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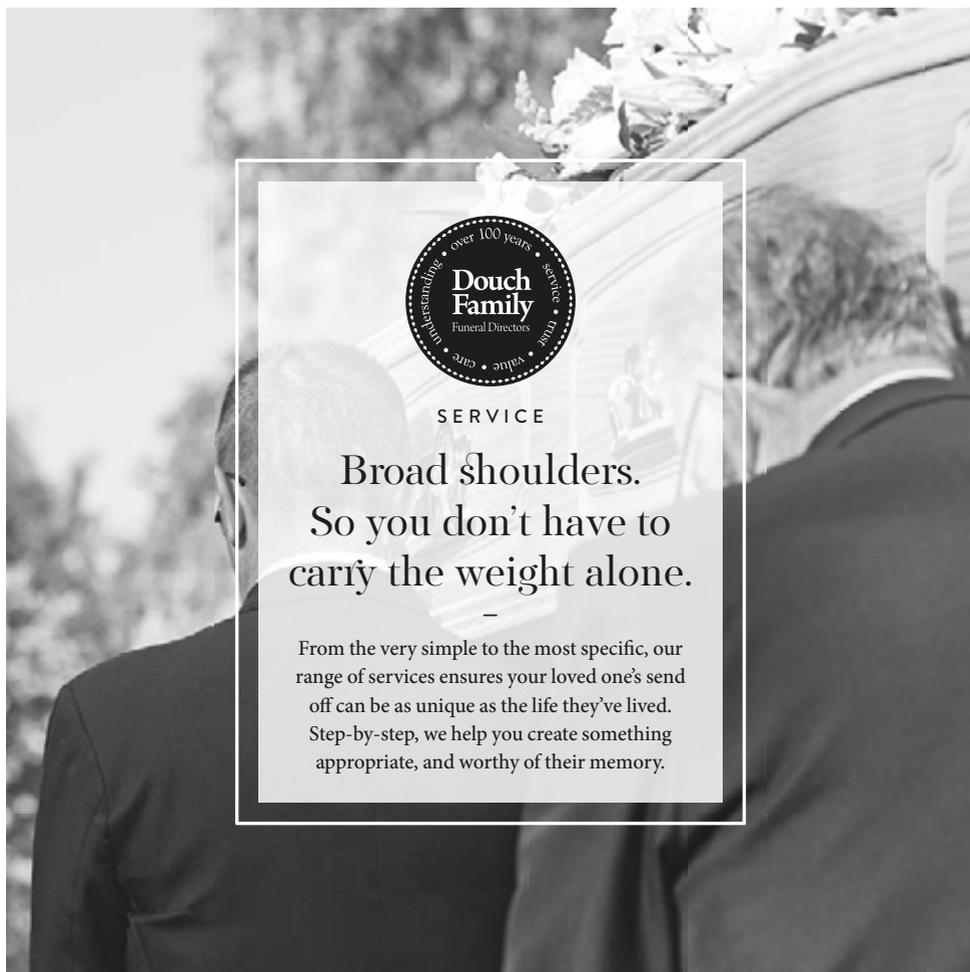
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Preferably items should be e-mailed to **corfevalleynews@tiscali.co.uk**

Items received after the 15th may not be printed until the next issue

Editorial

The days are shortening, and people are beginning to think about Christmas. There are already some Christmas ads in this edition as well as notices about Christmas events taking place in December. It is amazing how quickly time appears to pass and each year blends in with the next one. The disappointment for me is when the clocks change at the end of this month; it always seems that we've lost most of the day.

Could I just remind all our wonderful contributors that the deadline for items for publication in the CVN is the 15th of the month. Please do your best to meet the deadline if you possibly can. Although we can be flexible up to a few days it helps us enormously if we can get a first draught done quite quickly.

The surgery has been giving flu injections and various sites have started covid injections again. Let's hope that as many of us as possible can remain healthily flu and covid free through the winter.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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The Samaritans	01202 551999
Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting	0800 068 4145
Childline	0800 1111
Dorset Councillor – Cherry Brooks	07512897908

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SEPTEMBER 2023 FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Pass Wide & Slow, Ride During the Public Participation section of the Parish Council's monthly meeting, a Member of Public wished to bring the Parish Council's attention to an event, which by the time you read this will have taken place. It was noted this event is part of a larger National event happening throughout the Country over the course of the month. Although the national aim is a road safety campaign the local aim is to get landowners including the National Trust and its tenants to open more permissive paths across Purbeck. This would then join up existing paths across the area, and enable horse riders, cyclists, and walkers alike to be able to travel safely from Studland to Swanage off the highways.

The National Trust and Dorset Council has already been in contact regarding these matters, and the National Trust have stated for one of the suggested routes, gates are required to be installed on Corfe Common, and this work will not be possible until the Commons Committee is back up and running.

Corfe Castle Parish Council support the idea of joining up routes across Purbeck so users do not have to use the A351 and other busy roads and will contact Dorset Council requesting a meeting with the appropriate organisation representative to put a plan in place which would enable, riders, walkers and cyclists alike safe passage across Purbeck.

Dorset Council update: During the September Parish Council meeting, Cllr Cherry Brooks gave a verbal update on Corfe Castle Parish issues. It was stated Dorset Council is still working on a safe route from Norden to Corfe Castle. Dorset Council is also talking to bus companies about making Purbeck Park a Bus hub and are considering trying it again as a park and ride facility. Cllr Brooks was requested to investigate the possibility of an electronic sign before the Purbeck Park roundabout, which would indicate if the National Trust Car Park, and or West Street car park was full, and then directing visitors to use Purbeck Park. It was stated the PC had previously asked that Dorset Council have a plan in place for summer 2024 including a bus shuttle so that cars parked outside the village.

Planning: Over the last couple of months Councillors have noticed various building works which have taken place, although planning permission has not been sought. Corfe Castle Parish Council agreed that the latest two incidents should both be reported to Dorset Council, with a request Dorset Council insist that retrospective planning permission be applied for.

Corfe Castle Youth Club: Corfe Castle Parish Council have again this year agreed to help support the running of the Corfe Castle Youth Club for 2023/24. All children in the Parish are welcome to join.

Gods Acre - Scattering of Ashes and Garden of Reflection: Corfe Castle Parish

Council have agreed to investigate the possibility of creating an area within Gods Acre for the scattering of ashes within a Garden of Reflection, and setting aside an area where plaques commemorating loved ones who are no longer with us can be added to a long stone bench in their memory.

Coach Parking: The month of August saw several coaches, attempting to drive down West Street, and then turn around! Or park up on East Street (as they "have nowhere else to go"! This as you can imagine has caused mayhem on our roads and is a safety concern. Corfe Castle Parish Council have agreed the following: anytime a coach is spotted trying to drive down West Street or park up on East Street, if Members of Public can contact the Clerk with the coach operators details and where possible a picture, the Clerk will write to the operator and advise they park in Purbeck Park, or ideally book in with the National Trust in advance, so that a parking space can be reserved for them within the National Trust car park.

Male Incontinence: This is not a subject many people find comfortable speaking about but a condition which does affect a large percentage of men of all ages. Corfe Castle Parish Council is leading the way in ensuring men who suffer with this condition can still visit our area, by agreeing to install a male incontinence bin within the Gents and Disabled section of the West Street toilets.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return - Notice of conclusion of audit:

Corfe Castle Parish Council

Notice of conclusion of audit

Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2023

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

1. The audit of accounts for Corfe Castle Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been completed and the accounts have been published.
2. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of Corfe Castle Parish Council on application to:

Michelle Harrington - Clerk
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3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £3.00 for each copy of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

Announcement made by: M Harrington

Date of announcement: 21st August 2023

Next Council Meeting – Monday 9th October 2023, 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.

Parish Council contact details: *(Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors)*

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Who to Contact When:

If you have a problem, do you know who best to call to help deal with the issue? If not don't worry, the contacts below may help you.

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To report a pothole

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To report an overgrown hedge, tree or verge onto the highway

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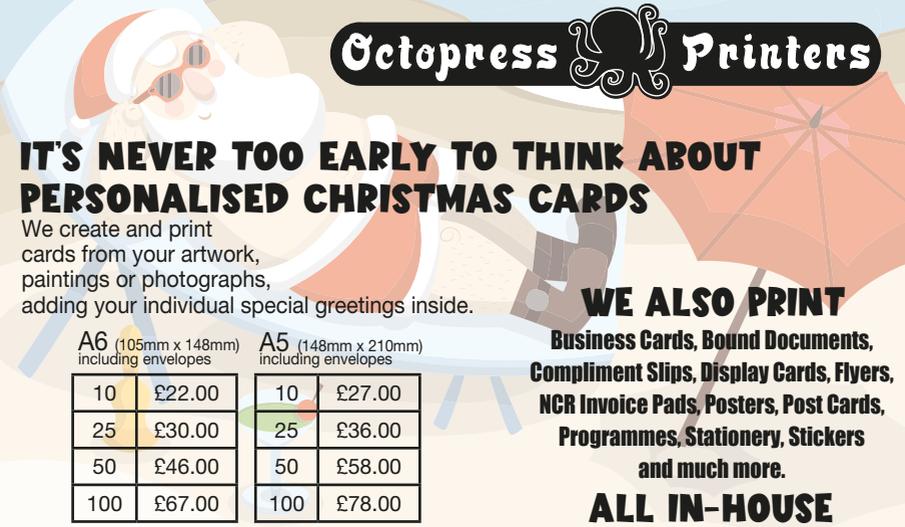
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The September meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 12th September at 6:30pm. It was attended by four members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair), the Dorset Councillor Cherry Brookes and four members of the public.

The main items of interest in the meeting were:

Public Discussion

A progress report on the Kimmeridge Pass scheme for local residents was given and some 85 households have signed up for it so far. The Parish Council reiterated its position that this initiative is independent of the Parish Council and that the Council cannot be involved in its management or finances.

It was reported that the standard of the work in clearing the ditches on the road to Bradle was of such a poor standard that the stormwater would not flow away properly and that the road would flood in a storm. This will be taken up with the Highways Department.

Vacancies on the Parish Council

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council which has a full strength of nine and any interested parishioners can apply to clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk. No applications have been received this month.

The Playing Field

The annual survey by The Play Inspection Company was considered and it was resolved to replace both of the cradle swing seats on the swing where there is a recently broken seat. It was also resolved to treat all of the wooden components and poles in the playing field with a coat of preservative. Prices for this are being sought, please see below.

Neighbourhood Plan

The application for the next tranche of grant funding is in. Nicola Pitcher is the chair of the reconvened Steering Group.

Planning

It was reported that the construction work at the farm buildings belonging to

the Blue Pool estate at Furzebrook Farm was of such a nature and had progressed to such a material extent that it was thought that Planning Permission should have been obtained. It was resolved to seek clarification of this from the Planning Department.

Highways

There is an H-bar painted on the road opposite the turning by the phone box. This was put in by Dorset Highways to keep this section of road clear of parking to allow agricultural and other vehicles room to make the turn. Complaints were again received about cars parking in a manner that obstructs both the turning and the access to the nearby properties.

Tenders

Tenders are being sought for treating all of the timber at the playing field with an approved preservative. The timber will have to be sanded to remove any splinters first. Apply to the Clerk at clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk for details.

The September meeting finished at 8:40pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Furzebrook Village Hall at 6:30 on 10th September.

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National Trust – The Artful Ranger

Encouraging people to be curious about the natural world, Mark J Newton (also known as The Artful Ranger) tells us about his inspiration for a painted mural at Corfe Castle.

My name's Mark, and I was recently employed as a ranger with the National Trust's Purbeck Countryside team. Since I was a teenager I'd always wanted to work as a ranger, but my career trajectory led me through many other jobs and studies before I eventually landed my dream role of working in conservation.

When I was 25, I discovered I could paint, and was encouraged to go to university to hone this skill. I ended up studying Fine Art Painting at the Cass School of Art in Whitechapel, London, and afterwards had a solo exhibition near Waterloo Station all about endangered reptiles and amphibians. My work as an artist has always been a sideline to other career pursuits however. When I became a Ranger this was no exception; while out working in the field I began a regular nature journal, illustrating it with the animals and plants I encountered.

It was the pages of this nature journal that got me the job of painting the mural at Corfe Castle. One of my colleagues, Sophie Trenchard, saw my artwork on Instagram and thought that my style could be applied on a larger scale on the wall of the ticket office. She got in touch and asked if I'd like to be commissioned to produce the piece. Naturally, I leapt at the opportunity!

Most Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at the end of my "day job" as a ranger, I would come into the ticket office once it was closed to the public and paint until the sun set. I did this between April and August 2023, and spent at least 110 hours working on it. Most of the elements were painted in one sitting: for example, the Wall Lizard was completed in 5 hours on a single evening. The whole mural measures 4.6m by 3.2m and is painted entirely in acrylic paint.



I feel so honoured to have been asked to paint this mural. One of the reasons I produce art is to educate others about nature, and encourage them to be curious about the

natural world. Now more than ever, environmental issues and declining biodiversity are hugely important topics, so I think it's vital to raise people's awareness of the beauty and uniqueness of our natural heritage. It really means a lot to have my work in such a public place, where visitors can see it and learn about the animals and plants at Corfe Castle.

My advice to anyone wanting to work in conservation or become an artist is the cliched "Never give up!". I trained to become a ranger at the age of 42 after changing my career multiple times. Throughout my eclectic working life, I've always continued to be creative. Persistence, patience and practice really do pay off, and you can achieve almost anything you set your mind to!

Marks mural can be seen at the Corfe Castle ticket office during opening hours (10.30am-4.30pm). His artwork can also be found on most social media channels via [@theartfulranger](https://www.instagram.com/theartfulranger) and contacted for commissions via email: theartfulranger@gmail.com

By Mark J Newton

The Artful Ranger



Corfe Castle Surgery

Please note that if you were not able to attend the first flu clinic on 16th September, we plan to hold another during October so please check with us, look out for a text or view the website for dates and details. This will be a walk-in, no appointment needed clinic for over 65's and 18-64 year olds in an 'at risk' group for Corfe Castle patients only. If we have not already contacted you please call reception on 01929 480441 for more details.

All children will be contacted separately with an appointment to come into the Surgery.

Covid vaccination clinics are to be held at Wareham Hospital again for the next booster but the Surgery are not involved in the booking of these so please contact NHS 119 or go online at nhs.uk.

I would just like to remind all patients wanting to collect prescriptions and/or medication, that the dispensary is CLOSED on Thursday afternoons from 1pm, therefore we cannot give out medication. We are open every other day from 8.30am until 6.30pm

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries.

Kerry Norman
Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

The summer has gone quickly and we are now planning for winter !

By the time this is published ,the Surgery will have held its first Flu vaccination morning when I hope many were able to attend. There will be another Flu session in October so please look out for information.

Also an Autumn programme of Covid vaccinations will restart at Wareham Hospital from the week beginning 18th September over 3 days

(Monday, Thursday ,Friday. from 0930 -1630- first clinic on 21st September)
Appointments can be booked via the National Booking System by calling 119 . This system goes live on 18th September.

Our next PPG Health talk is booked for **THURSDAY OCT 19th,7pm at the Corfe Village Hall** when Dr Anjee Shah from University Hospitals Dorset will be joining us . Her talk is entitled '*Getting to know your skin*' and will

cover tips for looking after our skin, how to manage eczema, psoriasis and explain the difference between benign and cancerous skin lesions whilst also highlighting issues relating to children and youngsters.

Please do join us for this talk - you will be very welcome .

I have also been doing some research on services available in our area for those who have Parkinson's disease as I received a patient request that we consider arranging a health talk for those with this condition; we will aim to do this and will likely include other neurological problems. Please do contact us if there are other conditions you would like us to try to cover.

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Corfe Castle Surgery
Patient Participation Group



**'GETTING TO KNOW
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Arish Mel English Ceilidh Band is providing the music and Caller for Double Act's Barn Dance on Friday October 27th in Corfe Castle Village Hall, 7:30 pm. There's a ploughman's supper (with vegetarian options) to enjoy as well. Full details are elsewhere in this magazine, but tickets are available on-line or from the Village Stores. Come and join us – these events are always great fun for all ages, whether you are dancing or just enjoying being a spectator!

It's not long now to our November production of Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders, by Derek Webb. Finally this year we are back to our traditional format of three evening performances (Thursday to Saturday November 23rd – 25th) and a Saturday afternoon matinee. The play is full of humour and larger-than-life characters, but who is the murderer, who isn't going to make it the final curtain, and why? Devotees of Heath Spas may find some scenes familiar, but hopefully not all!

Check local publicity or on-line to make sure you don't miss out on this most entertaining production, directed by Chris Kemp.

We are always looking for new members, so if you fancy a bit of acting, or can share your talent for costumes, set construction, or especially producing or directing, please get in touch. You can now join Double Act as a 'Friend' (for just £5) if you'd prefer to just help out occasionally, or would like to support your local drama group without getting too involved. Contact us by any of the methods below.

Barn Dance – Oct 27th; 'Health Spa Murders Nov 23rd – 25th.

If you would be interested in joining our friendly safe group or for more details, please contact the chairman, David Kemp 01929 480007, or secretary David Watson 01929 481265 - or email doubleactdramagroup@gmail.com
New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome!

All our meetings conform to relevant Covid restrictions.



CORFE CASTLE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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Corfe Castle Primary School



The start of September saw our children return to school and we were delighted to welcome 12 children into our reception class. By the time you read this, it will be October and we would have had our early Harvest Festival in the church with Rev. Ian Jackson. As a church school, it is always hard to say goodbye to clergy, but we want to offer a heartfelt thanks to Ian for his service to our community and our school, leading collective worship, whole school services and as a foundation governor - thank you. We wish Ian and Mary all the very best for their retirement.



Engagement with our community:

We continue to engage with our community, and we were delighted to be a part of the film 'Let's Go Wild' for Planet Purbeck Festival, which was shown at the Mowlem on Saturday 23rd September.

Planet Purbeck also approached us about helping to name the Sand Lizard at the base of Corfe Castle. The children took part in a school-based competition!



As we look forward to the end of the year, we also continue to be supported by our PTFA - our first event for Bingo took place last week on 29th September.

Support from our community - please.

Alongside the PTFA, we are looking to raise some significant funds to help resurface and update our playground for the benefit of our children. If any local businesses or local parishioners wish to contribute, donate or support this and would like to talk to us in more detail, then please do contact the office on the email address below or call us on 01929 480428.

Thank you for your continued support.

The school vision: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Thank you for all your continuing support, Miss Amy Howe (Headteacher) and Mr Robert Stoner (Deputy Headteacher) and the whole team at Corfe Castle Primary School.

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5th September Floral Design – Carole Lehman

It was our very own Carole Lehman who gave us this lovely floral design demonstration. Carol set up her working table with a blue cover and using her cake decoration turntable gave us some very useful information regarding flower design. Carol bought with her, 2 vases, Sellotape, foliage, small and large leaves, different plant material, flowers of different lengths, Secateurs/Kitchen scissors and pebbles for the bottom of the vase.

She explained that she no longer uses oasis as it is not bio degradable. Instead using chicken wire. The Sellotape was an interesting tip, as she used it in the first display, taping it across the top of a white jug in separate strips to form a mesh, leaving enough space to push the stems through into the jug. Depending on size of the jug, 3 strips one way and 2 the other. This made such a difference to the flower stems staying in place. Carole had a selection of flowers and foliage from her garden and also a bunch if chrysanthemums from our local shop. The first vase was mainly magenta and white with some pink and the second was red, yellow and green. They were both beautiful. Some of our members had bought their own flowers, greenery and vases to make up their own displays, which were all lovely. The smell in the hall was delightful. Tea, coffee and biscuits followed Thank you, Carole, for a lovely afternoon.

3rd October - Louise Hayward Local History.

Louise, who writes in the CVN and is our resident historian will be giving an interesting talk on our local history.

New Members We are always looking for new members for our group. We are a friendly lot and apart from our once-a-month meeting, we have book groups, a luncheon group, strollers and walkers. If you want to come as a guest to one of our meetings, there is a small charge of £3.

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Environmental Group Update



At the time of writing we are looking forward to our September meeting, where we have Dilys Gartside coming to speak about Why 20(mph)?

Corfe Castle Parish Council are considering whether to apply to Dorset Council for a 20mph limit, and are seeking residents opinions on whether this is supported or not, so if you have any thoughts about this, please contact our Clerk, Michelle.

On the subject of travel, visitors enjoyed free parking at Purbeck Park (Norden) on Fri 15th and Sat 16th September, as part of the Corfe Castle EG contribution to the first Purbeck Active and Sustainable Travel Week. Other activities included a stall where members of different organisations involved in travel and nature, including Dorset CAN, Purbeck Transport Action Group, Poole Harbour Trails, Sustrans, NT were providing information and advice. Cyclexperience also offered a significant discount to Purbeck residents during this Week.

Corfe Castle Primary School also joined in the fun! Mr Stoner brought a group of children to Purbeck Park (free parking for their minibus!) where they had a demonstration of how to mend a bike puncture and enjoyed trying a smoothie made by the smoothie maker bike! The Purbeck Mining Museum also opened specially early so the children could enjoy a visit before heading back to school in time for lunch.

The Planet Purbeck Festival kicked off with events starting on Friday 15th Sept, including the Burnbake Big Camp Out, followed by a mini Festival at Sandy Hill Arts on Saturday, both looked to be successful events enjoyed by all. Unfortunately the weather then changed with thunderstorms, heavy rain and high winds causing some events to be cancelled, but the Mowlem Celebration of Purbeck was a complete sell out! To see photos and videos from the events at this year's Festival, visit <https://planetpurbeck.org/festival/>

Next Get-Together

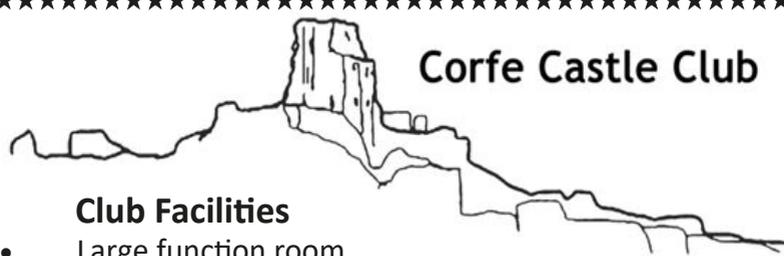
Thurs 19th October; Mortons Manor. 7.15pm in the bar - 7.30pm start.

We have still to arrange a speaker for this meeting, but will let everyone know via our usual email reminders (or you can ring the Clerk to enquire).

Get in touch: Parish Clerk (Michelle) - environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk

Facebook: "Corfe Castle Environmental Group"

Core Members: Josey, Helen, Tom, David, Richard & Luke



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Sunday: All day 12.00 - 7.00pm

Weekly Events	Forthcoming Events
Poker Night: Wed 8.30pm One Card Bingo: Fri 8.30pm Beer/Meat Draw: Sat evening One Card Bingo: Sun 1.00pm	4th Nov 7.30pm —Quiz Night If any members would like to suggest and organise any clubs the committee would love to hear from you

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From George IV to Victoria. Part 1

The 1800s saw some changes in the Borough (it stopped being a borough for a start). Maps were still variable but improved though out the century. From this early 1800s map ...

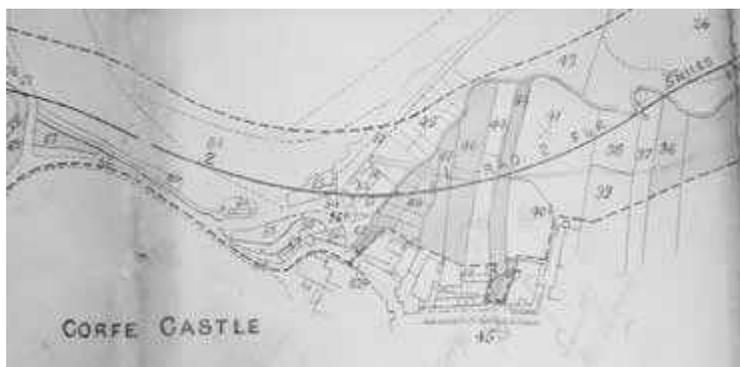


... to the 1st OS map below surveyed in 1886.



<https://maps.nls.uk/view/101447495>

Corfe's 1844 borough map, produced for the Bankes and Bond families, was far better drawn than the tithe map as John Martin, a brilliant cartographer, had started measuring the land from 1838 (you can see his map in the Museum). Then the railway was built, and the maps altered again. The route planned in about 1881 passed through various fields (see map below).



A house on East Street and a cottage on Sandy Hill Lane were knocked down.



Moss's house, in between The Bankes Arms and Clealls, was levelled and Station Road created.



1887 plan of the railway cutting and land claimed.

Under the Reform Act of 1832, the borough was stripped of its power to elect two MPs to Parliament and the following year, the corporation was dissolved. The last mayor was appointed in 1885 and Walter Ralph Banks continued as mayor until 9th July 1889 when the property of the mayor and barons passed to a newly formed body called 'The Corfe Castle Town Trust'. This Trust was to oversee the old borough's assets which included the mace, town seal, old charters and provision of gas street lighting.



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Purbeck Youth Music

New musical beginnings.

This school term has got off to a brilliant start with three exciting musical events.

The first was on September 6th, when cellist Natalie Clein, visiting as Director of her own Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival, (PICMF) treated year 7 in the Purbeck School to a short recital of cello music both very old and very new. As the school hall floor is being repaired, the performances took place in the cafeteria where two separate sets of 90 children were spell-bound by the wonderful sound she created. There were many questions for Natalie, one being “How much is your cello worth?” but Natalie declined to answer that one. It is over 300 years old and very valuable! It would be wonderful if some budding young cellists might emerge from that encounter. To find out about lessons please see the PYM website below.

The second took place during the Swanage Folk Festival. Our PYM Traditional Music group (which consists of nine young violinists aged between 8 and 16) played in the Marquee of the Swanage Folk Festival in a Family Concert led by their group tutor Matt Tarling. Also featuring in the concert were two of the brilliant visiting violinists from the Chamber Music Festival. It was a wonderful scene of cooperation between musical styles and two different festivals. The PYM group played two polkas, one Irish, one Finnish and received an enthusiastic response from the audience. Also hugely appreciated, the visiting violinists, Marc Danel and Nurit Stark then played a series of Hungarian folk duets by Béla Bartók. Afterwards, Marc Danel publicly congratulated Matt and the young players, saying how well they had done playing on a big stage, for quite a big audience, and that “This is how it should be!” I think he meant young people having fun, learning by playing relatively uncomplicated music together and really enjoying themselves.

The third major event has been performances at school assemblies on Monday 11th. Conical Sonicals, a group of professional brass players, visited Swanage Primary, St Mark’s Primary and Corfe Castle Primary. Film of this can be seen on PYM website below.

It is hoped that some children will be inspired to learn a brass instrument after hearing the Conical Sonicals’ magnificent sounds.

PYM has enabled the collaboration with both the Swanage Folk Festival and PICMF and hopes to build on this for the music-making of Purbeck school

children in years to come. We are extremely grateful to all who donate to our charity so generously: Swanage Rotary, PAW, the Valentine Trust and many kind individuals. Without such gifts our local children’s music lives would be impoverished.

For school music lessons and instrument loans or to donate please see our website purbeckyouthmusic.org.uk or contact admin@purbeckyouthmusic.org

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the September VH Coffee Morning. £151.90 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. Last month first prize of £21 was won by member 55, with member 53 getting second prize £10 and member 16 winning the third prize £5. If you would like to become one of the many villagers who support their local village hall like this please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

A couple of VH storage units have now become available again. For more details please contact Judith on 01929 480216.

regular weekly events:

Monday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio
Monday evenings	Double Act
Monday evenings	Purbeck Chess
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
Tuesday mornings	Yoga
Tuesday evenings	Martial Arts
Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Purbeck Crafts
Wednesday mornings	Pilates
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Thursday mornings	Silver Swans adult ballet
Thursday evenings	Cubs
Thursday evenings	Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday mornings	Pilates
Friday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio

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)
3rd Friday afternoon	Citizen's Advice bus
final Thursday morning	CC Carers Time

new Bookings Clerk needed

After many years of fabulous service, Carole is stepping down so we are therefore actively looking for someone with good organisational skills to undertake this interesting and valuable contribution to village life. For more details of what the role entails please contact David on 07590 352219.

Artsreach dates for October and December

We are pleased to announce two more Artsreach events for the Autumn. On Saturday October 14th the talented actor **Dave Mynne** will be bringing us his version of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales". Then on Saturday December 16th we will be entertained by the Welsh group **Vri**, who blend fiddle music with the decorousness of classical technique without sacrificing the best of either tradition, and who harmonise vocally like angels.

To book a room at the hall, preferably use the email address carolepspeed@gmail.com. Alternatively phone 07590 352219.

News from the Library

The second of our ten-year anniversary celebration 'drinks and nibbles' events is on **Saturday 7th October** between 10 and 12am. Everyone is welcome.



On **Friday 20th October** Fran Gleason, from **Weldmar Hospice Care**, will come to give a talk at 2.00 pm in the library.

Weldmar Hospice Care is a charity that provides specialist end of life care to people in Dorset who are living with a life limiting illness, which includes conditions such as cancer, motor neurone disease, and heart disease. An important aspect of this care is to also support their loved ones throughout what can be one of life's most difficult journeys.

In addition to inpatient hospices the staff of 'Weldmar at Home' provide hands on care to patients with very advanced illness, in the comfort and familiar surroundings of their own home. The aim is to help people to remain comfortable, as well as assisting and supporting those important to them.

Find out how they may be able to help you, or those close to you, and maybe how you could help their work too. It's open to everyone and admission is free.

Future talks

On **Friday 17th November** Louise Haywood will give a talk at 2.00 pm in the library on "**Norden and its Landscape**".

Normal Library Opening Hours

Monday 3.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Wednesday 10.00 -12.00 a.m. and 3.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Saturday 10.00 - 12.00 a.m.

Come in to borrow books for free or just have a warm drink and a biscuit and a chat! And we're always looking for volunteers!

Any queries to corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com

Corfe Castle Village Hall CIO, in association with
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Canterbury Tales

Revered as one of the most important works in English literature, Geoffrey Chaucer's *'The Canterbury Tales'* paints an ironic and critical portrait of English society in the middle-ages. All of life is here in these few bawdy, funny, serious and sometimes shocking, short stories. Experience a journey down the foul and fetid footpaths of fourteenth-century England, told with the usual irreverence, wit and silliness! Expect plenty of archaic naughtiness and nonsense! Possibly tights and a codpiece!

From the company that brought you *'The Odyssey'* comes a one-man performance of *'Canterbury Tales'* by veteran Cornish actor and co-founder of Kneehigh Theatre, David Mynne.
Unsuitable for serious scholars of middle-English.

Contains mild swearing and comic sexual reference. Suitable for ages 12+

Light refreshments will be available.

Saturday October 14th 2023 at 7.30pm

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'The Kick Off Christmas Fair'

Saturday 11th November, Corfe Castle Village Hall.

10am – 2 pm.

Our annual Christmas Fair has to be earlier this year due to other bookings at the Village Hall, hence the title! It will be the ideal place to meet your friends, do a spot of Christmas shopping from the great variety of stalls and listen to live music whilst you savour some delicious light refreshment. This year we will be raising funds for the **Corfe Castle Youth Club Christmas Outing**. Our Youth Club does so much good work with our local young people.

If you would like to hire a table please contact Liz on 01929 480447.

Santa's Sleigh and Carol Singing.

Fri. 15th and Saturday 16th December.

As usual Crazy4Corfe will be joining with Swanage and Purbeck Rotary to join Santa as he travels the streets of Corfe Castle in his magical sleigh. This year we will be ending up with singing carols in the square on the Saturday and mulled wine and refreshments will be available. More information will be available next month but save the date – **Carol Singing in the Square 6pm on Saturday 16th December!**

Who knew Christmas is coming!!

Crazy4Corfe



Beekeepers call on the public to help fight record Asian hornet invasion

The bees need your help.

East Dorset Beekeeping Association and The British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA) is calling on the public to help fight a major threat to honey bees and other pollinators - Asian hornets.

Numbers of the destructive insect are rising rapidly this summer and more have been detected in the UK this year than in the previous six years combined.

Their nests have already been found in Dorset & Hampshire and they are spreading across the South of England, nests being found in Dorset & Hampshire in August/September

BBKA Chair, Diane Drinkwater, said: "At this early stage of the Asian hornet season, which goes on into the autumn, it is extremely worrying to see so many cases. We must act now to stop them from getting established in this country. Reports from Europe and Jersey indicate that this is an exceptional year for Asian hornets with record numbers of queens and nests.

"We urge the public to join forces with beekeepers to protect our honey bees and other pollinators from this voracious predator."

More than 1,000 beekeepers across the country are part of elite teams trained to provide emergency support to the National Bee Unit's (NBU) hornet hunters.

Hornet sightings are filtered by the NBU, part of Defra, and teams of bee inspectors deployed to track hornets back to their nests which are then destroyed.

But we need your help. Dogwalkers and walkers are perfect to be eagle-eyed spotters, essential to spot the hornets which may be devouring insects or feeding on fallen fruit or ivy flowers.

How do I recognise an Asian hornet? (*Vespa velutina*) are slightly smaller than native European hornets, have yellow legs, an orange face and brown body with one yellow stripe.

This summer beekeeper Mick Brian discovered an Asian hornet in his garden in Plymouth which eventually led to the destruction of two nests: "We

watched in stunned silence as the insect singled out a honey bee, carried it to a nearby leaf, and began to dissect it."

Just one Asian hornet can hunt down and eat 300 honey bees a day and their habit of hawking (hovering) outside the hive stops the bees from collecting nectar and pollen to feed themselves. Europe suffers huge pollinator losses from this predator and we fear if they get a foot-hold in the UK our honey bees and many other insects will be decimated here, too.

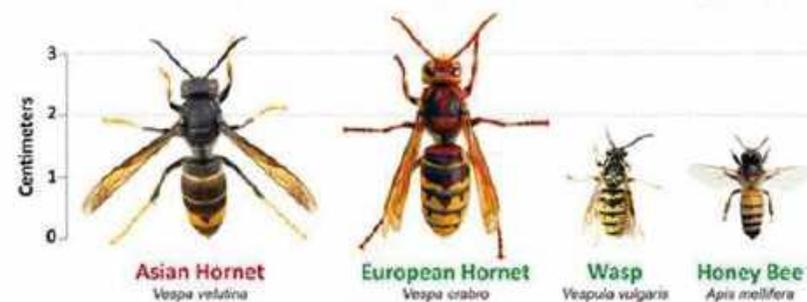
"They are the greatest threat to beekeeping since the *Varroa* mite was discovered more than 30 years ago." Said Diane.

BBKA trustee Julie Coleman, who lives in Kent where many of the hornets discovered this year have been found, said there are likely to be several reasons behind this huge rise in cases: "The fact that we seem to have a cluster around the coast in Kent, also Dorset, Plymouth, Weymouth and Hampshire makes me think they are coming across on the wind. And there could have been an overwintered nest in Kent which has sent out hibernating queens in the autumn. "

It is important to take care not to approach or disturb a nest. Asian hornets are not generally aggressive towards people but an exception to this is when they perceive a threat to their nest.

People who suspect they have seen an Asian hornet should report it immediately using the phone app 'Asian Hornet Watch' or the online reporting form: https://risc.brc.ac.uk/alert.php?species=asian_hornet

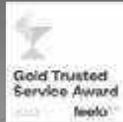
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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for OCTOBER 2023

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.

3	October	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk on local history by Louise Haywood – Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	October	Thursday	8 pm	Gardening Club – Head Gardener from Minterne House – Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	October	Saturday	10 am – 12 midday	Drinks and Nibbles to celebrate library's 10 years - in the Library
7	October	Saturday	12.30 pm	Corfe Community Kitchen Soup'n Pud – Corfe Castle Village Hall
9	October	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	October	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Furzebrook Village Hall
13	October	Friday	2 pm	Talk on Medieval Wreck at entrance to Poole Harbour – CC Village Hall
14	October	Saturday	7.30 pm	Ball and Socket performing at the Corn Exchange Wareham
14	October	Saturday	7.30 pm	ArtsReach performance of the Canterbury Tales – Corfe Castle Village Hall
20	October	Friday	1 pm – 3 pm	Citizens Advice bus at Village Hall
20	October	Friday	2 pm	Library talk by Fran Gleason of the Weldmar Hospice Trust
27	October	Friday	Evening	Double Act Barn Dance in Corfe Castle Village Hall

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

2	November	Thursday	8 pm	Gardening Club social get together – Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	November	Friday	7.30 pm	Keilidh – Kimmeridge Village Hall
11	November	Saturday	10 am – 2 pm	Crazy4Corfe Kick Off Christmas Fair – Corfe Castle Village Hall
11	November	Saturday	11 am	Remembrance 2 minute silence in the Square
12	November	Sunday	1030 am	Remembrance service in St Edwards, Corfe Castle and 3 pm at Tyneham
17	November	Friday	2pm	Library talk on Norden and its Landscape by Louise Haywood – in the Library
23 – 25	November	Thursday – Saturday		Double Act - Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders – CC Village Hall
8	December	Friday	7.30 pm	Keilidh – Kimmeridge Village Hall
15 - 16	December	Friday/Saturday		Santa's Sleigh and Carol Singing around the village

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'A short message from Ian:'

The deadline for this edition of the CVN is shortly before my last Sunday in the Benefice and before I retire on September 30th. As I've explained we are not moving straightaway, but I will no longer be responsible for the Benefice.

I would like to write a little further next month but for the moment may I say how grateful Mary and I are for everyone's support, kindness and encouragement; it is an enormous help at this time of considerable change in our lives.

Ian

Bible Readings - October 2023

Sunday 1 st October	Ezekiel 18: 1 – 4; 25 – end Philippians 2: 1 – 13 Matthew 21: 23 – 32
Sunday 8 th October	Isaiah 5: 1 – 7 Philippians 3: 4B – 14 Matthew 21: 33 – end
Sunday 15 th October	Isaiah 25: 1 – 9 Philippians 4: 1 – 9 Matthew 22: 1 – 14
Sunday 22 nd October	Isaiah 45: 1 – 7 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10 Matthew 22: 15 – 22
Sunday 29 th October	Leviticus 19: 1 – 2; 15 – 18 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 8 Matthew: 22: 34 – end
Sunday 5 th November	Revelation 7: 9 – end 1 John 3: 1 – 3 Matthew 5: 1 – 12

The Rev Anne Bond writes:

A couple of weeks ago, in the course of conversation, I was asked how it was possible to reconcile Christian belief in an all-powerful loving God with thousands of people being killed in earthquakes and good God-loving people being stricken by disease. The unspoken question was: ‘Why does a loving God allow it? If he’s so powerful, why doesn’t he *do something about it?*’

I had no answer ready to hand. But it is too important a question to ignore, so I thought I would attempt to address it in this letter.

From earliest times the ultimate reality behind everything has been perceived by humanity as a struggle between the forces of Good and Evil, the one and only true and effective deity, known simply as ‘God’, standing for Good, and an angel cast out from Heaven for bad behaviour leading Evil. God is seen as the Creator of everything that is, was, and ever shall be, existing outside time and space as pure spirit.

Astronomers and astrophysicists tell us that planet Earth is still evolving, earthquakes and disease being evidence of this truth. Such disasters of nature will go on happening for the foreseeable future. In themselves, they are neither good nor bad; they just are; they exist.

Disease is similar. It is caused by organisms that attack the healthy working of our bodies; there is nothing personal about it. ‘Good’ has made enormous headway in combatting disease; much is now known about protecting the body from illness and how to treat and cure the many shapes and forms it takes. But like disasters of nature, disease just is; it exists.

God is presented to us as omniscient (all-knowing), omnipotent (all-powerful), and eternal (never not existing). Being eternal, one could say he is always there to be blamed for whatever we regard as not acceptable. Being omnipotent, one could assert that he has no excuse for not doing something to remedy disaster. But he is also omniscient, knowing everything past, present and future, which makes him also the possessor of all wisdom. That being so, he has his own reasons for not acting as we expect.

The earliest human remains ever found are hundreds of thousands of years old. They were discovered in graves, bones buried with ceremony and with provisions for an after-life. It seems that as a species humanity has always been aware there is more to the physical reality of life than meets the eye. Of all the species that inhabit planet Earth, only humankind has evolved language, an invaluable tool enabling the exchange of ideas and consequently the development of our brains. At a time in history when ‘gods’ were two-a-penny all over the known world, Judaism was the only religion understanding God as pure spirit, not subject to time and space as we are. Chapter One of the Jewish scriptures, our Old Testament, teaches that God – the one and only true God – made human beings ‘in his own image’.

This is a remarkable insight. It states that each of us has within our essential make-up something of the pure spirit that comprises God – the only real ‘god’ that has ever existed, still does exist and will exist for evermore. He is not human. He cannot be judged by human standards. This miniscule drop of the divine within us acts as a cord enabling communication between creator and creation. We pray. God responds. God calls. We respond.

The identifying characteristic of the being we call God is ‘Love’.

But how can disease or earthquakes be considered ‘loving’?

Well, of course, they can’t.

We have established that disease and natural disasters just are; they exist and sometimes they come our way. Importantly, they are not God’s fault; if fault comes into it, they belong to the world of things ranged against God emanating from the forces of Evil.

Christianity teaches that far from leaving humankind to just endure the cosmic struggle between Good and Evil, alone, God did *do something about it*.

(Remember that God is not constrained by space and time as we are. Being pure spirit, he can be anywhere and everywhere all at once and still be available in Heaven to receive prayer.)

What God did was to allow himself to be born into the human race as the helpless baby Jesus, to grow and develop and experience as we do illness and hurt, danger, confusion and fury, viciousness, violence and jealousy. He spent the fifteen or so years of his adult life teaching: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, strength and soul, and love your neighbour as you love yourself' in stark contrast to the erstwhile prevailing ethic of 'Might is Right'. He trained his disciples to continue his work after his death, miraculously healed the sick, and at the end, on behalf of mankind, in the person of Jesus he allowed himself to suffer all the worst that Evil could do to him. He won the battle by using Love as the ultimate weapon: as he hung on his crucifixion cross, he prayed for his persecutors: "Father forgive them, they don't understand what they're doing."

The self-sacrificing death of Jesus (who is God) on the cross ensured that the forces of Evil ultimately can never win the struggle. As we ourselves struggle with our own personal, individual problems, if you use the communication mechanism within you that is God's own Spirit and ask for help – pray, weep, mourn, entreat, rage, beg - to your astonishment you may find your life enriched way beyond your expectations. Thank God.

With love, Anne

Sunday Services in October 2023

1st October **17th Sunday after Trinity**

11am - Corfe Castle - Harvest Communion with hymns
(note the time 11am)

8th October **18th Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am - Steeple - Holy Communion with hymns
10.30am - Corfe Castle - Morning Worship with hymns

15th October **19th Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am - Corfe Castle - Holy Communion with hymns

22nd October **20th Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am - Corfe Castle - Holy Communion with hymns

29th October **Last Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am - Church Knowle - Holy Communion with hymns
A Service for the whole Benefice led by The Bishop of Sherborne

5th November **All Saints' Sunday**

10.30am - Corfe Castle - Holy Communion with hymns

Please note:

There will not now be a service at Kimmeridge at 9am on the 4th Sunday of the month.

The Harvest Festival Service at Corfe Castle is on Sunday 1st October and will start at 11am. The service will be followed by lunch. Donations will be welcome for the Swanage Food Bank

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This account in the Bible shows our situation today with the all-to-familiar struggles of life. Most of us at times, would admit that we feel as if we are surrounded by problems. Difficulties at work, school, relationships, money, and health seem never ending... Our troubles are like the rough sea, tossing us about and taking away our peace.

We may put on a brave face, but inwardly we are worn out and discouraged as we struggle with the problems that overwhelm us. But the good news that the disciples experienced that night in the boat, is the good news for us today. In our moments of darkness and despair, Jesus speaks these words “It is I. Do not be afraid.”

Without Jesus in our lives, we have the struggle, no peace and no rest. But how can we have Jesus, the One who gives real peace?

Jesus, who is the Son of God, came into this troubled world and lived among mankind. He was full of love and compassion for people. He understood our fallen human condition. That is why he was crucified. He was sinless and was crucified for us. He bore the full penalty for all our sins. He died so that we could be forgiven and saved from eternal judgement.

But this isn’t all. He rose from the dead! He became the life-giving Spirit to all who believed in Him.

The Lord Jesus has done everything for us to be ‘Saved’ Now He’s just waiting for you to take Him into your ‘boat’, that is, into your life. He wants to calm your fears and be with you on your life’s journey. He will give you peace you have never known before, even amidst the storm of life’s problems. Will you let Him in? Just turn to Him and open your heart to receive Him.

Jesus says, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will go in and eat with him, and he with Me.

(Revelation 3:20)

OCTOBER SERVICES - 1st / 15th and 29th October at 3pm	Celia Taylor (Church Secretary)
BIBLE STUDY – Fridays 2pm – 3.30pm	Fr_ee2talk@yahoo.co.uk
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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

I am writing this in the middle of September, having spent the afternoon in blazing sunshine in the garden having lunch with friends, and it occurs to me that we have no idea what the weather for the rest of the month will be like. What a strange and challenging year it has been.

We have had a great variety of talks and visits over the past year and our last speaker, wildlife photographer David Boag, drew attention to how our gardens were changing and particularly how the way we garden, and horticulture in general, has affected the type and volume of wildlife.

Thursday October 5th. Mark Bobin, the Head Gardener at Minterne Gardens, Minterne House will be with us. He will be talking about the gardens, the plants and their Himalayan link. He will also talk about his own plant hunting expeditions to the Himalayas. It's always fascinating to learn how plants that started their life in the challenging environment of other regions of the world adapt and thrive in our own climate.

Thursday November 2nd. There will be no invited speaker this month but we will be meeting for a social get together with tea or coffee in the village hall where we can chat and swap our experiences of our successes and failures during the year, plants we have lost and those that stood up to the challenges of the changing weather patterns. We have a lot of collective knowledge in the group and it would be good to share this. Do you have a problem area/plant/pest in your garden? Share it and I'm sure there will be someone with advice. Have you had a particular success in your garden? We would love to hear about it. We will discuss plants for late summer and early autumn colour with photographs from the committee's gardens. More information will be sent out by e-mail.

Meetings take place in the Village Hall, Corfe Castle at 8pm. Non-members are welcome to join us for a small fee if they are interested in a particular talk.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Chris Clarke on 01929 480095 or 07815 058880.

Chris Clarke



Citizens Advice – Here for Local Residents

With the on-going cost of living crisis, many people are increasingly worried about how they are going to pay bills, heat their home and put food on the table.

Citizens Advice in East Dorset and Purbeck would like to remind residents to seek help early on and that we are here to offer free advice and support.

Experienced advisers are available to provide support about a wide range of issues including, debt, energy advice, employment, benefits and housing. There is a range of support available particularly to low income households which many residents may not know about.

Advice is provided through multiple channels including telephone, email, video conferencing and face to face from our offices in Wareham and Wimborne and from outreach services including Swanage and Herston. Home visits are also offered to those more vulnerable people who are unable to access these services.

Drop-in Locations

Local residents can call into one of the drop-in sessions at the following locations. Advice is free and no appointment is necessary:

- Swanage Library - Wednesday 10am-12pm (except first Wednesday of the month)
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage – Monday 10am-2pm
- Wareham Citizens Advice – Tuesday & Thursday, 10am-12pm
- Lytchett Matravers Library - Friday 10am-12noon
- Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council – Tuesday 10am-12pm
- Upton Library – Wednesday 2pm-4pm
- Wimborne Citizens Advice - Monday & Wednesday, 10am-12pm
- Ferndown Library - Tuesday & Friday, 10am-2pm
- The Centre, Barns Road, Ferndown - Thursday, 10am-2pm

And by appointment only at:

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For details of all of our outreach and drop-in locations visit

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For general advice and support call the **Dorset Adviceline freephone 0800 144 8848 (Textphone: 0800 144 8884)**, 10am-4pm weekdays or visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

Advice Bus Calls at Corfe Castle

Corfe Castle residents will be able to access free advice when the Citizens Advice Bus stops at Corfe Castle Village Hall Car Park every third Friday of the month.

Help and support will be available on a number of different issues including: benefits, debt & money, energy, employment, family, housing and legal. If you're struggling to pay your Wessex Water bills and if you're on pension credit you may be entitled to additional help. Advice is free and confidential.

The bus will stop by on Friday, 20th Oct & 17th Nov, 1-3pm.
Visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus for additional bus stop locations.

To speak to an adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline on 0800 144 8848.



Are you an Armed Forces Veteran?

If so, whichever service or branch you were in, there is advice and help from Dorset Council under the Armed Forces Covenant Programme.

There is so much to say about this programme it may just be better for you to read the information directly from their website.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/the-armed-forces-covenant>

Ball and Socket are also back

'Ball and Socket', that well known duo, will be performing on Saturday October 14th in the Corn Exchange in Wareham from 7.30pm.

Dorset Button Morris

Dorset Button Morris are pleased to let everyone know that during the summer when we danced out around Purbeck, we collected £900 for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Thanks to everyone who came out and cheered us on and helped us collect this.

Dorset Button Morris have been dancing in Purbeck and the local areas for over 35 years. We are now getting so low of dancers that this type of dancing may not last locally and the tradition may die away.

To help find new dancers we are holding some Morris dancing workshops.

Our ladies dance North West Morris and will hold a workshops in the URC Church Hall Wareham on the 4th and 11th October.

Contact Mo our squire on maureenday4@icloud.com for further details.

Our men dance Rapper (flexible sword) dancing and will hold a workshops in Sandford Scout Hall on the 15th and 29th October.

Contact Tony on leftfootdancer@gmail.com for further details.

Morris dancing is fun, good exercise and a good way to make new friends. It is not as difficult as it looks.

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**CORFE COMMUNITY KITCHEN
aka SOUP 'N PUD**



We are looking forward to seeing lots of you again at the October 'Soup 'n Pud' on Saturday October 7th at 12.30pm, straight after the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall, where there will be the expected tasty food and friendly chat. We will be making the usual choice of 2 soups, with rolls from the Village Bakery and 2 puds to enjoy. Once again we have been given surplus fruit and vegetables by local residents, to bolster the soups and go into the crumbles etc, which is lovely. Please remember we always welcome any extra in-date food or tins and make use of them, wherever possible, to avoid waste. We will have our happy band of volunteers helping with serving etc, as usual, without whom we would be unable to manage. So many thanks to them. If you would like to join the crew please contact one of us.

Remember this is a free lunch but donations of money or food are always welcome.

WHY DON'T YOU COME AND GIVE IT A TRY?

Best wishes from Chris, Sue and Gill.



Friday 13th October at 2pm
Main Hall, Village Hall

A talk about the

Medieval Swash Wreck

recently found by Tom Cousins, a researcher in Maritime Archaeology, based at Bournemouth University. He'll be bringing some artefacts too.

Donations welcomed.

REMEMBRANCE 2023



On Saturday 11th November 2023 at 1100 there will be a 2-minute silence in The Square, Corfe Castle.

On Remembrance Sunday, 12th November 2023, there will be two services:

At 1030 in St Edward, King and Martyr, in Corfe Castle and afterwards at the Old Church Cemetery.

At 1500 in St Mary's Church, Tyneham.



Corfe Castle FC

After a busy summer of pitch maintenance, turfing the goal mouth areas, new goals, paint and new nets for the practice goals the facilities are looking fantastic again.

We started the season off in September with the four teams: U17 Girls, 1st Team, Veterans and The Corfe old boys .

Upcoming matches will be posted at the Pavilion, Corfe club, notice boards around the village and social media.

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Patrick Ward - Chairman



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The Rambling Gardener

October is a month I look forward to, each day there are changes as plants get ready for the winter. But, if in the Southern hemisphere it is spring so all the plants will be rising to greet the coming year. In October most shrubs change the colour of their leaves - everything from the palest yellow to bright scarlet and every shade of green in evergreens. I am writing this on a very still, hot day in early September after a wet damp two months. I just hope we don't get a lot of wind and have the plants lose their leaves before they are enjoyed.

I always think Purbeck is a hard place to garden. I have just been talking to my daughter who is holidaying in the Brecon Beacons and there it is very humid and a lot hotter than here, above 25 degrees, which is difficult for plants and insects to keep healthy, in the UK. It seems that we are lucky to live in the Purbeck's where sea mists have kept us cooler, the winters are warmer, and we can grow most of our food.

There are talented and intelligent people who know so much that it is an honour to know them and I always learn from meeting them. One of these wonderful people was Trev Haysom who sadly passed away recently. Thank you to Sue Haysom and the family for their wonderful celebration of his life where we all learned more about his incredible life and were spoilt with a delightful tea. Treleven Haysom's own book "Purbeck Stone" is an essential read for all who love this area and it shows his knowledge of the local quarrying industry and its importance in the culture and history here, and his 10 generations of knowledge.

Now, back to gardening jobs to be done in October. Time to start to build up leaf mould so that it is available to mix with potting compost next year. It is easy to make, just put up a ring of chicken wire in a corner of the garden and fill it with leaves. It is also time to finish cutting back evergreens as they are difficult to tidy up in the spring. It is hard to fit it in after the frost but before the birds are nesting. Plant out any hardy seedlings you have. Divide over grown perennials. Order plants and seeds so they can get established. Baby size lettuces and spinach, radishes, carrots, mustard, cress and pea shoots can all be grown inside during the winter. Some flowers and garlic, onions and broad beans will establish outside over the winter to give early spring crops, check varieties.

I so love my coffee, but it is imported and uses energy to get transported here, I make sure that I get fairtrade coffee and tell myself that the coffee helps families in poor places. I have also found this list of good ways to use coffee grounds to make me feel a bit better: Sprinkled liberally around plants

will deter pests like ants, slugs, and snails, it's nitrogen will boost compost, also it's acid fertilizer for plants that are not happy in limey soil. Apparently mixing dried coffee grounds with carrot and radish seeds increases the yield.

I have been enjoying hearing the owls at night, it reminds me of sleeping outside. Enjoy your month, I have many spare plants so do come and see if I have ones you need.

Keep well - Rachel. - Tel 01929 421681



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Kimmeridge News

Eyes to the Skies

Well it's certainly been a bumper month around the tollgate and Bay Area for late August and early September. We've had some epic migration sights from the swallows, house martins & sand martins gathering in their hundreds maybe even thousands on some days in a feeding frenzy before they start the long journey home. Yellow wagtails can be seen with the cattle and heard overhead in flocks of 30+. Whilst enjoying the freedom to frequently walk the army ranges to broad bench, Pat and I were lucky enough to encounter an osprey (with no visible leg rings) in charnel bay on the western edge of Kimmeridge, also had greenshank and Whimbrel on passage. The scrub around Broad Bench also proved to be good for numbers of wheatear, chiffchaff, willow warbler, redstart and the occasional spotted flycatcher and large flocks of goldfinches and linnets feeding on the thistles. Mid September on a very hot day we had a beautiful walk on the permissive path from Smedmore caravan site to Clavell Tower which produced 6+ spotted flycatcher, marsh harrier, common buzzard and a surprise reed warbler skulking in the bushes, and there are still good numbers of blackcaps and whitethroats around.

Happy birding everyone - Rose & Pat

Kimmeridge Church

With the retirement of Ian Jackson as Rector, we now have the process to appoint a new Rector for Corfe Castle & the surrounding parishes. As part of this we would like to hear your ideas for the Church and what you would like to see in a new person as Rector. It is an opportunity for us all to have some input – all ideas & thoughts welcome! Steve Earwicker

Kimmeridge Keilidhs

No Kimmeridge Keilidh in October, our next ones are on November 10th & December 8th. All held in the lovely Kimmeridge Village Hall at The Etches Collection. No experience needed – our lovely callers tell you what to do! Live music from Arish Mel. No Bar, so bring your own drinks & nibbles. Tickets on the door £7.50 for adults, £2.50 for children. All profits go to support Kimmeridge Village Hall & The Etches Collection.

Steve & Helen Earwicker

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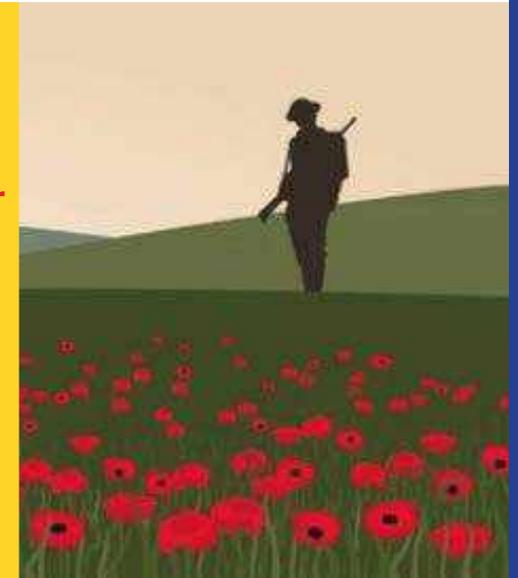
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A unique Victorian steam locomotive that has taken six years and £650,000 to restore to full working order – after escaping being cut up for scrap when it helped to mark the centenary of London’s Waterloo station in 1948 - has arrived at its new home on the Swanage Railway.

Built in 1893 to a design by renowned locomotive engineer William Adams – and one of the finest express passenger train locomotives of the Victorian era - London and South Western Railway T3 class No. 563 was donated to the Swanage Railway Trust by the National Railway Museum in 2017.

Commissioning and testing work will now begin on the T3, the locomotive operating on its own and then hauling carriages, before the footplate crews that will operate No. 563 are trained to drive and fire the Victorian steam

locomotive.

A date has yet to be set for No. 563 hauling its first passenger train in 75 years on the Swanage Railway to mark the centenary of the Southern Railway and the 185th anniversary of the formation of the London and South Western Railway in 2023. Resplendent in its new lined out 1890s Drummond passenger green livery The 81-tonne T3 arrived by road at the Swanage Railway’s Norden station, north



*T3 No. 563 Corfe Castle 30 August 2023
courtesy ANDREW PM WRIGHT*

of Corfe Castle, where No. 563 was reunited with its restored tender before the locomotive was taken by rail to its new home at Swanage on the evening of Wednesday, 30 August, 2023.

563 Locomotive Group chairman Nathan Au said: “The completion of the ambitious T3 restoration project has been a culmination of hard work and determination over the last six years and we want to thank the individuals and parties that have been involved with the overhaul for their hard graft and efforts that has helped us finish this fairy tale story.

“We are immensely grateful to our generous supporters for their donations,

contributions and faith in the T3 project that have made this achievement possible as well as providing a source of encouragement along what has been a challenging and ambitious journey.

“It has been wonderful to engage with so many like-minded people and build a community around the locomotive so we can't wait to show them the results.

“The next step will be for our engineering team to start the important process of commissioning and testing the T3 before we start training the footplate crews that will

operate No. 563,” added Nathan who is a volunteer driver on the Swanage Railway.

Swanage Railway Trust chairman Gavin Johns said: “The Trust was honoured when the National Railway Museum donated the T3 to the Swanage Railway in 2017 and now, thanks to a lot of hard work by a dedicated group of members - supported by our generous donors - we will be able to enjoy the sight of a T3 hauling passenger trains through the Isle of Purbeck for the first time since the 1920s and 1930s.



*T3 No. 563 footplate Swanage Railway
30 August 2023 ANDREW PM WRIGHT*

“The triumph of the T3 restoration project is wonderful British railway enthusiasm at its very best - actively recreating history which is especially timely as we start to plan to celebrate 200 years of our nation’s railway history in 2025,” added Mr Johns who is also a volunteer Swanage Railway signalman.

The last survivor of its T3 class, London and South Western Railway No. 563 had travelled a total of more than 1.5 million miles when it was withdrawn from service by the Southern Railway Company in August, 1945 – the advent of the Second World War in 1939 extending the locomotive’s working life. 563 Locomotive Group treasurer Steve Doughty said: “The 563 Locomotive Group will continue to raise funds to ensure the T3 remains in tip-top condition and is looked after in the long term.

“We are already looking at ways of making the locomotive more sustainable by, for example, investigating methods of protection against corrosion on the inside of tender water tank which will reduce future maintenance costs.

“Other initiatives will also include ways to provide education and historical context to the T3 so we will keep asking for vital donations to help make this possible. No. 563 is a splendid direct link to the Swanage Railway's Victorian

past – back to the early days of the London and South Western Railway in the 1880s and 1890s,” added Steve.

Started in November, 2017, the ambitious and meticulous project to restore the T3 has cost £650,000 with work on the Victorian locomotive being carried out by specialist contractors at the Flour Mill workshops in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, and at the Swanage Railway’s Herston engineering works on the outskirts of Swanage.

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Totem Pole at the Blue Pool

A colourful new landmark has risen in Purbeck – a 14ft totem pole carved and painted by Wareham Area Men’s Shed.

It stands in a picturesque glade at the Blue Pool near Wareham after a Scots pine tree was felled there for the purpose.



A “before” picture of the Shed team with the felled trunk

Twelve members of the Men’s Shed stripped the trunk as it stood on chunky trestles before setting to work with chisels and gouges.

Using methods pioneered by Native Canadians, they carved out stylised shapes reflecting the pole’s setting at the renowned beauty spot.

Over the space of three months, interpretations of an owl, grass snake, badger and sika stag gradually emerged from the wood along with a “sunshine” face and Wareham’s town crest, while a sea eagle’s wings and head were fashioned back at the Shed’s workshop.

Once the elements were painted in traditional bright colours, and the eagle wings and head were attached, the pole was



Chris Hockley

finally erected at the far end of the Blue Pool’s Azalea Walk.

It has already become a major attraction with most visitors stopping to take photos.



The Blue Pool team manoeuvre the pole into position

Project leader Chris Hockley said: “While we love making things for the community at the Men’s Shed, such as planters and bird boxes, we felt the time was ripe for a bigger challenge – and they don’t come much bigger than a 14ft totem pole!

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“I knew the Blue Pool was having to fell some pine trees as part of their woodland regeneration schemes so I cheekily asked the owner, Matt Jones, if we could have one to carve as a special project for this summer.

“Matt responded brilliantly by giving us two – one for practice and one for the real thing.



The Shedders and Blue Pool woodsmen with the erected totem pole

“We were out of our comfort zone as none of us had ever carved before. And I suppose we should have practised more than we did. But in the event, spurred on by a book we bought appropriately called *Carve Your Own Totem Pole*, we more or less got straight to it.

“We have spent a truly enjoyable summer carving and painting together in such a glorious setting.

“I hope people who see the end result will think it spectacular. I know that, personally, I am knocked out by it and can only thank some of my Shedmates who are far more skillful than me.”

The Blue Pool’s team of woodsmen provided logs for the eagle wings and head to be sculpted, and helped the Shedders

raise the pole.

Matt Jones said: “We have been delighted to work alongside Wareham Area Men’s Shed and their project has been a pleasure for us, too.

“It was a wonderful proposal for us to receive and we are thrilled with the result.

“Totem is derived from a word meaning ‘kinship’ which could not be more appropriate for this truly inspiring group of friends.”

** For more information on the Men’s Shed go to warehamshed.org.uk



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Prawn and Crab Cocktail - Andalouse sauce, brown bread and butter (gf on request)

Five Spice Duck Salad - served on a bed of dressed leaves with a sour cherry glaze (gf)

Wild Mushroom Risotto Arancini - served with rocket, and a walnut pesto (v)

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Main Courses

Traditional Roast Turkey - apple and sage stuffing, pigs in blanket, pan gravy, cranberry sauce and bread sauce (gf on request)

Roasted Salmon with a Herb Crust - with a Champagne hollandaise sauce (gf on request)

Pork Tenderloin with an Apple and Calvados Stuffing - with a Madeira sauce

Clavells Venison and Chestnut Pie - with a redcurrant and port jus

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Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding - with a brandy custard (v) (vg on request)

Apple Tarte Tatin - with a salted caramel ice cream (v)

Trio of Chocolate Mousse - on a cocoa sponge with a berry coulis (v)

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Coquilles St. Jacques - scallops served with a creamy mushroom Gruyere sauce (gf)

Wild Mushroom and Cognac Pâté - toasted brioche, redcurrant chutney and dressed mixed leaves (v) (gf on request)

Smoked Duck Salad - with a winter spiced plum relish (gf)

Trio of Melon - honeydew, cantaloupe and galia in a port and Cointreau reduction, garnished with mint and cucumber (gf) (v) and (vg)

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Main Courses

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Roast Sirloin of Kimmeridge Beef - Yorkshire pudding, red wine pan gravy and horseradish sauce (gf on request)

Venison Loin - wrapped in pancetta with a port and redcurrant jus

Roasted Halibut - on a bed of savoy and bacon cabbage topped with crispy leeks

"Kimmeridge" Lamb Wellington - loin of lamb with a mint pea purée wrapped in filo pastry with a Madeira sauce

Baby vegetable Mille-feuille - with a roasted red pepper and tomato sauce (v) (vg on request)

Served with dauphinoise potatoes, roast potatoes, Chantenay carrots, Brussels Sprouts, honey glazed parsnips, mashed swede, braised red cabbage, and garden greens.

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Lemon and Lime Posset - with handmade shortbread (v) (gf on request)

Apple Tarte Tatin - with a salted caramel ice cream (v)

Trio of Chocolate Mousse - on a cocoa sponge with a berry coulis (v)

Hazelnut Meringue Gateaux - with a chocolate and hazelnut ice cream (v) (gf)

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Tickets are £14 and are available from the Swanage Jazz Club. Please call 01929 426127 for details. Doors and bar open at 7pm and Amy and her band are on stage at 7.30pm

Tuesday 10 October – Movie Night – Emily

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Purbeck Film Festival

HXVH is a venue for two films shown by the PFF team. On Sunday 29 October, we are showing The Banshees of Innisherin and on Thursday 2 November, we are showing Allelujah. Doors and bar open at 7pm as usual with the film showing at 7.30pm. Tickets for PFF films at £7.00 (or £5.50 for students and under 25s) and are available to book online at the PFF website or on the door.

Future dates for your diaries

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Tuesday 12 December – Movie Night – The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
Friday 15 December – Live Music – The Churchfitters Christmas Show

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Alison and the HXVH Committee

Christmas Tree Festival

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Last year we had 34 trees creating a truly magical scene with some fantastic entertainment ranging from ukuleles, recorders, choirs, individual singers along with Ratties Acoustic Club, We managed with the sale of refreshments and donations to raise over £1500 bringing our total raised over the years to £7340 which has all been donated to local charities. This year our chosen charities are Mosaic (an organisation that over sixteen years has supported bereaved children in Dorset) and East Dorset and New Forest Motor Neuron Disease Association. For sponsor forms and further information contact Colin or Sandy 01929 424431 or use the contact page on our website <https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com>.

Following on from that 7th- 9th December it is the Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage, which ends with a Remembrance Service called 'Lights of Love' at 4pm on 10th December. If you want to book a tree to decorate the closing date for Swanage is Monday 13th November apply for a sponsor form to Janet Norley at administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk or leave a message with your details on the church answerphone 01929 427706.

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Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.30 – 7.30pm	Adult	C C Village Hall
		Ballroom Dance	Donna 01202 243803
Each	7.45 – 9.15pm	Badminton	C C Village Hall
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
WEDNESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
2nd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	By Zoom
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall
SUNDAY			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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