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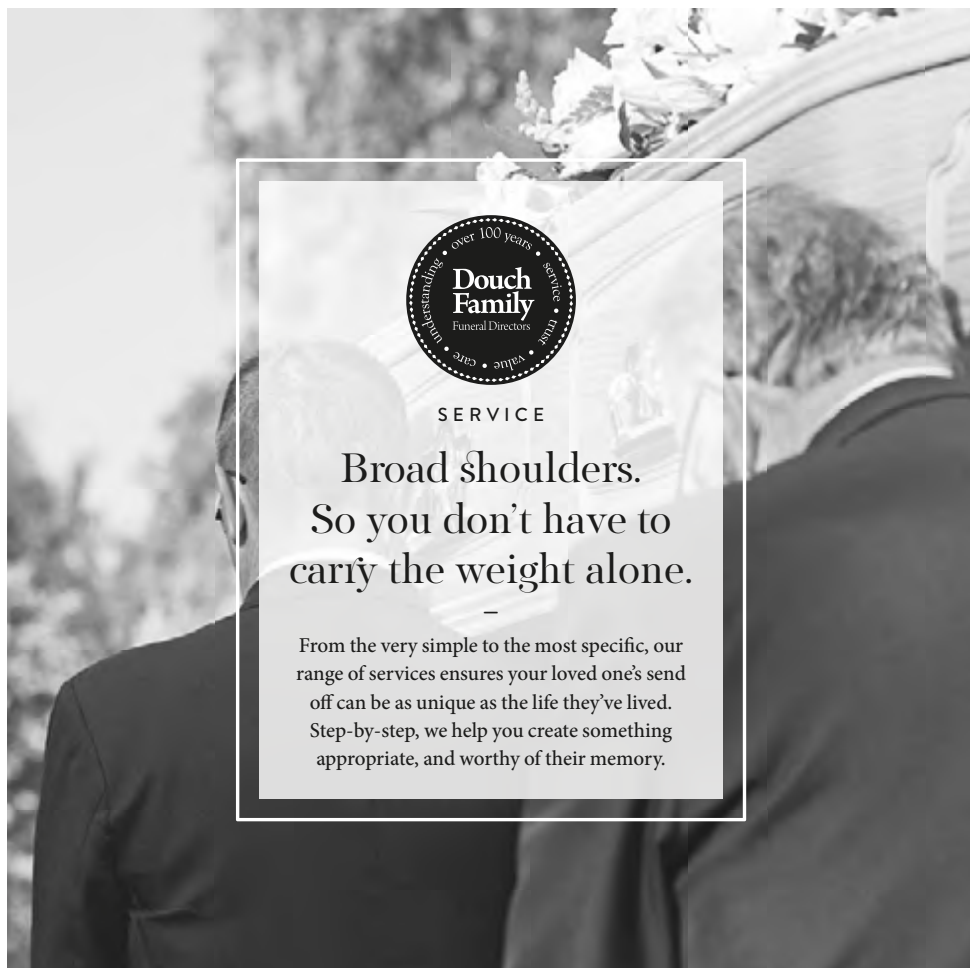
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## Editorial

We have had storm after storm and there has been quite a bit of damage around the village. Storm Eunice hit me as I was on the train returning from London. I spent five hours sitting in the train in Basingstoke station waiting for something to happen. In the end we were all turned off the train, and thank goodness for Uber, which got me and three others in a taxi to Bournemouth.

Plans for the Queens Jubilee are starting to come together. Thank you to everyone involved and particularly to Crazy4Corfe who are arranging fund raising events. There is more information throughout the magazine. In summary the beacon will be lit on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and there will be a big picnic on the sports field on 5<sup>th</sup> June.

There are lots of interesting and informative articles in this edition of the CVN. Do take the trouble to read them and we would be delighted to receive any feedback. You can contact us on the CVN email address.

Stephen

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(there are more in the middle of the magazine)

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“The cover picture is a sketch of the village from Challow Hill by P R Gross”

## FEBRUARY FOR THE CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

“Life is like a camera. Just focus on what’s important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives and if things don’t turn out – TAKE ANOTHER SHOT”. Oh, how true, this month saw the opening of the new playground equipment, helping create “Good Times”, there were negatives as there always will be in a large project, but lessons have been learnt, so now we move forward, and start new projects and help create more “Good Times”.

**Corfe Castle Parish Council Housing Needs Register** – The Parish Council has decided to no longer hold a housing needs register, and instead simply refer anyone in housing need to the appropriate contact. Further information including contact details can be found on the parish council website [www.corfecastlepc.org.uk](http://www.corfecastlepc.org.uk) under the General information area or by calling the Clerk.

**Playground update** –The installation of the new “Out of the Ruins” playground equipment has been completed, plus the roundabout has been fully repaired so is now back up and working. Within minutes of the safety fencing coming down there was a family with 2 young boys who came running over and all I could hear was “again, again” as the youngest was coming down the slide. Unfortunately Storm Eunice damaged the playground fence and as a result the playground has had to be shut again.

**New Councillor** – Back in November 2021 after the resignation of a member Corfe Castle Parish Council gave Notice of Vacancy. Initially we had 2 candidates come forward and Co-option was planned for January 2022, however due to illness the Co-option was postponed until February 2022. It is with delight that CCPC can announce and welcome Helen Sumbler to the role of Councillor. Helen’s details can be found on the Parish website under Councillors.

**Annual Meeting’s & Meeting Locations** – CCPC have agreed to hold their Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm in the Bill Carter room at the Village Hall. During this meeting there will be the election (by Councillors) for the position of Council Chairman & Vice Chairman, plus appointment of Councillors to the working groups and other bodies.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022** at 7pm in the Main Hall at the Village Hall. During this meeting the Parish Council welcome feedback from parishioners on any subject they feel passionate about. Details will be confirmed nearer the time. Four years ago before Covid we had a great evening with parish community groups taking part. If any Parish organisation would like to present to the Parish meeting please contact the Clerk.

**Oak Tree** – During a regular monthly Council meeting a member of the public requested Council consider planting an Oak Tree as a commemorative tree for the Queen’s Jubilee. After consulting with local landowners, CCPC have decided the best location available will be within the New Extension area of Gods Acre Cemetery. Further investigation by the Parish Council will now take place on costing for the tree, whilst the newly formed Jubilee Working Group will consider making the area special by adding a plaque and a seating area.

**Weeds** - To weed or not to weed, that is the question! A few years ago, the Parish Council took on the role of weed spraying around the parish mainly on pavements as Dorset Council was unable to offer this service anymore. As the Parish now has a Caretaker the Parish Council decided to bring this work in house, ultimately giving us more control of the areas sprayed and saving money, However, this has opened the question of whether we should let the weeds grow or kill them off by spraying/burning and which chemicals to use. If you have an opinion on this subject, please contact the Clerk preferably via email so that your opinion can be recorded. Two Councillors have been asked to lead on this: Cllr Melanie Roberts and Cllr Helen Sumbler.

**Corfe Castle Charity, New Trustee** – CCPC is delighted to support the Corfe Castle Charity request to nominate Jon Phillips as a new trustee for Corfe Castle Charty.

**Parish Action Plan** – The Parish Council have created a document called the “Parish Action Plan” which will be published on the website, showing you all the projects, the Parish Council is working on. If you feel there is a project, you’d like to see the Parish Council work on please contact the Clerk with your ideas or pop along to the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

**Platinum Jubilee** - The Council is delighted that we have a Platinum Jubilee committee to organise events and news of progress appears elsewhere in CVN. There will need to be fundraising to carry out all the key projects and to help with preparations the Council have agreed a grant of £500 to the Jubilee committee.

### **Planning Application & Treework Application update:**

- **P/FUL/2022/00023** -Downs Quarry, Kingston Road, Langton Matravers, Swanage BH19 3JP  
**Recommend:** No objection
- **P/HOU/2022/00496 (6/2019/0463)** - 1 East Street, Corfe Castle  
**Recommend:** No objection



- **P/LBC/2021/05738** - Corfe Castle Model Village The Square Corfe Castle Wareham  
**Recommend:** No objection
- **P/PABA/2022/00764 & P/PABA/2022/00765** - Purbeck Valley Farm Valley Road Dorset Harmans Cross BH20 5HU  
**Recommend:** No objection, but consideration be given to including a condition that the building is only to be used for agricultural purposes.
- **P/LBC/2022/00234 - :49 East Street Corfe Castle BH20 5EE**  
**Recommend:** No objection.
- **P/HOU/2021/05573** - 86 West Street Corfe Castle BH20 5HE  
**Recommend:** No objection.

#### Treeworks Applications

- **P/TRC/2022/00400** - Land to north of castle and land to south-east of castle, Corfe Castle.  
**Recommend:** No objection
- **P/TRC/2022/00630** - Abbots Cottages - rear of old stone outbuilding, East Street, Corfe Castle, BH20 5DP  
**Note:** Working group unable to assess.
- **P/TRC/2022/00571** - 1-2 Hollands Close, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EB  
**Note:** Working group unable to assess.

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

**Next Council Meeting** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (meetings are held on the second Monday of each month), 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.

#### Corfe Castle Parish Council contact details:

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### What does your Parish Council budget pay for?

The Council had to put up the precept this year and it is reasonable to ask where the money goes. The increase coincides with the new playground and repairs and we have been asked if the increase in precept is to pay for that.

We have spent about £29000 on the new playground, new swing chains, a new swing basket and substantial repairs to the roundabout. We paid for these from a playground reserve we created over several years and about a third of the cost came from monies paid by developers for new or converted homes. These Community Infrastructure Levy funds have to be spent soon or they have to be returned to Dorset Council.

There is therefore no direct link between the precept increase and the playground but we have decided to start to build up reserves again for future projects or unexpected problems.

The main items of the budget are:

£24225 Running the Council and undertaking work. This heading pays for the work of the Clerk as administrator and project manager, meeting hall expenses, insurance, IT systems and licences, audit costs, training etc.

£2430 Grants and Subscriptions e.g. CVN, Dorset Association of Parish Councils, CAB

£7850 Maintenance of Playground/Sports Field. This pays for grass cutting and repairs and this year includes an addition of £2500 for future replacement or major repair of equipment

£3700 Youth club (part contribution)

£7070 Caretaker costs (7 hours a week) and pavement weeding

£4380 Maintenance of God's Acre including rates and rubbish collection. This is partly offset by income from plots

£4900 additions to Reserves for elections and unforeseen items. General reserves are still below the recommended level

Toilets and residents car park: the running costs are paid for from resident car parking permits

The precept levied is slightly lower than the total of these items above as some income is budgeted for.

Our key maintenance contracts have been awarded after tender and all other costs are closely scrutinised by the Council.

Steve Clarke - Chairman of the Parish Council

## News from the Library

This month's talk is on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 2.00pm in the village hall.

**Zoe Squirrell: *An International Para Dressage Dream***

Zoe is a local dressage rider who as a disabled athlete faces some unique challenges. Accessing her sport can be difficult at times but she tries not to let this stop her and focuses on finding ways to make her dreams a reality, so much so that she has recently started to represent GB at international Para Dressage events.

She has left sided hemiplegia, a form of cerebral palsy, and nystagmus, a visual impairment. These disabilities mean that she has difficulty with mobility, balance and coordination alongside having limited distance and peripheral vision.

Zoe was also one of the winners of last year's Corfe Library Writing Competition. There is also an article about her in December's Corfe Valley News. Come and hear Zoe's story.

### Question

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## Update from the Environmental Group



### An Actual Real Gathering

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Mortons Manor: 7.15pm in the bar – **7.30pm start**

#### Come along to:

- Receive free wildflower seeds
- Hear the latest 'Secret Field' project update
- Discuss plans to mark the Jubilee
- See and interact with Giki Zero (our carbon footprint calculator)
- Share your thoughts, energy and enthusiasm to help improve local biodiversity and reduce our community's shared carbon footprint

Please email the Parish Clerk (Michelle) [corfecastlepc@aol.com](mailto:corfecastlepc@aol.com) to let us know you're coming or simply turn up on the night.

### Community Engagement Activities

- 5<sup>th</sup> March – Village Hall – Coffee morning informal Giki Zero demonstration
- Dates TBC - Planet Purbeck are encouraging volunteers in Corfe Castle to build leaky dams: Email Luke: [lukemluke@gmail.com](mailto:lukemluke@gmail.com) for more info.

### Top Tips

We can all reduce energy consumption a bit:

- Adjusting your heating time clock to come on 5mins later and switch off 5mins earlier would save most homes 20mins a day (using AM & PM timers) = 10 HOURS a month saved! Even 2 or 3mins would make a decent saving.
- Turn down the thermostat a smidgen. The Energy Savings Trust estimates your annual heating bill increases by about 10% for every degree you turn the thermostat up.

Make simple changes that are good for your pocket and the environment!

### Did you know...

- You can head to <https://www.getwaterfit.co.uk> to review your water use & claim a number of FREE water-saving products such as a regulated shower head, a shower timer and a cistern bag, saving 1-2 litres per flush.

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

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## Church Knowle Parish Council

The Parish Council held its usual monthly meeting at the Church Knowle Village Hall on the second Tuesday of this month having skipped the January meeting on Covid advice from the DAPTC. The Council still has casual vacancies for two Councillors and any residents of the Parish with an interest in local affairs are invited to join. The meeting ran from 6-30pm to 9-45pm.

The meeting opened with the Public Discussion period where a resident presented plans in advance of making a formal application to the Planning Authority. This enabled her to discover any potential difficulties and address them prior to submitting a formal planning application. This was a very good presentation and a useful informal discussion followed in which some difficulties were highlighted. Any suggestions and discussion were naturally informal and the Council will assess without prejudice to any previous discussions the application entirely on its merits when submitted.

### Neighbourhood Plan

The Localism Act 2011 intends to place more power in the hands of local communities. The Act provides for communities to produce a Neighbourhood Plan that has real statutory power and must be consulted and observed in local affairs. These Plans have been embraced by many Parish Councils, Arne has completed one, many other Parish Councils have either completed one or are in the process of doing so. More about the Localism Act can be found at <sup>1</sup> “*A Plain English Guide to the Localism Act*” and more about Neighbourhood Planning can be found at <sup>2</sup> “*Neighbourhood Planning*”.

In order for the Plan to have the weight of law behind it, it must be put together using the correct processes and passed by a formal community referendum. A locally convened steering committee gathers the information and leads the process at community level and in order that the correct requirements are all covered most plans are guided by an external specialist consultant. If all proceeds well a Neighbourhood Plan can be formulated, published and “made” (passed into law) in about 18-24 months.

Church Knowle Parish Council supports development of a Neighbourhood Plan for our Parish and would like to hear from those living in the Parish who would like to be part of moving this forward. There will be a discussion about next steps with our Neighbourhood Plan at the next Parish Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you are interested in hearing more or getting involved yourself then please do come along on 8<sup>th</sup> March or contact the Clerk directly ([clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk)). We will be setting up our own steering group and we are looking for wide community engagement so please do put

yourselves forward to help if you can so that OUR Plan can represent OUR community fully.

### Les Bugler Memorial Tree Seat

More donations towards this memorial tree seat have been received and the Parish Council sends its appreciation and thanks to all donors. The seat is safely stored and a small working group stands poised to construct and install it on a concrete plinth when the weather is finer in spring. A tree will also be selected and planted then.

### Planning

The planning application (06/2021/0262) to develop agricultural land to the south of the village at Withy lakes, to which the Parish Council objected, has been scheduled to go to full planning committee but no date has been set for this yet.

The planning application, retrospective (06/2020/0463) to expand the use of the furniture studio/workshop and erect outbuildings at Creech Gallery, Creech Road, to which the Parish Council objected and which was refused by the Planning Authority is to go to appeal but no date has yet been set.

The Council voted to add its name to the list of supporters of the Dorset Deserves Better campaign to oppose the Dorset Council’s draft local plan to build some 40,000 houses that “will encroach on our precious Green Belt, our famous Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and other locally valued greenfield land”. This is a well organised formal campaign lobbying the Dorset Council and more can be found on their website<sup>3</sup>.

### Footpaths

A plan is afoot to have the Ramblers Association perform an informal walking survey of these with a view to putting them into good order and certainly performing any essential work that needs to be done but this will be best done when the weather improves as we move towards Spring.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 6-30 at the Church Knowle Village Hall. The clerk can be contacted at [clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk) or 01929 450212

<sup>1</sup>[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/5959/1896534.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/5959/1896534.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/about/neighbourhood-planning/>

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## Planet Purbeck Youth Group making it happen

The Planet Purbeck Youth Group (PPYG) is a group of passionate, young individuals committed to making a difference to our world. The group is facilitated by the Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation, the National Trust, and of course, Planet Purbeck. PPyG want to spread the word, engage other young people, and make change happen. This year they have committed to running six events, with the aim of connecting other local young people to nature and fighting the ecological and climate emergency. The group meets every Wednesday at the Wareham Youth Club from 6-8pm and are always welcoming to new members!



PPYG also had an incredibly successful Christmas event, have a read of their reflections below:

*The 'Green Christmas' Event was a gathering organised by Planet Purbeck Youth Group to try and engage more of the youth in environmental activities. We hosted a range of activities such as wreath making from natural willow, a*

*'natural' photo wall and put up some environmental quizzes.*

*We met up at 2 to divide into decorating the youth centre and collecting willow from the common. Once we had prepared everything, including a Christmas film, hot chocolate station and food tables. Once people came in they put pine cones in boxes for a survey and then walked round different stations, trying different things out and talking to everyone. Our aim was to have an informal 'get together' with a subtlety of awareness for the environment where people could hang out and enjoy getting ready for Christmas! We watched a short environmental film before our film, one in between and one at the end, but only about 2 minute long so as to not overload people with information. We then set up a walkout survey while people filtered out.*



*I think the event went really well and we achieved what we wanted to as there was quite a turn out for people, and we managed to make some people aware whilst also not overloading them. We managed to get at least one new member and they said they enjoyed the quiz before the film.*

*I think that if we were ever to host another event, we have learnt that not pressuring people to do certain activities and letting them mingle worked quite well. Also, putting up activities that would interest teenagers more (eg the selfie wall) were very popular.*



## Corfe Castle Celebrations

The Corfe Castle Platinum Jubilee Committee is busy planning and co-ordinating the programme of celebrations to recognise the Queen's 70 years as our monarch.

On 25th February we met with other village organisations and individuals to share ideas and plans for events. Details and the programme of what is planned will be in the next Corfe Valley News and on our website [www.corfecastleplatinumjubilee.co.uk](http://www.corfecastleplatinumjubilee.co.uk) This will be regularly updated with news as events are developed.

The celebrations will start on **Thursday 2nd June** with the lighting of the **Corfe Castle Beacon**, just one of many beacons being lit across the country.

**On Sunday 5th June** the major event will be **The Big Picnic Lunch** to be held on the Sports Field, starting at 12 noon. There will be fun and games for all ages and it will be a brilliant event for the whole parish and visitors. These are just two of the events planned and there will be competitions and a variety of other events.

**So look out your bunting and flags and get ready to celebrate!** If you would like to volunteer your help or donate to the fund for putting on the event please contact [corfecastlejubilee2022@gmail.com](mailto:corfecastlejubilee2022@gmail.com).



It's Mother's Day this month (the 27<sup>th</sup>), and we've plenty of ideas for gifts.

We've a super cute range from Tahlia Page, with hedgehogs, flowers and leaves on accessories such as eye masks and makeup removal pads.



Local artist Terri Peay is back, with some pretty gifts and home-wares, including these summery lampshades.



We love these little matchboxes, complete with a (really!) mini vase full of wildflower Seeds and, of course, plenty of Mother's Day cards too.



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## Corfe Castle Surgery

As I write this article it is with uncertainty of what changes will be made to Covid-19 regulations. I would however like to point out that whatever the outcome at the end of February, we do not anticipate many changes at the Surgery. Please continue to wear face coverings and call 01929 480441 and speak to reception to book appointments, this is for face to face or telephone appointments, and 01929 480697 for the Dispensary (10.30-12.30 Monday to Friday)

We will continue to keep the staff and patients safe in any way we can and follow guidance provided to us by NHS England.

In the coming months we will be adding Cancer awareness to our monthly articles, in the meantime, running from February to March is a Cervical Screening campaign;

The overall aim of the campaign is to increase the number of those eligible to attend their screening. It will encourage those eligible for screening - women and people with a cervix aged 25-64 - to respond to their cervical screening invitation letter, and to book an appointment with their GP practice if they missed their last screening.

Two women die every day from cervical cancer in England, yet it is one of the most preventable cancers. Around 2,700 women in England are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year and it is the second most common cancer amongst women under 35.

Please contact the Surgery as soon as you get a reminder letter and get your appointment booked!

Kerry Norman  
Practice Manager

## Patient Participation Group

Looking back to March last year, the country was in its third Lockdown. Our PPG article was entirely focused on the extraordinarily dedicated way our Surgery staff and all the doctors, nurses, admin staff and volunteers at the Wareham Hospital Hub and elsewhere raced against time to save lives by vaccinating us as fast as possible. We shall always be grateful to them for the past twelve months of rolling out the programme and to our Surgery for continuing to give us the best possible health care in the last two years despite the challenges. Thank you again.



This March there is a new optimism. Locally three quarters of us have had boosters or third jabs. The case numbers are falling. The end of restrictions is in sight. 'Normal' life is gradually resuming. The PPG is coming back to life. It's a joy to see people celebrating being back together. Nevertheless it's not that simple. Covid is still very much with us, disrupting our working and family lives. We all continue to feel the after-effects of the Lockdown in one way or another. One effect nationally is that a reluctance to go to the local GP surgery or hospital during the pandemic has led to referrals for suspected cancer being way below normal. To help address this, Cancer Research UK is highlighting cancer awareness this year. It has published a Cancer Awareness Month Calendar. Each month the signs and symptoms of different cancers will be set out. Here our Surgery will be supporting this so don't be surprised to see their monthly publicity about particular cancers and do take time to read it. It may save lives. The PPG strongly supports this initiative. We would like to re-inforce their advice that if you have worrying symptoms please, please don't put off making an appointment a day longer. You may well have your mind put at rest but if it is cancer then the sooner it's treated the better.

The next Carers' Time is on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10.0 a.m. in the Village Hall as usual. Do come.

The Friends of Swanage Hospital have reminded us all to make the best possible use of the Minor Injuries Unit. We wouldn't want to lose it! For urgent care the official guidance is you should call 111 or go online for an assessment. If you turn up unannounced at the MIU you will be assessed. If not treated immediately you could be directed elsewhere or given an appointment later that day or the next. Do you know what they can treat? Here goes:- Injuries to limbs, broken bones, sprains, bruises and wounds, bites, burns, wound infections, minor head injuries, foreign bodies in eyes, nose and ear, asthma, emergency contraception and possibly minor ailments. An impressive list!

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## Mills in and around Corfe Castle - Arfleet

Arfleet Mill, an ancient flour mill, stood where the Dorset Adventure Park is now close to the Corfe River. In the mid 1850s, the mill could grind 300 sacks of corn weekly driven by a water mill and the steam mill. The site included a 4-bedroomed house, a walled garden, various outbuildings and two labourers' cottages. However, there are no remains left of it today as the property became unstable due to the clay mining and was pulled down before 1920 so that the valuable deposit of ball clay that lay underneath could be mined. A few outbuildings remained but they had been removed by 2018 and the old clay pits were eventually turned into Carp Lakes.



The remaining outbuildings in 2016

It's not clear whether there was a dwelling by the mill originally but by 1728, a house had been erected with an enclosed garden and two orchards. In 1318, the mill was owned by Ralph de la Hide along with land at Afflington, Herston and Swanage and the mill eventually passed into the hands of William Clavell as he had married Edith, one of Ralph's daughters.



Rumour has it that after the house was demolished it was used to build Vergers Mead and some of the stone went to Rempstone.

However, a chancery case in 1408, decided that the grandson of Ralph, John Stockland, couldn't inherit the property, and so 'Alfletmulle' descended to the Bonvyle family. William Clavell possibly purchased the inheritance in 1435. The male heirs of the Bonvyles died out and it was inherited by Cecilia, the only child of William Bonville. There was a little contretemps with her eldest son (Thomas Grey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marquis of Dorset) over her claim on the estate when she married Henry Stafford, Earl of Wiltshire. Stafford had paid Henry VII £2,000 for permission to marry the wealthy heiress. Perhaps Thomas was slightly worried that his inheritance was about to disappear!

Hutchins states that the mill was still held by Stafford in 1510 but it must have been purchased outright by Richard Clavell as on his death bed in 1510, he owned Arfleet.



Arfleet Farmhouse & buildings early 20<sup>th</sup> century

Elizabeth Clavell inherited her father's estate when she was 24 years old but only had 18 years to enjoy it before she herself died. By then she had married Thomas Dackombe of

Corfe Castle and this family held onto the property until it was sold by a descendant, the Revd. John Morton Colson to John Calcraft in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. It remains with The Rempstone Estate today.



1900 OS map of Arfleet

The Clay works (open pits) were operated by Benjamin Fayle and they were in operation here until 1926. For the train aficionados, it was 'Tiny' that was used along the tramway branching off the mainline from Norden to Goathorn. The first shaft was sunk in about 1907 with the second one opening shortly afterwards. The working shafts were situated all around the mill – even one in the garden.



1926 OS map of Arfleet: showing the extended tramway. The house & farm buildings are now demolished.



The open clay pit at Arfleet. The cottage in the middle was known as Champ Vincents – precariously close to the workings.

Louise Haywood

If anyone has any memories or tales about the clay pits here, or fishing, or anything else, I'd love to hear about them. Please get in touch with The Editor to let him know.

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## Dates of meetings

1<sup>st</sup> March – AGM with pancakes for tea

5<sup>th</sup> April - Judith Holmes, Costa Rica

3<sup>rd</sup> May - Deb Fulbrook. Hearing Dogs

7<sup>th</sup> June- Dr Barbara Smith, entomologist

At the last meeting we had an entertaining talk by Anne Bond on being the wife of the High Sheriff of Dorset. 38 members attended and one visitor, which was back to pre- Covid numbers.

Save the Date 1<sup>st</sup> April. We are holding a Wild West themed party. We are keeping the numbers to sixty with six people per table so get in quick to get your tickets.

We are ordering a box of 36 mugs for the Queens Platinum Jubilee so if you are interested in buying one just contact Teresa Neal on 01929556041

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## Corfe Castle Primary School

It has been a very busy few weeks in school recently. I have been spending some time walking around a local nature reserve and trying to observe the huge murmurations of starlings flying over Weymouth Harbour- we were lucky enough to get there just before the sun went down. In observing this wonderful phenomena, I was reminded that although there have been many changes over the last few years with learning and the pandemic, the world continues to turn and that mother nature continues to do her incredible thing.

Our children are resilient and have certainly risen to all the challenges over the last few years. We see them growing and developing as confident individuals and we are so very proud of all their achievements. Spring is just around the corner and another fabulous Purbeck summer awaits.

We are continuing to work on being more eco- friendly and this term have been planting new plants in and out of school, wearing Mokki bands to record our steps and improve our health, collecting rain water and using recycling bins for pens, batteries and clothes.

Our gardening club have also been prepping the flower beds ready for the Spring. So far, they have weeded and prepped the raised beds, planted spring bulbs, raspberry, blackberry and blueberry bushes and started work on the butterfly and bee walk. The children and staff are very excited to see the changes in spring.

Thank you for all your continuing support- The team at Corfe Castle Primary School



## Corfe Castle Community Pre School

The team and committee would like to thank the entire community for their wonderful support during the Christmas raffle which raised a fantastic £460. This was only made possible through the generous donations of many of our local businesses and of course the wonderful support shown by our parents, carers and fantastic community. It brought much needed funds after what has been an incredibly difficult two years.

The preschool offers an invaluable service to our community, providing extraordinary care for children aged 2 and over through the preschool, the wraparound school care, and the brilliant holiday club which is open to everyone in the community. The ethos of the preschool is to provide a safe, nurturing, caring environment alongside stimulating education to help our children grow and develop. The team can often be seen out and about in the community, taking the children for long walks and inspiring their love and appreciation for nature.

There are spaces currently available, and should you wish to enrol your child or grandchild at Corfe Castle Community Preschool, then please contact Sam Cole, the Business Manager, who will be thrilled to welcome you into the setting to meet the team and view the facilities.

Corfe Castle Community Preschool, like many charity organisations, has been adversely affected by the effects of the pandemic and needs the support of the community more than ever. There are many ways in which you can help; join our 100 Club raffle, corporate sponsorship, private donations, or support one of our many fundraisers this year which will be advertised on social media, and here in the Corfe Castle Valley News. We have three big projects we are sourcing funding for and we very much look forward to your support.

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## *News from The Castle*

At last, British Summer Time arrives at the end of the month. We can look forward to lighter evenings and hopefully some warmer weather.

We are preparing for what will be a big day for us and one that we hope will be an annual event: “Billy Kinghorn Day” on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April. (*This year Easter Day*). We will be remembering Billy and raising money for charity in his name. There will be Live Music, marquees, Bouncy Castles, Barbeque, and much more. If you want to get involved in helping give us a ring on 01929 480208.

### Notes for The Diary.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March** ... FREE Pancakes for all prebooked diners.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of March** ... St. Patrick’s Steak Night with an Irish twist!

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of March** ... Mother’s Day ... 2 course menu for £16.95 ( Don’t forget to put the clocks forward!)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** ... Italian Night, introducing ( *but not limited to* ) Pete’s authentic homemade PIZZAS ( *Also available to Take Away* )

From all of us at The Castle, thanks again for your continued support, keep safe and we look forward to seeing you again soon.





## How are we caring for Corfe Common?

Corfe Common is an area of nationally important grassland, home to many rare species such as waxcap mushrooms, wild chamomile, southern damselfly and a whole variety of other wildlife. However, this habitat is under threat from climate change, insufficient grazing, invasive species and atmospheric pollution. We are working, with advice from local ecologists and following a management plan, to improve the common and boost the populations and diversity of the many species that call the common home.



*Before cutting back*

We have a number of projects underway or being planned for 2022, all aimed at benefitting the wildlife of the common. We have an ongoing programme of scrub control works to reduce the amount of gorse encroaching into the flower-rich grassland. We also cut back the mature gorse on rotation, ensuring

there are different ages of scrub that benefit different species. Between November and the end of February we will also be reintroducing burning as a method of managing the gorse, especially in areas we cannot access with heavy machinery. The practice is considered a carbon neutral approach as regrowth will sequester carbon equivalent to that released during burning. This will only take place away from houses, public rights of way and roads.

In early summer we also “bash” or roll the bracken which shades out other plants, to slow its growth. Bare ground “scrapes” dug on the common provide places for mining bees, beetles and reptiles to breed and hunt. We are also focusing on the common’s wet areas, looking at slowing the flow of the water and letting in the light. In the wet flushes we have coppiced the willow trees

(which will grow back) and installed leaky dams, which will create pools of



*After cutting back*

water and slow-flowing streams – perfect for damsel-and dragon-flies and amphibians. In February we will also be carrying out carefully controlled burns to reduce the amount of *Molinia* grass currently clogging up some of the mires.

We are currently working in partnership with the Dorset Wildlife Trust to improve the condition of the Corfe River. This involves cutting back the trees of several sections of the river on West Common, letting in the light. This will encourage aquatic plants to grow, which will oxygenate the water and trap nutrients and sediment that would otherwise wash down and pollute Poole Harbour.

You may see our ranger team or contractors next time you visit Corfe Common, so please come and say hi. We’re happy to answer any questions or you can contact us by email on [Purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk) or by phone on 01929 450002.



### National Trust Purbeck needs you!



It's all happening with the National Trust this month... We are starting up new projects and there's plenty of ways to get involved. These volunteer opportunities are flexible and designed to be tailored to match your skills and interests; our aim is to empower what you do best! Have a browse of the below opportunities, and if you would like to apply, please do so via the National Trust Volunteering page:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/find-an-opportunity>

#### Purbeck Nature Ambassadors:

Working with teams across the National Trust in Purbeck you will be creating and delivering a wide range of activities that suit your skills, interests and the needs of our visitors and communities. We need people who passionately want to connect other people with nature and for that you need to love both nature and people. We'll help you develop your skills, support you with training and enable you to take a lead and champion nature – ensuring that more people value and want to save it in the future.

#### Corfe Castle Events Assistant:

This role assists our visitor experience team with events that take place in the castle. You could be helping with a family activity trail, looking after our costume tent, marshalling an event, or simply providing information to visitors.



#### Corfe Castle Educational Learning Guide:



We need enthusiastic individuals to bring the history of the castle alive for children and young adults through our educational tours. You don't need teaching experience to join our friendly team, just a desire to give something back to the community and an interest in working with young people.

#### Young Adult Ranger Group:

This volunteering group is for young people and organised by young people (we say 'young' as around 18-25 years old). You will have a say in the activities and projects of the group. Some of the volunteering activities we will begin with include removing invasive species and vegetation, habitat creation for rare species, litter picking, species monitoring and conservation work with tools.

In 978 King Edward died at Corfe Castle, supposedly by the hand of his stepmother Queen Elfrida. My new book begins when the lady Elfrida meets Earl Athelwold as he dupes her into marrying him behind Kings Edgars back, when she was really meant for him.

## **The original wicked stepmother**

*As the legend goes, in 978 King Edward was murdered at Corfe by his stepmother, the wicked Queen.*

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*'Elfrida's men carried the King towards her, his bloody face almost unrecognisable from being dragged on the stony ground. She knelt beside him and took his hand, realising he was still alive. "Why mother, why?" was all he said before his life ended.*

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## Corfe Castle Village Hall

### general news:

The March Village Hall Coffee Morning is scheduled to take place on Saturday 5th March.

The 100 club draw s made at the Coffee Morning. In February the first prize of £20 was won by member 61, with member 45 getting second prize £10 and member 43 winning the third prize £5. 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.

The **Village Hall AGM** is on Monday 28th March at 7pm. All local residents are welcome to attend and anyone aged 18+ is entitled to vote on the election of next year's Trustees.

### 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 mornings	Yoga
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Wednesday evenings	Pilates
Thursday afternoons	Musical Theatre
Thursday evenings	Cubs
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
1st Thursday evening	Gardening Club
2nd Monday evening	Parish Council
3rd Wednesday morning	Carers' Support (P Jones)
4th Thursday morning	CC Carers Time

### new regular user: Musical Theatre

The same company that has been running Children's Gymnastics on Tuesday afternoons is starting a new class on Thursday afternoons, for 4 - 16 year olds. It focuses on musical theatre and singing for stage and screen!

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## CORFE VALLEY NEWS

## CALENDAR for MARCH 2022

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

1	March	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius AGM with pancakes – Village Hall
5	March	Saturday	7 – 8 pm	Orlando singers in concert – “Faire is the Heaven” – St Edwards Church, Corfe
8	March	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle village hall.
14	March	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in the Corfe Castle Village Hall
18	March	Friday	2 pm	An international Paralympic dressage dream – Zoe Squirrel – Village Hall
19	March	Saturday		Community Beach Clean – Kimmeridge – See Kimmeridge News.
24, 25, 26	March	Thursday – Saturday	7.30 pm	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Double Act production in the Village Hall
26	March	Saturday	2.30 pm	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Double Act matinee in the Village Hall

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

Covid restrictions may well cause some events to be altered.

1	April	Friday		Kimmeridge Wild Seas Centre opens daily
4	April	Monday	7 pm	Double Act AGM – Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	April	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Talk – Judith Holmes – Costa Rica – Village Hall
11	April	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in the Corfe Castle Village Hall
12	March	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Furzebrook village hall.
3	May	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Talk – Deb Fulbrook – Hearing Dogs - Village Hall
14	May	Saturday		St Edwards Coffee Morning – Well Court, West Street
20	May	Friday	7 for 7.30	St Edwards Fashion Show – Corfe Castle Village Hall
2 – 5	June	Thursday – Monday		The Queens Platinum Jubilee. Various events nationally and locally.
7	June	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Talk – Dr Barbara Smith – Entomologist - Corfe Castle Village Hall
17	September	Saturday		St Edwards Coffee Morning – Corfe Castle Village Hall



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Visit St Edwards Website - <http://stedwardscorfecastle.co.uk/>

### **The Reverend Anne Bond writes:**

Do you find that if you start thinking about Space, and the Big Bang, and How Everything Came into Being, you start feeling a bit mad? Because it's all too big and too difficult, too impossible to imagine. Do you think our whole universe might be only a cluster of cells in something so big in relation

to us we can't begin to comprehend it? How can Space not have any edges? Perhaps the Big Bang is too *small* an explanation, *too* understandable.

I wonder if these are the sort of questions that prompted early mankind's search for meaning in life, and way back in pre-history all over the world led to a universal reaching out for explanation of our beginnings and the purpose of our life's spans, resulting in the many origin stories proliferating wherever cultural society flourished. It's interesting that without exception all the stories involved figures or living named beings that people referred to as 'gods' – except one. All societies – except one - made images of these 'gods' and addressed prayers to them. In most cases I suspect people sort-of knew their 'images' were not the 'real gods' but having images you could see, and touch, made them easier to relate to. But from the very beginning there was one society that insisted it's 'god' was pure spirit, known simply as 'God'. The Jewish God was not confined within the limits of bodily existence. To make an image of this God was punishable by death. God is the Creator of all that is and was and ever shall be – and mankind was created 'in his image'. For convenience sake, he is referred to as 'he' but of course is genderless, and the Jews were his Chosen People.

It is this God who has come down to us in this 21<sup>st</sup> century, this 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium since pre-history, via Judaism and the man Jesus, in the Christian faith. Because God is pure spirit he can operate in and through us mere mortals, influencing, inspiring, and using us to pass on his message to Love and trust in Him as God, and to Love our Neighbours as we love ourselves. In ages when Might was Right and Love an admission of weakness, this was radical indeed; it is hardly less radical as we emerge from the individualism that began in the 1960s into the slowly becoming ethic of solidarity with the wellbeing of all people regardless of ethnic origin, skin colour, social status, creed or gender, and the wellbeing of planet Earth itself. It seems the message of Jesus is filtering through into the very make-up of all humanity.

With love, Anne

### **Bible Readings - March 2022**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of lent

Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11  
Romans 10: 8B -6:10  
Luke 4: 1 – 13

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15: 1 – 12; 17 – 18  
Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1  
Luke 13: 31 – end

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 55: 1 – 9  
1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13  
Luke 13: 1 – 9

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

Joshua 5: 9 – 12  
2 Corinthians 5: 16 – end  
Luke 13: 1 – 9

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday

Isaiah 43: 16 – 21  
Philippians 3: 4B – 14  
John 12: 1 – 8

### **Sunday Services in March**

These continue to be:-

Every Sunday 10.30am Parish Communion at Corfe Castle

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month - 9.30am Family communion at St Michael's Steeple

### **Ash Wednesday and the Wednesdays In Lent**

There are to be lent lunches in church at St Edward's Corfe Castle during the Wednesdays in Lent. See details elsewhere and as announced in church and via the email bulletin.

Furthermore, on all the Wednesdays in March, beginning with Ash Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a short service of reflection and prayer at 1.45pm for 20 minutes or so.

It is fine to come to the lunch and not stay on for the time of prayer; equally, you don't have to have been to the lunch to come to the prayer! However, do note it is necessary to book for the lunch for catering purposes.

On Ash Wednesday there is also Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes for all the congregations of our benefice at St George's Langton at 10am.

Ian



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## Pioneer View

Dear Friends,

Spring has finally sprung. I am astounded at the colour emerging from the dark days of winter. The spring flowers begin to poke their heads up to check on the temperature. It's a lovely scene to behold.

Bold bright colours appearing before our very eyes are clear signs of spring. They speak of hope, new life, and a fresh start. This is exactly the reason why we have planted spring bulbs around our memorial trees. Nothing can keep these flowers down; they fight to grow and show that spring has finally sprung as we emerge from the cold dark days of winter.

Let's celebrate this new season and welcome its arrival in our communities. Let's embrace it and look out for those signs of spring. We can often take these for granted, perhaps it's time to take notice of the spring flowers, there wonderful and striking colours of the snowdrops, daffodils, and crocuses.

Here are some quotes that capture the season of spring to ponder:

*"Every spring is the only spring, a perpetual astonishment."* Ellis Peters

*"You can cut all the flowers, but you cannot keep Spring from coming".*  
Pablo Neruda

*"No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow".* English Proverb

*"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's Party!'"* Robin Williams

*Go well as you travel through the season of spring*

*Peter*

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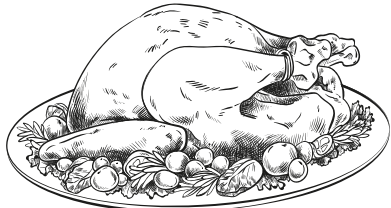
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## Kimmeridge News

### **Hi-Tech Kimmeridge Bay**

Kimmeridge Bay now has live electronic displays as part of a coastal 5G trial. They give information about weather conditions, tides, sea temperature etc. This is all very exciting; but it is still frustrating that within 200m of this 5G project we still don't have even a 2G mobile signal!



### **Blackmanston Bridge Closure**

Repair work is being done on the road bridge at Blackmanston between 28<sup>th</sup> Feb & 11<sup>th</sup> March. This will require a diversion via the narrow road through Puddlemill & Bradle – travel to & from Kimmeridge is likely to be slow! Hopefully the work will be completed before 11<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Village Events in 2022**

Official Opening Party of the New Playground in the Spring  
Platinum Jubilee Party – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – a special planning meeting is being held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – all volunteers welcome – details will be on the Kimmeridge WhatsApp Group.

**Steve & Helen Earwicker**

## Smiling Seas

*Community Beach Clean: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March- If you may be free and are happy to help, it would be lovely to see you! Please do get in touch for further information:*

*Email- [smilingseas@outlook.com](mailto:smilingseas@outlook.com) Face Book- Smiling Seas or Instagram- KimmeridgeSmilingSeas .*

### **The Great Pacific Garbage Patch**

You may have heard of the great Pacific garbage patch before, but have you ever seen Kimmeridge Bay's very own?

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a gyre of marine, mainly plastic, debris. It is located in the North Pacific Ocean, stretching from Kuroshio (the Western side of the patch) all the way to California (The Eastern part of the patch). It covers a disturbing 1.6 million Square Kilometre area and is **STILL** growing rapidly. Just to put the size into proportion, it is three times the size of France, virtually all plastic!

January has brought harsh waters and strong currents to the Bay, which of course means lots of flotsam and jetsam; So much so that I came across something recently I hadn't quite anticipated to ever see at our beach.

There was a large bundle of objects bobbing in and out of the water. At first glance I thought it may have been a large shoal of fish, but after a closer look I suddenly realised it wasn't the shoal of fish I was hoping for; it was in fact our very own garbage patch ebbing around the bay. A thick floating island of plastic. With the strong currents the assemblage had accumulated; several black bags, a large amount of polystyrene, fishing rope, large heavy duty pots and tubs, wrappers, bottles and other plastic packaging. Unfortunately the sea was too rough and regrettably I was unable to safely retrieve it.

Due to the state of our waters becoming progressively worse, it really would be fantastic to see as many faces as possible on the beach clean.

Thank you so much for reading and I hope to see you on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March.  
Stay Safe and take care,

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## Notices and Thanks

### Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Now here's a question: how to say goodbye?

A quick burst of Frank Sinatra's "I did it my way", quote the dolphins from "A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" "Goodbye and thanks for all the fish", or simply, "That's all folks"?

Or, none of the above! This is my last report for the CCGardening Club. Following our AGM this month there will be a new person in the chair, and another reporter.

Starting in 2017, by my reckoning this will be my 60<sup>th</sup> submission. It has been, mostly, fun, promoting the Gardening Club and highlighting our activities. I am grateful to those who have served on the Committee and to the members of the club for all they have done during this period to support one another, our community and the Club. One of the major projects was creating the garden around the West Street toilets, which we as a club continue to maintain.

We have enjoyed trips to see other gardens, heard a variety of speakers covering very varied topics both live and via zoom, had guided walks in the surrounding countryside, and enjoyed one another's gardens on our own Open Gardens weekends.

Our plant sales have ensured that no overproduction of seedlings or downsizing of plants needs to go to waste.

On the "Down side" I have been disappointed by thieves stealing plants from the Gardens in West Street, but I guess that is a sign of the times. (I did propose guards with submachine guns but the committee vetoed it.)

Please come to the AGM on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and hear Simon Goldsack, a good friend to our Club and to Parish gardens. Simon will start the meeting with a talk on *Creating a New Garden at Holme Nursery*.

We shall then have the business part of the AGM (very short) followed by refreshments.

All are welcome, members free, visitors £2.00 (or join on the night).

**Please note: The meeting is in the Village Hall. The Hall is open to us from 7.45pm and the meeting begins sharp at 8pm.**

To paraphrase one of the presenters on the wireless (when Wireless meant radio, not WiFi), I think in 'Children's' Hour', "Goodbye and, if you have been, thanks for reading."

Happy gardening

*David Gynes*

*It's hard to have a spring in your step when your boots are heavy with mud, but Spring, with its new growth and bright flowers, puts a zing in your heart.*

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### Wareham Choral Society Spring Concert

26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm

Programme includes:

Vaughan-Williams: Five Mystical Songs

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### Dorset Wildlife Trust

Dorset Wildlife Trust is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to train as riverfly monitors for the Corfe River as part of the national River Monitoring Scheme. Monitors are asked to carry out one-hour surveys on a monthly basis between April and September based on counting key river insect species and other invertebrate groups. The data will be used to assess river quality and acts as an early warning system of any potential problems.

In partnership with the National Trust, we are holding a **Riverfly Monitoring Training Workshop on Saturday 19 March 2022 in Corfe Castle village**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Angus Menzies by emailing [riverfly@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:riverfly@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk)

### Corfe Castle Football Club

The weather has affected games during January and February with some of the reserve games being played at Wareham.

The firsts had a great win away at Hamworthy sandwiched between away losses at Holt and Westlands.

The reserves continue to fight for survival in division 4 and have narrowly lost in their last 2 games.

Up coming fixtures

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05/03 Home v Merley Cobham

12/03 Away v Bournemouth Sports

19/03 Home v Holt

26/03 Away v Wareham

Reserves yet to be released.

We need your support and would welcome any help.

Many thanks - Patrick Ward.

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### Live Drama Returns To Purbeck!

For several years previously, 'Churches Together in Swanage' have presented recent plays by David Nunn. This year David and his players return with a new production of 'WHOSE KINGDOM RULES?' It's an exhilarating exploration of the Easter events from within Pilate's residence itself!

One reviewer writes: 'It's Outstanding! Brings the hearers into the very heart of the passion. It's unforgettable in it's impact!'

These are performances not to be missed! Admission is free and light refreshments provided.

The dates for your diary are: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at St George's, Langton and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm at the Harmans Cross Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

*David Nunn*



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### The Orlando Singers

The Orlando Singers - a concert on 5th March, 2022, at St Edward's church, Corfe Castle, entitled: "Faire is the Heaven" 7pm-8pm



## RVS Knitting and Crafting Project for the Jubilee

We are hoping to celebrate her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by getting people to make items related to this special event: they can knit, crochet, sew, patchwork, embroider, felt, bead etc to make for example members of the Royal Family, their pets, crowns or 'houses', bunting, tea cozies or other items for a Royal Tea Party, or anything else with a Royal theme.

An ideal project for Knit & Natter and Craft Groups across the area to get involved in, as well as people at home. We are planning to organise an event or two in June to showcase what people have made for us – something to look forward to! As always, the items will then be sold to raise money for Royal Voluntary Service and our work here in Dorset and BCP, in particular our Home Library Service. Also see the advertisement elsewhere in the magazine.

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## Help For House Martins

In 2006, when I moved to Furzebrook, clouds of House Martins - small, swallow-like summer visitors - would skim low over my head, and the houses were all decorated with their cup-shaped, mud nests. Yet more swooped around Kimmeridge where I worked. But over the years, I've noticed a steep decline and the last nest I saw built on my house, or those of my neighbours, was in 2013. I hope I am not alone in wanting to help these birds return to our Purbeck communities.

From March, House Martins arrive after a marathon journey across the Sahara. They tend to re-use and repair existing nests. I would love to hear from anyone who 'hosted' House Martins last year, or even until recently. That way, we can map how many there are currently, and where they might be encouraged to return. They prefer setting up home close to other House Martins, so if you are lucky enough to be a House Martin 'host' you could speak to your neighbours to find out whether they, too, would like to put a roof over the heads of these plucky and charismatic little birds. It's so much fun to watch their cute chicks poking tiny heads out, waiting for their parents to swoop in with food. They bring the magic of nature right to our doorstep.

Recently, I discovered a new charity: House Martin Conservation UK & Ireland who offer general information. They also advise communities how to install special, artificial nest cups. [www.housemartinconservation.com](http://www.housemartinconservation.com)

To report a nest, please email me at [j.hatcher126@btinternet.com](mailto:j.hatcher126@btinternet.com) I would be happy to advise or give a talk at any suitable event. Together, we can provide Homes for House Martins and welcome them back!

Thanks for your help,

Julie Hatcher

## Sandbanks Ferry announces end to paper ticket sales for vehicles

The Sandbanks ferry company has announced that the sale of paper books of tickets for cars, vans, lorries, buses & coaches will come to an end on 31 March 2022, while stocks last. Tickets will continue to be sold from the toll booths and the office until then.

Jason du Toit, Managing Director of the Sandbanks Ferry Company, said: "Our Sandbanks Ferry Toll Card (SFTC) system is fully operational and available to all. The paper tickets will no longer be available for purchase for vehicles, however the SFTC system continues the discounts offered for bulk purchases "SFTC's registered with a BH postcode can still have an additional 'dependant' card on their account, for sharing passes. All paper tickets that have been purchased will remain valid. Once we have sold our remaining stock of tickets, no more will be printed. We will continue to offer paper books of tickets for pedestrians, bicycles and motorcycles."

SFTC's are available free of charge from the Ferry Office and the Toll Booths on Ferry Road. Further details can be found at <https://www.sandbanksferry.co.uk/tolls/discounts>. For any further enquiries on how to take advantage of this offer please contact the Ferry Office.

Visit the Sandbanks Ferry Company at [www.sandbanksferry.co.uk](http://www.sandbanksferry.co.uk), follow us on Twitter at @sandbanksferry or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/sandbanksferry](http://www.facebook.com/sandbanksferry).

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## Worth based Suttle Stone Quarries aims to become carbon neutral

In its drive to become carbon neutral, Dorset-based stone experts Suttle Stone Quarries has invested in an extensive combination of measures, upgrading its equipment and processes as part of its ongoing decarbonisation strategy. The company, part of the Suttles group, has succeeded in reducing its carbon footprint by almost 400 tCO<sub>2</sub>e since 2018 and its most recent measures have led to savings of nearly 100 tCO<sub>2</sub>e throughout 2021.

In its drive to become carbon neutral, Suttle Stone Quarries has so far invested in the following measures:

1. Topped up grants from Low Carbon Dorset to install 120 Solar panels at its Worth Matravers quarry site. The solar power generates electricity to provide power for its quarry workshop, security and any fixed electrical systems. It also helps to power the quarry's 160kW stone crusher motor, which was previously upgraded from diesel to electric, reducing the reliance on fossil fuel energy sources.
2. Reduced its level of diesel-powered equipment.
3. Upgraded from heating oil to a renewably sourced heating system at its quarry office.
4. Upgraded electrical fittings with energy efficient alternatives.
5. Transferred to renewable electricity.

Additional solar panels were installed at sister company Suttle Projects' Hamworthy site, powering its workshop whilst helping to charge its fleet of electric vehicles.



*A selection of the Suttles group's electric vehicles/ plant*

exemplary levels of best practice in environmental protection, as well as safety and efficiency. Suttle Projects is also accredited to ISO standards, where the

Over the past 2 years, the Suttles group, which includes Suttle Stone Quarries and Suttle Projects, has continued to invest in its vehicles and processes to reduce its greenhouse gas impact. Suttles now has a growing fleet of 19 electric and hybrid vehicles and plant, replacing petrol or diesel versions. It has also achieved 'silver' status by the voluntary 'Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme', which demonstrates operators are achieving

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company meets internationally recognised standards for its environment management systems.

Carbon and greenhouse gas emissions are often split into scope 1, 2 & 3 for reporting and Suttles' decarbonisation strategy has allowed them to understand and target reduction to those in categories 1 & 2, with scope 3 next in their sights.



*Suttles' Director, John Suttle, in front of the stone crusher at Swanworth Quarry*

becoming carbon neutral."

John goes on to say "Suttles' decarbonisation strategy will involve setting science-based emission reduction targets this spring, setting us further on our path towards net zero carbon. The next initiative that will help us achieve those goals is the continued roll-out of HVO, an extremely clean and low CO<sub>2</sub> fuel, across our LGV and plant fleet."

"We are also keen to help the wider community in its decarbonisation process based on our experiences. For example, we provided input for Dorset LEP's report on Dorset's low carbon investment opportunities, which documents 10 energy investment opportunities, to help Dorset achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050."

Suttles' Director, John Suttle, added "We are always striving to minimise any negative impact we may have on the environment. As the peak demand for our electricity is during daylight hours, it made sense for us to invest in solar power, which not only mitigates soaring energy costs, but also significantly helps us in our drive for carbon neutrality. Although we have made big changes in our business so far, we recognise that these are just our first steps en route to



*Solar Panels installed at Suttle Stone Quarries' Swanworth Quarry workshop.*





*Suttle Stone Quarries' stone crusher at Swanworth Quarry, powered by electricity generated by on-site solar panels*

Suttles is a family-run ethical business with sustainability at the core of its values, employing 120 staff in Dorset. Suttles comprises a group of companies including Suttle Stone Quarries and Suttle Projects, with 4 sites based across Dorset, including two in the Isle of Purbeck, and sites at Mannings Heath and Dawkins Road in Hamworthy, Poole. Suttle Stone Quarries offers the sale and delivery of crushed limestone and aggregates for architectural, landscaping, and civil

engineering applications; gabion and rock armour, used in coastal and waterways protections schemes; earthworks collection services; and an inert waste recycling facility. Its quarry, Swanworth Quarry at Worth Matravers, is currently celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Suttle Projects offers national civil engineering, earthworks, piling and marine solutions. Suttle Projects works closely with the national rail network to provide civil engineering and is also working with BPC Council to replace its beach timber groynes to renew coastal defences.

For further information about Suttles, go to [www.suttles.co.uk](http://www.suttles.co.uk)

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## News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

A quick update from the Committee on some of the key projects at the Hall. The new projector has now been installed, alongside the new sound system and some other technical upgrades, so we now have an absolutely fantastic system for movie nights, weddings and other events

There are plans to fence off the playground area as soon as the field gets drier. We are doing this as a safety measure to ensure that the children's area is kept clear of dogs. Please be assured that dogs are still very much welcomed on the field, but please clear up after them and use the dog waste bins both in the field and on the other side of the road by the bridge.

The Committee are also investigating the possibilities and cost effectiveness of installing some solar panels on the roof of the Village Hall – we will keep you updated on the progress of that.

Finally, there is a new mobile number for David Hollister for Village Hall bookings – it is now **07384 848 419**. David's email address for bookings remains [hxvh@btconnect.com](mailto:hxvh@btconnect.com)

And now for some diary dates:

### **STALLS IN THE HALL on SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Lots of stalls with local crafts, produce, cards, homemade jewellery and more besides, as well as tea, coffee and home-made cakes to enjoy. Free entry from 9.30am until 12 noon. For anyone who is interested in booking a table, please contact David Hollister at [hxvh@btconnect.com](mailto:hxvh@btconnect.com)

### **MOVIE NIGHT – THE GOOD LIAR on TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Career con artist Roy Courtney (Ian McKellen) can hardly believe his luck when he meets well-to-do widow Betty McLeish (Helen Mirren) online. As Betty opens her home and life to him, Roy is surprised to find himself caring about her. A brilliant film with two true greats of British cinema – really looking forward to seeing this. Doors open as always at 7pm.

### **MOVIE NIGHT – MRS LOWRY & SON on TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

A portrait of the artist L.S.Lowry and his relationship with his mother, who tries to dissuade him from pursuing his passion. It's an absolute masterclass in acting by another two greats of British cinema – this time Vanessa Redgrave and Mrs Lowry, and Timothy Spall as the aspiring and exceptionally talented and unique artist.

## **LIVE MUSIC – THE SPINOFFS on SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Playing music from The Beatles to Elbow with lots more in between and featuring our very own Sue Bunyar as guest vocalist. Tickets are already available online from the website <https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Live-Music/> for £12.00

### **SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – PICNIC IN THE PARK (well actually on the Village Hall field !)**

To commemorate HM The Queen's platinum jubilee, we are planning an 'everyone welcome' Picnic in the Park on the afternoon of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow but this will be a wonderful chance for us all to be together so please make it a date.

### **COFFEE JUNCTION**

Cake, coffee and conversation every other Thursday from 10.30am in the Committee Room. Next dates are:  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

### **CHURCH AT HXVH**

Please feel very welcome to join our friendly, informal church service on the third Sunday of every month, starting at 6pm. The next dates are:  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March

### **YOGA**

Cathy's regular weekly yoga classes are as follows:

Monday 6.00-7.30pm – Hatha for all abilities

Monday 7.45-9.15pm – Intermediate Hatha flow

Tuesday 9.30-11.00am – Hatha for all abilities

Tuesday 11.15am-12.30pm – Gentle Hatha and mindful movement

Thursday 6.30-8.00pm – Hatha for all abilities

Other regular activities include:

Mondays – Pins & Needles (pm), Wednesdays –Harmony Rocks Choir (pm)

Thursday – Post Office outreach (am); Life Drawing classes (pm)

In addition, several U3A groups meet at the Hall throughout the month – please go to the website at <https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/U3A-Groups-HXVH/> to find out more.

In the meantime, please stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

Alison and the HXVH Committee



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### Wild Seas Centre opening

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to re-open the Wild Seas Centre in time for February half term as had been planned. However, the Centre will open on 1<sup>st</sup> April and then daily throughout the season. We look forward to welcoming you back.

### Spring equinox tides

Around the time of the spring equinox, when the hours of daylight and darkness are equal, we get both higher highs and lower low tides. This is a good time for exploring the seashore, albeit sometimes a little cold! If you are planning to do a little rock pooling then the tides on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> March are particularly good, depending, of course, on the weather. However, also be aware that the tide will reach higher up the shore too, so make sure you don't get cut off. Remember to always follow the Seashore Code and replace any rocks, seaweed, and animals exactly as you found them.

### Increasing daylight hours

As the days lengthen and the sun tracks higher in the sky, the seaweeds put on a spurt of new growth. This adds a splash of colour to the rockpools and shallows as the new growth has not yet been exposed to strong sunlight which tends to bleach it. Seeing the natural colours of algae makes them easier to identify, so now is a good time to hone your seaweed ID skills. You could even take part in the Big Seaweed Search organised by the Natural History Museum. Just search online for Big Seaweed Search and download their guide to some of the commoner species on the seashore.

### Beware! Cold Water!

If you are heading down for a spot of rock pooling, be aware that the sea is at its coldest at this time of year. Here in Purbeck this means 8°C or below. It is so cold that it can take your breath away if you fall in. The seashore is also very slippery as rocks take longer to dry as the tide retreats. To make sure you enjoy your seaside adventure, go prepared and be extra cautious!

### 5G reaches Kimmeridge

Have you seen the new 5G noticeboard by the Wild Seas Centre, with information about sea safety, tides, and weather forecasts? This Dorset Council project aims to demonstrate how enhanced 5G connectivity can improve public safety and help prevent incidents. Find out more at <https://5gruraldorset.org>

### Julie Hatcher, Wild Seas Centre Officer



### HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Help us to celebrate by knitting and crafting!

Are you a keen crafter looking for your next project? Why not join in and help us to create items to celebrate the big event of the year! You can knit, crochet or sew members of the Royal Family, their pets, crowns, 'houses', bunting, tea cozies or other items for a Royal Tea Party – no limits to your imagination! Think of sunny days in June when we will celebrate by organising a special event or two to show off your donated creations, and let your imagination take over.

All items will then be sold to raise money for Royal Voluntary Service and our work in the community.

So please spread the word, get started and let me know what you are making; photos are always great and look good on our Facebook page.

Any questions please contact Maria Jacobson, Service Manager Dorset Home Library Service, tel. 07786 635154 or e-mail [maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk).



## The Roundhead

By Keith Fullbrook

Having served thirty years in the Metropolitan Police Force the time had come for me to retire. So what next? I decided to leave the chaotic capital I had served all those years and seek some peace and tranquillity. One place came to mind immediately and that was Corfe Castle. I had been there many times with my parents so had many fond memories. The decision was made.

I arrived late afternoon at a guest house in West Street, unpacked the car and went to my room. It had been a long day so I had a little nap before venturing into the village.

Later that evening I took a walk down West Street and entered the Fox pub to be greeted by friendly staff. After an excellent meal and a couple of pints and, feeling a bit tired, I returned to my room for an early night. However, sleep eluded me and so, after tossing and turning, I got up and decided to have stroll around the village to clear my head.

My watch showed 1.45am as I walked into the village square and continued across East Street into Station Road passing the Banks Arms and the quaint village store before arriving at Corfe Castle Station car park. Knowing you could still gain access to the platform when the station was closed, I stepped onto it where I was greeted with an eyrie silence, there being no one else abroad so late. I sat on one of the benches under the canopy and after a short while, finally fell into the elusive sleep.

Suddenly I was awoken by the sound of metal clanking and the smell of leather, on opening my eyes, was astonished to see standing a few feet away a man in ancient uniform. He was wearing a lobster-type helmet, breast plate, thigh boots and a scabbard with a very large sword. There was no doubt, this was a Cromwellian soldier, better known as a Roundhead. It sounds strange now but all I could say was "Hello", my immediate thought being he was some local who liked dressing up, but the sword worried me not to mention the time of night.

After what seemed an eternity with us both staring at each other, he spoke "I have been waiting many long years for someone to come at this exact time". Enough was enough - I stood, made my excuses and began to leave. At this he shouted "Please no! You are my only hope for eternal rest and peace."

His plea somehow touched me so I asked how I could help. He then began to tell me his plight. As he did so, the whole venue changed. There was no station and no buildings in the surrounding area except the Castle, shrouded in mist looming over us. He said he was a soldier in Cromwell's Model Army and stationed here while holding siege to the castle, during which time he and his comrades would gamble although this was frowned upon by Cromwell.

Later my soldier was accused of being a traitor having been seen several times entering and leaving the Castle under darkness. He denied the allegation but the commanding officer said they had proof from a reliable source, and he was later executed. "All I want to know is who made this false allegation and why" he said.

I left the man and walked among groups of soldiers camped around fires. No one seemed bothered by my modern attire so I began asking questions of them. Sometime later I returned to my soldier and told him what I had learned. "It would appear your friend betrayed you because you knew he was married with children and he needed the money for his family so you refused to let him gamble and he took revenge on you". He said "I thought he was my best friend. I know he was killed at Naesby, perhaps that is some justice".

The soldier thanked me, reached out and gave me a cloth pouch tied with a leather cord. With that he and the surroundings disappeared and I found myself back on the deserted platform in the early morning gloom.

On returning to my lodgings, I fell into a deep and restful sleep. Awaking refreshed, I went downstairs for breakfast. And there, on the kitchen table, was the cloth pouch. As I opened it, out fell some coins with the laureate head of Cromwell. It wasn't dream after all.



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**LOCOMOTIVE SAVED BY A 1940s CENTENARY**

**A £25,000 appeal by the Swanage Railway Trust to help fund the restoration of the tender belonging to a unique Victorian T3 class steam locomotive – and so assist its return to steam for the first time since 1948 – is just £5,000 short of its total.**



The 1893-built London and South Western Railway locomotive No. 563 was due to be scrapped after the Second World War but it was saved after being chosen by British Railways to celebrate the centenary of London's Waterloo station in 1948.

No. 563 was gifted to the Swanage Railway Trust by the National Railway

Museum in 2017 with work on its £500,000 restoration beginning during 2019 using specialist contractors in Gloucestershire.

Costing £50,000, the restoration of the locomotive's tender – which stores 3,300 gallons of water and three tonnes of coal for the engine – is taking place in the Swanage Railway's Herston engineering works on the outskirts of Swanage. It is hoped to have the 81-tonne locomotive back in steam and hauling trains, for the first time in 75 years, in 2023 for the centenary of the Southern Railway and the 185th anniversary of the formation of the London and South Western Railway.

The Swanage Railway Trust's 563 Locomotive Group chairman Nathan Au said: "We are delighted the appeal to the restore the T3's tender is just £5,000 short of reaching its £25,000 total and we urge people to continue to donate to help realise the dream of No. 563 steaming past the dramatic ruins of Corfe Castle and through the beautiful Isle of Purbeck.

"The T3 is a visual delight and an evocative time machine back to the days of the Victorian railway system which helped to power the industrial revolution, develop communities and our cities as well as bringing economic development and prosperity to this country during the 19th century. "The last time that No. 563 hauled a train was in 1948 and many people thought they would never see the unique T3 locomotive work again. "We are working hard to ensure the

engine's preservation for future generations to enjoy and the best way to do that is by seeing No. 563 brought back to life so it can haul trains for the first time in 75 years.

"Given its Victorian heritage, the T3 has an incredibly rich history to tell and it is unique because it is the only surviving tender engine designed by the renowned locomotive engineer William Adams.



"No. 563 is the only steam locomotive owned by the Swanage Railway Trust and returning it to working order gives us the opportunity to show our visitors what the railway was like during Dorset's industrial and social development in the 19th century.

"No. 563 is a direct link to the Swanage Railway's past – right back to the early days of the London and South Western Railway when holidaymakers first visited Purbeck by train," added Nathan who is a volunteer steam locomotive driver on the heritage line.

Built in 1893 for hauling express trains on the London and South Western Railway, the T3 class 4-4-0 wheel arrangement locomotive was withdrawn by the Southern Railway at the end of the Second World War in August, 1945, after it had run 1.5 million miles.

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Donations towards the restoration of the T3 tender can be made by visiting the Swanage Railway Trust website at [swanagerailwaytrust.org/appeal](http://swanagerailwaytrust.org/appeal).

To find out more about the work of the 563 Locomotive Group – and how you can help – visit [563locomotivegroup.co.uk](http://563locomotivegroup.co.uk).

**The Swanage Railway welcomes new volunteers who should contact Swanage Railway volunteer recruitment and retention officer Jonathan Evans on 01929 408466 or email [iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk](mailto:iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk).**

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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>MONDAY</b>			
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 <sup>nd</sup>	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
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 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
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
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
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
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
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
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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