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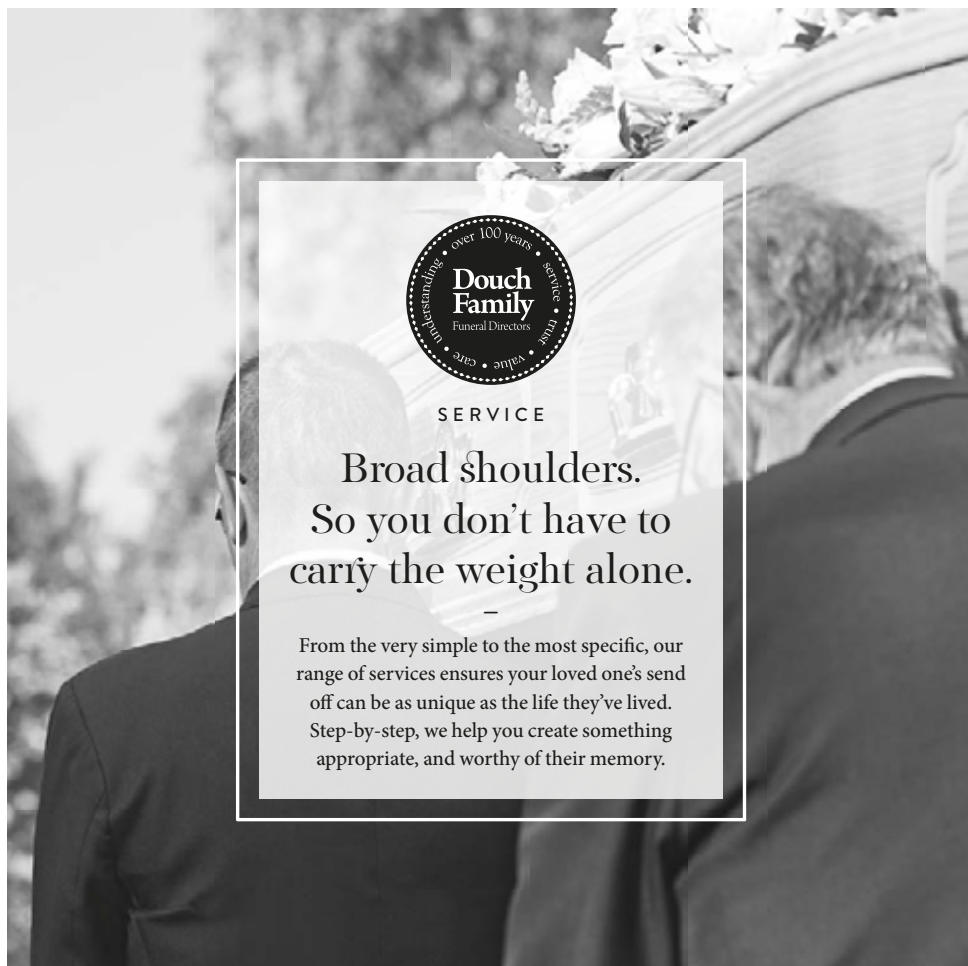
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Preferably items should be e-mailed to **corfevalleynews@tiscali.co.uk**

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Editorial

As we run-up to Christmas it looks as though it's going to be more normal this year. At least we won't have to suffer the lockdown of last year, although as I write this a number of European countries have introduced either full or partial lockdowns. Nevertheless it does not look as though our government will do the same here. This fourth round of Covid has hit Purbeck and Dorset quite badly.

However, a lot of events have been cancelled in the village following the recent outbreak of Covid. Nobody knows where it came from, but it has certainly taken its toll. Various events will now take place in the New Year or have been cancelled altogether. Details are elsewhere throughout the magazine.

Everyone at the CVN wishes all our readers are really Happy Christmas and a prosperous and safe New Year.

We also thank you all for your continued support as contributors, advertisers, or readers throughout the year.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(there are more in the middle of the magazine)

Police non-emergency call line	101
National Electricity Number	105
NHS Emergency Medical Care Service	111
In the event of Gas Leak	0800 111999
Electricity Failure	0800 0727282
Swanage Police Station - out of hours calls rerouted	422004
Swanage Hospital	422282
National Trust outside office hours	07970-595963
Wareham Hospital	552433
Poole Hospital	01202 665511
Bournemouth Hospital	01202 303626
Dorset County Hospital	01305 251150
Corfe Castle Community Library	480760
Dorset CAB Advice Line: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm	0800 144 8848
The Samaritans	01202 551999
Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting	0800 068 4145
Childline	0800 1111
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NOVEMBER FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

“Success isn’t always about greatness, it’s about consistency. Consistent hard work gains success, greatness will come.”

Corfe Castle Charities – Corfe Castle Parish Council is pleased to announce its support to re-nominate Katy Bennett as a Corfe Castle Charities trustee.

Adult Fitness Equipment – You may have noticed that the adult fitness equipment is cordoned off. This is due to an item failing internally. Because of the age and condition of the equipment, it was deemed unsafe to allow the public to carry on using the equipment.

Lights on the West Street Toilet Block – In October a resident contacted the clerk to inform the council that the lights outside the toilet block are on all night, and shine through resident’s windows. In November the issue was raised at the full council meeting, and it was decided that the lights couldn’t be turned off at night, but that sensors could be fitted. It was also decided that the bulbs would be changed to low wattage LED bulbs to help reduce costs.

If you have any issue no matter how big or small, please contact the Clerk and the Parish Council will investigate.

2022/23 Budget – Corfe Castle Parish Council is looking to set the budget for 2022/23 and has a legal obligation to set the Precept in January 2022. As the Parish Council budget affects your council tax please come along to the December full council meeting to hear the proposed budget.

Planning Application & Treework Application update:

Extraordinary Council Meeting - On 22nd October Corfe Castle Parish Council held an Extraordinary Council Meeting to discuss the proposed Corfe Castle Community Land Trust housing development in West Street for 20 houses (16 affordable homes and 4 for sale at market value).

The November issue of the CVN had been printed before the Parish Council could report on the extraordinary meeting which had been well publicised and was well attended. The Parish Council and attendees heard presentations from the Community Land Trust and a group of objectors followed by 11 members of the public sharing their views. After a small adjournment

Councillors had time to ask further questions, before having a further discussion on whether Corfe Castle Parish Council supported or objected to the application. The Council resolved by 5 votes to 1 with three abstentions to support the application.

The Parish Council requested Dorset Council to impose several conditions including 1.

- No increase in the proportion of market housing,
- Exceptional controls on the vehicular access to the site, time of year, and hours of work during the construction period,
- The houses to be as zero carbon as possible,
- The specialist landscaping advice should be followed,
- Street lighting should be minimised and lastly,
- That Dorset Council carry out a safety and traffic assessment on West Street and the entrance to the square. A number of suggestions for improving safety were put forward.

The Parish Council in October requested through Cllr C Brooks that Dorset Council consider this application via committee rather than via a delegated officer.

A full record of the meeting is on the Council website. The decision on the application will be made by Dorset Council later this year or early next year.

Planning Applications:

- **P/FUL/2021/03237** - Roadside Verges Hartland and Norden, Middlebere Heath and New Mills Heath, Wareham, BH20 5DN - **Recommendation:** No Objection
- **P/VOC/2021/02676** - The Potting Shed, Glebe House, Bucknowle, Wareham, BH20 5NS - **Recommendation:** No Objection
- **P/FUL/2021/03526 & P/LBC/2021/03683**- 49 East Street, Corfe Castle, Wareham, BH20 5EE - **Recommendation:** No Objection
- **P/VOC/2021/03333** - West Lynch Farm Kingston Hill, Kingston, Wareham, BH20 5LG - **Recommendation:** No Objection
- **P/CLP/2021/03485** - Sunnydale Higher Gardens, Corfe Castle, Wareham, BH20 5ES - **Recommendation:** No Objection

Treeworks Applications

- **P/TRC/2021/03995** - The Village Bakery The Square Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EZ - **Recommendation:** No Objection
- **P/TRC/2021/04306** - 85 West Street Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5HB - **Recommendation:** No Objection
- **P/TRT/2021/03899** - 25 Colletts Close Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5HG - **Recommendation:** Objection

Full details can be found on the Dorset Council website
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning/planning-application-search-and-comment>.

Dorset Council updates

Purbeck Park – Dorset Council have agreed to charge £4 per day as a tier one car park, not £6, with the intention of trying to get a better bus service and possible park and ride.

Norden Footpath – The proceedings have been delayed for the footpath because of a survey that was required to inform whether an environmental impact assessment was needed.

Housing register – Reminder that the 1st December 2021 is the cut off to re-register for people on the Dorset Council housing register.”

National Trust updates

October Half Term - The visitor numbers for October half term stood at approximately 9,000 visitors.

Christmas Events – There will be no late-night events this year at the castle, The National Trust (NT) has opted to take a different approach for 2021 mainly focusing around a daytime offer on the weekends and school holidays during December. The NT plan to return to a larger late-night offer in 2022 and already have a meeting planned in with a Lighting Company in early January to discuss the plans.

Village Welcome Map – This has gone off to the designers and the NT is waiting for a first draft to come through, once the NT have this they will be able to start approaching the other business in the village to see if they wish to be involved. As per last meeting we would like to emphasise that there will be no costs for businesses in the village.

Village Museum - The National Trust and Town Trust committee have had their initial meeting about working in partnership to develop, update and enhance the offer of the Village Museum. It’s an exciting partnership that both parties are looking forward to being part of. We have a tentative plan of action of where we would like to go and as more information comes to light we will share with the community.”

Next Council Meeting – Monday 13th December 2021 at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter room. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say

Know your Councillors – Cllr Louise Haywood

I have moved around a lot, both in the UK and abroad, but have now lived in Corfe for 14 years. I trained as an Art teacher, taught, and then joined the Army. I served for 6 years, came out on pregnancy, and then followed and assisted with my husband’s career. I am a keen walker and tennis player, and I am passionate about local history. I am the Chairman of The Corfe Castle Town Trust which runs the Town Hall and Museum, the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council for St Edwards, I sing in Purbeck Arts Choir at Swanage and until recently was a volunteer at Dorset History Centre helping them cataloguing their acquisitions. I also volunteer with the National Trust as a researcher.

Contact me. – Email cllrlhaywoodccpc@gmail.com



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NOTICE OF CO-OPTION

Corfe Castle Parish Council

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council has a vacancy and is looking to hear from anyone interested in serving as a Councillor. Interested parties should submit a letter of application, explaining why they would like to be a Parish Councillor, and detailing what they would bring to the role.

To be able to stand as a Parish Councillor, an applicant must:

- Be at least 18 years old on the day of application:
- Be a British citizen, and eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union.

Plus, you must meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

- You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the Parish from the day of application onwards.
- Have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the Parish during the whole of the 12 months before the day of application.
- Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of application has been the parish.
- Have lived in the parish, or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of application.

Interested parties should write to the Parish Council by 5th January 2022.

Candidates for co-option will be invited to attend the full Council meeting on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall (Bill Carter Rm) to make a short, maximum 5 minutes address to the Parish Council giving your reasons for wishing to be considered as a Parish Councillor.

If you would like any further information, please contact Michelle Harrington, Clerk & RFO, Corfe Castle Parish Council, 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ, email corfecastlepc@aol.com, Telephone 01202 670105

Your Parish Council And Your Money

We will be preparing our budget for 2022-3 in the next month or so. Budgets sound boring but your Parish Council is wholly funded by you. We don't get any Government grants and what we decide to spend will appear on your Council tax bill next year.

Corfe Castle Parish Council has had a tiny budget for years –this year just over £31000-and increases have also been very small. It costs the average householder about 90 pence a week to run the Council and maintain the Parish assets. This is much less per household than Langton Matravers and Studland parishes

It is likely that next year we will face many more pressures:

1-Our playground is in need of many repairs. We had to close the adult equipment because it was dangerous and we have fenced off the roundabout pending repair. Our fences need more work. We have ordered a new playground structure costing £26000 and this has taken much of our reserves.

2-We inherited God's Acre cemetery by law and it is now clear that it will need a continuing subsidy for maintenance, as the number of new burials is very low.

3-We have a new caretaking service, which needs secure funding. The parish has never looked tidier and Tim Lee is doing repairs, which would otherwise require expensive contractors.

4-We have done a lot more organising of projects which benefit the village: last year the Covid support scheme, this year the speed reduction programme including community speed watch and the Speed Indicator Device

5-We need to restore our reserves as necessary repairs to fingerposts, benches, equipment and fences have become more frequent.

All these could mean a much larger increase than usual

We will be going through the budget at our 13 December meeting, publicise the recommendations in the January CVN and make a final decision on 10 January. All the paper work will be on the website from 8 December.

This is an invitation for you to join the discussion, as we know how every pound counts in these difficult times.

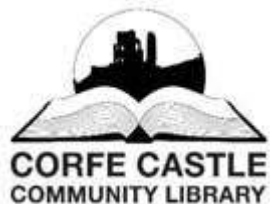
Steve Clarke

Chairman Corfe Castle Parish Council

News from the Library

Postponement of December Events

Our December events have been postponed in response to the recent rise in Covid cases in the village. It seemed the safe and sensible thing to do. Zoe's talk will now take place in March and the quiz night will be held in the Spring. ***However, the library remains open to all on the usual hours and with the usual Covid safety measures in place.***



Talks in the Library

The programme of talks will resume in January. However, for a variety of reasons, they will now often be held in the Village Hall.

Talks for the Next Few Months

- **January 21st 2022:** Dr Phil Judkins: *Purbeck's Navy (and AGM) – in the village hall.*
- **February 18th 2022:** Gen Crisford: *Beavers in Purbeck Feasibility Project*
- **March 18th 2022:** Zoe Squirrell: *An International Para Dressage Dream*

January 21st 2022: Dr Phil Judkins: *Purbeck's Navy* and the AGM

During the Second World War, cities, towns and villages organised “warship weeks” to raise money to meet the cost of providing a particular naval ship. Once enough money had been raised for the ship, the local community would adopt it. Local organisations, women's institutes, churches and schools would also provide additional comforts for the crews of the ship they had adopted. This was usually in the form of woollen socks, gloves and balaclavas. Children would often write letters and send cards to the crew. When possible, officers and men from the adopted ship would visit the local community, and to celebrate their visit, there would often be a parade.

Swanage adopted the Destroyer HMS *Cattistock* which from 1940 onwards participated in convoy escorts, the raid on Dieppe and the D-Day landings to name a few. Phil will talk about the ‘Warship Weeks’ scheme and the history of the ship itself.

February 18th 2022: Gen Crisford: *Beavers in Purbeck Feasibility Project*

Eurasian Beavers are native animals; they evolved alongside our other native fauna and flora and until extinction had successfully coexisted in Great Britain since the last ice-age. It is believed that bringing back Eurasian beavers at carefully chosen sites could benefit Poole Harbour and the rivers which flow into it, and local communities are helping to make it a reality.

Come and hear about the scheme and how it is progressing.

The **Library Quiz Night** planned for this month will now take place sometime in April or May.

Christmas Opening

Monday 20th Dec 3.00 – 5.00 p.m.

Wednesday 22nd Dec 11.00 -12.00 a.m. and 3.00 -5.00 p.m.

Saturday 25th **Closed**

Monday 27th **Closed**

Wednesday 29th Dec 11.00 -12.00 a.m. and 3.00 -5.00 p.m.

Saturday 1st January **Closed**

Monday 3rd January **Closed**

Then back to normal opening hours.

Library Opening Hours

Monday 3.00 -5.00 p.m.

Wednesday 11.00 -12.00 a.m. and 3.00 -5.00 p.m.

Saturday 10.00 - 12.00 a.m.

Finally, we'd like to wish all our volunteers and friends a very merry Christmas and a happy new year! It's thanks to all our volunteers that we have been able to keep going through what has been a difficult Covid year (again!).

Vanished Cottages in Corfe Castle

Part 1

Some dwellings burnt down due to highly inflammable thatching but two houses were deliberately knocked down to make way for the railway – one for access to the station and one for the railway bridge across Challow Lane.

Station Road



1860: East Street, pre-railway, showing Moss's house on the righthand side with the wooden railings. The property was demolished to make way for Station Road.



A little further up the street, you can still see the wooden railings next door to the village stores.



1844 plan of the Borough: showing the northern end of East Street with Moss's house (160) at the bottom and Nunbarrow (147) at the top (ref: D-BOC/Acc.10078)

Moss's house belonged to the Bankes family when the house was pulled down. They had acquired it for £100 in 1761. It lay in a prime position in the town and consisted of a house, garden and orchard with 2 Beast Leazes lying between two pubs – The Ship (now The Bankes Arms) and The Royal Oak Inn. Originally it was part of the Dackombe estate and it was the Dackombes who had leased it to Matthew Mosse in 1668. Several generations of Moss' lived here but by 1844, Arthur Sutherland was the tenant. I've no idea who he was but the census of 1841 shows a surgeon living there so maybe he was a medical man? Suggestions to the editor. It eventually became the Reading Room.

Challow Lane

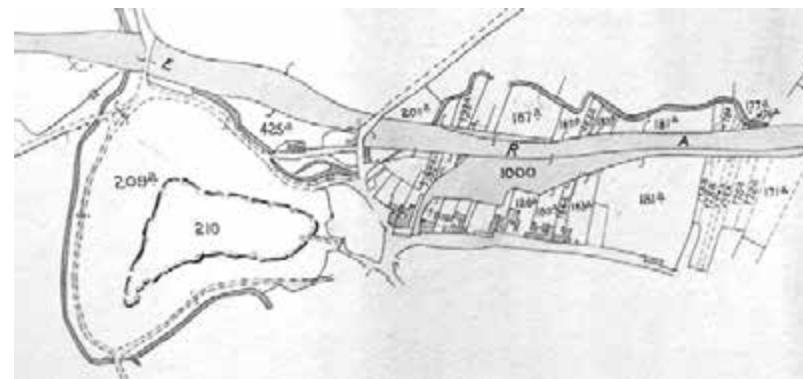
No 147 was called Nunbarrow or Ninebarrow and was already an old house in 1701. It was in Rollington Tything but was demolished to make way for the railway bridge. It too was part of the Bankes estate when it was demolished. Previously, it had been an old alehouse belonging to a marbler called Edward Barnes. In 1844, David C Hibbs, a shoemaker, was living here.



Postcard showing the railway bridge where the old cottage had stood

In March 1863, a select Committee was appointed to enquire into the merits of an Isle of Purbeck railway which was to travel from Wareham to Swanage Pier tramway – a distance of 55 chains. Everyone was in favour although there was a slight worry about the tidal waters of the Frome. It was estimated that

the journey from London to Swanage would take about 6 hours at a rough speed of 28-30 mph. By November a Bill was raised by Parliament to authorise the Isle of Purbeck Railway Company to make and maintain a railway. In May 1885, South-Western Railway were advertising that the first Down Train to Swanage would arrive at 8:43am and the first Up Train at 7:31am in Corfe. The last train leaving Corfe for Waterloo was at 6:47pm arriving in London at 11:51pm !



On 9 June 1887, the Land Commissioners agreed the allocation of ground for the London & South Western Railway Company (darker grey area). Ref: D1-LX/60

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Church Knowle Parish Council

November's meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council, as always on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30, was in the Church Knowle Village Hall. Next month's meeting will be in the Reading Room and as always anyone can come along and observe or make a presentation on any subject.

There was something of a skeleton crew at this month's meeting as there were no members of the public present and owing to Covid isolation there were only four members of the Council.

Footpaths

The clerk had walked the Swire Head path down to the river and found that the wooden footbridge over the river is still in a very dilapidated state. This is the responsibility of the Dorset Council who have it in hand. At the meeting it emerged that under the wooden footbridge there is a nice stone bridge so we might look at the practicalities of repairing this instead of simply replacing the wooden structure. It may be possible to apply for a heritage grant to do this. The clerk will take another closer look at this river crossing and assess the state of the stone bridge. There are a few river crossings along the river and they will all be assessed – on a nice fine day. We are going to contact the Ramblers Association and see if they would be willing to walk the footpaths in the Parish and give a report on their condition and any work that is needed. If anyone has any photographs of the stone bridge on the Swire Head path in good condition these would be very helpful.

Phone Boxes

Stuart Knott at Imerys has kindly organised painting the two phone boxes that the Parish has adopted, The Furzebrook one has been completed and has been transformed. These are heritage design icons that it would be a shame to lose and the Council is open to suggestions of how they might be used now that the telephone equipment has been removed. And very smart it looks too.

Commemorative Seat

The Commemorative Seat for Les Bugler will be delivered this month and will be installed in the Playing Field on a concrete plinth. This will be a semi-circular tree seat; the tree is yet to be selected but will likely be a native tree and planting it will tie nicely into the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

Contributions to this memorial seat were received from several members of the Parish and the family and Council thanks the contributors for these.

Speeding and Highways

The Council is keen to have some sensible speed limits within the Parish. At the moment the speed limit through the village is the national speed limit of 60 mph. The Council is working towards having this reduced to 30mph and having some other realistic speed limits on roads in the Parish.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Reading Room at 6-30pm on Tuesday 14th December and there are still two casual vacancies on the Council for any member of the Parish who would like to join.

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We are fast approaching the end of another year and would like to thank you once again for your continued support, understanding and patience during this time. The lovely comments that we receive are still very much appreciated by us all.

Please remember to allow extra time between ordering and collecting your medication during the busy weeks before Christmas. The dispensary staff will try and accommodate all medication requests made but please do not order any earlier than you need to or request additional medication unnecessarily as we have limited time and space.

The surgery will be closed for *Christmas from 6.30pm on Friday 24th December until 8am on Wednesday 29th December*

We will also be closed for *New Year from 6.30pm on Friday 31st December until 8am on Tuesday 4th January 2022.*

During these times (and whenever the surgery is closed), you can call 111 for any non-emergency requirements. For any life-threatening emergency requirements, call 999 and ask for the ambulance service.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Patient Participation Group

The winter is unmistakably coming and with the colder weather we have also seen a high number of Covid cases both nationally and especially here in Purbeck. In Corfe this has been brought home to us with several of our much-loved residents seriously ill. We should remind ourselves afresh of the need to do what we can to keep ourselves and thereby other people as safe as we reasonably can, whether by wearing masks in indoor public areas or taking precautionary Lateral Flow Tests regularly.

The other way we can stay safe is of course by having all our Covid jabs when eligible. It's become clear how important the booster/third jab is. Whilst the

effectiveness of the first two jabs wanes after several months, the booster gives us well over 90% protection from serious illness. We have so much to thank the scientists for so please, please go for it! If you've had any difficulty booking your slot at Wareham Hospital don't be put off. There was a temporary hiccup because some other vaccination hubs have closed and many non-Purbeck residents have been booking to come to Wareham for their jabs but rest assured that every effort is being made to ensure eligible Purbeck residents get their boosters before Christmas. Don't forget you can book your slot for your 6- month booster 5 months after your second jab. On the subject of vaccinations at Wareham, special mention goes to PPG member Maggie Hardy who continues to give up two days a week to give us our boosters. Thank you, Maggie, and everyone else involved in helping us.

At the October winter flu jab clinic at the Surgery the PPG carried out an informal survey of over 150 patients asking them for their views on the way they are looked after there. The feedback was, as always, incredibly positive and appreciative (I hope their ears are burning with the compliments). We will be discussing all your comments and (very few) suggestions with the Surgery. Dr Lepper and his team continue to be extremely busy. With the many Covid challenges and extra work it's brought with it and also the ever-increasing patient numbers, the pressure on the staff never eases. Please be nice to them all: they deserve it!

And finally, we've mentioned before the difficulties of re-cycling used medication blister packs. Thanks to information from a fellow patient we can tell you that there will be a collection point for them at the vegetable stall at Swanage market every Friday.



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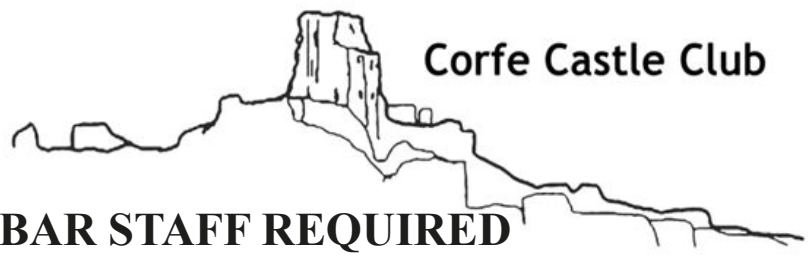
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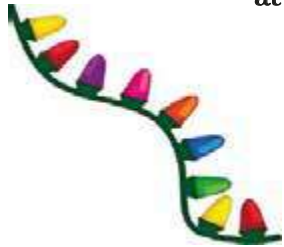
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Christmas Lights Switch On
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Saturday 4 December
at approx 4.45pm



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Please note : A responsible adult should accompany all children attending the above event. This event will be marshalled and drivers are requested to take due care. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure everyone can enjoy a magical evening



Sorry folks!



Although rehearsals and preparation work were in the final stages, with tickets were selling well, we have regretfully had to take the decision to postpone the **Double Act** production of

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz!

We felt that given the current outbreak in the village and the technical issues that was causing us with cast having to isolate, it would be best for our community not to expect people to gather in numbers for the show.

We do hope you will not be too disappointed and can wait a few months more as the new performance dates will be :-

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Corfe Castle Primary School

We are slowly but surely gearing up closer to Christmas and the children are already excited. We will be continuing with some of our usual festivities but unfortunately still have to adhere to covid risk assessments. This half term we have had a big focus on caring for our environment. Lots of the children were following the developments from the COP26 conference.

As a school, we are always striving to do more for the environment and care for our world. We have been focussing on reducing our waste this half term.

Our eco council have been promoting the use of various recycling schemes:

Recycling bins – we are currently recycling paper, pens and batteries.

Food waste – we put all our food waste in our compost bins ready to be made into compost.

Water waste – Ladybirds have a water butt to collect rain water.

Clothing Bank – We collected 63.75KG of clothes in October. Thank you to the wider community who also donated clothes to the clothing bank.

We have also had a focus on biodiversity and been trying to encourage more wildlife onto the school grounds. On the very rare occasion, we have spotted a deer on the school field. Last year, our Nurture group had a really close encounter with a deer which was incredibly special.



Last half term Dragonfly class made a good start at clearing the area around the pond in Forest School so that we can create a wildlife pond. Our Ladybird class are continuing the good work and have spotted some frogs in the pond this week.

Ladybird Class finished their topic last half term by planting a tree for the Queen's jubilee. They planted a lilac tree hoping to attract wildlife into the school.



Our Ladybird class also collected a range of Autumn treasures and created a wonderful squirrel out of their natural materials.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their continued support and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

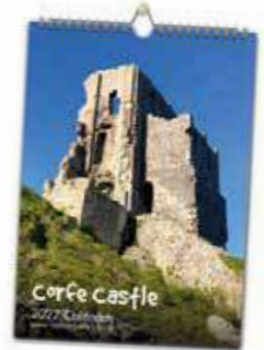
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Dates of forthcoming meetings

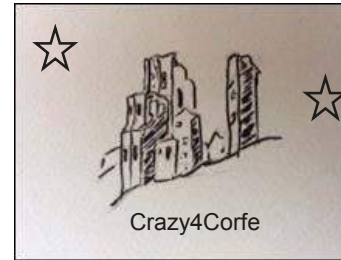
- **Dec 7th** – Christmas fun, making Christmas Crackers and Heart Cards.
- **Jan 4th** – Wellbeing Swanage by Deidre Selwyn. The charity presentation will also take place and they will be presented with their cheques.
- **February 1st** – “Life with the County Sheriff” Anne Bond
- **March 1st** AGM with pancakes for tea and maybe even pancake tossing!

We decided in the light of increased cases of Covid 19 in the village to hold our November meeting over zoom. Twenty-five people attended the talk on yoga given by Patti Sandham which was very well received. A few people then took up Patti’s offer of a free yoga session a few days latter which they really enjoyed. Patti has said that she would be very happy to offer another session at some time in the future.

We raised over £700 towards our two local charities at our Autumn Fayre. This was close to previous years despite the difficulties we currently face. Thank you so much to everyone who donated delicious cakes etc, helped with stalls or came along for a mooch and a coffee. Following in the footsteps of the Environment Group we offered packs of wildflower seeds to interested recipients.

We have decided, with regret, to postpone our January party due to the covid situation. We are now looking at a date in early April when we hope that levels will have dropped and people will feel more relaxed to attend such an event.

Finally please don’t forget to bring items for recycling, toiletries for Footprints charity, bottle tops, stamps and small jars.



☆
 Merry Christmas from
 Crazy4Corfe !
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Why not try your hand at our Quiz? It's just for fun. After your Christmas lunch test the family or friends with our Connections Quiz. The four words in each question are connected in some way, not always obvious.

Answers are on page 91

1. **Lady, Wash, Throat, Wedding**
2. **Paris, Leningrad, Prague, Jupiter**
3. **Isaac Newton, Humphrey Bogart, Princess Alexandra, Annie Lennox**
4. **Bull, Nurse, Bignose, Goblin**
5. **Seascape, Southern, Legend, Oyster, Catcher**
6. **Caine, Stewart, Sim, Finney**
7. **Mansion, Tower, Temple, Monument**
8. **Paraguay, Bolivia, Ethiopia, Nepal**
9. **Touch, A, Pacific, Fencing**
10. **Pumpkin King, Zero, Oogie Boogie, Sally**
11. **Starling, Baking, Cardigan, Street**
12. **Nile, Styles, Links, Mesopotamia**
13. **Courage, Land, Board, Hood**
14. **Roger Moore, James Hunt, Zoe Ball, Mary Peters**
15. **Mariner, Viking, Curiosity, Phoenix**
16. **Kyoto, Philadelphia, Winchester, Bonn**
17. **Cocktail, Literary Pig, Grow Quickly, Viburnum Opulus.**

18. Ken, Beard, October, Admiral

19. Beatrix Potter's Jeremy, Type Of Jumper, Whitefish, Northern River.

20. Flightless Bird, William Bligh, David, Bowie Song, Pheidippides.

Merry Christmas from all of us.



Margaret Green Animal Rescue's Shoebox Appeal is back!

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If you would prefer to send a gift online, you can make a donation through their website or place an order through their Amazon Wish list.

Please visit the website to find out more and discover the wish lists for the animals: www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk/ShoeboxAppeal2021

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Planet Purbeck Youth Group WANTS YOU!

By the Planet Purbeck Youth Group

The Planet Purbeck Youth Group is an environmental voice and action group for young people in Purbeck. This group is run by teens for teens. It's a place to share the youth's voice, come up with ideas and make real change. The group is facilitated by Planet Purbeck, National Trust and Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation.

We meet every Wednesday evening to discuss what we feel are the most pressing issues, such as climate change, pollution, biodiversity loss and extinction and what we're going to do about it. We also want to spread awareness about the climate emergency. One of our aims is to run a 'Green Christmas' event where we will try and engage the teenage community to be greener this Christmas. The event will take place Saturday 11th December at 6-9pm at Wareham Youth Club. We are including a 'green' prop stand, Christmas quiz, film, free food and much more for only £1 for the night.

This event will be run by the Planet Purbeck Youth Group as a way to try and interact with a wider audience of youth, and in a different way. We feel that there is not enough understanding about climate change and that people take it for granted as, living in Purbeck, we are rarely exposed to the immediate effects of it. As time runs out, we see that people are not doing enough. This event is aiming to open people's eyes about the crisis in a gentle, welcoming way that is interactive. There will be many different activities being held based around nature and using only natural resources such as willow wreath making, prop stands, gingerbread and hot chocolate decoration, selfie walls and a quiz with a prize! Additionally, there will be a classic Christmas film with free pizza and popcorn.

We hope to see many new faces and inspire the youth to take an interest in the environment and take action. If you have any other questions or interested in joining our group, email:

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Roast Turkey Crown
 served with roast potatoes, Honey roast Parsnips, Pigs in Blankets, Brussel sprouts, Sage and onion pork stuffing, Red cabbage, Swede and Carrot Mash and Gravy from the stock pot.

Pork Tenderloin
 served with crushed new potatoes, green vegetables and a cider and apple sauce.

Wild Mushroom Risotto
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Young People Volunteering to start in the New Year!



My name is Charlie Stockley, and I am a 20-year-old ecology student from Bournemouth University. I undertook my placement with the National Trust in June 2021, and I found it to be such an amazing experience that I decided to carry on working with the National Trust as an engagement volunteer.

From January 2022, I will be leading the Young People Volunteering Group at Studland. I volunteered for this project as I want to help set up and lead other likeminded young people, so they too can get involved in conservation, learn new skills, and gain experience that will help improve their skill set. Gaining experience in this industry is vital in advancing your career, however finding the right kind of experience can be difficult especially for younger people post lockdown. This is the reason why I want to make this volunteering group **for**



Charlie at Studland

young people and organised by young people. You will have your say in the activities and projects for the group. Some of the volunteering activities we will begin on include, removing invasive species and vegetation, habitat creation for rare species, litter picking, species monitoring and conservation work with tools.

We will be launching this on the **2nd of January 2022** and meeting every Sunday, at Discovery Centre. Sessions will start at 10am and finish at 3pm with a lunch break halfway through so bring lunch, water and dress

appropriately. For more information visit:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteering



Young People Volunteering

This is the perfect opportunity for students, young adults and nature lovers to make a difference whilst building experience and developing new skills.

Activities include removing invasive species and vegetation, habitat creation for rare species, litter picking, species monitoring and conservation work with tools.

"It is such an amazing experience and it made me rekindle my love for the environment"

Charlie Stockley, Engagement Volunteer, Studland Bay

The Young People Volunteering Group will be launching on the 2nd January 2022. We will be meeting every Sunday from then, 10am to 3pm at Studland Bay. Meeting point is at the Discovery Centre. Dress appropriately, bring lunch, water and lots of energy!

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

In view of the recent Covid outbreak we thought it prudent to cancel the November coffee morning. Hopefully back to normal this month! We have now cleared a lot of old stock, and welcome again further donations of books, CDs, clothes or bric a brac.

Our 100 club draw is made at the coffee morning. Last month the first prize of £20 was won by member 61, with member 64 getting second prize £10 and member 40 winning the third prize £4.50. If you would like to become one of the villagers support the local village hall in this way, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

regular weekly events:

Monday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio
Monday evenings	Double Act
Monday evenings	Purbeck Chess
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
Tuesday afternoons	Children's Gymnastics
Tuesday evenings	Purbeck Dance Studio
Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Purbeck Crafts
Wednesday mornings	Pilates
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Wednesday evenings	Pilates
Thursday evenings	Beavers
Thursday evenings	Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday mornings	Pilates

regular monthly events:

1st Saturday morning	VH Coffee Morning
1st Sunday all day	Antiques Fair
1st Tuesday afternoon	Aquarius
2nd Monday evening	Parish Council
3rd Wednesday morning	Carers' Support (P Jones)
4th Thursday morning	CC Carers Time

new regular bookings

Purbeck Chess Club now meet in Corfe Castle Village Hall every Monday from 7.00 pm. They are usually in the Bill Carter room but every second Monday in the month they are in the Community Hub room – just go in the main entrance and turn left and you'll find them! Everyone welcome – if you can't play, they will teach you! For further information contact Steve Peirson on 552504.

There is also a new group meeting involving gymnastics for children. They plan to meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3.45 until 6.45. More on this group next month!

Bookings are still subject to the amended Special Conditions of Hire, as published on the website www.corfecastlevillagehall.co.uk. Contact Carole Speed on 01929 480810, or by email to carolepspeed@gmail.com.

Update from the Environmental Group



The Secret Field

At the November Parish Council Meeting, the Environment Group were tasked with preparing a business case for The Secret Field. Councillors are also arranging to meet with the National Trust to discuss the draft lease. Once these actions are complete a suitable motion will be tabled at the next available Parish Council meeting. Keep an eye on the council meeting agendas and come along to the Parish Council meeting if you would like to have your say about this project.



Giki Zero – Free Carbon Footprint Tool (Get Informed, Know your Impact)



We have a parish GIKI membership, so please let our Clerk know if you join Giki Zero, so you can be added to our CCPCEG team. Since we came together to work as a team, **we have saved almost 6 tons of carbon emissions.**

Dorset Council are now promoting Giki Zero – it was featured in their Business News COP26 Special on 22nd October – your Parish Council pioneered this carbon footprint tool here first!

To find out more about Giki zero, go to www.zero.giki.earth/faqs

Community Engagement Activities

After lots of engagement events in September and early October, David and Helen continued with this by having a stall at the **Aquarius Autumn Fayre and Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall, again sharing information and giving away more of our wildflower seeds; this is a blend of species specially selected for clay soil, which is the most prevalent type here in Corfe Castle parish.

TOP TIPS – CLOTHES

Reduce –

Before making a purchase ask yourself “*Do I really need this?*”

Buy better-made clothes and shoes - they may cost more upfront, but will be cheaper in the long-run. Longer lasting clothes also use less raw materials and energy than having to replace more often – so kinder on the planet.

If high quality or designer fashion is your thing, try Thrift+ (<https://thrift.plus>) for online secondhand fashion. Or donate top brand clothes the Thrift+, and you'll get 33% from the sale – and so does your chosen charity.

Buy secondhand clothes from local charity shops or from websites like Shpock, Gumtree and Ebay; these sites can also be used to sell unwanted clothes.

Buy less clothes - get your needle and thread out and repair instead of throwing away and buying new – this will lessen the load on your wallet and the planet!

Reuse –

Upcycle using yours or someone else's sewing skills to update or adjust your clothes.

Recycle –

Use, or even start, a clothes swap shop

Pass clothes on to others or use charity shops to donate unwanted clothing.

Did you know –

There are people locally who'll teach you how to make clothes like www.SewManyThingsDorset.com.

STOP PRESS: There is a fledgling group, Stitchit, who are planning to meet in Corfe Castle regularly (probably the first Monday of each month) to share sewing tips and skills – email jane@janecolquhoun.com to find out more and request to join this group.

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, Rachel, Helen, Tom, Luke, David & Richard.

☆ **CRAZY 4 CORFE** ☆
 ☆ **'SANTA'S SLEIGH'** ☆

We have heard from Santa's elves that Santa is hoping to be driving his sleigh around Corfe Castle again this year.

Listen for the Christmas Carols, look out of your window, or stand in your front garden and you will see him go by.

☆ We will be collecting for **Corfe Castle Pre-School and Rotary Purbeck projects.**



Friday 17TH December 5 PM. starting in Halves Cottages, Collett's Close, Mead Road, Battlemead, Higher Gardens, East Street and the Square.

Saturday 18TH December 5 PM. from the turning circle at the end of West Street to the Square via Tom's Mead. (both dates subject to change if weather very inclement)



We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas!






Wellbeing Swanage

Our vision is for a connected and empowered community, where people can access, engage in and develop the resources and services they want or need to live a healthy and happy life!

Community Group Registration

Wellbeing Swanage would like to invite all local groups to join our directory so that we can help people to find you! We know that Swanage and the surrounding villages already contain a huge number of excellent groups, activities and services and we want to discover them all! These things could be as simple - and vital - as a lunch club, a carers support group, a playgroup, an outdoor activity group or a counselling service. Once we have your information we will place it in a central directory, accessible online, by telephone and through face-to-face conversations at our community hubs.

If you run a local group (for under £5 per session) please get in touch with us at contact@wellbeingswanage.org or call our Project Co-ordinator Laura on 07851839968! You can also join our Facebook community, which has over two thousand members, the Wellbeing Swanage Community Response group.



For more information visit our website at wellbeingswanage.org or  SCAN ME

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Castle guide set to gross-out a new generation

Children love a bit of horrible history, and it doesn't come more horrible than the story of Corfe Castle. That's why Swanage writer, Cathy Lewis, has republished a guidebook to the castle, years after it went out of print.



Cathy Lewis

Cathy wrote the 'Family Guide to Corfe Castle' for the National Trust back in 2004, filling it with information about the dastardly deeds that had taken place there, as well as descriptions of wicked weapons, terrible toilets and foul food. It was illustrated throughout by Swanage artist, Tony Kerins.

The guide was sold by the Trust for about 10 years, before being

replaced with a different publication. But, as Cathy found out, the public hadn't lost interest.

She said: "We were sad to see the guide go out of print but understood that approaches change. But what I didn't expect was the number of enquiries I'd have from people still wanting to get hold of a copy, including local residents, visitors and schools."

Cathy eventually sold out of her own stock of books and thought that was the end of the story. That all changed in 2020.

"I was contacted by a woman whose son had seen the guide at school. He desperately wanted one for himself, and being autistic, became fixated on getting it. After much searching, his mother finally tracked me down and I gave him one of my last copies. At that point, I realised I had to try to get the guide back into print."



Left to right: Seb (6) and Erin (9) of Swanage

Cathy was able to acquire copyright permission from the National Trust. Working with the former education officer at the castle, Pam White, she renamed the guide and updated the text, while Tony Kerins refreshed the illustrations.

"It's so good to see the guide back in print," said Cathy. "It's cost us a lot of time and money to get it out there again, but it's worth it just to see a new generation of children reading it, learning from it and being grossed-out by it!"

'The Gory Story of Corfe Castle' is available from outlets including The Swanage Bookshop, Swanage Information Centre and Corfe Castle Sweet Shop, and online via Etsy.



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CALENDAR for DECEMBER 2021

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

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

1	December till 19 February 2022			Wild Seas Centre Kimmeridge closed
4	December	Saturday	4.30 for 5pm	Lights switch on and arrival of Father Christmas – Corfe Castle Square
4	December	Saturday	6 pm	Kimmeridge Lights switch on
6	December	Monday	7 pm	Annual Kimmeridge Bingo Night – Kimmeridge Village Hall
7	December	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Christmas fun, making Christmas Crackers and Heart Cards.
11	December	Saturday	2 – 10 pm	Christmas at Hartland
13	December	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in Corfe Castle village hall
14	December	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle Reading Room.
14	December	Tuesday	7 pm	Movie Night – To Olivia, Harmans Cross Village Hall
17 & 18	December	Friday/Saturday	5 pm	Santa’s Sleigh around the Village
18	December	Saturday		Kimmeridge children’s Christmas party

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

2	January 2022	Sunday	10 am – 3 pm	Young People Volunteering – Studland Discovery Centre
4	January 2022	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk - Wellbeing Swanage by Deidre Selwyn
10	January	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in Corfe Castle village hall
11	January	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle village hall.
11	January	Tuesday	7 pm	Movie night - Nomadland – Harmans Cross Village Hall
21	January	Friday	2 pm	Library talk – Dr Phil Judkins – Purbeck’s Navy – Village Hall
28	January	Friday	8 pm	Live Music – The Churchfitters – Harmans Cross Village Hall
1	February	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk - “Life with the County Sheriff” Anne Bond
18	February	Friday	2 pm	Library talk – Gen Crisford – Beavers in Purbeck
1	March	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius AGM – Village Hall
18	March	Friday	2 pm	An international Paralympic dressage dream – Zoe Squirrel – Library

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The Reverend Anne Bond writes:

Christmas! What's that all about? Presents? Fat Santa? The Christmas Tree? But **WHY?**

Well, we all know *that* don't we? It's **Baby Jesus** innit? Everybody knows *that!* About him being born in a stable because there was no room at the inn – the angel Gabriel – the donkey - the shepherds – the wise men, the kings ...

But why a fuss about a baby born to an unmarried teenager who had gone off with her older lover and found herself giving birth on what would nowadays have been a garage floor? I doubt if she was the first female in such a predicament, and she certainly wasn't the last. But what was so special about it that over two thousand years later we still remember that girl's story and celebrate the birth of her son? What was it about this baby, who grew into a precociously intelligent boy and a difficult penniless young man challenging the traditions and behaviour of his community at every turn?

You remember that God was understood by Judaism as being without physical being but nevertheless communicated with the prophets who conveyed his messages to everyone else. The Jewish homelands Israel and Judea had been invaded by Rome and annexed into the Roman Empire. Their Kings had been religious leaders; but Romans were pagans. For centuries the prophets had been delivering messages from God of imminent disaster if Jewish society did not abandon its '*might is right*' ethic; now disaster was upon them. An expectation grew up that God would send someone to rescue them. As Roman rule became more oppressive many Jews thought the preacher Jesus of Nazareth might be he; but Jesus was neither military nor political. Eventually the Romans arrested Jesus for troublemaking and put him to death by crucifixion; but after his death he was seen walking, talking and preaching: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, strength and spirit, and love your neighbour as you love yourself.' In AD 70 the Romans flattened Jerusalem and the Temple, Jesus' followers spread his message and soon it was acknowledged by many that God had, through Jesus, brought a new life ethic of love and forgiveness into the world. Christianity had arrived.

The piece 'One Solitary Life' by James Allen Francis - see it on page 55 - describes the influence of Jesus upon the world. Christians believe that in the person of Jesus the living God broke through into human history and acted to put his creation back on the right tracks. The birth of Jesus was a cosmic event so powerful, so enormous, that our small, limited minds have difficulty appreciating it; it is *this* that is the answer to '**WHY Christmas?**'

With love, Anne

Bible Readings - December 2021

Sunday 5 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent Malachi 3: 1 – 4 Philippians 1: 3 – 11 Luke 3: 1 – 6
Sunday 12 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent Zephaniah 3: 14 – 20 Philippians 4: 4 – 7

Luke 3: 7 – 18

Sunday 19 th December	4 th Sunday of Advent Micah 5: 2 – 5A Hebrews 10: 5 – 10 Luke 1: 39 – 45
Christmas Day	Isaiah 52: 7 – 10 Hebrews 1: 1 – 4 John 1: 1 – 14
Sunday 26 th December	1 st Sunday of Christmas 1 Samuel 2: 18 – 20; 26 Colossians 3: 12 – 17 Luke 2: 41 – 52
Sunday 2 nd January 2022	2 nd Sunday of Christmas Jeremiah 31: 7 – 14 Ephesians 1: 3 – 14 John 1: 10 – 18

A note from Ian

As I write in the middle of November our hope is that the arrangements for the Christmas services will go ahead as planned.

I am sure we are all aware that the situation with covid has to be monitored and we may, reluctantly, have to revise our plans. This will be publicised as much as possible.

It will be the same with our plans for gatherings of family and friends. Above all, I want to emphasise that the 'work' of worship and prayer continues so do let us know of any special requests for prayer and also to send best wishes and prayers to everyone who reads this for a very happy and blessed Christmas time.

Ian

Church Services During December And At Christmas

Although through December we continue with our current basic pattern of a 10.30 Sunday service at Corfe Castle and a service once a month at Steeple there are one or two changes necessary and because of Christmas arrangements.

Of course, it continues to be the case that changes may be necessary if the situation concerning covid alters. We will publicise these on the website, on the church noticeboards and through the email circulation.

- December 5th 10.30 Holy Communion with hymns at Corfe Castle
- December 12th 10.30 at Corfe Castle Holy Communion with hymns
No service at Steeple (see next week Dec 19th)
- December 19th 9.30 at Steeple Holy Communion with hymns
11am at Corfe Castle A Service of Lessons and Carols
- December 26th 11am at Corfe Castle Holy Communion with Carols
There will be this one service for all the congregations of our Benefice on this day.
- January 2nd 11am at Kingston Holy Communion with hymns
Again, one service on this day for the whole Benefice.

CHRISTMAS

- Christmas Eve 4pm at Corfe Castle The Christingle Service
6pm at Kimmeridge Carols outside at the top of the Village
11.30pm at Corfe Castle Midnight Communion
- Christmas Day 9.30am at Steeple Holy Communion with Carols
11am at Corfe Castle Christmas Morning Worship

Please note that the mid morning services on December 19th, Christmas Day, December 26th and January 2nd all begin at 11am

St Edwards Church-Decorating for Christmas

We will be decorating the church for Christmas
on Wednesday 22nd December at 0930 am.

Please come along and help

Donations of Greenery would also be appreciated.
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Any questions to Jill Revans - 01929-480852



Advent at Kingston - St James's Church Sunday 5th December 6.0pm

A service of seasonal readings and hymns, followed by mulled wine
and mince pies.
Do join us!

One Solitary Life

by James Allan Francis

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant teacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never travelled, except in his infancy, more than two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompanies greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While he was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through a mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, his seamless robe. When he was dead, he was taken down from the cross and laid in a borrowed grave through the courtesy of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the centrepiece of the human race and the leader of all human progress. I am well within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever were built, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has this one solitary personality.

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EXCAVATION**



I saw three divers go sailing by....

Last month I mentioned some of the birds that pass by on the way south to warmer climes for the Winter but for many birds our Winter weather suits them fine, and they come to stay. The first arrivals I notice are the pied wagtails that appear in early October on the rooftops in the village where they trot about snapping up

the flies that are preparing to hibernate around our homes. By now the redwings and fieldfares that visit from Scandinavia will be around too. I realised a couple of years ago that my garden was sorely lacking in any kind of berry bushes so to entice the berry loving birds I planted a guelder rose bush. In time this will produce the most luscious looking red berries. I read that if you want to find the elusive waxwings, guelder rose bushes are good places to look for them. Time will tell.

Out on Corfe Common I recently flushed what I think was a jack snipe – a diminutive relative of the common snipe. This had most likely come from northern Scandinavia or Russia. One of their characteristics, which distinguishes them from common snipe, is that you must almost step on them before they take off. Once, when I was a small boy and out birding with my father, we were walking across a saltmarsh when I saw at my feet a tiny rugby ball shaped object marked with iridescent green, rusty red and yellow stripes. As I bent down to pick up this toy ball it spang to life and shot off. I think I got the bigger fright.

I have not gone to look yet this Winter but on Hartland Moor there is a good chance of spotting a wintering merlin sitting patiently on a post or bush or dashing across the heather. With luck a hen harrier may waft leisurely into view. You won't get near to stepping on either of those two birds though – they will see you coming long before you see them.

On the coast there are a host of birds that visit our “warm” shores. At Studland there is usually a sizeable gathering of black-necked grebes which even in Winter have eyes that are as startlingly red as my guelder rose berries will be. They feed on small fish and invertebrates that live in the seagrass meadows. Here too, there are often a few great northern divers. In their sombre winter grey

plumage, and being so much larger than the diminutive grebes, the divers rather resemble submarines on manoeuvres as they slip below the waves with barely a ripple. The nearest place they might have nested is Iceland. Having never been there I have not heard their haunting calls for real – though I have heard them dubbed onto many movie soundtracks (usually those set in steamy tropical jungles). On the beach at Studland, if it's not too busy, there is often a bustling little flock of sanderlings scurrying about at the tide's edge searching for tiny morsels washed up by the waves. I once saw one sanderling with colour rings which it turned out had been ringed in Iceland although it would have nested no nearer than eastern Greenland.

So, wherever you look, even at this time of year, Purbeck is full of visitors from far away. Even the little robin redbreast who you say hello to on Christmas morning may not be from round here. As the Waitrose 2016 Christmas advert suggested there is a very small chance it may even be a real, red-coated winter visitor that has made it all the way here from snow-bound Scandinavia (without a sleigh).

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“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). Matthew 1:23 (ESV)

Joseph and Mary travelled to Bethlehem.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (ESV)

Shepherds were out in the fields.

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:10 (ESV)

This very day in David's town your Saviour was born—Christ the Lord! Luke 2:11 (GNB)

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him.” Matthew 2:1-2 (GNB)

They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshiped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him. Matthew 2:11. (GNB)

And God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through Him. 1 John 4:9 (GNB)

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. John 3:16 (GNB)

May God richly bless you all this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

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Winter closure

After a very busy season, the Wild Seas Centre finally closed its doors for the winter at the end of November. December and January tend to be a quiet time in Kimmeridge Bay, unless you are a surfer or windsurfer, and closing the Centre allows us time to get essential maintenance work done and prepare our programme of events and activities for next season. We hope to open again for school half-term in February but watch this space for details.

Volunteering opportunities

We will also be using this quiet time to recruit some new volunteers from the local area to join our lively and welcoming team at the Wild Seas Centre. Our volunteers help man the visitor centre, assist the staff in leading school visits and public seashore events, and promote support for the marine environment and its conservation in a variety of ways. Volunteers must be reliable; enthusiastic about our marine and coastal environment; able to talk to and engage visitors; and work well with other volunteers in the team. A limited number of places are available so if you would like to find out more please register your interest via email to kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk or telephone 01929 481044 and leave a message. You will be sent information about an open day planned for late January when you can come and meet the team and find out more. For those signing up as a new volunteer, training would begin in early February 2022.

Kimmeridge Walking Trail

We are delighted that our new Kimmeridge Walking Trail is now in place linking Kimmeridge Bay with the village and directing visitors to both the Etches Museum and Wild Seas Centre. Our new swing-arm panels along the trail highlight the link between present day marine wildlife and its ancestors from the Jurassic seas. When we re-open in February, why not spend the day at Kimmeridge, taking in the bay and Wild Seas Centre and then following the

trail across the fields to the Etches Collection fossil museum with lunch at Clavell's Restaurant? What a great way to get outdoors in the fresh air.



Julie Hatcher, Wild Seas Centre Officer



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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

December already, where has the year gone?

All a year older, but wiser? The Jury is still out!

If you read last month's report you may remember that I had a birthday in November. Yes, we had a nice day, thank you for asking. We walked around Keyneston Mill's extensive grounds alongside the Stour and enjoyed a pleasant lunch in their Bistro. They grow *thousands* of plants, "botanicals", and extract the oils for perfume manufacture.

Patience is needed to be a gardener because you are always waiting: waiting for something to grow, to flower, to seed, to bear fruit, to ripen. (See the great Gertrude Jekyll's comment below. *)

The gardening they do at KM is on another scale of patience. We learned a little of the process from the information boards around the gardens. Some plants take five years to grow and a further five years to process before the perfume is ready for sale. Huge quantities of plant material are processed to produce a tiny bottle of oil which is taken off and blended with other oils to create a unique perfume.

I think I'll stick to the rather shorter timescales in our own gardens. Plant the bulb/seed wait for the flower, enjoy the perfume it creates and all the wildlife that it attracts. I have limited patience!

That limited patience is wearing thin with all the restrictions and difficulties caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. Yet I know it is sensible to stick to the rules and err on the side of caution, for all our sakes.

I am sorry that we have had to cancel the Christmas Meal get-together for this year. Your committee feels that it is better safe than sorry. I have suggested that we might have a "Welcome to Spring" social event, involving food and fun, in 2022. Covid and weather permitting, of course.

We therefore have no meeting in December or January and kick off '22 with fun quiz with **PRIZES** after our AGM in February. Our Secretary will keep members informed by email. If you are not receiving his updates please contact Gerry (tel no:- back cover).

I thank all our committee members for their work this year. Also others who

have helped with events and, of course, you for your ongoing support, thank you all.

I wish you the Joy and Peace of Christmas. May you enjoy all your celebrations safely, stay well, and enter 2022 with renewed hope and enthusiasm.

David

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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.

St George's Langton Christmas Tree Festival

After a complete write off of last year's advent season there is a determination to get back to normality, therefore a Christmas tree festival will take place once again at St George's



Church, Langton Matravers from 4th - 6th December 9am till 5pm. This is a chance for people to meet, wander through a truly magical display of individually decorated trees, pause for coffee or tea and maybe even tempted to a slice of cake. There will be moments throughout the weekend when local musical groups will perform, the times of these events will be published on the church website and on the church notice board once finalised. All the proceeds raised at this years festival will be donated to Amelia's Rainbow and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

For further information go to <https://purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com/purbeck-hills-christmas-tree-festival>.

As part of the celebrations there will be a special informal advent service held at St James' Church Kingston in the evening of 5th December comprising of music and readings to welcome in the Christmas season.

Buyer Beware

If you go online to apply for a driving licence, GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card) or Visa please **TAKE CARE**. At the top of your internet search you are likely to find a link to a website which looks convincingly like you are applying to an official body. In fact it is likely to be an intermediary company which will

take a fee for something which is available free of charge or add a large fee to the actual cost. This is not technically fraud, as the company does make the application on your behalf, though you probably don't need it to! These companies apparently pay for their entry to be at the top of the list.

One of the CVN readers recently applied for a GHIC and was surprised to be charged £29.98. She was irritated as the old EHIC was free, but assumed it was something to do with Brexit. She soon found that the GHIC is free on the NHS website, which appears just below the one at the top of the search! On this occasion, a couple of lengthy phone calls to the bank gave the desired result – a refund of the “fee”. A subsequent application to the correct NHS website, yielded the cards within a few days.

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Purbeck Mummers



Although we have not been able to perform due to obvious reason during the pandemic we hope to be out Boxing Day 2021 around Corfe Castle etc. That's the plan anyway but does depend on Covid rates and the locations.

Preliminary we will be:

12 mid-day Corfe Castle Square

12.30pm The Fox

1.00 pm The Bankes Hotel bar

1.30pm Castle Inn

2.15pm The Square and Compass outside

As Mummers are not very tame, all times are approximate just in case we get lost between pubs.

We will put posters up to confirm and also post on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/purbeckmummers/>

As usual we will be collection for local charities.

Trees Please!

Now is a good time of year to carefully dig up and pot any young trees or shrubs which are growing where you don't want them. Rather than mow them, give them a second chance, and give the planet a mini-boost! If you can relocate them on your land where they will be able to grow, give shade, add interest, provide a growing habitat and food source for all sorts of other beasties, and store carbon, please do so. If you can't provide a home for them, please let me give them a temporary home. In time, they will either be planted

round the parish, or perhaps first spend some useful growing time at the prospective tree nursery at Kingston before being planted in their final location.

I now have about 50 young trees, and plenty more plant pots awaiting more recruits. It would be good to be able to enhance the parish with 70 new trees (or more) by the end of the Platinum Jubilee Year.

Any species are welcome, but especially native ones (e.g. oak, ash, birch, lime, sycamore, willow, hazel, alder, poplar, hawthorn, yew, DED-resistant elm) or European introductions (e.g. horse chestnut, sweet chestnut, Norway maple, other poplars, plane, walnut, other oaks). Hawthorn seedlings/saplings would be particularly welcomed for some on-going hedging needs.

This is one part of the efforts of the Corfe Castle Parish Council Environment Group to help address the Climate and Ecological emergency.

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Kimmeridge News

Kimmeridge Playground

Fantastic work has been going on this month with volunteers from the village installing the new playground equipment. It won't be ready for use for a while yet – so be patient! There will be an Official Opening later – watch this space for details!



Annual Kimmeridge Bingo Night - Monday 6th December

Eyes down for the Purbeck-wide famous Kimmeridge Christmas Prize Bingo - no expense spared here - you get reusable cards to play on, house and line prizes, two raffles, guess the cake weight, guess the number of sweets in the jar and not forgetting the pièce de résistance - our very own Patrick Ward calling in his finest designer gear!

You don't need to be a bingo fan, just a fan of having a great evening of laughter with the possibility of going home with something you never knew you needed. The proceeds from this event fund the Children's Christmas party in Kimmeridge for Children from Kimmeridge, Bradle and Blackmanston.

What better way to spend a cold December Monday evening?????? Bring your own refreshments for whilst playing. Teas/Coffees/Squash is free in the break - if you want anything stronger then BYO

In order to make this event the huge success it always it we rely on prize and raffle donations. If you are able to donate any prizes, please contact Rose on kimmeridgevh@hotmail.co.uk (or message me via the Kimmeridge Village Facebook page)

Doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7.00pm!

Other Village Events

The Christmas Lights Switch On & Social will be on Saturday 4th December at 6pm.

The Children's Christmas Party is planned for Saturday 18th December.

There is no Christmas Eve Nativity Service in Church this year because of Covid – but, like last year, we will be singing carols outside at the top of the village at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Come and join us!

Looking further ahead the Village Mexican Night will be on Saturday 19th February – put it in your diary!

Sausages and more!

Kimmeridge Chef, Sue Pawson, delighted us back in last year's Lockdown with her deliveries of homemade sausages – both vegi & meat! Now she is hard at work again from her Level 5 Hygiene certificated kitchen making not only sausages, but ready -prepared meals as well. Having started with Kimmeridge, she is now ready to deliver these to the wider local area (within reason!) once a fortnight. Contact her via her Facebook page (“Sue Pawson, & follow links to Bailey's”) or via email: sueandbaileybythesea@gmail.com to find out more.

Steve & Helen Earwicker

A festive poster for a Christmas Tree Festival. The background is a winter scene with snow-covered evergreen trees and a blue sky with falling snow. In the center is a large, decorated Christmas tree with a golden star on top. The words "Joy", "Love", "Peace", and "Believe Christmas" are written in a cursive font on the tree. At the base of the tree is a red gift box with a white bow. The text "Christmas Tree Festival" is at the top in a large, red, serif font. Below it, "St George's Church Langton Matravers" is written in a smaller red font. Further down, "Open from 9am - 5pm" and "Free admission Refreshments served from 10am - 4pm" are written in red. At the bottom, "4th - 6th December" is written in a large red font. A QR code is in the bottom right corner. A red banner at the very bottom contains the text "All proceeds raised will go to local charities" in white.

Christmas Tree Festival

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- **Short Mat Bowls** @ 14.00
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News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

There is plenty to look forward to at the Village Hall in the lead up to Christmas and in the early part of 2022, so hopefully some of the following dates can find their way into your diaries.

We have a couple of brilliant films to look forward to on our monthly **Movie Nights** in December and January

On **Tuesday 14th December**, we are screening **To Olivia**. It's 1962 and Roald Dahl (Hugh Bonneville), an eccentric, burgeoning children's author and his wife, Patricia Neal, a glamorous Hollywood movie star, have retreated to the English countryside to bring up their expanding young family. Tragically, their lives are turned upside down by the devastating death of their daughter Olivia and as the couple struggle through the unimaginable loss, their shared grief becomes a source of redemption and strength which changes their lives forever through the creation of the amazing Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Then on **Tuesday 11th January 2022**, we will be showing **Nomadland**. This multi-award winning film is about a new phenomenon: America's 60- and 70-something generation whose economic future was shattered by the 2008 crash. They are grey-haired middle-class strivers reduced to poverty who can't afford to retire but can't afford to work while maintaining a home. So they have become nomads, a new American tribe roaming the country in camper vans in which they sleep, looking for seasonal work in bars, restaurants and – in this film – in a gigantic Amazon warehouse in Nevada, which takes the place of the agricultural work searched for by itinerant workers in stories such as The Grapes of Wrath.

Trailers for both films can be seen on our website at www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/movie-nights. Tickets are £5 on the doors, which open at 7.00pm with the film showing at 7.30pm. The bar will also be open.

And as a quick future 'spoiler', we are also eagerly awaiting the availability of the latest Bond film and will squeeze that into the schedule when we can !!

Amongst all the wonderful regular events at the Hall, **Coffee Junction** has also re-started and is thriving. Please come along for coffee (or tea), cake and conversation on the mornings of Thursday 2nd, 16th and 30th December from 10.30am.

A very special festive **Christmas Carol Service with minced pies and mulled wine** will be taking place on Sunday 19th December from 6pm. Put on a coat because, weather permitting, we will have doors open to ensure we have a Covid-safe environment to allow us at last to sing all your favourite carols with gusto. What a lovely way for the whole community to ready ourselves for a very special Christmas.

And finally, a **Live Music** date for your diaries for the New Year. **The Churchfitters** will be back again at the Hall by popular demand on **Friday 28th January 2022**. Tickets are £15 available from the website at www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/live-music and are already on sale and going quickly.

In addition, we have all our usual activities back, including amongst others:
Mondays – U3A Table Tennis; Pins & Needles; Yoga with Cathy
Tuesdays – Yoga with Cathy; Art with Judy Robson
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Alison Clough, Chair of Harmans Cross Village Hall

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Pioneer View

Dear friends,

I am very aware it's been a very difficult 18 months for many families and communities. It's very likely that this Christmas will put our experiences into sharp focus. This will most clearly be felt by those families, individuals and friends who have lost loved ones over the last months.

Such losses can leave a very deep vacuum in our lives. It's at times like this that we begin to search for hope, not knowing where to look.

Christmas can highlight those losses significantly. This year I have been encouraged by the words of the Liverpool anthem, "You'll never walk alone". I am often taken back to these words to reflect on when I am searching for hope.

We find ourselves seemingly in the middle of a perfect storm, with the Covid - 19 infections increasing and a climate crisis which is becoming more and more problematical to our planet. Where is the hope during these challenges? This hymn gives us confidence that hope is often found in the storms of life:

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

So, this Christmas lets be people who offer the gift of hope to those around us.

Have a peaceful Christmas that is full of Hope

Peter

Chair : Growing Compassionate Communities RCN 1176047

PURBECK MARBLERS.

Every Shrove Tuesday we were entertained by the spectacle of a set of men, young and old, kicking a football up West Street and across the Halves. This unusual sight is a survival of the time honoured rite instituted by the Ancient Order of Marblers and Stone Cutters, and has continued since time immemorial.

Writing about Purbeck Marblers, the great Historian John Hutchins wrote in 1774: 'Near Downsay was formerly dug marble in several colours, blue red spotted and grey all showing a congerie of small shells. It was in great demand for monuments and the pillars of Salisbury Cathedral are made of this material'. He goes on to say that one of the most magnificent tombs in the country is in Warwick and was a memorial to the celebrated Neville 'The Kingmaker'. It is of the finest Purbeck Marble and fashioned by our townsman John Borde of Corfe in the reign of Henry 1 V. It cost £2471, which when an ox sold for 60p was a princely sum.

Soon after the Conquest the Dorset Quarries were fully occupied in the supply of marble and stone for no less than eight Norman Cathedrals. The marble and stone was dragged across the heath to Ower and shipped from there.

There were surface quarries for marble at Wilkswood, Afflington, Downshay and Blashenwell. Corfe thus rose to national fame and its masons and stonecutters travelled the land.

Most of the finishing was done in cottages in West Street and we are told that if one digs deeply chips of stone and marble can be found. Many of the quarries belonged to the Crown and there was ample employment for Masons, Quarriers, Stonecutters and associated trades. A young apprentice could rise to be a wealthy citizen.

At one time there were 142 Freemen of the Order living locally. Naturally the Headquarters of the Order was Corfe and the original Charter is said to date back to the time of Henry 111. This was burnt in the 16th Century, but copies of a 1651 Charter have survived.



In order to become a Freeman a candidate has to be the legitimate son or grandson of a Freeman and to be aged 21. Each year on Shrove Tuesday the Order meets at Corfe's little Town Hall and after transacting their business, such as the issue of apprenticeship certificates, arbitration between quarriers and election of officers, refreshments are taken. An apprentice obtains a pint

of beer and a penny loaf for the wardens. A football is then kicked ceremonially in the direction of Ower Quay, to preserve the right of way. The owner of Ower Quay can claim a pound of pepper.

Any Marbler after obtaining permission from the Landlord, could dig a shaft on his land and put up a capstan to dig stone. Payment of dues gave him the rights of a lease. In 1903 this was challenged by a member of the Bankes family but the issue remained clouded in doubt as at a Court hearing one of the Wardens was imprisoned for Contempt of Court but not for the alleged offence. Our heritage of marble and stone is indeed a proud one. All the ancient Cathedrals, including some in France bear witness to the skill and ingenuity of our forebears.

(Information from writings by Dennis Smale and Eric Benfield.)

Paul Randal.



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2021 The year my dreams became reality!

A few months ago, I won the Corfe Library writing competition, writing about my rollercoaster year in 2020. 2021 has most definitely topped that, so I wanted to write an update on my adventures with my horse Biscuit.



First of all, a little background. I have a form of cerebral palsy, left sided hemiplegia, and a visual impairment and at age 7 it was suggested horse riding would be a good form of physiotherapy. I had sat on my cousin's horse, and really wanted to try riding, so it was a bonus that it would be good for me!! I did riding as therapy alongside learning the sport during my childhood. I went to watch London 2012 Paralympics, and vowed to find a way to participate, I loved watching so much.

So there started my obsession with Para Dressage. In 2014 I rode my first ride, Ollie, in competition and progressed from competing at National Championships and a simulated International to being selected to compete for Great Britain at a registered International competition. Sadly, lovely Ollie went lame, and we couldn't participate, but this lit a flame of one day riding with a Union Jack flag on my chest.

Fast forward to 2021, with the ride on Biscuit (Wonnacott on show days), with thanks to the Pearse family, once again this dream was in touching distance. We had secured our qualifying scores with our 2020 results, but then it was down to the selectors whether we could go or not.

First up in 2021 was the Winter National Championships. These were postponed from February to May, at which point I had only been riding less than 6 weeks after lockdown 3. They were held all the way up in Preston so a mammoth trek for the whole team. I hired a motorhome so that Alice (Biscuit's owner) and I, along with a good friend, could stay on site, which helped so much and meant we could be flexible but stay warm and dry too. It was nerve wracking doing the competition in a big indoor arena, my first Nationals in 5 years, it meant a lot to be there. We were placed second, not even 1% behind the winner, so I was thrilled. It is so different riding at a Championship show, the atmosphere is

bigger, the arenas are all dressed up with flowers and banners, and there is more pressure to perform (mostly from yourself as you work so hard to get there!).

In the middle of July, we were informed we had been selected for my first International, at Bishop Burton College in Yorkshire! It was surreal seeing my name on the list again, 6 years after my first selection, and I was determined nothing would stop me this time from dancing in that arena. First we had to



prepare my freestyle, dressage to music. It was such an interesting process finding music to suit us and creating a pattern to ride to, and I was excited and nervous to ride to it; it is a very different skill. It was a real pinch me moment to see the flags sewn onto my jacket and Biscuit's saddle pads, we were doing it! First we had to pass the vet inspection, to make sure that Biscuit was fit to compete,

then we competed over 3 days with the freestyle on the last day. We were judged by 5 judges from all over the world including New Zealand, America and France, all at different angles of the arena, so nothing would be missed. I was thrilled with Biscuit, I feel we improved each day with consistent scores and were able to use the judges' feedback to positively influence the next test. To win the 1* competition overall was the icing on the cake; an experience I won't forget in a hurry hearing the National Anthem playing!

After a short break we headed to the Summer National Championships held in Solihull. We had an easier time between the 2 competitions, doing mainly conditioning work for both Biscuit and I, which is so important to keep us both in top form, but this meant I didn't feel totally prepared. I was stunned to look at the scoreboard after our test, which felt a little sticky, and realise we had won and I was National Champion in my class!! A winning margin of nearly 5%. We even did our own mini lap of honour with my rosette and sash. Paras don't tend to do these as it's not always safe, but we couldn't pass on this opportunity to get more pics and memories together.

As if one International wasn't enough, I had gained the qualifying scores, been selected and had secured funding for my second at Keysoe International near

Bedford. Funding these events and ongoing training is very tricky; only working part time, but some very generous donations and charity grants have made this year possible. We decided to compete in the same level again the 1*, to deepen my experience. This competition was with a different set of judges, and a new opportunity with a bigger atmosphere. Despite a rocky start, we made it into the arena on day 1, and posted a solid score, which we were pleased with. On to the next 2 days and again we improved consistently. I learnt such a lot about how to work with Biscuit and what I need to do better next time. Again we won our classes and were International Champions again!! It was also lovely to have a young para rider come to watch us on freestyle day; it was super to be able to involve her. It's only by experiencing things that you learn. I was so grateful to be a part of para in this way when I started, so it seemed right I could reciprocate this.



My ambition was to ride at an International, and I have done so TWICE! Our goal next year is to compete in the 2* competition and I am excited for the challenge. I have caught the bug even more so; to be part of such a fab community is awesome, so I will find a way to go as far as I can go, and compete for as long as is possible. But for now no one can take away the fact I have competed internationally for my country, not many can say they have done that!

Zoe Squirrel

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Dedicated Museum Volunteers
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Win First Grants To Improve
Experience For Visitors

Dedicated Swanage Railway museum volunteers at Corfe Castle station are celebrating after winning their first grants – the money being used to further improve the experience for visitors.

Attracting 48,000 visitors a year before the 2020 coronavirus pandemic, the free admission museum – established in the goods shed of the restored Victorian station in the year 2000 – tells the fascinating story of the Swanage branch line from the 1880s.

Operated by the Swanage Railway Trust registered charity, the museum has been largely funded by public donations and was ranked twelfth in a Visit England tourist body survey during 2019.



*SR museum volunteers at Corfe Castle November 2021
 Courtesy ANDREW PM WRIGHT*

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has awarded a grant of £23,700 for the museum to create audio pods so visitors can enjoy a typical 1950s branch line station ‘sound scene’ and listen to recordings of

evocative memories from Swanage branch line staff and passengers during the 1950s and 1960s.

The money will also be used to improve ‘front of house’ facilities at the museum so that visitors can talk to staff about the Swanage Railway’s history and access the archives.

The South West Museum Development Programme has also given the Swanage Railway Trust museum a grant of £4,000 which will pay for professional

management advice and mentoring to the volunteer museum staff during the project.

A delighted Swanage Railway Trust chairman Gavin Johns said: “Thanks to players in the National Lottery, this much appreciated investment will allow our museum to begin a transformation to an even more inclusive and interactive space in which visitors, of all ages, can learn about the social and economic effects on the Isle of Purbeck of the Victorian Swanage branch line.



*SR museum volunteers Corfe Castle November 2021
 Courtesy ANDREW PM WRIGHT*

“I would like to thank everyone who has played a part in the success of this grant application which has been a huge and detailed collective effort – one in which we can all take great pride,” added Mr Johns who is also a volunteer signalman on the popular Dorset heritage railway.

After repeated attempts over almost 40 years, the ten-mile branch line from the London main line at Worgret Junction, south of Wareham, to Corfe Castle and Swanage was opened in May, 1885.

British Rail controversially closed the single tracked branch line in January, 1972, with seven miles of track being lifted in just seven weeks during the summer of that year.

After five years of determined campaigning by railway enthusiasts and Purbeck community volunteers, the fledgling Swanage Railway Society started restoration work at a boarded up Swanage station in February, 1976.

Second-hand track was slowly laid by hand at Swanage station and in the summer of 1979 the first trains ran over a few hundred yards of track – a small industrial diesel locomotive hauling a restored 1940s carriage.

Easter, 1980, saw the first steam trains run at Swanage station since the summer of 1967 when a small industrial steam locomotive hauled two restored carriages over a few hundred yards of track.

Passenger train operations were extended to the one-mile mark at Herston, on the outskirts of Swanage, in 1984 and then to the one and a half-mile mark in 1987.

Trains ran three miles from Swanage to Harman's Cross in 1989 and in 1995 passenger train operations were extended two and a half miles to Corfe Castle and Norden.

The Swanage Railway's re-laid tracks met the national railway system, east of Furzebrook, in January, 2002 – on the 30th anniversary of the British Rail closure – and it was in 2006 that the Swanage Railway was connected to the national railway system.

The first diesel and steam trains from London to Corfe Castle and Swanage since 1972 and 1967, respectively, ran in April and May, 2009.

In 2014, the Swanage Railway's signalling system was linked into Network Rail's signalling system for the operation of the heritage line's connection with the main line at Worgret Junction south of Wareham.

The Swanage Railway welcomes new volunteers and anyone interested in finding out more should contact Swanage Railway volunteer recruitment and retention officer Jonathan Evans on 01929 408466 or email iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk.

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CRAZY 4 CORFE QUIZ - answers

We hope you enjoyed the quiz. Here are the answers to how the words in each question are connected:

1. Can be preceded by the word white.
2. Names of symphonies
3. Born on Christmas Day
4. Types of shark
5. Contain cricketing terms – cap, out, leg, catch
6. Surnames of actors who have all played Scrooge – Michael Caine, Patrick Stewart, Alistair Sim, Albert Finney
7. Included in the names of Circle line underground stations.
8. Landlocked countries
9. In groups of things that come in fives: senses, vowels, oceans, Pentathlon sports
10. Characters in 'The Nightmare before Christmas'.
11. Contain words associated with Christmas – star, king, card, tree.
12. Included in the titles of Agatha Christie Novels, where murders have taken place.
13. Can be preceded by the word mother
14. Contain the surnames of players in the winning English Football World Cup Team of 1966
15. Missions/rovers to Mars.
16. Former national capital cities.
17. They are all 'snowballs'.
18. Can be preceded by the word red.
19. Shipping Forecast areas – Fisher, Fair Isle, Sole and Tyne
20. All connected with chocolate bars - Penguin, Bounty, Mars, Marathon.



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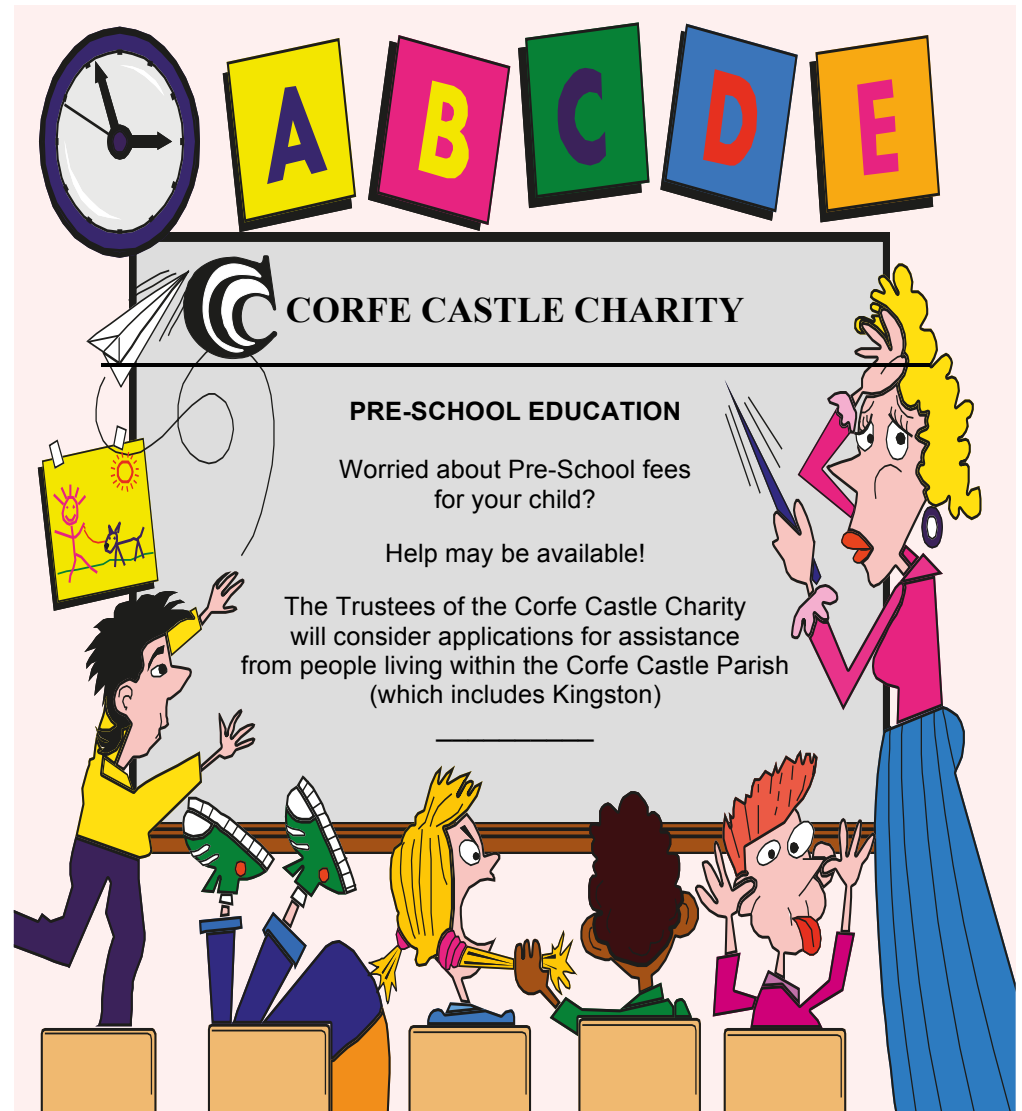
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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MONDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.15 – 10.45am	& 11am – 12 Yoga	Langton Scout Hut
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.30 – 7.30pm	Adult	C C Village Hall
		Ballroom Dance	Donna 01202 243803
Each	7.45 – 9.15pm	Badminton	C C Village Hall
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
WEDNESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
2nd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	By Zoom
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall
SUNDAY			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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