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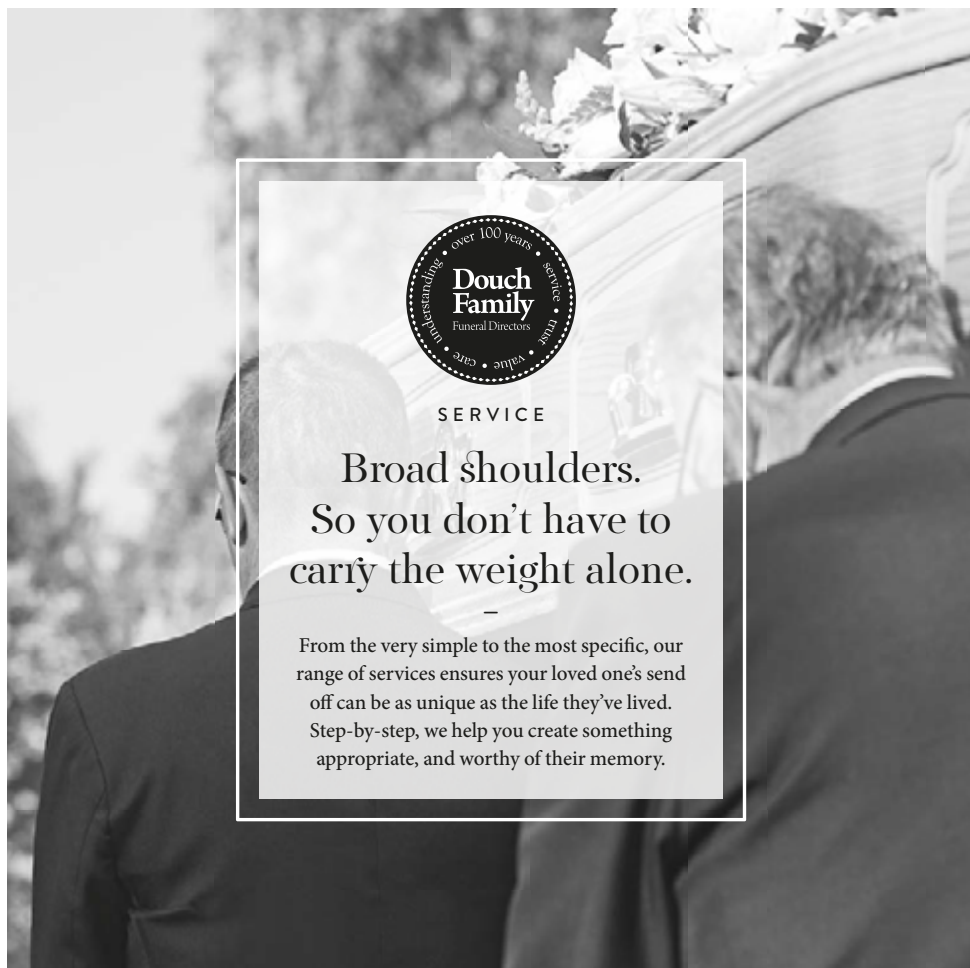
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Editorial

Corfe Valley News is looking for a new treasurer. This interesting and important position will shortly become available. It involves a few days' work a month and can all be done from home. If anybody is at all interested please do get in touch so that we can give you more information. Of course we need a treasurer to keep the magazine going so it is a vital position.

Ironically, now that we are back without any lockdown it looks as though coronavirus has once again become rampant. More people seem to have it at the moment then over the whole of the last two years. Did the government release lockdown too soon? Alternatively have we just got to learn to live with it in the same way as we live with flu?

Work on celebrations for the Queens platinum Jubilee are moving ahead at a pace. There are several pages in this edition of the CVN which will tell you all about what is being proposed and how you can become involved. It looks as though the Jubilee weekend is going to be a fun weekend full of many events. Thanks to everyone involved.

Swanage Railway have made the disappointing announcement that they are not going to run the planned service to Wareham this year. There are details in the second half of the magazine.

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
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Citizens Advice Adviceline: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm	08001448848
The Samaritans	01202 551999
Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting	0800 068 4145
Childline	0800 1111

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The cover picture is a sketch of West Street by P R Gross

MARCH FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

“A random act of kindness, no matter how small, can make a tremendous impact on someone else’s life”

Playground Update: By the time you read this I am hopeful the fence in the playground will have been fixed and children can once again explore their very own Ruined Castle.



Cyber Security: Corfe Castle Parish Council is moving its website and email system to a gov.uk domain. It is hoped this can be put in place within a month and will mean new email addresses for all Councillors plus the Clerk, along with a new website address. Don’t worry we will be keeping are current website for a while, to guide you to the new site, and we will let you know here in CVN all the new details as soon as we go live.

Oak Tree for the Jubilee: You may recall a few months ago I reported the Parish Council was asked to investigate planting an Oak Tree for the Jubilee. It is with great delight I can confirm the Parish Council during the March meeting agreed to plant an Oak Tree in the New Extension area of Gods Acre. A working group is also looking at sites for 70 trees throughout the Parish as part of our contribution to the Queen’s Canopy national drive.

Value Added Tax (VAT) Status: CCPC are now registered with HMRC for VAT which means from February 1st, 2022, all invoices issued for a business activity by CCPC will now incur VAT. No VAT is levied on burials or cremation plots.

Corfe Castle Town Trust: A report was submitted during the March meeting, informing Councillors of new plans to change the displays within the Museum later this year. It was stated that these works are possible due to legacies left by Bill Carter and Graham White.

Weed clearing on pavements and kerbs: CCPC would like to thank those who contacted the Parish Council letting us know your views on weeds and how to manage them. CCPC have taken stock of those comments and have agreed to trial a prevention scheme to keep the weeds at bay without the use of chemicals. CCPC will keep an eye on the weed situation and if the prevention method does not seem to be working will revisit how to manage them.

Platinum Jubilee: Lots of work is underway by the Jubilee Committee with updates and new announcements all the time. For the latest information on what’s on and when please visit our website and see the announcements elsewhere in the CVN.

Lorries through the Village. Lorry sizes are increasing and the village experiences a number of oversized vehicles which can’t easily pass through Corfe Castle. The Council will start a discussion with other local Councils about whether there should be regulations on size and hours of use for the largest vehicles. A member of the public whose company operates lorries advised of the need to avoid unintended consequences of any regulations

Planning Application & Treework Application update:

- **6/2021/0153** - 42 East Street, BH20 5EQ
Recommend: No objection
- **P/FUL/2022/00756** - Corfe Castle Model Village, BH20 5HE
Recommend: No objection
- **P/VOC/2022/00937**- West Lynch Farm Kingston Hill, BH20 5LG
Recommend: No objection
- **P/NMA/2022/01521** - 2 Townsend Road, BH20 5ET
Recommend: No comment.

Treeworks Applications

- **P/TRC/2022/00872** - The Greyhound Inn, BH20 5EZ
Recommend: The tree mentioned in the application is located in the beer garden of the Greyhound and it does not directly overhang the back garden/patio area of 16 East Street. There is a Holly bush, also located in the Greyhound beer garden, which does directly overhang 16 East St. There would appear to be no reason to cut 20 feet from the top of the tree. We have assumed that due to the location of the tree, it is covered by a Tree Preservation Order.
There possibly is a case to cut back the Holly bush but it was noted that some of the main trunks are thick enough to warrant a separate Tree Works Application.
The owner of the Greyhound Inn informed us that the beer garden is leased from the National Trust and believes they should be asked to comment. We requested an extension to the comment due date to enable the NT to comment/react as they deem appropriate?
- **P/TRC/2022/00699** - Kingston House South Street, BH20 5LQ
Recommend: No Objection
- **P/TRC/2022/01318** - Common Well, West Street Corfe, BH20 5HE
Recommend: No 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 update.

Covid update: Dorset was seeing a sustained fall in Covid numbers up until March; now however numbers are rising again. DC urge everyone to remain vigilant, wear masks, if possible, stay 2m apart, and wash your hands regularly.

Ukrainian Refugees: Dorset Council request rather than donating items please donate cash to either Save the Children or the Red Cross. The government resettlement scheme goes live 18th March. People that can offer a room or a couple of rooms, annex's etc, are being asked to commit to 6 months minimum, rooms must be a good size and fit for purpose. Households accepted onto the scheme will receive a payment of £350 per calendar month to cover items such as extra heating and electric. Homeowners are not expected to supply food but may wish to. The refugees are expected to look for work as they will be receiving benefit. Further info on this can be found on the DC website.

Fuel Poverty: Dorset Council have 19,000 people living in fuel poverty. Those eligible for fuel payment support who feel they would not be disadvantaged can donate the money. £75,000 has been donated so far and has helped the older generation to stay warm over the colder months. Anyone in fuel poverty who needs help should contact the Citizens Advice.

Land Searches: In October 2021 Dorset Council was struggling with the amount of land searches being applied for when people buy / sell homes. It was taking on average 62 days to process the application, however with a lot of hard work and effort the process is not taking on average 26 days, Dorset Council is still working to improve this.

Swanage Ambulance Car being retained: Great news; which is partly to do with the pressure group, but also partly due to what is happening to the Wareham Hub. The NHS were going to build a medical centre there, but have pulled out, and have decided to reinvest some money in the area, including the ambulance car, and Wareham Hospital.

Land released for Affordable Homes: Due to the NHS not building on the Wareham Hub site, the land has now been released to Dorset Council to build affordable homes including affordable homes for people with special needs.

Tricuro: Tricuro is a care company, currently jointly owned by Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council. Before becoming 2 unitary authorities the system worked well however Dorset Council believe the priorities are different now and have served notice with Tricuro with BCP taking this on. Dorset Council has set up a new care company called Care Dorset.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 11th April 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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Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC>
Website - <https://www.corfecastlepc.org.uk>

Happy Easter.

Author Michelle Harrington - Parish Clerk

News from the Library

Easter falls on the date we usually hold the monthly talks so there will be no event this month. However, next month sees the return of the talk from February that had to be postponed due to the severe storm warning.



May 20th 2022, 2.00pm, Corfe Castle Village Hall.

Gen Crisford (National Trust): *The Re-introduction of Beavers to Purbeck*

Beavers were a key part of our wetland ecosystems until they were hunted to extinction 400 years ago. 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.

The release of beavers on Purbeck could occur within a few months. Come and hear about the scheme and how it is progressing.

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.

Weeds around villages in Corfe Castle parish

A Parish Council Working Party was recently formed to look into weed control options instead of killing them with weed killer, and reported back at the March Council Meeting.

The following hierarchy of weed control was agreed:

1. Prevention
2. Hand weeding (where safe to do so)
3. Non-toxic household chemicals
4. Thermal heat lance / torching

A selection of recipes for weed control using non-toxic chemicals can be found by a quick search on the internet, we found the following recipe and instructions on the Daily Express website:

Add 3 tablespoons of salt to 1 litre of household 5% white vinegar and stir until dissolved. Mix in 3 tablespoons of washing up liquid. Add the mixture to a spray bottle and you are ready to get spraying. For the best results, spray any weeds at noon, when the sun is at its highest; the sun will help to dry out the weeds once the mixture hits them.

The Council are also arranging a combined weeding and litter picking Working Party to spruce up our village ahead of our Jubilee celebrations, see details below, and before this we're proposing week beginning Monday 4th April as "Weeds Week"!

Village residents are requested to clear and weed the area of pavement / verge directly outside of their property, if possible, so the communal areas can be focussed on by the Working Party. Why not get together with neighbours to weed and litter pick your street during Weeds Week?



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Weeds Week – w/c Monday 4th April

Parish Council and Litter Picking volunteers

4pm Friday 8th Kingston West St by the church

9am Saturday 9th CC West Street car park

2pm Sunday 10th CC Village Hall car park

All welcome, do say hello if you see us out weeding!

Please bring your gloves, a bucket, spade / trowel and a stiff brush. You can just turn up, or call Cllr Helen Sumbler on 07767 644947 with any questions. Please contact Helen / the Clerk if you are unable to clear & weed the area outside your property, and would like the volunteers to help with this for you, or if you would like to suggest any areas that are left wild, to provide homes and food for wildlife.

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DOUBLE ACT AGM MONDAY 4TH APRIL 7PM
CORFE CASTLE VILLAGE HALL

Calling all members and any interested 'not yet' members to come and get involved!

We will hold our AGM to discuss the running of the group at 7pm, followed by a read through of our next performance – Who Rules Britannia?!

We are a friendly bunch - always looking for new members and new ideas!

For further details please contact us on Social Media or email info@double-act.org.uk

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WHO RULES BRITANNIA? ... THE STORY SO FAR!

Saturday 4th June 2pm
Corfe Castle Village Hall

Double Act's contribution to the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the village will be a performance of this light-hearted romp through almost 1000 years of the nation's monarchy - so far!

You can look forward to meeting heroes and villains, witnessing battles and murders, and hearing little-known snippets of history previously hidden away among the cobwebs!

It promises to be 45 minutes of fun and excellent entertainment for all the family.

See next month's CVN for more information!

Environmental Group Update



Our Next Gathering

Thursday 14th April at Mortons Manor. 7.15pm in the bar - 7.30pm start

Please email the Parish Clerk (Michelle) corfecastlepc@aol.com to let us know you're coming **OR** simply turn up on the night.

Our Recent Gathering

We enjoyed a decent turn out at Mortons Manor – with 15 of us around the table up for our first public meeting this year. Notes from the meeting were emailed to all those on our Environmental Group email list. **Here are some of the highlights:**

Solar Streets: <https://solarstreets.co.uk/swanage>

Local discount scheme for solar panel installation covering Corfe and surrounds: Update: Approx 25 successful installations, 15 awaiting installation and 50 inquiries.

Boar Mill

We're exploring the potential for a Micro Turbine project. **Next step:** A meeting with the National Trust to see how the community can support making this a reality.

Jubilee 'Queen's Green Canopy' Projects Update

- We're striving to plant **70 trees for 70 years** within the parish. We're in direct contact with Dorset Council about several suitable sites we've identified. We're seeking further sites and will consider private land – **Any suitable offers???**
- A wider project of recording 70 trees being planted for each of the 70 years of reign (**yes, that really is 4900 trees!**) is also under way. We've already recorded an impressive 2200 in the 2021/22 planting season. **Do you have evidence of trees you've planted** since October 1st 2021, or are planning before 31st March 2023. If so, please send details via the Parish Clerk (Michelle) corfecastlepc@aol.com
- David Kemp has been a 'one man nursery' for dozens of saplings in recent seasons. After some recent successful planting, we've convinced Chris Kemp that she doesn't need her patio back as well as convincing David that he is willing to accept further donations of 'native-ish' specimens! Remember that size doesn't matter – we'll consider anything. Please contact David via the Parish Clerk.

The Secret Field

As a working group of the Parish Council our group has decided not to pursue this project in affiliation with the Parish Council for the time being. An independent group of individuals is forming to try and realise the wonderful opportunity of a nature-rich community space. Details will appear in the CVN in the months ahead.

Water Saving

Are you on a water meter? £££: One attendee noted that a switch to aerated shower heads has led to an **estimated 30% reduction in water use**. We were particularly pleased to hear this having included the following on last month:

*"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 up to 2 litres per flush"*

Churchyards

'No-mow' areas were trialled in the churchyards at Kingston and Corfe Castle last year. As a result, several rare orchids were found growing in Kingston - therefore their 'no-mow' area is being extended. In Corfe Castle, it's hoped that they'll also repeat/extend their 'no-mow' again this year.

Grass Verges

One attendee highlighted that Dorset Council had agreed to themmanage the verge outside their house on East Street, as long as plant height doesn't affect sight lines. Have a verge near you? Inspired to do the same? Go on, pick up the phone :)

Energy Use

One attendee highlighted that due to the energy crisis we're experiencing that many of us will be seeking 'greener' solutions as they're often cheaper than 'the conventional'. **Do you have an energy saving tip that you like to share with the community?** Please let us know via the Parish Clerk (Michelle) corfecastlepc@aol.com

Top Tips

Using chemical/artificial pesticides and herbicides to create the 'perfect' garden can impact far beyond your garden e.g. local streams and their food chains. Given a bit more time, ladybirds might gobble up the aphids, and hedgehogs and slow-worms could decimate the slug population. Or consider growing less susceptible produce.

Did You Know...

In a perfect example of 'practicing what we preach' – Please see the separate article about the Parish Caretaker's chemical free management of weeds – a direct result of our group's efforts

Our Core Team

Josey Parish and Helen Sumbler, the two Parish Councillors who co-lead our group would like to welcome new members to our Core Team. We're achieving worthwhile endeavors, but there are plenty more opportunities to do great things. We'd be delighted with you contributing in a way that suits you best – Join us...

Get in touch via the Parish Clerk (Michelle) corfecastlepc@aol.com

Follow us on Facebook: "Corfe Castle Environmental Group"

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

Church Knowle Parish Council

Now that the COVID regulations have all but disappeared the Parish Council is reverting to its normal practice of alternating between the Church Knowle and Furzebrook village halls. The April meeting and other even months will be at Furzebrook.

The March meeting opened as usual with the Public Discussion period in which two planning applications that had previously been submitted, but were not clear were clarified and described by the applicants. This enabled the Council to make an informed decision later in the meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Localism Act 2011 aims to give more power to Parish Councils and organisations at a local level. While how much has been achieved is open to debate the Act does allow for a Neighbourhood Plan, a statutory instrument that must be consulted and followed in any government decisions, including planning, that affect the local community. These plans have an area over which they hold sway, more often than not the parish boundary (keep it simple); there is a predefined process that must be followed that culminates in a formal referendum. The Plan then passes into law.

A steering committee drawn entirely from local people specifies what will be in the Plan and they are helped with the process by an external independent consultant. The government provides grants which will normally cover the whole cost of the consultant and any other expenses (tea, biscuits, hog roasts?).

Church Knowle has applied for and been awarded a grant sufficient to cover the preliminary stages with a scoping exercise and is proceeding with this under the guidance of a consultant to see whether we want to commit to the making of a Neighbour Plan. The best qualified consultant presented to the Council at the meeting and he was duly appointed. Anyone who is interested in finding out more or being on the steering committee can contact the clerk (clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk) or come to the next Parish Council meeting.

Missing Postbox – Creech Bottom

The postbox at Creech Bottom is missing. The Royal Mail says that *“the post box was unfortunately stolen and they have had a substantial number of post boxes being stolen in Dorset area. There has been instances*

when we have replaced stolen post boxes only for the replacement to be again stolen. Therefore at present we are not replacing the boxes, to reduce the risk of customer’s mail being lost.” The absurdity of this argument is plain, taken to its conclusion the best way to remove the (previously very small) risk of customer mail being lost is for customers not to write letters at all. If you are going to have a mail service you must have post-boxes. If there have been a substantial number of post-boxes stolen then there must be a substantial number of communities suffering with a much diminished postal service.

This leaves people having to get into their cars to drive to the nearest town to post a letter. Scoring very badly on all of the current markers: environment, traffic, economic and geopolitical (using oil!).

It has always been a criminal offence to interfere with the mail and the latest revision of the law is the Postal Services Act 2000. If the motive is the value of the post-boxes themselves (scrap or otherwise) it should be possible to replace these with boxes of a modern material with no market value. If it is for the mail itself there can be little value in tax returns and birthday cards even the days of Postal Orders are long gone. Not only has there been no community consultation about the “decision” not to replace the post-box but the Mail does not seem to be putting much resource in to the problem. A complaint to Ofcom will be forthcoming although Poirot is more likely (eventually) to produce a result. Perhaps a letter to Ofcom would be best but alas where to post it!

In the meantime there is a petition for people to sign in the Lookout Stores, Stoborough BH20 5AZ. Replace Our Postbox!

The Playground

A problem has arisen with dogs fouling the Council-run playground by the New Inn. All dog owners know the regulations and it is especially important to observe these rigorously in a children’s playground where there are very real and serious risks to health. The Council is considering erecting signs which will be a shame as prescriptive signs in any community should be kept to a minimum.

Now that spring is coming those tasks that have been deferred over winter are rising to the top of the list. It will not be long before the Les Bugler commemorative tree seat is installed on a concrete pad in the playground together with a tree to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 6:30pm at the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 12th April. The Parish Council is currently three people short of its full complement of nine and anyone in the Parish is welcome to join the Council. Anyone can come to the meetings and make a representation in the public discussion period or simply observe proceedings.

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The Corfe Castle Jubilee Celebrations

We are now well on our way to finalising the arrangements for the Jubilee celebrations in the parish. In addition to joining in the national celebrations with our Beacon Lighting and the Jubilee Picnic, activities will be taking place throughout the four days of celebration.

A full programme of events and competitions will be published in next month's CVN and a free colour programme will be in the shops, pubs and restaurants by the middle of May but see the following pages for a taster of what is in store.

The Big Jubilee Picnic will be taking place at the sports field in West Street. Bring a picnic and enjoy spending time with family, friends and neighbours and take part in some fun sports and games. There will be free tea and coffee and you will be able to enjoy the cakes from the Bake-Off competition - will you agree with the judges?... There will also be a prize for the best decorated hat - let's see how creative we are!!

We are also planning a more permanent commemoration of this milestone in our nation's history. We are looking at commissioning a Purbeck stone bench that will be sited in a prominent location in the village, and are working with the Parish Council on a commemorative tree to mark the Jubilee. More details will follow.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of all of you. To help us, please buy one of our bone china Jubilee Mugs and a few Prize Draw tickets. Become a volunteer to help us deliver a memorable weekend. After the trials of the last couple of years I think we all deserve some enjoyment and time together.

Rupert Spicer-Short.

Other Jubilee Events and Competitions Run By Local Organisations And Businesses.

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GRAND JUBILEE QUIZ – The Gallery at 41.

Competitions marked * require a registration form and these will be available from the Corfe Castle Village Stores, Corfe Castle Library and the Gallery at 41. They can also be downloaded from our website.

For more information about the competitions ring Chris on 480095.

Full information about the events will be on our website and in the May and June Corfe Valley News. There will be a free Jubilee Programme available in the Corfe Castle Village Stores and other outlets in mid May.

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Corfe Castle Surgery

Spring is on its way!



Thanks to money raised during the 'Ivan Orchard shield' football match held by Corfe Castle Football Club last August and money donated by the Three Parishes Fete. We have bought a waiting room Blood Pressure Monitor for use by all of our patients. The monitor can be used before seeing a GP or Nurse and it may help with the demand we have for appointments.

We still need to restrict the number of patients in the waiting room at any one time, but you will be offered the use of the monitor when contacted about booking an appointment.

Please do not just turn up to use the machine without asking the reception team if it is convenient. The machine is screened off but it would be beneficial to wear short sleeves or layers that can be easily removed.

There are full instructions in place of how to use the monitor but please ask if you need help in adjusting the height of the stool and how to sit to get the most accurate reading. When your reading has been taken a ticket will print out for you to add your name and weight to and can be handed in to reception or to the Nurse.

Many thanks to everyone involved and for donating money to the Surgery so that we could purchase the monitor, it will be well used everyday!

With Covid-19 still around, please continue to stay safe and take precautions that you can. We will update you about 2nd Covid Boosters in due course as we are still waiting on confirmation of the vaccines in Purbeck.

Reminder that Easter weekend is fast approaching and we will closed from 1pm on Thursday 14th April until 8.30am on Tuesday 19th April. If you need medical advice or medication during Easter weekend please call 111 and for urgent, life threatening problems call 999.

Kerry Norman
Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

This is a great place to live. In the last two years we have seen the practical kindness and generosity of spirit of so many people in our community as we have all struggled through the darkest days of Covid. Now we are seeing it all over again but this time in response to the plight of the Ukrainians. Across Purbeck, initiatives have sprung up to send immediate help to our fellow human beings suffering so dreadfully there- cold, homeless, hungry and battle-worn.

We had a very positive PPG meeting on 24th February. Being able to meet in person again makes a real difference, as does the confidence that we can now start to make plans and play a fuller part in the Surgery and village life. We are particularly looking at how we and the Surgery can better communicate with you all; a new Surgery website is high on the list. We were delighted to hear that the pressure on the staff there has at last eased slightly. General Practice is, as we know, under great strain nationally so we appreciate how lucky we are that the Corfe waiting times to see a doctor are good. Although for safety reasons it's unlikely the Surgery building will be open to us all for some time, don't forget that you can always ask to see the doctor in person if you'd prefer that to a phone call. We are very pleased that the new blood pressure monitor is now installed in the Waiting Room. We shall all benefit from having it there- see Kerry Norman's article. Thank you, Corfe Football Club!

The next Carers' Time coffee morning will be from 10.00-12.00 on Thursday 28th April at the village Hall. We'd love to see more of you coming along- so give us a go!

Finally, two pieces of local healthcare news; one good, one not. It's been a shock and deep disappointment that NHS Dorset has scrapped the plan to build the Wareham Integrated Health and Social Care Hub on the Middle school site- lack of finance is an issue. The good news is that the Purbeck Ambulance Car service will continue unchanged.

FRIENDS OF CORFE CASTLE SURGERY.

MORE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED PLEASE.

We are a group of volunteers who, normally, drive patients of Corfe Castle Surgery to medical appointments at the surgery, or to hospital. This is a very much appreciated service, but is not an onerous one; on average drivers are rarely called on more than once a month at the most. Mileage is paid by the patient and we have recently increased this to cover the current rises in fuel prices.

Although this service is suspended at the moment, we would like to increase our numbers and hope to resume after Easter.

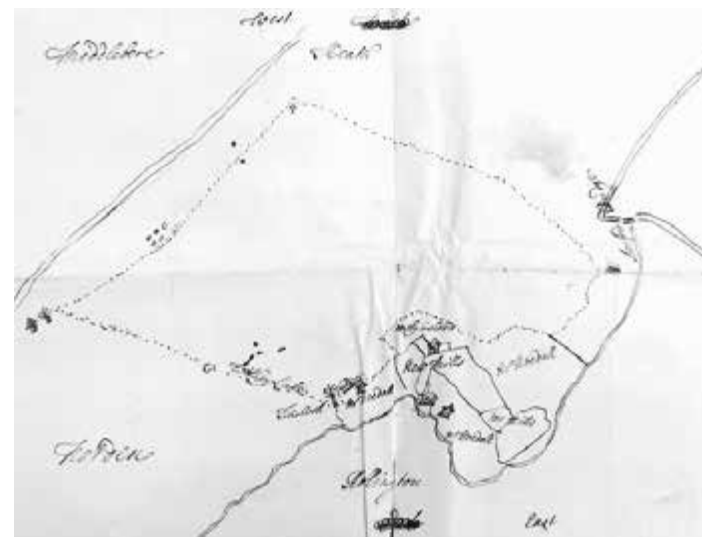
If you think you would like to join our very friendly team, or would like more information, please either phone or email me.

Jon Phillips. Chairman, Friends of Corfe Castle Surgery.

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New Mills, close to Scotland Farm

Out on the heath, adjoining to Scotland Farm, there is an area called ‘New Mills’. Some of the land there was bequeathed to the Corfe Castle Charities in 1621 by Sir Edmund Uvedale (not the one with the elaborate tomb in Wimborne Minster although they were related). The rent was to be used to maintain the poor folk living in the Almshouse. Some of the land had originally been rented to his parents and grandparents in January 1538/9 by Sir Edward Willoughby, his wife, Dame Anne and their son, Henry for 12s. yearly.



Sketch of Ralph Treswell's 1586 map showing New Mills Heath within the dotted line and land by the Corfe River.

By 1743, the rent for this tenement had risen to £12 p.a. This may have included more land than the original tenancy as a survey of 1550 notes that the Uvedales were free tenants for one part of New Mills, thus paying no rent, but did pay 12s. as tenants for another part. Obviously, Sir Edmond donated the land he owned to the Charities, and I would like to suggest that the other part they rented, now forms part of Scotland Farm. All of the land lay on the other side of the Corfe River from Rollington Farm.

The deed of 1539 just mentions the ground, commons, meadows and pasture at ‘Newmyll’ which adjoined Rollington Farm – no mention of an actual mill -

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but one existed there in 1757 when ‘a grist or flower mill called New Mills’ part of the manor of Rollington was sold to John Calcraft. It could have been pulled down when the Rollington fields were improved for the meadow drowning scheme but the water-grist mill is mentioned again in 1759 so there is only a small timeframe of about 12 years before a sketch map dated 1772 was produced for the Calcraft Estate showing no mill whatsoever. I have no idea where this particular mill was or whether it was the same one mentioned at New Mills in the Langton Wallis court records as ‘New Mills’ lay in that parish rather than Corfe’s.



1772 map by Samuel Donne showing part of the meadow drowning system and New Mills Cottage.

The Willoughbys were lords of the manor of Langton Wallis (this parish no longer exists and has mostly merged into Langton Matravers) which included land in what was then ‘Estlangton’ called ‘Newmille’. The court records refer to a mill. Another deed (undated but possibly late 13th century) notes a John Le Wallis as owner of the property. He was the son of Ingram le Wallis who gave his name to this manor. He'd purchased it from Albrede de Lincoln for £100.

From these court records, we know in the early 1400s, that a mill stood by a ford with a Pound constructed beside it. By 1407, the road that went through the ford was in a bad state of repair and eventually became impassable and the tenant at ‘Nuemull’ was issued with a fine for allowing his house and buildings to become ‘ruinous’.

In 1487, a new mill had been built, a fulling mill for cloth, and this is possibly where the plural comes from in the name ‘New Mills’ as, speculatively, there could have been two mills in operation then. The only two roads shown on the 1586 map are the one to Sharford Bridge and one passing from Norden through Middlebere Heath onto Slepe. But as to where the mill, or mills, stood is a conundrum. Obviously by a ford but any suggestions would be welcomed!

Louise Haywood

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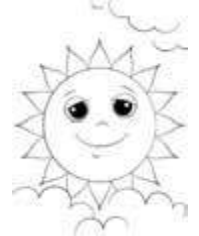
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5th April - Judith Holmes, Costa Rica

3rd May - Deb Fulbrook. Hearing Dogs

7th June- Dr Barbara Smith, entomologist

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Save the Date 1st 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



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We have been able to welcome more and more people into the school with the easing of restrictions. It is such a relief to have been able to open our doors once again. We now regularly have support from reading volunteers and a range of sport coaches.

We have been able to open our doors to our parents and share the fabulous work that has been going on. We had an open day where children were able to share their work with their parents and talk through their learning. Feedback was very positive. Our children work so hard and it was a pleasure to watch them proudly share their work with their parents.

We are very much looking forward to the Summer Term and being able to welcome more people into school and work alongside our community with the jubilee celebrations.



Thank you for all your continuing support-

The team at Corfe Castle Primary School



Wishing
you a
Happy
Easter!

We've had a busy time with the children exploring through play and immersing them in our wonderful countryside on one of our many walks.

As we look ahead to Easter we are egg-citedly planning a wonderful Holiday Club program to service our community.

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News from The Castle

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Face painting

Raffle/ Tombola

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It's Easter this month, which means it's definitely Spring, so hopefully sunnier skies are with us again!

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the Village Hall Coffee Mornings in February (raising £231.76) and March (raising £191.65).

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In March the first prize of £20 was won by member 14, with member 46 getting second prize £10 and member 51 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.

We are very pleased to welcome another regular user of the village hall; the Corfe Castle Gardening Club will be meeting here on the first Thursday evening every month.

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 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

Developments update: WIFI

Thanks largely to a successful bid to Dorset Council's Community Recovery Fund, we are hoping very soon to be able to offer to all users high speed fibre broadband connectivity across the building.

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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	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
7	April	Thursday	8 pm	Gardening Club Lecture – Understanding our Heathlands by Jim White - CC VH
8	April	Friday	4 pm	Litter picking and weeding – Kingston - West Street by the Church
8	April	Friday	7.30 pm	Barn Dance – Kimmeridge Village Hall
9	April	Saturday	9 am	Litter picking and weeding – Corfe Castle West Street Car Park
10	April	Sunday	2 pm	Litter picking and weeding – Corfe Castle Village Hall Car Park
11	April	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in the Corfe Castle Village Hall
12	April	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Furzebrook village hall.
14	April	Thursday	7.15 pm	Meeting Of Corfe Castle Parish Council Environment Group – Mortons Manor

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.

3	May	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Talk – Deb Fulbrook – Hearing Dogs - Village Hall
9	May	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in the Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	April	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle village hall.
14	May	Saturday	10.30 am	St Edwards Coffee Morning and craft fair – Well Court, West Street.
20	May	Friday	2 pm	The Re-introduction of Beavers to Purbeck by Gen Chrisford – CC Village Hall
2 – 5	June	Thursday – Monday		The Queens Platinum Jubilee. See pages 19 to 23.
4	June	Saturday	2 pm	Who Rules Britannia – Double Act – Corfe Castle Village Hall
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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The Reverend Anne Bond writes

By the time you read this we will be heading fast towards Easter; that glorious celebration of Almighty God's resurrection of Jesus and all that was achieved for humanity through it. Saint Paul wrote words to the effect: 'if there was no resurrection, our Christian faith is worthless'.

2pm An Hour at the Cross at St George's Langton
EASTER DAY: Services of Holy Communion and Hymns at Steeple at
9.30am and at Corfe Castle at 11am

St. Edward, King & Martyr

Electoral Roll Revision 2022

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll is now due in order for presentation to the APCM on 1st May.

If you are **not** on the current Roll and would like to be added please contact the Electoral Roll Officer to obtain a form.

If you think there may be anyone on the current Roll who has moved or passed away, please let me know, as I may not have been informed.

All forms have to be in by **15th April**, at the latest, in order to be included in the revised Roll.

Anyone may enrol provided that they are baptised, live in the area, are regular worshippers and are 16 or older.

Please contact me on **480925** for an enrolment form or inform me of any changes.

Joy Carter

Easter Decorations-St Edwards Church

We shall be decorating the church for Easter Day on Saturday 16th April from 10am. Everybody is very welcome to bring foliage and flowers to give a burst of Easter joy to our lovely Victorian church.

Jill Revans

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Good Friday 15th April
An Hour at the Cross
St George's Langton 2 pm

Contemplative Words and Music

All Welcome

Pioneer view

Dear Friends,

In this month's Pioneer view, I would like to share with you some exciting developments in relation to our new groups and an update on our other activities as we seek to grow compassionate inclusive communities.

On April 22nd in Corfe Mullen, we will be running our 1st wellbeing drop-in. This will happen at the village hall between the times of 10-12 noon. A key part of this drop-in will be Social Prescribing. This will be the 1st of many drop-ins we hope to open in other communities.

Social prescribing is a relatively new intervention. In fact, our befriending Scheme is linked up with a Social Prescriber who works from a local GP surgery.

Social Prescribing works for a wide range of people, including:

- People with one or more long-term conditions
- People who need support with their mental health
- People who are lonely or isolated
- People who have complex social needs which affect their wellbeing

Social Prescribing offers communities a significant avenue to support all diverse groups and people, who need help and support. This is exactly why the Growing Compassionate Communities charity seeks to embrace this.

The Growing Compassionate Communities hidden disabilities scheme will seek to dovetail with the Social Prescribing drop-ins, helping to create compassionate inclusive communities.

But what is hidden disability? Hidden disabilities are not immediately apparent (hidden) for example mental health challenge's, such as depression. The hidden disability may also have Neurological roots that are not visible.

This GCC scheme will seek to make hidden disabilities visible through the wearing of a green ribbon. Moreover, we will be recruiting hidden disability champions, they will be identified through the wearing of a green wristband.

Both projects will go a long way to create compassionate inclusive communities for all diverse groups and people.

A Quote to ponder:

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Go well Peter



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Kimmeridge News

Kimmeridge Keilidhs Dance Again!

Kimmeridge Keilidhs restarted after a 2 year “covid-break” on 11th March. We had a fun evening with Arish Mel band & caller Teresa who got us all dancing again! An added celebration this time was that since starting back in 2012, we have now raised over £5000 for the new Kimmeridge Playground and the Etches Collection – thank you! Come and celebrate this with us at our next Barn Dance on Friday 8th April, 7.30pm in Kimmeridge Village Hall at The Etches Collection. Tickets on the door £5 – no bar, so bring your own celebratory drinks & nibbles!



Village Events in 2022

In preparation for the Platinum Jubilee Party on Friday 3rd June – a “sit n sew” night is being held on Monday 4th April to make bunting for the Village Playground – full details will be on the Kimmeridge WhatsApp Group. Lots of exciting things planned for the Village on 2nd & 3rd June.

The Official Opening of the Playground will now take place as part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – work is going well, but we need to make sure the grass is growing well before putting matting down.

Steve & Helen Earwicker



A sketch of Kimmeridge bay with Clavells Tower in its original position by Joan Bracchi



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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

There are now definite signs of Spring, so I hope you are all enjoying your gardens and the outdoors a bit more. Apparently, Rudyard Kipling once wrote ‘Gardens are not made by singing "Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade’. That slightly undermines my approach but not I am sure that of the vast majority of members of the Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

At our AGM in March, we were able to sign up close to 40 members and elect a new committee. David Gynes stepped down as Chair and I have taken on his mantle in preparing something for CVN. He will be a hard act to follow, and I am sure readers will miss his imagery and tone. He has done a great job as Chair of our club.

My role remains as Secretary, we have a new Treasurer in Hazel Cemm and a new if slightly familiar Chairperson in Deborah Stoker. The matching committee is composed of Joy Bryer, Fiona Forsyth, Jenny Pink, Chris Clarke and Clare Hombersley.

The bulk of the AGM meeting was taken up by an excellent presentation from Simon Goldsack about his labour of love: the creation of a new public garden at Holme Nursery. The photos were lovely, the story inspiring and the sense of the scale of the task and project came across. When we showed his spreadsheet detailing the purchase date, source, and location of every plant in his garden I thought there was a split in the audience between those who wanted to replicate it in their gardens and those who felt it was just a bit too nerdy. All of those listening I am sure went away with some great ideas.

We have more inspiration planned for you at our next meeting on April 7th at 8.00pm in the Village Hall at Corfe Castle. The main part of the meeting will be a presentation by Jim White on “*Understanding our Heathlands*”. Please come along and join us. We are keen to welcome visitors and new members.

Claude Monet claimed, “My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece” and he was pretty good at painting. So, the target for rest of us to achieve our masterwork through our gardens is surely more modest. Its Spring, we move forward with hope again.

Gerry Stoker

Corfe Castle Football Club Fixtures

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	VS	Away Team	Venue
L	19/03/22 14:30	Poole Borough Reserves		Corfe Castle Reserves	TURLIN MOOR RECREAT GROUND
L	26/03/22 15:00	Corfe Castle Reserves		Portland Town Reserves	CORFE CASTLE SPORTS FIELD
L	02/04/22 15:00	Portland Town Reserves		Corfe Castle Reserves	BUDMOL COMMUN SPORTS CENTRE
L	16/04/22 15:00	Corfe Castle Reserves		Crossways Spitfires First	CORFE CASTLE SPORTS FIELD
L	30/04/22 15:00	Corfe Castle Reserves		Donhead United (Saturday) Donhead United	CORFE CASTLE SPORTS FIELD
L	07/05/22 15:00	Corfe Castle Reserves		Milborne Sports First	CORFE CASTLE SPORTS FIELD
L	14/05/22 15:00	Corfe Castle Reserves		Marnhull First	CORFE CASTLE SPORTS FIELD

We need your support and would welcome any help.

Many thanks - Patrick Ward.



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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.

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 14th April at 7.30pm at St George's, Langton and Friday 15th April at 4pm at the Harmans Cross Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

David Nunn

'Who Rules Britannia? The Story So Far ...!'

Double Act's contribution to the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the village will be a performance of this light-hearted romp through almost 1000 years of the nation's monarchy - so far! You can look forward to meeting heroes and villains, witnessing battles and murders, and hearing little-known snippets of history previously hidden away among the cobwebs!

It promises to be 45 minutes of fun and excellent entertainment for all the family.

Make sure you are in Corfe Castle Village Hall on Saturday 4th June at 2pm!

See next month's CVN for more information!

A Big Thank You from Swanage Tennis Club

All members of Swanage Tennis Club would like to thank the Co-Op, it's shoppers and all Purbeck local residents who supported their latest fundraising cause for upgrading the Beach Gardens tennis facilities. The £8,000 funding provided to the club from the Co-Op far exceeded expectations and means that the project to upgrade a third tennis court to a good quality Astro-turf surface can now be completed later this year.

Tennis club committee member Leonora Stephen said that "it has been great working with the Co-Op who are very supportive of the local community. The extra funding now enables us to work with the officers of Swanage Town Council to progress the project this year".

To celebrate the start to the summer tennis playing season the tennis club and town council are hosting an Open Day at Beach Gardens in Swanage on Saturday 2nd April from 10am to 4pm. There will be opportunities to come along and join in free adult and junior tennis coaching sessions, fitness sessions and watch an exhibition match. There will also be free putting on the greens and refreshments available throughout the day. So why not come along and 'pick up the racket habit'.



From l to R Simon Manager of Swanage Co-Op store, Masie Junior Club Member, Paul and Ryan Professional LTA tennis coaches at the club and club members Rob and Susie.

A SONG FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

'A life Lived with Grace' has been written to celebrate the Queens Jubilee and will be sung by choirs all across the UK and Commonwealth countries. A special Corfe Castle Jubilee Choir is being formed to perform this, at the lighting of the beacon and the Big Jubilee Picnic. The first meeting and rehearsal will take place at the Village Hall Bill Carter Room on Wednesday 6th April at 8.15pm. This is a unique opportunity to take part in an historic moment and if you would like to be a part of it please contact: Carole 01929 480245 or Denise 01929 477247

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Suttle Stone Quarries' Planning Application to Continue Quarrying



Some of the Suttles team at Swanworth Quarry today

Suttle Stone Quarries, local employer to 50 staff, started a planning process in 2012 to continue its quarry works on the Isle of Purbeck. However, with quarrying reserves coming to an end at its Swanworth Quarry site in Worth Matravers over the next few months, Suttles' planning application with Dorset Council to continue quarrying on the Isle of Purbeck is currently ongoing.

At capacity, Suttles' Swanworth Quarry site supplies approximately 50% of Dorset's required crushed stone to the area, which is used as a sub-base for construction schemes, rock armour on sea defence works, gabions and decorative chippings. The Suttle family has worked in the natural stone and quarrying business on the Isle of Purbeck since the 1920s. The quarrying is currently operated across two sites: Swanworth Quarry in Worth Matravers, and California Quarry in Swanage.

Suttles' Director, John Suttle said "Over the past few years, we have been working very closely with Dorset Council and other organisations, such as the Environment Agency and Natural England, to ensure the proposed new quarry will benefit the local economy whilst minimising the impact on the environment. As Swanworth serves the very local markets of Purbeck and Poole/Bournemouth, it actually provides an environmental benefit in terms of massive haulage CO₂e savings compared to alternative sources of crushed stone."

"The next phase of the planning application process will be a further public consultation made by Dorset Council. We are hopeful that a positive decision will be made shortly, especially as our quarrying reserves will be coming to an end at our Worth Matravers site over the next few months. Like all organisations, we need to plan for the next phase of business, whatever that looks like, so that we can be around to support the local community for many more years to come."

"We are always striving to benefit the local area, including working hard towards becoming carbon neutral. The measures we have brought in so far, such as investing in solar panel energy and more environmentally-friendly

equipment, have already brought in savings of almost 400 tCO₂e since 2018."



Some of the Suttles team spreading seed on a restored area of Swanworth Quarry, with existing restored land in the background.

"Conservation is also close to our hearts: as phases of quarrying finish at Swanworth Quarry, we are continuously providing significant biodiversity improvements. We achieve this by cultivating rare limestone grassland habitats in the completed quarry areas with the help and advice from Dr Barbara Smith, a renowned ecologist on habitat

restoration projects, specialising in aggregate sites. We also implement a meticulous cattle grazing regime to help suppress weed growth. In what was once farmland, then quarry, the end result is wild grassland, featuring various species of flora and fauna including quail, stoat, adder, hare and deer, which are regularly on view. Habitat creation is something that the quarrying industry has become particularly adept at over the decades, and we like to think we are a great example, having previously restored quarries in Swanage as well as achieving excellent restoration results at Swanworth."

"As Suttles has been part of the Isle of Purbeck quarrying scene since the 1920s, we know that our service benefits the local community in 3 key areas. The first is to significantly reduce the carbon footprint. If supplies had to be transported here by a company much further away, potentially in the Mendips area, this would not only increase the carbon footprint by potentially thousands of tonnes of CO₂e per year, but also the number of larger articulated lorries on our local roads."

"The second benefit is providing local jobs for local people. Currently, we employ a loyal team of 50 staff, boosting the local jobs market. Our team have all been comprehensively trained in their roles and drivers take part in the voluntary 'Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme', which demonstrates operators are achieving exemplary levels of best practice in environmental protection, as well as safety and efficiency."

"The third area is pricing. By providing a local service, our crushed stone prices are lower compared to importing products from around the country. Our customers, such as local builders and gardeners, are already feeling the pinch

with rising inflation, energy, and transport costs, so a further increase to supply chain costs by moving supply to a non-local company could further impact on their businesses' profitability."

Suttles is a family-run ethical business with sustainability at the core of its values, employing 115 staff in Dorset. Suttles comprises a group of companies including Suttle Stone Quarries and Suttle Projects, with 4 operating sites based across Dorset, including two in the Isle of Purbeck, and sites at Mannings Heath and 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 100th 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



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

Details of the planning application can be found on the Dorset Council minerals planning portal as PA 6/2020/0321

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News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

Greetings again from Harmans Cross Village Hall. We are holding our Annual General Meeting on the early evening of Friday 22nd April and we are planning to follow that with a social event. Please see the website for more details.

Our next series of diary dates are:

Stalls In The Hall On Saturday 9th April And Saturday 14th May

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 or on **07384 848 419**

Movie Night – Mrs Lowry & Son On Tuesday 12th 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 two greats of British cinema – Timothy Spall as the aspiring and exceptionally talented and unique artist, and Vanessa Redgrave as his controlling and (to my mind at least) really quite unpleasant Mrs Lowry. But it's a triumph of dogged persistence and ability over negativity, carping and criticism – lovely !!

Movie Night – House Of Gucci On Tuesday 10th May

It's 1978 Milan. Patrizia Reggiani (Lady Gaga) meets Maurizio Gucci (Adam Driver) at a nightclub. He is the heir to a large portion of the fashion house Gucci but his father (Rodolfo, played by Jeremy Irons) disapproves of her supposed mafia family although they only own a small trucking company. He marries her anyway and his father disowns him. Sly Uncle Aldo (Al Pacino) is more enamoured, falling for Patrizia's brassy charms, allowing her and his nephew to get their hooks into the fashion house he co-owns with his brother. "The most Gucci of them all" is how Patrizia Reggiani described herself in a 2014 interview. Various known as "Lady Gucci" and "Black Widow", Reggiani became the centre of a very 1990s scandal involving lust, money, fashion, murder... and a clairvoyant.

Live Music – The Spinoffs On Saturday 14th 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 5th 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 5th 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 7th April and Thursday 21st 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:
Easter Sunday 17th April
Sunday 15th May

In addition, on Good Friday, 15th April, we welcome local resident David Nunn and his drama company for a new production of his play 'WHOSE KINGDOM RULES?' It explores the Easter events from a dramatically new viewpoint!

A former reviewer of the Guardian and the Observer writes: '*...a profound silence prevailed in the audience. It spoke eloquently of the play's power and impact on all who witnessed it.*'

David's plays have been a regular feature in Swanage at this time of year. Now that the lockdown's over, we're delighted that he's bringing live drama to Harmans Cross!

Admission is free - light refreshments after - donations appreciated.

Put the date in your diary - we look forward to seeing you here!

Good Friday, 15th April At 4.00pm At Harmans Cross Village Hall

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

Alison and the HXVH Committee

PURBECK ART WEEKS FESTIVAL 2022

This year's PAW, from Saturday 28 May to Sunday 12 June, celebrates art in all its forms, music and even outdoor theatre.

PAW's artists are looking forward to welcoming visitors both to their own Open Studios and the collective exhibition at Rollington Barn. Here, around 100 artists will be exhibiting and Purbeck's Young Artists will be showing off their creations in the byre. The Courtyard Café sells the biggest, most delicious cakes you have ever seen and, new this year, we have a pop-up demonstration tent where various artists will be passing on some of their trade secrets. The postcard competition is back and you could even win £250 of art of your choice!

A stellar selection of world class musicians is booked. We are welcoming back the Gabrieli consort & players and Inner City Brass, introducing the amazing Tenebrae and Monteverdi String Band with Hannah Ely, and Pennie Denton is giving a talk on local sculptor Mike Bizley. Look out too for outdoor theatre and a giant puppet (June 4th). There will also be a concert at Encombe House for the Festival Friends. **Tickets can be booked from April, and priority booking for Festival Friends is available from late March.**

So please join us! We all need the arts more than ever during these uncertain times. If you have never been to a chamber concert before, make 2022 the year where you find out what you have been missing. We look forward to seeing you there!

Here is a selection to whet your appetite:

Saturday 28th May 6.30pm St Mary's, Wareham *A BACH CELEBRATION, GABRIELI CONSORT & PLAYERS.*

Tuesday 31st May 7.30pm Harman's Cross *MIKE BIZLEY, A PURBECK SCULPTOR - AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY PENNIE DENTON.*

Saturday 4th June 6.30pm St James', Kingston *THE MADRIGAL REIMAGINED, THE MONTEVERDI STRING BAND WITH HANNAH ELY.*

Monday 6th June 6.30pm The Methodist Church, Swanage **INNER CITY BRASS**

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Saturday 11th June 6.30pm St Mary's, Wareham *BACH, VICTORIA AND MACMILLAN TENEBRAE.*

To book tickets and for more information on the whole Festival please go to www.purbeckartsweeksfestival.co.uk

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So why did Jesus come into this wicked world and die upon a cross? – but let us seek to understand what happened on that cross? It was a fearful scene. There was physical darkness over the scene, but for Jesus it was physical too, He was badly beaten, whipped and tortured by the Roman soldiers, with a crown of thorns on His head, He was abused and taunted, yet He went through with it so that we could know God's forgiveness, and live life differently.

'He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open his mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth'. (Isaiah 53:7.)

But the story didn't end there. Jesus not only died but rose again from the dead – and is alive today! That is why we celebrate the risen King not only at Easter, but every day as the Saviour of the world who is still changing lives today! Jesus paid the price for our sins on that cross and rose again to bring us back to God.

Jesus is the Lord of new beginnings, new days and new lives.

'If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved'. (Romans 10:9.)

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

What will you do with Jesus?

*Will you evade Him like Pilate tried?
Or will you choose Him what'er betide?
Vainly you struggle from Him to hide.
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Neutral you cannot be;
For someday your heart will be asking,*

WHAT WILL HE DO WITH ME? - Author unknown

Celia Taylor (Church Secretary) Fr_ee2talk@yahoo.co.uk Mob. 07908807115

The Purbeck Heaths – National Nature Reserve

This month has seen the culmination of an intense period of work across the Purbeck Heaths landscape. As you'll hopefully be aware this 'super' National Nature Reserve was designated in 2020, bringing together land stretching from Gold Point at the top of the Arne peninsula to the A351, across to the shores of Studland and out to Brownsea Island.

Over the past year we have been creating a single grazing unit on the western part of the landscape, to allow for wilder grazing and the introduction of pigs. The natural processes resulting from better grazing is just what some of the rarest bare ground loving heathland specialists need to survive. To create this single unit we've put up a new perimeter fence, and installed cattle grids. We've also removed a substantial amount of internal fencing between Arne, Middlebere, Slepe and Stoborough heaths. Animals will be out on the new grazing unit this spring.

As a part of the same project we have been working with partners and stakeholders across the area to develop a Sustainable Tourism Plan and information including signs, a leaflet and a new website. These were launched at RSPB Arne on Wednesday 9th March, with those who have been involved in creating them. It has been a real team effort across the landscape of communities, businesses and organisations that live and work within or alongside the heaths. We're proud of making this happen, during a fairly unpredictable year where everyone has been both impacted by covid and welcoming more visitors than ever before. Our plan gets into the tension between visitors, communities, nature and businesses. We've started to pull together themes and projects that look to reduce the **negative** impacts of tourism on the community and nature, as well as how we can increase the **positive** impact that a visit to Purbeck has on the individual so that they may go on to live a life that has less impact on the environment. None of this is simple or easy, but we feel that bringing people together as one landscape gives us the best chance of succeeding. This plan was developed as part of the Purbeck Heaths Grazing Unit project, supported by Defra's Green Recovery Challenge Fund and Wytch Farm Landscape Enhancement Fund.

As with all these projects it's had its surprises that has made it harder to deliver than we expected, that's without Covid impacts too. We're all really looking forward to how the impact of this work plays out across the landscape of people and nature in the coming months and years.

Tom Clarke, on behalf of the Purbeck Heaths Grazing Unit project.

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**WAREHAM TRIAL TRAIN
SERVICE POSTPONED TO
SUMMER 2023**

Dedicated Swanage Railway volunteers have postponed their planned trial diesel train service to the main line at Wareham until the summer of 2023 because of challenging trading conditions and economic uncertainty. It had been hoped to operate the 90-selected day trial public service – using restored 1950s British Railways heritage diesel multiple units upgraded for main line running – during the summer of 2022.

Delays in completing the Swanage Railway’s submission to the Government’s Office of Rail and Road (ORR) to obtain permission to run the trains, the option of bringing in a contractor to operate the trains being uneconomic and main line passenger numbers having not returned to pre-Covid levels – have prompted the postponement decision.

Swanage Railway chairman Gavin Johns said: “We can only run trains to Wareham when the conditions are commercially viable and it’s important that we operate the trial as economically as possible and when commercial conditions are at their best. “We will continue with our main line train operating licence application to the Office of Rail and Road as quickly as practicable. “The Swanage Railway’s business is still recovering from Covid, which badly affected customer and staff confidence, against a background of challenging trading conditions and economic uncertainty. “Trading conditions during 2022 are very unpredictable because they are being heavily affected by significant price rises being borne by our customers and our business – such as the increased cost of coal – as well as the tragedy unfolding in the Ukraine.

“Concentrating on providing viable heritage train services between Norden, Corfe Castle, Harman’s Cross and Swanage remains the Swanage Railway’s first priority. “

The current challenging economic reality has affected our plans for operating a trial 90-selected day trial train service from Swanage and Corfe Castle to the



*First Swanage train arrives Wareham Tuesday 13 June 2017
Courtesy ANDREW PM WRIGHT*

main line at Wareham during 2022 and we are working to deliver that service during 2023, trading and economic conditions permitting.



*Wareham DMUs at Corfe Castle 7 May 2021
Courtesy - ANDREW PM WRIGHT*

“The business case does not currently exist to place external contracts to provide the trial train service to Wareham but we remain fully committed to securing all necessary consents and commencing services with a view to operating to Wareham during 2023. This is the most pragmatic way to proceed,” added Mr Johns who is a volunteer Swanage Railway signalman.

A 60-selected day trial train service from Swanage and Corfe Castle to Wareham operated during the summer of 2017 using heritage diesel locomotives and carriages hired in as well as the contracting of a main line train company to operate the trains.

Gavin Johns explained: “The extensive work required to put in an application to the Office for Road and Rail (ORR) for operating trains to Wareham has been very detailed and has taken longer than expected – it has probably been the most challenging project in the 45-year history of the Swanage Railway. “Trading conditions and economic uncertainties permitting, we plan to run a 90-selected day trial train service to the main line Wareham during 2023. “I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard on the Wareham project which has been a Swanage Railway ambition since British Rail closed the branch line to Corfe Castle and Swanage in January, 1972,” he added.

The two 1950s former British Railways heritage diesel multiple unit trains that the Swanage Railway has refurbished and upgraded, for running on to the main line at Wareham, are a three-carriage Class 117 and a one-carriage Class 121 ‘Bubble Car’.

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.

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Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
2nd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	By Zoom
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
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