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## Editorial

We are back again to the festive Christmas season and the magazine is full of advertisements for events in and around the area. There is certainly no shortage of things to do during December and the holiday time.

We all feel battered by the weather, particularly the recent gales, which were spectacular when seen from the Kimmeridge boathouse, but also frightening. We similarly feel battered by the ongoing economic problems and the war in Afghanistan. Let us hope that the New Year brings something better.

In the meantime the editorial team wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Stephen, Peter and Tim

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# CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

## DECEMBER AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

Some of your Councillors recently attended the annual car parking meeting at Purbeck District Council. They sought a 10% reduction in parking fees in order to support both local business interests and residents with parking permits. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, the District Council is about to consider a recommendation for a 2.5% increase in permit fees and the West Street parking fees to be the same all year. If passed by the Policy Group (PDC), this effectively increases the parking fee for 2 hours from £1 to £2.10 in the winter. By comparison the parking fee for 2 hours in Wareham is £1. The resident reserved spaces in both towns will increase to £6.04 per week. In case you weren't sure, in view of a certain letter that appeared in another publication, the Parish Council does not own any car parks in the village or anywhere else.

The Councillors were very sorry to see Jane Ellwood departing from the Parish Council. Jane has resigned so that she has more time for other family matters and her enthusiasm for, and knowledge of village affairs will be greatly missed. The Chairman thanked her for her work over a period of more than six years and we wish her well.

This will, of course, mean that the Council has a vacancy and we would be pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested in becoming a Councillor. This particularly applies to the residents of Kingston who are not currently represented on the Parish Council.

The Council considers all planning applications and submits comments to the District Council. At the December meeting, Councillors had no objection to proposals for the following: The retention of the existing five Portakabins for a further 5 years at the Village Hall Car Park, East Street, Corfe Castle. The demolition and rebuilding of an existing wall to align with the verge along Webbers Close at 71 West Street, Corfe Castle (Revised scheme for consideration.) *The Parish Council has no objection to the original application. The Parish Council originally opposed this proposal for clarification reasons. These have now been provided and the Council wishes to see the original scheme implemented with the hedge removed. This hedge has no historical significance, being planted in 1947, or special value and its removal would provide more parking space in Webbers Close.*

Councillors enjoyed a break from business when the meeting was interrupted by a large group of local carol singers (with musical accompaniment) who sang very enthusiastically to all those present. The Parish Council wishes everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

## **CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

*Jeff Dunn, Parish Clerk*

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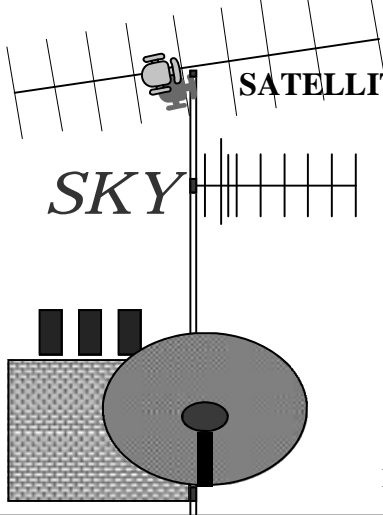
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## **CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Chairman welcomed the Members and 15 Steeple and Church Knowle parishioners to what was to become a lively pre-Christmas meeting of the Parish Council in the chandeliered and the Lilliputian minstrel galleried and cosy delights of the Church Knowle Reading room on the dark and drenching night of 8<sup>th</sup> December. Dr Foster would have been at home on the pavement and path – he needn't have gone to Gloucester!

The usual 15 minute public debate period which normally precedes each of our Council meetings was extended to nearly an hour during which Steeple (and some Church Knowle) parishioners expressed their concerns about lack of parish democracy in Steeple and a planning application which they felt would have a considerable effect on Steeple village. The main purpose of the public debate was to gauge feelings about local parish governance and the possibility of forming a joint parish council for Steeple & Church Knowle. This led to very constructive debate about the lack of a Parish Meeting at Steeple and concern about what was perceived by some as almost semi-feudal organisation of parish affairs. Steeple parishioners advised the Church Knowle councillors that there had been no Parish Meeting called or held for a considerable time but there was a Parish Chairman". Church Knowle councillors were concerned that their sister parish, which had been included in the Joint Parish Plan was so poorly represented and explained the mechanics of joint councils and other methods of improving local democracy at parish level. The Steeple parishioners present decided that a Parish Meeting should be called and another to discuss the way forward.

During the Public Discussion period, the Chairman proposed that the one of the planning matters on item 7 the agenda should be brought forward so that those from Steeple parish could listen to CKPC's discussions and comments on the plans. This was seconded and unanimously carried. The application concerned partial demolition and construction at Steeple cottages which involved the effective removal of two housing units and their replacement with one. CKPC were able to comment on the planning application because of the Joint parish Plan. Meeting technicalities then took pace and after considerable discussion and review, the Councillors decided to object to the planned development, listing over-development, loss of housing units, loss of amenity, increased traffic, etc as some of their concerns. The meeting was then temporarily closed and public discussion re-opened to allow parishioners and public to express their views. More discussion about the pros and cons of the Steeple parish meeting and the development ensued almost causing the Clerk's pen to burst into flames from overheating!

The Meeting was then again called to order and normal business resumed. Mrs Parker (Chairman) then thanked all the Steeple parishioners attending and explained they would be welcome to stay in the warmth and dry and witness local democracy Church Knowle-style; mince pies would follow after the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were presented for approval and there were no matters arising. Nothing was postponed to the January meeting either.

Next up was the second planning matter; that of the extension of permission for “portakabin city” in the Corfe Castle Village Hall car park. The surgery has now been in temporary accommodation for several years and many Church Knowle parishioners attend it as patients of the local GP. Although not in CK Parish, Councillors felt there was a need for them to comment because of the relatively large number of CK parishioners using the facility. They thought that another 5 years of permission for the temporary buildings was a bit long and might result in a “laissez faire” attitude by PCT, Purbeck Planners, the practice management and others in getting a decent set of GP consulting rooms for Church Knowle & Corfe. Indeed, if another 5 years goes on, they might even rot and collapse into a heap of old plywood! Councillors decided to recommend to PDC that permission is granted for only a further two years. They felt that by reducing the time the “powers that be” might just get their acts together and a new surgery might be built. Readers may recall that there was an original plan to build one down by the Raglan development near the Corfe cricket field. Whatever happened to that?

Overgrowth of some garden hedges in Church Knowle continues and now that the Council knows the identities of the owners concerned, letters will be written to them and Dorset Highways if nothing is done. Talking about highways, potholes, blocked drains and collapses caused by the recent autumnal monsoons were then the order for discussion and the Clerk advised that a list had been prepared for action by DCC.

The Clerk then advised Councillors that finances were in good condition and Councillors confirmed a donation to Corfe Valley News so the editor and crew could continue their good work. There was a bit of discussion about the “trading area” of CVN in that some areas of Church Knowle and Steeple parish appeared not to receive copies.

As if the Council had not discussed Steeple enough that evening, the formal agenda item regarding links with Steeple came up. Councillors again expressed their concern about the problems and the Clerk advised on the legalities. The problem with Steeple having a Council of its own rather than a Parish Meeting with annually elected chairman was down the lack of population – at the last count about 85 electors. Since about 1954, two nearby parishes had informally come together and shared a parish council (Affpuddle & Turnerspudde). There

were similar examples in North Dorset. The Clerk advised Councillors that Steeple and Church Knowle could do the same. They could also formally unite into a single parish. But it was up to the parishioners of Steeple to decide what they wanted to do and call a meeting. Councillors decided to “wait and see” but would also give assistance to the convenors in moving forward with their ideas.

Readers will recall that the CK playing field and playground were discussed in November and that the Parish Council were hunting around for a benefactor to come out of the woodwork to assist in their plans to produce one of the finest playgrounds in the Corfe Valley and Beyond. Well, Cllr Page reported that there had been considerable progress in the grants situation and money seemed to be sloshing about waiting for Church Knowle to scoop it up. Furthermore, Cllr Bugle had been busy with the catalogues and in contact with firms who could supply slides, shelters climbing frames and all sorts. Cllr Parker then showed Members copies of the trust deed relating to the playing field: Remember how difficult it was to extract it from the vaults of Lloyds? Councillors unanimously decided to get firm quotes and have an emergency meeting before the end of the year if necessary to ensure finance was secured before any possibility of it going elsewhere in these days of government “savings”.

There was then a report on the regular liaison meeting between the Purbeck District Council and the Parishes. The Vice Chairman (Cllr Wilson) told Members that PDC had closed the cash office at Westport House and that a new reception area was going to be built at PDC’s HQ. There was also going to be reorganisation at PDC and sharing of resources with West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland Councils to reduce costs. She also informed the meeting that, apparently, PDC takes notice of comments made by parish councils on planning applications.

The Clerk reported on the red ‘phone boxes saga where BT want to rip out the telephone equipment and hand over the boxes to the Parish Council for them to look after for £1.00p. This would obviously reduce BT’s costs in removing them completely. BT provided the Clerk with a list of ‘phone numbers called from the boxes over the past year and in the case of the Church Knowle box, where there is hardly any mobile coverage, nearly all the calls were to Directory Enquiries. You don’t have to pay for these from a ‘phone box. The same was said of East Creech. BT suspected that people use the ‘phone boxes to get telephone numbers and then use their mobiles. Anyway, the matter was further discussed and the Council agreed to fight the ‘phone box closures.

There now appears to be a problem with the Church Knowle affordable rented housing site due to non-joined up local government. Councillors heard that because of the “Dorset Transport Infrastructure Contribution” – known to us all as “the Bedroom Tax”, and its somewhat blinkered imposition by planners at Purbeck District Council, the housing association may not be able to build the houses after all unless a waiver is allowed or unless PDC planners (or their

Councillor bosses) alter their policies for exemption sites. A letter to this effect from Raglan was read out to stunned silence. Raglan asked for CKPC's assistance in having the bedroom tax waived for such developments and Councillors unanimously agreed to do all that was possible to help. However, this could not be voted on at December's meeting because the letter came in too late for the agenda. However, the matter will be discussed at length at the January meeting which will be held at Church Knowle Reading Room when the Regional Manager of Raglan and The Head of Purbeck's Planning & Development Dept will also be present. **All those interested in the effect of the bedroom tax and its imposition by Purbeck on affordable rented housing should come to this meeting to express their views.** Let's hope it doesn't get too violent; there ain't enough room in the Reading Room for a riot!! The Parish Council is still building up its list of parishioners – past & present – in need of tenanted affordable housing, so please contact the Clerk.

After a long and arduous, but also thoroughly enjoyable and constructive meeting which ended at about a quarter past ten, the Chairman invited all who remained to a hot mince pie or two (The Clerk consumed four) and wished everyone a merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Church Knowle Council & Clerk would like to wish all Readers and Parishioners

*A  
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All our events in the run up to Christmas went very well. We all had a great time at our joint First School and Pre-school Christmas Fair, and we were really pleased that it was so well supported by the local community. As a result of everybody's hard work, help and support, we were able to raise over £1000, which has been split 50/50 between the School and the Pre-school. The children also had a fantastic time at their Christmas Party. They were surprised by a special visitor, who brought them all a small present, and told them that if they were good boys and girls, he'd be back with more on Christmas Eve!

We have a lot planned for the next school year. Top of our list is to get our outside space finished. We have been getting quotes from lots of builders, and we're hoping to start work very soon.

We have a lovely new After School Club Leader starting this month. Her name is Clare, and now that she has joined our team, we will soon be expanding our after school services, and offering Holiday Clubs, so watch this space!

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What an industrious afternoon we had in December, when Miranda Cookson showed us all how to make little Pixies for Christmas. Although some members were unconvinced they could reproduce one of Miranda's charming characters, I think most left with pride – and a Pixie!

**IMPORTANT: AT OUR AGM IN MARCH, WE SHALL BE ELECTING THE AQUARIUS COMMITTEE FOR 2010. YOU ARE INVITED TO PICK UP A NOMINATION FORM - more info at the January Meeting.**

Events:

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Satellite Groups:

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**Singing Group** – contact Lorna Walker 480518.

**Coming next: Tuesday, 5 January**

**Antiques Roadshow with Amy Brennan, Dukes of Dorchester**  
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**And After that: Tuesday, 2 February**

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL AQUARIUS MEMBERS**



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## CORFE CASTLE TOWN TRUST

The Trustees look forward to an exciting year ahead and take this opportunity to thank all those who supported us during 2009 and to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy 2010.

The Town Trust has been fortunate to secure funding to run community based learning opportunities from the South West Lifelong Learning Network and we look forward to offering a programme of activities in the Spring. Last year you may remember we ran Computer courses for beginners and Digital Photography sessions in the Town Hall. We found that not many people took up the sessions in the run up to Christmas so we decided to start these in the New Year. So, if you want to brush up your computer skills or languages during the winter months do look out for the programme, which will start in February. The programme will be displayed in the Museum, in the Post Office and in the Library and full details will appear in next month's CVN. If you would like to register your interest in advance please leave your name and telephone number on the Town Trust answerphone (01929-480666) and we will contact you.

The Museum group now meet fairly regularly on Monday mornings in the Town Hall (above the Museum) between 10.00 and 12.00. This time is used to catalogue and update the Museum records and arrange the collection details, so if you would like to help and you are free on Monday mornings please leave a message for Tony Bryan on the Town Hall number and he will get in touch. This is a useful way of getting to know Trustees and the work of the Trust and the Museum.

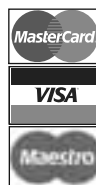
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Many of you will no doubt be planning to enjoy a walk on Studland beach over the New Year period and, whatever the weather, it is certainly the time to see the beach at its quietest and most dramatic. The countryside team have recently re-opened the vista from Fort Henry by coppicing the trees that had grown up and restricted the view, so if you need a reason to escape to the beach go along and have a look.

Whilst it is quiet in terms of visitor numbers the work of the beach ranger team continues at a pace throughout winter dealing with the modern day curse of marine waste as well as completing the essential repairs needed after such a busy holiday season. The beach café also remains open and recently won a regional National Trust award for the greatest range of products locally sourced so do pop in.

At the end of last year you may have picked up on the successful recreation of a rare stone lined dew pond in Langton Matravers. The pond was discovered after the area was surveyed for the Purbeck Important Ponds Project which is organised by Dorset Wildlife Trust. A dew pond is a pond that doesn't have a water source coming into it and is created where water collects in a depression in a field.

When the dew pond was discovered it was buried under a thicket of bushes in the corner of a field. It took two days for a team of volunteers to uncover the pond, which was filled with about three tonnes of rubble. It's great to be able to help recreate such an important habitat for wildlife. Dew ponds are an excellent habitat for wildlife, including all known British dragonfly species and the rare great crested newt. It will be exciting to see how the area develops and we hope to see smooth newts there as well as the great crested variety in the future. A fuller account of the discovery of the dew pond and its importance for wildlife can be found at:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/dorset/hi/people\\_and\\_places/nature/newsid\\_8369000/8369957.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/dorset/hi/people_and_places/nature/newsid_8369000/8369957.stm)

Mandy Jarvis, CV Manager for the National Trust in Purbeck.

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In the bleak midwinter,  
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Details to follow in February's edition

## Corfe Castle Weather Report for November 2009

In November 2009 the hand of my barometer only pointed at the "Fine Weather" section on one single day (the 9th ). On that fine sunny day there was a pleasant, light Northerly breeze. Daytime temps reached 8 C (46F) , normal for a fine autumn day, all of which gave us hope, that a weather change was in evidence. However, for the rest of the month we felt the effects of one strong low pressure centre after the other passing above us, which produced strong south-westerly winds and heavy rainfalls daily except two (the 18th and 30th). Huge, dark rainclouds allowed only little blue sky and sunshine to get through. As the heat from the warm, moist South-Westerly winds got trapped under the thick cloud formations day and night temperatures remained high, causing the grass to grow strongly in our gardens and tender shoots from snowdrops and daffodils to break through as early as the morning of Armistice Day. But to many this was dreary November weather at its worst, surpassed only by few Novembers.

November rainfall: 7.3/4" (198.0mm), which is 46.2% above the 18 years average for November of 5.3/8th"(135.4mm). On only 4 days did it not rain. It was, however, year 2002 which produced the largest 18 years November rainfall of 9.3/8th"(239.7mm) with only one rainless day. Compare this with the recent 12.3/8th"(314mm) which fell in Cumbria in just 24 hours during the 20th and 21st, causing death and widespread damage. Happily conditions in Corfe Castle appear to be different to those of Cokermouth.

### Temperature Changes.

1) Average Highest Day Temps:	<u>November</u>	<u>Jan-Nov</u>
2001 to 2008	11.2C (52.1F)	15.6C (60.1F)
2009	12.1C(53.8F)	15.1C(59.2F)
2) Average Lowest Night Temps:		
2001 to 2008	5.8C(42.4F)	8.8C(47.9F)
2009	8.1C(46.5F)	8.8C(47.9F)
3) 1 and 2 combined:		
2001 to 2008	8.5C(47.5F)	12.2C(54.0F)
2009	10.1C(50.2F)	12.0C(53.6F)
<u>Temperature Changes</u>	+1.6C(+2.7F)	-0.2C(-0.4F)

Global Warming showing itself in November figures, and area cooling in Jan-Nov figures. Geert.

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## Exciting Sightings

The stormy weather frequently throws many passage seabirds off course and sometimes Kimmeridge Bay is a safe and sheltered Bay to reside in. A rare Grey phalarope was spotted mid December, floating near the slipway in Kimmeridge, spinning 360° and picking food, typically invertebrates off the water's surface. This Arctic-breeding wader spends a large proportion of its life out at sea, occasionally visiting the UK after whilst on migration to the west coast of Africa. Adult grey phalaropes are about 20 cm long and this is one of the few species where the female performs the courtship displays and participates in territorial defence while the male incubates and rears the young.

Another sea bird spotted in the Bay was a Little gull with its distinctive black spot behind the eye and full black beak. This species could be easily confused with the winter plumage of the black headed gull but the beak colour and smaller length are the main differences. Although uncommon, this is the first time we have seen this bird that closely resembles a little tern in flight and there are records of several hundred wintering in Britain and Ireland.



Wading through the stranded debris aftermath of the south-westerly winds, our resident strandline expert, Steve Trehwella, discovered the unusual *Conchoderma virgatum*, a very attractive brown striped goose barnacle. To our knowledge, this almost cosmopolitan oceanic floater has only ever been recorded twice in Dorset over the last 40 years, found attached to Trigger fish. It is thanks to Steve and his relentless beach wrecking that to date, 7 species of goose and buoy barnacles collectively, have been identified along the Dorset coast and many for the first time! Image above shows stripey barnacle attached to some plastic debris Steve Trehwella.

Looking out of the marine centre window late November, a Grey seal was spotted diving down and returning with a large Ballan wrasse fish in its mouth. We were lucky enough to watch this rarely-seen feeding as it floated on its back in the water. Grey seals are the largest to be found on our coasts, with male seals growing up to 3m long. They can be spotted around most of the UK although we haven't had a sighting in Kimmeridge Bay for nearly two years.

## Worbarrow beach clean

87 volunteers helped to collect a painstaking 515kg of rubbish, of at the Worbarrow Bay beach clean in December. One interesting find was that of a Storm petrel, Britain's smallest seabird, washed up on the strandline and the fantastic 299 mermaid's purses (skate and shark egg cases) collected. A record number ever

found in one day! The next beach clean will be at Kimmeridge Bay on Sunday 18th April at 13.30. Look forward to seeing you there.

The Fine Foundation Marine Centre will be closed in January for refurbishments and maintenance. It will open again in February, Sundays only, 12-4pm.

**Emma Rance, Marine Officer**

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## From **THE VILLAGE PUMP!**

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### **2010 – NOW AND THEN.....**

A new decade, a new year, a new application to the original floor at the Village Hall; a time to look forward and to look back as to how it all began. As you are all aware, Corfe Castle Village Hall will be closed from Wednesday, 6 January to Sunday 17 January, to allow the floor to be re-varnished and the Badminton lines to be renewed. This will improve the facilities of the Village Hall and the committee is pleased to say that the rates of hire will not be increased in 2010!

Chatting with Tom and Peggy Hunt (often my source of Corfe Castle history!), the story goes that not long after WWII, in the early 1950's, Major Ryder of Rempstone Hall and the Bankes Family, donated land where once fields and some allotments flourished, where now the Village Hall stands. A hut was built here, for Corfe Castle Royal British Legion; later they acquired new premises at the old School, now their present Club. I was interested to hear that the floor for this hut was made from trees from Rempstone Forest. In the 1940's, this was an Army training area and trees were damaged by the manoeuvres. These were sawn into blocks, under the supervision of Reg Spiller, to form the original

floor, which still serves us well today. A Village Hall was much needed, as hitherto, most of the entertainment took place in the School Hall. The Annual Carnival, in August, was the major fund raising event for the Village Hall and, over the decades, many improvements have been made. Tom and Peggy showed me a copy of the Western Gazette, dated August '88, from which I quote: "What made Corfe Castle Carnival so very different this year, was that it marked the fulfillment of a dream for Tom Hunt, chairman, and residents of Purbeck's best known village – the raising of the final amount for the £100,000 Village Hall Appeal." This was, in fact, the last Corfe Castle Carnival. So many people, over the years, have devoted their time and talent to the Village Hall Committee. I wish time and space enabled me to mention them all, nevertheless we all give thanks to them. George Preston, Chairman for almost two decades, has recently handed over the reins to Tony Speed, but remains a member of the Committee. George has asked me to say thank you to everyone for their support. So I say here's to full Speed ahead, in the decades to come.

## CHATTING WITH CONNIE ....

2010 heralds interesting local Anniversaries. Personal Anniversaries also spring to mind as I browse through Diary 2000, reading the interesting page dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, which features Connie McCrae (formerly Mrs. Tatchell), now living at Uvedale Court. Born in Kimmeridge on 28 August 1920 (yes, Connie's 90 this year!) she was the eldest of the 8 White children, 4 boys and 4 girls. Whilst working at Sheasby's Tea Rooms (now the Sweet Shop), Harold Tatchell from West Street, would hang about outside ..... and so their courting began. They married at Steeple Church, as did her mother and grandmother. Connie lent me a copy of the CVN May 1987, in which I read the obituary to Harold Tatchell, born in West Street 1907 and died in March '87. Connie and Harold lived at 21 East Street. Later Connie remarried widower, Danny McCrae, and continued to live at no. 21. In 2000, Connie was awarded "The Golden Brush Trophy" from the Parish Council and she was flushed with pride! This community award was in recognition of her tireless work on making sure the Village Public Loos, next door to 21, were always spick and span. She started cleaning them when they opened in 1981 (sadly now closed). I have known Connie since the 1960's and it's always a pleasure to sit and chat with her. She is very house proud and her cosy home is a credit to

her. I was prompted to pop in to see Connie, particularly with her connection to the Village Hall. She and Harold were caretakers of the Village Hall for many years and for 16 years, Connie took the Village Hall bookings with cash. She recalls how, on New Year's Eve, and other special occasions, there would be dances ending at 1.00am, when she and Harold went up to clean the Hall. Connie was overflowing with memories of those days. She was really chirpy and said "I could write a book". How we wish she would – any ghost writers offering?! Yellowed with age and folded very neatly, Connie took out a typed, foolscap-size paper from her biscuit barrel! This is dated 1959 and is a copy of the Standing Orders for the Conduct of the Village Hall and the scale of charges..... Dance or Social 12s 6d, Jumble Sales £1 10d and Wedding Receptions 2 pounds & 2 shillings. In the past few years, Connie has not been very well but now says she feels more like her old self and is excited about celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year with her family. She and Harold had 3 daughters and 1 son. She now has 10 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. Connie really enjoys reading the CVN and news from Kimmeridge is also of great interest to her, with many of her childhood and schoolday memories rekindled. Connie said, if I was

writing about her, could I please say .....

“Happy New Year to everybody and Good Luck to the Village Hall Committee, love from Connie”.

**RING THE CHANGES** .....

On a cold and frosty night in the silent streets of Corfe Castle, on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, the Bells of St. Edward’s rang out. Bystanders enjoyed and appreciated this sound, which marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1999 Dedication Service for the restored Bells. The photograph here is of the band that rang the Quarter Peal (1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles):- Lyn Higgins, Betty Crackle, Callum Howlett, Carole and Brian Dean.

Well done, thank you all.

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**Lil Gibb switches on the Corfe Christmas Lights on Saturday 28th of November 2009.  
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10	January	Sunday	6-8pm
6-17	January		
11	January	Monday	7pm
12	January	Tuesday	7.30pm
14	January	Thursday	7.30pm
18	January	Monday	7.30pm
21	January	Thursday	8pm
27	January	Wednesday	8pm
28	January	Thursday	7.30pm

## Forthcoming

**If you know about any forthcoming events please let us know. Similarly please tell us what should be included**

6	February	Saturday	10.30am	Coffee Morning
14	February	Sunday	3-5pm	Purbeck Duke
15	February	Monday	7.30pm	Lady Bankes b
18	February	Thursday	TBA	Hand and Glov



# CALENDAR for JANUARY 2010

Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Aquarius Meeting (Antiques Road Show)	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Purbeck Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	CC First School
Corfe Castle Village Hall closed for maintenance	
Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting	Corfe Castle Town Hall
Church Knowle Parish Council Meeting	Furzebrook Village Hall
Bingo	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Studland in World War 2 by David Kemp	CC Town Hall
Inaugural Gardeners meeting (all welcome)	RBL Corfe Castle.
AGM	RBL Corfe Castle
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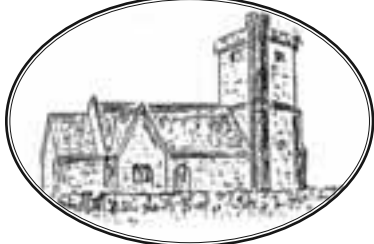
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## **The Reverend Ian Jackson writes**

In November I explained that we would be spending the month praying for the Benefice as we spent time looking at our pattern of services.

The service rota for January reflects the changes which have been discussed and agreed at all the four church councils. The new pattern is not, in fact, so different from the old. There is one less service a month at Kimmeridge and Church Knowle. This means that at each of the 'smaller' churches there are two services a month. Basically, we are recognising which services are needed and being supported. At Corfe Castle there will now be two 8a.m. services a month; this is because this service is valued and reasonably well attended.

The most important changes are that every month, on the 1st Sunday, there will be one service for the whole benefice (at Corfe Castle - with no services elsewhere) and that when there is a 5th Sunday there will also be one service for the whole benefice, and this will always be at Church Knowle. ( We will need to look out for the 5h Sunday - there are 4 in the year - but the service will always be in the same place, and Church Knowle is reasonably central for the whole benefice.)

In the discussions it was felt that it is very helpful to come together in a reasonably sized group. People from the 'smaller' parishes, where there can sometimes be quite small congregations, particularly value this - especially, those who play a key role in preparing for and leading the services.

I have outlined these changes in the Benefice Notes. It looks complicated even though I tried hard to keep the explanation as simple as possible. Its the sort of thing a training course for vicars would not be recommending! Its best, 'they' would say to be simple and to have one service in each church at the same time each week! We will try and highlight the changes to those most affected. Above all, I would ask that as well as looking for the services we particularly like we try and support the occasions when we meet together as a benefice. It really does make a difference. We need each other.

I am writing as the build up to Christmas gathers momentum. You will be reading the magazine after it is almost all over. I hope you all will have had a very good Christmas and very best wishes and prayers from the four churches and their congregations of this benefice for the New Year.

**IAN**

THE CORFE VALLEY CHURCH SERVICES  
JANUARY 2010

<u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</u>	Epiphany	First Sunday
8.00 Corfe Castle	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30 Corfe Castle	Benefice Communion	
No Evening Service		
<u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</u>	The Baptism of Christ	Second Sunday
8.00 Corfe Castle	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30 Steeple	Family Communion (BCP)	
10.30 Corfe Castle	Matins	
4pm Kimmeridge	Evensong	
<u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January</u>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	Third Sunday
8.00 Church Knowle	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30 Corfe Castle	Parish Communion (CW)	
No Evening Service		
<u>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January</u>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	Fourth Sunday
8.00 Corfe Castle	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30 Kimmeridge	Parish Communion (CW)	
10.30 Corfe Castle	Parish Communion (BCP)	
4pm Church Knowle	Evensong	
<u>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January</u>	The Presentation	Fifth Sunday
10.30 Church Knowle	Benefice Communion	
<u>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February</u>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	First Sunday
10.30 Corfe Castle	Benefice Communion	
Also: EVERY WEDNESDAY		
	10.30 at Corfe Castle	Holy Communion (BCP)
	2.30 at Church Knowle	Time of Informal Prayer
<u>Notes:</u> BCP – Book of Common Prayer		
CW – Common Worship		

THE CORFE VALLEY SCRIPTURE READINGS  
JANUARY 2010

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2010	Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	*Isaiah 43: 1-7 Acts 8: 14-17  Luke 3: 15-17; 21-22
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	*Nehemiah 8: 1-3;5-6;8-10 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Revelations 4 Luke 8: 22-25

**Contact Details for Church Wardens in the Valley**

**Clergy: -**

The Rev. Ian Jackson	480257
The Rev. Andrea Hagenbuch	481105

**Churchwardens: -**

Corfe Castle	Frank Spooner	480378
	Sheila Spinney	480323
Church Knowle	Hazel Parker	480315
Kimmeridge	Jennifer Hedley	480883
Steple	Tim Oddy	480826

## BENEFICE NOTES

Changes to the monthly service pattern

Following discussions and consultations we have agreed the following changes at the four PCCs of the Benefice.

On the 1st Sunday of the month there will be one service for the whole benefice. This will be at Corfe Castle at 10.30a.m. and will be a communion service. Our hope is that this will be an occasion and opportunity for as many as possible from the four churches to worship together and so encourage each other. This change means there will not be an 8a.m. service at Corfe Castle on the 1st Sunday of the month nor will the Evening Service at Kimmeridge be on the 1st Sunday of the month.

The Kimmeridge monthly Evening Service will move from the 1st Sunday to the 2nd Sunday.

There will now be 2 8a.m. services of Holy Communion at Corfe Castle each month; these will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

There will no longer be a 10.30a.m. service at Kimmeridge on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The service at 10.30a.m. at Kimmeridge on the 4th Sunday will be Parish Communion and not Matins.

Services at Steeple remain the same: the 10.30a.m. Family Communion on the 2nd Sunday and the Evening Service on the 3rd Sunday except during the Winter months of January and February.

At Church Knowle there will no longer be a 1030a.m. service on the 1st Sunday. The 8a.m. service on the 3rd Sunday and the Evening Service on the 4th Sunday remain as before.

When there is a 5th Sunday in the month there will be just one service in the benefice, as now. This, however, will be at Church Knowle on each occasion.

At Corfe Castle there remains a service at 10.30a.m. every Sunday except on the 5th Sunday of the month. Matins will now be on the 2nd Sunday unless it is a festival. Parish Communion on the 3rd Sunday will normally be Common Worship and on the 4th Sunday it will normally be according to the Book of Common Prayer.

These changes will be introduced in January. Please note that at Corfe Castle there will be an 8a.m. service on the 1st Sunday of the month as well as on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. (We had to publish the arrangements for the 1st Sunday before the new pattern had been agreed.)

## A Visit to Worth Abbey

Worth Abbey is in west Sussex and it is hard to find a better opportunity to escape our busy world and slow down in a very special Christian place. Worth Abbey is the subject of the BBC television series “The Monastery”, which some of you may have seen.

In October ten of us spent two days on a “taster retreat” to experience something of the daily life of a monk, and to have time to walk and read and to enjoy each other’s company. The accommodation was basic but comfortable, and the food was excellent. The round church at the centre of this beautiful and restful site was a silent space, in keeping with the procession of twenty five monks, who gathered to hold simple but haunting services seven times a day.

The Monastery is Catholic Benedictine and our appointed guide Father Patrick explained something of their history, philosophy and traditions. Their life of humility, love, prayer and work in the community was inspiring. The monks manage to balance their religious lives with being a parish church for the local village and running a public school.

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**Secretary:** David Foot, 1 St Edwards Close, East Street, Corfe Castle, Wareham, Dorset. BH20 5EF. Telephone (01929) 480755.

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**Wednesday** – "Bright hour" – 2:30pm – (2nd & 4th wk in the month)

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Dear Friends

In the run up to Christmas two groups of people won a fantastic amount of money on the lottery, they shared in the region of £90,000,000. One group was a married couple, the man having been out of work for a number of months. The other group was a syndicate of I.T. workers. How many other people has this win spurred on to pin their hopes on a lottery win? This extremely large amount of money may benefit the few people who have won it but it took millions of non winners to part with their hard earned cash just so they could 'hope' for a few days. Could it be that real life has become so dull and meaningless that these folk prefer to live in a dream world of hoping against hope that luck will come their way? Yes, real life can be hard and more cash might just ease some of the pain, but money cannot and will not solve our biggest problem.

Some two thousand years ago, in a stable in the little town of Bethlehem, God revealed Himself to the human race in the person of His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. The name 'Jesus' means 'He will save His people from their sins', and that was the ultimate purpose of His coming down to live with us tainted people. God's justice requires that sin, or wrongdoing of any kind, must be punished. And yes we all do wrong – there is no one good and perfect on this earth, whoever you are. But instead of punishing us for our sins, Jesus took the punishment we deserve by suffering a cruel and painful death by crucifixion. A true Christian is someone who accepts that Jesus did this for him or her personally, and who asks Jesus for His forgiveness. Christianity is not just about doing good and caring for others, although this comes from being forgiven ourselves and enables us to put this into practice. Neither is Christianity a club where we gather to tell ourselves how good we are or how much were doing for others. No, Christianity is about changed lives, forgiven lives, lives given freedom by the completed work of Jesus Christ on that cross.

How different from the lottery this all is! There is nothing for us to pay – Jesus has paid for our forgiveness with His life. No jackpot millions could do that. And unlike a lottery, there is no element of chance or disappointment. Jesus tells us in John's gospel that, "*Whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life*". If Christmas and this New Year is no more than a lottery, it will end with disillusionment, but a New Year with Christ will bring meaning and hope to life.

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*Our chickens are still not laying any eggs, but we have a couple of experts that have informed us that maybe it is something to do with the fact we have all cocks. Hey ho that is how things are going with us. We will have an egg. We are holding out for our rabbit (nibbles).*

*Anyway if the January blues has hit, come to The Castle Inn, the Christmas spirit fun is still here anytime of the year.*

*As always we find ourselves blessed and very lucky to be part of a great village.*

*Happy Festive Season to you all and we wish you a fantastic New Year.*

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We invite all our members to attend our Annual General Meeting at 6pm 25th January 2010 at Corfe Castle Village Hall preceding the public meeting. Open to members only.



# Conservatives

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## Notices and Thanks

The Village Hall Coffee Morning raised £230 towards hall funds. Thank you to everyone who supports this event. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.

### Corfe Valley Sports

A great evening was had by all who attended the Xmas Supper at Oliver's at which over £300 was raised towards Corfe Valley Sports. Many, many thanks go to Mark and Donna for their generosity in supporting our local sports club.

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### Rainbows

Rainbows have now closed, **UNLESS** there is someone out there prepared to take it over. Thank you Rainbows for the cards and presents you gave me, they were lovely. Thank you also to the Brownies for the presents you made me and for the cake, it was a wonderful surprise. After 13 years I look forward to not rushing from school on a Tuesday evening.

Judith Jenkins.

### Corfe Castle Village Hall

A reminder that the village hall will be closed to all users from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January (inclusive) so that refurbishment to the floor can be carried out.

# Thank you

I would like to thank everyone in the village for their kind words on the occasion of my leaving the National Trust after eleven challenging and interesting years. I found the people of Corfe Castle to be full of warmth and generous in spirit. My family and I enjoyed our time in the Old Post Office and we all miss the friendliness of village life. We intend to continue our association with the village as there are no folk like Corfe Castle folk!

At the Christmas Festivities Christmas Fair on the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec I was completely taken aback by Lil Gibb presenting me with a gift from the village. It was so unexpected and I thank you all very much.

I understand that it had been organised many months earlier as in the end my departure was rather lengthy affair!

I wish you all good health in 2010.

Doug Whyte

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## **Purbeck Duke of Edinburgh Award Centre**

I am a Police Officer currently stationed at Swanage and I am part of the Swanage Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team. Prior to joining the Police I was a Duke of Edinburgh's Award unit leader in Bournemouth. I thoroughly enjoyed helping young people achieve either their bronze, silver or gold awards and recently I decided to get back into the scheme. I felt that Corfe was an ideal place to offer an open award centre and **my aim is to open the centre on Sunday 28 February 2010.**

The DofE offers young people aged 14 to 25 the opportunity to engage in a structured, self-motivated, full filling award that will help in personal development. The award offers 5 sections, which include an expedition, physical recreation, skill, volunteering and residential (gold only). The award is split into 3 levels Bronze, Silver and Gold. The Bronze can be started at 14 years, the Silver at 15 years and Gold at 16 years.

Young people look at the various activities they would like to do and use them to qualify in each section of the award. I am looking for any young person aged 14 to 25 who wants to start the award for the first time or complete their award if they have started previously elsewhere. I am a silver and Gold Award holder, and I have been to Kenya as a young leader with the SW Regional exchange in 1997/98. The award has given me such wonderful opportunities and I cannot stress to young people enough the fun and positive experiences that they will gain whilst engaging in the award scheme.

**If you are interested and to find out more please get in touch or attend one of our open evenings on either Sunday 10 January 2010 6-8 pm or Sunday 14 February 2010 3-5 pm at Corfe First School.**

I look forward to hearing from you. Barry Ashdown  
Barry\_ashdown@yahoo.co.uk

Or contact County DofE Manager, Mary Harper on 01305 851065

## Council approves funding for signalling and track design at Worgret Junction

**Members of Purbeck District Council last night agreed for the Council to put up to £100,000 towards the design of the signalling and track infrastructure at Worgret Junction, near Wareham, to make it suitable for a regular passenger service.**

Councillor Simon Goldsack, Local Economy Spokesperson for Purbeck, said: "The Isle of Purbeck is constrained by many environmental restrictions and making improvements to road infrastructure very difficult. It is important, therefore, that the Council works with partners to ensure that it makes use of all the opportunities to improve access to Swanage, Corfe Castle and the Isle of Purbeck. This will help the economy of Purbeck and south east Dorset, and the Council is committed to doing all it can to make this project a success".

Councillor Mike Lovell, speaking on behalf of the Purbeck Rail Partnership, said: "This is a significant step towards reconnecting the national rail link to Swanage and Corfe Castle which offers the ideal opportunity to provide an alternative means of accessing the area for tourists, commuters and businesses."

Network Rail will now proceed with the design work which will lay the foundation for the works required to make Worgret Junction suitable for regular passenger rail services.

The Purbeck Rail Partnership has been working for a number of years to reconnect Swanage and Corfe Castle to the national rail network. It is also a priority of the District Council. The design work, which will now take place, will show how Worgret Junction can be made suitable to take a regular passenger service. Money still needs to be found to complete the work, estimates show that this is in the region of £3million. The partnership is working with local MPs and the South West Regional Development Agency to unlock this funding.

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## **VICTORIAN EXTRAVAGANZA COMMEMORATING 125 YEARS OF RAILWAY TO SWANAGE**

Plans are in place for a week-long festival, to commemorate 125 years of the railway in Swanage. "Victorian Swanage" will run from the 17<sup>th</sup> of May (2010) until Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> where locals and visitors alike will get the opportunity to find out about Swanage's Victorian heritage.

Martin Payne, Commercial Director of the Swanage Railway, said:

*"We are delighted at the response, we wanted to do something special for the anniversary and the idea of a Victorian style festival seemed most popular. As we are running this for the whole week, community groups such as the Museum and Pier Trust are going to tailor specific events for schools and the community as well as a weekend 'spectacular' where there will be a traditional fair, street market and range of other activities such as carriage rides, around the quay."*

The highlight will of course be the re-creation of the first train to depart from Swanage on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May. "Victorian dignitaries" will travel from Swanage to Corfe Castle to a cavalcade of pomp and festivities, it has been rumoured Queen Victoria may even attend!

Julian Maughan, Vice Chair of the Swanage & Purbeck Hospitality Association said:

*"From our perspective it's a fantastic idea, although we are already well known for our Music festivals, it's terrific to see something that will provide entertainment for everyone. Swanage has such a strong heritage; many of our visitors enjoy the beach, but don't know how important the area was in Victorian times. We are hoping that everyone from restaurateurs, music groups, sports teams, and local business will get involved."*

Further information about Victorian Swanage will be available closest to the event. Anyone wishing to become involved should contact, in the first instance, Martin Payne at Swanage Railway.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Kimmeridge  
Village News

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Another new year is fast approaching and who knows what lies ahead. Let us all hope for peace, happiness and good health for us all locally and around the world. The Corfe Valley News has continued to be posted through our letter boxes promptly each month by Hasell to whom we are very grateful. We also appreciate the fact that it is St Nicholas Church that funds our copies. I have both sad and joyful news to pass on this month, and the usual feedback and reminders about local events.

We in Kimmeridge were extremely shocked and saddened to hear about the most untimely death of Russell Brown who, as you well know, moved away to Corfe Castle in June after fourteen years here. On behalf of everyone in Kimmeridge, I would like to pass on our most sincere condolences to his family.

December has been a busy month in the village. We were so fortunate that on the evening when the Christmas tree lights were turned on the gales temporarily abated, the rain stopped and we were able to go ahead as planned. Over 30 people turned out and it made a pleasant start to the Christmas festivities. The Bingo Evening was a great success once again with over 60 people turning up and around £300 was raised. Many thanks to Sarah and Spanner for organizing the evening and they would like to thank all those who donated the prizes. The proceeds of the Bingo Evening paid for the Children's Christmas party and that too was a fun afternoon. Thanks to the organizers and thanks also to Father Christmas for dropping by to drop off presents for the children.

Sales of *Secrets and Delights*, the Kimmeridge Cookery book, have



been going very well. We covered our costs within a couple of weeks and so are now in profit. If you haven't bought a copy yet, well, it's too late now for Christmas presents but there are still copies available in Clavell's. I should like to thank Emma Hole very much for so willingly agreeing to sell them for us. Clavell's doesn't take any commission, all the proceeds going to the Village Hall.



Looking a little way ahead, we are delighted to confirm that with



***Kimmeridge Village Hall will be hosting the***

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**Goldilocks!**

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Next month I shall be able to give you the exact time and ticket prices but, in the meantime, please tell your friends about this exciting opportunity – something for the children to really look forward to during the February half-term holiday.

Another piece of exciting news is the Miracle Theatre's production in Kimmeridge Bay in August will be the much loved **Romeo and Juliet** which is certain to prove to be very popular.



And finally, we'd all like to pass on our congratulations to **Mark and Laura Bugler** on the birth of their daughter, **Sophie Jane**, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Sophie weighed 8lb 9oz and both she and her mum and dad are doing well. Congratulations, also, to Grandpa Rob and Granny Caroline who are going to be kept busy!

**STOP PRESS! GREAT NEWS!** At the Purbeck District Council planning meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December, permission was granted for the Kimmeridge Project – the building of the Fossil Museum and Village Hall. Congratulations to all those people concerned with the project who have put in so much effort over the past couple of years.



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Thursday 28 th January**

The Village Hall Management Committee cordially invite you to a meeting on the above date at 7:00pm, in the Old Hall.

The evening is aimed at providing existing – and potential users – with an informative and enjoyable evening comprising :-

- An overview of current New Hall Build progress.
- Provision of a descriptive - yet interim leaflet.
- A description of the total facility - including state-of-the-art systems for a hearing loop, professional audio visual equipment, stage lighting and sound system.
- A demonstration of The New Hall Website - with booking facility.
- The plans for the Open Event - on 17 th July

Obviously there will be plenty of time for questions as the teams involved with the above will be in attendance.

Also there will be opportunities to discuss your specific interests over a drink as the bar will be open on the above evening.

We are looking forward to your participation and confirmation in due course to Alan on 01929 477125

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### **FUTURE EVENTS**

**WHIST DRIVES 2010** – 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
@ 7.30 all welcome.

**QUIZ NIGHT** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February. £5 per person to  
include supper - Groups of 6 each team maximum – Cash  
prizes – raffle – bring your own “tipple” Please ring Jayne  
01929 550036 to book.

**TABLE TOP SALES 2010** – 27<sup>th</sup> February, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Sellers  
@ 9.00 and Buyers @ 10.00 – 13.00. Please ring Jayne 01929  
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Dates for Dance night, Race night, Barn Dance and Autumn  
table top sales will be given in future editions of Corfe Valley  
News.

### **REGULAR EVENTS**

**Young at Heart** – Extend Health & Fitness Class. Mondays 10.30 to 12 noon Contact  
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**Wareham short mat bowls** – Tuesdays 2.00 to 4.00pm and Wednesdays 7.00 to  
9.30pm Contact Roger Matthews 01929 401799

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**Qigong (wutan)** traditional Chinese exercise classes for beginners held weekly.  
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## **COMING SOON TO A CINEMA IN PURBECK**

**PARANORMAL ACTIVITY** (15) Definitely not for those of a nervous disposition for this brilliant horror movie hits the terror spot! A young married couple move into a typical American 'starter' house but become increasingly disturbed by activities in the middle of the night and try to capture events on video. Enjoy the terror collectively at the cinema....and try not to think about it in bed later! 2<sup>nd</sup> January for 6 days

**AN EDUCATION** (12A) Nick Hornby adapts Lynn Barber's memoir for the big screen. Set in 1960's suburban London, Jenny is a young girl, full of promise, preparing for Oxford University and encouraged by her ambitious father. Jenny meets an older man who leads her to believe that she can learn more about life outside a class room, casting doubt on her future plans. This excellent film was the winner at the 2009 Independent British Films and stars Alfred Molina, Peter Sarsgaard Emma Thompson and shooting star Carey Mulligan. Filmed in London (Twickenham), Oxford and Paris January 8<sup>th</sup> for 7 days

**THE IMAGINARIUM OF DOCTOR PARNASSUS** (12A) Terry Gillian's amazing fantasy starring Christopher Plummer as the Doctor travelling with an extraordinary show which gives its audience far more than they ever anticipated. Heath Ledger tragically died in the middle of filming and was replaced by the great Johnny Depp. Also stars Jude Law, Colin Farrell and Lily Cole. Filmed in London and Canada. January 15<sup>th</sup> for 7 days.

**A SERIOUS MAN** (15) The Coen brothers are back with this Black Comedy set in 1967. A physics professor watches his life unravel as his wife prepares to leave him because his inept brother refuses to move out of the house. Very well reviewed. 22<sup>nd</sup> January for 7 days

**THE WHITE RIBBON** ( 15) 2009 Cannes winner of the Palm d'Or. A German/Austrian film directed by Michael Haneke. The setting, in 1913, is a remote village in North Germany which outwardly seems placid and ordinary but underneath is a dysfunctional and repressive society plagued with malice, revenge and spite. The mystery is whether these disturbing events are random or ritual punishments. Shot in black and white, with no musical score but this film has been a runaway winner for major European awards. Subtitles. January 29<sup>th</sup> for 7 days.



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**If you are over 60 and you need advice on benefits, come to our new drop in session at the Sports Pavilion, West Street, Corfe Castle, on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, 10am – 12 noon.**

**Next Sessions:**

**January 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**February 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 2010**

*This service is run by Purbeck Citizens Advice Bureau.*



## Farming in Purbeck

“Eat less beef!” screamed the Sunday Times colour supplement. Now, I don’t know the total ins and outs of how the carbon footprint is calculated when it comes to beef production. It does upset me that all beef production is lumped into the same category. Of course, intensive beef production will have a high carbon footprint and to my mind the practice of feed-lot beef production in the American model is environmentally unsustainable. These animals are fed a premix ration of maize and soya beans. The huge demand for soya, and the need to produce a relatively cheaply, means that vast areas of rainforest have been cut down and turned to agricultural production. That this practice is wrong is a no-brainer.

The beef produced by the farmers in Purbeck is done in such a way that the environment is enhanced and without this massive carbon burden. The Purbeck hills would not look the same, were it not for the grazing of both cattle and sheep. These animals graze in very different ways producing specific habitats for a variety of plants and insects. If grass is not grazed it will flower in late May, produce seeds and stop growing. If it is grazed, however, the grass will keep growing, trapping carbon, which is turned into meat by the grazing animal. In winter, these animals will be brought inside and fed not a grain and soya but silage. On some farms grass is grown using no fertiliser with clover producing the nitrogen needed by the grass. This diet does not create the quantity of carbon dioxide or methane, expelled by the feed-lot cattle in their burps and their er...farts. The beef production in Purbeck is good for the environment. It is important for the ecology; it removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and turns it into meat, if clover is used in the silage mix then this is good for the bees, and for any future cropping. It is good for tourism, cattle more interesting than empty fields. And finally, beef produced in this way, hung for three weeks before butchering tastes divine. There are places where you can buy this environment enhancing product. You can try, Paul Loudon at Wilkeswood Farm near Swanage, Andrew and Claire Head at Rempstone Farm, near Corfe Castle, John Hole at Kimmeridge or Christopher Lees at Bere Farm Lytchett Matravers. You can also come to the Purbeck Products market on the 9th January at Swanage Middle School; there is plenty of parking, plenty of produce, happy cheerful farmers and producers, a chance to sample the best of Purbeck food. So, HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Purbeck producers, and may the only beef in 2010 you have be Purbeck Beef.

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Saturday 13 March	10am - 1pm
Saturday 10 April	10am - 1pm

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- Sickness and disability
- Domestic and Family expenses
- Education and Training
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## Regular events in Corle Castle & environs

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>MONDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 3pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00-1 1.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 3pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	9.30 - 12.30	Pottery Class	Sports Pav Rachel 480455
Each	10.30 - 11.30am	Baby Clinic	C C Village Hall
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
Each	5-6pm	Rainbows (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6. 15-7.30pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Woodcarvers	Tabbits Hill - 480686
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furze brook VH; even months CK VH
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 3pm	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
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 3pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	2-4 pm	Woodcarvers	Tabbits Hill - Call 480686
3rd	1 1.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
Each	6.00 - 8.00 pm	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	R.B.L. Club
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 3pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall

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