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Editorial

All at the CVN hope that everyone had a wonderful relaxing Christmas. We also wish all our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Do keep your inputs to the magazine coming, as without them there would not be much to tell you about.

The broadband issues I spoke about last month seem to have got slightly better with some people reporting improved speeds. There are however still issues, but it is difficult to pinpoint the source of the trouble. Until someone finds a definite fault in the local infrastructure the best we can all do is to report all problems to your service provider and make them aware that there is an unresolved issue in the Corfe area. Do, please, also let me know about problems you are having so that I can build a picture of the local issue. Just email stephengdd@tiscali.co.uk

In the longer term the County Council will be installing superfast broadband to the boxes in the village, although not to houses. You can see more about this here <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast>. Unfortunately the project is not due to start in Corfe until 2016.

Stephen

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CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

DECEMBER AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Council has started to record anti-social events as proposed last month. Please let the Councillors know if you have been the subject of this type of behaviour.

Residents concerns about mass cycling and other organised events in the Isle of Purbeck have been taken up by both the Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councillors and the Police Commissioner. Hopefully, this will result in pressure on the Government to bring about proper regulation of these activities so that our beautiful area can continue to be enjoyed by both residents and visitors during the summer months.

Parents will be aware the School Crossing Patrol has not been available for some time now due to long term illness. Unfortunately, it looks as if there will not be any further private funding of the school crossing patrol after this year so it is unlikely to resume in the foreseeable future.

There is currently a proposal by Dorset County Council to reduce the 40mph speed limit in Harmans Cross to 30mph. Councillors discussed a request from a resident to suggest to Dorset County Council a similar proposal for reducing the current speed limit of 50mph between Harmans Cross and the Kingston turn in Corfe Castle to 40mph. However, after considerable debate the Council decided this was not a practical suggestion in the light of the poor enforcement of current speed limits within and around the village.

The Council considers all planning applications and submits comments to the District Council. The Parish Council had no objection to proposals for the following: The modification and extension of an existing two storey flat roofed extension to create a two storey pitched roof extension and the erection of a porch/ lobby extension to Oddity Cottage, 118 East Street, Corfe Castle. The erection of a two-storey side extension to 25 Colletts Close, Corfe Castle. The demolition and rebuilding of an existing woodshed and WC extension to the stables at The Old Vicarage, Kingston Hill, Kingston. *The Council suggests a condition be placed on the property that ensures the buildings remain one dwelling.* The removal of a stone roof, the replacement of any defective timbers, the insertion of a membrane, the replacement of tiles (making good as necessary), the removal of a fibre cement roof, the replacement of any defective timbers and replacement roof of Delabole slate tiles at The Dairy House, Encombe Dairy, Kingston.

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Council objected to an application by D and P Lovell Ltd to construct ten B1, B2 and B8 units and four small storage units; layout car parking, cycle and bin stores at Plot 1 - Prospect Business Park, Victoria Avenue, Swanage. *The objection is on the grounds that it will increase traffic on the already overcrowded A351 and bring vibration, noise, smell, exhaust fumes and other environmental damage to Corfe Castle village.* The Council objects to an application for the erection of a first floor rear extension at 30 Halves Cottages, Corfe Castle. *The Council is concerned the proposal would be too large, cause overlooking and harm the appearance and character of the local area.*

The Parish Council wishes everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Jeff Dunn, Parish Clerk

(phone 555266)(e-mail CorfeCastlePC@aol.com) - 8 Old Kiln Road, Ridge, Wareham BH20 5BY. The Parish Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the Town Hall, West Street*. 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 in Corfe Castle library or on the Website (www.corfecastlepc.org.uk). [*Sometimes elsewhere.]

The next Parish Council Meeting is on the 12th January in the Town Hall.



Aladdin was great!



Oh, no it wasn't! Oh, yes it was!

Well, that seems to be the view of the many supporters who have made positive comments. Thank you.

**Our next meeting will be an open workshop on
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NEWS FROM CHURCH KNOWLE PARISH COUNCIL

As the fine Cornish comedian would say, "Before we start...", I think I need to apologise to our dear reader for thinking he or she was reading the Grauniad last month when perusing "News from Church Knowle Parish Council". There were nearly as many "typos" in it as in a Guardian editorial. The Parish Clerk forgot to check for typing errors before pressing the button which sent the article winging its way through the æther to CVN's illustrious editor for printing. Anyway, let's get on with the news from the December meeting which was held in the cosy Furzebrook village hall on a cold, dark, miserable evening. Unfortunately, the Chairman was holed-up with a horrid cold and as a result the Vice-chairman was in charge for the evening during which Council members heard some bad news about the project to get affordable rented housing built in Church Knowle village; a project which it was hoped would help stem the tide of the conversion of Church Knowle from a living, working village - with the sound of village children messing about in the playground and filling the school bus to Corfe and Purbeck schools - into a holiday and retirement cottages dead village with no real community spirit except at week-ends and summer holidays. But more of that later.

As a result of some comments made, and ensuing discussions, during the public discussion period Parish Councillors, when carrying out their official duties, may soon each be wearing around their necks, or belt, the *de rigeur* fashion statement of an unreadable plastic identity card signed as being authentic by the Clerk and bearing a photo that bears no resemblance whatsoever to the person carrying it. This, of course, to allay any fear that someone (perhaps a member of ISIS, al Quaida or other terrorist organisation) may be trying to impersonate a Parish Councillor of Church Knowle for some nefarious reason known only to them. There is also a possibility that the Clerk may even have to accompany said Councillor to maintain "propriety" on visits - resulting, of course in extra costs to the Council and, hence, Parishioners paying the parish precept.

Following the Public Discussion period, declarations of interest by Members and the minutes of November's meeting being approved, it was decided to adjourn some items - playground maintenance and national salary awards for Parish Chief Executives - to the January budget meeting.

Next up came planning matters where two planning applications and one agricultural planning notification were discussed. There were no objections to the building of a timber garage and workshop at 150 Furzebrook Road to replace a somewhat dilapidated asbestos cement garage. Indeed, Members thought the proposal was a considerable improvement on the current structure and supported it. There were no objections either to the replacement of a window and internal alterations to the property to realign the staircase at Knowle Cottage, Church Knowle.

Members were then presented plans for the construction of an "agricultural barn" for the storage of "equipment" related to forestry activity at Rachel's Plantation. Our dear reader will, no doubt, recall that in a previous edition of CVN it was reported that parish councils are not formally invited to comment on such applications by the planning authority because the APNs, as these "agricultural" applications are termed by the planning gurus at Westport House, are not really planning applications as such but are notifications by the applicant of an intention to build unless the planning authority states that formal planning permission for the structure is required. Now, this proposed "barn" at Rachel's Plantation is approximately 60 feet long by 30 feet wide by 21 feet high at one end reducing to about 12 feet at the other. Your Parish Council was not formally notified but gleaned the information from the internet. They decided, after inspecting the plans, that they would express their concerns to PDC about the proposal in that they felt the structure was far too big for the amount of land area it would serve. They also had concerns that various covenants on land sold by the company which Imerys took over might prevent such structures being built. However, they decided that such a matter was not a planning issue but one between the covenant holder and the current occupier of the land.

A fallen tree on the bridleway between the Green Pond and Norden was reported at the meeting and this would be passed on to DCC for them to act on. It was also mentioned that DCC continue to clear the gullies to try and prevent last year's flooding fiascos, but in some cases the culverts and drains have become so blocked that more major work is required, particularly in Furzebrook Road. Councillors felt that rather than carrying out what appeared to be cosmetic work the county council should be ascertaining the maintaining causes of the flooding problems and acting on them. This could only be done by conducting "in depth" surveys of the gullies, culverts AND watercourses into which the road runoffs are discharged.

The Parish Council heard again about the gate to the unclassified road along the ridge at the top of Cucknowle Hill to Grange Arch being locked for the umpteenth time despite the fact that the person locking the gate is committing an offence under the Road Traffic Act for which he or she could be sent to prison for obstructing the Queen's highway despite it being on privately owned land. The Clerk advised Members he would contact DCC highways to get the gate opened, and kept open, during the period between March and November when it should be unlocked. This might even involve the regular use of bolt-cutters by DCC, if necessary under Court writ.

What's next on Highways? Well, you've probably guessed already. Cycle races and "events/sportifs". The Clerk reported that the Chairman had, at last, received an e-mail from the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner in reply to her enquiry about what could be done to control the increasing numbers of high speed cyclist groups hurtling along Parish roads in bunches and not, allegedly,

following the Highway Code (or common courtesy for that matter). The e-mail basically said that there was little the police could do as far as "events" were concerned as they were not races in definition and it was for the organisers to decide whether the event was an "event", "sportif" or race. Races, of course were controlled in Law. One of the attendees at the meeting suggested that the next time a burglar is caught in the act of removing the entire contents of a house with a removal van, or the Crown Jewels from the Tower, he merely explains to the police that he had no "intention of permanently depriving the owner of his lawful use and possession of their property" but was merely "borrowing it for an undefined period". "Borrowing", of course, is not "theft". There would no arrest as the burglar had decided he wasn't stealing the Crown Jewels, in much the same way as the organisers of an "event"/"sportif" decide whether or not such an "event" is a race. This is the logic of the reply from Dorset Police to our Chairman. Councillors decided to bring the matter up at the working party meeting with Dorset Police in January but didn't hold out much hope of progress until the Home Office decided to do something.

The Clerk then gave the meeting some good news on the road safety front. DCC has decided to think about having a 30mph speed limit in Church Knowle. - This is something the Parish Council has been banging the drum about since the end of the Jurassic Period. - Consultation will begin in the New Year and it is expected that the limit will be in force for the start of the summer season when, of course, caravans and campervans trying to find one of the multitude of camp sites slow the speed down to 5mph along the valley road anyway. The Clerk also reported he had continued to ask DCC about proposed speed limits in Furzebrook Road and Grange Road and had been told that whilst it would be difficult to have one for Grange Road, if formal applications were re-submitted by CKPC, it would be probable that a 50mph limit could be set for Furzebrook Road. Further research would be needed for Grange Road. Discussion took place and Members decided, with one Member preferring a 30mph limit throughout Purbeck – as in the New Forest, to apply for the speed limits and re-apply at a later date for lower ones once the new ones were in force. The CKPC would like all parishioners to support the proposed limits to assist in road safety in the Parish.

Gosh, there's even more on Highway matters. The Clerk reported on discussions he had had with DCC and representatives of the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty management team (AONB for short) about the condition of the "finger posts" in the Parish. Currently, many are in serious need of maintenance and repair and DCC had previously told the Clerk there was no funding available and it was not DCC's responsibility to repair or replace them unless they had been damaged by county employees or contractors. Finger posts are, whilst not unique to Dorset, and Purbeck in particular, lovely examples of times past and are useful to walkers as they often have Ordnance Survey position markers on them. Members thought they are attractive pieces of roadside furniture – far more pleasant than the fading reflective plastic signage

currently in use by the highways authority. Members were told that the AONB had some money available to assist in repair and would also help in securing other money and less expensive (through bulk buying) wood, posts, paint & letters so that the two seriously damaged signs at either end of the East Creech road could be fixed. The Clerk was asked to investigate further.

Now comes the bad news which was mentioned at the start of the Epistle from Church Knowle. One of the Councillors reported on a meeting he had had with Raglan Housing Association. The housing association was in merger negotiation with another in Reading. Raglan had spent a considerable amount of money and time already in trying to get the Church Knowle affordable housing project off the starting blocks and had come to yet another impasse with the Margaret Green Trust who were supposed to be going to supply the land. The association had decided in the end that it had spent enough money on the project which wasn't really going anywhere and as a result were not going to continue with funding any further. Well, that's that. No houses for those youngsters who can't afford to even rent in the area and keep our villages alive. No increase in village population who might wish to use the Church Knowle village hall. No local village kids to use the playing field or playground – except, of course if they're used as an effective extension to camping sites, etc. in the summer. Well, Church Knowle Parish Council will not be beaten and, indeed, following lots of "fire-spitting" discussion it was decided that the Chairman and the lead councillor for the project would try and get a meeting with Mgt Green Trust and get the project back on the road. Failing that, the Parish Council has "Plan B" up its sleeve which will get affordable rented housing in Church Knowle without the need for land at the animal sanctuary. The Clerk reminded Members that Church Knowle is a rural exception area which means that any development for housing, etc., which is not for affordable homes – in particular rented accommodation – is extremely unlikely, if not impossible, to gain planning permission. So there's hope yet, all be that the project will take longer than anticipated. Plan B will be further researched and discussed at the January meeting.

Finances were then discussed and found to be in good condition and bills were paid. The DAPTC Newsletter was reported on, in particular a "tongue in cheek" article on a day in the life of the parish clerk.

To allay the disappointments of the latter part of the meeting some "LIDL's best" mince pies, which hadn't quite been burnt to a frazzle in the Furzebrook village hall kitchen crematorium were duly consumed, and Christmas wishes passed around. The meeting was closed and the Vice-chairman, Members and Clerk wished, through CVN, a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all the Parishioners of Church Knowle and readers of Corfe Valley News.

Next meeting will be at Church Knowle Reading Room on Tuesday 13th January at 7.30p.m. **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM CHURCH KNOWLE P.C.**



CORFE Castle Was all aglow this Christmas for the first time in its 1,000 year history as spectacular illuminations created a shining vision.

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On December 20 residents of Corfe Castle were due to experience the magic up close when they were invited into the castle grounds for free.



A scheme to put local residents at the heart of plans to manage Purbeck woodland has taken a big step forward with the publication of a draft management plan. The plan is part of the Community Woodlands Project launched in Langton West Wood in 2013, and also covers Talbot's Wood and the Wilderness.

It is available at Langton Matravers parish office as part of a consultation period which lasts until January 9.

Comments can be emailed to purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Under the Community Woodland Project, part of the Wild Purbeck nature improvement area, the Trust is inviting local people to become directly involved in woodland management.

The draft plan sets out measures to maintain and enhance the ecology of the woodland through traditional practices such as coppicing.

It also envisages promoting Langton West Wood as a place for quiet enjoyment. Central to the vision are plans to involve local people in coppicing, ecological monitoring and in training to take part in traditional woodland crafts such as charcoal making.

National Trust volunteers are due to begin management work in Langton West Wood in January, and anyone can help through a series of drop-in volunteering days on January 24-25, February 7-8 and February 21-22. For more information, email purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk.

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CRACKERS! That just about describes the scene as five tables of eight Aquarius members each had a go at playing the melodies of Christmas carols on the little whistles which fell out of their crackers. Each whistle played a particular note and the resulting recital after barely twenty minutes of hilarious rehearsal would have done credit to the Proms as committee members waved their batons and everyone played their part with gusto. There was much laughter and rapturous applause and if Eileen were writing this I'm sure she would say that it was all a reSOUNDing success. Our festivities continued with tea and treats in the shape of lebkuchen, mince pies and sausages. Stella's Christmas stall did a roaring trade and Carol Dean was the lucky winner of the beautiful Christmas cake made and donated by Deborah for our raffle. It was a happy finale to our Aquarius meetings of 2014.

Many thanks to Judy Tate for generously donating her speaker's fee last month to our charity.

Would you like to **join the Aquarius Committee?** If so please let Margery know as we shall be needing new committee members in March. It's very rewarding, there's lots to do and it's fun!

A reminder: now is your chance to nominate a worthy cause for our charity donations next year. Nominations needed at our January meeting.

Coming next:

Dates for your diary:

2015

January 6th A Practical Guide to Bread Making – Barry Stocks

January 10th A Night at the Oscars

February 3rd Nordic Walking – Lynne Martin

March 3rd AGM

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Susie Bond 480133

Corfe Castle Surgery
January 2015

HAPPY NEW YEAR. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and didn't over-indulge too much!

Early in the New Year we have a new Apprentice starting. Her name is Lucy, she will be mainly on Reception and she will be working alongside the current team whilst studying towards an NVQ.



Once the tree is down we will be putting up a collection again for tights in aid of the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia. Give your old tights a new lease of life - Any tights are fine, as long as they are clean and don't have ladders towards the top of the leg, or around the waist. In Africa, most mothers give birth without any medical help, enduring days of painful, prolonged labour. Old tights are the perfect solution to holding dressings in place for women suffering from childbirth injuries, in particular from fistulas. So before throwing a pair of tights away with a little ladder in, please think of these women and bring them to the surgery (once washed) so we can pass them on to this worthwhile cause.



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Clare Tuck
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News from the Pre-School

Our Nativity play was a huge success in December, with lots of friends and family in the audience watching. Many thanks to all who donated mince pies and all the wonderful raffle prizes. We raised a total of £85.00 for Pre-School funds, thank you for your support.

Spring Term starts on January 5th, we will be looking at some Traditional Tales, learning some new songs and doing some cooking.

We are hoping to make some trips out in the village, so look out for us in our high visibility jackets and give us a wave!

Our 100 Club lucky winner for November was Number 71. We have a few spaces in our 100 Club and it only costs £4 a month to be a member and each month you have a chance of winning £100. For details of joining please pop into the Pre-School or telephone Karen Spooner on 481631.

We run taster sessions on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am for up to two hours where you and your child can get to know us. Children are welcome at the taster sessions up to a term before their second birthday. If you need any more details please ring 481631



Karen Spooner
Setting Manager

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Friday - Film Club.



The cost of the clubs are £4 for 3pm - 4pm; £7 for 3pm -5pm and £9 for 3pm -5:30pm.

Our next Holiday Club will be running during February Half Term, watch this space for more information.

Don't forget our Early Birds Club which is open every week day morning from 8am.

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News from the Castle

Happy New Year everyone, from Mark, Laurice and all of the team here at The Castle.

We hope that Santa remembered you and that you managed to avoid the naughty list!

January and winter weather it might be, but the fires burning and it's big smiles with business as usual at The Castle, no blues in sight. So if you need cheering up, pop in and enjoy the warm glow of the lights.

Remember: Wednesday nights are stew and casserole nights with supper from only £5.95

Well done and a big thank you to everyone who made the Christmas Fete such a great success, raising over £500 for the festivities committee..... On that note, a **huge** thank you to all the festivities team who worked so hard to make the village enchanting and welcoming this Christmas.

Great to see the Castle lit up as well, it looks fantastic! Perhaps next season the 'Castle Voices' could hold a massive Christmas Concert there?

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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, currently Ringwood at £2.70 and Guinness at £3.00 per pint. Filled rolls are available from the bar at £1.20 and soft drinks dispensed at reasonable prices.

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

The Corfe Castle Royal British Legion Club Ltd will hold its Annual General Meeting in the Club on Wednesday 28th January 2015 at 7.30 PM.





From **THE VILLAGE PUMP!** Corfe Castle

New(s) Page

Did you know?

ON THE THRESHOLD

The 12 days of Christmas keep us aglow. January – and a whole new year – 12 months ahead of us. As is known the Roman calendar consisted of 10 months, totalling 304 days – then January and February were added, allowing the calendar to equal a standard lunar year – and, of course, other amendments along the way! Janus, after whom this month is named, was, in Roman mythology, the god of doorways and passageways, the patron of the day, month and year. He is represented with two faces, looking in opposite directions. At the start of this new year, we are looking backwards and forwards. And talking of adjusting dates as the years roll onread on!

TO CROWN IT ALL!

On the great annual occasion of the Switch-On of Corfe Castle Christmas 2014 Lights, the question was heard, here and there, amongst the crowd (and what a huge crowd that was)– 'Why 62 on the illuminated Crown?' This is not for the first time of asking and a plausible question. I think I maybe able to help a little in figuring it out by delving into my records of 'Village Pumps past' and also as a long-time member of the Christmas Festivities Committee and, of course, chatting with Colin Cross, a fellow member

Have you heard?

of the Committee. I now turn the pages and years back to January 2008 'From the village Pump' . Be aware that the Column was written in mid-December '07 **referring to Christmas '07** (NB Royal Wedding 1947-2007),the Lights having been Switched- On that year by invited Guests Jean and David King. David is also a long time serving Committee Member

An illuminating fact: quote:

"The CFC does a splendid job each year, with its imaginative and unique displays. The illuminated Crown in The Square, displays the Royal cipher ER – 60, expressing our loyal greetings to Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in the year of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. The Crown first appeared in the Golden Jubilee year, 2002, celebrating 50 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. In that year, the cipher read ER – 50. In subsequent years, the sequence read 51, 52, 53, 54 and, this year, would have been 55, relating to the accession to the Throne. Perhaps this caused some confusion, particularly to new residents and visitors, but there was logic behind it. This seemed to be the ideal time to sort of begin anew and this feature continues to be the crowning glory. It is of particular interest in

that there is a loyal and royal connection with the beginnings of the CFC. In 1953, with much celebration for the Coronation in June, enthusiasm continued and a small group decided to light up the Village Square also for Christmas. The tradition continues, with one member of that first group, still on the Committee. The pencil sketch for the Crown, was drawn by Carolyn Groves and the masterpiece created by Colin Cross, in his magic grotto, where the many exciting modes of transport for Father Christmas have been brought to life.'
(End of Jan'08 extract) .



That Figures ?!

I return now to present time chat compiling this column in mid December 2014. Are you beginning to see the light? – OK so far?! Then let's carry on. For the purpose of this article, I'm pushing on over the years' 08,09,10,11, to arrive at **2012** – the Diamond Jubilee - and Ho! Ho! Ho! - of courseit's **60** again. Yes, I think you are with me now and to get up to date, December 2013 featured 61 and **62** followed in Christmas 2014. I hope I do not add to the confusion but rather help to

de-confuse, when I now make reference to the fact, that is so familiar to many , that the CFC celebrated their own Diamond Year in 2013 being the 60th (refers to the Coronation 1953) Anniversary of lighting up Corfe Castle Village for Christmas. Where does this leave us?! Watch this spaceChristmas yet to come 2015! This is a true Christmas story and, as with all such stories, is sprinkled with magic and full of surprises!

THE WINDSOR DYNASTY

On another subject.... **Congratulations** to Geoff and Jane Windsor, now of Wool and formerly Corfe Castle, on the arrival of their Granddaughterand that makes three. Welcome to Indiana Rose Elizabeth, born 27 November 2014. Congratulations to Mum and Dad, Jenny and Russell, and cousins Verity and Rosie, daughters of Neil, who now have a new playmate.

PURBECK CALLS

The Purbeck villages, hills, coast, walks, Purbeck-everything and the winter-wonderland of Corfe Castle Village, have called **CAROLE LEHMAN** back to the area, recalling memories of days of 'Sweet Sixteen' and her holidays by the sea in Swanage. "*Purbeck hardly changes*". We welcome Carole to her new cosy cottage in East Street, having skipped across the meadow from her stepping-stone rented cottage in West Street. Corfe Castle was all a-twinkle and so was Carole, when we chatted together. It

was so cheery to appreciate, through new eyes, Corfe Castle's and Purbeck's lively community. Carole is already known by many, through her membership of Aquarius, also from the very warm welcome received from neighbours in West Street and due to her many and varied interests. Incidentally, it is good to hear that it was a casual reading of a copy of the CVN, during her 'location search' that played a large part in guiding Carole to live here. The community activities leapt out of the pages – as Carole says, *“There is so much going on, I love it”*. It was just over a year ago – on 18 December 2013, that Carole moved from a large house in Durrington, near Salisbury, to the rented cottage in West Street. *“I missed having a garden in West Street but friendship filled that gap. I am now delighted to have a garden again, with stunning views East and West!”*

Homing-In! Happily over the Christmas and New Year holidays, Carole's two daughters, the elder Claire, a GP – Dr. Lehman of the Swanage Practice – and younger, Rebecca, a very creative and talented Art Teacher, working in China, are both home for the Christmas holidays. As you can imagine, with Carole still a little boxed-in, no doubt it will be family hands-on and the girls roped in, unpacking not only Christmas boxes! Carole's interests are many

and varied and include walking, singing, dancing and enjoying the Kimmeridge Keilidhs, gardening, flower arranging, cycling, fungi collecting – the list goes on. Oh yes, I must add to that, keeping hens. Sitting (and hopefully a-laying also) resident chooks, greeted Carole with their gentle clucking and antics, pecking at the conservatory doors. I do believe they are to be named and introduced as Gertrude and Matilda. Chris and Lynn Evans, on closing this one door on their move to Herefordshire, have as we would have expected, happily settled in. As if meant to be, this new door opens for Carole and, no doubt, during 2015 and in the years ahead, many more new doors of friendship and opportunity will open for all of them. Carole would like to say, *“Thank you all for making me feel so welcome and for including me in things local. I look forward to helping and joining in where I can, meeting and making more new friends in this New Year.”*

In signing off. So far, no bleak mid winter and the Village Pump not frozen but still just about flowing! We continue to welcome your snippets of news and happenings in 2015. Thank you for your contributions over the last 10 years.... gosh has it been that long?! Happy New Year to all.

Eileen and Juliet

Corfe Castle Christmas Festivities Committee

Lighting up Corfe at Christmas

It's over...again !!

As Christmas draws to a close, it is time for us to thank everyone in the village and beyond for the support and goodwill shown to the Festivities Committee. We are a small committee and we could not do what we do without the help and generosity of many people.

This has kept Corfe Castle alight at Christmas since 1953.

A special thanks to Mark and Laurice at The Castle Inn and Jeff and Jayne at The Sweet Shop for their fundraising activities over Christmas. Our Christmas gift fair welcomed over 350 visitors and was a great start to the festive season. Our Carol Singers have been caroling around the village and Maryrose Bray presided over a magnificent switch-on of the lights. And to top it all, Santa managed to fit us in with a spectacular arrival in the Square on the 20th December.

In the next few days, we will be taking down the lights and storing them away until Christmas creeps up on us again and we start anew.

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We wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

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To join the growing list of villagers who are supporting their local village hall in this way, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

regular weekly events:

Monday evenings	Double Act
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
Tuesday evenings	Rainbows
Tuesday evenings	Brownies
Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Wool Workshop
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club

regular fortnightly events:

Thursday evenings	Bingo
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regular monthly events:

1st Saturday morning	CCVH coffee morning
1st Sunday all day	Antiques Fair
1st Tuesday afternoon	Aquarius
3rd Monday morning	U3A Gardening

Prize Draw Questionnaire:

Many thanks to all those from Corfe parish who returned questionnaires. We gleaned some very useful feedback, both on aspects of the hall that need improvement and also on support for possible future activities. The prize draw was made at the December coffee morning, and the lucky winner was Andy Withers.

bookings and rates:

contact Carole Speed on 01929 480810
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next Artsreach show:

Miracle Theatre's "Dr Livingstone I Presume" is on Saturday Jan 17th.
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featured regular user:

Other Activities

The questionnaire showed that our village would like to see a regular Farmer's Market, and also Table Top Sales. More good quality live theatre and music and a regular film slot also received a great deal of support. The other most popular of the proposed activities were fitness, dance, computer group, singing, yoga, art workshop, weightwatchers, language circle, cards, a luncheon club, table tennis, short mat bowls, camera club

Some of these new activities will have to wait until the improvements to the Hall are carried out, but in the meantime if you would like to be involved in helping organise any of these, please contact any member of the Village Hall Committee.

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4	January	Sunday	3.00 pm
4	January	Sunday	10 am - 5 pm
7	January	Wednesday	7.30 pm
8	January	Thursday	7.30 pm
9	January	Friday	7.30 pm
12	January	Monday	7 pm
13	January	Tuesday	7 pm
13	January	Tuesday	7.30 pm
22	January	Thursday	7.30 pm
24	January	Saturday	7.30 pm
31	January	Saturday	8.30 sellers/9.30 buyers
31	January	Saturday	9.30 – 12 noon

CALENDAR for JANUARY 2015

Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
The Mayday Singers 'A Winter Celebration'	St George's Ch, Langton Mat.
Antique and Collectors Fair	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Langton Arthouse Cinema "Locke"	Langton Mat. Village Hall
Bingo	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Kimmeridge Keilidh	Kimmeridge Village Hall
Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting	Corfe Castle Town Hall
Church Knowle Parish Council Meeting	Furzebrook Village Hall
Movie Night "The Book Thief"	Harmans Cross Village Hall
Bingo	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Charity Quiz Night	Corfe Castle Village Hall
Table Top Sale	Furzebrook Village Hall
Baby Sale	Harmans Cross Village Hall

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

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19	February	Thursday	TBA	Church Quiz Night	TBA

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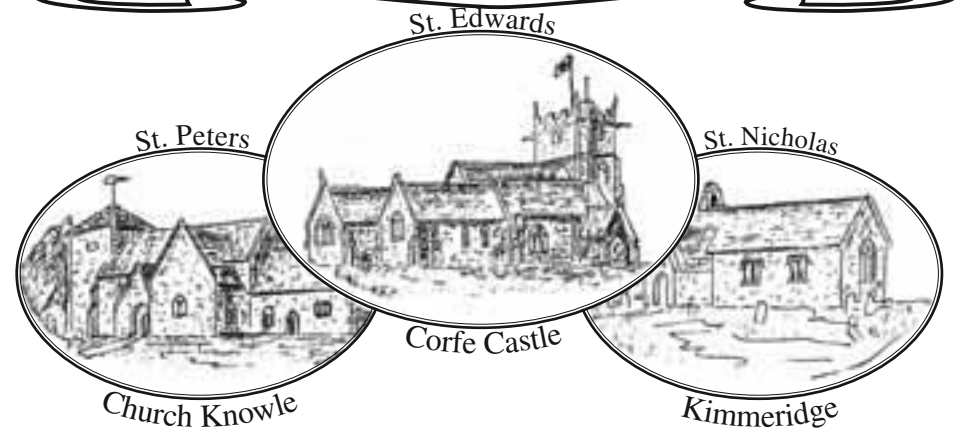
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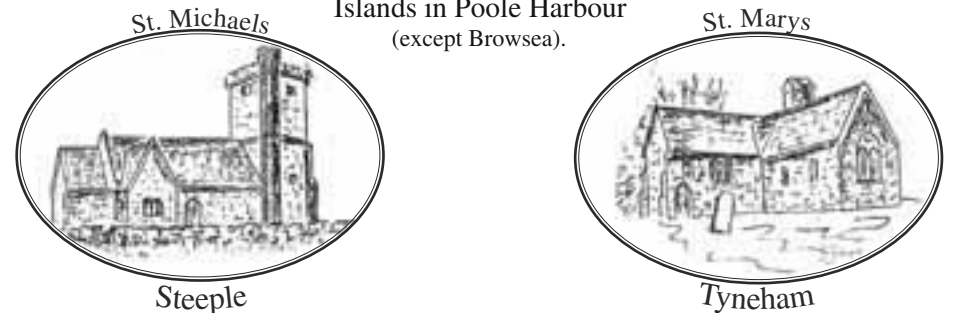
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CHURCH OF ENGLAND



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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The Reverend Ian Jackson writes:

It just so happened that December 11th was a really good day. For example, several of the arrangements for the Christmas services were sorted out - and from our own resources, which was even better. The day ended on a high note, as it were, with the carol concert in St Edward's in the evening. Virtually every seat was taken, 3 local choirs gave very readily and willingly of their time and energies, we listened to some entertaining and thought-provoking seasonal readings and we all joined in the carols.

We had decided that donations made at the concert would be for the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for the ebola epidemic. Although we were well aware of many good causes needing support this seemed to be the obvious and most pressing need. My job was to come up with a few words about this appeal and to encourage donations.

Finding 'a few words' is always quite hard; its easier when you can speak for longer - though unlikely to be more effective. One of the good things that had happened earlier in the day was the Pre-School Nativity in the new school hall. (Recently, the winner of a national award, by the way - the hall, that is.) The presentation by the young children was really moving as were the songs they sang afterwards. My ears pricked up when I heard them sing 'Love is something when you give it away you end up having more.' I jotted this down on the back of an envelope and it was just what was needed later on when I was talking about 'tonight's beneficiary', as the programme expressed it.

Academic study has a vital role and this is true in matters of faith as well as all other areas of life. However, it seems entirely appropriate that we express a large part of the meaning of Christmas using simple words sung by the very young among us; simple words, but no less profound for that.

Christmas has reminded us that at the heart of our faith is the God who gives of himself in love to us, and indeed to the whole of the creation. God, who loves us so much longs for a response from us. At best, we give our love to God and to one another because we want to, not because of what we will receive in return. Then, as the children sang, we discover that we are deeply blessed by God himself in ways we could not have imagined.

We are well aware that not every turns out to be a good day. Nonetheless, when we follow the way of Jesus we often find that as well as the hard and painful times the times of joy and blessing abound also. May the new year, 2015, include many such days for you.

Ian

The Corfe Valley Church Services - January 2015

<u>Sunday 4th January</u>	The Epiphany
10.30 Corfe Castle	Benefice Communion
<u>Sunday 11th January</u>	The Baptism of Christ
8.00 Corfe Castle	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Steeple	Family Communion (BCP)
10.30 Corfe Castle	Matins
<u>Sunday 18th January</u>	The 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany
9.00 Church Knowle	Holy Communion (BCP) (note time)
10.30 Corfe Castle	Parish Communion (CW)
<u>Sunday 25th January</u>	The 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany
8.00 Corfe Castle	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Kimmeridge	Parish Communion (CW)
10.30 Corfe Castle	Parish Communion (CW)
4 pm Church Knowle	Evensong
<u>Sunday 1st February</u>	The Presentation
10.30 Corfe Castle	Benefice Communion

BCP - Book of Common Prayer CW - Common Worship

The Corfe Valley Churches - Scripture Readings – January 2015

Sunday 4 th January 2015	Ephesians 3: 1 - 12 Matthew 2: 1 - 12
Sunday 11 th January	Acts 19: 1 - 7 Mark 1: 4 - 11
Sunday 18 th January	Revelation 5: 1 - 10 John 1: 43 - End
Sunday 25 th January	Revelation 19: 6 - 10 Luke 1: 26 - 38
Sunday 1 st February	Hebrews 2: 14 - End Luke 2: 22 - 40

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25th November - John (Jock) Carrington-Mail

26th November - Constance (Connie) May Macrae

27th November - Peggy Susanne Hunt

DVDs and Discussion

Following the very successful sessions when we watched and discussed DVD recordings of talks given at the 2013 Spring Harvest we have planned more such meetings. This time we are going to watch episodes of the TV programme 'Rev'. This will be followed by coffee (or tea) and discussion. These programmes appear lighthearted and that will be enjoyable, we expect some of the topics will lead to further discussion.

Our meetings will be on Tuesdays starting at 7p.m. and they will be held in the Friendship Room at the Congregational Chapel. This is a shared venture between our two denominations. Do come along if you are interested regardless of denomination or belief!

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In last month's Corfe Valley News, Chris and I gave an invitation concerning Christmas Day. The invitation was addressed to those who would be spending Christmas Day on their own, or to those who had been invited to go elsewhere but, for whatever reason, would prefer not to accept. The invitation was to come and join us for Christmas Day and to share a meal in the Chapel's Friendship Room and then, afterwards, to do whatever they would prefer to do. No charge was involved, and it was made clear that attendance at the Christmas Morning Service was not essential for the accepting of the offer.

There are still ten days to go but, as at the 15th, the only responses that we have had were from one couple who very kindly offered to come and help, and another who offered to buy some of the items that would have been required.

I find it very interesting to ponder the fact that nobody has accepted the offer. What is to be understood by the fact that there has been a nil response so far? Does that mean that nobody in Corfe Castle is going to be on their own on Christmas Day? Or does it mean that they are going to be on their own, but that is the way that they want to spend Christmas Day? I hope it isn't true, but I can't help wondering if the invitation hasn't been accepted because I am a "Rev", and anything or anyone to do with the Church is viewed with suspicion.

My very real concern is that the failure to accept the invitation is to do with a human trait that can affect all of us, namely that we find it easier to give help than receive help.

Let me tell you about Elsie. Elsie was my Church Secretary when I was a Baptist Minister in Southend-on-Sea. Elsie had a little red mini and she was great. She would do anything for anybody, without a word of complaint, and without any expectation of a financial contribution. If my car was out of action, I could guarantee that the red mini would be made available. But then the time came for Elsie to give up driving, and Elsie could no longer offer help. Now she needed to receive help, instead of give help, and to persuade Elsie to receive a lift was murder!

Let me go back even further. In 1968 I started my theological studies at Bristol Baptist College, but that meant leaving Chris and our three daughters in Birmingham. We were told that I would be receiving a grant from the local Authority, so our financial needs would be met. But, with a few weeks to go,

we were told that the grant would not be forthcoming, and there was a mortgage to pay, mouths to be fed, and suddenly the financial situation was very different. Before I went to College I was a Company Accountant, and finances were not a problem. When I started College, I found myself on the receiving end of a monthly gift that came from an unknown Old Age Pensioner. Can you imagine what it was like? Each month, the former Company Accountant, had to write to an unknown Old Age Pensioner, to thank him or her for the gift that they sent to me, via our minister. To this day, I still do not know who was helping Chris and myself with their monthly financial love gift.

So, why am I telling you this story? Because that experience, more than 40 years ago, taught me a valuable lesson that I have never forgotten. We can all give, and we all need to receive, and I am not just talking about money. One of the problems that we all face is the problem of pride. "I can manage." "I don't need anybody's help". "I would rather go without, than accept help". Women are bad enough, but men are even worse!

We all need help, and that includes me. I need the prayers of the fellowship. I need encouragement that comes from unexpected quarters. I need understanding and an openness to new ideas. I need people to recognise that I am not perfect. I need people to accept that, even though I am a "Rev" and that I am part of the Church, I do want to serve the community and I do want to build bridges of friendship with those who, perhaps, see no need for God or the Church.

That's me. What about you? Last month I was interrupted in writing this letter by a phone call. It has just happened again. I am a trustee of the Corfe Castle Charity and two couples have just turned to us for help. At this moment in time, they need to receive, and, for one couple, asking for help wasn't easy.

The New Year has begun, and this is supposed to be a time for making New Year Resolutions. May I suggest two? Resolve to look for opportunities to give to others, preferably those who can't return the favour, and don't forget, giving isn't just about money. Secondly, resolve to be open to receiving from others, what they are able to give to you. When our pride prevents us from receiving, we are denying others the joy of helping others.

In closing may I wish you all every blessing in the New Year and, who knows, may be in Christmas 2015, we will be able to make the same offer again, and may be we will have convinced some, that it is OK to accept an invitation.

Rev. Barry L. Walton

You will find the Chapel behind Y Jewellers in East Street, and our services are at 10.30am each Sunday. We are a small fellowship, but you will find a big welcome.

If you can't get to Church but would like to receive spiritual help, we now have the Sermons and the Bible Studies on the Church Web site. Please make use of them if you wish.


Every Monday at 10.30 am we have a Prayer Meeting which is open to all Christians, whatever their denomination, and every Wednesday at 10.30 am there is the Open Door Coffee Morning to which everybody is invited. On Wednesday afternoons we alternate between a Bible Study at 3.00 pm and a Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship at 2.30 pm. We would love to see you at either or both.

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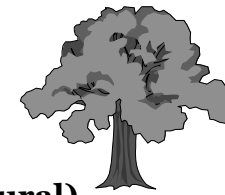
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Home visits are by appointment only and may be offered to those who are not able to attend our offices. Please contact 01929 550328 or email asm@purbeck.cabnet.org.uk.

Purbeck CAB office opening hours:

Mill Lane, Wareham BH20 4RA	Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays	10 am - 2pm, drop-in and follow-up appointments.
The Hive, Bovington	Tuesdays	9.30 am - 1pm, drop-in.
Town Hall, Swanage	Monday	10.15 - 2pm, drop-in.
	Wednesday (NB Closed on the first Wednesday of every month)	10.15 - 2pm, appointments only
Town Council Office, Upton	Monday	9.15am - 12.30 for generalist advice, drop- in only.

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CAB Website: www.adviceguide.org.uk.

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1291 (Landline calls cost typically up to 9p per minute and calls from mobiles are between 8p and 40p per minute. The number for Text Relay users is 0344 411 1445.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Changes to the days of opening at Swanage CAB: Please note that with effect from 1st January 2015, the CAB sessions at Swanage Town Hall will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. The office will no longer be open on Fridays. The first Monday session will be on 5th January 2015 and all Mondays will be for 'Gateway Interviews' where clients may drop in. Wednesdays will remain as Appointments Only sessions.

We would like to say thank you very much to you all for your foreign coin donations made via our collection box in the Post Office. Our grateful thanks are extended to Ian for keeping the collection box for the last year or more in his busy Post Office. He provides our collection point for unwanted foreign currency and this has helped us raise a good sum for our funds.

Please continue to donate any spare foreign currency that you no longer need. It can be coins, notes, present day or out-of-circulation currency. Ian will continue to have a collection box and Carol and Terry at the Corfe Castle Village Stores have also offered to keep a box for foreign coins as well. Your local advice bureau (Registered Charity no 1068414) benefits directly from all donations made and your support is greatly appreciated.

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Purbeck Litfest plans packed programme for next year

After the fantastic success of its launch this Spring, plans are in place for a packed two week programme for the 2nd Purbeck Literary Festival. Launching on February 16th 2015 (Half Term,) until March 1st events are being put together to appeal to both readers and writers of all ages, across Purbeck in a range of venues.

Festival organiser Emma Fernandez commented:

We have had the most overwhelming response from both venues and authors, so I have been spoilt for choice in trying to develop the new programme. Hopefully everyone both local, and visiting, will get the opportunity to take part, whether that's a library visit by a school or joining your Mum and friends at an author tea at a Hotel.

Expect poetry nights, competition's, literary walks, Q and A's, story slams, drawing, music and a chance to get up close and personal with some fantastic authors. There will be laughter, books, lots of cake and not a kindle in sight!

PurbeckLitfest runs From Feb 16th- March 1st 2015

Tickets available directly from some venues alternatively booking via Swanage Tourist Information Centre on: 01929 422885

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Full programme details at www.purbeckliteraryfestival.info

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Kimmeridge News

Happy New Year to all of you from your Kimmeridge correspondents! Please keep the news coming in to us – we can't write it if we don't know it.

There has been quite a bit happening already in December. Bingo was successful, raising £289.15 towards the children's party, which also went well. The autumn season of Kimmeridge Keilidhs had a rousing finish on 12th Dec with a visit from The Purbeck Mummers as well as a record number of dancers. This autumn the Kimmeridge Keilidhs have raised £181 towards the Village Hall and the new Children's Play Area. On 14th Dec the Christmas tree lights were lit. The new tree and new position are much better than the old one – less exposed, but also, as someone commented, it looks like a tree growing in a wood. It is really pretty and we would like to thank Jerry and Ben for all their work on this. Afterwards we all celebrated with mulled wine and nibbles in the village hall, very sociable and warming!

Kimmeridge sighting

We had the following exciting email from Glyn Morgan last week.

'Just thought I would let you know that during my routine of feeding pheasants at New Mead, which is near the toll gate in the oil seed rape field there, I saw a number of crows making a lot of noise at something over the other side of the field and going on to look I saw three Great Bustards standing there. They took off and landed on the shale track near the Coastguard Cottages. I gave a phone call to a "bird twitter" who said more than likely they were ones that have been reintroduced to the Salisbury Plain and that they do migrate to Spain in the winter months.'

Thanks for letting us know, Glyn. We haven't spotted them yet, but will be keeping our eyes open.

Church repairs

Good news – on 14th Dec the electricians started work on the lighting, and will be there for at least 3 days. They may be able to repair the heating as well, if not this will be done in the New Year. The repair of the damaged wood in the roof will then be done by Smedmore Joinery.

Museum/Village Hall

We are now at the stage of appointing the builders ready to start work from February on the new Museum building and Village Hall. Kimmeridge was well represented at the PETEX conference of the Petroleum Exploration Society of Great Britain. We had much interest from delegates, many of whom, as geologists, knew Kimmeridge well. This certainly raised our profile in the professional world. Our new website is well worth visiting at www.theetchescollection.org

Playground

Lots of work is going into finalising the planning and design for the new playground which we hope to see completed by the summer!

Broadband

We are continuing to work with PERENCO to find a joint solution to the telephone and broadband problems that face not only the residents of Kimmeridge, but also the Oil Well at Kimmeridge Bay. Hopefully some more news very soon!

Kimmeridge Keilidh

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Slipping and Sliding into the New Year

With the start of the New Year now upon us, many people will be vowing to lead a more active lifestyle in 2015. The beautiful and dramatic coastline of the Purbeck Marine Wildlife Reserve is a great place to get out and about in any month. Though if you decide to take a wander along the ledges or across the flat rocks of Kimmeridge Bay in January, beware the Purple Laver!

Purple Laver is a type of red seaweed that does especially well during the winter months. Many other seaweeds die back at this time of year but Purple Laver copes well with the low light levels available during the short January days and makes use of the extra space on the rock. This means that large patches of the beach can be covered with this extremely slippery alga and it can make the rocks treacherous for unwary visitors. Purple Laver can grow in dense colonies quite high up the shore and can withstand long periods out of water. This means that while it may look dry and safe it can still take you by surprise and send you sliding across the floor. Its thin membranous frond is a red-purple colour and appears similar to a plastic carrier bag in texture so keep your eyes peeled for this slippery customer next time you are out on the shore.

If you're thinking about making a New Year's Resolution why not make one that helps marine wildlife by making a difference to the huge problem of marine litter. You can do a 2 minute beach clean every time you visit the beach and help out with big **beach clean events** that run throughout the year. Our next one is on the **24th of January 2.00-3.30pm**, meet at the Fine Foundation Marine Centre at **Kimmeridge**. All equipment is provided but bring your own gloves if you have them. Please make sure you dress appropriately for the weather and wear sturdy, practical footwear. Come along and kick start 2015 as your year to help protect the rich and diverse marine life we have off the Dorset coastline.

The marine centre at Kimmeridge is now on winter opening times which is every Sunday from 12.00pm until 4.00pm. For more information about the Purbeck Marine Wildlife Reserve, Kimmeridge call 01929 481044 or email kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk. All Dorset Wildlife Trust events can be found at www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events.

Jess Mead

Trainee Marine Warden

Dorset Wildlife Trust Purbeck Group talks for January 2015

Monday January 12th Langton Matravers Village Hall 2.30pm. Members' Pictures. An opportunity to see other's members' pictures and to show your own. Contact Harold Gillen on 01929 550850 for more information.

Thursday January 29th Wareham Methodist Church, North St. 7.30pm Isle of Purbeck – the Geology and Landscape. A talk by Anne and Michael King. 'Anne and Michael have taught and lectured in Dorset over many years on topics relating to the Geology, Geography and History of the County. The wonderful variety of Purbeck landscapes has resulted from Geological, Tectonic and Geomorphological influences giving us what we have today: one of the most strikingly beautiful areas of the British Isles'.

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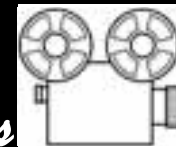
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All Change for the New Year at Clavells

The saying “out with the old and in with the new” takes on a different meaning for us at Clavells this year. Gillian and Annette Hole are hanging up their aprons, and retiring from Clavells at the end of January 2015. Little did we know 7 years ago when we took it on how much the business would grow and develop into the award winning Café & Restaurant it has now become.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our time at Clavells but now feel it is right for the younger generation to take over the reins completely. Emma plus baby Ralph and her sister Lucy and staff, look forward to welcoming you in the New Year.

Annette and I would like to thank all our customers, friends and fellow staff for their support and custom over the years. Rest assured we will still be seen driving the ice cream van back and forth to the bay and will be on hand to help out when required!

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- **Modern Tap & Ballet** – various sessions for ages 3 – adult – Modern & tap and Ballet -Miranda Hindson 07511 251026

TUESDAY

- **Whist Drive** – Eileen Cake 01929 552393 (**alternate Tuesdays @ 7.30pm**)
- **Short Mat Bowls** – 2.00 – 4.30 contact John 01929 462828

WEDNESDAY

- **Say So Drama** – 10.30 – 12.00 with Emma
- **Yoga** – 2.15 – 3.45 – contact Pam Steele -01929 556714
- **Tai Quondo** – 5.00 – 6.30 – contact Lotti - 07803 536491
- **Short Mat Bowls** 7.30 – 10.00 – contact John 01929 462828
- **Purbeck Model Railway**- 5.00 – 9.30 – Contact Robin Brasmer 01929 427 015

THURSDAY

- **U3A Softball Tennis** – 2.00 – 4.00 – contact Patrick 01929 553178
- **Qigong Chinese Exercise** 7.00 – 8.00 – contact Penny 07969 925502

FRIDAY

- **Short Mat Bowls** – 1.30-4.00 – contact John 01929 462828
- **Purbeck Model Railway** 5.00 – 10.00 – contact Robin Brasmer 01929 427015 (**1st Friday of each month**)

SATURDAY

- **3MM Society** – 1.00 – 5.00 (**1st Saturday of each month**)
- **Sequence & Ballroom Dance** – 7.30 – 11.00 (**4th Saturday of each Month**) – Contact Brian Hunt 01929 551332
- **Table Top Sales** - January, February, March – Sellers @ 8.30, Buyers @ 9.00 (**last Saturday of the month**) – contact Jayne 01929 550036

SUNDAY

- **Antiques fairs** – For details of Antiques fairs being held during 2015, please contact Lesley 01929 425402

HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL - JANUARY and FEBRUARY EVENTS

MOVIE NIGHTS 6.45pm for 7.30pm:

January 13th – THE BOOK THIEF (12) A moving account of WW2 through the eyes of a teenage girl

February 10th - BELLE - The illegitimate, mixed-race daughter (Gugu Mbatha-Raw) of a British admiral plays an important role in the campaign to abolish slavery in England.

MUSIC NIGHT

Next on on March 21st with The Pedigree Trad Jazz Band ! Tickets on sale now!

GLEN AND BETTY'S DANCE NIGHTS - January 10th February 14th

RESIDENTS' CLUB NIGHTS:Special members get-together JANUARY 16TH
And at the Village Inn, Ulwell, on February 6th

VILLAGE CLUB: (Thu 2.00pm) - AGM on 29th January

“STALLS IN THE HALL” - (Saturday from 9.30am): COFFEE AND CAKE, CARDS AND CRAFTS – AND BRIC-A-BRAC ! - No event in January but back February 14th

NEW ! SALE OF BABYWEAR AND TOYS ETC - January 31st

POST OFFICE – Every Thursday from 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (7.30pm) -

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS (Thu 10.30am to 12.00 noon) with COFFEE JUNCTION fortnightly - January 15th, 29th February 12th, 26th

CHURCH SERVICES (6.00 p.m.) - January 25th **Feb 22nd**

PURBECK U3A MONTHLY 'MEETING POINT' (9.00 a.m.) - January 22nd Feb 26th

PURBECK U3A COMPUTER GROUP (9.00 a.m.) - Jan 2nd, 16th, Feb 6th, 20th

PURBECK U3A INTERMEDIATE COMPUTING (9.00 a.m.) - January 28th Feb 25th

PURBECK U3A MAH JONGG GROUP (1.00 p.m.) - January 6th, 15th February 3rd, 19th

PURBECK U3A WINE TASTING GROUP (from 6.00 p.m.) - January 19th February 16th

PURBECK U3A PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP (9.00 a.m.) - January 20th February 17th

NEW ! PURBECK U3A PHILOSOPHY GROUP (9.00 A.M.) - January 13th, 27th February 10th, 24th

SPECIAL EVENT – We are running a professional First Aid course on Wednesday January 21st – anyone interested in obtaining this qualification please contact David on 480540. Places limited. The life you save might be your own!

WEEKLY EVENTS:

U3A French group – Wednesday mornings from 9.00 a.m.

Table Tennis group (U3A) Monday mornings from 9.00 a.m

Pins & Needles – Monday afternoons from 2.00 p.m.

Art with Judy – Tuesday afternoons from 2.00 p.m.

Life Drawing with Sue – most Thursday afternoons from 2.00 p.m.

Yoga with Cathy Monday and Thursday evenings from 6.00 p.m.

Morning Yoga with Cathy – Tuesday mornings from 9.00 a.m

Table Tennis with Joe – Wednesday evenings 6.00 onwards

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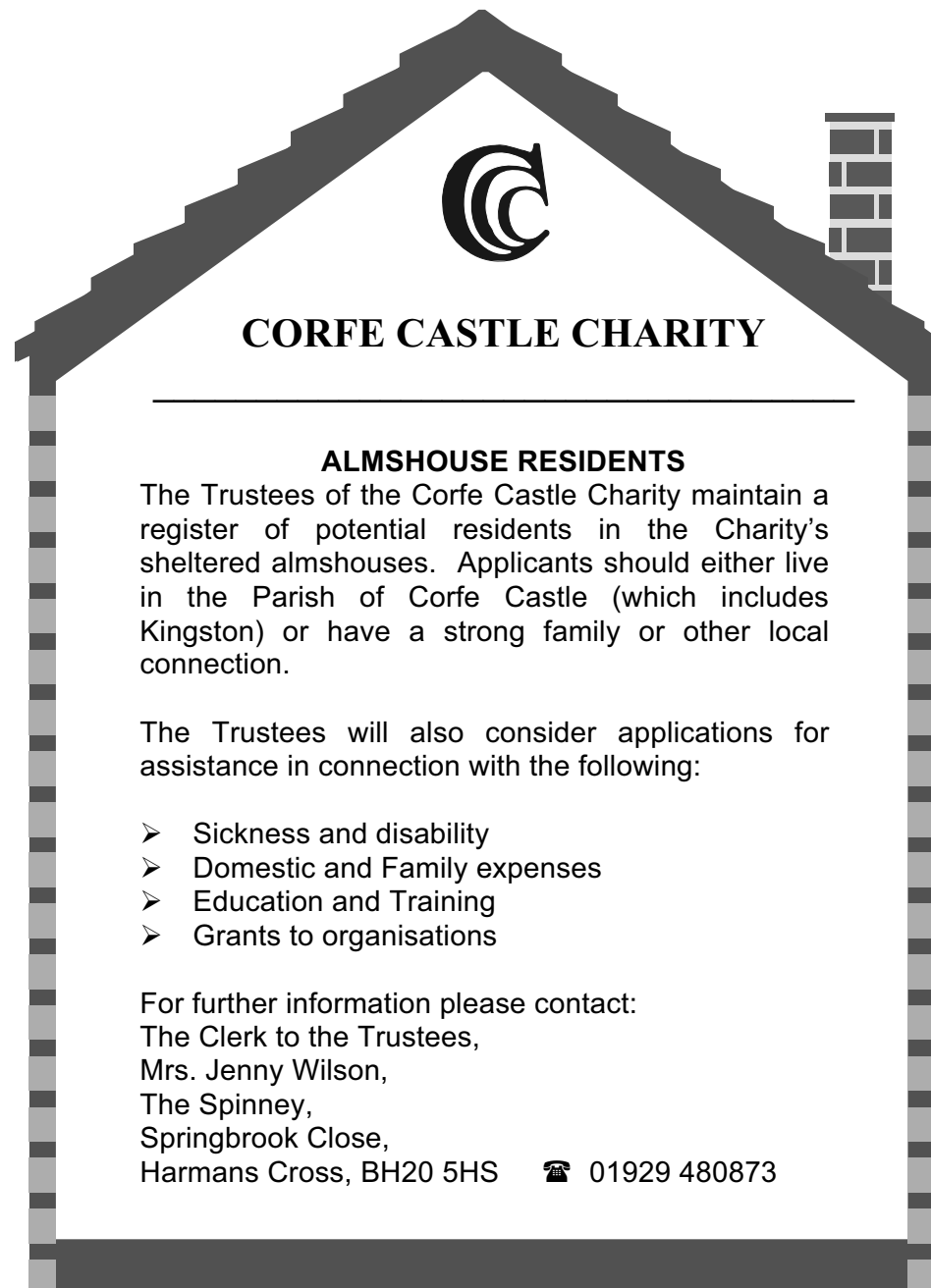
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- Domestic and Family expenses
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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MONDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00-1 1.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton' s House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.15 - 10.45am	& 11am - 12 Yoga	Langton Scout Hut
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
Each	5pm - 6pm	Rainbows (term time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	7.45 - 9.15pm	Badminton	C C Village Hall
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furze brook VH; even months CK VH
WEDNESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
Each	6.00 - 8.00 pm	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	9.30 - 11.30 pm	Pottery Classes	Rachel 480455
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	R.B.L. Club
FRIDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Pottery Class Swanage	Rachel 480455
Each	2 - 5 pm	Pottery Class	Sports Pav Rachel 480455
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall

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