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## Editorial

By the time you read this the council elections will probably be over. They take place on the 2nd of May and results should be known the day after. There will have been 2 elections; the Dorset Council election and the Corfe Parish election. In the event there was no election for the parish because fewer people stood than there were places available; in fact eight people stood for eleven places, so there are 3 vacancies at the moment. Once the new council has got underway places may be filled by invitation. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk. There are some interesting and fulfilling jobs to be done.

Also don't forget the Annual Parish Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> \May at 6 pm in the Village Hall. This is not a Parish Council meeting, but your meeting, the people of the Parish. It is only organised by the Parish Council for convenience; so come along and have your say.

Stephen

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(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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*The cover picture is a view of the Castle Keep or Dungeon Tower from the South  
by Thomas Bond dated 1883*

**Highways Consultation:** Keep an eye out for the upcoming Corfe Castle Parish Council Public Consultation Highways leaflet landing on your doormat soon! If you're a regular traveller along West Street, this is your opportunity to make your voice heard in shaping the future of our community's roads.

Your input matters greatly in determining how we can enhance safety and efficiency for both motorists and pedestrians. Please take the time to read through the leaflet and participate in the consultation process. Your insights and suggestions will directly influence the decisions made regarding the improvement of West Street. Together, we can work towards creating a safer and more accessible environment for everyone in our neighbourhood.

**Wheelchair Access around the Village:** A member of our community raised a concern regarding wheelchair access throughout Corfe Castle. It was brought to our attention that the pavements in certain areas of our village are not suitable for wheelchair users and pose significant challenges for mobility.

Specifically, it was noted that the pavements from the South end of Corfe Castle (Mead Road) to Why Jewellers are not adequately accessible. The areas near the old British Legion, the old Pink Goat, and the National Trust shop were highlighted as particularly problematic due to narrow pathways, making navigation difficult even for narrow mobility scooters. Additionally, the absence of drop kerbs further exacerbates the issue by limiting temporary / short distance access to the road. In response to this concern, Cllr Brooks has kindly agreed to directly contact the resident who raised the issue to arrange a village walkabout. This matter will be discussed further in the coming months.

**Traffic Management – A351:** A concern was raised regarding the upcoming roadworks scheduled, which are a necessity to allow the essential Old Stables roof repairs. It was stated there is apprehension about potential major disruptions caused by the roadworks, at certain times of the day.

In response, Cllr Brooks assured residents that if there are significant issues with traffic management during the roadworks, they can reach out to her directly and she can then look to have the traffic management plan amended, where possible. For any roadworks-related queries or issues, residents are encouraged to contact Cllr Brooks directly. [cllrcherry.brooks@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllrcherry.brooks@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

**Pre-School Building:** A member of public via Cllr Roberts asked: What is going to happen to the pre-school building when children move into the main building? Cllr N Dragon, on behalf of the Corfe Castle Charities, shared that discussions are ongoing to determine the building's ownership. While it was built with public

donations, ownership details remain unclear. Until resolved, decisions regarding its future are on hold. Updates will follow as progress is made.

**Gods Acre – Memorial Garden / Scattering of Ashes area:** A plan was discussed and approved which involves inviting students from a local horticultural College to submit design proposals and quotes for landscaping works, with a budget of up to £5,000 for the creation of a Memorial Garden / Scattering of Ashes area within the New Extension area of Gods Acre.

Once the designs are submitted, a selection process will ensue, which could see a design chosen resulting in implemented under the supervision of the student(s) responsible. Not only will this initiative provide practical experience for the students, but they will also be credited with the design upon completion. The collaboration aims to foster creativity, skill development, and community engagement. It's an excellent opportunity to support the growth of aspiring landscapers while enhancing our local environment.

Updates as and when available regarding the progress of this initiative will be communicated to the community.

The Parish Council are excited about the potential of this partnership and look forward to seeing the innovative designs that emerge from it.

**Planning application update:** The following applications have been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council, for full details including proposed works please see the Dorset Council website:

**Application No: P/LBC/2024/01322 & P/HOU/2024/01315,** Location: 16 The Old Post Office West Street Kingston BH20 5LH. Recommend No objection - The owner has bought new land, and this is a relocation of an existing fence to enclose the recent purchase. The proposed fence is being installed the same way round as the original which it replaces. It is out of sight of the highway.

**Application No: P/HOU/2024/01623 & P/LBC/2024/01624,** Location: Old Dairy Cottage, Woolgarston Road, Corfe Castle, Wareham, BH20 5JD Recommend No objection - This application repairs and improves the Old Dairy and repairs the barn connecting Woogarston Farmhouse, the barn and the Old Dairy. It provides a proper structure for the roof to replace a pre-existing temporary arrangement. The structural engineering calculations have all been completed. The method of improvement including waterproofing is all detailed in the application. The work once completed should provide a habitable building linked to the Farmhouse.

**Application No: P/HOU/2024/01744,** Location 32 East Street Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EQ, Recommend. No objection.

Full details for all planning applications can be found on the Dorset Council website, <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>

**Next Council Meeting:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 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:**

Clerk: Michelle Harrington, **Telephone:** 01202 670105,

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Telephone: 01305 221040

**To report a pothole**

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

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**To report a problem on a road or pavement**

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**To request a road sweep on a highway near you.**

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## Church Knowle Parish Council - April Meeting

The Clerk is on leave for the April meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council but on the agenda for the meeting which took place in the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6:30pm were the following items:

### Vacancies on the Parish Council and Elections

Cllr Billa Edwards resigned from the council after many year of dedicated service. She brought an extensive local knowledge her wisdom and contribution will be missed. This leaves two vacancies on the council which has a full strength of nine.

Dorset Council Elections have officially notified us that only seven applications were received for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> elections and that candidates are duly deemed to be elected unopposed. The council going forward comprises: Derek Burt, Howard Fry, Ian Gilbert, Carl Grice, Hazel Parker, Will Slack and Jayne Wilson

### Planning

Planning applications P/HOU/2024/01569 and P/LBC/2024/01570 for a new garage and alterations to the house at Whiteway Farm were considered. It was considered a request for an extension of time should be sought by the Parish Council, as there was conflicting dates for deadlines between paperwork and Council web site.

### Highways

The problem of deer in the parish and on the road was discussed. Dorset Highways will be approached about the possibility of providing deer warning signs on the roads. Deer have become a massive problem in the parish and indeed in rural communities throughout the country. There are now some 2m roaming free causing 75,000 road accidents a year.

### Furzebrook Phone Box

This was decommissioned by BT and adopted by the Parish Council over a year ago and is available for new role. Suggestions for a use for this box are sought. Pease contact the clerk and these will be put to the Parish Council to be considered.

### Defibrillator at New Inn

This has been sent away for an upgrade and new battery and is now back in place and ready to go. In the event that it is needed it is very simply to operate and gives clear spoken instructions that are easy to follow by anyone.

The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024.



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The best way to see the puffins is by boat. Look out for the guided cruises organised by Durlston Country Park and Birds of Poole Harbour.

**Please don't pet the pigs**

Pigs have again been put out to graze the Purbeck Heaths Super National Nature Reserve (NNR). Grazing with cattle, ponies and pigs is crucial in ensuring that the diversity of wildlife across the heaths can thrive.



*Photo courtesy Mark Singleton*

with such attention – and will run up to anyone expecting to be fed, which can be alarming. If you see the pigs, please:

- Keep your distance.

**Puffins - teetering on the brink**

We've installed cameras to investigate why the puffin colony near Dancing Ledge is on the verge of extinction. In the early 1900s, these iconic birds were abundant along the Dorset coastline, but they have declined severely since. The colony in Purbeck is now tiny (three breeding pairs) and isolated – the nearest being Alderney on the Channel



*Photo courtesy Pete Christie*

- Keep your dog on a lead, especially when there are piglets as the sows will be protective of them.
- Do not feed, call or pet the pigs.
- Keep walking and moving and they will ignore you.

The Purbeck Heaths NNR is managed by a partnership of seven organisations – RSPB, National Trust, Dorset Wildlife Trust, Forestry England, Rempstone Estate, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation and Natural England.

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## Corfe Castle updates by Sophie Trenchard

**National Trust**

### **Holi at Corfe Castle**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March saw the castle transferred into a festival of colours. We greeted over 3,000 visitors to celebrate the festival of Holi – ‘Rang Barse’, in collaboration with BPC Indian Association. The event was also to celebrate the Festival of Blossom, a campaign the National Trust launches each spring. The castle was filled with joy, with Bollywood beats playing as organic colour powder painted people’s faces – not forgetting the amazing produce from the food stalls! The event has been widely picked up by the media, with BBC South Today covering the event on the day, and articles spreading to Indian news outlets.



*Holi Festival courtesy Sophie Bolesworth*

The National Trust was set up to serve the whole of the nation. We’re proud to have supported this wonderful local Indian association to share their celebrations of Holi with everyone.



*May Fair courtesy Sophie Trenchard*

### **Corfe Castle Village Mayfair**

Once again, the village festivities committee will be coordinating the village Mayfair inside the castle grounds. Join us on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 10-5pm for a proper village fete with local businesses and stallholders transforming the Outer Bailey into a buzzing arena once more! Normal admission applies, National Trust members and Corfe Castle Parish residents gain free entry (address ID

required). A huge thanks to the Festivities Committee for coordinating this – we can’t wait!

### **What’s on – midweek guided walks**

May is National Walking Month and what better way to celebrate the outdoors by joining one of our guided walks across the Purbecks? These guided walks are free for everyone, but you do need to book a free space on our website.

Upcoming walks:

1<sup>st</sup> May, 1-3:30pm | Corfe Castle to Kingston | Starting at the National Trust Ticket Office, this 4 mile circular walk will take you from Corfe Castle to



Kingston whilst learning about its cultural heritage.

16<sup>th</sup> May, 1-3:30pm | Three Heaths | Starting at Middlebere farm track, see the heather in full bloom and pass through Middlebere Heath, Hartland Moor and Slepe Heath.

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It was lovely to see some new faces at our April Lunch, especially those that might otherwise be eating at home, alone! David Gynes spoke about Parkinson's Day in April and the local group of 'Purbeck Parkies' who would be honouring it with wearing blue clothing. We also applauded George Preston, who has sadly recently died, for his dedicated and valuable input to the Village Hall over the years.

There will be the expected tasty food and friendly chat at our May 4<sup>th</sup> Soup 'n Pud and if you feel you have any surplus fruit and veg that would be useful to our meals, then please let us know. With summer around the corner keen gardeners are often overflowing with the fruits of their labours. Rhubarb is frequently in abundance around this time so if you have it in excess we would graciously take it off your hands as rhubarb crumble is always a firm favourite with our diners!

Our usual merry band of volunteers will be helping with serving and the tasty bread rolls will again be provided by the Village Bakery, for which we are very grateful. We know that without all this assistance we would be unable to manage. If you would like to join in the fun we would be very happy to see you. Remember that you get a lunch as well! We are hoping to hold a 'Kiddies Kitchen' session with the Toddler and Pre School Groups, their parents and staff on Tues. June 18<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 noon in the Village Hall which will be in the form of an age appropriate lunch. Lots of finger food!! We are very much looking forward to this venture, as are they and we are hoping that this should give the Village Hall Trustees more support to pursue grant applications towards improving the kitchen facilities for all users.

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## Corfe Castle Surgery

Spring covid boosters. If you are eligible for the spring booster this year you should receive a letter from the NHS advising you to book in. Alternatively, you can book via the NHS App. The practice has no way of booking these appointments for you.

A polite reminder that the morning sit and wait clinic is for more urgent on the day medical problems. Please speak to reception to book an appointment if it is a more routine problem or query for the GP.

If it is a medication question this could be directed to the dispensary team, on 01929 480697 between 10.30 and 12.30 Monday to Friday, please do not call reception for these queries.

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Kerry Norman  
Practice Manager

### Corfe Castle Surgery Patient Participation Group

'The PPG was delighted to hold a Health talk on April 11th entitled 'Aneurysms- the Silent Killers '

Organised by Professor Howard Thomas we were pleased to welcome Mr Simon Parvin, Consultant Vascular Surgeon to Corfe who gave an interesting talk 'in plain English' to a well attended audience from Swanage, Worth, Studland and Corfe. Our thanks to all for a very successful evening.

Our Health talks programme will continue in May with a presentation from an Orthopaedic Surgeon who specializes in **knees**, and will include information on sports injuries and knee replacements. Please do look out for posters and information on our Facebook page and join us if you can.

Please do let us know if there are particular areas you would like us to consider for a health talk [corfecastleppg@gmail.com](mailto:corfecastleppg@gmail.com)

I have been pleased to attend several sessions of the recently formed local Parkinson's Support Group 'Purbeck Parkys' which will be meeting again on 15th May from 2.30 - 4.30 at the Swanage Cricket Club. A *Parky's Charter* petition was handed in to 10, Downing St on 11th April, Parkinson's Day, to make the Government aware of the issues faced by Parkinson's patients who require more timely and personalised treatment for this severely debilitating condition .

The PPG will be aiming to arrange a Neurology Health talk as soon as we can. Sending best wishes to all,'

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## Corfe Castle Primary School



The summer term is now in full swing. Please forgive us for not writing for the past couple of months. We will now continue with our class

focus to share some of the learning and activities that are going on across the school.

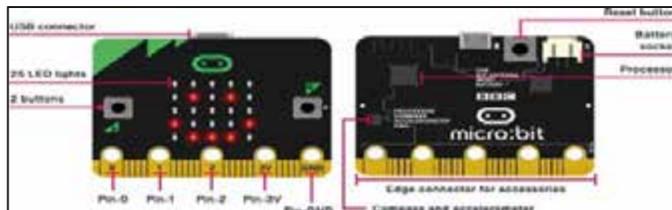
Our **Upper Key Stage 2** class engaged with a great book, *Varmints*, by Helen Ward and Marc Craste. Using the book and film, the children, and class teacher, were taken on a



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rollercoaster of emotions created by the authors. Using this, the children wrote some amazing diary extracts that shared the thoughts and feelings about the new creatures invading their land. *Varmints* tells the poignant tale of one small creature's struggle to preserve a world in danger of being lost forever and touches on themes including conservation, environment, citizenship, regeneration, philosophy and alienation.

In computing the children have been thoroughly excited by the use of our new micro-bits. Micro-bits are small codable



chipboards with a range of sensors and a programmable LED matrix. They worked hard to create a voting machine and then used their knowledge of variables to code the Micro-bits into a working pedometer. These little devices are a fantastic introduction into real world physical coding that some of the children will go on to use in their adult lives.

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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### Up coming Events

- May the 4th be with you! (Star Wars themed night) 4-5-24
- Summer Fair 8-6-24 3-8pm

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## Corfe Castle Parent, Teachers and Friends Association

Corfe Castle PTFA are here to support Corfe Castle Primary School, to help make every child's experience of school the best it can be and have some fun along the way!

Summer Fair planning is well underway now and we are super excited with the way it's shaping up, with live music from a band called SunDrunk, A dance and gymnastics display, food, a bar, bouncy castles, stalls, games and a princess who will be there to entertain the children.

We are also extremely excited to be welcoming a local Saxon re-enactment group, who will be doing demonstrations, axe throwing, Archery and a battle re-enactment! We couldn't let the fact that it's the D-Day commemoration weekend pass us by, as a little nod to this we will be holding a couple of competitions, firstly an art competition using D-Day as the inspiration (adult and children) as well as a poetry Competition again using D-Day as inspiration (again adult and children) We also have some baking contests with one category being a wartime recipe (recipe Below). entry Forms will be available shortly from the School, or contact us via social media, email- corfecastle.summerfair@gmail.com or phone ( Details on this newsletter)

### War time Condensed Milk cake

Prep time: 20 mins.  
Cook time : 45 mins.  
Total time: 1 hr 5 mins



### Ingredients:

- 3oz(75g) margarine
- 8oz(225g) Self-raising flour
- 8oz(225g) Plain Flour
- 4 teaspoons of baking powder
- 3oz(75g) Raisins or sultanas
- 1 tablespoon of Marmalade (or golden syrup)
- 6 tablespoons Condensed Milk made up to 1/4 pint (150ml) with water
- 2 eggs, beaten. Fresh or dried

### Method:

1. Rub the margarine into the flour and add baking powder.
2. Add the dried fruit and mix to a soft consistency with the marmalade (golden syrup), condensed milk and egg.
3. Spoon into greased or lined 6"(15cm) cake tin and bake in a moderate oven (180c -190c) gas mark 4-5) for 45 mins
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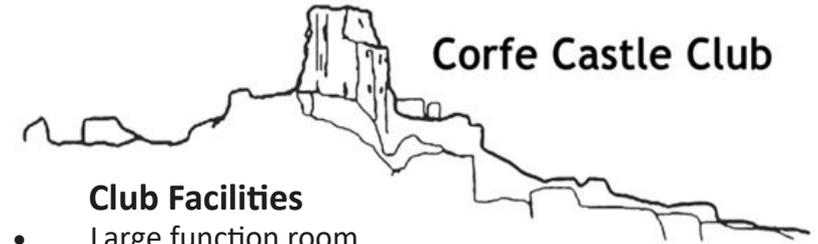


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Sunday: All day 12.00 - 7.00pm

### Weekly Events

Poker Night: Wed 8.30pm

One Card Bingo: Fri 8.30pm

Chase the Ace Draw: Sat 9.00pm

Beer/Meat Draw: Sat evening

One Card Bingo: Sun 1.00pm

### Forthcoming Events

Sun 26th May 2pm –

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Sat 29th June—Mini Beer Festival

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## The Shaftesbury Tales Take Shape!

Did you see publicity for the Short Story Writing Competition, set up by Treehouse Theatre to provide material for the Tales? That competition has now finished and some of the winning entries will give us the characters and settings for our 'Tale', as well as for the other participating groups, including Corfe Castle Primary School and The Purbeck School. Weather permitting, the first performances will be on the **Church Lawns at 7pm on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**. On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> some of the participants will walk to Wareham, following the likely route that St Edward's body was carried. Two more performances follow in **Wareham on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**, and over the next two weeks the production will move north with locals involved in performances at the various stopping places. Many of the walkers will be in costume, and there may be animals and music! The journey ends at **Shaftesbury on July 24<sup>th</sup>** as part of the Shaftesbury Fringe.

We are starting to put together our scene which features part of the story of Edward the Martyr, with other scenes telling other parts of the saga. Who murdered him? Why? How come he was made a Saint? What happened to his body? No spoilers yet!

This promises to be an amazing and unforgettable occasion, so look out for more information as July approaches! Tickets for all the shows are now on sale at [www.treehousetheatre.com/shaftesburytales](http://www.treehousetheatre.com/shaftesburytales), along with information about the whole project.

However, rest assured that Double Act will be back as usual in Corfe Castle to stage 'This Secret Isle' in November. And there's a possibility that Double Act will also be hosting a **Ball & Socket** evening, (in support of the Village Hall kitchen revamp) probably in October.

Your local Drama Group certainly does its best to entertain in a variety of ways!

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](mailto:doubleactdramagroup@gmail.com)  
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## PAW 2024: Open studios and exhibitions to world class music



Purbeck Art Weeks Festival invites you to our two-week long celebration of art in all its forms, taking place from 25 May to 9 June. Pick up a brochure in an outlet near you to chart your own art trail. You'll get to explore the many artist's studios and discover the diverse array of artwork produced on your doorstep.

At Rollington Barn, the Festival hub, immerse yourself in a collective exhibition showcasing the range of local talent such as painters, sculptors, textile artists, metalworkers, glass artists, woodworkers, ceramicists, and more. Attend daily demonstrations, workshops, and talks at the Pop-Up Studio in the Barn's courtyard, and don't miss the Purbeck Young Artists' exhibition in the Byre, showcasing young peoples' imaginative art work. Be sure to stop off at Love Cake's pop-up courtyard café - open each day - for delicious homemade cakes, light lunches, and drinks.

Keep an eye out for a remarkable 24 ft 'Water Bottle Tree', created by Purbeck-based sculptor Robert Marshall, popping up at secret locations across Purbeck. Share your sightings on social media by tagging #PurbeckArtWeeks and @purbeckartweeks.

And as the sun sets, experience enchanting music and events with renowned ensembles and musicians. Opening the Festival we have **Gawain Glenton** with **In Echo** - an ensemble of cornettos, violins, viola, violone and organ, with a magical celebration of summertime (25 May). **I Fagiolini** return with a four-choir mass by Benevoli, Carissimi's beautiful oratorio, Jephtha, and some of Monteverdi's greatest ensemble and solo works from Venice (27 May). And back by popular demand, **Helen Charlston** (mezzo soprano) and **Toby Carr** (lute) bring the heartfelt world of English song in late 16th and 17th century to life, plus a premiere of compositions by contemporary maestros Anna Semple and Ben Rowarth (7 June).

We are also delighted to have the Fieri Consort and the vocal ensemble The Gesualdo Six with two stunning programmes. Plus, we have internationally renowned sculptor Philip Jackson, PAW's President, who will be speaking on the ever challenging theme of The Changing Face of Beauty, and The Purbeck Poets with their open mic poetry night. Information and tickets for all events and concerts are available on the PAW website.

For more information, including event details and updates, visit the PAW website and follow @purbeckartweeks on social media.

## **Concerts and other Events Programme includes:**

- Saturday 25 May – St James', Kingston at 6pm – In the Summertime... – Gawain Glenton with In Echo
- Bank Holiday Monday 27 May – Lady St Mary, Wareham at 6.30pm – From Venice (to Rome) With Love – I Fagiolini
- Wednesday 29 May – Conservative Club, Swanage at 6pm – The Changing Face of Beauty by PAW President, Philip Jackson
- Friday 31 May – St James', Kingston at 6pm – Dawn Chorus, Fieri Consort
- Monday 3 June – Swanage, The Globe Inn – 7.30pm – open mic poetry night with The Purbeck Poets.
- Friday 7 June – St Edward's, Corfe Castle at 6pm – Lend us your Ears – Helen Charlston (mezzo soprano) and Toby Carr (lute)
- Saturday 8 June – Lady St Mary, Wareham at 6.30pm – Fading – The Gesualdo Six

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# Corfe Castle Village Hall

## general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the April VH Coffee Morning. £212.63 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In April the first prize of £21 was won by member 63, with member 67 getting second prize £10 and member 7 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.

The village hall offers a large amount of secure storage space. Currently two storage units are available for hire. For more details please contact Judith on 01929 480216.

## new Aerobics class

Fitness instructor Jayne Ashurst is starting an "Exercise to Music" retro aerobics class for adult beginners on Friday evenings 6.30 - 7.30.

To book a slot or for more details contact Jayne on 07889 211832 or by email to ashurstjaney@gmail.com.

## May Fair Tombola

On the VH stall at the May Fair as well as the usual books we will also be running a tombola, to raise funds for the work on the kitchen / chair store. If you have any gifts you would like to donate for this tombola please contact Gerry on 07711 441258.

To book a room at the hall, preferably use the email address david@davidjatin.plus.com. Alternatively ring David on 07590 352219.

## 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	Corfe Crafters
Wednesday mornings	Pilates
Wednesday afternoons	U3A Pickleball
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
Friday evenings	Aerobics

## regular monthly events:

1st Saturday morning	VH Coffee Morning
1st Sunday all day	Cameo Antiques Fair
1st Tuesday afternoon	Aquarius
1st Thursday evening	Gardening Club
2nd Monday evening	Parish Council
3rd Wednesday morning	Carers' Support (P Jones)
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### *News from The Castle*

The weather is getting warmer, the nights are getting longer and the team at The Castle Inn are preparing for a fun month ahead. We are now hosting our summer menu which includes mouthwatering burgers and scrummy specials.

Here are the dates for your diary:

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday BBQ! Our chefs will be preparing delicious food with the company of a live band (TBC and weather permitting). Bring the family along, and enjoy the day with us.

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Who doesn't love a free dinner? Anyone who books and dines us during these days, lunch or dinner, will be entered into our draw to win Sunday lunch for 2. The winner will be announced on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May

The Big Bank Holiday BBQ! If you missed the first one, don't be disheartened, as we'll be offering more delicious food, along with live music and a bouncy castle for the little ones to enjoy (TBC & weather permitting). Definitely one for the whole family.

From the team at The Castle Inn, have a fantastic May and we hope to see you all soon.

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## CORFE VALLEY NEWS

## CALENDAR for MAY 2024

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

2	May	Thursday		Local Council Elections
4	May	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
4	May	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud Community Lunch – Corfe Castle Village Hall
9	May	Thursday	8 pm	Gardening Club ‘Salvias and Scented plants, a talk by the Head Gardener of Carey’s Secret Garden.
10	May	Friday	7.30 pm	Barn Dance – Kimmeridge Village Hall at Etches collection.
13	May	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
14	May	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle Village Hall
17	May	Friday	1 – 3 pm	Citizens Advice bus in Village Hall car park.
20	May	Monday	6 pm	Annual Parish Meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
25	May – 9 June			Purbeck Art Weeks
27	May	Monday		May Fayre in the Castle

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

1	June	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
1	June	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud Community Lunch – Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	June	Friday	6 pm	Purbeck Art Weeks Concert in St Edwards Church
8	June	Saturday	3 – 8 pm	Corfe PTFA summer fair – Corfe Castle Village Hall
15	June	Saturday	7 pm	Wareham Choral Society, D Day Commemoration Concert, Lady St Mary Wareham
18	June	Tuesday	11 am	Gardening Club visit to Carey’s Secret Garden.
29	June	Saturday	12 midday onwards	Mini Beer Fest in Corfe Castle Club
11/12	July	Thursday/Friday	7 pm	Double Act Shaftesbury Tales on St Edwards Church Lawns
17	July	Wednesday	2 pm	Harmony Rocks Choir – Emmanuel Baptist Church Swanage

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Western Power Distribution:  
0800 365900 (free phone land line and mobiles)

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**Roads and highways** - Highways England (including incidents A35, A37 and A31):

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Dorset Council (including incidents on the Dorset Council highway):  
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**Flooding** - Environment Agency - Flood Line:  
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**Dorset Council out of hours** Emergency Contact Number – 01929 556561

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**Anti-Social Behaviour** 01305 762439 email [ASB@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ASB@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

# Church of England

## St Aldhelm's Benefice

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**Curate Nick Webb 07866 546162** [fulloflifegardens@googlemail.com](mailto:fulloflifegardens@googlemail.com)

**Benefice Office: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm**

**Benefice Administrator: St George's Church, Langton Matravers**

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**Enquiries for Baptisms / Weddings / Funerals / Banns - contact Benefice Office and for the Corfe Valley parishes contact the Church Wardens**

[www.purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com](http://www.purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com)

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### Church Wardens in the Valley Churches

Corfe Castle: Penelope Smith 480109      John Lindsay 481498

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

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### **The Rev Anne Bond writes**

May Day! What does that phrase make you think of? The universal appeal for help when disaster strikes? Mayday, Mayday, my ship is sinking?

Or does it conjure up sweet pictures of children dancing around a village Maypole? I remember being bound by multi-coloured streamers to the Maypole while my friends, having succeeded in disentangling themselves, had run off to the Candy Floss Lady leaving me bellowing with rage while Miss stood by laughing!

The end of April and the beginning of May is when at last the cold winds of winter give way to the balmy breezes of Spring and the approach of Summer. Our gardens are blooming with daffodils and narcissi, bluebells and lilac, tulips and cherry blossom, flowery scents tease our senses, and the birds' singing has gone into overdrive.

We are so lucky to be living in a part of the world that has four seasons, each distinctly different, and each – generally speaking – a moderate version of itself. Although that couldn't be said of Spring this year when there was so much flooding. So many people's lives have been grievously damaged by nature gone ballistic. How can one possibly preach a loving creator God who lets this sort of thing happen? Which is very much the same sort of question one asks when a loved one becomes dangerously ill.

I have heard it said that there are two sorts of disasters: those that come about as the natural and inevitable consequences of the world we live in; and those that happen because of the behaviour of the dominant species at the time.

Examples of those in the first category might be the meteor that crashed into Planet Earth and wiped out the dinosaurs, or the shift in Planet Earth's orbit around the Sun that caused the disappearance of water and green savannah and forests where now only exist vast deserts.

Examples of the second category could perhaps be the various infectious pandemics that have swept through Planet Earth such as the medieval Black Death, the post-World War One influenza, and recently the more dangerous strains of Covid, all of which were probably brought about by some specific activity of humanity.

Jesus taught: 'Love God – and Love your Neighbour as much as you love yourself'. If we could all find it in ourselves to do that – to just put that instruction into action no matter what, starting with the tiny circumstances that govern our individual lives, and carried on into public life at all levels, worldwide – we would find ourselves well on the way to the establishment of the Kingdom of God on Earth where 'the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' (Rev 21:3-4)

With love, Anne

### **Bible Readings – May 2024**

5th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:44-48 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17
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12 <sup>th</sup> May	Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Whitsunday Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
26 <sup>th</sup> May	First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Second Sunday after Pentecost 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6

### **Services in May 2024**

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> Corfe Castle 10.30am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> Steeple 9.30am Corfe Castle 10.30am Kingston 11.15	Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Holy Communion Informal worship
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> Corfe Castle 10.30am Harmans Cross 6 pm	Whit Sunday Holy Communion Evening Prayer
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> Corfe Castle 10.30am Kingston 11.15 am	Trinity Sunday Holy Communion Holy Communion

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Corfe Castle 10.30 am

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## West Lynch Farm & Burbarrow Tenement

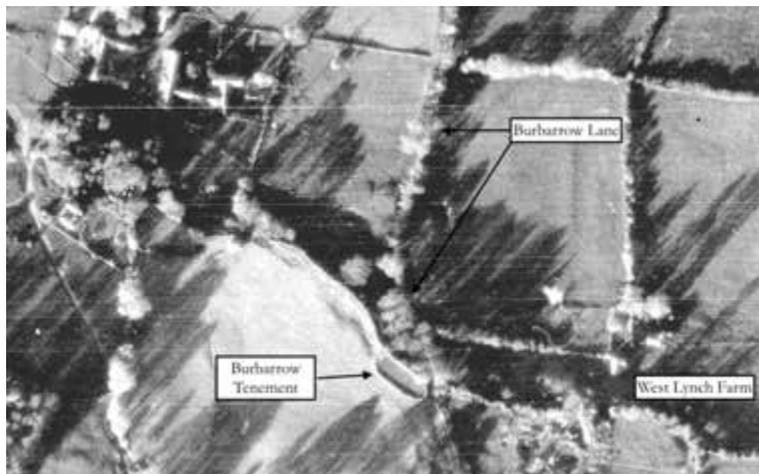
### Burbarrow

In between Blashenwell and West Lynch Farm lay a small tenement called 'Burbarrow' which no longer exists. Originally a farm, it ended up becoming a garden.



1887 OS map of the farms & tenement.

'Burbarrow' belonged to the Abbess of Shaftesbury but was eventually sold to William Morton Pitt in 1794 and passed down, like Blashenwell, onto the Earl of Eldon in 1837. The cottage still stood in 1790 but nothing remains except the rubble of the farm labourer's cottage.

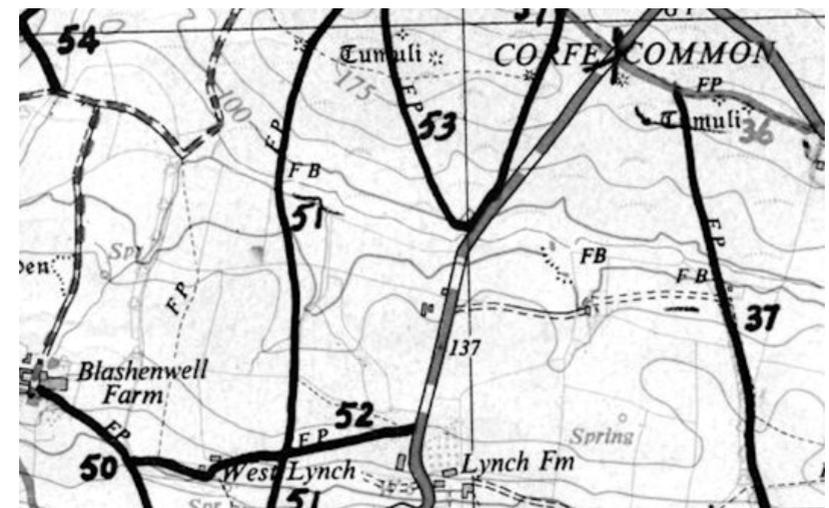


It was sometimes called 'Burberry' and a little drove or lane called 'Burberry Lane' coming from Corfe passed between the 'garden' and the cottage along what is now a hedgerow-cum-stream. The 1776 plan shows that by then this lane was no longer in use, but one can still see the little enclosure/garden on the RAF aerial photo of 1947 (above).

### West Lynch

West Lynch was a small dairy farm of between 21-23 acres and was purchased in 1712 by the trustees of Mrs Dorothy Pickering's Charity at East Lulworth. She was a member of the Weld family and gave £600 to set up a charity for the relief of 12 old Protestant widows and spinsters. The charity sold the property in 1949 and put the money into a fund before it ceased operating in 2015.

The property lies to the north of fields containing ridges lying north to south which is an ancient ridge and furrow system caused by ploughing. An old deed of 1624 mentions a dwelling house and another older dwelling lying nearby. The current property still retains one of the original 17<sup>th</sup> century window frames. A 'common highway' lay to the east called West Lynch Lane. This is now part of Footpath 51 which leads to The Common and walkers will be surprised to learn that it was ever a highway as it is remarkably narrow in places.



Footpath 51: 'the common highway' from West Lynch

Burberry Farm (shown at BXXII, below) was Mr. Crombes land, and was eventually let with Blashenwell once the Eldon Estate had acquired the land.



1776 plan of Kingston Manor showing 'Burberry Farm', the squiggle of the disused lane & 'West Lench Farm'.

Louise Haywood



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## What's On at Harmans Cross Village Hall

### **Movie Nights – doors and bar open at 7pm, admission just £5**

Reviews and trailers can be found on the Movie Nights section of our website at <https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Movie-Nights/>

Our next screenings are:

Tuesday 14 May – Napoleon

Tuesday 11 June – The Great Escaper

### **Coffee Junction – in the small meeting room from 10.30am**

Thursday 16 and 30 May. Coffee Junction has had to give way to Polling Day for the local elections on Thursday 2 May.

### **HXVH Church – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 6pm**

Next HX service is Sunday 19 May.

### **Booking the Hall**

A reminder to anyone interested in booking the Hall that our new Bookings Guru is Kelly King. There's loads of information available on the 'Make a Booking' section of our website and you can check availability using the online calendar which is always kept up to date. Kelly can be contacted on either 07384 848 419 or email at [bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk).

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## Notices and Thanks

### Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

Our gardens and the countryside are bearing witness to the incredibly rainy spring with the freshness of new growth in our fields and hedgerows. In April we had a wonderful evening with Gerry and Deborah Stoker showing the photographs of their trip to Costa Rica. They were full of enthusiasm for this beautiful country with its great people. Their anecdotes and information about the variety of flora and exotic wildlife from Howler monkeys to leaf cutter ants, coatees and hummingbirds were very infectious and the group agreed it was a very special talk. We were delighted to welcome 5 new members to the group.

Hazel explained the plans for the summer and further information will be sent out by e-mail shortly.

**CHANGE OF DATE.** Please note that the MAY meeting will NOT take place on the first Thursday of the month as the Village Hall will be being used for the local elections.

We will be meeting on the 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY in the hall instead – THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY. Village Hall. 7.30 coffee, 8pm – ‘Salvias and Scented plants’, a talk by the Head Gardener of Carey’s Secret Garden. We will also have a Plant Sale at this meeting.

**TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>. June.** There will be no meeting in the hall this month as we have a group visit to

**CAREY’S SECRET GARDEN.** Meet at the garden at 11 am. 11.30AM COMPLIMENTARY TALK BY ONE OF THE GARDENING TEAM – APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR. More information to follow by e-mail.

**JULY 4<sup>th</sup>.** No meeting in the hall but a group visit to the fabulous Hauser and Wirth Gallery and Garden in Somerset. More details to follow by e-mail.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GARDENS AND GARDENING AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN A FRIENDLY LOCAL GROUP, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH CHRIS ON 01929 480095 OR 07815 058880 OR cclarkecorfe@gmail.com.**

Meetings usually take place in the Village Hall, Corfe Castle, starting at 7.30 pm for coffee and starting the programme at 8pm. Non-members are welcome to join us for a small fee if they are interested in a particular talk. We also arrange visits to a variety of wonderful gardens and have social get togethers, plant sales, seed swaps and Open Gardens.

Chris Clarke

## Purbeck Art Weeks Concert

### Lend Us Your Ears

Helen Charlston & Toby Carr

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June / 6 pm

St Edward, King & Martyr, Corfe Castle.

£20 a ticket. For more information and to book visit [www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk)

citizens advice East Dorset & Purbeck

3rd Friday 1pm-3pm

**Our Advice Bus is stopping at..  
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Third Friday of the month 1pm-3pm: 15th March, 19th April, 17th May & 21st June

Speak to our friendly advisers about a range of issues including benefits, debt and money, employment, energy, water schemes, family, housing, legal and more.

Check our website for more information  
[www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk)



### New Partnership Launched to Help Residents who Fear Losing their Home

Dorset Council and national charities Shelter and Citizens

Are you struggling with housing costs or worried about losing your home?

Call us now for free, confidential and non-judgemental advice on  
**01305 221000**

Dorset Citizens Advice SHELTER

Advice have joined forces for the first time to prevent homelessness in the county.

The new partnership is supporting Dorset residents who are experiencing a range of housing issues by providing a free, confidential and non-judgemental one-stop-shop for anyone with

housing cost concerns.

Experts can assist with many areas of housing, such as giving legal and debt advice, help finding a new home due to eviction and in some circumstances facilitate financial assistance to enable residents to remain in their accommodation.

The Housing Advice Line is open to anyone who:

- has a mortgage
- rents privately
- has a social landlord or
- are landlords themselves.

The service is also open to lettings agents, so they can share information with landlords and their clients.

When people call the Housing Advice Line on 01305 221000, their enquiry will be triaged and passed on to the most relevant team or organisation to progress.

The collaboration was formed to make it easier for people to access help if they have concerns or worries about losing their home, by having only one point of contact to get help.

Every local authority has a statutory duty to provide advice to everyone who is experiencing housing issues. Our data from 2023 shows we:

- took approximately 8,000 calls on housing issues via our Housing phone line.
- answered more than 25,000 emails about housing related topics.
- managed around 350 referrals from professionals – from both our internal and external partners.
- took more than 4,000 enquiries through our dedicated online portal – a rise of 6% from 2022.

Residents can also access the Housing Advice service by emailing [housinghelp@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:housinghelp@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) or visiting the webpage [Are you struggling with housing costs or worried about losing your home? - Dorset Council-](#) for more information.

Dorset Council continues to work with a range of partners to offer support with the cost of living challenge including access to food, housing and energy support. Information on all help available visit [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help).

Contact Information - **Donna Atkins** - [donna.atkins@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:donna.atkins@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)



### 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

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](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk)

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### Bin Collections

The standard collection day is Wednesday.

	<b>Recycling and Food</b>	<b>Rubbish and Food</b>
May 2024	1, 15, 29	8, 22
June 2024	12, 26	5, 19

July 2024	10, 24	3, 17, 31
August 2024	7, 21	14, 28
September 2024	4, 18	11, 25
October 2024	2, 16, 30	9, 23

### *David's Trek to Petra for Julia's House*

*Nov 2-9, 2024*

By the time you read this, the doughty band of Trekkers will have completed the first training walk in Cranborne Chase. The temperature and terrain are not quite what we expect in Jordan, but it helps to get legs in trim, improve fitness, check out clothing and equipment, and meet fellow Trekkers.

Have you bought your **Rock Quiz** yet? It's only £1, and if you complete it you might win a nice cash prize!

Buy your **Rock Quiz** at **The Sweet Shop**, the **Village Stores**, the **Community Library**, or at **Village Hall Coffee Mornings**, or the **May Fair** in the Castle on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the various shopkeepers and managers of those venues and occasions.

There will also be 20p tickets for the **Fizz Flutter** (Champagne Draw), Purbeck **Rocks** Post Cards (20p), and **Rock** cakes (50p).

All contributions are welcome. My on-line donations page is [www.justgiving.com/page/david-kemp-1694853078368](http://www.justgiving.com/page/david-kemp-1694853078368). I am very happy to accept cheques or cash, or I can supply my bank details if you'd prefer to support **Julia's House** that way.

**Julia's House Children's Hospice needs and is very grateful for your support!**

*David Kemp, 7 Colletts Close, Corfe Castle, 01929 480007*  
[davimukem@aol.com](mailto:davimukem@aol.com)

### HARMONY ROCKS CHOIR

We are spreading our wings all the way to the Emanuel Baptist Church Swanage for our annual summer Songs & Scones Concert.

There will be twice the space so twice the number of tickets and probably the scones will be twice as nice too (if that is at all possible).

The date for this event is 17 July 2024 at 2pm. Entry by ticket £10 which includes a cream tea.

Our Songs and Scones Concert is always a sell out event so please note the date - 17 July 2024 - for this popular afternoon entertainment.

Ticket availability will be announced shortly.

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### Corfe Castle FC May update.

Girls : Unfortunately the Girls Team have had to withdraw from their league due to lack of players... I would like thank Matt Coggins and Tim Lee for all their hard work and dedication to the team and the football club over many years.

Firsts: Have had a good year .. finishing 6th out of 12 teams. 10 wins 2 draws and 10 losses .. They have a very consistent team and will be looking to add to it next year. if you are interested, please do get in touch with the club.

Vets: in contrast to the firsts who have played 22 games , the vets have played 10 games and have 6 still to play. The weather, injuries and lack of players have contributed to many postponed games. They continue in good spirits and will finish the season off mid table.

Cheers, Patrick Ward, Chairman

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### **The Bottle Top Story – So Far ...!**

Following an item on the local TV News 2 years ago, a member of the Environment Group started to collect plastic milk bottle tops to contribute to an intriguing recycling scheme. The tops were being converted into building bricks of a Lego-type design for use in housebuilding in earthquake areas, specifically Nepal. Walls made of the bricks would be less likely to collapse, and if they did, the bricks would be less damaging, and re-usable. The enterprise was located at High Mead Community Therapy Farm, Ferndown. Aquarius members took up the cudgel and have been collecting tops ever since. So

dozens of bin-liners and assorted other bags full of bottle tops have been fed into the system since then.

Bricks are not the only potential product. Currently the enterprise, now re-branded as Circular 11, has an industrial base in Christchurch where garden tables, benches, and various other products are made by shredding the bottle tops, melting the result and moulding it in metal tubes of various dimensions. When cool, the 'planks' can be pushed out, cut and fashioned as needed, and the off-cuts and shavings go back into the process: there is no waste. At the moment the innovative bricks are proving too expensive to make, but Circular 11 is seeking ways to make them economically as soon as possible.

#### **How can you help?**

Collect your plastic bottle tops, wash them, and pass them to an Aquarius member or to me, and we will deliver them to High Mead Farm or Christchurch when we are going that way. You could deliver them yourself – we can give you directions – but please don't make a special journey. High Mead Farm has other interesting environmental and social things going on, there's a Farm Shop, you can get a cup of coffee, and there are toilets!

It is worth mentioning that you can recycle these bottle tops by putting them on the bottle for your roadside recycling bin. Recycled products from that scheme may be possible to recycle multiple times, whereas Circular 11's products are mostly likely to be once-only use, but the idea of the Lego-style bricks helping to improve Nepal's earthquake resilience continues to appeal!

*David Kemp (CCPEG Core Group with Josey, Helen, Tom, Luke and Richard)*



#### **TWAM Update ( Tools with a Mission) – A BIG thank You**

As I write we are awaiting the collection van to take the local contributions of tools which will now begin their journey to Africa. People have been very generous in Purbeck and since January, have donated 11 sewing machines, some hand, some electric, 1 knitting machine, lots of needles, a welder, 2 computers, 1 drill post, several electric drills, socket sets, 10 saws, and we have amassed over 25 crates of various tools. These have included hammers, spanners, chisels, planes, screw drivers, plumbing tools as well as endless garden tools and a box of Bibles. There are also haberdashery supplies and various materials.

We would like to convey a very special 'Thank You' from us both and also all those who refurbish the tools and put them into starter kits at Ipswich and Rugby, before they are shipped to Africa. There, in countries such as Uganda, Zimbabwe, Zambia, DR Congo, Malawi and Tanzania, there is so much gratitude for all these goods. TWAM always provide skills training in local

communities to ensure they are put to good use and improve the local self-reliance.

This Christian charity has grown over the last 30 years and even more containers are sent each year, so there is always an ongoing need of new donations. Have a look at the website [twam.uk](http://twam.uk) to see the full list of items needed and if you have any surplus tools, or you know somebody who is moving, downsizing or clearing their garage or loft, do get in touch with Richard on 07590 903922 or email [richardf@twam.uk](mailto:richardf@twam.uk).

If you are part of a local group and would like us to speak about the work, please contact us. There will be a few local fundraising opportunities as the goods currently have to go via the longer route around South Africa, rather than through the Red Sea and Suez Canal, which then pushes up transport costs. Thank you to all those who have contributed in any way.

Judy and Richard Forgan



## CORFE CASTLE EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

### MAY YOUR DOUBTS OPEN DOORS

As May blooms around us, with its vibrant colours and renewed life, I find myself reflecting on the beauty of uncertainty. It's a season of transition, of growth, and of possibility. And so, I write this as a fellow traveller on this journey of faith.

You see, I understand that faith can be a difficult concept to grasp, especially for those who have yet to experience its transforming power. Doubt, on the other hand, is something we're all intimately familiar with. It creeps into our minds at night, whispering questions we can't easily answer. And yet, I believe that doubt can be a doorway, a doorway to deeper understanding, to genuine faith, and to a richer relationship with God.

So, if you find yourself standing at the threshold of faith, hesitating to take the next step, I want you to know that you're not alone. Doubt is a natural part of the human experience, and it's okay to wrestle with it. In fact, I would encourage you to embrace your doubts, explore them, question them, and to allow them to lead you on a journey of discovery.

But where does faith fit into all of this? Faith is not about having all the answers or being free from doubt. Rather, it's about trust, a trust that God is present, even in the midst of uncertainty; a trust that God is at work, even when we can't see it; a trust that God's love is constant, even when our circumstances are not.

This trust isn't blind, it's grounded in the evidence of God's faithfulness throughout bible history, in the beauty of creation, and in the profound sense of purpose and meaning that faith brings to our lives. It's a trust that grows stronger as we cultivate it through prayer and through study.

Don't just take my word for it. I would encourage you to explore the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God's love and truth. Read the Gospels with an open mind and an open heart. Consider the claims of Christianity, not as a set of doctrines to be accepted or rejected, but as a framework for understanding the world and our place in it.

And as you embark on this journey of exploration, remember that you're not alone. There are fellow travellers, believers and seekers alike, who are walking alongside you, ready to offer support, guidance, and companionship along the way.

May this May be a season of growth, of discovery, and of deeper trust in God. May your doubts lead you to deeper truths, and may your journey be filled with grace, peace, and joy.  
Rob Taylor

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### Kimmeridge News

#### **Play at the Bay**

The ever-popular Play at the Bay returns on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The Miracle Theatre are bringing us the intriguingly titled "Love Riot". This year we are putting this on jointly with volunteers from Church Knowle and tickets will be available from Artsreach. Put the date in your diary!

#### **Eyes to the Skies**

Hi all , well it's been an exciting few weeks since my last report, I've been very lucky to have had great views of a pair of white tailed eagles (WTE) who put on quite a display flying around the tollgate until they finally landed in a rough stubbly field under the hill where they stayed for around forty minutes, Happy Days! Since then the eagles have been regularly spotted around Church Knowle/Bradle/Kimmeridge and along Tyneham & Purbeck ridges, so keep looking up.

Spring has definitely sprung, Yellow Hammers also seem to be showing and calling with more regularity and flying around the barns, and Blackcaps are singing in every tree, along with the first trickle of swallows. We had a very interesting walk down the Bay during the storm and were rewarded with three sandwich terns and a kittiwake! Chiff chaffs are everywhere. listen out for their song .. *Chiff chaff Chiff chaff*.

Don't forget to keep checking your own garden as you never know when a Hoopoe will appear.  
Cheers Rose and Pat.

#### **Kimmeridge Keilidh**

Our next Barn Dance is on Friday May 10th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Live music from Arish Mel with caller Teresa Williams. 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.

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## Local Snorkelling

Nature enthusiasts are being urged to “go wet and wild” at South Dorset’s best sites for snorkelling.



With warmer weather approaching, a list of snorkelling hot spots has been compiled by the marine and freshwater team of community group Planet Purbeck. They hope to encourage both local folk and tourists to discover the “amazing beauty” that lies beneath the surface of the sea.

Their list also gives an

intriguing insight into the “breathtaking” creatures and plant life that may be found by those who take the plunge. Planet Purbeck’s Doug Skinner said: “Much of the attention about wildlife, conservation and ecology tends to be concentrated on the land, which sometimes means our coastlines and seas get a little lost and left behind, as it were.



“We want to engage people with the sea and the amazing things that are going on in it. “Despite all the problems connected with the sea, such as pollution and over-fishing, there is still a huge amount of beauty there to be enjoyed.”

Here is Planet Purbeck’s Go-Wet-And-Wild guide for this spring and summer...

\*\* Man O’War Cove. A favourite. Spectacular reef and in suitable conditions you can swim around the headland and through Durdle Door. Breathtaking and unforgettable.

\*\* North Beach, Swanage, below the Grand Hotel. Numerous reefs with huge shoals of young fish; sandeels; wrasse; flatfish; crabs. Very accessible and great on a clear day but the longshore drift can be powerful and make it challenging to follow the reefs out.

\*\* Kimmeridge Bay. Glorious plant life and marine invertebrates including coralline seaweeds and snakelocks anemones.

\*\* Worbarrow Bay. Two sites here – near the Tout promontory, though watch out for spear fishermen, and Pondfield, a small rocky cove with caves.

\*\* Redend Point, Studland Bay. Pipefish, razor shells and several varieties of crab and fish amongst the headland rocks. Avoid weekends due to marine traffic.

\*\* Boscombe. The offshore artificial reef has disappointed surfers but has been colonised by flora and fauna.

\*\* Stair Hole, west of Lulworth Cove. Impressive submarine environment. On a quiet day species such as dogfish and lobster may be seen. Also Mupe Bay, east of Lulworth Cove.

\*\* Seacombe. A little known spot featuring great caves and kelp forest.

\*\* Dancing Ledge. A kelp forest and dramatic submarine landscape.

\*\* Ringstead. Beautiful during clear conditions though not the best for wildlife.

\*\* Frenchman's Ledge, Osmington. Recommended by ecologists.

\*\* Church Ope Cove, east Portland. Busy but interesting rocky coastline.

Despite its encouragement for snorkelling, Planet Purbeck stresses that individuals keen to have a go must make their own assessments of conditions at each site and be responsible for their own swimming skills.

Mr Skinner, who will be among the speakers at a Rewilding Our Seas event during Planet Purbeck’s 2024 festival in September, said: “As in all aspects of life, safety is paramount.”

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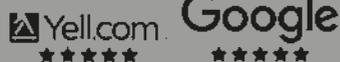


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**SECOND UNIQUE VICTORIAN  
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**Dedicated Swanage Railway volunteers – who restored a unique Victorian steam locomotive so it could haul a passenger train for the first time in almost 80 years – are embarking on their next ambitious challenge to overhaul another Victorian locomotive.**



The Swanage Railway Trust’s 563 Locomotive Group is to overhaul 1899-built London and South Western Railway T9 class steam locomotive No. 30120 which was attacked by a German fighter near Wool, west of Wareham, during the Second World War.

The enterprising group returned 1893-built London and South Western Railway T3 class steam locomotive No. 563 to working order in October, 2023, after a six-year £650,000 project almost completely funded by donations from railway enthusiasts and the public.

On loan from the National Railway Museum’s extensive National Collection, T9 No. 30120 arrived on the Swanage Railway – from the Bodmin and Wenford heritage railway in Cornwall - during 2017 but the unique Victorian steam locomotive has not steamed in the Isle of Purbeck since 2020 when it failed its boiler examination.

Built at the Nine Elms railway works in London during 1899, T9 No. 30120 spent its career after the Second World War hauling trains in Devon, Dorset, Hampshire and Surrey before being withdrawn by British Railways at Eastleigh in Hampshire during October, 1961.



Nicknamed ‘greyhounds’ for their turn of speed on the main line, the T9 class steam locomotives operated on the ten-mile Wareham to Swanage branch line from the 1920s through to the early 1960s – first on passenger trains from London and then later on freight trains to Corfe Castle and Swanage.

563 Locomotive Group chairman Nathan Au said: “It is exciting to be embarking on our second ambitious challenge because we see the overhaul of the T9 as the natural follow-on project to the T3 in providing the Swanage Railway with another affordable locomotive with an impeccable Southern pedigree.

“We are delighted to be able to support the National Railway Museum in its mission to ensure that selected steam locomotives from its National Collection are available for the public to enjoy in steam and hauling passenger trains,” added Nathan who is a volunteer driver on the Swanage Railway.

The National Railway Museum’s railway partnerships manager, Paddy McNulty, said: “Following the success of the T3 restoration, we are pleased to be working with the Swanage Railway Trust on its plans for the T9.

“We look forward to seeing progress towards the successful overhaul of the T9 and enjoying the splendid sight and sound of both locomotives in steam on the Swanage Railway in the future,” he added.

Nathan Au explained: “The project to overhaul the T9 will start with an assessment of the locomotive to confirm what work is necessary, that the restoration work is viable and that there is the necessary financial support available before a commitment is made to the full overhaul.

“The hoped for overhaul of No. 30120 will be shared between the Flour Mill engineering works in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, and the Swanage Railway’s Herston engineering works in Swanage with the Flour Mill doing the boiler and tender and the Swanage Railway doing the chassis of the T9.

“The Flour Mill successfully returned the T9 to steam in 2010 so its skilled staff are already familiar with the locomotive while their involvement in No. 30120 builds on the successful relationship established with the restoration of the T3,” added Nathan who is also a director of the Swanage Railway’s train operating company.

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## The Rambling Gardener

May is a beautiful month; the birds are nesting, on sunny days the butterflies are out looking for plants to lay their eggs on, and all the plants are coming out with fresh new leaves. This is a green month which is both restful and interesting as there are so many different green colours no two plants ever look the same and our countryside is so beautiful. I think that we are blessed to live in England. There is violence and trouble in places, but mostly people here can do what they would like to do, and we haven't suffered like many other countries. .

Why do people go to war and refuse to talk? When I was young I listened to a talk about how conservation minded people like my father were making plans to green up the Sahara. They had the knowledge that dew is formed by the hot desert getting very cold at night and it is possible to use dew nets to gather the water to grow trees until the trees are mature enough to get their own water from the dew at nights. However, it seems that the different tribes would not talk to each other, then the second world war broke out, and the plans were never carried out. If the plans had gone ahead in the 1930s would it be slowing down the present climate change and giving humans and wild life a chance to acclimatise to the changing temperatures? Surely it would be better to spend money on plans like this than on weapons. Fighting always seems to cause more fighting. Is it all to do with money? How I wish we could just wave a wand and make everyone happy with what they have. Unfortunately we can't change the world, but we can be prudent and careful not to waste food or water and we can green our own gardens.

The ground is still a bit cold to sow seeds outside as I write, but by the time you read this it will be time to sow all the seeds you want, vegetables and flowers, some inside and some outside. We used to say that the rule for planting seeds is "one for the rook and one for the crow, one to rot and one to grow," but with the increase of slugs and snails plus the fact that there are often very few seeds in the packets nowadays it may be best to sow more carefully in boxes of sieved soil in a sheltered place. It is easiest to have your seed boxes in the house so as to keep a good eye on them without having to put on outside clothes, and you can get strong plants to put out after hardening off as soon as the weather improves.

May is a good time to sow summer and winter squash, leeks, tomatoes and winter cabbage inside. So long as the weather is good early carrots and beans can go directly outside, as can parsnips and radish which are good to plant together as the radish can mark the line of slow maturing parsnip and will be ready before the parsnips need the space. If you have not already done so then

peas, and both the 2<sup>nd</sup> early and the late main crop potatoes should go in . Do try something new, you can look for new plants or maybe become a member of the Heritage Seed Library at [www.gardenorganic.org.uk](http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk) which has a lot of unusual seeds. Also apple trees need to be pruned enough to let the sun get to the middle of the tree and to check that there is no disease.

Leaving piles of twigs, untidy corners, seldom mown grass and wild areas is great for the wildlife that we can all encourage, especially in towns where a pot on a windowsill can provide shelter or food for insects travelling between green spaces. Six common butterflies need nettles in sunny places for their caterpillars. The caterpillars weave a white web to protect them so you can see them, but when they have hatched do cut back nettles in May and then late July to provide fresh young leaves for a possible second family.

Enjoy the warmer weather and your plants, and I would love to see you at my NGS garden opening at the end of the month..

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### Swanage Skatepark Community Project launches Crowdfunder to give skatepark fundraising a rolling start!

Registered charity, Swanage Skatepark Community Project (SSCP) aims to raise £20k in community crowdfunding towards the cost of rebuilding Swanage Skatepark by 9th June to be awarded with £6k in match funding from Sport England.

Swanage Town Council removed a large portion of skate ramps in 2023 when they became unsafe, without the funds to replace them. These ramps are sorely missed, especially because they were most used by beginners to build their confidence. After resurfacing some of the skatepark area, Swanage Town Council committed £15,000 towards the cost of new equipment, however this is nowhere near enough to restore the skatepark to be the valuable community resource it once was. SSCP volunteers, led by Lorna Haines who has a long legacy of fundraising for the Skatepark, are working to secure local and national funding to raise £200,000 to replace and improve on the lost ramps. This campaign is important as it shows funders the local community of Swanage support the skatepark.

It was in 2003 that Lorna Haines ran her first London Marathon to raise money for Swanage Skatepark. Now, 20 years later, Lorna is due to run another marathon to raise money for the Skatepark; she will take part in the [North Dorset Village Marathon](#) and Relay on 5th May 2024.

#### **Lorna Haines says:**

*'Rebuilding the skatepark to ensure we have a fun and accessible facility will lead to more positive outcomes for the young people of Swanage. Wheel based sports are known for creating a better sense of wellbeing and can attract people who wouldn't normally engage in mainstream sports. Happier and healthier young people create positive ripples that will be felt by the rest of our community too.'*

The Swanage Skatepark Crowdfunder campaign has been generously supported by local businesses who have offered some great rewards in return for your donations. For example: by contributing £10 to the future of the skatepark you could get a voucher for a buy 1 get 1 free cream tea at Brook Tea Rooms or a donation of £100 could be rewarded with a sea kayak experience for two from Fore Adventure.

#### **James Woodford from SSCP says**

*'When I was younger this was always a busy place, we had no idea it was only funded and provided by Lorna's efforts. Now the skatepark and the young*

*people of Swanage are suffering again, another setback for this generation who already lost so much due to Covid-19 lockdowns. This is not just about building a bigger skatepark; creating better physical infrastructure will give people of all ages an alternative social and physical outlet and bring more vitality to the town. We really need the community to get behind this. There have been loads of positive changes in the area recently, new businesses and improvements that make Purbeck a better place, let's not stop now.'*

The Crowdfunder will be live from Monday 15th April and will close 9th June after the Skatepark Community Day, kindly funded by #Willdoes.

Visit <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/swanage-skatepark> to make a donation

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Swanage Skatepark Community Project is a Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust project, registered charity no: 1162662.

Swanage Skatepark Community Project are also looking for volunteers who could donate their time to help our project in the long term AND we're looking for volunteers to bake a cake for sale at the Skatepark Community Day taking place 1st June. If you can help please email: [swanageskatepark@gmail.com](mailto:swanageskatepark@gmail.com).

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## Pioneer view

Dear friends,

In this month's Pioneer view now that we have entered summer, I want to offer some thoughts and reflections on the importance of rest and relaxation. Taking time to step back from the travelator of activity and our busy lives.

For our own wellbeing it's imperative to stop and take stock. Busyness can often become a form of addiction; a way of avoiding making difficult decisions.

So, simply press the pause button take a deep breath and relax. Take yourself off the travelator of life and take time for family and friends. It's time to weigh up and reflect on what you can give up and put down. Here are a few questions to help shape your thinking:

What are my priorities? Whats important, whats essential? What can I give up?

You may want to reflect on our own wellbeing and stress levels. It's time to pause and watch over your mental health. Depression and anxiety are often in the wings wating to creep up on you. Simply taking time out allows you to listen to yourself and undertake a mental health check.

World mental health day is on Thursday the 10th of October 2024. I am often meeting people with mental health concerns in my day-to-day ministry. It's been my growing conviction that every day should be mental health day. To that end the Growing Compassionate Communities charity has created free a mental health promotion app. To search for this app, put 'Mental Health Promotion' into the app store search box, find this logo and download the app.



Here is a quote to ponder:

“Mental health problems don't define who you are. They are something you experience. You walk in the rain and you feel the rain, but, importantly, YOU ARE NOT THE RAIN.” — *Matt Haig*

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## Regular events in Corfe Castle & environs

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

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