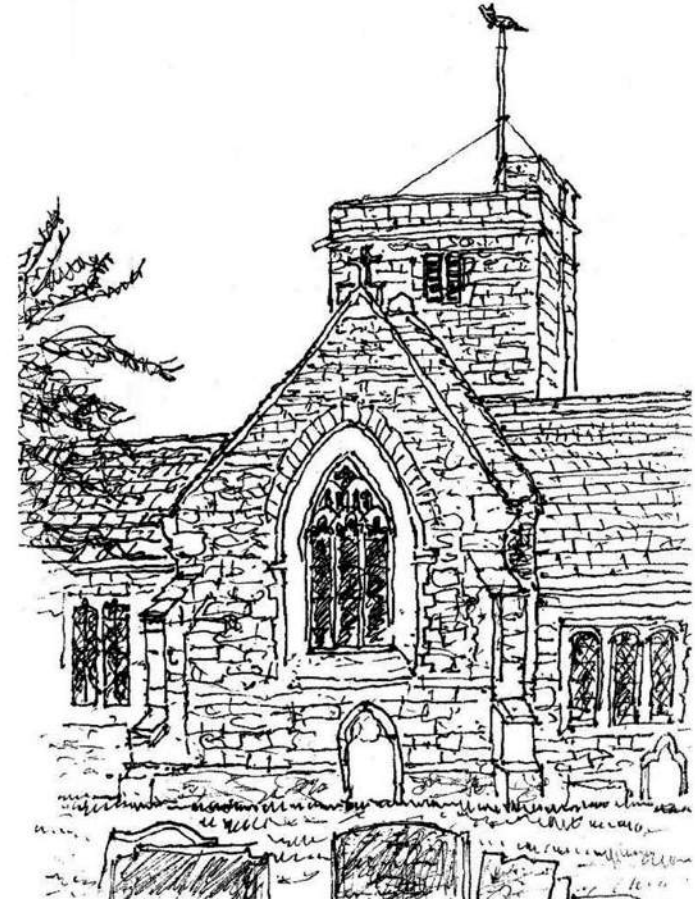


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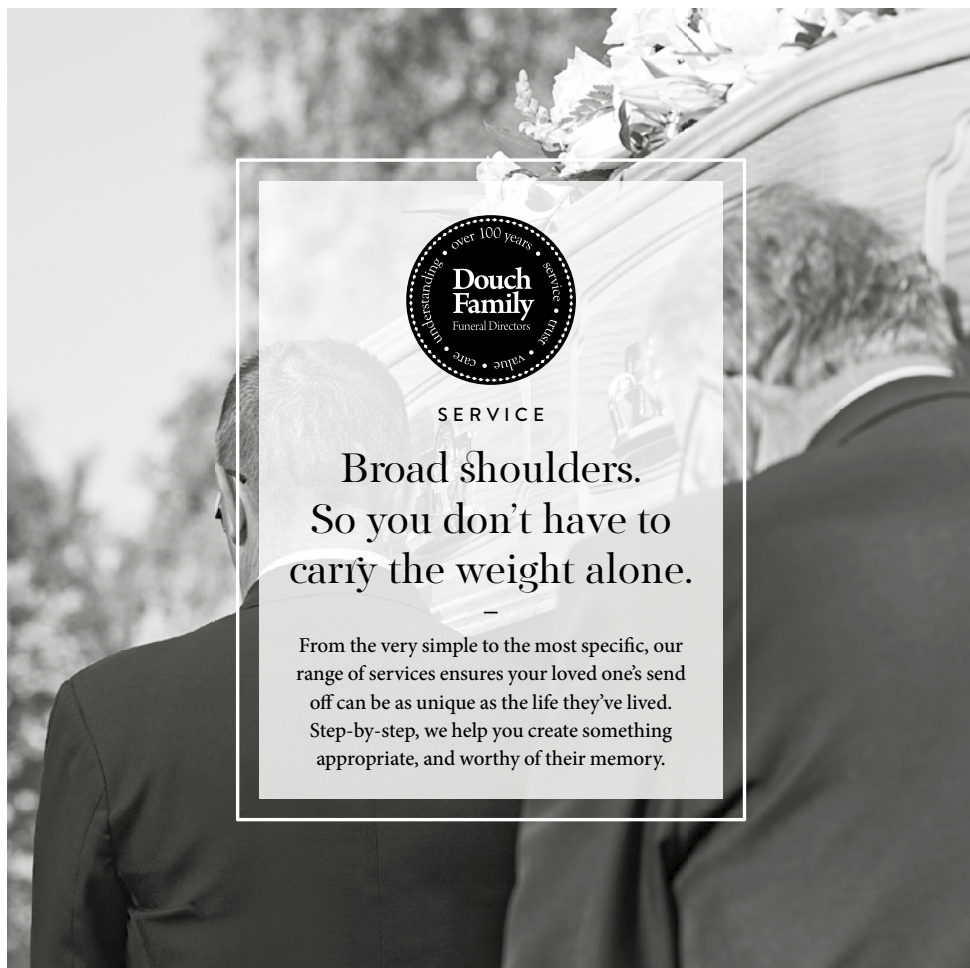
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Editorial

As things are going it does look more likely that lockdown is going to end in a couple of months' time. How nice it will be to get back to something like normal, and great for businesses to start up again. There is news that the National Trust and Swanage Railway will be opening in April.

We have got several interesting articles in the CVN this month. There is the first part of a history of the Bridges in Corfe as well as a follow-up from the article last month about how Corfe lost its mayor. And of course there is the final part of Joan Brachi's history of her wartime experiences.

The library's writing competition has been finished and the judgements made and we are publishing in full the two winning contributions. Well done the winners and everybody else who contributed.

A Happy Easter to everyone, and our continued thanks for your support.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(there are more just after the middle of the magazine)

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National Electricity Number	105
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Swanage Police Station - out of hours calls rerouted	422004
Swanage Hospital	422282
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Childline	0800 1111
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A BUSY FEBRUARY FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Vacancy in Office of Parish Councillor.

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor. A notice has been published in March asking if the electors wish to hold an election. The closing date for this procedure will have passed before this issue of CVN is published. Parishioners are asked to consider whether they would like to become a Councillor. If so please discuss with the Parish Clerk. All applications have to be submitted by 23 April 2021

Jigsaw library – Do you like doing puzzles? Are you tired of the ones you have? Why not donate one or more to the NEW Corfe Castle Jigsaw Library and help yourself to a “New to you, jigsaw” whilst you are there. All boxes



have been quarantined and sanitized for a minimum of 3 days and will be put in a sealed plastic bag before being placed in the telephone kiosk on

the corner of East Street and Mead Road Corfe Castle. With over 45 puzzles in the collection, there simply is not the space for all of them within the kiosk, however stock is rotated several times a week so if you cannot find a puzzle you like one day do try again soon. For more information, please visit either www.corfecastlepc.org.uk or www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC.

Fingerpost's update – Do you want to learn a new skill or contribute your skills and work with others within your parish?



There are several fingerposts within the parish which need repair, ranging from a simple clean to creating new fingers. Most of the repairs can be carried out in your own workshop or garage with basic tools, once removed. There is professional help available to guide you through the process, so no previous knowledge is required. If you would like to help, please

contact the Clerk on 01202 670105 or email corfecastlepc@aol.com.

Playground Cleaning - Due to the warmer weather getting closer and closer and Easter just around the corner, Corfe Castle Parish Council has decided to clean the high touch points within the playground area to help stop the spread of Covid-19. We ask parents please to still ensure your children regularly use

hand sanitizer whilst playing, clean the equipment themselves before and after use, plus respect others and stay 2 metres apart. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Giki Zero Toolkit Pilot. - Did you know according to the World Health Organisation (WHO) everyone in the UK has on average a carbon footprint of 9 tonnes per year. The WHO calls for a target limit of approximately 2 tonnes per person per year.

The Giki Zero toolkit; is a step-by-step guide to a sustainable life; allows people to understand their environmental footprint and then find steps to lighten it and provides personalised steps to suit each person's lifestyle and budget to help them find their path to Net Zero.

The Pro version of Giki Zero means the Parish Council can look at data sets from the community which means it can identify the barriers to progression. There are also monthly promotional resources community groups can access to help promote and maintain interest in the Giki Zero toolkit.

With this in mind Corfe Castle Parish Council are setting up a pilot for 50 people to join Free of Charge Giki Zero Pro, if you are interested in joining, please contact the Clerk on 01202 670105 or email corfecastlepc@aol.com. Please note if you are unsuccessful in joining the pilot, the scheme will be monitored and if successfully could be opened to everyone within the parish.

West Street Car park - The Parish Council agreed to continue opposition to the proposed 8am charging period at West Street car park as it will have serious implications for those visiting the surgery.

Dorset Local Plan update – Corfe Castle Parish Council have agreed a strategy for moving forward regarding a response on the Dorset Local Plan. For more details please see the separate article within CVN or contact the Clerk on 01202 670105 or email corfecastlepc@aol.com.

Dorset Council update - from Cllr Cherry Brooks- “The consultation for the Climate Ecological Emergency bill ended on the 20th January and Dorset Council (DC) have received over 1500 responses which are now being analysed. The Strategy and Action plan will then be taken back for approval in April. Climate change is not the only challenge we face so funding for DC's ambitious programme will be prioritised alongside other key funding pressures, for example Social Care where there is a statutory obligation to provide, however we have recently secured some funding from Government to help with DC's climate work; in February DC commenced construction of a sustainable travel route in Wimborne and Cole Hill made possible from £79 million funding awarded to DC & Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole

Council (BCP) Council as part of the transforming city's fund. Notice has also been received that we have been successful and will be award £298,000 for the low carbon skills fund. In addition, we have also been offered £18.7 million to enable major works to take place to reduce the council's carbon footprint across its buildings. With all of this it means the council can start to deliver its strategy climate and ecological objectives.

Budget; DC have had uncertainties of a one year settlement and serious short to medium impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic which has created shortfalls in the funding, which have impacted on the revenue budget and our ability to maintain discretionary services, which are very visible and valued by the residents. There is increasing pressures in the needs-based services, adults and children's, which have created the largest challenge but DC has got a balanced budget for the next council year which depends on the increase in council tax and ensures that the transformation of services moves forward at pace. The increase in Council tax will be 5% made up of the 2% allowed increase +3% for adult social care.

Covid 19 – DC Action's; A lot has happened since the last full council in December, especially the government decision to take England back into Lockdown, which had proven necessary due to significant increase in infections and deaths following the Christmas period. DC infection rates continued to rise in January but following the third lockdown and the roll out of the vaccination programme there appears to be a sustained improvement which brings light towards the end of the tunnel. Cllr S Flower, Leader of Dorset Council wrote to the Secretary State for Health M Hancock regarding teaching staff being prioritised for vaccinations, he was also a co-signatory on a letter to the Chairman of the Covid-19 Joint Committee on vaccination and immunisation requesting key workers such as Police Officers, Teachers Council front line workers be prioritised using a twin track approach.

Dorset Council News should start dropping on doorsteps from mid-March onwards, with key articles being an explanation of the budget, the Dorset Local Plan, the acquisition of the former St Mary's School, Shaftesbury and the preferred option to use it as a special education needs and disability school which is currently out on a 6-week consultation, plus our work on Climate and Ecological change and an update on the latest situation with Covid.

A Resident's survey was carried out at the end of 2020. Results show 90% of residents are satisfied with their local area as a place to live, 72% are satisfied how Dorset Council run things (up from 61%), and 75% think the council keep them well informed (up from 58%), DC is not complacent and

acknowledge there is still a lot of work to do, but it is pleasing that residents are recognising the improving results.

DC is expecting quite a lot of visitors to the area over Easter and is preparing with NHS England and the police to have a combined strategy to deal with it, if we have too many people coming into the area, and if the infection rate starts to go up again.

St Mary's School, Shaftesbury: DC has had 1300 responses of which about 90% support the change to a special education needs and disability school. There is a cross party steering group leading on this project to make sure all options are being considered including possibly including adult provisions or housing.

DAPTC is putting together a protocol for working together with DC and parish councils, DC have asked if there can be a 2-way support scheme, so if DC councillors have issues, they can get support.

Station Car Park in Corfe Castle: we have had a request from the railway company, stating that the plates that people drive over are becoming a health and safety issue and remedial work has been scheduled for the 19th March 2021."

National Trust update - The National Trust are planning to open Corfe to the public, via use of a booking system, on Monday 29th March 2021. In line with Government guidance from 8th March onwards which states 'Exercise and Recreation outdoors with household or one other person' and then increases to 'Rule of 6 or two households outdoors from the 29th March. Castle View will be re-open for visitor information and takeaway drinks, all seating will be removed as per government guidance. The tea-room again will revert to a takeaway offer only and the retail shop will re-open on Monday 12th April. The Castle opening times will be 10:00am until 5:00pm with last entry being at 4pm with reduced daily capacity to 1000 visitors a day which equates to roughly 83 entry slots per half hour.

Happy Easter.

The next Council meeting will be on the 12th April 2021 at 7pm via Zoom. The Public is welcome to attend and participate in the public half hour at the start of the Council meeting. Details will be posted on the website & on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC>

For further information please contact the Clerk Michelle Harrington, e-mail Corfecastlepc@aol.com – 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ, or telephone 01202 670105. Full minutes of the meetings are available on the Website www.corfecastlepc.org.uk a postal copy can be requested through the Clerk

Update from the Environmental Group



Dates for your diary

- Thur 8th April **Environmental Group** meeting – Zoom 7pm (2nd Thur)
- Also, all welcome to the Core Group get togethers weekly; Mon at 4pm, contact the Parish Clerk (Michelle) for the zoom link

‘Solar Streets’ Scheme

Endorsed by Swanage Town Council, this initiative is open to the surrounding environs. We therefore encourage you to explore this scheme in more detail. Solar Streets is a way of getting solar panels for your house or business at discounted prices. You can play your part in tackling climate change, as well as helping your local community, because the Solar Streets team donate to the Swanage Sustainable Community Fund with every installation. www.solarstreets.co.uk/swanage & www.gov.uk/apply-green-homes-grant

CEE Bill

Please support the **Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill**. See www.ceebill.uk

Free Carbon Footprint Tool - Giki Zero

We’re encouraging you to sign up for Giki Zero – www.zero.giki.earth/faqs. Once you’ve done so, please let the Parish Clerk (Michelle) know so your efforts can anonymously be linked into the collaborative community version – Giki Zero Pro. The first 50 households to get in touch will form part of the Parish Council Pilot, kindly paid for by a local resident and business owner. We still encourage everyone to sign up (it’s still free) and to inform us of their participation, with the hope of expanding the collective power of the scheme beyond 50 households in due course. Please also share any challenges you face and the successes you have.

Biodiversity Projects

- Sharon Warden, a Corfe Castle resident has stepped forward with the desire to start a **seed circle** – see separate page. *Can you help?*
- Simple steps to enhance the biodiversity within the **Church Lawns** is gathering pace with several interested residents working together
- The Dorset Wildlife Trust has offered us their support with the potential **tree nursery** project within the Parish. *Does this project interest you?*
- We’re looking for **volunteers** to “*get your hands dirty*”, just get in touch.

Join us or get in touch via the Parish Clerk (Michelle) corfecastlepc@aol.com

Follow us on Facebook: “Corfe Castle Environmental Group”

CCPCEG Core Group members: Josey, Helen, Tom, Luke, David & Richard.

Top Tips



Whilst we hope most of you will already be enjoying the benefits of signing up to Giki Zero (www.zero.giki.earth/faqs) we feel it’s also important to include some suggestions here for the community.

Like last month, our first suggestion from the CVN archives again (thank you, Stephen!). David, from the core group, first wrote his ‘hints’ back in 2005.

The answer lies in the soil

Most kitchen and garden waste can be safely composted (especially if using the Bokashi method), either in a simple compost heap, or home-made compost frame, or compost bin. The more you compost, the less you need to discard (£££ for a bin or £££ for a journey to the tip). Also reducing what you put in the road-side collection will reduce what is transported across the county. Perhaps most importantly you’ll gain plenty of ‘free’ organic fertiliser for growing tasty veg and quality flowers whilst improving soil quality.

Good to know: A compost heap is a great nest-site for slug-eating slow-worms. So, composting can help reduce your slug population for free!

Challenge: Start composting / Improve or expand your current composting set-up / Share your compost (or composting hints) with your neighbours

Can we stop our clothes shedding millions of tiny plastic bits?

Research is still ongoing, but here are some practical suggestions:

- Fill the washing machine - Reducing friction between items
- Wash at low temperatures & reduce spin speeds. These two steps lead to a less aggressive wash therefore reducing loss of fibres
- Air dry rather than tumble dry - Tumble drying is more aggressive than air drying – and could cause your clothes to shed more plastic
- Buy fewer polyester items i.e., a fleece. These could well be one of the biggest emitters of microfibres. Buy quality clothing that lasts longer

Good to know: New clothes shed more plastic in their first few washes – so frequently changing your wardrobe will probably increase the amount of plastic you’re sending into the environment = Keep your clothes for longer!

Challenge: Make a concerted effort to buy less clothing. If you have to buy something; consider 2nd hand items or more ethical brands.

Together, we will make a positive difference in Purbeck and beyond...

Seed Circle

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL
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Anyone interested in joining a seed saving circle?

I live in Corfe and am a keen amateur vegetable grower wanting to start a seed saving circle. That is a group of interested people keen to see if we can revive and together learn the lost art of seed saving. No previous experience required but equally any experts also very welcome! I believe nature is abundant and seeds are usually plentiful and free and anyone can join in, however big, small or non-existent your garden might be. You just need some earth, curiosity and space for a pot or two for your chosen plant.

The aims of forming a seed circle are to:

- help each other learn the craft of seed saving - perhaps each member focusing on one or two plants they like / feel confident about / are fascinated by... then sharing the seeds
- increase the plant biodiversity of Purbeck
- discover and increase potential local heritage varieties of seed
- share seed freely with each other and the community (and maybe in time further afield)
- engage and connect with others and develop a culture of seed saving

For millennia farmers, gardeners and horticulturists have grown and exchanged seeds but in the West the skill has been lost as industrial farming has taken over seed production, patenting and the licensing of seeds. This has coincided with a 75% drop in the genetic diversity of plants. Biodiversity is critical in any species (plant or animal) for resilience, and a drop in plant genetic diversity is particularly worrying at this time when it is needed most, due to the pressures of climate change.

Indigenous people all over the world still routinely save seed and believe every seed contains a story of origin, of history and of the land. Seeds are the only time plants travel and represent the hard work of the growing season and embody the belief that we can build a better future.

Interested? Please contact me via the Parish Council Clerk (Michelle)
corfecastlepc@aol.com

Sharon Warden

The Secret Field is coming...

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP



The first rule of the Secret Field is that there is no secret field!

We share our village with lots of visitors so wouldn't it be lovely to have a special place just for our community? And a place for nature. A place for nature and people. And hope! Sounds good doesn't it? Hang in there. It's astonishing how short a time it can take for very wonderful things to happen.

There is a clue within the village to this secret. A gate. You can find this gate if you have the right number. Use this number prefixed by SY on a map, and you'll be close... the right gate will have a special mark on it. Can you find the gate to the Secret Field?

Gate = (Square of the year Edward died) + the year Elizabeth sold the Castle to Hatton + the year the castle was destroyed + the year The Secret Garden was first published + (if a=1, b=2 etc. add together the letters in the surname of the betrayer of the Royalists) - the year the Danes were defeated at Swanage + (the number of sheep - the number of people next to the sheep in Turner's watercolour of Corfe in the V&A)

Don't worry if this doesn't make sense, it's a bit of an Easter puzzle to tease you with. Look out for more in next month's CVN... Thanks for playing! Tom :)

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Draft Dorset Local Plan: How we responded

The Dorset Local Plan is the key planning document for the county of Dorset until 2038. The consultation on this stage of the Plan finished on 15 March 2021. The Parish Council responded as follows:

- 1-The consultation process particularly in a pandemic was flawed and hopelessly inadequate
- 2-That climate change must be core to every proposal and every new settlement must minimise the effect on the Climate
- 3-The draft Plan did not address the key issues of low wages, high house prices and poor infrastructure in the fragile Dorset economy and that an integrated and comprehensive Dorset plan linking all the issues is required
- 4-The Local plan needs a coherent Transport Plan as the current proposals will cause congestion and damage the economy.
- 5-The case has not been made for building on the Green Belt in breach of National Planning Guidance
- 6-There needs to be much more affordable and social housing on new sites
- 7-The County must promote more non-carbon energy sources such as solar and wind
- 8-There must be world-class full fibre broadband everywhere in the County
- 9-Dorset council should lobby the government to limit the numbers of second homes in areas of housing shortage either by legislative powers or taxation so that more building is not required
- 10-That the only new houses allowed on open land should be for agriculture and for innovative zero carbon homes
- 11-that the development of 150 new homes in Swanage should be opposed because of the traffic implications for Corfe Castle

The Council has also submitted to DC all the comments from its People's Assembly. Dorset aim to produce a revised final plan later this year.

S Clarke - Chair Corfe Castle Parish Council



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Corfe Castle Surgery

We are getting ever closer to Spring with more light at the end of a very long tunnel and I hope that you are all keeping well.

This month's main reminder is that the 2nd doses of Covid-19 vaccines are now upon us so please check when your appointment is due to take place at Wareham Hospital Hub so that you don't miss out.

Please take this opportunity to check with family, friends and neighbours that may need transport or assistance to get their 2nd vaccine as it will be extremely difficult to rebook any missed appointments.

If you need to change your appointment due to **illness**, please contact the Surgery as early as possible but note, that **we cannot change appointments due to holidays or time away**.

If you have had your first vaccine anywhere other than the Wareham Hospital Hub, please do not contact the Surgery in relation to your 2nd vaccine, this can only be done via the same channel as the 1st vaccine.

We are very pleased to announce that Dr Vicky Gunn has had a baby girl since my last article and both are doing very well at home, albeit slightly earlier than expected! I hope to confirm details of the GP who will be starting with us to cover the leave very soon.

Finally, we would ask that all patients ensure that their personal contact details are kept up to date as we have found that during our Covid Vaccine invites, letters are being returned as 'not known at this address' or there is no response to phone calls.

Many thanks, please stay safe.

Kerry Norman Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

It has been a long and hard winter in every way, for all of us individually and most certainly for our surgery where the staff have responded heroically to the dual challenge of looking after our health needs remotely at the same time as organising our jabs at the Wareham Hospital Clinic. It would be no surprise if

some of us after a year of Covid worries and restrictions are tired and unable to feel optimism about the way forward to a better summer and future. But look around. The violets in the lane here I mentioned in February have been joined by primroses and will soon be overtaken by the bluebells and campion. Then it will be summer and if the Covid data continue to move in the right direction we will start to enjoy more freedom in our personal lives and in the workplace with more face-to-face contact possible. We have our part to play in this: to continue to keep safe and to have our jabs.

The success of the roll-out of the vaccination programme and effort that's gone in to achieving it here in Purbeck have been humbling. We hear unstinting praise for the volunteers and staff at Wareham and the PPG would like to add their thanks. Maggie Hardy, a PPG member, has been busy vaccinating people there and some of our surgery staff, including Dr Lepper, have been giving up their spare time to help. It's good to hear how many people are fulsome in their thanks when they attend the Clinic. Please, please, do have your jab when invited. Yours will make a difference to you and others. A reminder: the administration of second doses will be upon us soon - keep an eye on your diary so you don't miss your second appointment!

Our surgery continues to spend many extra hours organising our jab dates at Wareham once the clinic times have been confirmed. They notify each of us by letter when our turn comes. It contains the dates of BOTH our first and second appointments. Please note though that if you take the alternative route of booking online at the BIC or a pharmacy in response to the NHS letter or text invitation do make sure that you book both your jab dates that way as Corfe Castle surgery is unable to book your second one at Wareham through them. There is no mix and match!

You may have read in last month's CVN that Dorset Council is reviewing its car parking charges. This is likely to affect us when the surgery car park is full at busy times. The PPG has written to the Council to express our concerns and will be participating in a stakeholders' working group being set up by the Council to hear local views.

Finally do have a look at our increasingly popular Facebook page ([corfecastlesurgeryppg](https://www.facebook.com/corfecastlesurgeryppg)). Alternatively if you would like to contact us email marysabbenclare@gmail.com.

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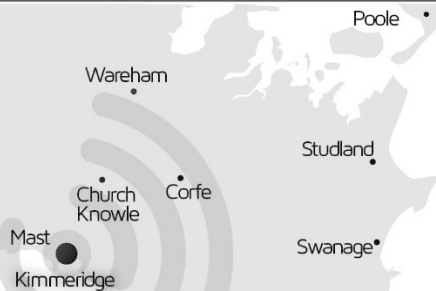
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Get your portions right – It's very easy to cook too much pasta and rice. Obviously appetites differ, but a quarter of a standard mug of uncooked rice or two generous handfuls of uncooked pasta per person are a good rule of thumb when estimating quantities required.

Store food correctly – Food lasts longer if stored in the right places. Bread is best stored in its original packaging in a cupboard or in a bread bin, not the fridge. Potatoes should be kept in a breathable bag/sack (not plastic packaging) and stored in a cool, dark place.



Get the best use out of Fridge/Freezer – Setting your fridge down to 5 degrees will keep food fresher for longer. Freezing what you won't eat is like pressing the pause button. All kinds of foods can be frozen, right up to the "use-by" date, including milk and bread.

For more hints and tips visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com

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Bridges in Corfe Castle: the Borough Bridge

Roads have always been a problem. In August 1870, The Southern Times & Dorset County Herald contained a letter to the Editor about a cart that had capsized upon its driver throwing two calves into the road. Luckily, all survived and had a ‘miraculous’ escape. The letter writer, ‘A Ratepayer’ from outside Purbeck, explained that many ‘overthrows’ had happened here resulting in broken bones and death and went on to say that the County Surveyor had suggested improvements but nothing had happened. The letter ended, ‘I wish to add that the traffic over this bridge is large and increasing.’ What would he have said today! He does not specify which bridge he meant and Corfe has three on the northside of the village –King/St Edwards Bridge which crosses over the Corfe River, and the two crossing over The Byle - Beggars/Paupers Bridge and the Borough Bridge.



A group of 94th Army Field Brigade, RA, crossing over King Edward’s Bridge and turning down the Studland Road during WWII (note the width of the road and that it was unmetalled)



Beggars or Paupers Bridge sketched by Henry Edridge before 1821

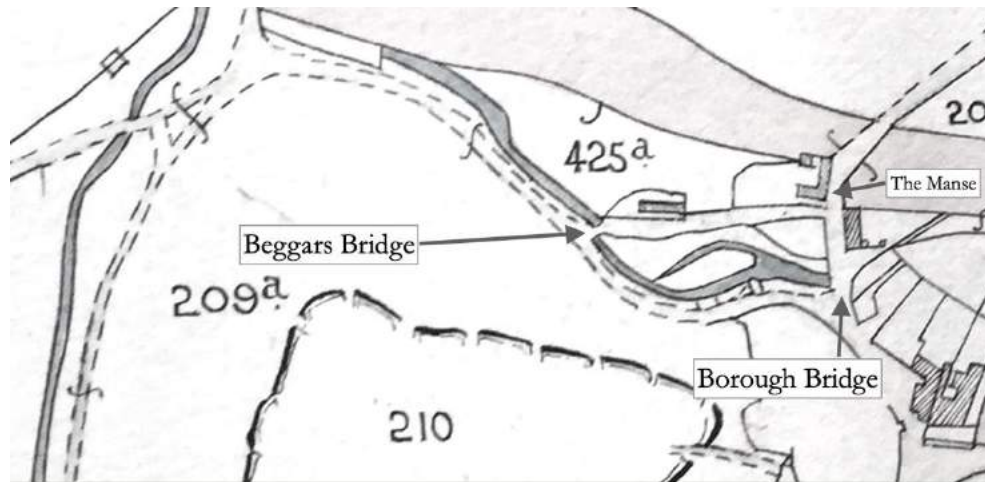
Since the first two are easily negotiable, it is likely that the bridge referred to in the letter is the one between Boar Mill and Bridge Cottage which stands on a slope with an almost 90° bend by Challow Lane – not easy to negotiate with a heavily, laden cart.



Part of a sketch of Boar Mill & the Borough Bridge by J.W.M. Turner dated 1811

Originally, one would have crossed this single cart bridge, down the slope to the Mill Pond and then around the castle base. If 'The Byle' flooded, then the route passed higher up around Rollington Hill starting to the North West of the present 'Manse' and rising behind No 1 East Street. This route was cut off when the railway line was built in 1885 but the old way can still be seen if you stand on the Castle Mound looking above the cottage roof top.

The Mill Pond by Boar Mill is likely to have been altered when the weir was built in 1689. The Mayor & his Barons had a ducking stool but there is no mention that it was ever used and it still stood on the pond's eastern side in 1710. By 1728, a Blacksmith's shop was erected by the pond directly opposite Challow Lane. Another obstacle to pass! The shop had fallen down by 1844 but the road leading from Corfe to Wareham still had to use that 90° bend (as shown below) in 1887.



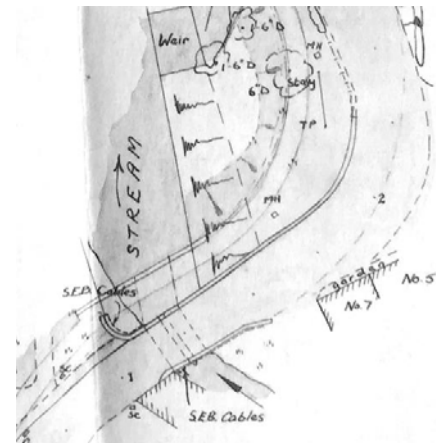
An 1887 map showing the 90° angle of the main road over the bridge by The Manse

Accidents still occurred due to the narrowness of the road and there was a head-on collision when two traps (two-wheeled carts used to carry people) collided a few yards from the bridge in 1893. One driver was thrown out and his horse had to be put down the next day.



How the Borough Bridge looked in the early 20th century (Photo courtesy of Mary Wills).

And, there were no footpaths either so it was not surprising that in 1925, as the mechanised age began, that Thomas White from Norden, was hit by a 'motor landaulette' as he walked around the Castle Mound going home. He survived and was awarded £60 costs. It was not until January 1966 when a proposal was made to widen the bridge and create footpaths making everything a little safer.



The 1966 proposal for footpaths on the A351

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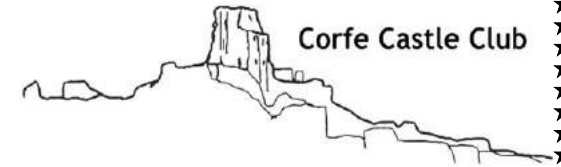
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Covid19 Road Map.



Hopefully you are all keeping well. We are keen to get the Club re-opened and are hoping to open outside on 12th April. The next stage would be allowing members inside on 17th May. Please monitor our Facebook page for any news or information regarding this.

In the mean time, try and solve the Food and Drink Anagrams below!

The following are all anagrams of alcoholic spirits with the clue being their country of origin.

1. **Ale Quit** (Mexico)
2. **Hew I Sky** (Ireland)
3. **Cuba Sam** (Italy)
4. **Bash Nite** (Switzerland)
5. **Rag Pap** (Italy)
6. **Trove Hum** (Italy)
7. **Monocle III** (Italy)
8. **Rate Moat** (Italy)

Can you work out what these sweet treats are?

9. **A tint treat**
10. **See ace heck**
11. **A mack dearie**
12. **Elm lie flu lie**
13. **Open at ten**
14. **He tackle cocoa**
15. **Press outfit**
16. **Is it a rum**

1. Tequila
2. Whiskey
3. Sambuca
4. Absinthe
5. Grappa
6. Vermouth
7. Limoncello
8. Amaretto
9. Tarte Tatin
10. Cheesecake
11. Madeira cake
12. Mille-feuille
13. Panettone
14. Chocolate cake
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16. Tiramisu

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News from the Castle

Hi everyone, let us start with wishing you all a very, very Happy Easter. Well, it has been a while since we had anything to say.

Firstly, we hope you are all well and safe, and have not found this lock down too terrible.

Wow! The good news (at time of writing) is that we are allowed to open in the garden from the 12th April (watch our boards for details) ... we cannot wait to see you all.

We have been busy working in the garden, trying to make it an interesting and exciting place to meet up with family and friends. You can book your table in the garden, so please phone us on 01929 480208.

As we cannot open for Easter, we are going to bring the Castle Inn, to your home. Offering a fantastic 2 course Easter Sunday Lunch menu delivered to your door for only £13.95. Why not give yourselves a treat? (please Prebook). Choose From:

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Followed by:

Pete's homemade Easter Cheesecake

Or

Chocolate Brownie and Chantilly cream.

We believe there is light at the end of the tunnel and look forward to welcoming you all back to; the little pub that has a big heart. Stay safe and Happy Easter to you all.

Corfe Castle Village Hall

100 club:

The March draw first prize of £20 was won by member 81, with member 75 getting second prize £10 and member 86 winning the third prize £4.50. We will retain the prizes and distribute them when lockdown finishes.

Profit from the 100 Club plays a significant part in supporting the everyday running costs of the Village Hall. With limited income from bookings currently, this support is even more valuable. If you would like to discuss becoming a 100 Club subscriber, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

general news:

The hall is currently closed as we are in the third COVID lockdown. The only permitted exception to this is to allow Alcoholics Anonymous to continue to offer support in their weekly meeting in the Bill Carter room on Thursday evenings. Our understanding is that regular activities involving children will hopefully be allowed to restart from April 12th (though these are not yet confirmed), and that the hall will hopefully be allowed to re-open for all users from May 17th (but see below).

When we are allowed to re-open, regular users and also occasional users will be welcome to return, but it will be necessary to have submitted a satisfactory Risk Assessment. The Village Hall is a COVID-19 Secure building, so on re-opening it is likely that we can host more than 6 people so long as users can limit their social interactions with anyone they do not live with, do not visit or socialise in a group of more than 6 and continue to wear their face coverings at all times (except when eating or drinking). More than 6 people can take part in activities together – so long as social distancing is possible between households – 2m or 1m+ with extra precautions (face coverings & good hand hygiene). Full details of all the extra conditions that have been necessary (including a Risk Assessment template) are published on our website

www.corfecastlehall.co.uk

AGM date for your diary:

The date we have chosen for our AGM is Friday 4th June, hopefully with attendance in person in the Village Hall and starting at 7pm.

When we re-open, bookings can be made by contacting Carole Speed on 01929 480810, or by email to carolepspeed@gmail.com.

THE STEADFAST RECTOR OF CORFE

Among the memorials in our Church is a small marble tablet dedicated to Dr Nicholas Gibbon D.D., with the inscription "In hope and expectation of the First Resurrection." I have always been intrigued about this Clergyman's life as he was Rector at the stormiest time of our Parish's history.

He was a true son of Dorset, being born at Poole in 1605. He was entered to Queens College, Oxford, in his 17th year and after his ordination and a short period of curacy, he was given the living of Sevenoaks, in Kent, in 1639. He was presented to the Rectorship of Corfe in 1642 but already the shadow of Civil War interrupted the even tenor of life and he was unable to take up the appointment for 19 years. The first siege of the Castle commenced in 1643 and for the next few years the village became a Roundhead stronghold. A battery of cannon were mounted in front of tile church, horses were stabled inside and the roof and organ-pipes stripped to make ammunition. A form of worship was carried on in the village and a Presbyterian Minister, Robert Hunt, was appointed by the Rebels. These temporary clerics were known as "Intruders". Attendance at church was made compulsory and we read that under Hunt there were 400 communicants. Lady Bankes had, of course, her own Chaplain in the Castle.

Nicholas Gibbon stayed loyal to his King and was heavily fined in 1645. Then in 1647 when the Civil War was over and King Charles imprisoned on the Isle of Wight, the King sent for him to discuss religious matters and to seek his consolation and advice. This was a red rag to a bull as far as the Kentish Commissioners were concerned and Gibbon was summarily dismissed from his living. He was in a desperate situation with a wife and eleven children to support. For a time his friends helped him but the Royalist sympathizers were heavily taxed and, as help ceased, he had to rent a small plot of land and plough it himself. When he could not afford the rent and had to sell his animals he took employment as an agricultural labourer at the age of 55. We are told he worked throughout the day and studied at night. Tile Commissioners were intrigued about his manner of living and sent for him. He displayed his calloused and work-worn hands to them, saying: "*Malem Callum in manu quam in conscientia*" ("I prefer blemishes on my hands rather than on my conscience."). A biographer called this "a spirited and noble reply" to his deriders. Then they offered him a living if he would sign a Covenant denying the supremacy of the King. Gibbon remained completely steadfast and refused to compromise his Oath of Ordination.

In 1661 the long trials of the Gibbon family came to an end. The King had come into his own and Nicholas Bishop confirmed him in the living of St Edward's.

He was now an old man and, although a stipend of £140 a year made him comparatively wealthy, he must have been horrified at the state of the little Town. Owing to the destruction of the Castle, roads were blocked, many houses in ruins and the Church a veritable pig-sty. The patrons of the Church, the Bankes family, had lost much through their loyalty to the King and could only help Church and villagers with a little cash. Undoubtedly, as the principal resident, Gibbon had to toil ceaselessly to bring order out of chaos.

He died at the age of 91, in every way a "Grand Old Man". We read that he was buried by the wall of the South Aisle in our little churchyard. When you are next in St Edward's spare a thought for a gallant little Rector who triumphed over adversity for a large part of his life and steadfastly refused to betray his Oath of Ordination. He was the complete antithesis of the Vicar of Bray.

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PLANNING HOPEFULLY FOR FUTURE EVENTS!

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As soon as we are given the green light we will be back! Providing entertainment and a safe, friendly atmosphere for anyone wanting to take up a new hobby to come and join us – on or off the stage! We are so excited to have everyone together again and would LOVE to see some new faces join us this year.

Summer Murder Walk 2021

Restrictions allowing for outdoor events, we are all set to return this year with our very popular Murder Mystery evenings set in the atmospheric grounds of Corfe Castle itself.

Performance Dates – 21st & 28th July, 3rd, 11th & 17th August

Casting 7pm Monday 31st May

November - The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

This was due to be our main production last year, and although it had to be postponed, all the 'behind the scenes' is prepped and ready to go.

As with everything, this may be subject to change if cast numbers fall under restrictions. But we are keeping all of our fingers and toes crossed and plan to proceed positively with castings and rehearsals!

Casting/Reading Sessions – 7pm 17th & 24th May (Socially distanced at the Village Hall)

Performance Dates – 18th, 19th & 20th November

If you are looking for a new hobby after lockdown and would be interested in joining us for either event, please contact the director, Pete 01929 480109, for more details.

Family Quiz Night Saturday 2nd October

For those who prefer NOT to dress up and make a fool of themselves (and indeed for those who do!), we will be hosting a family quiz night to bring everyone back together after such a long break!

We will keep you updated with new dates and events if anything should change. In the meantime, stay safe, follow the rules, and we hope to see you soon!

We are always open to new members so if you are interested in joining us please contact Mike (chairman – 01929 480323) or Cherry (secretary – 07972799300) or email info@double-act.org.uk



As I write this we are having typical March weather, sunny spells and heavy showers.

Dates of next meeting

- **April 6th:** Gill Wilkinson, Teresa's sister-in-law, will talk about her Heart Transplant at Papworth Hospital in January 2020. This meeting will be open to non-members as we felt that it might be of interest to a wider audience. Detail of how to join can be obtained from Denise on deniserfuller@hotmail.com
- **May 4th:** Sue is hoping Reggie Wright from Godlingston Manor Kitchen will talk about her work.
- **June 1st:** A talk about Footprints – a charity which aims to bring a sense of community, hope and increased self-worth to socially excluded people, thereby reducing reoffending and building stronger communities.

We were delighted that 35 members joined in with the AGM which is a record for Zoom meetings. It was great to see familiar faces and have input from as many members as possible. The AGM gave us an opportunity to review what had been achieved over the last year and despite the Coronavirus situation it was a remarkably diverse and well-supported set of activities. Wherever we had been able to, in line with the Govt. Guidelines, we had taken as full advantage of the opportunities available as possible.

The production of squares for our Twiddle blankets continues and we are hopeful of being able to get together possibly in May to start assembling the blankets.

Aquarius Plant Sale and Seedling Swap - Wednesday 14 April 10.00 – 12.00.

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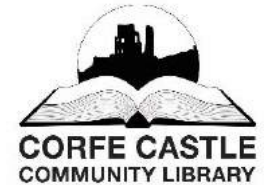
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News from the Library

Library Opening times

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Wednesday mornings 11.00 to 12.00 and Saturday mornings 10.00 to 12.00.

It is difficult to plan ahead at the moment but we are hoping to open the library for longer hours as soon as possible – watch this space!

2020 Writing Competition

You may remember that way back in December we invited you to write some prose or a poem to reflect your more positive experiences, thoughts, and memories of 2020 during the Covid pandemic. The judging of the writing competition is complete and if we were at an award ceremony, we would now be holding the golden envelopes!

The two winners are: Rachel Henson and Zoe Squirrell

The winning and runner-up entries will be displayed in the library porch.

Here are the two winning entries.

Reflections

By Rachel Henson

The sun hangs low over the common, making me squint as I squelch away from the village on the Purbeck Way. Ribbons of purple moor grass lay curled and tangled in the puddles. The water ripples as my boots stomp down, stirring up the mud beneath. Where dry path emerges, mole hills have forced their way up through the surface, pushing aside the plant life. Sticking to high ground, I weave through the obstacle course, trying to avoid inevitably soggy boots and getting gorse spines lodged in my jacket.

It's a quiet Saturday afternoon. The summer visitors are long gone. A few dog walkers smile and say hello in the village but, walking across the fields and through the woods towards the coast, I see nobody else. I pause beneath a curtain of Clematis that decorates the way. The fluffy Old Man's Beard dangles above remains of moss-covered dry-stone walls, creating a real-life fairy forest.

The cold bites at the only part of me that it can reach, a narrow strip between the bottom of my woolly hat and the top of my scarf. Snuggled in warm clothes, jeans splattered with mud, and with nowhere else I need to be, I stand still and think back to pre-lockdown life. There were so many more demands on my time. Many of them, of course, I am missing. Not least, time with my family and friends. I miss the smaller pleasures too: a worry-free pint in a sunny beer garden, a dip in Purbeck swimming pool, live music. I know it won't last forever though, and when the chaos of normal life returns, I might just miss having this time to myself.

We are a village that is blessed with countryside in every direction. Waking up on a day-off in lockdown, we are spoilt for choice for things to enjoy on our walks. During our springtime hibernation, the peregrines put on a show for anyone lucky enough to spot them soaring down from the castle walls. I remember one morning; I had stopped to watch the swifts dance. They rose and fell, diving fast before careering upwards, curling round and around their blue playground. They were so entrancing that I didn't register the call of the peregrine until its pale underside passed overhead, disappearing into the glassless window of the keep. The swifts didn't miss a trick. They headed high as the larger bird came into land, only returning when the danger was safely back on its nest. I left them cutting patterns across the sky. They left me floating my happy way home.

As lockdown fizzled out, and freedoms increased, summer arrived. I started to have socially distanced meetings with my parents. A take-away in their garden, chips on Swanage seafront, a dog walk with a school friend. These precious moments took priority over wandering on my own. The village felt busy compared with our time in lockdown, and to find the peace we enjoyed earlier in the year, we needed to walk further away. There were fewer opportunities to wave to our neighbours now that they were no longer confined to their gardens, and it struck me that we had got to know each other better over our fences. Perhaps I had been too busy to make the effort before.

Even the greatest optimist knew, deep down, that it wouldn't last forever. By November, we were back to some degree of lockdown, and restricted to exercise walks again. Woodsmoke drifted down West Street as I headed to the common. The shrivelled skeletons of chamomile flowers marked the passage of time. They were a stark reminder that there are many small things to savour, despite the difficulties and strangeness we have all faced this year.

I return my thoughts to the present. The afternoon light warms the trees, even though the frost still endures in the shadows. It has taken nine months, but I am slowly adapting to appreciate these seemingly small things amidst life's uncertainties. Obsessively checking the online news doesn't change anything,

and it certainly doesn't do anything positive for my mental health. Instead, switching off and being outside is doing the world of good.

Filling my lungs with cold air, I wiggle my gloved fingers and carry on to the coast. Climbing down to Chapman's Pool, the low sun is already trying to warn me that darkness is on its way. I won't have long on the beach. Two kestrels spar above St Aldhem's Head on the skyline, dwarfed by two circling ravens, silhouetted against the sky.

A couple sits on the rocks. They are prepared, with a picnic blanket and a backpack full of gadgets. I take out a flask of tea and perch on a blanket-less rock above the lapping water. There is a funny smell that I can't place. It's probably algae. More land has slipped since the summer. On the other side of the cove, fallen shale piles up on the beach. The glare of the sun on the water ripples away from the shore, creating a blinding mirror broken only by black rocks. Reflections of grey clouds peer up at their more tangible counterparts, lined with silver, above the great hulk of Houns Tout.

Pink tinges start to creep into the cold blue sky, and the pebbles take on a tepid shade of yellow. It is time to stand up, stretch my legs and head back to the village. It wouldn't be much fun trying to stagger back in the dark.

As I turn to head inland, I spot the source of the strange smell, and realise I had wrongly accused the algae of creating the stench. Looking slightly rusty, in that unfortunate phase between occupying flesh and becoming a tidy skeleton, a deceased porpoise lays uncomfortably over the rocks. A crushed can of Thatcher's Haze crouches beside it, as if its final moments were spent glugging supermarket cider. A piece of orange rope lies knotted, frayed and faded in the sea sun.

Having never met a porpoise before, it seems a shame that my first isn't more alive. Standing purposely upwind, and keeping a respectful distance, I can make out its toothy beak, and trace the backbones backwards to its tail.

I walk home Corfe-wards, with a new spring in my step. Back in the warm, I add 'look for a live porpoise' to the long list of things to look forward to when all of this is over, and time to ourselves is a luxury once again.

2020, a rollercoaster of a year!

By Zoe Squirrell

Though COVID provided many obstacles to 2020, it was a year of growth and learning for me. Putting myself out there looking for a new horse to work with, through an advert at the beginning of 2020, was daunting. I had no idea what I would discover, if any suitable horse would come along. The thought of going

to unknown places, trying out unknown horses was not a happy prospect, even if I have ridden a significant variety of horses in the past. When I was contacted about Biscuit, I was sceptical due to his size. I am not tall, anything around the 17hh mark is usually something I wouldn't consider. However having done some training on a bigger horse in 2019 had shown me that if the horse was right, size shouldn't matter. Biscuit sounded so suitable in every other way that I bit the bullet. I am grateful to one of my trainers for coming to view Biscuit with me, it was the boost I needed.

From the beginning Biscuit gave me confidence. He is the perfect schoolmaster, really knows his job, and has held my hand when I have lacked confidence in myself or when my noise sensitivity takes over. Knowing I had Biscuit to ride after each lockdown provided such a great motivation. Lockdowns were as tough for me, as for everyone. Despite a lot of exercise and movement, my body didn't cope very well with no access to the alternative chiropractic treatment I use to help keep mobile, which meant I experienced a lot of pain. I was lucky to have some sessions via zoom working on breath work which helped me a lot, as did my massage bed, a timely investment at the end of 2019.

Once we were allowed back out after lockdown, it was back to training. Initially I thought I could aim for an International competition (within the UK) in October with Biscuit, but shifting deadlines meant plans had to be changed. So Biscuit, Alice (Biscuit's owner and my groom/trainer for training and shows) and I focused instead on qualifying for the Winter National Championships, hopefully to be held in March 2021. We qualified in 2 outings with personal-best scores. This was beyond anything I could have hoped for, and makes me so excited for what is to come in 2021. Due to COVID, we only had two outings and 2 training shows (where we can practise riding our test without the pressure of attending a show), so I'm glad we could make them count. I had no idea really what to expect out competing again after so long, I hadn't ridden in an affiliated competition for three years and never done a test on a 17hh horse before. All the movements come up much quicker from on board Biscuit than on a smaller horse! These scores and our qualification have set us up for 2021, and once we are out of lockdown, I'm excited for what else is to come! I hope that 2021 will offer the chance for me to compete internationally in the summer, an aim since I began my para dressage journey after being inspired watching at London 2012.

Alongside competition experience, Biscuit's expertise has extended much further, he has also taken me hacking (riding in the countryside). Hacking is not something I enjoy, and tend to avoid as I do not see well and have increased sensitivity to noise, but each time out Biscuit has allowed me to see new sights and understand that in the right circumstances it doesn't have to be so fear inducing. I will always be noise sensitive, but with the possibility of riding in

the forest and on the beach in 2021, I can't help but feel excited. I have also had the chance to connect with Biscuit on the ground, spending time in the stable and grooming him, has been a real pleasure. It has been lovely to be able to do the simple 'everyday' horsey things. Putting on a headcollar, taking off rugs, leading Biscuit around the yard, may all seem ordinary but when you don't always have that option, it makes the experience much more meaningful.

Alongside working with Biscuit, I've had weekly mechanical horse sessions at Quob Stables near Southampton. The mechanical horse can do all the movements needed for dressage, and with sensors in the saddle and where your legs sit and an attached computer screen, you can analyse and improve your riding. These sessions have proved key to me understanding Biscuit better. They are a time when I can break down my position and improve my muscle memory in the saddle, making my riding much more effective. It also is a super way to get "horse physio" as my body can move more naturally and as I don't have to apply any instructions (as these can be done from the touch of a button by the instructor), I can really benefit from the movement underneath me, allowing my muscles to relax.

I have been lucky to have weekly gym training sessions with Joe, a personal trainer, based at his gym in Swanage. I've been working with Joe for over two years now, and he has made such a positive change to my strength, mobility and overall fitness. Every session is a challenge and there is no exercise that isn't possible, just "out of the box" thinking to allow me to do the exercises 'my way'. Being a stronger version of myself has of course impacted positively on my riding too, as I have more stamina and ability to isolate my muscles in the saddle. Throughout each lockdown Joe has given me programmes to follow using the kit I have at home. I am also grateful to work with a personal trainer who does rider specific work with me, and over lockdown has been doing online training, which has offered me variety and structure.

The year gave my parents and I time to get out in the beautiful Purbeck countryside to explore and revisit old favourite spots. There is something so satisfying about climbing onto East Hill with views over the castle, up onto the Ridge with views over Swanage, Studland and Poole Harbour or walking along to Swyre Head looking out toward Kimmeridge and Portland. The promise of stunning views is enough to brighten even the dullest of lockdown days.

Despite the challenges of 2020, the year saw the beginning of a new chapter in my para dressage journey, resulting in many happy memories created in amongst the chaos.

A thank you to you both and well done!

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CALENDAR for APRIL 2021

Please note that these events are mostly still tentative so please check timing and that it is actually taking place with the organisers.

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

1	April	Thursday	8.00 pm	Gardening Club talk by Katherine Crouch on Zoom
6	April	Tuesday	Afternoon	Aquarius talk about a heart transplant
12	April	Monday		Swanage Railway starts running again – subject to government permission
12	April	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council Meeting via Zoom
14	April	Wednesday	10.00 to 12 midday	Plant sale and seedling swap outside 114 East Street
21	April	Wednesday	5.30 and 7.00 pm	Youth club restarts on the field behind the Village Hall
24	April	Saturday	7.30 pm	St Edwards virtual quiz

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

4	May	Tuesday	Afternoon	Aquarius talk about Godlingston Manor kitchens
10	May	Monday	7.00 pm	Parish Council meeting via Zoom
1	June	Tuesday	Afternoon	Aquarius talk about the charity Footprints
4	June	Friday	7.00 pm	Village Hall AGM, hopefully in the Hall



A sketch, by Joan Brachi of St Mary's Tyneham. The church is still part of the Corfe Castle and St Aldhelm's benefice, but is only used on Remembrance Day.



A sketch of one of the new cottages in West Street by P R Gross

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The Reverend Anne Bond writes: ON GLOBAL WARMING

This year's Lent Course, Care for Creation, has been an eye-opener. Until around 1800 AD, the temperature of the Earth had been more-or-less 'just

right', with fluctuations happening very slowly over the thousands of years since our planet became habitable. For example, around six thousand years ago the Sahara Desert was green and grassy savannah, teeming with animals and plants; and there was a Little Ice Age that lasted for approximately 500 years from the thirteen-hundreds AD that enabled people to roast oxen on the frozen Thames. Shifts in global temperature are not new.

However, Global Warming on the alarming scale that we know today has happened in the last two centuries, with the greatest increase happening since 1990. This 21st century began with fourteen of the fifteen hottest years on record.

Earth's temperature control is dependent on the amount of water vapour and carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere. For about eight hundred thousand years until 1800 AD the concentration of CO₂ was 0.03% - 'just right'; but then we started burning fossil fuels (coal, oil and gas) and today the concentration of CO₂ is 0.041%, an increase of more than 40%. Cement production, loss of natural forests, modern agricultural land use and increased numbers of cattle being produced for food have not helped. The changes have happened too fast for natural protective mechanisms to cope.

Global Warming has become Global Emergency.

'Science alone will not be able to resolve the situation because it is a moral, spiritual and ethical one requiring major changes in our behaviour'. (Professor Sir Ghillian Prance*)

In order to prevent Global Emergency degenerating into Global Disaster, we, the architects of it, must act. We human beings are the unchallenged masters of this planet. Nelson Mandela once remarked: 'Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.' And Psalm 8 reminds us that this power is God-given: 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honour. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet ...'

With power comes responsibility. Jesus commanded us: 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.' In today's circumstances how should we understand 'neighbour'?

When we were children the people in our lives were our immediate families and our friends. As we mature, we form relationships with work colleagues and the people who make up the communities in which we live. The development of cheap air travel enabling holidays abroad, the invention of television, and – perhaps above all – access to the world wide web, have brought the four corners of the earth (north, south, east, and west) within reach of most

of us. Very few people in the 'developed' west can claim total ignorance of how people in the rest of the world live.

The tragedy is that it is those people – the people living in 'developing' countries, people who don't heat their houses or drive for miles in high-tech cars, who don't farm with monster machinery consuming oil, who contribute very little and sometimes nothing at all to Global Warming – who are suffering the effects. Weather changes and rising sea levels caused by the 'developed' world's excessive use of fossil fuels result, for them, in soil conditions that can't grow crops, lack of fresh water, increasing numbers of devastating storms sometimes involving tsunamis, tornados or earthquakes, and overwhelming floods. In the worst case, famine and disease follow, until there is a total loss of habitable environment.

God created a perfect and beautiful world in his fathomless cosmos and set a miraculous variety of living beings upon it, with one species – mankind – made 'in his own image' with whom he communicates. He made us stewards of Planet Earth and commanded us to care for it. But as Psalm 24 says: 'The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.' Although we are to look after it, Earth does not belong to us. It is God's. How dare we despoil it? How dare we, through greed and our selfish, uncaring refusal to see what we are doing, harm and in many cases annihilate God's loved creation?

I think Jesus meant us to understand 'neighbour' as anyone we know to be in need. Our 'neighbours' in the developing world are indeed in direst need. And it is our fault, here in the developed west. There is no getting away from it.

We all know what it is like to be at the mercy of circumstances over which we have no control: mysterious rising sewage in the downstairs loo, electricity power cuts, leaks in the roof ... major flooding, gales that fell trees, gas leaks ... sudden continuing loss of TV and computer signal ... job losses, financial insecurity, the threat of homelessness ... all things familiar to us in the developed world. Multiply by some enormous figure the inconvenience, the worry, and the deep fear of those events, and you have what ordinary families (like we ourselves) face daily in the developing world.

But now - what can we, as powerless, ordinary individuals living thousands of miles away do?

Firstly, we have to face reality.

The difference between the fluctuations in Earth's temperature of history is that they happened slowly as natural phenomena that were part and parcel of the planet's evolution, whereas Global Warming as we know it today has happened and is continuing to happen at frightening speed, and 95% of it is a direct result of human activity.

As ordinary individuals, we can attempt to reduce our use of fossil fuel. This could involve switching to Green Energy suppliers for gas and oil for domestic use. There are several operating in the UK; you can get a list from <https://naturaler.co.uk/list-of-green-energy-suppliers-uk> We can make sure our houses are well insulated, and use public transport instead of our cars when possible – or cycle, or walk. When shopping we can try to avoid items in plastic packaging, and of course plastic bags. We can join informed pressure groups such as Planet Purbeck. We can keep the eco implications of every action we take at the forefront of our minds and decide accordingly.

These actions sound like tiny drops in an ocean of need. How can they possibly make a difference?

Well – we do all know the answer to that, don't we? If large enough numbers of unimportant people act, they become important because great numbers are effective.

Global Overheating is a global problem. We, in this our own precious neck-of-the-woods, are not responsible for the whole disaster, nor is it up to us to make the whole thing better. But it IS up to each one of us to play our individual part, however ineffective it may seem, because there is power in numbers. Numbers if large enough could even overcome the blind greed of American political and financial heavy hitters.

This is where the moral, spiritual and ethical element comes in: moral because it would be immoral for anyone not to at least try to do their bit; spiritual because let's face it, it's pretty amazing to 'have life' at all ... those of us who are aware of God as the creator of everything that was and is and ever will be, have no difficulty recognising the wonder and beauty of the natural world (which includes the human race), thanking God for it and wanting it to continue in all its glory; and ethical because it is decidedly unethical for people in one part of the world to be fat and rich and comfortable while people in the other part are starving and poor and despairing.

But the ultimate question is, do we want Planet Earth to become uninhabitable because we can't bear to give up our CO2-emitting and polluting habits?

If we decide we couldn't give a toss and two fingers to the developing world – in time the human race will inevitably come to a sticky and painful end as the planet becomes arid and devoid of life.

It's your choice. And mine.

With love, Anne.

*Professor Sir Ghilleen Prance, Fellow of the Royal Society, Knight Bachelor. Senior Vice-President for Science, New York Botanical Gardens, 1963-88. Director Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew 1988-99. In retirement, active at The Eden Project.

Bible Readings - April 2021

Sunday 4th April	EASTER DAY Psalm 118: 1 -2; 14 – 24 Isaiah 25:6 – 9 Acts 10: 34 – 43 Mark 16: 1 – 8
Sunday 11 th April	Second Sunday of Easter Psalm 133 Exodus 14: 10 – end; 15: 20 - 21 Acts 4: 32 – 35 John 20: 19 – end
Sunday 18 th April	Third Sunday of Easter Psalm 4 Zephaniah 3: 14 – end Acts 3: 12 – 19 Luke 24: 36B – 48
Sunday 25 th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter Psalm 23 Genesis 7: 1 – 5; 11 – 18; 8: 6 – 18; 9: 8 – 13 Acts 4: 5 – 12 John 10: 11 - 18
Sunday 2 nd May	Fifth Sunday of Easter Psalm 22: 25 – end Genesis 22: 1 – 18 Acts 8: 26 – end John 15: 1 – 8

Church Services during April 2021

EASTER DAY April 5th

9am In St Edward's Corfe Castle - Holy Communion
We continue to follow all the safety guidelines;
Unlikely (but not impossible) we will reach capacity

10am In St George's Langton AND on line (Zoom) Holy Communion

9.30am In the Churchyard at St Michael's Steeple - An Easter Celebration

FROM THEN ON and for the time being there will be Sunday Worship as follows:

Each Sunday of the month

9am In St Edward's Corfe Castle Holy Communion

10am In St George's Langton AND on line (zoom) Holy Communion

On the 2nd Sunday of the month - NB From May 9th

9.30am in the churchyard of St Michaels' Steeple Morning Worship

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You will see that from Easter Day we will be once again holding services in church. It will continue to be possible to join a service by zoom – the 10am from St George's - using the link as follows.

10am Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83570811911>

Just a reminder – if you have a computer (PC or Apple) with internet access, you do not need to install any Zoom software to “attend” Zoom services. If you use a smartphone or tablet, you will need the Zoom application installed.

The present arrangements will continue for the time being and will be reviewed during the coming months. We have consulted with the churchwardens and others about this and it seems the most appropriate arrangement for the moment.

We have also been considering the pattern of services for when we move to a more settled time; more about this in due course. Ian

Online coffee mornings.

We are now holding a regular Thursday online Coffee Morning each week 11am – everyone is welcome. The link to join is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84655538059?pwd=dzJESHN2M3B1RzlrSVVpZmpaUxiUT09>

Harmans Cross Village Hall - Church Services

Please note: There will be a special **EASTER DAY** Church Service in Harmans Cross Village Hall at 6 pm on 4th April 2021.

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Pioneer view

Dear friends,

Spring has finally arrived. Daffodils and snowdrops seem to be everywhere
you look. The dark mornings of winter are behind us.

Moreover, we are about to begin emerging from the third COVID 19
lockdown. We've all been travelling through this pandemic and now, with
hope tangibly rising in lives and communities we are about to pass through the
storm.

There are signs of clear blue skies poking through the pandemic mists as the
vaccinations begin to bite. With all these changes on the horizon I am
reminded of the words of the song "You will never walk alone"

**When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark**

**At the end of a storm
There's a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a
lark**

**Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Though your dreams be tossed
and blown**

**Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone**

You'll never walk alone

**Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone**

You'll never walk alone

These words always resonate with me, and the message is simple, hope is
always there if we search for it. So, let us, together, walk through these
uncertain times.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that my team and I are
committed to travelling with you and look forward to welcoming you back
once we can restart our activities and events. Things may look quite different
on the other side, but hope will carry us through.

A quote to ponder as we emerge from this lockdown:

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."
Demond Tutu

Go well.

Peter

CORFE CASTLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

You might wonder why Christians make such a big fuss about Easter. You might think it all ended with the death of Jesus on a cross. Not only did Jesus die but He rose again from the dead and is alive today!

Jesus identified with our pain and suffering as he went to the Cross. Whipped and tortured by the Roman soldiers, with a crown of thorns on His head. He was abused and taunted, yet He went through with it so that we could know God's forgiveness, and live life differently.

With so many countries in lockdown at the moment and some Church Services cancelled, people will not be able to come together or attend a service, but an isolated Church doesn't mean a hopeless Easter. We are instead finding other ways to reach out to each other.

Many Churches are now using Social Media, Live Streaming and other non-traditional ways to bring people together. So, whilst Easter will look very different this year, the message of Easter remains the same and will be just as powerful in small gatherings as in large crowds.

Easter was the beginning of hope for all! That hope continues on to today and in the future.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

MAY YOU ALL BE BLESSED THIS EASTER

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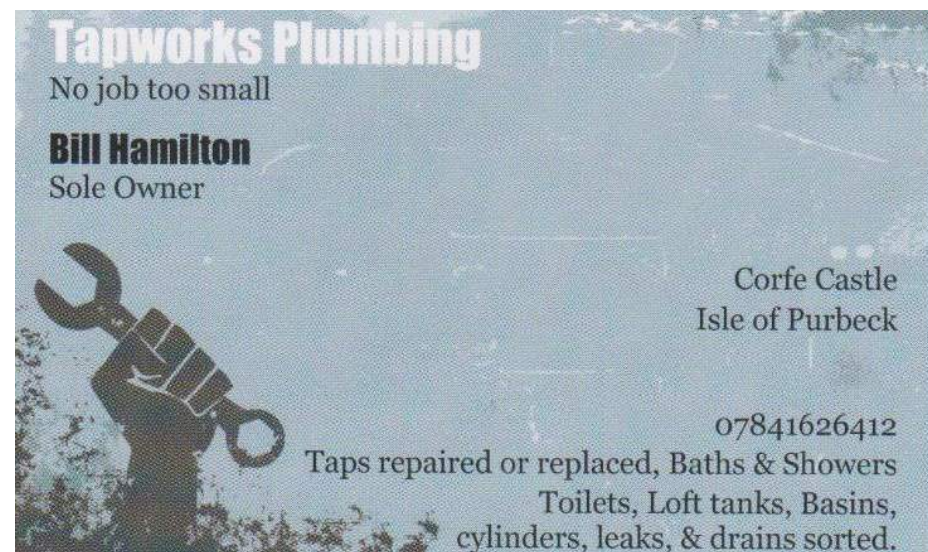
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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Last month I told you about the AGM and the fun quiz to follow it. The AGM took place, the incumbent Officers and Committee members all agreed to stay on in post for another year. A request was made for two more members to volunteer to serve on the committee, so, if you would like to help the CCGC in this way please contact our secretary, Gerry. (Details on back cover of CVN)

The quiz was fun! Hazel and Mike put together an interesting, varied and challenging list of questions. The participants (I nearly said victims) came up with equally varied and interesting answers – a lot of which were wrong. My score? My lips are sealed and wild horses will not drag it out of me. Suffice to say that, as I have explained elsewhere, the Club voted me in as Chairman to demonstrate that you do not need to be a knowledgeable or expert gardener to join CCGC and enjoy the talks and maybe learn some useful stuff. I'm a work in progress, but it is a great hobby.

Talking of joining. The AGM agreed to waive membership fees for this year – could there be a better time to join?

And talking of learning and fun:

We have a great speaker lined for our ZOOM meeting on April 1st at 8.00pm. She is Katherine Crouch **BBC Gardener of the Decade** in 2008 and a very entertaining speaker who will provide inspiration to gardeners experienced and less experienced. So please join us if you read this in time. Contact Gerry for joining links.

The Daffs, Crocus, Grape Hyacinths, Big Hyacinths (got to put that in twice, just learned how to spell it!)

Aconites and other spring flowers are blooming as I write, with the Tulips in bud and the Rose trees covered with bright new leaves – Spring is definitely Sprung, despite the winds and occasional night frost.

So – enjoy your gardening in the pale sunshine, your walks and your soon be greater freedoms. But do PLEASE continue to take care, stay safe and stay happy.

David

Gardens exist to prove that nothing is impossible, but some things are satisfyingly challenging.



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New drop-in has started at **Mill Lane, Wareham Office** - from **Tuesday October 20th, 12-2pm** on a first come, first served basis.

PLEASE DON'T FEED GRAZING HORSES

Feeding grazing horses carrots and/or apples may seem like a kind, inconsequential and pleasant thing to do, however, it can actually be very harmful and possibly fatal. Some horses have special dietary needs - carrots and apples are high in sugar being dangerous for ponies with Laminitis or Cushings. Even healthy horses can choke on fruit and veg if it's not cut and handled correctly or it could cause colic which can be fatal. Also, if horses think a passer-by is going to feed them, they start to expect food from all passers-by and the horse may come and look for food in your pocket, sometimes aggressively which can be frightening, especially for children. If you're concerned that a horse isn't being fed properly, then you should report it to the RSPCA 0300 1234 999, but under no circumstances should you feed it yourself. So please, DO NOT feed ANY grazing horses in a field or on the common, many thanks.

Also, please shut all gates and make sure they are properly latched.

1st CORFE CASTLE BROWNIES

Brownies has been continuing with Zooms and we have completed the Step-Up Badge during this half of the term. This has included learning to pick things up with our feet, guessing whose feet are whose from photos making and eating cheesy feet and salads, and painting toenails, plus plenty more.

The next half of the term will see us focussing on finishing at least 2 themes to see the girls achieve their theme awards.

This year has been difficult for everyone but we have soldiered on. Not all like using Zoom but most have tried hard with it and had fun however it has not made for a good year to recruit either girls or leaders.

WE REALLY DO NEED A LEADER TO COME FORWARD TO TAKE OVER THE MAIN LEAD WITH MY SUPPORT FROM APRIL.

By then we should be able to meet outside and get some fresh air and sunshine, which we hope to do in the Easter holidays. This will make for more fun and varied activities.

If you would be able to join us as a leader or know someone else who might please let me know or email warehamandwooldistrict@girlguidingdorset.org.uk for more information otherwise we will be looking at probable closure, which would be very sad after 33 years!!!

Chris Kemp (Brown Owl)

SANTA SUPPORTS SCHOOLS

Swanage & Purbeck Rotary CIO has recently agreed a generous support package to help young people in the Isle of Purbeck. Its Youth Committee recently contacted all schools and associated pre-schools in Swanage, Langton Matravers and Corfe Castle to see what help Rotary could offer in this unprecedented year in which schools and pre-schools have been unable to hold their usual fundraising activities.

By Christmas, Rotary was able to hold several successful fundraising events and financial support has therefore been agreed for each school and pre-school to support a variety of projects, such as

- financial help towards the construction of an electric car at The Swanage School, under the Greenpower/IET Formula 24 initiative, and the purchase of equipment for its Band Club
- financial and practical help towards the construction of ponds and development of wildlife areas in primary schools, and a therapeutic Year 6 legacy art project with The Koru Project
- provision of an outdoor shelter/reading room and play facilities, a bench for outdoor use and support to purchase IT equipment and consumables for pre-school children

The local community gave generously to Santa's Sleigh, so it seems fitting that Santa helps its children move out of lockdown and back into life at school. THANK YOU, SANTA AND THE GENEROUS PEOPLE OF SWANAGE, LANGTON MATRAVERS AND CORFE CASTLE!

Wednesday Night @ the village hall.
CORFE CASTLE YOUTH CLUB

We're back!!
From 21 APRIL 2021
5.30-6.45PM School Year 6
7.00-8.30PM School Year 7 upwards

Corfe Castle Youth Club will be back on the 21st April 2021 at the **BACK** of the village hall weather permitting.
All the usual fun and games and tuck shop!
It would be great to see you and we will comply to all Covid guidelines!
Contact 01929 552934 or email roking@pccf.org.uk for more information - Donna and Ro!

Corfe Castle Youth Club

Good news!! We're going to reopen Youth Club from WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL, outside on the field behind the Village Hall (Weather Permitting).

We'll be having 2 sessions each Wednesday,
The first from 5.30p.m -6.45 FOR YEAR 6'S
The second from 7 p.m -8.30 FOR YEARS 7 & above.

We'll be offering our usual mix of sports, games, music, quizzes and topical chats with Youth Workers Donna & Ro, along with sweets and drinks to buy.

NEW ATTRACTION: Ro will be bringing the Clubmobile - a customised van with music and entertainment on board.

Hope to see you on Wednesday April 21st, Donna & Ro

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INTRODUCING PURBECK CHIROPRACTIC and PAUL HIND



Purbeck Chiropractic is a new clinic which opened in January 2021 in the village of Corfe Castle. The resident chiropractor is Paul Hind who relocated from Surrey to Dorset during 2020 to establish his new clinic. Paul has been practising chiropractic and sports therapy for fourteen years. Prior to his relocation he worked in a large GP Practice, two multi-disciplinary

health clinics and his own chiropractic clinic in Surrey (Horley Chiropractic).

Paul practices the McTimoney Chiropractic technique. This is a low force chiropractic method using light adjustments to realign the joints of the body to restore the natural balance and allow the body to heal itself. This makes it a gentle, safe and effective treatment, suitable for all ages, from young children to the elderly.

Alongside the treatment, Paul’s aim is to encourage patients to take an active role in their recovery through exercises and other lifestyle advice in order for them to obtain the best from their health.

Paul is also qualified to treat using advanced soft tissue techniques, ultrasound

and laser therapy for a variety of musculoskeletal conditions using evidence-based treatment protocols.

Paul dispels the common misconception that chiropractors only treat backs. The scope of practice is much broader and includes treatments for a variety of conditions including plantar fasciitis, tennis and golfer's elbow, various knee and shoulder joint complaints, and neck conditions.

Please contact Paul for a discussion or to book an appointment on 07973 308829 or go to www.purbeckchiropractic.com for further information.

PAW FESTIVAL 2021 POSTPONED

Due to continuing uncertainties around Covid restrictions, we have reluctantly come to the conclusion that it would be safer all round to postpone PAW.

The new dates for your diaries are:

August 7th– 21st, for a focussed series of concerts, and
September 11th- 26th for our open studios, talks and exhibitions.

For more information go to www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk and follow us on Facebook for news and alerts.



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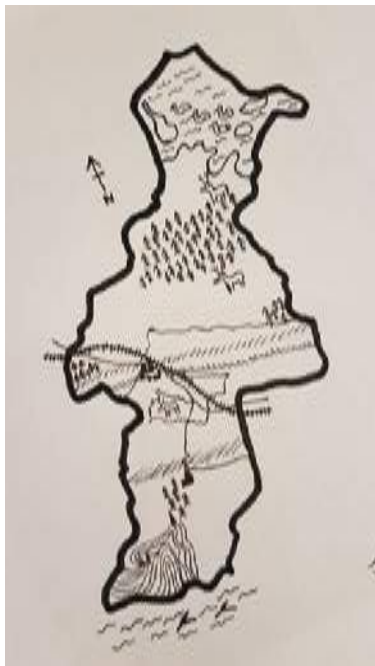
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Corfe Castle Parish: from coast to coast

One of the few benefits of being locked down for most of the last year has been ignoring the car and starting walks from my house to explore the landscapes we have on our doorstep. Recently, I walked up to Swyre Head, the highest point in the parish of Corfe Castle. From near here you can see almost the whole parish stretching from the open sea, across the Isle of Purbeck, to the shores of Poole Harbour. And what varied topography, land use, habitats and wildlife abound. All of this as well as the social, cultural, economic and industrial past and present of the parish reflects what lies beneath our feet – the remarkably varied soils and underlying geology.

On the sea coast are the crumbling sea cliffs of the oil-rich Kimmeridge clays and shales. These are of no use to nesting seabirds which prefer the more solid Purbeck limestone cliffs to the east. So we can't claim nesting puffins in the parish but I am sure you might sometimes spot the Dancing Ledge puffins passing by in the Summer. Climbing up out of the valley at Encombe the land rises to the high plateau of the Portland and Purbeck Beds where Kingston lies sheltered by its plantations but surrounded by the windswept, open landscape of grassland and arable fields. From here the ground falls away steeply northwards to the Wealden Beds of clay, sands and grits of the Corfe valley with its patchwork of lush pastures, woods and little streams and rivers. Corfe Common, an ancient landscape that has escaped agricultural improvement, has varied grasslands and rough damp mires. This natural oasis is home to all sorts of interesting wildlife such as the rare Southern damselfly, colourful wax cap fungi, wild chamomile lawns and nightjars.

To the north of the valley lies the backdrop to our daily lives – the Purbeck Ridge. Gault and greensand formations run along its southern flank below the chalk ridge itself, the sunbaked southern slopes of which are covered in chalk grassland and yellow, coconut scented furze, home to butterflies like the Adonis blue and Green hairstreak. On the north-facing slopes of the ridge are many mixed woodlands and at its foot lies another narrow band of geology – the Reading and London clays. Beyond lie the extensive Poole and Branksome sand

formations which in the past would have been covered by great tracts of lowland heath. With the exception of Brenscombe Heath the area around Wytch and Rempstone has been planted up with conifers, providing a home to crossbills these days.

Nearing Poole Harbour the conifers give way to farmland and then the fringing reed beds and saltmarshes of Poole Harbour. Every low tide the intertidal mudflats emerge into the parish too and these are home to a myriad of marine invertebrates and the host of waders and waterfowl that eat them. Corfe Castle parish also contains all the larger Poole Harbour islands with the exception of Brownsea Island – and so the red squirrels of Furzey Island are Corfe Castle parishioners too. There cannot be many other parishes in England that can match that for sheer diversity!

While at the time of writing we are still locked down, nature follows its own rhythms. This Spring once again the peregrines are laying a noisy siege against the resident ravens on the castle keep. The ravens are I think, incubating their eggs but they would be wise not to count their chicks before they hatch.

Richard Caldow



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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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- **Ballet** – Miranda Hindson - Tel 07919441836
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SUNDAY

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It's good to be back at the Wild Seas Centre on the Kimmeridge shoreline following a long winter of furlough and lockdown. There is quite a bit of work involved in getting the visitor centre ready for re-opening. But the staff are now back at work so progress can be made. We will, of course, be following the government's guidelines for opening visitor centres and museums and making sure that everything is Covid-safe for our visitors when we reopen. As you may know, Kimmeridge Bay has been closed to cars since the beginning of the year, so it has been very quiet and the wildlife has been left in peace. At this time of year many seashore and shallow water species are gathering to breed and lay their eggs. Seashore fish such as rock gobies, common blennies and shore clingfish lay patches of eggs on the underside of stable rocks and boulders and the father stays close by to guard them from potential predators. They are kept busy as the rocks offer year-round homes to animals such as crabs, sea slugs and sea spiders that would happily tuck into some tasty fish eggs.

As lockdown restrictions ease you may well find yourself at the beach for a spot of rockpooling this spring. It is vital that rocks and animals are returned to the exact position they were found once you have had a quick peek. Many seashore animals are territorial and will be vulnerable if re-located from their home patch. At this time of year they are pairing up to breed and some will be guarding eggs. This 'next generation' of rockpool creatures must be left undisturbed if they are to survive to adulthood. Please always follow the Seashore Code:

- Replace rocks and animals exactly where you found them.
- Observe wildlife where it lives - seaweed, sea anemones and limpets may not be able to reattach if removed from rocks.
- Watch where you tread and avoid trampling
- Be gentle with wildlife
- Take your litter home with you
- Keep yourself safe – check tide times and beware of cliff falls

Once we re-open be sure to call in and pick up a free Seashore Code bookmark from the Centre.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Julie Hatcher

Wild Seas Centre Officer



APPEAL LAUNCHED TO RAISE £65,000
SO WORK CAN RESUME ON A NEW
CARRIAGE STORAGE SHED

An appeal has been launched by Swanage Railway volunteers to raise £65,000 so that work can resume on building a much-needed £240,000 carriage storage shed.

It is hoped to have the £65,000 raised by the end of June so that the steel structure of the building can be ordered before being delivered to the site and constructed in November, 2021.

Work on the structure – located east of Herston Halt on the outskirts of Swanage – began in January, 2020, but had to stop at the end of March, 2020, when the Government introduced the first national Covid-19 lockdown.



*Herston carriage shed courtesy AP
Kevin Williamson*

Before the work had to stop last year, contractors had managed to complete the foundations for the steel structure that will span two tracks and be capable of storing ten carriages – including the Swanage Railway’s historic heritage carriages.

Swanage Railway fund-raising chairman Randy Coldham said:

“This appeal is for a critical project to protect our historically important heritage carriages, the oldest of which date from the 1930s.

“The Swanage Railway doesn’t have any undercover storage facilities for its carriages which have to be stored outside in all weathers. Keeping ten carriages under cover in a dedicated storage shed will protect the vehicles from the weather and also reduce the costs of maintaining the carriages.

“We are hopeful that the public will help us to close the funding gap and allow the carriage shed to be completed by the start of 2022 so it can protect some of our historic carriages from the ravages of winter weather,” added Randy. The re-launch of the new Herston carriage shed appeal comes after the Swanage Railway’s Save Our Service Appeal reached its total of £360,000 in less than a year.

“With our earnings from running trains reduced by lockdowns, Covid-19 restrictions and the need for social distancing on our trains which has reduced seating capacity, the Save Our Service Appeal has allowed the Swanage Railway to survive the winter.

“We are now working to safely resume train services in line with the Government’s roadmap to recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic,” added Randy who is also a volunteer Swanage Railway signalman.

Early 2020 saw £30,000 raised in an initial appeal so that preparation and foundation work could be carried out on the site of the new carriage shed which is a first for the heritage line that has been rebuilt from nothing since 1976.

Randy explained: “Fund-raising work for the carriage shed had to be paused in March, 2020, as dedicated and determined Swanage Railway volunteers battled the economic challenge of surviving the Coronavirus pandemic through the Save Our Service Appeal.

“Now, we can return to the Herston carriage shed project which has seen us raise £177,000 towards the building costs thanks to successful fund-raising efforts as well as generous legacies and bequests.

“With the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, the appeal was paused before reaching its target of £32,000. We had hoped to secure a grant to part-fund the construction but it was no longer available as the grant administrators had changed their requirement to enable them to finance organisations affected by Covid-19.

“Without the grant, because of the early closure of the original appeal and allowing for inflation we have set the appeal target to raise £65,000 by the end of June so that the steel structure of the carriage shed can be manufactured and installed on the site. It is hoped to complete the new shed by early 2022,” he added.

The new carriage shed at Herston will be 131 metres long, have a height of 6.5 metres, a width of 9.2 metres and cover an area of more than 1,000 square metres.

The project manager for the Herston carriage shed is Swanage Railway Trustee Nick Coram – a volunteer operations department locomotive driver and fireman – while the consulting engineer is Jim Peters of Such Salinger Peters in Bournemouth.

To make a donation to the Herston Carriage Shed Appeal, go to www.swanagerailwaytrust.org/carriage-shed-appeal.

VOLUNTEERS PLAN FOR RESUMPTION OF COVID-SAFE STEAM TRAIN SERVICE – SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT CONFIRMATION

Dedicated volunteers are planning for a re-opening of the Swanage Railway with Covid-safe steam trains resuming between Norden, Corfe Castle and Swanage on Monday, 12 April, 2021 – subject to the lifting of Government restrictions.

The Swanage Railway has been awarded ‘We’re Good to Go’ certification by the Visit England tourism body for demonstrating the heritage railway has met the required level of compliance with its Covid-19 preparations and precautions to keep the public safe.

Covid-safe passenger services ran on the Swanage Railway during 2020, including the successful Steam and Lights festive trains in December.

During the latest national lockdown, only essential work has been taking place – track and bridge maintenance along with signalling and locomotive maintenance – with the Swanage Railway following Government instruction and advice.



*31806 Corfe Castle December 2020
courtesy ANDREW PM WRIGHT*

Swanage Railway chairman Gavin Johns said: “We are pleased that the Government’s plans, and guidance, to bring the country out of the Covid-19 restrictions enable us to plan for the resumption of our train services on Monday, 12 April, 2021.

“The safety of our passengers and staff is our prime concern as we look forward to resuming our train

services and open our on-line booking service at swanagerailway.co.uk on Thursday, 1 April, 2021.

“While on the day walk-up bookings will be able to be made at our Norden, Corfe Castle and Swanage ticket offices – subject to seats being available – we would encourage passengers to book in advance, via our website, to avoid

disappointment as seat numbers are reduced to ensure the prescribed social distancing.

“Passengers will still have to wear face coverings on our platforms and trains – unless they are exempt – with hand sanitiser points available on our stations. Children under the age of 11 do not need to wear a face covering.

“We are taking all reasonable steps to ensure that our passengers are safe while travelling with us and passengers can travel with us in the knowledge that all fares go towards supporting the re-built Swanage Railway and ensuring its survival for future generations,” added Mr Johns.

Subject to the lifting of Government restrictions, the Swanage Railway hopes to re-open its Corfe Castle station museum, return catering facilities to Swanage and Norden stations and re-introduce its dining trains, in a Covid-safe manner, from 17 May, 2021.

The Swanage Railway’s Harman’s Cross station and Herston Halt will remain closed – in compliance with current Government guidance – and are set to re-open when the Government lifts the Covid-19 restrictions regarding social distancing.

In preparation for the resumption of steam trains, test and staff training trains – not carrying the public – will be operating on the Swanage Railway ahead of the planned Monday, 12 April, 2021, re-opening which is subject to the Government lifting Covid-19 restrictions.

Details of how the Swanage Railway keeps its passengers safe can be found at www.swanagerailway.co.uk/covid-19-passenger-information.

Up to date train service information is available from the Swanage Railway website at swanagerailway.co.uk where train tickets can be booked from Thursday, 1 April, 2021.

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Follow up on Paul Randall's article on 'How Corfe Lost It's Mayor'

The Oath of the Mayor of Corfe Castle

You shall swear etc that you as Mayor & Chief Officer of this Borough of Corfe Castle your office well Truly & Uprightly shall execute do & perform to the uttermost of your power; you shall to the uttermost of your power set Maintain keep & observe all the Ancient Liberties privileges & jurisdictions of ye Township, you shall not be acquainted with any matter or cause depending before you neither shall you for favor affection or corruption envy Hatred malice or displeasure let to do any man justice, But as the cause Requireth be ready from time to time to yield unto eny man that which unto eny Man appertaineth as equity requireth and in every other respect. So help me God.

The mayor was clerk of the market and had responsibility for the assize of bread, wine, ale and other victuals. He set the price for bread and other foodstuffs, supervised the weights and measures, was responsible for the borough's finances (presenting an annual audit witnessed by two of the burgesses), held the keys to the town chest in the council chamber containing the borough's documents and the common seal, and looked after the corporate property i.e. any property that had been built on the waste land of the borough. It is not known when a mayor was first appointed but it is likely to have been around the time when Corfe was permitted to hold a weekly market. King John granted that right in 1215 and the corporation was certainly in existence by 1248 (Henry III).

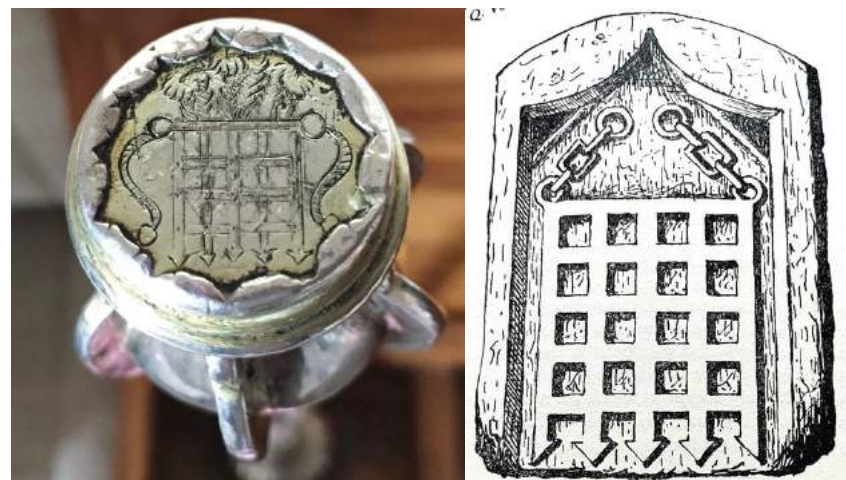


The original seal with a sketch of what it looks like when printed

The Mayor who held the position longest was Mr John Johnson from 1866-1874 (referred to in P.D.R.'s article). He was a draper & grocer. Usually the position was held for a year so it is strange that he held it for so long. In 1885, the last

Mayor was Walter Ralph Bankes, Esquire. He held this position until the dissolution of the Borough on 9th July 1889 – exactly the date that The Corfe Castle Town Trust was established by the Charity Commission. Mr Bankes was one of the first Trustees but failed to attend any meetings for 10 years. He also retained, amongst other corporate artefacts, the two ancient charters and the mace and seal which should have been given to the newly appointed Trust. The mace and seal were eventually returned in the 1960s. The charters are now in Dorset History Centre.

Under the Municipal Corporations Act of 1883, Corfe's corporation was abolished and in 1888 a scheme was devised for the maintenance of the corporate property and, also, to provide street lighting for the village. The Corfe Castle Town Trust was founded the following year and it's role was to 'own and preserve for the benefit of the village the properties and assets of the Borough' which it continues to do to this day. The street lighting became a bit of a problem as the gas lights weren't lit on time and this task was eventually passed to the Parish Council (founded on 1st April 1895) along with the remaining corporate funds. The Mayoral properties remained with the Town Trust though because they had been leased to Henry Bankes in 1763, in perpetuity, for an annual rent of £14 which the National Trust continues to pay.



The older part of the Town Mace showing the Beaufort Arms. It is presumed that they gave the original mace because of this. The Beaufort family were Constables of the Castle from 1397-1461. The family's arms can be found on Tudor Cottage/Bartholomew's by Ollie Vye's Lane. The sketch was drawn by the Editor's Grandfather!

The Town Trust has maintained its ownership of all the corporate assets inherited in 1889 along with a few extra items like ‘The Gift of Four’ in The Square (now newly repaired!). It’s main source of income is from donations or the occasional bequest.

From The Corfe Castle Town Trust

Kimmeridge News

Romey Gillespie

The funeral of Romey Gillespie took place on 1st March on a beautiful sunny day. The service itself was held outside in the churchyard at Kimmeridge and, because of Covid-19 restrictions, was limited to close family members. However, before the service the funeral procession made its way from the toll gate, right through the village to the Church allowing many friends from Kimmeridge to pay their respects and to share this day with the family.



Welcome to Kimmeridge

A warm welcome to Pete & Val who have moved into the village at No.23 and are already becoming active members of the Kimmeridge Community WhatsApp group!

As we were writing this month’s Kimmeridge News, we heard the happy news that Nade & Callum have a new baby girl, Eva, born on 17th March – congratulations to them and welcome to another Kimmeridge resident!

Steve & Helen Earwicker (earwicker@btinternet.com)

What did you do in the War, Granny – Part 2

The story continues at RAF Medmenham where the intelligence interpretation staff were located in Danesfield house.

At its centre was a library containing boxes of photos taken on raids or sorties, meticulously recorded on tracings and cross-referenced. There are three good books published since then—“Evidence in Camera” by C Babington-Smith (published by Penguin books), “The Eye of Intelligence” by Ursula Powys-Lybbe (published by William Kimber, London), and “Women of Intelligence” by Christine Halsall (published by The History Press). They tell more of this story which should be much better known—about the pilots who flew their unarmed aircraft, where the load of cameras was more important than self-defence—and about the interpreters, sometimes not believed by “intelligence”, even when shown the evidence.

The interpreters—of all allies and services—were people of strict accuracy and an ability to study enemy habits and trying to assess its next move or past deceptions. Such a gathering included not a few eccentrics in uniforms which would not be accepted on a unit parade ground outside Medmenham. There was a WAAF officer who happily sauntered through camp with an umbrella for use when necessary. She would borrow a bike ‘because it looked lonely and she was in a hurry’, until a friend would take it from her and return it to the shed before its owner reported its loss.

Our unit was only involved in map making including 15-mile bombing targets for the RAF, done in black, grey, white and orange to simulate night time conditions– not much use in clouds! There were army officers specialising in road and rail transport and damage assessment—another section for bomb damage—or unusual activity, - airfield damage and census of active aircraft, -- docks and shipping movements—and so on. The enlargement, development and duplication of all films had its own large department. With so many “egg-heads” and different countries and services, administration was not easy. I remember one occasion when Sunday Parade, often a bit of a shambles, missed the CO on his saluting base entirely and was heard marching off somewhere behind him where he could hear it being dismissed.

My husband-to-be was in Naval Intelligence in RAF uniform. He received 3 “Mentioned-in-despatches” Oakleaves and an MBE for his work on ports. He worked out from studying U-boats being built and launched how much trouble shipping would be facing in months ahead—and helped to promote the idea of convoys. He also tackled jobs like tracing back the movements of smaller boats

surrounding a huge battle ship to find out their cargoes, so as to warn the navy whether it was about to invade or attack shipping.

After VE day a number of PI officers were seconded to the US Pentagon to add their expertise in finishing the war with Japan, among them my future partner in life!

One might wrongly suppose that David & I met at Medmenham. I had been a Cub master and also ran a Brownie pack while I was living in Parkstone. It was part of my wish to have a teaching career in that I had become a Sunday school teacher, and also a Cadet Ranger in the Guide movement at about 15 or 16 years of age. Cadet Ranger companies were rare and designed for those prepared to promise service to the movement in the future. Uniform was slightly different from the norm in that we had a red and white striped tie and a white enamel trefoil badge. When I was stationed at Medmenham I soon got roped in to help with a cub pack in Marlow. On day, the Army Captain Akela and I were invited to be 2 of the 3 judges at a big cub rally at Amersham—about 8 miles away. When we arrived I was wearing my cub-master uniform with a Dorset label on the shoulder. We met an RAF officer who was the third judge, and I learned that he was ‘David’ and Scoutmaster of Lord Hambleton’s troupe near Medmenham.

Later in the year we gave our cubs a Christmas party and I met ‘David’ again, who was surprised to see me don an army greatcoat over my uniform, and to discover that we had both been at the RAF camp for a couple of years and had never met there. Then one day at work a voice behind me “Oh-there you are!” and he invited me to supper at a local inn to discuss scout training and wood-badge courses. On the way back to camp he told me that he wanted a career in education and invited me to share it! I explained that I was unofficially engaged to another David who was training to be a Presbyterian Minister, so we continued to be friends only.

The ‘other’ David had had a spell in a Sanatorium and had one lung out of action, so my parents were somewhat reserved about this liaison, but my young man was a tall handsome blonde Scot and always extremely well dressed. It was sad that he wanted to serve in some way, but was not strong enough in health to be accepted. Soon he began to doubt his calling and became a school teacher at a boys’ boarding school in Harrogate. Gradually we drifted apart and I began to see more of David Brachi. After his return from Washington, while I was at OCTU at Windsor we became engaged, and married quite soon, at Steeple Church in Dorset. We chose Steeple because we wanted a quiet wedding where lots of family would not feel duty-bound to come. (David’s old home had been at Worbarrow , but Tyneham Church was on the ranges and not

available.) It was still a time of rationing for food, clothes and petrol. In the end we were only 13 people at the wedding.

So soon after the war the vast machinery of war took time to demolish—releasing a steady stream of service personnel according to length of service. One concession allowed the partners in a marriage to be released from the queue at the same time, whoever was first.

After our honeymoon at Swanage David went back to Medmenham and I went to the RASC Driver Training Unit at Sutton Very near Salisbury. I was the only female in the officers’ mess and spoilt rotten, and respected as a newly-wed. I remember my first driving lesson in a jeep on an army parade ground. It was in the days of double-declutch gear changes—not easy with a tin mug of water on the bonnet to keep from spilling a drop! Eventually de-mob day came and we were given by His Majesty a railway warrant (1st Class for Officers) to get into civvy-street. We chose overnight sleepers to Scotland where we looked up various relatives, and explored Oban and Loch Etive—up Loch Ness and down the East coast home to David’s father’s home outside Berkhamstead.

David obtained a job at the Ministry of Defence in London and set off at 8am on a Green Line coach every day, returning for supper some 12 hours later. I stayed home with David’s mother’s sister Maud caring for us, and from her I learnt cooking and housekeeping. The strain of such work hours was heavy, so David applied for a lectureship at Hull University College, and on acceptance we moved to Hull in August 1946.

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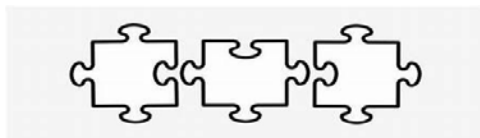
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Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	8.50am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