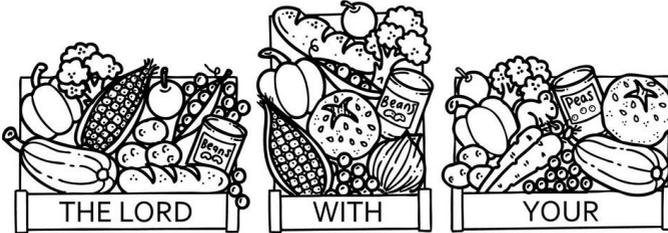


Studland Parish News September 2018



Please colour me in
Can you find the mouse?
Which two boxes have the same harvest food in them?



St Nicholas Church Studland

Note from the editor...

September brings us the autumnal equinox marking the end of summer and the start of autumn. But what a summer it was, scorching hot temperatures, vast amounts of visitors and so many events which have entertained our village, for both resident and tourist alike. I hope you all enjoyed the summer, whatever it gifted you. September should bring with it a little calmness and routine as tourists dissipate and children venture back to school.

September 6th gives us national 'Read a Book Day'. I love to read and therefore encourage you to mark this day too. Today's world is so loud, hyper-connected and busy and we are all dealing with our own matters, reading can give you an escape and your perspective can be changed by a single passage. Of course, it's not compulsory to read a whole book but the day serves as inspiration; read your favourite poem or quote, read with children, donate a book, revisit a memorable bible verse, read a heartfelt letter, return to a diary extract, look at some lyrics, host a book reading party or simply recommend a book to someone else. With the latter in mind, according to a recent Bible Society survey, around 30% of parents in the UK don't know that Adam and Eve, David and Goliath, or the Good Samaritan are in the Bible, and 27% think Superman is or might be a biblical story! Over 33% believe the same about Harry Potter and over 50% even reckon The Hunger Games is or might be a story from the Bible. Quite shocking really! I therefore highly recommend 'The one-hour Bible' by Phili Law, SPCK, which is a taster (not a replacement!) for anyone wanting to explore well-known parts of the Bible on the go. I hope my 11-year-old niece finds it beneficial as she starts her journey of faith this September as I intend to gift it to her at her christening this month.

So, as you read through this jam-packed edition of the Parish News you will encounter good news stories, numerous upcoming events, a 'special' on the Ferry tolls and much much more. Thanks, as always to those of you who have shared content, and I hope everyone enjoys the read.

Sharon Westman, Editor

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The Team Rector writes....

I have good news! The team ministry of Swanage and Studland is to have a curate again. We look forward to this happening next June with real anticipation and excitement. Her name is Solveig Sonet. Let me allow her to introduce herself:

"I was born in France, and lived in Strasbourg until I was 22. I did my first Theology degree in Strasbourg, at the time I was a Protestant of the Augsburg Confession of Alsace and Lorraine. I then moved to the UK and completed another Theology degree at Winchester University, there I became a server at the Cathedral, then a verger, and eventually was re-confirmed in the Church of England. I went on to be verger at Salisbury Cathedral for a few years, where I stopped running away from my vocation and started preparing for the Bishop Advisory Panel on ordinations. I also spent a year as a full-time Pastoral Assistant in an Evangelical church in Clapham, London, immediately before joining Ripon College, Cuddesdon for my formal part of the training.



Despite having a typical Norwegian name, I have sadly no link with Scandinavia. My parents were keen musicians and loved Solveig's Song from Peer Gynt.

*I know very little about Swanage as a town, however my impression of the church has been encouraging. The 4 churches seem to offer a variety and a diversity of worship styles, which has all been part of my formation in the last 3 years. I am particularly interested in the church's involvement in the local community, and the work with youth ministers and the pioneer minister." **Solveig***

Solveig has visited Swanage and Studland and we have had happy meetings with the churchwardens and a few others in all four churches. Though this appointment is to the whole team, it is my thought that she will be based in St Mark's and naturally become part of the important ministry in its school and the Herston area, building upon John Cooper's valuable work over the past few years.

However, we are all conscious that a new curate comes as a deacon, and that Solveig will need our support and encouragement as she experiences the early few months of her ministry as an ordained person, doing all the '1sts' that clergy undertake once in parish life: the 1st pastoral visit, 1st parish event, 1st funeral, 1st school assembly, 1st team meeting (and there are a lot of us clergy about!).

I believe her ordination to the diaconate will be on Sunday 30th June 2019 - which will likely mean a parish outing to Salisbury cathedral, and an occasion for a team party in Swanage on our return! In the meantime, let's keep Solveig in our prayers and give thanks for this new phase in ministry for her, the team ministry here in Swanage and Studland, and especially something new beginning in St Mark's.

Which brings me neatly on to bring you up to date with John Cooper and his 'last' service in St Mark's - which is to be 10am on Sunday 2nd September. It is going to be one of those last services that we hope and pray will only be symbolic of him stepping down as responsible for day to day ministry in St Mark's. John will continue to take services both in St Mark's and across the team in the future, but will be breaking that specific identification with the one church of the group from that September date. We do wish John and Jane a wonderful extended holiday that they are going on. Thank you, John, for all that you have done and continue to do for us all, and for St Mark's in particular.

Two Sundays later, 16th September, we have another celebration, that on the 60th anniversary of the priesting of Peter Burtwell. This will be at Choral Evensong in St Mary's at 6.30pm. There is to be a tea beforehand. There is a general invitation for the clergy to robe and we look forward to congratulating Peter on reaching such a significant milestone in his priestly life.

John Mann

Rectory Ramblings

I am sorry that my ramblings often involve the rectory garden. There is a good reason for this: gardens are good places to allow ramblings to happen; mental, spiritual and physical. But, the coming of September is also the time of planning, which also causes the cogs to turn again. Now I know where everything is, the question that begins the ramblings is what should I be changing? How can I tackle the rocky ground, which a number of people have shown much concern about!

Anyway, it has been a good year, and such a glorious summer. Undoubtedly, a sense of fulfilment is part of what gives pleasure to the harvest of fruit and vegetables, and the cut flowers that appear fresh from outside. But it isn't only that is it? There is always that feeling that one is working in harmony with growing things; that sharing in life's miracle that many of us would also see as woven into God's very intention for humanity: to be part of the created order, and take responsibility for what we hold in trust.

In Swanage we do live very conscious of the movement of the sun and moon, the rising and falling of the tides and the cycle of the seasons. Partially, reflecting on moving from a more generally damp and cloudy north-western corner of these isles, the much-increased hours of sunshine are a bonus that should never be overlooked - I feel sure I will never overlook.

In that regard, were we not very fortunate in the Parish Fete this year, after a washout in 2017? Thanks once again to Margaret Chichen and the whole team that produced an amazing and happy day raising in the final analysis, once a last few expenses were taken out, £1,910.67 for PCC Funds and £1,910.67 for Water Aid. A very good sum to bring in, and much enjoyed by those who managed to pick up bargains too. I know that it is a lot of work, but it is worth it, and much appreciated by all who come, and the money to Water Aid will help people live and reap harvests far from here.

John Mann

Rota for September 2018 for St. Nicholas Church

If unavailable on the day of the service, please arrange for someone else to cover.

DATE	SERVICE	SIDESMEN	READERS
Sunday 2nd 8.00am 14 th Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion BCP TE	Angela Myerscough	Eric Stobart Song of Sol. 2.8-13
			Clergy Mark 7 18,14,15, 21-23
10.00am	Family Communion AH	John Sanders	Audrey Farrell Song of Sol. 2.8-13
			Clergy Mark 7 18,14,15, 21-23
Sunday 9 th 6 th Sunday after Trinity 10.00am	Holy Communion JS	David & Sally Hogsflesh	Janet Watts Isaiah 25. 4-7a
			Clergy Mark 7.24-end
Sunday 16 th 16th Sunday after Trinity 10.00am	Holy Communion AH	Robin & June Hilton	Lesley Cocks Isaiah 50.4-9a
			Clergy Mark 8.27-end
Sunday 23 rd 17 th Sunday after Trinity 10.00am	Holy Communion AH	Jane Hawksworth	Trish Moore Jer. 11.18-20
			Clergy Mark 9. 30-37
Sunday 23 rd 6.30pm	Wine & Worship AH	Doris Royal	Joy Fildes Exodus 19. 10-end
			Clergy Matt 8. 23-end
Sunday 30 th 10.00am 18 th Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion TBA	Keith Tillyard	Joy Fildes James 5.13-end
			Clergy Mark 9 38-end

AH Rev Tony Higgins - **JS** Rev John Staples - **TE** Rev Tony Edmonds - **TBA** To be advised.



St Nicholas Parish News

The garden gave a sigh of relief as the rain began to fall. Despite daily watering the freshness that returned with the rain was very apparent. Colours more vivid, leaves more perky, even the grass starting to green up again. I was both delighted and a little disappointed at the same time. The immaculate but rather brown churchyard was recovering its greenery. I was reminded of the 2nd verse of one of my favourite hymns "Great is thy faithfulness";

"Summer and Winter, springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature, in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love."

No matter how diligent the watering from water butts and then the water tap, the resurgence of nature continues to make my heart leap at the simple miracle we witness. Sunflowers almost 10 feet tall reach for the sky and become a source of marvel for grandchildren. As you will by now have gathered I am loving this summer. August has been a little more relaxed, the delight of greeting couples returning to St Nicholas, having been married here always a delight. The latest addition to "St Nicholas baby's" being Felix George Cowie, son of Hannah (a choir member) and Alex. After a run of little girls, it is the boys turn. 12th August saw Sebastian James Irwin being baptised at the morning service. Also, present Vanessa and Edward plus daughter and No.2 as yet to be born, Ruth and Luke with Josephine, her first visit to St Nicholas. There were at least 12 children and infants, a church full of adults, a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday to Ben" Sebastian's father who had celebrated his 40th birthday the previous day, in all a very joyful occasion. The sense of family lies easily with the congregation at St Nicholas. I am often challenged by Jesus words "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:26) It seems so contrary to all of Jesus other teaching about love, children, marriage. We perhaps have to consider that amid all that is good the real challenge is to understand more deeply what St Paul means in Colossians 3 v 14-15 "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body."

We love to come together in friendship and Godly love, but we must always remember the point of it all is to worship God. That can prove to be a greater challenge than we are often prepared to admit. As we look toward Autumn and winter one area of phenomenal growth has been Pimm's and Hymns, 41 attending in July. Expressions of a desire to continue beyond the summer

months are very encouraging and we have decided to continue with this form of evening worship and social gathering. Experience tells me that which we set out to do for God, God usually has his own ideas about, just as well! How things will develop, we shall wait and see.

We have 4 weddings coming up in September please pray for Kelly and Alex, Ellie and Harry, Charlotte and Nick and Lanara and James. May their lives also be blessed by God as they begin the journey of a lifetime. Words worth repeating:

"Summer and Winter, springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature, in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love." Great is thy faithfulness

From the Registers:

Baptisms

- 12th August - Sebastian James Irwin.

Dates for the diary:

- Thursday 6th September Community Coffee morning resumes at 10.30am Thursday 4th & 5th October decorating the church for Harvest Festival. Any gifts to the church by morning of the 4th please
- Sunday 7th October Harvest Festival 10.00am followed by Harvest Bring and share Lunch at 12.30pm
- Saturday 13th October: Village Harvest Supper

Rev Tony Higgins (Resident Priest)



Flowers and gifts for Harvest festival to St. Nicholas Church by the morning of Thursday 4th October please.

Decorating the church for Harvest mornings of 4th & 5th October.



Coffee mornings start again from Thursday September 6th and thereafter every Thursday (occasional exceptions), 10:30 - 12:00 in the village hall.

£1 for unlimited tea/coffee/hot chocolate and of course biscuits

It is run by residents on a voluntary basis. If you can spare the occasional Thursday morning then please contact Felicity on 01929 450691.



National Trust

There will be musket fire at Corfe Castle the weekend of September 8th – 9th at approximately noon to 12.30pm, 2-2.30pm and 3-3.30pm on each day as part of ‘Civil War: Betrayed’. The event re-enacts the 1646 fall of Corfe Castle to Parliamentary forces with members of the English Civil War Society playing the part of defenders and attackers.



Regular visitors to the castle can experience the dramatic tale in a new way through story points at the south west gatehouse, the west bailey and the inner ward. The Defiance of Mary Bankes audio

experience tells the story from the perspective of the woman who led Royalist resistance at Corfe Castle and is part of Women and Power, an exploration of the stories and impact of women who lived and worked at the special places cared for by the National Trust. Women and Power marks 100 years since women achieved the vote, as well as celebrating the lives of extraordinary women from previous centuries.

Studland History Group

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th September at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker is John Rowley, “All Railroads Lead to Rome”. It will start with the opening of the Goathorn Pier Tramway and finish at the foot of the Spanish Steps in Rome today via St Paul’s Cathedral.



All welcome. Visitors £3.50 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

On 17th October Joyce Meates will give a presentation of “The History of Studland School and on 21st November, “The Churchill Family in the Village and Area we love”, with Martin Churchill.

Joyce Meates. Secretary. 01929 439245



STUDLAND GARDENING ASSOCIATION

Thanks to all who entered or visited the Summer Show on 4th August. We had almost exactly the same number of entries as last year, which given the strange weather we’ve had and also that a few regular entrants did not enter this year, I think bodes well for the future of the Show. Congratulations to all who entered. What a fine display it was and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. And well done to all the children who entered the fancy dress on such a hot day.

We would like to thank all those who donated cakes for the teas (one of the highlights for many visitors). The teas, with the raffle, keep the show afloat financially. We also did well on entry sales and thanks to all who donated.

The cup and award winners, presented by Joey Weekes, were as follows:

The Banksian Medal - Paul Fuller; Diplomas for Horticulture - Paul Fuller; The Hill Close Cup - Andy Churchill; The Manor Farm Cup - Geoff Willcocks; The Arthur Churchill Cup - Andy Churchill; The Warner Cup - Paul Fuller; The James Day Cup - Christine Allen; The C C Day Cup - Sara Brown; The Robertson Cup - Fiona Willcocks; The Hartley Cup - Marilyn De'Ath; The Hofman Cup - Paul Fuller; The Anderson Cup - Paul Fuller; The Ken Swaffield Cup - Andrew Churchill; Fred Redout Cup - Dexter Pearson; The Rennison Cup - Ocean Tillyard; The Studland Cup - Georgina Smith; Children's Fancy Dress (under 8s) - Scarlett Bridges. Names of all the prizewinners will be in the Prize Book which is always on display at the Shows.

Our next meeting is on Monday 22nd October, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when Mike Cheesman will talk on "Wildlife Photography". The AGM will be on Monday 26th November. Non-members are welcome at our meetings for a £1 supplement, or alternatively you can join for just £3 a year.

Stephen Yeoman, Secretary (450587)

ARTSREACH at the Village Hall

"vaudeville-style show" Saturday 29th September at 7.30pm
(Note this is on the Saturday, not the usual Sunday.)

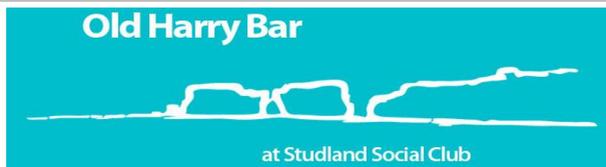


Jamie Smith's MABON - Vocals, accordion, fiddle, bouzouki, bass and drums are subtly exploited by 5 dynamic, accomplished musicians, working traditional forms and styles anew in songs and melodies by composer Jamie Smith. MABON's distinctive, infectious and multi-award-winning music explores the styles of the Celtic traditions and works them anew; the music is self-styled, singular and toe-tappingly good; an irresistible blend of world music and Celtic roots, filled with energy, joy and passion. The energetic sound of jigs and reels; or a graceful mazurka, an ecstatic muinera; a haunting Welsh-language love-song or a driving, sing-along, fantasy epic; all are given the same refreshing, creative treatment as the band dances skilfully along the borders between Celtic heritage and contemporary sound. With a roll-call of performances at major World, Celtic and Folk festivals across the world, the 5-piece band of dazzling musicians perform outstanding original compositions. 2 members of MABON also form part of ALAW, Jamie Smith himself (accordion) and Oli Wilson-Dickson (fiddle). So, for anyone who came to see ALAW at the Village Hall in 2016 or who saw them on the recently televised Prom from the Albert Hall, this local show by MABON will be a must!

Tickets (adults £10, under 18s £6) available from Studland Stores (450204) or online at www.artsreach.co.uk and are bound to be in demand!

More at www.jamiesmithsmabon.com

2 weeks later, back on the usual Sunday, on 14th October, we have secured My Sweet Patootie, a trio from Canada described as "shades of vintage swing, country blues, folk, and ragtime colliding in an uplifting vaudeville-style show".



September - ah the month of mellow fruitfulness...

We haven't been sitting on our laurels in August - if you haven't seen it yet, come and see the fabulous new look in the bar. We have finally managed to finish our planned refurbishment and I hope you will agree it looks fabulous. Huge thanks to Abna and Agi, Joe Parry-Jones and everyone else who helped make it happen. Do let us know what you think - it's unrecognisable! Authentic Italian Pizzas have been flying out of the door recently. Why not place an order on 450561 and either eat in or takeaway? Mamma Mia!

Opening Hours September: -

Thursday from 7pm

Friday from 7pm - including BBQ pack raffle at 9pm

Saturday from 7pm - including Members' Accumulator Draw at 9pm

Monday from 7pm

Dates for Your Diary: -

Saturday 8th September - DJ Jerry from 8pm

Saturday 29th September - PARTY! - All Welcome

No Quiz this month

Wednesday 3rd October - Bar Open supporting the "Celebration of British Puddings" in the Village Hall - bar open from 7pm.

Next month is the now Annual Harvest Supper - pop in see us if you would like to be involved! Saturday 13th October - tickets on Sale soon in Studland Stores.

Members get a weekly email that keeps them updated on additional nights, or you can keep an eye on the boards outside.

Do let friends and family know they can come and see us. For just £1, a member can sign in guests up to 4 times - what are you waiting for? Better still sign them up for membership. Just £5 to join (plus £20 a year). October is "membership month" so members will be receiving renewal instructions soon.

Look out for more information soon on "Cocktail of the Week"

Julie Dyball julie@dyball.com

Studland Parish Council meeting notes from 20.08.018



*The National Trust (NT) provided a report - Following representations at the July SPC meeting, NT officers had now met with the newly formed South Beach Hut Group, who are concerned about coastal erosion on South Beach and the quality of the repairs being undertaken to the gabions there - The NT is continuing to pick up litter by the side of Ferry Road, despite this being a ferry company responsibility - Fire risks to the heathland are diminishing due to the damper weather. The fire on Ballard Down was most likely to be the result of a flare - Carp removal in Little Sea continues, helping improve the quality of the water.

*The District & County Council representatives (Nigel Dragon & Cherry Brooks) gave updates: the set-up of the new unitary Dorset authority is continuing. There is a lot of ambiguity as to how some activities, like Planning, will be organised. The logic behind creating the new unitary authority was that it would save money: however, it seems that few if any savings will be made in the 1st or 2nd year.

*SPC adopted revised/updated Standing Orders: the main changes to these relate to data/information management.

*Proposed Ferry Company fare increases: SPC passed a vote of thanks to the Working Group for preparing the SPC submission to the inquiry. Purbeck District Council (PDC) have appointed a Counsel to represent PDC, Swanage Town Council, SPC and other parish councils: we agreed to support the work of the Counsel as long as the Counsel is prepared to be thoroughly briefed on our submission. We have lobbied Richard Drax, our MP, who has written to the Ferry Company in support of our submission. **(See Page 14 for the full submission)**

*SPC approved a motion from Peter Hammond to procure the Scribe financial accounting software: this is a cloud-based system that provides multiple user access, and will greatly simplify our accounting; the system will automatically generate our annual returns, and reduce the time the Clerk has to spend.

*A motion was passed to support the adoption by Studland Parish Church Council of the tarmac adjacent to St Nicholas Church Green.

*A motion from Fay Pilgrim was passed to ask the NT to consider allowing dogs off their leads on the beach before 9.00am next summer.

*SPC also supported a motion from Julie Dyball requesting funds of up to £1500 to refurbish finger posts in the village: the actual cost should be a lot less due to various volunteers contributing their time free.

*SPC supported Peter Bowyer's proposals on rights of way in the Parish. As per an earlier Parish News, there are 20 footpaths and 19 bridle ways in the Parish. Peter is leading an initiative to improve the footpaths: include creating a diversion off the bridleway from Nine Barrow Down to the Look Out Car Park on the Studland - Corfe Castle road, to create a new footpath from the Obelisk, and to explore reinstating/relocating the footpath from Holmdene, Manor Road to South Beach.

Nick Boulter, Chairman

Refresh

A one-day Christian conference for women will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Saturday 13th October, for women from churches in Swanage and the wider Purbeck area and anywhere people are willing to travel from!

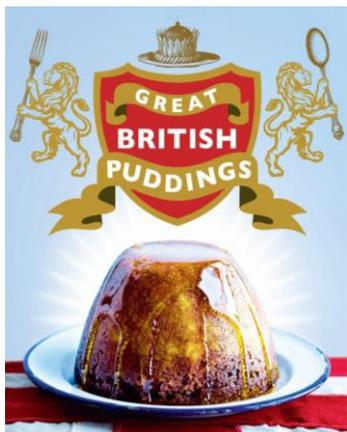
On the theme of 'No Limits!' the speaker will be Usha Oliver, who was very well received at a previous Refresh women's breakfast.

If you would like to come, it would be helpful to know numbers in advance, so please either sign up on the list at Emmanuel, phone the church office, or register online on either the EBC website or Churches Together website. But if in doubt – just turn up on the day and be sure of a warm welcome!

The day will start at 9.30 with tea and coffee and the conference will run from 10am to 2pm. Bring your own lunch but tea, coffee and cake will be provided. The afternoon talk will end at 2pm, but for anyone who would like to stay for prayer ministry, we will keep going as long as people keep coming! A suggested donation for the day is £5.

Emmanuel Baptist Church: 160 Victoria Avenue, Swanage, Dorset BH19 1AZ

Email: contact@emmanuelbc.org.uk - Phone: 01929 427706



Great British Puddings

Wednesday 3rd October 7.00pm

STUDLAND VILLAGE HALL

An evening of fun

Tickets £15

All proceeds to Lewis-manning hospice

A light main meal and selection of puddings, a table quiz, raffle and bar.

CONTACT FELICITY - 01929 450691



Studland Toddler Group

Wednesdays 1–2:30pm - £1 per family

If you care for a child under 5 and would like to meet others, please come along! We do weekly craft activities for both children and adults.

Tel: Mandy - 01929 450520 / 07709701807 or Emma – 07512706325

Sept 12th – Oct 3rd (tbc), 10th 31st – Nov 7th, 14th, 28th – Dec 5th, 12th

FERRY NEWS SPECIAL

“Studland Parish Council submission opposing ferry toll increases”

As you be aware, the ferry company is proposing a substantial increase in tolls. There will be a public consultation – in the Village Hall, on September 25th /26th .

This is the submission from SPC:

Dear Ms. Watson

Bournemouth – Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company: Application to increase tolls 2018:

Submission from Studland Parish Council

I am writing on behalf of Studland Parish Council with connection to the proposed toll increases for the Studland ferry. The ferry company is partially based in our Parish.

This matter has been considered by Studland Parish Council. As with Purbeck District Council, and Swanage Town Council, we want to object in the strongest possible terms to the increases in tolls proposed by the ferry company in their consultation.

We also wish to support the comments made by Purbeck District Council and Swanage Town Council about the adverse impact the proposed increases would have on our residents, and on the visitors to Studland. We do however wish to make a number of additional comments. We would urge that these are taken into consideration during the consultation.

Detrimental impact of fare increases on ferry and road usage: we note that the number of users of the ferry has fallen continually since the previous fare increases. Data showing this is in both the ferry company submission, and in the submission from Swanage Town Council (3rd April 2018). In non-refit years, car users have declined from 856,972 in 2008/9 to 744,785 in 2016/17; with truck usage falling – over the same period – from 3,931 to 1,475. Cars and lorries are still coming to the Isle of Purbeck, indeed with on-line ordering / home deliveries, road traffic is likely to be increasing, implying that these vehicles are driving around via Wareham – increasing traffic and pollution on the roads: as cars and lorries become more fuel efficient, but ferry fares soar, it is logical for increasing numbers of users to opt to travel by road, making the ferry usage a “luxury” for visitors / tourists rather than an “every day” expense for residents. Further excessive increases in fares, as proposed, will force more cars and lorries to use the longer route round, further exacerbating the detrimental impact on the environment.

Proposed fare increases far outstrip inflation: the proposed fare increases would lead to an increase in fares of 70% between 2014 and 2021, at a time when price inflation is likely to have risen much less: by approximately 10% in-between January 2014 and January 2018 (ONS), with projected increases to 2021 of only

about 3% pa. Wage increases over the same period have also been approximately 10.0% (ONS). Over a longer period, the proposed increases will lead to fares for car usage rising from £2.20 in 2003 to £6.00 in 2021: an increase of 272%, over a period when RPI will have increased by only about 65%!

The proposed fare increases are therefore eroding the standards of living of users, leading to a redistribution of wealth from ferry users to ferry owners.

Studland users require discounts on usage: whilst residents throughout the Isle of Purbeck are affected by the past and proposed fare increases, and should be entitled as residents to discounts, the proposed fares are particularly detrimental to the residents of Studland. For residents of Studland who commute to work in Poole / Bournemouth, the proposed increase in fares of £1.50 would lead to an extra “journey to work” cost of £15.00 a week, or £60.00 a month: this is at a time when RPI and earnings increases are only 3% p.a. or less.

It is Studland residents who live closest to the ferry and would have to travel the furthest if they are forced to travel to Poole / Bournemouth via Wareham. In addition, access to the main A351 is increasingly difficult for residents: in the summer, queues of up to a half a mile are common along the Studland – Corfe Castle Road (B3357) as residents and visitors attempt to access the A351. This contributes to increased travel times of 30 – 60 minutes.

Studland is a small village, but as Studland residents represent the most “captive” market for the Ferry company, we request that a substantial residents discount be introduced. We believe car fares for residents should be pegged at £3 – this would represent a 50% discount on the proposed fares for 2021. The rationale for this is clear: Studland residents have the most to lose through the excessive increases; but the impact on revenue loss to the ferry company would be totally insignificant. As the ferry partially operates from our Parish, and some major items of its assets – Ferry Road, one of the slipways, offices and housing – are entirely within the Parish, this is a move more likely to generate good will.

The Ferry Company could administer this discount through a number of ways: e.g.

Through a Studland discount on bulk purchase of tickets for proven Studland residents or through a loyalty or charge card specifically for Studland residents.

Without these discounts it will be increasingly impossible for many residents to use the ferry, forcing them to drive the long way around via Wareham – increasing road traffic and pollution. Local residents will be priced out of using the ferry – which will be increasingly only used by tourists willing to pay for a one-off luxury.

Year of replacement of ferry: 2021 or 2026? In 2014 the ferry company submitted that it needed to raise fares in order to build a replacement ferry in 2021 at a cost of £9.009m. To do this it would need to transfer £1.067m pa to reserves to top up an existing fund of £1.543m. However, it was stated in the 2015 decision document that it would not be possible to provide these transfers

to the Ferry Replacement Reserve (FRR) and pay reasonable dividends. In its 2018 submission, the ferry company says it will now replace the ferry in 2026. No rationale is given for this extension. We would ask the Inspector to question the ferry company on why and how the replacement date has been delayed for 5 years. Further, the Inspector should ask: if the ferry replacement can be delayed from 2021 to 2026, what is to stop the ferry company – in its next submission for fare increases – saying that the replacement will then be in 2031? We are not arguing for such a delay, but simply pointing out:

In 2014, the ferry company argued that it needed to replace the ferry in 2021, and requested that fares be increased to build a fund to help pay for that and enable increased dividends. The 2015 decision document refers to the projected cash balance at 31st March 2020 having increased to £3.201m - if the application were successful - as opposed to a replacement cost of £9.009m. This implies the need for external funding of £5.808m.

In 2018, there is no mention by the ferry company of the proposed 2021 replacement, or the rationale for the delay to 2026. How seriously can 2026 be taken as a target? it is quite possible that ferry users will be asked – for a second time – to pay increased fares for a new ferry that never comes. Is one reason for the delay in replacement to utilise the intervening period to raise more of the funds from the ferry users rather than raising external funds?

The Ferry company should now set out its case for replacement of the ferry in 2026 rather than at an earlier or later date.

Proposed increases are excessive and financially unnecessary: in its submission, the ferry company argues that the increases are necessary to build reserves to enable the funding of the ferry in 2026, whilst maintaining very healthy dividends for the ferry company owners. Our comments are:

The increase is designed to provide the necessary reserve / replacement funds of £10.669m. by 2026. To do this, the ferry company would transfer £970,841 pa from revenues to reserves. As the purpose of the current proposed fares increases will have been met by 2026, is the ferry company proposing to cut fares in 2026, and bring them back to pre- 2014 levels? This would be the logical outcome of allowing the proposed increases, and those allowed in 2014. Otherwise by 2026, dividends to shareholders will be 54% of revenues – a hugely excessive amount.

There is no need for the ferry company to build the reserves in only 8 years: a more effective method to fund the new ferry would be through a loan or mortgage e.g. Marine Mortgage, the repayments for which would be spread more evenly across the proposed life of the new ferry. This would also be more tax effective for the ferry company as the ferry company would be able to obtain tax relief on the interest cost of this loan.

The purchase of a replacement ferry will qualify for Additional Investment Allowance and Capital Allowances at the then ruling rate of Corporation Tax. This should be taken account of in setting the fares. At current rates this would benefit the ferry operator by £1.919m over a period of time.

It would appear that the majority of the extra funds have been utilised for increasing the level of dividend payments

The existing ferry, if replaced in 2026, will have a value: no value for it is built into funding the new ferry. However, the annual accounts currently value the ferry at £1.9m. Inclusion of this would clearly decrease the extra funding needed from fares / loans for the replacement fund.

For the record, the Ferry Company is already very profitable. The 2018 accounts show an increase in the pre-tax margin on revenue from 40.7% to 47.4%. the “management charge” has increased from £127k to £159k. Current assets after payment of a dividend of £750k increased by £550k to £1.3m.

Valuation of assets: by its own admission, the ferry company makes a very high rate of return on turnover compared to its benchmark group of companies. Its preferred measure is average return on investments (profits after tax as a percentage of total net assets). It is therefore in the ferry company’s interests to inflate the value of its assets. In particular, we would like to draw attention to the valuation of the road to Studland (Ferry Road). This, together with the slipway and land are valued at £11.528m. This is however an “asset” that the ferry company does not fully own: the land on which it is based is National Trust land. Also, the ferry company does not take full responsibility for the road: for example, the National Trust has to clear large volumes of rubbish left by road users.

We call for an independent valuation of the road, and all the ferry company’s assets, to enable a better assessment of return on its assets.

Regulated capital and cost of capital: the Ferry Company is a regulated utility (‘the Franchise’) and its pricing regime should thus be determined in the same way as any other regulated utility. In particular:

The regulated asset base of the Franchise should be determined on the same basis as that used for other regulated utilities.

The optimal, most efficient capital structure for the Franchise should be determined. Given the relative stability and predictability of cash flows of the Franchise, a significant proportion of the capital should be provided by means of secured debt. It is very inefficient to fund the entire franchise with equity.

The Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) should be determined based upon the optimal capital structure, the cost of long term secured debt and the cost of equity determined using the Capital Asset Pricing Model.

The use of a ‘sinking fund’ for asset replacement is inappropriate and arcane. Capital investment should be funded out of cashflow and borrowing as and when planned. Dividend policy should be determined by cash availability.

The guarantee given by the Franchise company to associated companies should be removed. There is no reason why the Franchise and the users of the regulated assets should subsidise borrowings by an associated business which has no relevance to the Franchise. Should the guarantee be called, this would severely reduce the capacity of the Franchise company to invest in the required capital expenditure such as the replacement ferry.

The Franchise timeframe and conditions should be reviewed, and legislation considered, if need be, to amend either the term or the terms of the Franchise. There are many other parties who are likely to be interested in bidding for the Franchise and investing in it to provide a better proposition for users of the Franchise facility.

Operating costs / efficiencies: our principal comments here are two:

The ferry company, in its projections, is building in increased expenditures of 3.6% pa. Most organisations – private and public sector- today build in cuts to their operating costs on an annual basis. For example, many of the latest public sector pay increases have to be funded through operational efficiencies. It is outrageous that the ferry company wishes to exploit its monopolistic position without facing the same tough decisions that other organisations are facing

The fare collection mechanism in particular is outdated: fares are paid through buying tickets from an attendant at a window, or paying cash directly to the attendant. The ferry company has made no attempt to move into the 21st century: for example, through purchase of tickets on line; through having a separate line for automatic payments (e.g. preloaded charge cards): these are common at motorway toll booths, where the systems and processes are intended to speed the flow of traffic and cut operating costs. The current method is more akin to the 19th than the 21st century.

Transport Charges and C (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1954

Revisions to charges (i.e. fares) are regulated by this Act. Specifically, paragraph 6.3 states the grounds for increases to be allowed:

“In making any order on an application under this section, the Minister shall have regard to the financial position and future prospects of the undertaking and shall not make any revisions of charges which in his opinion would be likely to result in the undertaking receiving an annual revenue either substantially less or substantially more than adequate to meet such expenditure on the working, management and maintenance of the undertaking and such other costs, charges and expenses of the undertaking as are properly chargeable to revenue, including reasonable contributions to any reserve, contingency or other fund and, where appropriate, a reasonable return upon the paid up share capital of the undertaking.”

Our contention is, as shown above, is that the proposed increases in charges:

Are grossly excessive

Are poorly structured from a financial point of view

Are way beyond what the Act envisaged, and what the Minister can legitimately approve

We call for an independent valuation of the road, and all the ferry company's assets, to enable a better assessment of return on its assets.

In summary, we would argue:

The proposed fare increases are grossly excessive and should be rejected, with any increase in fares limited to no more than the rate of inflation.

Residents in Studland are most unfairly and unfavourably placed to sustain further fare increases: we advocate substantial discounts for Studland residents, with car fares fixed at no more than £3 – 50% of the £6 fares proposed for 2021.

The replacement of the ferry seems to be a moving target, with dates set and re-set primarily to justify fare increases, and to sustain already high dividend levels. We ask the Inspector to explore the rationale for the delay in replacing the ferry from 2021 to 2026, and to discover whether there are likely to be further delays e.g. to 2031. The inspector should ask the ferry company to explain the rationale for the replacement of the ferry in 2026.

The proposed fare increases are an inefficient mechanism for raising any necessary reserves and will be subject to Corporation Tax: this would be better done, at lower cost and in a more tax efficient manner, through a loan or marine mortgage.

The proposed fare increases, if implemented, would lead to dividend levels of 54% pa after 2026: this is grossly excessive, and we require a justification for this.

As the proposed fare increases would provide the necessary funding for the ferry replacement by 2026, we ask: is the ferry company proposing that fares be reduced at that stage?

We call for an independent valuation of the road, and all the ferry company's assets, to enable a better assessment of return on its assets.

Valuation of assets: the regulated asset base of the Franchise should be determined on the same basis as that used in other utilities.

We request that the ferry company invests in improvements to its payments systems that speed up traffic flows and reduces costs.

We request that the terms of the franchise be reviewed, and that the Franchise be opened to competitive bidding to test if other operators would be willing to provide a better service at lower fares.

Yours sincerely,
Nick Boulter, Chairman, Studland Parish Council

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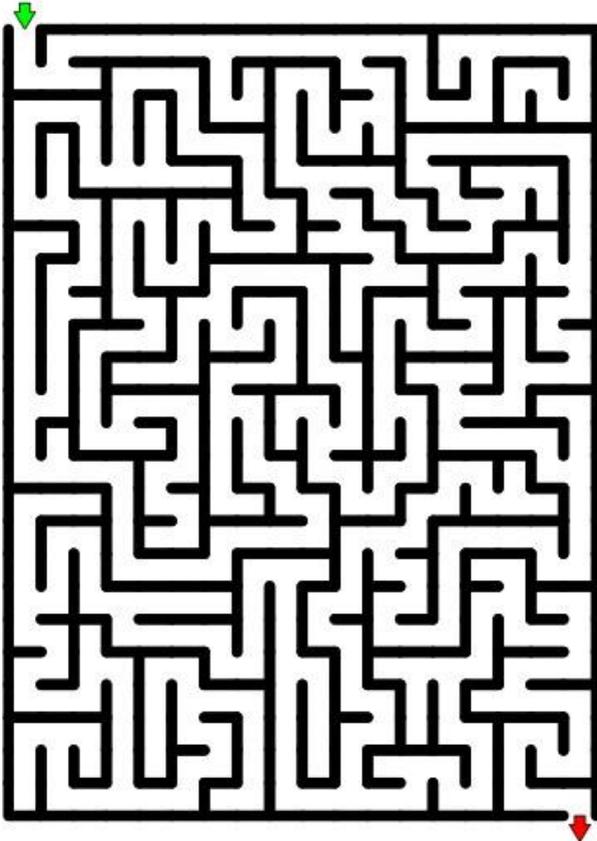
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