TESSA, YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL.



One of the Ukranian stars

Make a Difference with WALX

Corfe resident Gill Stewart has been nominated for a BBC Solent Radio 'Make a Difference' award for the walking based physical activity programmes she has developed with WALX (who are based at Worth Matravers) and Nordic Walking UK.

Gill has spent over 40 years creating ways to help people to enjoy safe affordable exercise and developed one of the UK's first exercise on referral programmes.

WALX now operates up to 2,000 walks a week across the UK with over 30 in East Dorset and Purbeck. Ranging from wellness walks for those with medical conditions and nature walks to total body workout walks and longer hikes, there's something for everyone.

Gill also organises 3 festivals a year and the Purbeck one is on 16th – 18th September near Norden Park n Ride. There are special passes for local residents who can go along and enjoy up to 3 walks or workshops per day. Workshops include navigation skills, Ski fitness, walking for rehabilitation, The Power of Poles Nordic walking tuition and more.

There is a Saturday music night with a band and food too with social passes available. See the full schedule HERE https://walx.co.uk/purbeck-walx-festival-2022/

To find out more about the local group WALX Dorset visit walxdorset.co.uk

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Pick up a leaflet at one of their centres or visit the website at:

www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk/support to find out more and download a sponsorship form today.

By sponsoring a centre or an animal, you can help to look after and save another.



Kimmeridge News

Three Parishes Fete

Kimmeridge was certainly well represented at the Three Parishes Fete held in Church Knowle on a very hot & sunny 6th August. As well as Anthony Byrde on the "Splat the Rat" stall, we had Arish Mel Ceilidh Band playing music in the Pimms Tent. Kimmeridge Coastguard Team and Kimmeridge Community First Responders were also showing off their smart vehicles & equipment. Both the Coastguard & Community First Responders teams welcome new volunteers from the local communities we serve including Church Knowle & Steeple as well as Kimmeridge. Contact Keith Welsh on keith.welsh91@gmail.com for further information.



Wedding Congratulations!

On the same day as the fete we had a lovely wedding celebration in Kimmeridge Church for Val & Pete. The church looked splendid and, of course, the sun shone for the happy couple! Later in the day villagers joined in all the celebrations with a party - a wonderful finish to a splendid day.

Steve & Helen Earwicker

News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

By the time you read this, the HXVH Fete will have been and gone and we will be back to normal business at the Hall. But that still means a very full and busy schedule of activities and events.

We are planning some 'upgrades' to the Hall and field over the coming months. We are having solar panels fitted so please bear with whilst the scaffolding is up – this is scheduled from 23 September to 6 October. We will also be fencing in the playground area and exploring options for some items of play equipment for younger children.

Other dates for your diaries are:

LIVE MUSIC NIGHT – FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER THE ABBA SHOW

Just to help us all celebrate the Fete and let our hair down (for those of us who still have some !!), we welcome back to the Hall the amazing Abba's Angels who performed last September – see the pictures and video on the website at https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Live-Music/

The same link to the website will allow you to book tickets online for just £14.00. It's a brilliant night – sparkly costumes and platform heels are optional but encouraged. Further details are available from Bob Bunyar on 01929 289209 but please book early to avoid disappointment.

MOVIE NIGHT – TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER WEST SIDE STORY (2021)

The 1961 original film won 10 Oscars (still a record for a musical) including best picture. In this 2021 remake, Steven Spielberg does something that only he could do – his new version of this classic Romeo and Juliet tale is breathtaking, magnificent and dazzles the senses. Here's what some reviewers have said:

"Steven Spielbergs WEST SIDE STORY is pure classic Hollywood musical magic. Spectacular emotional filmmaking that almost completely blew me away." "Everything here has been turned up to 11, and you can really feel it -- even in numbers that we've heard a thousand times before."

"Steven Spielbergs take on West Side Story is his best film since Munich"
"West Side Story's dazzling dance routines are fit for the big screen"
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Further film dates for your diary are:

- Tues 11 October Phantom of the Opera
- Sunday 23 October Purbeck Film Festival Respect
- Thursday 27 October Purbeck Film Festival The Railway Children Return

A final reminder of the next couple of dates for Church at HXVH, which will be Sunday 18 September and Sunday 16 October. This is a lovely, informal service commencing at 6pm.

That's all for now. All the best

Alison and the HXVH Committee



SMEDMORE HOUSE OPEN DAY IN AID OF WESSEX CANCER TRUST

Smedmore House, one of Dorset's finest Georgian manor houses, is holding an open day in aid of Wessex Cancer Trust on Sunday 25th September between 2pm and 5pm.



The house occupies two acres of walled flower gardens, orchards and a Mediterranean garden near Kimmeridge Bay. Guided tours of the house will be led by well-known historian, Dr Philip Mansel, who will be joined by members of his family who are knowledgeable about the house's history and contents.

As well as touring the house you will be able to see the seat where Napoleon sat when he visited St Helena and a display of vintage Morgan Cars.

Tickets are £6 on the door and house tours are £4.50. Children under 16 are free. Dogs are welcome on leads.

Dr Mansel says:

"We wanted to do something to help raise awareness and funds for this wonderful charity because cancer affects many of us and Wessex Cancer Trust is there when people most need support. Smedmore House is a hidden jewel on the Jurassic coast, so please join us for a wonderful afternoon for this most worthwhile cause."

Smedmore House is in Kimmeridge, Dorset, BH10 5PG. For more information and directions visit www.smedmorehouse.com/news/open-days or telephone 01929 480719.

Wessex Cancer Trust has a Support Centre in Bournemouth and all of the money raised will be used to provide emotional support to anyone affected by cancer. For more information visit www.wessexcancer.org.uk



Dorset Wildlife Trust Fine Foundation Wild Seas Centre, Kimmeridge Bay, Wareham, BH20 5PE 01929 481044 kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk

With the glorious August weather, Kimmeridge Bay has been packed with paddleboarders, swimmers and snorkellers. The snorkellers in particular have been delighted with the number of fish, crabs and other underwater creatures they have spotted. We have daily reports of 'shoals of silvery fish', 'large colourful fish', and 'lots of small fish darting amongst the seaweed'. The silvery shoals are mostly sand smelt and sand eels and can put on a glistening display as they twist and turn as one in the water. The large fish tend to be colourful ballan wrasse, or may be the less colourful grey mullet or bass, whereas the lots of small fish can be corkwing wrasse, juvenile pollack, painted gobies, dragonets (on the sand) or rock gobies and tompot blennies. If you haven't tried the snorkel trail yet you have until 27th September before we bring it in for the winter.

Planet Purbeck Festival

This year we are once again supporting the Planet Purbeck Festival and will be present at the launch event on Wareham Quay on 16th and the marine day in Swanage on 24th September. Please call in and say hello! We are also offering free mask and snorkel hire for the week if you would like to try our snorkel trail. Call in at the Wild Seas Centre to hire and for snorkelling advice – we are open daily from 11am – 4pm. You will need to leave a cash deposit when hiring. We are also running a free Strandline Safari on Sunday 25th September – a guided stroll along the beach to see what has been washed ashore. Booking is essential – phone 01929 481044.

Watching Seals Well

There have been several reports of seals popping up, both in Kimmeridge Bay, at Wareham Quay and beyond. Please remember that these animals need to spend time ashore resting, digesting their food and moulting their coat. If you come across one hauled out, it is important to keep your distance, using binoculars or a long zoom lens to view and photograph. If the seal is looking at you then it is alert and ready to flee; it is already disturbed, so back away slowly. Seals can sometimes be inquisitive but you shouldn't seek out encounters with seals in the water as this disrupts their natural

behaviour. If by chance you do come across one at sea, stay calm and keep moving. Please report your sighting at www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/seals

Check out our website for a full list of events this month https://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events

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X marks the spot

Last year I mentioned watching swifts disappearing at dusk into the roof of the Town Hall and nearby houses in Corfe Castle. Earlier this year I met swift enthusiasts in Swanage and inspired by their efforts to map all the swift nests in their town, I decided to try to do the same in

Corfe Castle.

From early June to August, with a little help from friends, I spent many evenings loitering around the square and other likely nesting places trying to spot swifts going in and out – something they do at very high speed and so annoyingly easy to miss. An apology and thanks to all those village residents who must have been puzzled by, not to say suspicious of, the characters standing outside their houses towards dusk and staring intently at their roof (not in their bedroom windows - honest). I found this was the best way to work out where the nests were and can now reveal the 2022 village swift league table.....

Property	Nests
The Town House	7
The Town Hall	4
The Sweet shop	2
The Bankes Arms	2
21 – 25 West Street	2
Corfe Castle Club	2
TheVillage Bakery	1
Total	20

Most of our swifts nest around the village square. This is because they prefer to nest under the Purbeck tiles on old roofs which have gaps between the stones that they can squeeze through to get inside. Unlike in Swanage, where many of the nests are high up, in Corfe they are low and so the aerial screaming displays which swifts do near their nests are often no higher than head

height. You can hear them fizzing through the air as they almost part your hair (if only I had any to part) on the way past. Of course, standing around in the square with a clipboard and staring at houses in the gathering gloom does prompt comments from passers-by. On explaining my interest in the swifts, one wag replied he could not stop to watch because he was off to The Fox for a swift one.

I suspect that 20 pairs is an underestimate because I could only check roofs visible from public places. So, if anyone knows of other nests in the village that

I have not listed, or any others within the CVN circulation area, I'd love to know (cvnnature@gmail.com). You can plot them on the **Swift Mapper** website.

The Swanage swift group are encouraging homeowners to put up swift boxes to replace the nest sites which have been lost due to modern re-roofing methods. If you would like a box, I can put you in touch with the Swanage swifters who make them. You could even make your own — there are instructions at this website http://www.magikbirds.com/. I plan to put up a couple on my house but the best places to try this are near where the birds are already nesting because they are highly sociable. Apparently, playing recordings of their screaming increases the chances of attracting them to places where they do not yet nest. There are details of how to do this, and lots of other information at the Action for swifts blogspot.

Next year I will do another survey – so if anyone would like to help, please let me know. They are amazing birds to watch and "swifting" provides a jolly good excuse to visit the pub to check over each evening's sightings after the swifts have gone to bed. Now they have gone for the year, the village square seems eerily silent at dusk. Swifts add so much zzzzzzzing to the height of summer, it seems a small ask to leave a few gaps for them when buildings get re-roofed (the new X's must be in the same spots as the old ones because the adult swifts remember!) or to make a few new holes in old roofs or put up some boxes to encourage them to spread.

If you want to find out more about swifts and what you can do to help their conservation, and get your house onto the league table next year, look at the website of **Swift Conservation**.

Richard Caldow

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- <u>Pilates</u> Alex Moore telephone 07536103364 <u>info@pilatesperformancetherapy.co.uk</u>

WEDNESDAY

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Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.15 – 10.45am	& 11am – 12 Yoga	Langton Scout Hut
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.30 - 7.30pm	Adult	C C Village Hall
		Ballroom Dance	Donna 01202 243803
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Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
2nd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	By Zoom
Each	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 - 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
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Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
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