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Editorial

This month contribution envelopes are again included in the magazine. Please return the envelopes with as much as you can afford, remembering that each issue costs over 60p to produce. This means that the annual cost for 12 months is around £8; please give as much as you can.

Please leave your envelope with Ian in the Post Office, or in the CVN box at 55 East Street (Stephen Dru Drury), or at the Old Curetage, 30 East Street (Peter Tate), or Stonewood at the bottom of Calcraft Road (John Courtney).

Also at this time of year we must thank all our delivery helpers who make sure the magazine gets to you the readers, and who, with this issue, put the envelopes in the magazine. If you would like to join the team of helpers please get in touch with Penny Hopkins, whose address is on page 3.

This is of course the month of the Royal Wedding and several local events are being planned to mark the occasion. They are advertised in the magazine and we hope everyone enjoys them as well as the glut of bank holidays at the end of April.

Stephen, Peter and Tim

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MARCH AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council was pleased to see construction of the new crossing has started. This should make it easier for residents to access the school, the library, the village hall, the doctor's surgery and the Royal British Legion. This achievement has been at least seven years in the making.

Some residents are concerned about the new street lighting proposals, especially in East Street, where it would appear some of the new lamp posts will be going in positions different to the existing lights. The Council will be contacting Southern Electric Contracting to find out what can be done to mitigate any planned sites that are in this category.

Residents in both this Parish and Church Knowle Parish are worrying about the repairs required for the Church Knowle bridge. Councillors are aware of the problems that will result from the shutting of the bridge. The Council will be liaising closely with the Dorset County Council engineers and The National Trust to minimise problems. A major factor affecting the work is the Grade 1 Listed protection that covers both the bridge and many other structures within the immediate environment of the bridge. This will prevent any relief by means of a temporary bridge structure adjacent to the existing bridge. Discussions are at a very early stage and nothing has been decided yet.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at the First School at 6pm so as to allow time for some of the normal business before the Annual Parish Meeting commences at 7pm. There will not be a public half hour at the start as this will be more than made up for with the opportunity for all to speak at the :

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Monday 11th April in the School hall, starting at 7pm. This is your chance to hear about the work of the Parish Council over the past year and, through your questions and comments, to help set the agenda for the Parish Council for the coming year. There will be a review of the events of the year (April to March) by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman followed by an invitation to all residents to ask questions or have their say on any matter to do with village life. This will also be an opportunity to get the ball rolling in respect of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations for 2012. The Council is backing a joint plan by many of the village organisations for getting together to organise events at an open meeting towards the end of June 2011.

I will keep reminding residents that this year is election year for your Council. Please think about providing your services as a Parish Councillor on Thursday 5th May.

The Council considers all planning applications and submits comments to the District Council. Councillors had no objection to the proposals to render and lime wash the external walls at The Cheesehouse, Westwood Farmhouse, Tabbits Hill Lane, Harmans Cross. The erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension at Fern Cottage, Townsend Mead, Corfe Castle.

However, the Council did object to the proposal for the erection of a single storey conservatory on the west elevation of Sunnymount, Higher Filbank, Corfe Castle. The Parish Council suggests the proposed development is not a conservatory. The application should be withdrawn and resubmitted as an extension.

Jeff Dunn, Parish Clerk
(pho ne 555266)(e-mail Corf eCastlePC@aol.com) - 8 Old Klin Road, Ridge, Wareham BH20 5BY. The Parish Council meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the Town Hall, West Street or at the First School, East Street, Corfe Castle. Have your say at the start of the meeting, speak to any parish councillor, or write to me. Full minutes of the meetings are available on the Website (www.corfeclastlepc.org.uk) or in the Corfe Castle library. Please check Notice Boards or the Website prior to a Meeting if you are not sure where it is taking place.

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First of all, the Clerk would like to apologise to his reader for the lack of news from February’s Parish Council meeting. The spirit was willing, but the Broadband connexion was weak! In fact, it was so weak at Currenden that although the computer was sure the missive had been sent, the connexion had been broken before its content had been fully uploaded and the Parish Clerk was blissfully unaware of the breakdown in modern communication to the editor. Anyway, the Church Knowle epistle is now again being sent from the Cultural Centre of the Universe (Corfe Castle) rather than the other end of the Earth (Studland).

March’s meeting took place in the main auditorium of the Furzebrook Village Hall and 8 Parish councillors, together with the County and District councillors and a Purbeck planner huddled together in a corner of this vast space. The evening began with Cllr Parker welcoming the visitors and the officer from Purbeck District Council who came to present a consultation paper on PDC’s plans for the re-designation of the Church Knowle Conservation Area. Councillors were given information about what constitutes a conservation area and what the benefits are for local areas in terms of development. The Planner explained his views on why the areas under consideration should, or should not, be within a new Church Knowle Conservation Area. Councillors were NOT impressed by the arguments given or removing certain areas and the removal of historic buildings (including the village pub’) from the designations. Cllr. Bugler, who is the lead councillor in planning matters wondered why things had to change. He also had full support from the Council when he voiced his feelings that the nuclear village would be split in two and there would be a “newtown” - “olde worlde” division. He felt that one of the aims of a conservation area should be to conserve not just old buildings but also the village unit and its community. The Planner explained his views on why the areas under consideration should, or should not, be within a new Church Knowle Conservation Area. Councillors were NOT impressed by the arguments given or removing certain areas and the removal of historic buildings (including the village pub’) from the designations. Cllr. Bugler, who is the lead councillor in planning matters wondered why things had to change. He also had full support from the Council when he voiced his feelings that the nuclear village would be split in two and there would be a “newtown” - “olde worlde” division. He felt that one of the aims of a conservation area should be to conserve not just old buildings but also the village unit and its community.

The evening continued smoothly and peacefully until the closure of the Vineyard Bridge came up for discussion. Cllr. Parker reported on a public meeting she had attended which had been organised by one of the Parishioners in business in CK the previous evening. The Council is acutely aware of need to repair the bridge, but at the same time seriously concerned about the economic and social effects such a closure will have on the village and surrounding hamlets. It would not just be the village pub’ and farms which would be seriously affected, but also those parishioners who have to take taxis to Corfe to do shopping or go to the surgery. Cllr Parker advised that a taxi trip (one way) would cost in the region of £17 to £18 from Church Knowle. (You can go from Southampton to Prague by Easy Jet for that!!). It appeared that DCC roads and bridges department had not taken such costs to the public into consideration and much work still has to be done. The Parish Council has still not been formally consulted despite DCC apparently having “consulted” businesses and other “stakeholders”. Enquiries of farmers, the local licensee and others by Councillors have yet to reveal who was actually consulted. Councillors have invited a senior representative of Dorset County Council’s Roads and Bridges Department along for a “grilling” at the April meeting of the parish Council which will be held at Church Knowle village hall on Tuesday 12th April staring at 7.00pm. The Council would like as many people there as possible to let DCC know just how seriously the Parish and communities along the Corfe Valley see this cutting of the primary access to the area.
Various proposals were put forward to the County Councillor (Mike Lovell) on how the access could remain open and Cllr Parker gave County Cllr Lovell a breakdown on how much it would cost to hire a Bailey Bridge. The charges were considerably less than those suggested by County. The National Trust were also reported to be “sucking their teeth” at the prospect of having such a construction built anywhere near the West Mill pile of stones and the sycamore and ash trees by Vineyard. Discussions continued for some time and it was decided to look forward to April’s meeting.

The Clerk then reported that the finances were in good condition and the Council decided to approve the spending in the next financial year for a new mower for the playing field subject to funds being available. Cllr Page reported on progress he was making with a possible benefactor to enable the local kids to have a good quality playground and meeting shelter.

CKPC will again be entering he Best Kept Village Competition and the Council hopes that the village will, again, come up trumps among the small villages of Dorset.

That was that for the meeting and the Chairman and Councillors hope to see as many Parishioners as is possible to get into Church Knowle village hall on 12th April at 7.00pm.
April is finally here! The ground is warming up, gardens are blooming and I’ve been out several times without hat and gloves which is a sure sign that it’s time to plant my early potatoes! My hallway is full of seedlings growing and potatoes chitting, which is wonderful news as food prices are expected to rocket this year. If you don’t have the space or time to grow large scale, why not pop a few tomato and strawberry plants in a hanging basket, runner beans in a large pot, lettuces in a window box or fill a bucket with compost and grow a few potatoes. There’s loads you can do with limited time and space - it’s fun and will save you pounds.

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Brussels sprouts
Cabbages
Carrots
Cauliflower
Chards
French Beans
Jerusalem Artichokes
Kale
Leeks
Lettuce
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Parsnips
Potatoes
Peas
Radish
Rocket

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Runner Beans
Shallots
Spinach
Spring Onions
Sprouting Broccoli
Swede
Turnips

Under Cover
Calabrese
Celery
Celeriac
Chilli Peppers
Courgettes
Cucumber and Gerkins
Squash, Pumpkin and Gourds
Sweetcorn
Sweet Peppers
Tomatoes

Up the Allotment...
We are now close to signing our new lease. Well done to Stephanie and Fiona for all their hard work. This means that soon, we’ll be in a position to turn our attention to the new additional plots that will be located next to the existing allotment site. If you would like to be put on the waiting list call me 01929 480455.

Strawberries can be planted out now. It’s best to remove flowers in the first year as you conserve strength for growth and gain larger crops in subsequent years. An easy way to gain strawberry plants is to plant the runners into pots and when rooted, cut the runner. The plants don’t last forever so you need to rotate them every three to five years.

Sweetcorn apparently, can be pre-chitted. If you fancy giving it a go, lay the seeds on a layer of damp kitchen paper, place another layer over the top inside an airtight box (an old ice-cream carton is ideal). As soon as a small white sprout appears, plant the seed about half an inch deep in a 3” pot of general purpose compost in the greenhouse or warm place. When the shoots stand about an inch high, plant out under cloche, being careful not to disturb the root. Sweetcorn needs a lot of nitrogen - add a teaspoon of dried blood per plant, or water with urea (this is a chemical, not to be confused with urine!)

The Magic of Comfrey...
Comfrey is great for so many reasons and I’m fortunate to have it growing in abundance on my plot. I’m going to cut the leaves and lay them in the trench under my potatoes which will provide nutrition and get them off to a good start. There are various other ways in which comfrey can be utilised as a fertiliser including:

1. Compost activator Include comfrey in the compost heap to add nitrogen and help to heat the heap.
2. Comfrey liquid fertiliser Can be produced by either rotting leaves down in rainwater for 4-5 weeks to produce a ready to use ‘comfrey tea’, or by stacking dry leaves under a weight in a container with a hole in the base. When the leaves decompose a thick black comfrey concentrate is collected. This must be diluted at 15:1 before use.
3. Comfrey as a mulch A 2 inch layer of comfrey leaves placed around a crop will slowly break down and release plant nutrients; it is especially useful for crops that need extra potassium, such as fruit bearers and potatoes.
4. Comfrey potting mixture In a black plastic sack alternate 3-4 inch layers of 2 yr old leaf mold and chopped comfrey leaves. Add a little dolomitic limestone to slightly raise pH. Leave for between 2-5 months checking that it does not dry out or become too wet. The mixture is ready when the comfrey leaves have rotted and are no longer visible.
Local Author, Ciara Hegarty, entertained us, after our AGM, in March. Her first novel, set in 1940’s Ireland has just been published and she is working on her second. Ciara prefers not to give a formal talk but asks for questions - which ensure a varied and lively interaction with her audience.

Charity for 2011 We have already raised over £150 for Heroes’ Haven in Swanage – an excellent start to 2011.

Membership: We are delighted that so many members have renewed their annual subscriptions, maintaining our membership around 100.

Summer Trip: Final plans and price - probably about £16 - for our outing to Cranborne Manor, [Kingston Lacy if the weather is bad ] via Honeybrook Farm, on Wednesday 22 June, will be announced at April’s meeting.

Diamond Jubilee 2012: For the celebrations on 5th June, the Committee would like your ideas for an event to involve the whole village, rather than just Aquarius members.

Future Speakers: suggestions are always welcome.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 5 April 2.00pm Corfe Castle Village Hall
“A Spotty Tale” by Dr Peter Tate [always entertaining and informative!]

May’s meeting: Tuesday 3rd May. Craft afternoon – various demonstrations and “Have a Go” sessions.

Guests welcome (£3.00) to any two meetings in a year.

Margery Clevett 480124
**CORFE CASTLE SURGERY NEWS**

**New Surgery update:** The specifications have gone out to tender and builders have been appointed by the developers. The work will start on Monday 28th March (3 weeks earlier than we anticipated which augers well). Although we are not managing the project, we will do our best to ensure that there is minimal disruption to our neighbours during the build and we will keep you all informed of progress via a monthly report in the CVN. If you have any concerns, please contact Joan Ingarfield at the surgery.

Rumour of the month…..Dr Horsnell has no intention of living over the shop…..(especially as it is a bungalow)!

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**News From The Castle Inn**

It's April, British Summer Time has arrived, all our chickens are laying and it really is a great month for celebrating.

For our part we shall be holding a Lobster and Shellfish Festival from 22nd to the end of April! So for a full fruits de mer, oysters or simply a cockle or two you know where to come.

**What's on in April**

Sun. 3rd April...Mothers Day -- come and let us help to make her feel special.
2 course lunches; with local meats, goose roasted potatoes and real gravy from the stock pot. only £12.95

Fri. 22nd April.....Good Friday Fish Suppers to launch our Shellfish Festival.

Sat.23rd April......St.George’s Day  Traditional celebrations and regalia.

Sun.24th April....Easter Day. Traditional Sunday lunches and an Easter trail in the garden for the children.

Mon.25th April.....Easter Monday - A lunchtime of magic and surprises!

Fri. 29th April.....THE ROYAL WEDDING We will be supporting the school and pre-school next door in a day of fun and celebration. We will be giving PRIZES FOR PATRIOTIC DRESS on this special day.

We like celebrations at The Castle Inn, why not share yours with us?
News from the Pre-School

The weather is getting better and better every day, and if we stand on tip-toes we can almost see summer from here! Natalie, Louise, Mo, Mandy, Hayley, Charlotte, Emma and all the children at the Pre-School have been doing lots of spring-time preparation. The shop has changed into a garden centre and the sand-pit is full of compost! We've been making tissue paper flowers, pictures with seeds and planting sunflowers. We've also all really enjoyed been able to get outside and do things like have a weekly wellie-walk with the reception children from Corfe Castle First School. It's getting less and less muddy every week!

Our Holiday Club is going to be open on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's during the Easter Holiday. It opens at 8.30am and finishes at 5.30pm and every day is filled with fun things to do! The Holiday Club is open to all Pre-School, First School and Middle School children from Corfe Castle and the surrounding areas. For more information, and to download a booking form, have a look at our website (www.corfecastlepreschool.org.uk), or give us a ring (481631).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ROYAL WEDDING TEA PARTY: On the 29th April from 2pm until 5pm
On the School Field
Come and have a Tea Party with us! There'll be Balloon Race, Bouncy Castle, Wedding Cake and lots of fun and games for all the family!

Emma Grinsted
(Pre-School Parent's Management Committee Chair)
Celebrate the royal wedding, over a royal Brunch on two giant screens in the pub on Friday 29 April. Tom Canning will perform his legendary Tom Jones Tribute in the evening, along with a BBQ. Be sure to taste our own special royal brew, to celebrate the occasion.

Mothers Day falls on the first Sunday in April, join us for a three course meal for £18, with mum getting a surprise gift from us. Menus are available in the pub.

Our annual Walkabout food festival kicks off on the 15 April, this year the choices are even wilder than in previous years. You will be able to sample wildebeest, Blesbok, Snails, Zebra and Impala and more.

Beware of the cries of Odin over the last weekend in April when the Vikings return to Corfe. If you are a cider drinker, than this weekend you will be spoilt for choice, as we will be getting in about a dozen new varieties to tempt your palate with.

This month some great bands return to play:
April 1 - Shine - A stellar group not to be missed
April 8th - Toned F - join in the fun with this great duo.
April 15 - Meat draw - Quality punk and new wave covers
April 22 - Andy Grant Trio - a outstanding trio playing infectious bluesy vocals
April 24 - Ogri and the café racers, rock and roll in true Beach Boys style
April 29 - Tom Jones Tribute Band - Tom Canings ode to Tom Jones is awesome
April 30 - Paul Michael -
May 1st - Frankie Rudd and Summer Fireworks.

We are still looking for solo musicians/performers or comedians, entertainers of any variety to perform in the pub, so if you know of anyone looking for a gig or wanting to test the waters, please let them give me call.
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This will be the last month I write this article as I am leaving the Trust to return to geography teaching on the 26th April. However I am sure someone else will continue the tradition of keeping you up to date with all our news. Mandy Jarvis, Community and Volunteering Manager.

Corfe Castle

Events in April
There are lots of brilliant events taking place in the castle this April, so come and see what’s happening...

Lady Bankes Mothering Sunday  
Sun 3 April, 10am - 5pm  
Family trail, guided tours and even Lady Bankes teas.

Castle Quests  
Sat 9 - Thu 14 & Tue 19 - Thu 21 April, 10am - 4pm

Medieval Archery Muster  
Fri 15 - Mon 18 April, 10am - 5pm  
The Wolfshead Bowmen will bring the past to life.

Easter Egg Trail  
Fri 22 - Mon 25 April, 10am - 4pm  
Hunt for the tokens and claim your chocolate prize.

Saxon & Viking Encampment  
Sat 30 April - Mon 2 May, 10am - 5pm  
Beware the cries of Odin across the Isle of Purbeck.

Don’t forget, if you live in the civil parish of Corfe Castle you can enjoy free admission to the castle, just bring proof of your address with you on your visit.
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Corfe Castle Village Hall
Coffee Morning
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Plants
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10.30 TV coverage on big screen of procession
11.00 Royal Wedding live on big screen TV
12.00 Prince William and Princess Catherine look-alike children’s competition
12.30 Royal Wedding Luncheon served in upstairs Function Room
13.00 Special Prize Bingo
14.00 Fast Boules competition
15.00 Bottle Draw
17.00 Royal BBQ
19.00 Live music
20.30 Cash Bingo
22.00 Beer Draw

The local Club is in Corfe Castle, at 70 East Street (opposite the school)
Telephone 01929 480591

The Club is affiliated to The Royal British Legion, whose main aim is to support our troops and to provide welfare help for ex servicemen and women and their families.

New members and their families are very welcome and there is now no requirement to have a service background. If you would like to join just call in during opening hours and speak to one of our friendly staff.

The Club has a comfortable bar area, an upstairs function room which is available for hire, pool table, large car park, garden and double boules pitch. The Club is open weekday lunchtimes and evenings and all day Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon.

We stock both cask and keg beers and lager at very reasonable prices and bar snacks are available.

On a weekly basis we hold a number of activities which are posted on the club notice board.

**April Entertainment**

Thursday 7th electronic games evening. Details to be posted in the Club.
Saturday 9th Disco evening
Saturday 16th evening entertainment with Mike Sidaway.
Friday 29th The Royal Wedding.
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April school holiday wildlife events at Kimmeridge

Come and join us to get out onto the beach and find out more about the marine life at Kimmeridge. Meet at the Marine Centre unless otherwise stated.

- **15th April Eco-friendly crabbing** 11.30am-1pm (£3 per person)
  Learn how to catch and care for crabs without harm to other rockpool animals. Cost includes crab kit, bait and equipment. Weather dependent.

- **19th April Rockpool Ramble** 1.30pm-3pm (£1.50 kids/£3 adults)
  Join us at the best rockpooling site in Dorset. Short walk involved. Meet at the WW2 Pillbox, Kimmeridge Bay. Weather dependent.

- **20th April Marine Egg Hunt** 1.30pm-3pm (£2 per person)
  Hunt for the eggs of sea creatures on the shore.

- **21st April Seaweed Safari** 2pm-3.30pm (£1.50 kids/£3 adults)
  Identify the beautiful seaweeds of Kimmeridge and have a go at seaweed pressing.

- **22nd April Great Kimmeridge Egg Case Hunt** 2.30pm-4pm (£2 per person)
  A seashore search for empty egg cases and clues to what a mermaid keeps in her purse.

- **23rd April Remarkable Rockpools Arty Crafty** 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm (£3 each per session)
  Indoor marine themed art and crafts. Parents must accompany all children. Suitable for ages 6-12.

We would also be pleased to see you at **The Great Dorset Beach clean on 17th April** 1.30pm-3pm at Worbarrow Bay. All equipment is provided.

**Summer Opening hours**

From 1st April until 30th September The Fine Foundation Marine Centre will start summer opening hours of 10.30am until 5pm on the following days:

- Wed/Thur & Sat/Sun during term time
- Tue-Sun during school holidays (12-17 April and 19-24 April)

If you’re interested in becoming a marine volunteer for Dorset Wildlife Trust and taking part in beach surveys and monitoring we have a training day coming up on 16th April in Swanage. Contact the marine centre for details.

**Jane Wilkins,**
**Volunteer Marine Warden**
‘OH TO BE IN ENGLAND NOW THAT APRIL’S THERE’
(Robert Browning) …
and what a special April it’s going to be this year! However before we look forward, we take a look back at the February and March (2011) issues of the CVN.

**FACE TO FACE …**

The February copy had a story about the Corfe Castle Milk Depot and a group photograph. A feed back followed in March with a letter to the Editor from Olivia Suttle. Thank you very much Olivia for this interesting item, I would be pleased to have a chat with you about your ‘transcribed conversations with your Gran Joyce Crocker’. Maybe there are some interesting stories for the Village Pump! I popped in to see Moni Moss who has some illuminating archives on this subject - more of this later. We also now have confirmation from Molly Miller, that, in the photograph at the Milk Depot, second from the left, back row, is Violet Stockley. Thank you all for your interest. Such support means we can keep CHURNing out pages for this Village Pump! Still on the subject of the Milk Depot, we received a letter from Antoinette Bacchus of Ealing, formerly of Corfe Castle, when she was known as ‘Netty’ Fenich… does it ring any bells?! I quote from her letter: -

“I received a copy of the February ’11 CVN from Jill Beavis, a friend from childhood days who keeps me abreast of Corfe Castle happenings. I can confirm that the gentleman in the Milk Depot Photo, back row, is indeed Ralph Mitchell (born 06.09.1886). He was my ‘adopted’ Grandfather! I was evacuated to Corfe Castle at the age of 1 year in 1941 and, because my parents didn’t want children they gave me to Ralph and Ruth Mitchell. The Mitchells were the kindest people in the world. I went to Corfe Castle Primary School and at age 11, to Swanage Grammar School. We lived at 8 West Street (now 72 I believe) next door to Mr & Mrs Moss and Mr & Mrs Stockley (Jill’s parents). Prior to working at the Milk Depot, Ralph Mitchell was the Village Blacksmith at the Smithy East Street past the Greyhound (See Photograph). He also used to fix Dr. Drury’s car when it broke down. Ruth Mitchell was their cook before she married. I left for London in 1960 to go to University. I studied, and later taught Biology. Corfe Castle will always be extremely special to me”.

In a telephone chat later with Antoinette I asked her what memories she had of the Corfe Castle celebrations for the Royal Wedding in 1947 and the Coronation in 1953. Of the Coronation she remembers vividly the excitement of a great community event and a complete novelty! It was a full house in the Village Hall when all eyes were fixed on what was then a relatively small black and white television screen!

**FLYING THE FLAG**

On the 21st April the Union Flag will fly from the Church Tower in honour of Her Majesty the Queen’s 85th Birthday conveying our Loyal Greetings. On 21st we also say ‘Happy Birthday’ to Jan Sayers whose father, Ben, received a Birthday Card from the Queen on 14th March – his 100th celebration (see photograph)

**ROYAL WEDDING BELLS**

On Monday 29th April the Corfe Ringers will ring a Quarter Peal between 9am & 10am from the bells of St. Edward’s Church. Thank you Carole & Brian Dean, Lyn Higgens and fellow local ringers. This will herald the Special Day in the history of the Monarchy and the special celebrations in Corfe Castle.

**A RIGHT ROYAL DO!**

Elsewhere in this Magazine you will read about Events at the RBL and at the School. You can enjoy a Wedding Breakfast, coffee, lunch, picnic tea and dinner (BBQ)!!! at the widest (East) **Street Party**, stretching from one side of the road to the other. Linked by a Zebra Crossing! (under construction as I write). The little children at these events will be storing up memories, later to be released, when their future Monarch, Prince William, is crowned King William V.

My parents were married on the 29th April (1930) and the date has always a special one in our family. The 29th April is also the Birthday of the CVN Editor. Happy Birthday Stephen, congratulations and thank you for your work on this magazine.

Maybe Readers, you have your own celebrations on 29th April? Perhaps your Wedding Day, Anniversary, birthday, or special memory. We wish you all a happy day. Do please remember to let us know if you have any special event in the weeks ahead to share with us in the Village Pump pages.

So that’s April, with Special Events, a joyful Easteride, an extra Bank Holiday and School’s out!
Reflecting my opening line, by Robert Browning, I end by quoting: ... ‘and after April when May follows...’ we have another local story for you, no doubt signalling more memories!

EvL

The Queen congratulates Ben Sayers on his 100th Birthday (14.3.2011). Daughter Jan looks proudly on.

Who needs a village pump when you have a village blacksmith?

Editor’s Note: Please submit any snippets of interest (eg: Congratulations, New Babies, Special Birthdays, Anniversaries, Local Knowledge, etc) that you may have for the publication by the 15th of each month.

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William Ormerod reports on the Bowls result
“Can't stop, William, I'm in a hurry” and “must dash “called out 2 prominent West Street residents today. A beautiful, sunny early March day, with snowdrops, crocus and daffodils lining the verges near the top of West Street. But dear old Jeff Edwards, in his nineties and an ambling John Lardner, both stopped to admire the scene and also to hear the sad news. Jim Rosewarn and his bowling partner Les Bentick had bowled so well to reach the grand final in Melton Mowbray. But yesterday they succumbed in the first round to a pair from Bridgwater, Somerset.
However some of us remember that Bridgwater, full of Royalist Guns and supplies, were defeated by Cromwell’s Parliament Army and surrendered to Sir Thomas Fairfax in July 1645. But brave Royalist Lady Bankes valiantly defended Corfe Castle until February 1646—and then betrayed by treachery by Lieutenant Colonel Pitman who let Parliament troops onto the castle walls—not a fair defeat. So, where Corfe outlasted Bridgwater in the Civil War, Bridgwater finally outclassed Corfe --------- after 365 years !

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2 April Saturday  10.15 am
2 April Saturday  7.30 pm
2 April Saturday  11.00 am
3 April Sunday  10.00 am – 5 pm
4 April Monday  7.00 – 8.30 pm
5 April Tuesday  2.00 pm
6 April Wednesday  7.30 pm
7 April Thursday  7.30 pm
8 April Friday  10.00 am onwards
9 April Saturday/Sunday  9 am – 4.30 pm
10 April Sunday  11.30 pm
11 April Monday  7 pm
12 April Tuesday  7.30 pm
13 April Tuesday  7.30 pm
14 April Wednesday  10.30 pm – 12 noon
16 April Saturday  10.30 – 12 noon
19 April Tuesday  11 am – 3 pm
21 April Thursday  7.30 pm
29 April Friday  2 – 5 pm
29 April Friday  10.00 am onwards
29 April Friday  10 am – late
30 April – 1 May Saturday/Sunday  9 am – 4.30 pm

CALENDAR for APRIL 2011

Coffee Morning Corfe Castle Village Hall
Double Act Barn Dance Corfe Castle Village Hall
Ring a Bell St Edwards Corfe Castle
Antique and Collectors Fair Corfe Castle Village Hall
Double Act Workshop Corfe Castle Village Hall
Aquarius Meeting Corfe Castle Village Hall
Annual Parochial Meeting Kimmeridge Village Hall
Bingo Corfe Castle Village Hall
Annual Parochial Meeting St Edwards Church Corfe Castle
Corfe Castle Parish Annual Meeting School Hall
Movie Night – The Ghost Harmans Cross Village Hall
Church Knowle Parish Council Meeting Church Knowle Village Hall
Childrens Easter wool Workshop Corfe Castle Village Hall
Cancer Research Coffee Morning Corfe Castle Village Hall
Family Activity Day Margaret Green Rescue Church Knowle
Bingo Corfe Castle Village Hall
Royal Wedding Picnic and Balloon race Corfe Castle First School
Royal Wedding Celebration Church Knowle Village Hall
The Alternative Royal Wedding Celebration CC Royal British Legion
Harmans Cross Art Group Exhibition Harmans Cross Village Hall

Forthcoming Events

If you know about any forthcoming events please let us know. Similarly please tell us if any of the regular dates are wrong or if there is a regular event which should be included

1 May Sunday  10 am – 5 pm
5 May Thursday  7.30 pm
21 May Saturday  10.15am – 11.30am
21 May Saturday  10.00 am
28 May Saturday  7.00 pm
29 May Sunday  10 am – 6 pm
30 May Monday  10 am – 4 pm
10-12 June Fri-Sunday
25 June Saturday  2-5pm
26 June Sunday  2-5pm
28 – 31 July
6 August Saturday  7.30 pm
12 August Friday

Antique and Collectors Fair Corfe Castle Village Hall
Village Hall AGM Kimmeridge Village Hall
Help for Heroes cash in the attic sale Corfe Castle Village Hall
Gala opening Purbeck Art Weeks Festival Castle Grounds
Mission Hall Jazz Band St Peters Church Knowle
Craft Fayre Church Knowle Village Hall
May Fair Castle Grounds
Corfest
Midsummer Merriment Tyneham Barn
Kimmeridge Open Gardens
Flower Festival St Edwards
The Death of Sherlock Holmes Kimmeridge Bay
Barn Dance Fish n’Taters Ceilidh Band Furzebrook Village Hall
CORFE CASTLE LIBRARY

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OPENING HOURS

MONDAY ..............................2.30-4.30
TUESDAY ............................CLOSED
WEDNESDAY ..........................4.30 - 6.30
THURSDAY ............................CLOSED
FRIDAY ...............................CLOSED
SATURDAY ..........................10.00 - 12.00

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CHURCHES OF CORFE VALLEY

St. Edwards
St. Nicholas
Church Knowle
Kimmeridge
Corfe Castle
St. Peters
St. Michaels
St. Marys
Steeple

The Beneﬁce of the Corfe Valley on the Isle of Purbeck is within the Church of England, the Diocese of Salisbury and the Deanery of Purbeck. The liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Common Worship (CW). The geographic area covered by the valley Church includes the villages of:-

Corfe Castle, Church Knowle, Kimmeridge, Steeple (with Tyneham), the small communities of Bradle, Bucknowle, Bushey, Norden, Rempstone, Woolgarston and the Islands in Poole Harbour (except Browsea).

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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The Reverend Andrea Hagenbuch writes

There is a lot of moaning and complaint this year that Easter falls badly. The inconvenience of it coming at the end of April rather than the beginning appears to be very great particularly where school holidays are concerned. To my great shame I have even heard myself saying how much better it is when it arrives early so we can get it over and done with!

Easter is actually one of my favourite times of year. I love the spring flowers: the yellows and the blues and the brightness of the tulips – the smell of hyacinth and the sound and sight of the newly born lambs.

But spring is synonymous with new growth and new beginnings. After a long winter its good to look forward to new beginnings. And its good to look forward to Easter and this year it will be that much sweeter having had longer to look forward to it.

For Easter fill us with a new hope. The Easter story reminds us that we can look beyond the present day – beyond the suffering of this world: the unrest in the middle east, the Japanese earthquake and the uncertainties and anxieties of our own lives. Through the wonder and mystery of the resurrection we can look forward to a time when the questions of this life are answered, the meaning of life made clear and we can finally be at one with ourselves and God.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Easter services: Palm Sunday, throughout Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Day itself.

May I wish you all a very happy Easter.

Andrea

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THE CORFE VALLEY CHURCHES
SCRIPTURE READINGS - APRIL 2011

**Sunday 3rd April**
Ephesians 5: 8 - 14
John 9

**Sunday 10th April**
*Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14
Romans 8: 6 - 11
John 11: 1 - 45

**Sunday 17th April**
*Isaiah 50: 4 -9a
Philippians 2: 5 - 11
Matthew 21: 1 - 11

**Maundy Thursday**
Exodus 12: 1 - 4; 11 - 14
1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 26
John 13: 1 -17; 31b - 35

**Good Friday**
Isaiah 52: 13 - end of 53
Hebrews 10: 16 - 25
John 18: 1 - end of 19

**Easter Day**
Acts 10: 34 - 43
Matthew 28: 1 - 10

**Sunday 1st May**
Acts 2: 14a; 22 - 32
John 20: 19 - end

* To be read at Matins or Evensong

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Church Wardens
Corfe Castle: Frank Spooner 480378  Sheila Spinney 480323
Church Knowle Hazel Parker  480315
Kimmeridge Jennifer Hedley 480883
Steeple Julian Cotterell 480709
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**Notes:**  
- BCP – Book of Common Prayer  
- CW – Common Worship

### St Edward King and Martyr – Corfe Castle Parish Church

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**  
**Sunday 10th April 2011 at 11.30pm after the morning service in the Church**

### St Nicholas of Myra - Kimmeridge Parish Church

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**  
**Wednesday 6th April 2011 at 7.30pm - Kimmeridge Village Hall**

Agenda & papers can be requested from Stephen Earwicker 480737

### FROM THE REGISTERS

We remember and pray for:

**Those married:**

- At Kimmeridge - a Service of Blessing  
  - 5th February - Colin and Tess Pettifer

**Those who have died:**

(The date is the date of the Funeral or thanksgiving Service)

- At Steeple  
  - 17th December - Charles Robert Patterson  
  - 17th February - Paddy Ford

- At Church Knowle  
  - 16th March - Mary Cecile Hole

- At Poole Crematorium  
  - 15th December - Marjory Joan Freeman  
  - 17th March - David Nias

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**Sunday 3rd April**

- **Mothering Sunday**
- **First Sunday**

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- **5th Sunday of Lent**
- **Second Sunday**

**Sunday 17th April**

- **Palm Sunday**
- **Third Sunday**

**Monday 18th April**

- **4pm**

**Tuesday 19th April**

- **6.30pm**

**Wednesday 20th April**

- **6.30pm**

**Thursday 21st April**

- **Maundy Thursday**

**Friday 22nd April**

- **GOOD FRIDAY**

**Sunday 24th April**

- **EASTER DAY**
- **Fourth Sunday**

**Sunday 1st May**

- **2nd Sunday of Easter**
- **First Sunday**
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St. Edward’s Parish Church
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Easter Lilies

Traditionally at Easter, we remember loved ones with the floral arrangements of Lilies in the Church. If you would like to contribute, and have the name of your loved-one read out at the Easter Sunday Morning Service, please give your donation and details to:

Barbara Canning at 42 East Street, Corfe Castle:
Suggested minimum Donation £3.00 please
If the donations exceed the number of lilies needed for the arrangements, your generosity helps towards the purchase of flowers for the Church during the year. In this way, departed loved ones are remembered by many, on many occasions.

Thank you C.C./P.C.C.

Call for Purbeck voters to make sure they can vote on 5 May
Recent figures published by the Office for National Statistics show that 36,991 people are registered to vote in Purbeck.

However, others could miss out. Steve Mackenzie, Electoral Registration Officer for Purbeck is advising that some residents need to act now if they are to have their say at the forthcoming elections. District, parish and town council elections and the UK referendum on the voting system to the UK Parliament all take place on Thursday 5 May.

Steve says: “Anyone who has moved house in the past few months needs to register with their new address. We believe there are some people in Purbeck who have not yet registered to vote, which means they will be missing out unless they take action now.”

Residents can request a registration form by calling Leigh Johnson, Electoral Services Officer at Purbeck District Council, on 01929 557219 or they can print one off from www.aboutmyvote.co.uk. Whilst the deadline for registration is 14 April, it is recommended that people do not leave it until the last minute in case there are queries on the registration form.

Adrian Green from the Electoral Commission, the independent elections watchdog, adds: “Residents may also be planning to be away on 5 May, given the extra Bank Holiday for the Royal Wedding. So it’s worth applying now to vote by post or proxy if that will suit your plans. You can print off the forms from www.aboutmyvote.co.uk. It just takes a few minutes, and then you are all set for 5 May.”

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Just recently some friends of ours lost a treasured member of their family. She died peacefully in her sleep and yet the sense of loss brought anything but peace to the hearts of the family and close friends. Just the other day I heard someone say, in relation to her death, the meaningless platitude, “Oh well, at least she had a good innings.”

The shred of comfort that the length of life might bring and the knowledge that the death was ‘peaceful’ could not have been further from the truth for another family who lost their son. He died as a young man in his early thirties. His mother watched him die and must have suffered unimaginable anguish and sorrow. Her son was crucified before her eyes. As Good Friday approaches we remember the death of this woman’s son. We remember his intolerable suffering, the mocking, the beating, the nails and the tears.

There are those atheists and agnostics who would declare that there is no historical proof of Jesus’ life or death. I am sorry to disappoint them – credible (non-Christian) historians contemporary with Jesus have left us their written records that Jesus existed and died on a Roman cross. Men like Tacitus, Josephus and Thallus who wrote even before the New Testament documents were written. Pliny tells us of Jesus’ life and death, he also tells us of his eye witness account of the volcanic eruption that destroyed Pompeii and we don’t doubt him on that one.

So what’s so good about Good Friday? On the surface the two deaths mentioned above are the same, the sad loss of a loved one, yet there is something so significant about the death of Jesus Christ that transforms the horror of these events into the greatest news we could ever hear. The Bible clearly teaches that the horror experienced by Christ is what we deserve for pushing God from His rightful place in our lives. Christ bore the punishment for our rejection of God so that we don’t have to. In other words forgiveness is now possible for those who will turn back to God and accept what Christ has done for them. It’s not just called Good Friday because it’s a Bank Holiday – it’s good because we can be free from all the rubbish in our lives, but, as always, it’s our choice. You can just have the bank holiday, or, you can have the bank holiday and peace – Jesus makes Friday Good.

Pastor Gordon Clements
Church Knowle News

Bangers and Mash Evening and Future Events

Community spirit is alive and well in Church Knowle as we all demonstrated on the 26th February. We had a fantastic turnout of 103 adults and 5 children coming to the Bangers and Mash Evening. The bangers were delicious and the desserts were remarkable both in their variety as well as the super quality (thank you to all those who supplied them). In addition, we all owe a big vote of thanks to the Committee members and the others who helped out on the night, and especially to all those who coped with the washing up on Sunday. Overall we made a surplus of £1041 for hall funds, which is a great result.

Building on this success, the next event which the Committee has organised is the Royal Wedding Celebration on Friday April 29th. Our plan is that, for the entry ticket, we shall project the events of the day live on a BIG screen in the Hall, supplying refreshments such as teas and coffees, and wine (which may well sparkle...) for the toast to the happy couple. For a small extra cost, you will be able to purchase a barbecue lunch. This promises to be a lively and enjoyable way of sharing the events of the day, so please let Peter Grant (480951) know how many tickets you would like. We don’t think we will be able to fit quite so many in as came to the Bangers and Mash evening due to space limitations, so book early!

Looking ahead, here is an outline of the events that will be happening over the next year:
- Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend (May 28/29) is the middle of Purbeck Arts Week, and we are planning to hold a Craft Fayre on the weekend. There is also the Jazz Festival in the Church on the Sunday evening.
- July 9th we plan to hold a Food Fair and historic tractor and car event.
- August 6th is the Fete
- August 29th is the Autumn Craft Fayre
- November 5th is Halloween and Bonfire Night rolled into one
- Sunday 4th December is the Canzanetta event in church
- Finally, January 14th 2012 will be History Night, we will be showing films/DVDs capturing some of the history of the area, including a DVD from Imerys.

Let Peter Grant or me know if you have ideas for events which you would like to see us organise or if you have any other suggestions. I hope you will join us for some or all of the village events.

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**Notices and Thanks**

**Corfe Castle Village Hall**

The Village Hall coffee morning raised £188.23 towards hall funds. It was lovely seeing so many people at this coffee morning, and some new faces too. We hope to see you all at the next coffee morning on Saturday 2nd April at 1015 and more besides. Thank you to everyone who helped at this event.

Judith Jenkins

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**Corfe Castle May Fair 2011**

The May Fair will be held in the Castle Grounds on Monday 30th May. Stallholders and village organizations within the Parish of Corfe Castle are welcome to attend. Entry forms are available from the National Trust ticket office from 1st April. Please do not ring me on 480407 as I will be moving. If you require any information please leave a message at the National Trust; I will be going in frequently to collect the forms.

Judith Jenkins

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**CANCER RESEARCH U.K.**

A coffee morning in aid of cancer research uk will take place on Saturday 16th April 10.30~12.00 In the village hall

Donations of goods for the stalls or raffle would be very welcome.

Please phone Bob Richards on 480213 to arrange collection or bring to the hall on the day between 09.00 and 10.00 am

This event is supported by Barclays Bank under their community investment programme

Many thanks, Liz Richards, secretary.

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**WOOL WORKSHOP**

**Children's Easter Workshop**

April 13th, 10.30 - 12.00, Corfe Castle Village Hall.

Make a pom pom Easter chick or Easter hair slide. Cost £3.00 per child, all materials provided. Suitable for children 6 years and above. Must be accompanied by an adult

Call Beverly on 01929 427067 for more info. Booking not essential, but it would be helpful to know if you intend to come.

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**Double Act Workshop**

**Monday April 4th, 7.00 - 8.30pm**

Corfe Castle Village Hall

This will be a taster for our forthcoming production in November of David Hollis' adaptatation of 'The Canterbury Tales' where all the performers play both the travelling pilgrims and the characters within the tales.

On this evening we will be focialising on 'The Knight's Tale' the first and longest of this hilarious romp through five of Chaucer's original tales. Please come along to get first hand, a flavour of the characters recreated in the authentic atmosphere of the Medieval period in the true spirit of the original, with all its vibrance and hearty comedy.

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**CorFest11 Update**

Just to confirm that we are planning CorFest this year to be from 10th to 12th June.

The programme is still under development but will include schools music and dance on Friday evening, “CorFest in the Castle” on Saturday, and “It’s a Knockout” and a BBQ on Sunday.

Details will be published shortly and will be available for viewing on our website – www.corfest.co.uk
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Purbeck Village Quire
Ever fancied singing or playing the music of Thomas Hardy's Wessex? For over 20 years the Purbeck Village Quire along with their band have been performing West Gallery & Folk music from the mid eighteenth to the mid nineteenth century that was sung in Purbeck and the surrounding area. Hardy's novel "Under the Greenwood Tree" describes just such a village quire & band from his childhood and we try to recreate some of the feel of those times in our concerts. We are starting rehearsals again in Wareham from 14th March on Monday nights and would love you to join us. The Purbeck Village Quire has appeared on BBC television at Christmas and last December performed with the BSO and The New Scorpion Band at The Lighthouse, Poole. If you think this may be up your street as either a singer or a player, or if your organisation would like to book us to do a concert for you, then do contact our musical director Steve Earwicker on 480 737 or our secretary Chris Pullen on 423 505. You can also see more of what we get up to on our website at www.earwicker.org/purbeck_village_quire.htm

May Elections
In May we should be holding an election to form the new Parish Council. It will however only take place if enough people put their names forward to take on what heretofore may have been considered of little consequence. As the Community Act passes into law I would urge that serious thought be given as to who best should represent the interests of the village as the Governments aim for the ‘Big Society’ take root. Currently there is very little that a Parish Council can achieve given its minute budget and subservience to the District and County Councils. Time and time again the wishes of local people have been ignored but this we are told is about to change as ‘Top Down@ government goes into reverse. We therefore need a team of councillors with the vision and experience to seize the opportunities that may arise from this sea change in policy and to give leadership in taking forward the Parish Plan. So come May let's have a choice of candidates with ideas for the future and give them the mandate arising from a high turnout at the ballot box.
FURZEBROOK VILLAGE HALL

Hall Bookings Clerk: Eileen Cake, Ashcroft, 64 Furzebrook Road, Wareham. Telephone: 01929 552392

FUTURE EVENTS

WHIST DRIVES — 5th April, 19th April, 3rd May at 7.30 all welcome.

TABLE TOP SALES — The last of the “spring” sales was held on 26th March. The “Autumn” sales will commence on 1st October and continue 29th October and 26th November 2011. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to welcoming everyone in the Autumn.

REGULAR EVENTS

Zumba — exercise to music. Thursdays 8 – 9pm contact Lisa 01929 421663

Young at Heart — Extend Health & Fitness Class. Mondays 10.30 to 12 noon Contact Mary Fleccia – 01929 471490

Wareham short mat bowls — Tuesdays 2.00 to 4.00pm and Wednesdays 7.00 to 9.30pm Contact Roger Matthews 01929 401799

Yoga — Wednesdays 2.15 to 3.45 (bookable by term) stretch, strengthen & relax Beginners and experienced welcome Contact Pam Steele on 01929 556714

Qigong (wutan) traditional Chinese exercise classes for beginners held weekly. Thursdays 7.00 to 8.00pm in the small meeting room Contact Penny on 07969 925502
Kimmeridge Village News

As I write, on 15th March, the sun is pouring through the window, the birds are guzzling the nuts and seeds I replenish daily, toads’ spawn is in the pond and all seems right with the world in Kimmeridge. How far away, and yet, due to the wonders of modern communications, how near, the devastation and misery in Japan seem.

Last time I gave you a list of forthcoming events. Just to recap on the most imminent, it would be good to see as many as possible at the:

Village Hall AGM on 5th May at 7.30pm

You will be able to find out and ask about the latest news on the Kimmeridge Project, the new Children’s Playground and this year’s activities and fund raising events. So much hard work goes on behind the scenes and the Committee would really value your input, suggestions and even, dare I say it, criticisms! So please come along at 7.30 to the Village Hall.

Kimmeridge Open Gardens
Sunday 26th June 2.00 – 5.00pm

Those kind souls who have offered (agreed!) to open their gardens are already hard at it with their preparations. If you would like to help with the day, we are hoping that there will be produce and cake stalls and your contributions to them would be greatly appreciated. We are also hoping that we shall have the pleasure of welcoming the Morris dancers again who made a huge contribution to the day last time. More news next time.

I have been keeping you up-to-date with Rose Clarke’s training and fundraising for the London Marathon and this is my last opportunity before the race on Sunday 17 April 2011. The total donations on her website this morning stand at an amazing £1559 and there are further pledges amounting to about £100 in Clavell’s. She would really like to try to double that amount which would give her £100 for each mile and there is still time. If you would like to donate in order to give Rose that final push and support

STAIRLIGHT you can go to: http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/theroserunner or sign up in Clavell’s. I, for one, will be trying to pick her out from the thousands on the TV screen! Well done, Rose, and the very best of luck!

Lastly, and sadly, on behalf of the residents of Kimmeridge, I would like to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of Mary Hole who recently and unexpectedly passed away. With her family connections and long term friendships in the village, Mary was, of course, a frequent visitor here. I know that her friends in Kimmeridge will have many fond memories of her and will miss her greatly.

Ann

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KINGSTON NEWS

The successful fumigation of the church was completed in time to welcome Gaynor for her first service in Kingston. The church seemed to have had a very thorough spring clean and it had a feeling of a new beginning. The bell ringers rang a quarter peal at the time of her installation at Langton, which was lovely gesture.

We are full of admiration for our friends in Corfe who seem to have been well organised for Shrove Tuesday and the Royal Wedding.

I notice that the papers have been saying that we have had the warmest February for a very long time. It wasn’t up here. There was no allowance made for the chill factor of the bitter north winds. I should like to know where they keep their well protected thermometers which seem unaffected by the wind. We do go on about our weather, but we do have a lot of it; luckily it is never as bad as in other parts of the world and it seldom gets monotonous. Just one sudden spring day can change one’s whole outlook on life. GP
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**Harmans Cross People Like Trees**

Recently The Village Hall Management successfully applied for an issue of free trees from the Woodland Trust Communities planting scheme, and received 105 very young trees with the theme ‘All the year Round Colour’. A working party from the village has planted most of these all round the South West Boundary in the existing Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with the long term in mind. The mix of Cherry, Rowan, Silver Birch, Hazel, Hawthorn and Dogwood should provide some interesting contrasts in future years as the development matures. These plantings will be supplemented with further indigenous local hedgerow plants as time goes by. A few plants have been potted on to cover the failure risk, the possibility of vermin damage, and to compliment future plans for the hall.

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THE SECRET OF THE KELLS PG The animated story of the boy behind
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THE FIGHTER (15) Christian Bale and Mark Wahlberg give stunning
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then became his brother’s trainer and inspiration until Micky turned pro is the
1980’s. Nominated for 7 Oscars. Bale won best supporting actor and Melissa
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RANGO PG Another animation – this time about a chameleon who lands
up in a Wild West lawless outpost. Sheriff needed. Johnny Depp stars.

THE EAGLE PG-13 Historical epic set in Roman-ruled Britain and a young
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