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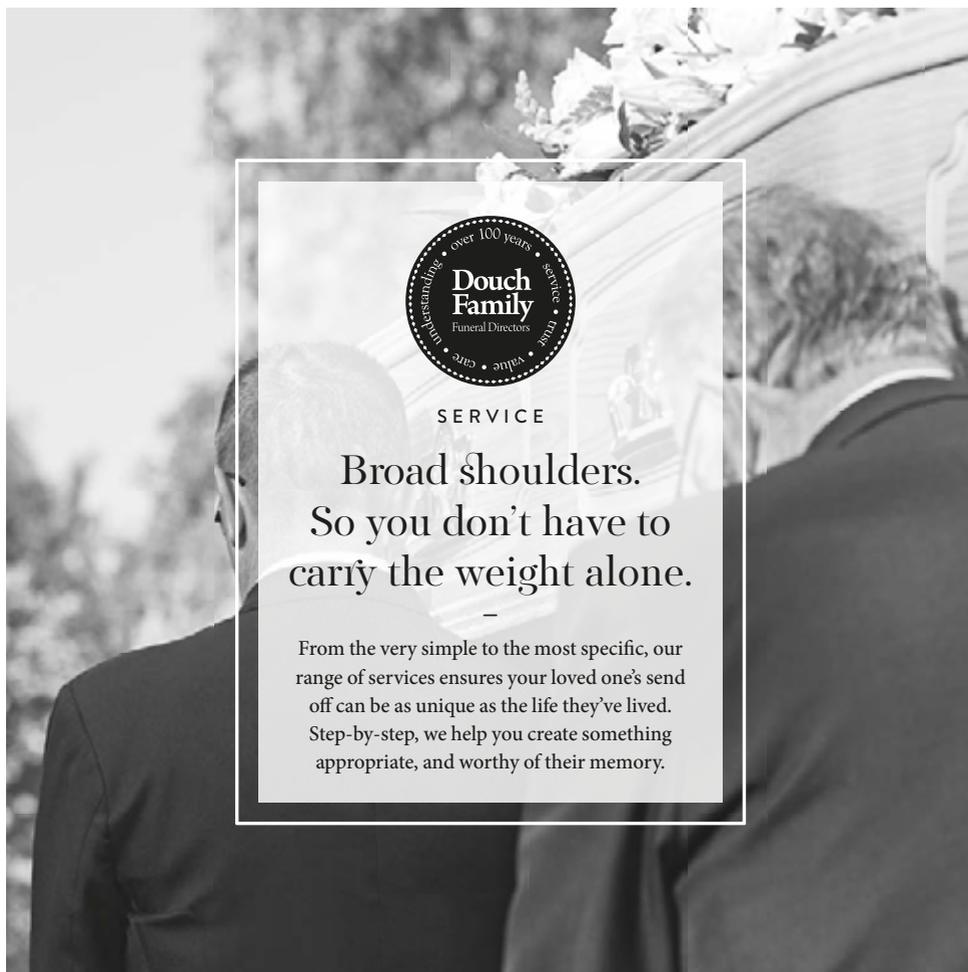
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Editorial

There are two new telephone numbers on the useful telephone numbers page, which is just after the middle pages. These are for reporting anti-social behaviour and, also, for reporting near misses and non-injury traffic collisions. As the Parish Council is considering applying to have the speed limit in the village reduced to 20 mph it is important that every incident gets reported so have a look at how to access the Dorset Council reporting page.

There is also a link for armed forces veterans to use to access help from Dorset Council. If you are a veteran, from any of the forces, have a look at the website, particularly if you think you might benefit from some help. There is also more information about both this and near-miss reporting in the notices and thanks pages of the magazine.

Plans for the celebration of the Coronation are coming on well and there are more details in this April edition.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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

Notes from our March meeting: During the public half hour, one member of the public came to stress his concern about the introduction of 5G and its possible effect on health. A second member of the public wanted to draw the Parish Council's attention to the proposed road repairs in West Street in May as there was a lot of concern on the community Facebook page.

The notification of the West Street works came too late to be included on the agenda, but the Parish Council has arranged a delivery to every affected household. The issue was raised with Cllr Cherry Brooks our DC representative and Cllr Brooks was asked about the lack of notification to residents by DC. She agreed to investigate. Residents who are concerned should contact Dorset Council on the phone number or web link shown on the letter.

Other projects: The Parish Council had 8 reports from Councillors on projects they are involved in on behalf of the Council. (Southeast Parish's Meeting; Purbeck Community Rail Partnership; Kings Coronation; 20mph speed limit; Environment Group; Cost of Living Support; Litter Free Purbeck; Purbeck Heaths NNR Sustainable Transport Meeting.)

The Council wanted to give special thanks to the litter team and the Swanage led team which had removed rubbish from the A351, and the Kings Coronation project team who have produced a great programme described elsewhere in CVN.

Good progress is also being made on the cost-of-living help scheme. The Environment group has had a well-attended programme and more talks are planned.

The Council will express its concern to Swanage Railway over the proposed high fares on the new train service to Wareham. The return fare from Corfe to Wareham is £10 and £25 from Swanage to Wareham. Currently until 30 June the bus fare on the no 40 is only £2 for a single ticket. The Council is worried that the pilot scheme will be deemed a failure.

The Council received a highly satisfactory report from its internal auditor for the last quarter.

Dorset Council Report: The main headline is that Dorset Council was able to use the savings from the merging of the six councils four years ago to safeguard services and remain financially stable. The precept for its own services is going up 2% compared with inflation of 10% and is a lower increase than permitted by the Government.

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 22nd May 7pm, in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, main hall. This is your chance to hear what your Parish Council has achieved over the past year, and through your questions and comments help set the agenda for the Parish Council for the coming year. We will also have short presentations from some of the village organisations on current projects.

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

Application No: P/FUL/2023/00702, Location: Castle View Information Centre A351 St Edwards Bridge to Norden Roundabout, Corfe Castle Dorset BH20 5DR
Recommend: No objection. This application is part of the National Trust's zero carbon policy. There are no visual aspects as the machinery is close to the building and cannot be seen from the castle.

Application No: P/FUL/2023/01023, Peake House, Valley Road, BH20 5HT.
Recommend: No objection. Corfe Castle Parish Council strongly support the application. Peake House was originally built in the early 20th century as a domestic property for family use. In 2005 it was converted to bed and breakfast use and in 2007 it became a boarding house for Purbeck View School in Swanage. The Council objected to this change of use and the PDC Planning Officer recommended refusal. However, the application was approved by the PDC planning board. The present proposal will return the house to its original domestic use. To the best of our knowledge the house is and always has been served by a septic tank for its wastewater. We strongly support returning it to domestic use as this has been its function for the far greater part of its life.

Application No: P/CLP/2023/00948, Location: 25 East Street, BH20 5EE.
Recommend: No comment as we do not feel we are qualified to make comment. To submit a letter to Dorset Council planning department requesting: given the age of the original application (1987) that the application be revisited, as it is believed the application would not be approved today. It was noted the loading bay which has been installed since the original application was submitted does not show on the plans. It was stated as the General Store now has a Post Office facility within the shop, the shop owners who live in the flat above, are not able to access the store once the store has closed. Due to this the only way to exit the building is through the storage area / garage; if there were to be a fire in this area there is no alternative fire exit.

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

Invitation to Tender: Notice is hereby given inviting contractors to tender for the contract to clean the West Street Toilets, Corfe Castle.

Contract Description:

- To clean and maintain the Toilets at West Street Corfe Castle.
- Toilets to be cleaned once a day.
- To carry out a deep clean at least twice a year.
- To supply and replenish consumables and remove general waste. (sanitary waste to be disposed of by a third party).

For an information pack containing the Information for Tenderers, a detailed Specification of the Work required and Conditions of Contract, please contact the Parish Clerk, clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01202 670105.

Tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelopes and posted to 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ. Tenders cannot be submitted by email.

Procurement timetable;

Information & Instructions for Tenderers Available	1st March 2023
Deadline for responses	28th April 2023
Contract Award	15th May 2023
Contract Commencement	1st June 2023

All submission must be received by mid-day on the 28th April 2023 any received later will not be considered.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 17th April, 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. The meeting is a week later than usual because of the bank holiday.

Parish Council contact details:

Clerk: Michelle Harrington,

Telephone: 01202 670105,

Email: clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk,

Write: 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ,

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If you have been involved in or witnessed, either a non-injury collision or a near miss incident involving a motor vehicle, it is important to ensure that it is correctly reported and recorded.

This will enable the Parish Council and Dorset Council to assess if changes are required to how traffic is controlled within the Parish.

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

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

If you are unable to access the internet, you can report a non-injury collision and near miss incidents involving motor vehicles directly to the Parish Clerk by telephone (01202 670105) and a report will be submitted on your behalf.

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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

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

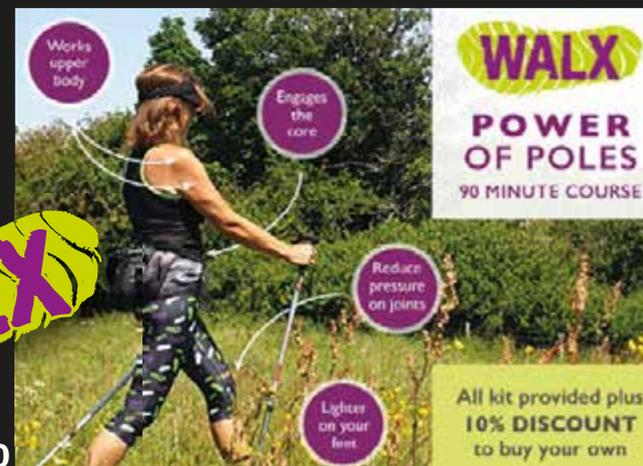
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Corfe Castle Parish Council invites you to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III

Saturday 6th May - LIVE SCREENING

The Coronation Ceremony takes place at Westminster Abbey, London and will be screened live in the school hall in a more formal setting, with tea & coffee available and in the village hall for a casual viewing - entry to both venues will be on a first come first serve basis.

Appropriately themed Soup 'n Pud will be provided by the team in the Village Hall at 1pm

Sunday 7th May - The Coronation Big Lunch 10am to 3pm

With permission from the National Trust, the Coronation Big Lunch will be held in the castle grounds.

Please note, the Big Lunch is for parishioners and their families only and the castle will be closed to all other visitors for the day.

Live music will begin at 10am and will run all day with two bands, Celtic Fusion until 1230 and The Blue Chords (50s, 60s, 70s blues, rock and country) until 3pm.



Corfe Castle PTFA and the National Trust have offered to provide a variety of children's games and a competitive parish tug of war!

Also for the children, there will be a face painter and a balloon twister!

You are invited to bring your own picnic although hot pork rolls and pizzas will be available to purchase at a subsidised price from the local producer, The Spotted Pig.

Please note there is no water on site so bring enough for the day or refill in the village.

The community event is FREE for parishioners and entry will only be possible with a ticket.

Tickets will be available from 1st April from participating village shops and the village school. Tickets will allow access for up to 6 people so for larger families, please request 2 tickets.

Free parking all day in the West Street Car Park.

Scarecrow Competition

“Fit for a King” is the theme for the Corfe Castle PTFA scarecrow competition. The scarecrows can be displayed all around the village in locations that are visible from the pavement and that do not require access onto your property.



Any scarecrow that lives outside the village can come along and be displayed at the school.

The scarecrows will be displayed from 1st May so if you want to enter, please contact Steph s.cole232@btinternet.com / 07549 889232 before 30th April.

Prizes will be given for the best entries.

Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome to act as stewards, assist with setting up and a variety of other tasks.

If you would like to help at any of the events, please contact Mike at cllrmblinkhorn@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07955 286192

Environmental Group Update



Our Last Get-Together

On Thursday 16th March we were very lucky to host 3 different talks about butterflies.

This proved to be another very popular topic!

The evening's talks started with Richard Hughes and Christine Hill, who survey the Corfe Common Transect. Richard began by describing the area covered by the transect, which is a botanically rich area of approx. 400 acres, and then explaining that their survey results contribute to the UKBMS (Butterfly Monitoring Scheme). The data in this database is used to guide environmental decisions, so Richard and Christine take their responsibilities to ensure the information they provide very seriously. Richard then went on to entertain and inform us with a series of photos, providing a description of each and, for butterflies, commenting on how they are faring both nationally and locally on the common. His extensive collection of butterfly photos included over 30 species, ranging from the familiar "cabbage" white, (two butterflies, the Large White and Small White), Painted Lady, Peacock, and Brimstone, to the lesser known Essex, Small and Dinky Skippers. Other flora and fauna were also included – did you know there are Green Winged and Heath Spotted orchids on Corfe Common? As well as animals such as hares, common snipe, adders, roe deer, kestrels and flocks of up to 30 linnets! At the end of the talk, there was an interesting Q&A session, when it was explained that butterflies are a good indicator of the health of populations of other insects that are much more difficult to survey.

Martin Warren then gave a Crash Course on Garden Butterflies. He began by explaining that there are 5 main families of butterflies, including Whites, Blues, Browns, Skippers and Vanessa, which includes, for example, the Peacock and Tortoiseshell. He then spoke about why butterflies visit gardens - to drink nectar or to lay eggs. Some good nectar plants include buddleia, marjoram, scabious, ice plant (sedum) and brambles. Flowers to grow for spring nectar include Dame's Violet (Hesperis), wallflowers, bluebells and dandelions. Plants to grow for butterflies to lay eggs on include nettles for Red Admirals; Alder or Purging Buckthorn for Brimstones; Holly and Ivy for the Holly Blue; Dame's Violet or Honesty for Orange Tips and of course, cabbages for the Large and Small White!

If you have a bigger garden, an area of long grass is also beneficial for butterflies. In terms of garden design, Martin explained that butterflies need

sun, shelter, structure and variety, and finally recommended information from Butterfly Conservation.

Sarah Spurling then spoke about Sustainable Swanage's work creating new surveys around Swanage, including at Prospect Green and the Downs. Sustainable Swanage initially set up the surveys to involve people and give them a connection with nature, and in 2021 trained 15 volunteers to identify butterflies. The surveys also offer an opportunity for mindfulness. Sarah explained that while the Transect at the new Local Nature Reserve at the Downs and Peveril Point has been surveyed for the last two years, it hasn't yet been registered with the UKBMS, to allow the route to be trialled and tweaked prior to this. The Transect is split into sections covering different habitats, and in 2022 it was surveyed in 22 of 26 weeks between 1st April and 30th September. The surveys mean the site is monitored every week, with significant sightings of flowers and other insects recorded, and as volunteers walk around with a clipboard and butterfly guide, people ask them what they are doing, and so words spread about the butterfly surveys.

Our Next Get-Together

Thursday 20th April at Mortons Manor: 7.15pm in the bar - 7.30pm start

Having decided to postpone our Energy Event to the Autumn to allow sufficient time to plan this effectively, we haven't yet arranged a topic or speaker for our April meeting. We are working on organising a foraging session instead of a meeting in May, so we can all get out and learn about food the countryside around us offers, and hopefully enjoy warmer weather!

If you have any ideas for topics or speakers for our meetings or events, then please let us know! Contact us via email or by telephoning the Clerk on 01202 670105.

Update on our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting Project

- Our Project planning will continue during Spring and Summer, but any physical work will cease until the Autumn.
- We would still love to see photos of where parishioners have planted trees – just email them to the Clerk!

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

Facebook: "Corfe Castle Environmental Group"

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

Church Knowle Parish Council - March Meeting

The March meeting of the Parish Council took place in the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14th March 2023. All Parish Council meetings take place at 6:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. The odd months are at the Church Knowle Village Hall and the evens are at the Furzebrook Village Hall.

The meeting was well attended with all eight councillors present, our Dorset Council Councillor and four members of the public.

The main items of interest in the meetings were:

Public Discussion

Application for Solar Panels at Whiteways Farm

The applicant for the planning application considered later in the meeting presented his application. He said that the farm was embracing a self sustaining ethos, as far as possible, in line with current environmental thinking and that as the building was listed panels could not be put on the roof.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The closing time for nominations for candidates for the election was 4:00pm 15th March and so the number of nominations was not known at the time of the meeting.

Elected Unopposed

Dorset Council elections department have only received one nomination and so Derek Burt is duly elected unopposed to the Parish Council. Cllr Burt has served on the Parish Council before and takes an especial interest in Cotness as well as bringing a wealth of local knowledge and history. We are very pleased to welcome him back to the Council.

Neighbourhood Plan

The key themes that have been identified from the survey responses are:

- Infrastructure and Green Energy
- Accessibility and transport
- Affordable housing

- Preserving the environment
- Throughout, maintain the excellent qualities of the surrounding countryside in the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

A wider meeting will be held to examine these themes and actions in detail. It is hoped to expand the steering group and move forward with some more detailed work on these five themes. Please contact Debbie Evans via the clerk if you can spare a little of your time to support, indicating which theme you would be most interested in helping to develop.

Planning

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

P/HOU/2023/01088 – Whiteways Farm – Installation of solar panels in field.
The Council resolved to have no objection.

Highways

Flooding of Furzebrook Village Hall by Stormwater from the Highway

It was reported that the Furzebrook Village Hall has engaged a private contractor who has cleared tree roots and debris from the drainage channels and the flooding problem seems to be fixed for the present.

Cllr Brookes from Dorset Council said that changes had been made to make it easier to apply for speed limits. It was agreed that Church Knowle would liaise with her and re-apply for a speed limit through the villages in the parish.

Correspondence

The Church Knowle Telephone Box

The Council is pleased to note that the missing door has been repainted and nicely repaired by BT. The phone box (a listed building) is now back to a well-maintained good condition. Passers-by are encouraged to make a call from the box to help the parish keep it. Periodically BT give a call log of the number of calls made from these boxes when they attempt to close and remove them and a few calls helps keep them. In the event that the equipment is not working (it should be) please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Creech Bottom Post Box

There has still been no actual action on this and the clerk is to chase this up. The request is a modest one – to replace the small standard Royal Mail post box that was stolen over a year ago.

Furzebrook Noticeboard

The Men is Sheds group has refurbished this and it will be put back into position this month.

General Discussion

Dogs

Dogs running wild and out of control are a problem in the countryside as they worry and can damage livestock. There have also been instances in recent times where a dog has actually attacked and injured a person. Dog owners are responsible for their dogs and there is a swathe of legislation that can be applied if need be. Everything from the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 - *An Act to provide for the punishment of persons whose dogs worry livestock on agricultural land*; to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 - *to enable restrictions to be imposed in relation to other types of dog which present a serious danger to the public; to make further provision for securing that dogs are kept under proper control.*

Request for Tenders

Blue Archive Container

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

Website Work

The Council has a website ChurchKnowle-pc.gov.uk that it would like help setting up and maintaining. This is a Wordpress site. Interested parties can contact the clerk: clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk.

The March meeting finished at 9:10. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Furzebrook Village Hall at 6:30 on 11th April.

News from the Library

Purbeck Stone Talk

Purbeck is one of the few places in Britain where stone has been quarried continuously since the Norman Conquest. Stone from the band of Purbeck Marble can be found in many of Britain's most famous buildings, such as Westminster Abbey and Salisbury Cathedral. Purbeck stone was also used for bridges, walls, cottages, harbours over the last thousand years. Purbeck provided not only the stone but also many of the stonemasons who produced the remarkable carved stonework we see today.

The Haysom family have quarried in Purbeck since the 17th Century. Treleven 'Trev' Haysom was born Langton Matravers and began working for his father at St Aldhelm's quarry in 1959. He is steeped in the history and traditions of Purbeck stone. An expert in the stone beds and fossils within them, he has a Cretaceous fossil named after him *Dorsetodon Haysomi* ! He is the author of the definitive book on the subject published in 2020 which draws on the knowledge and experiences of generations of the Haysom family.

Come along to hear him speak at Corfe Castle village hall on Friday 21st April. It's open to everyone and admission is free, there will be a collection for a local charity at the end.

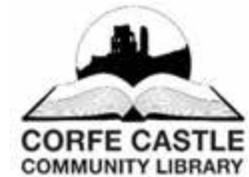
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A talk by Treleven Haysom

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Corfe Castle Surgery

Following on from our recent meeting with the Patient Participation Group (PPG) in which we were able to properly welcome Maggie Hardy as our Chair, the Practice would like to thank all that attended and for the ideas and discussions that took place.

During the meeting we spoke with Kathy Morris, the drivers co-ordinator for Friends of Corfe Castle Surgery. We would appeal to anyone with any free time that could help the volunteers to drive our patients to and from the Practice, and sometimes further afield to the hospitals.

Kathy does a fantastic job of organising the volunteers to help our patients that cannot easily get out and about without some assistance, but says that the need for extra volunteer drivers is high.

If you would like to discuss volunteering or to put your name down on the contact list, please do get in touch with Kathy Morris on 01929 425890 or Kathy.morris3@btinternet.com.

Another discussion point was 'Carers Time' a volunteer run, carers support group at the Village Hall on the last Thursday of every month from 10am-12pm. If you know of anyone that would benefit from more details, please ask them to contact Danielle, our carers lead at the Surgery and she will be able to assist them.

Kerry Norman
Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

The PPG committee was delighted to hold a very positive and constructive meeting with Dr Lepper and Kerry, Practice Manager in late February, the first meeting in my role as Chair.

It has been agreed that we will meet every four months and will seek PPG members from across the Practice catchment area including the surrounding villages to give wide representation and support to the Surgery.

We were able to thank Dr Lepper and his team for all their hard work and for reintroducing *sit and wait* surgeries which have been so well received, recognising that GP recruitment/finding Locums is not easy so adding to Practice challenges.

The PPG will be re-introducing health talks in early summer which will be open to all Surgery patients so please do look out for the programme.

I am pleased to report that Covid vaccinations will be available at Wareham Hospital for the over 75's and those immuno-suppressed from mid-April '23. Residents in Nursing Homes will also be offered vaccinations as will some children.

At a recent survey visit it was suggested by the visiting team that Corfe Surgery could benefit from a TV screen in the waiting room area.

Dr Lepper has asked that we seek your views on this suggestion as it was felt that waiting room conversations could be compromised and the area is relatively small.

Please do contact us if you would like to join the PPG committee or tell us your thoughts about a TV screen in the waiting room. We will welcome your support. We can be contacted by email or through the Surgery CorfeCasteSurgeryPPG@gmail.com

Maggie Hardy - PPG Chair



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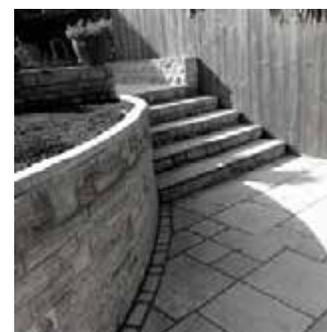
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Purbeck Art Weeks Festival is coming at the end of May. Our artists will be opening their studios across beautiful Purbeck and people of all ages from the community will be involved through workshops and arts projects. Our collective exhibition will be hosted, as usual, in Rollington Barn with café and demonstrations.

Now is the time to book your tickets for our events. We are proud to be opening the Festival with **The Gesualdo Six**, an award-winning ensemble performing some of the finest renaissance works for vocal consorts, as well as some British folk song arrangements. **Voice** is an exciting Trio of singers who present an original piece of concert-theatre exploring the world of 12th century nun Hildegard von Bingen – composer and visionary. As part of our Portraiture Celebration with The Mowlem, PAW President **Philip Jackson** will give his unique insights into portraiture in public sculpture, and some of Dorset’s finest portrait artists will be participating in the **Portrait Artist of Purbeck** event in The Mowlem. **Tenebrae** are back by popular demand with an unbeatable programme of music by the great William Byrd, and we end with an exploration of 17th century songs of women’s abandonment with voice and theorbo by **Helen Charlston** and **Toby Carr**. For more information and to book tickets please go to www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk

EVENTS PROGRAMME 2023 includes:

Sunday 28th May, Wareham - THE GESUALDO SIX: BUSHES AND BRIARS

Saturday 3rd June, Kingston - VOICE: HILDEGARD TRANSFIGURED

Thursday 8th June, Swanage - TALK BY PHILIP JACKSON CVO DL MA FRBS^[1] SEP^[2] The Trials and Tribulations of doing Portraiture in Public Sculpture

Friday 9th June, Wareham - BYRD AT 400: TENEBRAE

Saturday 10th June, Swanage - PORTRAIT ARTIST OF PURBECK

Saturday 10th June, Corfe Castle - BATTLE CRY: SHE SPEAKS Helen Charlston and Toby Carr



Every other summer, crowds of locals and visitors flock to Double Act’s al fresco Murder Mystery Walks.

April 3rd is when our 2023 **Murder Mystery Walk** will be put before Double Act’s talented and enthusiastic membership. During this monthly meeting, 7-~8.30pm in the Village Hall, we will read through the specially written script and hear details of where the walks will be located and on which evenings in the summer holidays. Watch out for details in the CVN, our website, and on our Facebook page! (www.facebook.com/DoubleActCorfeCastle)

Our members are currently preparing entertainment for the **May Fair on May 29th** in the Castle. Several times during the day we will present a five-minute Pantomime with spectators given the chance to join in. Look out for final details in May’s CVN and the other channels.

We have just enjoyed our in-house entertainment evening, following the AGM on March 13th. Among the party-pieces were instrumental performances, a sketch, a comic song, and several poems including some written by the readers. The AGM itself resulted in no major changes to the society’s personnel or programme, so we are set to enjoy continued success as a local drama group, with our gifted and energetic members providing a very varied programme of offerings over the coming year.

If you would be interested in joining our friendly safe group or for more details, please contact the chairman, David Kemp 01929 480007, or secretary David Watson 01929 481265 - or email info@double-act.org.uk.
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7th March - After the serious business of the AGM and the election of the Committee it was time for the fun part. Members tested their gardening knowledge with a Spring themed flower quiz and then a game of Egg Drive (Beetle Drive with an Easter twist) and the winner received an Easter Egg. There was lots of laughter and some dubious drawing but it was good to move around and interact with other members.

25th March – Spring Fair 10.00 am Corfe Castle Village Hall.

4th April – Natasha Tobin will introduce us to the World of Ballet. Natasha teaches the Royal Academy of Dance's, Silver Swans classes for adults, at Corfe Castle Village Hall. This is based on research into health and wellbeing, as well as developing a creativity in the arts. Natasha has lived in Corfe Castle for 3 years, and sadly most of that was during the pandemic. She has taught ballet for adults and over 50s ballet barre for 12 years at Pavilion Dance South West in Bournemouth, which is an Arts Council England regional dance organisation. Natasha has danced professionally since the 1980's and comes from a dancing family.

We had two members decide to join our happy bunch on the committee and they are very welcome. We would still like more, to help out with continuity.

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News from The Castle

Exciting News

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We understand how special this lovely old building is and only want to improve it. To help us get it right, you are invited to join in and have your say. Our surveyor and plans, will be available, at The Castle Inn for you to view and comment on, from Midday to 4pm on Monday 3rd April 2023.

Please come along, have a look and make your comments. Let's improve things together.

EASTER DAY: SUNDAY 9TH APRIL

OUR ANNUAL BILLY KINGHORN DAY.

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Raising money for Judes charity.



Corfe Castle Primary School



In the last edition, I said I would provide pictures and further updates with regards to the library and playground; bear with me a little longer on this - we hope the library will be completed by the middle of April.

On Friday 17th March, we had our first quiz evening, with over 40 tickets sold, where we welcomed parents, carers, other family members, staff and some local parishioners. Thank you to our PTFA who are so engaged in supporting our efforts to be more involved with the local community. Thank you, too, to Mrs Cole, our PTFA chair for working with the parish and community groups to support the Coronation effort and other local events.

In March, two of our classes went on school trips. Our Year 5/6 cohort visited Nothe Fort, the sea fort in Weymouth. The children dressed as evacuees and the fort offered a great educational day of fun. The children experienced a 1940s school room supervised by a very strict headteacher complete with cane, an air raid shelter drill, Mr Arkwright's shop and rationing and Mrs Mop doing the washing at home.

Our Year 3/4 cohort went to Hethfelton House for a day hosted by the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund; the activities had an emphasis on primate conservation and welfare, which linked into the PSHE work around wellbeing.

The morning focused on: what is a primate? Focusing on the differences between monkeys and apes, followed by outdoors activities that focused on wellbeing, decision making and communication as team games. The morning ended with enrichment, craft and a primary scavenger hunt in the woods. In the afternoon, the children engaged in some shelter building in the woods and then took time to design and make a monkey/ape enclosure.

We are always grateful for the support offered by our parents, carers, PTFA members and members of the community. It has been great to receive emails offering us support with our ongoing projects, such as the library and playground - thank you. Where you feel you can offer advice, support or resources, please don't hesitate to contact us - it is all greatly appreciated.

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

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

Contact: office@coastalpartnership.co.uk



Hello from all the staff at

Corfe Castle Community Pre School

Contact us at;

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www.corfecastlepreschool.org.uk

As we head into April we are looking forward to our Easter Holiday Club. We have some fantastic activities planned for the children and are keeping our fingers crossed for some lovely weather.

As I'm sure you are already aware, the pre school is a charity and we rely on fundraising to boost the setting and the wonderful provision we have for the children.

This April we have 2 exciting events planned.

Easter Trail – Saturday 8th April 10am-12pm

Come along to the pre school and take part in our Easter Trail. £2 per child to receive a map of a walk in the village to collect the clues and receive a prize at the end. There will be refreshments and activities available at the preschool.

Retro Night - April 28th 7:30pm-12am

Get your leg warmers and glowsticks out for a party! If you fancy a great night out this is the one to be at! 80's, 90's and 00's music taking you back to your youth! Tickets are £12 available from pre school, Kingston Country Courtyard and Eventbrite.

Follow the preschool on Facebook to keep up to date with all our events and all the fantastic activities your local pre school do with the children.

Contact the office for any admissions or enquiries.

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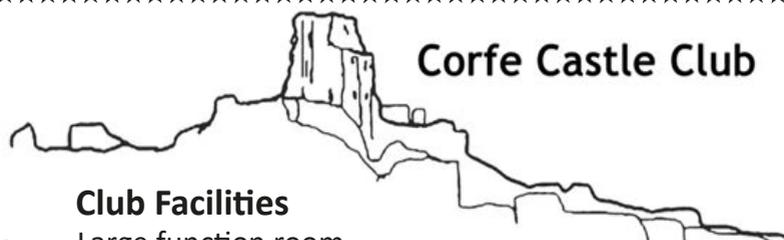
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After a couple of arid years it is time to revive this annual event

Some regulars are already booked in, don't miss the chance to be there

All stall holders will be expected to complete a booking form which will provide all information required by the National Trust

If you have not already replied to a contact email and want to know what is going on or if you have any good ideas for the event or want to offer some practical help then please email Steff Robinson

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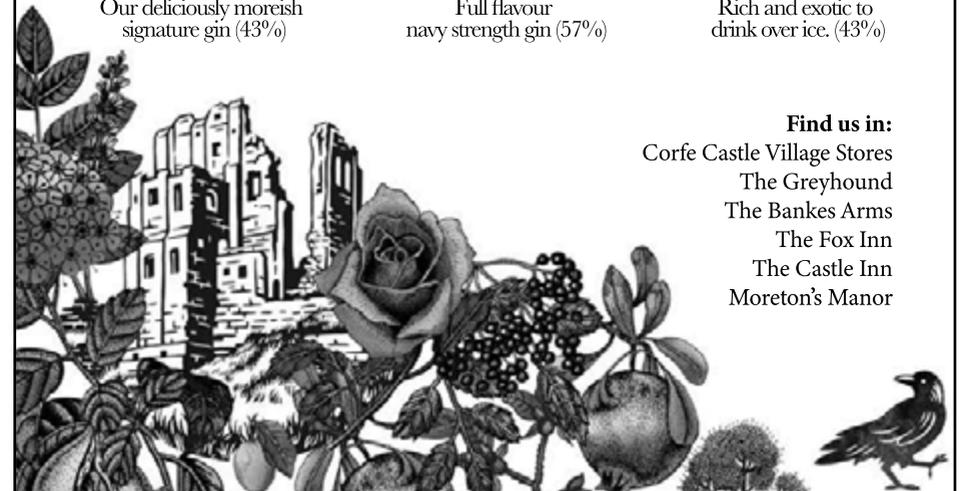
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Another successful 'Soup 'n Pud' was held in the Village Hall after the Coffee Morning on March 4th. There were 37 diners plus 8 supporters. The soups this time were both largely from donated ingredients – the tins of tomatoes and pumpkins, being an excellent way of using up food that otherwise would have gone to waste. We had various assorted puds either from our own kitchens or donated. It is really wonderful how many people have got the idea and are helping out with making these and giving us spare ingredients from their cupboards, gardens and allotments. Please keep them coming!

As our lunches are gaining in popularity more help is required. So can we please put out a plea for more volunteers to come forward to help at the lunches? This does not commit you to every month, just as and when you are available, so that we have a bigger group to draw on when holidays and ill health sometimes leave us a bit short. Also if anyone has any dessert/soup bowls they feel able to donate, we would be pleased to receive them. Once again thanks to our serving gang for their help and to the Village Bakery for the bread rolls.

We have a few more jars of our apple and pumpkin chutney left, at £2.50 a jar and as with any financial donations we receive, these funds get ploughed back into future meals.

On Coronation Day, Sat. May 6th we are hoping to provide a lunch (main course and pud), appropriately themed of course, in the Village Hall! This will complement the screening of the event in the school and will be by free ticket. 90 will be available, on a first come first served basis, at April's 'Soup 'n Pud'

and from various places around the village. **More details will appear in the May CVN.**

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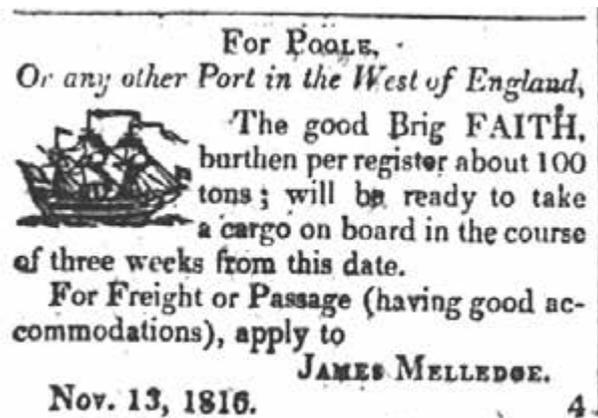


Settlement Orders

Since refugees are a bit of a hot topic at present, I thought I would mention restrictions on people's movements in England. The restrictions were done with the best intentions but nevertheless favoured the rich as it was usually the poor who had to have pecuniary assistance. Each parish cared for its poor (no NHS then) and it was done by creating a tax in 1601 on its wealthier inhabitants. It was collected by the Overseers of the poor.

Obviously, each parish did not want to be burdened with poor folk from other parishes, because of the extra cost, so anyone earning or renting a property of less than £10 had to prove their right to stay in the parish. They could claim this by birth, apprenticeship, marriage, or residency for a long period. A board of enquiry was set up and run by two JPs to examine who had the right to stay in the parish or, worst case, be removed by the Overseers to another parish. It was intrusive but is now a goldmine of information for those hunting down ancestors as you get names, ages, what jobs they'd had, and children's names and ages and sometimes other little snippets about their life.

There are some horror stories, not only unwanted pregnancies, but men laid off before the year was out with the consequent reduction in pay. This happened to a chap who went to work for the vicar in Studland not once but twice! Some had disagreements with their masters or didn't like the work such as William Hall who went on a trial to see if he'd like the work of butchering – he didn't, and left Corfe and went to Poole working for a ship owner, sailing regularly to Newfoundland. To gain residency in Corfe he claimed he was born here, and the baptism records bear this out.

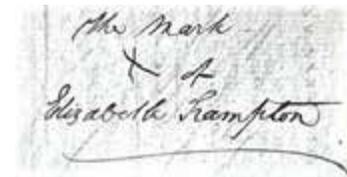


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The Newfoundland Mercantile Journal of 1816 advertised passage on board for both freight and passengers sailing to Poole.
https://collections.mun.ca/digital/collection/nl_mercantile (Feb 2023)

An examination of James Burgess, a mariner, who was trying to gain a settlement in Poole, also sailed to Newfoundland and lived there for 14 years. He returned to Poole leaving his wife, Maria, there. Sadly, sailors often absconded from their wives although there is no proof in this case.

Many were illiterate and signed with a 'X' such as Elizabeth Frampton, aged 20, who was pregnant and '*which child is likely to be born a Bastard and to be chargeable to the said parish of Corfe Castle*'. The father isn't named.



The Mark
X
Elizabeth Frampton

Some were injured, like Samuel Gover, who began working in the claypits, moved to Poole, and apprenticed himself to learn the trade of ship's carpenter. One day he was sent to Wytech to repair the passage boat and got an inflammation in his eyes which left him blind in one eye. His master was very good and paid his wages, but Samuel eventually had to give up his apprenticeship and became chargeable to Corfe parish.

John Payne, a labourer, who was born in Corfe, came before the board in 1816 and again in 1817. He had been working from the age of 10 as a '*driver of horses*' out at Fitzworth and remained working within the parish. He eventually gained employment with Norden clay pits and was able to build a cottage and enclose 5 acres of heath out on Rempstone Heath by agreement with John Calcraft so not all were hard luck stories.

These records can be found on Ancestry.com or at the Dorset History Centre, Dorchester, where you can hold the original document (ref no: PE-COC/OV/5/2/1-260).

Louise Haywood

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the March VH Coffee Morning. £160.56 was raised for Village Hall funds. Next one is on April Fools Day, Sat April 1st.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In March the first prize of £20 was won by member 14, with member 54 getting second prize £10 and member 74 winning the third prize £4. If you would like to become one of the villagers support the local village hall in this way, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

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

regular weekly events:

Monday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio
Monday evenings	Double Act
Monday evenings	Purbeck Chess
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
Tuesday evenings	Martial Arts
Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Purbeck Crafts
Wednesday mornings	Pilates
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Thursday mornings	Silver Swans adult ballet
Thursday evenings	Cubs
Thursday evenings	Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday mornings	Pilates
Friday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio

regular monthly events:

1st Saturday morning	VH Coffee Morning
1st Sunday all day	Antiques Fair
1st Tuesday afternoon	Aquarius
1st Thursday evening	Gardening Club
2nd Monday evening	Parish Council
3rd Wednesday morning	Carers' Support (P Jones)
final Thursday morning	CC Carers Time

Coronation Day changes

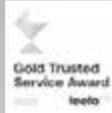
Saturday 6th May would usually be when we hold the VH Coffee Morning. However as this is Coronation Day we will instead be screening King Charles's Coronation for anyone who would like to watch this momentous event in the company of others. Soup 'n Pudding will be serving a meal over lunchtime on the 6th too. We have re-scheduled the VH Coffee Morning in May to the following Saturday, May 13th.

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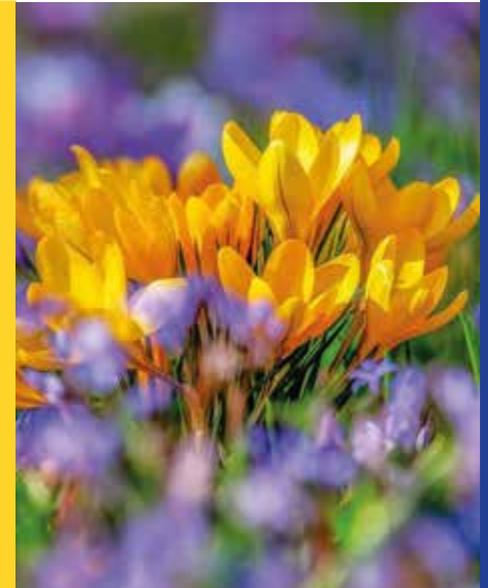
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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for APRIL 2023

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

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

Every Wednesday and Saturday	10am – 12 Midday			
1	April	Saturday	12.30 pm	Corfe Castle Library Biscuit Hot Drink and Chat in the warm library
2	April	Sunday		Soup and pud lunch in Corfe Castle Village Hall
3	April	Monday	7 pm	Antique and Collectors Fair - Corfe Castle Village Hall
4	April	Tuesday	2 pm	Double Act - Read through Murder Mystery Walks - Corfe Castle Village Hall
6	April	Thursday	8 pm	Aquarius - Natasha Tobin will introduce us to the World of Ballet CCVH
11	April	Tuesday	6.30pm	Corfe Castle Gardening Club – Jenny Myers will talk about Soil Health - CCVH
14	April	Friday	7.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Furzebrook Village Hall
17	April	Monday	7pm	Kimmeridge Keilidh in the Kimmeridge Village Hall.
20	April	Thursday	7.15 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
21	April	Friday	2 pm	Corfe Castle PC Environmental Group Meeting in Mortons Manor
22	April	Saturday	7 pm	Library talk by Trev Haysom – Purbeck Stone - Corfe Castle Village Hall
				Wareham Choral Society – Lady St Mary church Wareham

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

4	May	Thursday	8 pm	Corfe Castle Gardening Club - Fiona Forsyth on plants of Vietnam and Cambodia
6	May	Saturday		Coronation of King Charles the Third on big screen in Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	May	Sunday		Coronation big lunch in the Castle
15	May	Monday	7pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
22	May	Monday	7pm	Corfe Castle Annual Parish Meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
27 May – 11 June				Purbeck Art Weeks Festival
29	May	Monday		May Fair in the Castle
10	June	Saturday	3 – 8 pm	PTFA and Pre School Summer Fair – Corfe Castle Village Hall and school field
10	August	Thursday		St Edwards fete on the church lawns

More Useful Phone Numbers

Power and electrical - Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks:
0800 0727282 (free phone land line) or 0345 072 1905 (free phone mobile contracts or local rate for pay as you go)
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:
0800 111999 (free phone, mobile phone charged as per the local provider rate)

Roads and highways - Highways England (including incidents A35, A37 and A31):
0300 1235000 (local call rate or 3p - 40p per minute from a mobile dependant on the provider)
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:
0345 9881188 (calls are charged depending on the callers service provider and where there call is made).

Dorset Council out of hours Emergency Contact Number – 01929 556561

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

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

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

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

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

Church of England

St Aldhelm's Benefice

Contact Details for St Aldhelm's Benefice

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james_staldhelm@icloud.com

Hon Assistant Priest Anne Bond 01929 480249 rev.anne@outlook.com

Curate Nick Webb 07866 546162 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 Ian Jackson

www.purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com

 [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 Ian Jackson writes:

If we try and explain what we mean by God, and faith in God we can often end up struggling for words. And at this point it can seem as if we leave the discussion group or lecture room and move to the realm of prayer and worship. Ideally the two spheres of the life of faith remain connected. We believe our ability to think things through and reason is 'God given' and so often deepens and enriches our prayer and reflection with God.

Easter can seem a particular example of what might seem to be a tension. There are wonderful traditions associated with the celebration at Easter. Easter at heart is expressing our belief, for which we can give reasons, that God is ultimately not defeated and his creative, redeeming love overcomes everything that might look to be its purposes. At Easter we celebrate God's raising of Jesus to new life.

This gives us hope both for the future when our lives end and, also, for our lives and all life now in the present moment.

So I hope Easter is a good and blessed time for you and for all our communities. As we celebrate Easter may we ponder and know anew the wonderful life-giving power of God's love.

Happy Easter, indeed, to you all.

Ian

Bible Readings - April 2023

Sunday April 2 nd	Palm Sunday Isaiah 50: 4 – 9A Philippians 2: 5 – 11 Matthew 21: 1 – 11
Sunday April 9 th	EASTER DAY Jeremiah 31: 1 – 6 Colossians 3: 1 – 4 Mathew 28: 1 – 10
Sunday April 16 th	2 nd Sunday of Easter Jeremiah 31: 1 - 6 Acts 2: 14A; 22 – 32 John 20: 19 – end
Sunday April 23 rd	3 rd Sunday of Easter Zephaniah 3: 14 - end Acts 2: 14A; 36 – 41 Luke 24: 13 – 35
Sunday April 30 th	4 th Sunday of Easter Genesis 7 Acts 2: 42 – end John 10: 1 – 10

Sunday May 7th

5th Sunday of Easter

Genesis 8: 1 – 19
Acts 7: 55 – end
John 14: 1 - 14

Holy Week Services

Tuesday April 4th 11.45am Holy Communion at Corfe Castle (following the Lent Study)

Wednesday April 5th -3pm Kimmeridge Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday April 6th - 6.30pm Corfe Castle Holy Communion of the Last Supper

Good Friday April 7th

10.30am Corfe Castle Worship for Good Friday
2pm St George's Langton An Hour at the Cross

Sunday Services in April 2023

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday

10.30am - Corfe Castle - Holy Communion with hymns & the Blessing of Palms

The Bishop of Sherborne will preside and preach.

6pm - St George's Langton Palm Sunday in Music and Word

April 9th EASTER DAY

9.30am – Steeple Easter Communion with hymns

11am - (note time) Corfe Castle Easter Communion with hymns

April 16th

10.30 am - Corfe Castle Holy Communion with hymns.

April 23rd

9am - Kimmeridge Holy Communion

10.30am - Corfe Castle Holy Communion

April 30th

10.30am - Church Knowle Holy Communion with hymns for the whole Benefice

Good Friday 7th April

There will be a quiet hour of music and readings to mark Good Friday on Friday 7th April at 2.0pm at St George's Church Langton Matravers. This is a time of contemplation whilst revisiting the last hours with Jesus before his crucifixion. It can be a very meaningful service especially with all the chaos of life in 2023 all around us. All are very welcome. Any more details: contact Becca 07553877947

Rev James Mercer

Associate Minister, Parish of St Aldhelm, Purbeck

As many of you will know, James is retiring from the Parish on Easter Day after 5 years in Langton.

Apart from his work within the churches in Langton, Worth and Kingston, James is a Governor and pioneer of Forest School at St George's School, a Trustee of The Wave, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, Bell Ringing Captain at St Nicholas', Worth, and a Signaller on Swanage Railway. He is known to many in the village, often to be seen being walked by his Yorkshire terrier, Sydney!

His regular presence in the village will be missed, as will that of Gail who puts in countless hours of volunteer work at St George's School, Swanage Food Bank, the Swanage WI, Swanage Pier and as a regular PASH stallholder.

Before this begins to sound too much like an obituary, we are delighted to say that James and Gail will be exchanging the Vicarage for a house of their own in Swanage, so their association with the school, the village and the churches will continue.

James' final service as Associate Minister in the Parish will be at 10am on Sunday 9th April, Easter Day. All are very welcome to attend and there will be refreshments following the service.

Should you wish to make a donation towards a leaving gift, use one of the following methods:

- Scan the QR code
- Give cash to one of the churchwardens or sidespeople at any of our services
- Use Bank Transfer. Account name: PCC of St Aldhelm, Purbeck. Sort code 40-52-40.
- Account number 00034701. Reference James gift



Electoral Roll Revision 2023

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll is now due in order for presentation to the APCM on 23rd April.

If you are **not** on the current Roll

St. Edward, King & Martyr

and would like to be added please contact the Electoral Roll Officer to obtain a form.

If you think there may be anyone on the current Roll who has moved or passed away, please let me know, as I may not have been informed.

All forms have to be in by **8th April**, at the latest, in order to be included in the revised Roll.

Anyone may enrol provided that they are baptised, live in the area, are regular worshippers and are 16 or older.

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The Real Easter

A painting by Jean Leon Gerome displayed in Musee D'Orsay, Paris, visualises what happened on the first Good Friday and was written about by Luke in the Bible. Luke records the events in Ch23 like this *Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Jesus to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right, the other on his left.... One of the criminals who hung their hurled insults at Jesus. Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us. But the other criminal rebuked him. Don't you fear God? he said since you are under the same sentence. We are punished justly for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong. Then he said to Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus answered him I tell you the truth today you will be with me in paradise.*

Notice like buses the facts that come in twos in this passage. Two criminals and two verdicts, one just and the other unjust. Then two ways of looking at Jesus, with two end results.

Firstly, as I said there were two criminals crucified with Jesus. Both were guilty and both deserved what they were getting, the death penalty. But Jesus was not guilty of anything. If you read the events leading up to this you read that Jesus was betrayed for money, arrested, and handed over to the Roman authorities because of jealousy and was tried unjustly, then sentenced to be killed. He was innocent as one of the criminals explains in v41. Yet the criminals were guilty. We don't know what they had done but they had done something that deserved punishment. Their crucifixion was just. And sadly folks, although we may not like what the Bible teaches. The truth is, we are all guilty of crimes before our perfect and holy maker God. Like the criminals crucified with Jesus, we all deserve God's Judgement on us.

We all fail to love God and our fellow human beings and look at the mess we are making of the planet. And God warned us what would happen if we turned off our reliance on Him and trusted in other things. He said we'd die physically and spiritually. And sadly, we are all so much aware of this today. We know we will all one day die physically and we are all also aware we are dead spiritually. For we all say, think and do things that upset each other and upset God. Like the two criminals, we all deserve the death penalty. But secondly, there is good news and the good news is there to be had by those who would look at Jesus and His death on the cross rightly.

Think about the passage we read. In it there were two criminals deserving punishment. But whilst one responded wrongly by scorning and scoffing at Jesus. The other responded rightly by putting his trust in Jesus. Think over what he asked Jesus *v42 remember me when you come into your kingdom* Think about that! Even at death's door, this man admitted his guilt and put his trust in Jesus. And what was Jesus' reply? *v43 I tell you the truth today you will be with me in paradise.* Here was a man who looked at Jesus' death rightly. Here was a man who received this amazing Good News of Easter held out to us even today.

As you look at the cross of Jesus, do you thank Jesus for what He did that day? Friends I don't know where you are with God. You may attend church, but you may not attend church at all. Why not Admit your need for Jesus. Thank Him for His death in your place on the cross and ask His help to know the certain hope of paradise with Him as He promises.

Andy Nash

We meet fortnightly.

Services for this month:

April 2nd – 16th – 30th

At 3pm

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FREE QUOTATIONS & ADVICE

Ramblings of a local Gardener

April can be 'April showers' and a very good time to be in England, we shall see if climate change affects April. Birdsong hits its glorious annual peak in April, when the widest range of bird species throw their energy into one of our most uplifting wildlife phenomena. They are in their breeding plumage and looking beautiful. I hope to see them using my nest boxes and I so enjoy listening to their singing from my bed when I wake early, a great way to start the day. It is a shame that I don't hear the whitethroats or the yellowhammers with their traditional call of "little bit of bread and no cheese" (that used to be part of my morning ride from Swanage to Knitson when I was a teenager). There also aren't any resident wheatears, but we do have the beautiful melodious call of the collared dove that first became resident here in the 50s, from Europe.

It is great that there are so many things to enjoy, but as a gardener I put growing food at the top of the agenda. Growing perennials is less work, good for the soil, and they often have flowers that are good pollinators. Look for seeds so they can be sown directly into the soil that they will have to grow in. Hopefully in a few years they will do much of the garden work as they will cover the soil and reduce weeds. Your only cost will be buying the seeds and waiting for them to grow. There are hundreds of edible plants beside the ones we buy from shops and a varied diet is a good way to improve health. Nettle shoots are great now, I liquidise them with stock and onions to make a nutritious soup. The RHS would also like us to eat or otherwise get rid of the bought flowering garlic that has been escaping from our gardens and is crossing with, and destroying our natural woodland garlic, good for soup or salad!

Land cress is a good all year round green, a weed in most gardens. I let it flower in one corner and plant the resultant seedlings in bare places for picking all winter. This year I grew some inside so I did not have to go outside in the cold to have fresh spicy leaves. My variegated kale is a very hardy perennial, also was good for picking all winter.

In April look through seed catalogues. Choose seeds for the plants you like and do experiment with something you don't remember trying before. I will be sowing carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, beetroot, leeks, cabbage, kale, squash, radish, beans, onion sets, potatoes and some flower seeds. I will also be doing quite a bit of maintenance in the garden such as renewing rotted wood in the cold-frame and various arches as well as mending the fruit cage.

Good luck with your gardening. I hope to see you here on the 5th or 12th for eats and a chat - we can be inside if it is wet. Or, give me a ring if you wish to come when the garden is quieter. Tel: 01929 421681. Rachel

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

Gardens are certainly waking up after some cold winds and rain in March and there is a lot to do in our gardens.

In March we enjoyed a fascinating talk by garden designer and plantsman Martin Young on 'Plants for a Changing Climate'. We learnt a great deal about how the climate is changing, how it will affect different parts of the country and the impact on horticulture. Martin shared his tips for the plants we can use in our gardens that will be resilient enough to withstand drought and drought followed by heavy rain.

The programme for the next two months will be:

April 6th Jenny Myers will talk about Soil Health and Composting.

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

Don't forget to bring along your plants, cuttings, seeds etc and your wallet of course for those irresistible purchases. We will also have a raffle for two free tickets for the Gardeners World Spring Fair at Beaulieu on 30th April so don't miss your chance to win this great prize.

All meetings take place in the Village Hall at 8pm.

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

Chris Clarke

Are you an Armed Forces Veteran?

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

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

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

Citizens Advice – Here for Local Residents



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

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

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

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

Free Carbon Monoxide Monitor

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

Drop-in Locations

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

- Swanage Library - Wednesday 10am-12pm (except first Wednesday of the month)
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage – Monday 10am-2pm
- Wareham Citizens Advice – Tuesday & Thursday, 10am-12pm
- Lytchett Matravers Library - Friday 10am-12noon
- Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council – Tuesday 10am-12pm
- Upton Library – Wednesday 2pm-4pm
- Wimborne Citizens Advice - Monday & Wednesday, 10am-12pm
- Ferndown Library - Tuesday & Friday, 10am-2pm
- The Centre, Barns Road, Ferndown - Thursday, 10am-2pm

And by appointment only at:
Bovington Hive & Verwood Library.

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

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

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

www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

Citizens Advice Can Help with Winter Worries



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

Cost of Living and Debt

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

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

Energy

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

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

energy@edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

Crisis Support Bus

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

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

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

Reporting Non Injury Collisions or Near Miss Incidents involving motor vehicles

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

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

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

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

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

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

School Readers are looking for Volunteers.

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

As you may know, literacy levels in our primary schools have fallen, partly due to the last two years of interruptions due to Covid, and now 1 in every 4 children leave primary schools not having reached the government recommended standard.

We are desperately looking for volunteers in the Corfe Castle area and really hoped that you could include a volunteer poster on your website, Facebook page and in Corfe Valley News. It would make so much difference to the children and volunteering can be fun too.

No experience is needed. Just a good command of the English language and a spare hour or two a week during term time only. It is a very rewarding experience for both children and volunteers. **Tel:** 07807 844897

Email: dorset@schoolreaders.org



This is an update following the item in the March edition on TWAM – TOOLS WITH A MISSION. There have been several generous donations of surplus garden tools, electrical

tools, mechanical items, a compressor, at least 7 sewing machines and 3 knitting machines, carpentry tools, welding equipment, and some haberdashery supplies. The charity collects from us on a regular basis to take donated items to Rugby or Ipswich, where they are checked, refurbished, combined with donated goods from across the UK, put into full kits, ready to start the journey to Africa. A big thank you to all who have contributed recently.

There is an on-going need, so we are always pleased to hear from you with offers of usable tools of all types, which can be transported to Malawi, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and DR Congo. These refurbished tool kits help to transform rural communities through running skills centres, training and the provision of tools. This year already a container has also been taken to Tanzania for distribution. If you look on the website www.twam.uk you can easily check which items can be donated. There is also a need for **Fully working IT equipment** (running a minimum of Microsoft Windows 7), such as desktop computers, laptops, tablets, networking switches and routers, (but not printers or scanners). Also **Bibles** - in modern English version are appreciated.

Please contact your local collector via email:- richardf@twam.uk or by phone on 07590 903922 to arrange a convenient time

Thank you once again for recent contributions and please feel free to pass on TWAM details if you know somebody locally who is trying to downsize or no longer needs various equipment. Judy and Richard Forgan

Saving Honey Bee Swarms

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

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

For more information about honey bee swarms see

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

and

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

Martin Battersby, Tabbits Hill

The Purbeck Mummers



The Purbeck Mummers held our cheque presentation on February 16th. We were delighted to donate £1000 to Lexi May Trust which helps local families with terminally ill children have days out for making long lasting memories.

We thank all that gave to our collation and after our preformats during Christmas time. Also many

thanks to all local pubs and hotels who let us perform inside.

We will be out again on St George day and next December.

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Purbeck Business Awards

We were honoured to host the inaugural Purbeck Business Awards in February and delighted to receive the award for Outstanding Customer Service. We are so lucky to have such a brilliant team of employees and so proud of all they do. Huge congratulations to all the other winners including overall winner Land & Wave.

Fundraising Events

We were delighted to be the chosen venue for the St Nicholas Church fundraising lunch in March in aid of restoring the Worth Matravers Church roof. This month on Friday April 28th we are hosting a Retro Night with music taking you back to the 80s, 90s & 00s with all ticket money raised going to Corfe Castle Community Preschool. Tickets available from the preschool, or through the link on our website in Events & Celebrations. Talk to us about your fundraising and how we can help.

Christmas & New Year

We are a quarter of the way through 2023 already! It's never too early to start planning for Christmas & New Year. Bookings are already open to secure your space at our New Years Eve Gala, or to book your Christmas Party on the early bird discount rates!

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Did you know our Sawmill restaurant is open 7 days a week for everyone?

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Our Life Boats – Part II

Here is a further article about the Kimmeridge Lifeboat from the April 1877 issue of Home Words – a forerunner of the Corfe Valley News.

The Mary Heape, life boat was stationed at Kimmeridge on Dec 11th 1868. The wisdom of this step was soon manifested by the gallant rescue which this boat was enabled to effect of the captain and crew (15 in all) of the Stralsund, a full-rigged German ship, which came ashore on the Kimmeridge Ledges, Dec 8th, 1872.

That day the weather was very wild and stormy and by the evening it was blowing with almost hurricane violence. The Coastguards on duty were watching with anxiety a vessel struggling off the shore. Later that night the people of Kimmeridge heard the double cannon report which was the signal that a wreck needed the lifeboat. The Kimmeridge men did not hesitate to obey the call to duty. It was found impossible to launch until there was a lull in the storm.

A careful watch was kept from the top of the cliffs by the indefatigable chief officer of the coastguard, with some of his men, Col. Mansel and the Vicar. About daybreak the weather moderated when, although there was still a heavy sea, the wind having shifted to the north-west, the lifeboat was launched; and through skilful pilotage of the coxswain, safely and swiftly pulled out through the surf into the open water. Having reached the scene of the wreck, the coxswain brought the boat up, head to sea, and dropped it in amongst the breakers down upon the ship. At daybreak when the sea margin could be reached, Mr Murray, the chief officer, and his men established communication with the vessel from the beach by means of rocket apparatus. Loud indeed was the cheer when the successful rocket carried its line across the spars. This line was used to drop the lifeboat ashore when laden with a part of the vessel's rescued crew and hauling her off for a second trip.

The vessel was the Stralsund, a German ship of 500 tons, bound for New York. After losing her sails, she had been driven by the storm from off Portland onto the Kimmeridge Ledges.

The lifeboat crew were William Stickland (1st coxswain), Lewis Stickland (2nd coxswain), George Cooper, Reuben Whiterow, Frederick Stickland, William Peveril & Felix Elmes (bow).

Steve Earwicker

Happy Easter!

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Eagles & seagulls

In my last two articles, I have gone off-piste, venturing into the field of amateur archaeology with a view to encouraging CVN readers to take an interest in the subject too. This month I will, to the relief of some I suspect, get back in my box and return to more familiar territory.

A few weeks ago, I was in my study when I heard a commotion outside consisting of the loud alarm calls of many gulls. This is invariably a sign that something interesting is afoot, and sure enough on peering out the window I beheld a sight I have been hoping to see for several years – a sea eagle flying over. A mad rush downstairs and out the front door was just quick enough to catch another view of this menacing looking, barn-door of a bird beating slowly up East Street towards the village centre, its pursuing posse of comparatively puny looking gulls in full cry.

Since 2019 the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation in partnership with Forestry England have been transporting young sea eagles from nests in Scotland to the Isle of Wight, rearing them to independence, and releasing them in the hope that they will re-establish a breeding population on the south coast of England from which they have been absent since 1780. The birds have been fitted with tracking devices and one bird has twice visited the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark before returning “home”. Young sea eagles wander a lot but tend to return to within 50km of their release site as they approach breeding age. That is when they develop their distinctive white tails. For some of them that might be next year. Some of the young eagles have been spending a lot of time around Purbeck and with the plentiful supply of fish in Poole Harbour it is a good bet that sometime soon sea eagles may again be breeding nearby. That is, I imagine, something most people would love to see.

Seagulls on the other hand are birds that everyone loves to hate. I suspect that is because they are too like us – successful, intelligent, adaptable, noisy, often aggressive to their neighbours, fond of fish & chips, and have an increasing preference for moving into towns and cities near the sea. A recent survey has estimated that there are now 50,000 - 100,000 pairs of herring gulls and 65,000

– 130,000 pairs of lesser black-backed gulls nesting in urban areas in England. Familiarity breeds contempt. There are many pairs of herring gulls nesting in Swanage, and I suspect that at least one pair have nested in Corfe Castle in recent years. It was the vigilance, aggression, and noisiness of these recent incomers that I must thank for finally seeing my first sea eagle in Purbeck.

Herring gulls can be seen at all times of year. In contrast, lesser black-backed gulls migrate south for the winter to Iberia and western North Africa. Although not conspicuously so, they are a herald of Spring being one of the first migrants to return to our shores. From mid-March onwards I have seen quite a few lesser black-backed gulls purposefully heading north over the village enroute to their nesting colonies, the nearest of which may be in the Bristol Channel or in Bristol itself. While we may have to wait another couple of years to enjoy breeding sea eagles around Purbeck, we should in the meantime learn to love our resident herring gulls – even if only because they may help you to see a sea-eagle. Many pairs of beady eyes attached to loudspeakers are a very effective advanced warning system.

You can find out about the white-tailed sea eagle release programme at <https://www.roydennis.org/category/sea-eagle/isle-of-wight-sea-eagles/>

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Very Important PS: Until 30th May, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is consulting on a proposal to close English Waters in the North Sea to industrial sandeel fishing. So, if you value the wellbeing of marine life more than you do cheap bacon sarnies or smoked farmed salmon – please look at the consultation (search for *Defra sandeel consultation*) and make your voice heard. More background on this story next month.

PPS As of 15th March the Purbeck puffins are back for the breeding season.

Richard Caldow

Help for Dementia Sufferers from the Rugby Club



A group for people living with dementia and their carers has been given a new lease of life – by a rugby club.

Swanage and Wareham RFC stepped in after the Covid pandemic put paid to meetings of the Forget-Me-Not group.

With concerns about the virus now receding, the club offered space at its smart HQ in Bestwall Road, Wareham, free of charge. And now the group, run by a collaboration between the Dementia UK and Age UK charities, is thriving, with regular Monday drop-in sessions attended by up to 30 sufferers of the memory-loss syndrome and their carers.



*Rachel Newman and
Martin Hill*

Rachel Newman, of Age UK's North, South and West Dorset branch, said: "It's a place where people with dementia and those who help them can come to find support from each other and from professionals who come to offer advice. "As well as the obvious benefits of socialising we organise activities and games that help brain function and dexterity, such as dominoes, and music that prompts memories.

"It's amazing what the rugby club has done. They have given us a wonderful space in which to run sessions and we're very

grateful. "Those with dementia seem to enjoy being here. There is a lot of fun and laughter alongside the support. "Sometimes friends or relatives come with their loved-ones, which also improves understanding of the condition and what can be done to help."

Swans chair Martin Hill said hosting Forget-Me-Not was an obvious course for the club given the Rugby Football Union's ongoing examination of the links between the game's players and early-onset dementia.

But the main motive for the offer of free space was to benefit the local community in general.

He said: "We have these facilities here at our clubhouse but don't use them during weekdays. So what's the point of leaving the place empty when there



are individuals and companies out there charging excessive amounts to local groups, trying to get as much money out of them as possible?"

The club also hosts Lewis-Manning hospice care sessions and an NHS cardio group for minimal fees covering just electricity costs. And it is also involved in various ways with disability and multiple sclerosis groups, and the Lions.

Mr Hill said: "Making more use of clubhouses, grounds and facilities has to be the way forward for sports clubs.

"We just want to help the local community as much as possible. It's important to us. We're really proud of how much we do and if there are other groups that we can fit in, we're more than willing to do so."

Though he does not participate in the Forget-Me-Not sessions, Mr Hill keeps an interested eye on them.

He said: "It's great to see everyone joining in the activities Rachel organises, especially the music games. It's wonderful to see the pleasure they get when they remember a song or melody they may have forgotten."



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The Pioneer View.

Dear Friends,

Spring has finally sprung!

The days are getting lighter. The shorter days are but of a distant past. We observe new life all around us. Snowdrops and daffodils breaking through. We hear the birds singing around us. It reminds me of new hope and new beginnings.

Do we get stuck in the cold, dark days of January and February or do we take a risk to step into April? To grow and to move on from those dismal days Spring is an opportunity to put those days behind us and to look forward and step out of the past into new and exciting challenges. It's a time to welcome and embrace the future that lies ahead of us.

A quote that often motivates me to continue moving forward, often reflecting on recent milestones and achievements, but always moving forward:

“Every moment is a fresh beginning.” T.S. Eliot

Spring is a time for new beginnings. We have a choice, to stay in our own comfort zones and find ourselves in a rut. However, it's better to risk and try, then fail to try. This is an important principle that underpins our Growing Compassionate Communities vision. As a team we are always looking to try new things. Open new doors and opportunities in our community that are anchored in hope and purpose for vulnerable and marginalised groups.

So, I leave you with a challenge. What will this Spring hold for you? Will you risk and step out of the dismal dark days of January and February? This begins with the smallest of steps. It requires courage and perseverance. Don't be afraid of trying something new.

Let's be people who take risks and change lives.

A quote to ponder:

“What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?” Vincent Van Gogh

Go well,
Peter.



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Flood Update

Welcome to this month's newsletter. Following the mid-January flooding incident in the Wild Seas Centre we had a contractor on site last week to carry out some vital maintenance. You may remember this story from the January newsletter when I wrote about the sheer quantity of rainwater that caused the main aquarium Header Tank to float up out of its pit. Well the tank has now been re-installed. Moving it with a mini digger the contractors found a concrete plinth underneath, and re-installed it onto this firm footing, despite the terrible weather last week. All should be good to go at time of writing. Being mindful of the centre re-opening on 1 Apr we are hopeful that we have got this sorted.

Low Tides at Kimmeridge

Staff from the Wild Seas Centre went out on the afternoon of the 20th February to take advantage of some of the lowest tides of the year. With opening season approaching, a reminder of just how much wildlife there is out on the reserve resulted in an afternoon spent in the best classroom in Dorset. Under Julie's guidance we were soon finding a wide variety of animals and plants that are normally covered by water. The species list included 4 species of crab including the rare, furrowed crab which are being seen more often here. Several velvet swimming crabs were found minus their pincers which would have been snipped off by other crabs in territorial battles. They do grow back. Some of the females were carrying vast numbers of eggs already. Fish species included clingfish which were absolutely everywhere, and magnificent tompot blenny's sporting their colourful head tufts. Sea slug species were easy to find including the tiny but immensely colourful nudibranchs. And not to be outdone some beautiful seaweeds including magic seaweed *Cystoseira tamariscifolia* were found. Normally overlooked the fronds of this species turn from grey to a vibrant blue at this time of year. Remember to keep us informed of your sightings. Why not pop in for a chat when we re-open in April.

Dan Bartlett, - Wild Seas Centre Assistant

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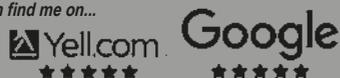


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Kimmeridge News

Eyes to the Skies!

Hi all, spring is here and our first returning birds have appeared already, sand martins and wheatears have already been sited locally and it won't be long before the swallows/ house martins & Swifts follow.

Kimmeridge is a great habitat in winter for large numbers of lapwings/ Fieldfare & redwings and many other farmland birds that flock together to feed in the surrounding fields often joined by hundreds of black-headed and Mediterranean gulls.

Birds of prey also thrive here with regular sightings of buzzards, sparrow hawk, kestrel, Merlin and even red kite and white-tailed sea eagles putting an appearance. Tawny and barn owl are also resident, regularly seen or heard along with green woodpeckers.

The bird feeders at the tollgate have attracted daily visits from gold finches/green finches/blue & great tits and great spotted woodpecker along with good numbers of chaffinches and sparrows and other resident species.

Last year I recorded 53 species just from the toll hut! And I'm already up to 40 for this year so far.

Happy birding
Rose Ward

Mia Rhodes

A very warm welcome to our newest Kimmeridge resident, Mia Rhodes; born to Nade & Callum on 2nd March.

Kimmeridge Keilidhs

We had another successful dance in March with new families from Lulworth & Winfrith Newburgh joining us. Come and enjoy the fun on Friday 14th April with caller Teresa Williams. 7.30pm in the Village Hall – tickets on the door £7.50 for adults & £2.50 for children. No Bar, so bring your own drinks & nibbles!

Steve & Helen Earwicker

Smiling Seas

Saturday 22nd April is our next beach date. Please keep an eye out on our social media pages @smilingseas for further updates or email smilingseas@outlook.com to book a free space too.

Time For Change

March has presented the worst plastic shore displays I have ever seen down at Kimmeridge bay, from a drastic increase in; needles and syringes, fishing lines and ropes, plastic bottles and containers and the ever toxifying nurdles and micro plastics have all rocketed.

On several occasions the shore looked somewhat eerie, as if it had been covered in a bed of snow, but it was in fact a thick sheet of plastic nurdles.

In the first two weeks of March Smiling Seas cleared 500KG of plastic from the Jurassic coast. Plastic pollution is becoming more and more overwhelming in the natural environment, this shouldn't be normal. It is time for a drastic change. Please reduce your plastic consumption and waste as much as you can. We must do better.

Thank you to all the volunteers that came down to Kimmeridge Bay to assist with the mass clean up, I massively appreciate all of you.

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Emily House.



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**TRIAL TRAIN SERVICE FROM
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Leave your car at home and travel by rail is the message from the Swanage Railway which is to operate a trial heritage diesel train service from the main line at Wareham into the heart of the Isle of Purbeck - thanks to working in partnership.

Operating from April to September 2023, tickets for the service will also be available from main line train operating company South Western Railway so its passengers can add tickets for Corfe Castle and Swanage to their main line tickets.

It will be the first time in 51 years - since the last day of British Rail passenger trains between Wareham, Corfe Castle and Swanage on Saturday, 1 January, 1972, before the branch line was controversially closed with most of the track lifted during the summer of 1972 - that such a main line ticket facility for travel to Swanage has been possible.

In another first, the Swanage Railway will be using its restored and upgraded 1950s heritage diesel trains, used by British Rail across its network from the 1950s to the 1990s, to operate the eleven mile service - one mile of which will be on the Network Rail main line from Worgret Junction and directly into Wareham station.

The trial service will operate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 4 April to 10 September, 2023, with the first train departing Wareham at 11.19am and the last train leaving Swanage for Wareham at 4.20pm – giving visitors the opportunity to spend four hours in Swanage or Corfe Castle. The timetable is subject to change on special event days.

Gavin Johns, the volunteer chairman of the Swanage Railway Trust, said: “This trial train service is the result of working in partnership with the Government's Coastal Communities Fund, the Department of Transport, the former Purbeck District Council, Dorset Council, British Petroleum, Perenco, Network Rail and South Western Railway.

“I would like to thank our valued stakeholders for their far-sighted investment of £5.5 million to re-connect Swanage and Corfe Castle with the main line at Wareham which included £1.8 million from the Government's Coastal

Communities Fund so we could restore and upgrade our 1950s heritage diesel trains for running on the main line directly into Wareham station.”

On behalf of the Swanage Railway, the trains will be operated and staffed by West Coast Railways which is one of Britain’s leading main line charter and special train operators with whom the Swanage Railway has worked on many occasions.

The four trains a day service from Wareham will be formed of a three-carriage heritage Class 117 diesel multiple unit that can have a one-carriage heritage Class 121 diesel multiple unit added at busy times, giving a total of 292 seats.

The two heritage diesel trains have been restored and upgraded for the Swanage Railway by specialist contractors who fitted the same technical, signalling and safety equipment that is installed on all other trains running on the national railway network.

Trevor Parsons – the volunteer chairman of the Swanage Railway Company which runs the trains for the Swanage Railway Trust – explained: “This trial train service would not be possible without the former Purbeck District Council committing £3.2million from housing developers’ transport improvement contributions for re-signalling improvements between Wareham, Worgret Junction and the Swanage Railway as part of Network Rail’s Poole to Wool re-signalling scheme in 2013.”

Tickets for the trial heritage diesel train service between Wareham, Corfe Castle and Swanage will be available at swanagerailway.co.uk from Monday, 13 March, 2023.



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- **Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00** – warehambowls@gmail.com
- **Shotokan Karate** – www.warehamskc.co.uk

TUESDAY

- **Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00** – warehambowls@gmail.com
- **Pilates** – Alex Moore telephone 07536103364
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WEDNESDAY

- **Say so Drama 10:30 – 12.00** Adults with learning difficulties - Emma 07725942609
- **Yoga** - Pam Steele – 01929 556714 steelepamela08@gmail.com

THURSDAY

- **Shotokan Karate** - www.warehamskc.co.uk

FRIDAY

- **Weekly Health Qigong Fitness 9.30 & 10.45 am** – Penny Youssef 07969925502
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SUNDAY

- **Purbeck Antiques** Last Sunday of each month – 01929 761398

MEETINGS OF CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL at Furzebrook Village Hall

TUESDAY 11th APRIL 2023, TUESDAY 13th JUNE 2023, TUESDAY 8th AUGUST 2023 TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER 2023,

Parish meetings in MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER 2023 take place on the second Tuesday of the month commencing 18:30 at the Church Knowle Village Hall

GroundDog Day is Back!



Registered Charity
Number: 1167990

Join Margaret Green Animal Rescue for a fabulous day of fun for all the family and your four-legged friends. GroundDog Day will be held at the Lincoln Farm centre, Blandford, Dorset, DT11 9BP on Sunday 7th May from 11am. The event is set to be a wonderful day that you won't want to miss!

There will be a fantastic Novelty Dog

Show with a range of classes for you and your dog to enter, as well as many other exciting activities to get involved with, including Have-a-go-Agility and the ever-popular Flyball, where your dogs will have fun zooming over the jumps to retrieve the tennis ball.

That's not all, as there will be plenty of refreshments and a BBQ, as well as a great selection of stalls from local traders, for you to enjoy. Make sure you save the date and come along to support a local charity and help raise funds for rescue animals in need.

Entry is free and donations will be gratefully received. For more information, please see the website at: www.mgar.org.uk/GroundDogDay2023



News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

HXVH Annual General Meeting – Friday 21 April

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

To book a place at the meeting contact Kathy Furlong on: secretary@harmanscrosshall.co.uk and indicate if you wish to stay for the social event.

Movie Night – Where the Crawdads Sing on Tuesday 11 April

Based on the best-selling book by Delia Owens, we are taken to the beautiful and dangerous marshland of North Carolina in the 50s and 60s, a place “where the crawdads sing”; crawdads being crayfish that apparently sing when no human beings are around. Kya is a young woman who has basically raised herself in a remote shack. She's had to learn to survive when her drunken and violent Pa drove Kya's mother away after years of domestic abuse; her siblings fled and Pa finally keeled over. So as a teenager Kya is on her own, making a living by selling freshwater mussels to the local store, roaming wild and free on the wetlands in her outboard motorboat and drawing pictures of the local flora and fauna with her amazing untrained artistic talent.

Kya is subject to much paranoid misogynistic abuse from the local townsfolk, who are also racist to her only allies, the black store-owners. But two very similar-looking local blond hunks fall in love with Kya. One is a decent young fellow called Tate who is just about to go away to study at Chapel Hill. The other guy is boorish high school quarterback Chase, whose dead body is found in the marsh, just underneath the fire tower. Kya is arrested for his murder. She pleads not guilty. So was Chase's death an accident – or did someone else kill him?

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

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Tuesday 13 June The Outfit
HXVH Barn Dance – Saturday 3 June 6pm-10pm

We are having a good old Barn Dance at the Hall, with live music and calling from the [Black Sheep Band](#). Our local favourite pizza team - [Coastal Crust Pizzas](#) - will be on site selling fabulous wood fired pizzas. And the HXVH Bar will be open serving a wide range of refreshments, including locally-sourced ales - perhaps for those who prefer to drink and watch, rather than dosi-dohing !??

Tickets are available via the HXVH website – go to the Special Events page at www.harmancrosshall.co.uk. Tickets for adults are £10 in advance (£12 on the door if we have any capacity on the night) and £6 for under 18s

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Alison and the HXVH Committee



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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MONDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 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
Each	7.45 – 9.15pm	Badminton	C C Village Hall
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
WEDNESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
2nd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	By Zoom
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall
SUNDAY			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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