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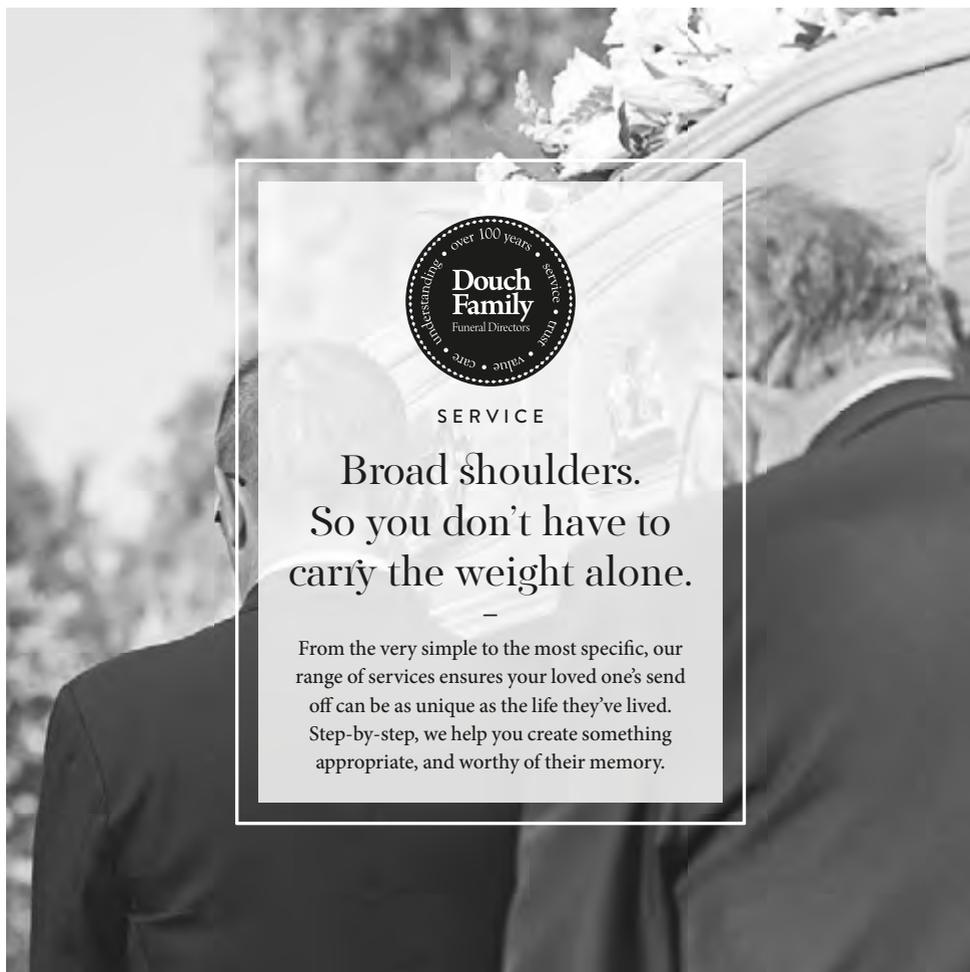
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## Editorial

Everyone involved with the Corfe Valley News wishes our readers, contributors, advertisers, and everyone else a very Happy Christmas and New Year. The season of good cheer is with us again and as always there are plenty of Christmas events in and around the village. There are several concerts in different churches throughout Purbeck. Details are elsewhere in the magazine, so search for the things which suit your approach to Christmas.

Although the CVN accounts look reasonably healthy we face ever rising paper costs and will need to raise the charges in the fairly near future. The increase will be modest and we may do it in two parts. However, we unfortunately have to do it to make sure that the magazine remains viable.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps us to prepare the magazine, deliver it, and provide contributions. Without you all the Corfe Valley News would not be possible. Also special thanks to Jim White who has become a deliverer in the Cat's Eye Cottage area. We are also looking for people who could contribute to the editorial side of the magazine; if you are good at writing and/or formatting word and pdf documents please get in touch with us to see if you could help.

Stephen

### Some useful Telephone Numbers

(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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National Electricity Number	105
NHS Emergency Medical Care Service	111
In the event of Gas Leak	0800 111999
Electricity Failure	0800 0727282
Swanage Police Station - out of hours calls rerouted	422004
Swanage Hospital	422282
National Trust outside office hours	07970-595963
Wareham Hospital	552433
Poole Hospital	01202 665511
Bournemouth Hospital	01202 303626
Dorset County Hospital	01305 251150
Corfe Castle Community Library	480760
Citizens Advice Adviceline: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm	08001448848
The Samaritans	01202 551999
Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting	0800 068 4145
Childline	0800 1111
Dorset Councillor – Ben Wilson	07767 398627

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## CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

**The Parish Council Opposes Sale of formerly Rented Houses:** Corfe Castle Parish Council has resolved to oppose the sale of vacant, formerly rented homes, citing concerns over the impact on the local community. The Parish Council has instructed its clerk to write to the organisations responsible for these sales, expressing its belief that insufficient attention has been paid to the broader community consequences of losing these rental properties. The Parish Council will urge the sellers to reconsider their approach and prioritise the needs of the local community over open-market transactions.

**Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company:** The public inquiry into the Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company's application to raise fares has been rescheduled. Originally set for an earlier date, the inquiry will now commence on January 21<sup>st</sup> 2025. The venue for the rescheduled hearing has yet to be confirmed.

**Noticeboards:** The Parish Council is delighted to announce the arrival of three brand-new noticeboards, which some of you may have already observed. Crafted from solid English Oak, these beautiful additions were meticulously handcrafted by several volunteers from the Wareham Area Men's Shed.



**Budget 2025-26** The Council reviewed its expenditure needs for 25-26 but will delay a decision to either the December or January meeting on the final precept as information is needed from Dorset Council on the number of Council taxpayers in the Parish following the legislation on second homes Council tax.

**Planning application update:** Full details for all planning applications can be found on the Dorset Council website, <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>. The following applications have been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council:

**Application No:** P/HOU/2024/05971. **Location:** 40 West Street Corfe Castle BH20 5HD. **Proposal:** Erect single storey rear extension, 1.5 storey rear extension with roof terrace, replacement roof to rear wing and internal remodelling.

**Comment:** No objection. This is very similar to lapsed plans which were originally submitted and passed in 2017. A couple of small amendments are the replacement of a first-floor dormer which now becomes a velux window (following concerns about overlooking) and the creation of a first-floor balcony by recessing the first floor of the proposed 2 storey extension.

**Application No:** P/TRC/2024/06409. **Location:** Located within the turning area and access for open space to Corfe Castle Playing Field at the rear of 21 West Street and rear of 1 Springwell Close. **Proposal:** T1 Common Lime (*Tilia X europaea*): Recommend a 4m crown raise to allow more room within the turning area for maintenance vehicles for the park. G1 Sumacs (*Rhus Typhina*): Recommend fell all group of Sumacs, as they have outgrown their situation, are uprooting from the wind, and are blocking access to the equine field. The gate to the field will need replacing soon and the Sumacs will hinder this maintenance.

**Comment:** No objection.

**Next Council Meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 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.

As the year draws to a close, the Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

**Parish Council contact details:**

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Who to contact and when	
Area of Concern	Contact Details
	call 999 immediately with vehicle information and the direction of travel.
Road Rage Damage to vehicle (Fail to Stop Collisions) Theft from parked vehicle A parked vehicle is causing obstruction issues to the flow of moving traffic or pedestrians, on the road, or on the pavement	Dial 101 for attention of Response Officers or report online <a href="http://www.dorset.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/making-a-road-traffic-incident-report/">www.dorset.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/making-a-road-traffic-incident-report/</a>
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Speeding Complaint Careless or Inconsiderate Driving	<a href="mailto:dorsetroadsafe@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk">dorsetroadsafe@Dorset.PNN.Police.uk</a> Your report will be reviewed and placed on a rota for investigation/deployment

Who to contact and when	
Area of Concern	Contact Details
Driving Through Red Lights Driving Through One Way System or other Signage Violation (No Right turn etc) Use of Mobile Phone or other item causing Distracted/Not in Proper Control Driving Not Wearing Seatbelt	dependent on the nature of the report and resource available
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Submit video and photographic evidence in relation to witnessed driving offences	Dorset Police Operation Snap  <a href="https://operationsnap.dorset.police.uk">https://operationsnap.dorset.police.uk</a>

### 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.

#### **My bin was not emptied:**

Self Service Portal - <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/report-a-bin-problem/missed-bin-collection>

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#### **A public litter bin is overflowing**

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#### **To report a pothole**

Self Service Portal - <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-a-pothole> - Telephone 01305 221020

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

Self Service Portal - <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/report-a-hedge--tree-or-verge-issue> - Telephone 01305 221020

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

Self Service Portal - <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement>

Telephone 01305 221020

#### **To request a highways gully clear**

Self Service Portal - <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/report-a-gully--drain-or-flooding-issue> - Telephone 01305 221020

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

Self Service Portal - [https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP\\_Report\\_for\\_Mechanical\\_Road\\_Sweeper](https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP_Report_for_Mechanical_Road_Sweeper)

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## Church Knowle Parish Council - November Meeting

The November meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6:30pm. It was attended by seven members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair) and two members of the public.

The main items of interest in the meeting were:

### Vacancies on the Parish Council

There is still one vacancy on the council which has a full strength of nine and any interested parishioners can apply to [clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk).

### Planning

P/FUL/2024/06280 Church Knowle Village Hall – Install solar panels on the roof and Electric Vehicle charging points in the car park. There will be two 8kVA charging points as allowed by the grid supply to the Village Hall. This will provide a useful resource for visitors and residents alike and has been partly funded by a Dorset Council grant. The parish council supported the application.

P/TRC/2024/06551 St Peters Churchyard – Reduce the height of trees and tree maintenance. The parish council supported the application.

P/FUL/2023/07201 The Old Rectory – Change use of agricultural land and construct tennis court. The refusal by Dorset planning is being appealed. The parish council originally had no objection to the application.

### Imerys expansion of Bridewell ball clay quarry

Imerys is holding a public viewing of its proposed plans to extend its ball clay quarry at Bridewell at the Springfield Hotel on 25 November.

### Wessex Water and the Corfe River.

A letter from a consortium of parishes and organisations with an interest in the Corfe River has been sent to Wessex Water and representatives of the parish council will attending a public consultation event in Dorchester on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### Precept for 2025

The precept for 2025 has been set at £16,000. This is based on the outgoings

and an amount for contingencies. This is a slight increase from last years precept of £15,500 which allows for inevitable cost increases. The parish council owns and maintains the cemetery at St Peter's, the defibrillator at the New Inn and the playing field opposite Margaret Green. The parish council passed this precept, which is modest compared to that of other parishes, unanimously.

The meeting finished at 7:47 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Furzebrook Village Hall at 6:30 on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024.



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## Update on Corfe Castle's Trees

Many local residents donated young trees to the Corfe Castle Parish Council Environment Group a few years ago, for which many thanks. Some have been planted around the village, either by the CCPCEG in public places, or by other residents on their own land. However, we were unsuccessful in getting permission to plant in many places we thought ideal, so a good number of young trees were still 'in stock', needed re-potting and watering from time to time. Then a request came through from Sustainable Swanage for some trees, and therefore a good number have been given to them for planting out this winter.

You may have noticed we are approaching Christmas! Christmas trees will be bought in thousands. But you might be able to get free pine trees pulled up from heathland, saving you some money and helping conserve the threatened heathland habitat. Christmas exerts a huge negative influence on our environment, increasing the use of paper and other wrapping materials, transport costs of seasonal goods, higher electricity use for millions of lights, and generating mountains of waste. How about trying to reduce the environmental cost of the festive season in any way you can? Reduce the use of plastic, use LED lights and have them lit for fewer days and hours, compost waste food, recycle whatever you can according to the recent Dorset Recycling leaflet and an item in the Gazette of Nov 11th. Enjoy Christmas more by knowing you are helping the environment; after all, we rely more on our environment than on Christmas!

*David (for the CCPCEG – Helen, Tom, Luke, Richard)*



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## News from the Castle



*Courtesy - National Trust. Chris Lacey*

### **Story - Tots at Castle View.**

We are holding a free monthly story time and craft activity group for children under five and their carers. The next event is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Castle View from 9.30 – 11am. Please do come along.

### **Second hand books**

We had our largest ever donation of 700 books recently from lifetime member called Pauline. Pauline and her husband Peter were married for 67 years and had a collection of over 4,000 books covering everything from the Loch Ness monster through to piloting! Peter loved Corfe Castle and when he sadly passed away early this year, Pauline decided to donate some of his books to help with the conservation works. Pop along to the second-hand bookshops in the castle and at Castle View to see some of the collection.

### **Christmas at the castle.**



*Courtesy - National Trust. Jon Bish*

We say it every year but Christmas really has come around so quickly! This year, Monty Mouse and his wife Matilda are back and families are invited to explore the ruins to find mouse-sized festive scenes. The legendary John is back as the Lord of Misrule entertaining families

with storytelling tours and visitors are invited to warm up around fire pits, toast marshmallows and make wishes on our wishing tree.

### Winter solstice

Watching the sun rise over East Hill from within the ruins is magical. Please come and join us from 7am on Saturday 21 December.

### Winter Lights

We have two events on this year for visitors to experience the castle at night, under the stars. The events are on the 13 & 14 December from 4-8pm.



## Nature updates from the National Trust

### National Trust **Have a really wild Christmas!**

Firstly, we wanted to wish you a really wild Christmas and nature-rich New Year! We hope you enjoy your festive feasts as much as this robin enjoyed its tasty worm!



*Robin by Chris Cowell*

Thank you for your support this year and for the lovely feedback we've had about our regular nature updates. Remember, if you're on Facebook, you can follow us on National Trust Purbeck Countryside, where we feature stories about the wonderful wildlife and landscapes of our area.

### Viking raiders return



*Redwing by Pete Christie*

No, we don't mean a re-enactment event at the castle...but the return of migrant redwings and fieldfares! Known as 'Viking birds', thousands of these thrushes leave Scandinavia each year to over-winter in the milder climate of the UK.

Look for them passing over Corfe Commons as they head for the heaths. They especially like the areas where the pigs have overturned the soil – creating bare ground where they can feast on worms, larvae and slugs. They also eat the berries and dog rose.

### Wood pasture vision

We reported in the last edition that we are recreating areas of wood pasture across Purbeck, including sites around Corfe Castle. Some people have been concerned to see small rotovated plots of land on the heaths or on our tenant farms – but this is the first stage of creating this wood pasture. It might look drastic, but the bare ground gives a chance for seeds and saplings to grow. We

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are experimenting with different ways to protect this new growth from deer or grazing animals.

Wood pasture is one of the most biodiverse habitats in the country, thanks to its mosaic of grassland, scrub and trees. This illustration gives an example of what wood pasture can look like (think of New Forest vistas!). So please bear with us – and the bare ground!



Illustration: Richard Allen

#### Questions about nature recovery

If you have any queries about wildlife or how we are looking after the Corfe Commons and Purbeck Heaths, do email us on [purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk)

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Please make sure that you have enough medication for the festive season, we will be closed from 6.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December. We will be back from 8.30am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December.

It doesn't seem possible that we are almost at the end of 2024 but everyone at the practice wishes you a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year holiday.

Please contact us with any queries.

Kerry Norman - Practice Manager

## Patient Participation Group

With my apologies for omitting the Dubber from my PPG update last month so a bit of duplication for other readers .

We were delighted to support the Surgery team at the Flu clinic in October when it was good to meet and greet over 400 surgery patients and to hear the many positive comments about our Surgery - thank you .

As the New Year approaches there is a lot to think about - globally , nationally and locally . Government proposals to make more efficient use of resources and reform the NHS will likely be challenging .

We have much to celebrate in Purbeck with an infrastructure already in place which links primary and community care. This can of course always be improved and we are being given an opportunity to support the latest intention to create an 'Integrated Neighbourhood Team' which will focus on future needs of our area bringing primary , community and voluntary sector care together even more effectively .Purbeck work is about to begin and as a PPG we will support the work as best we can which will include seeking your views .

The PPG is looking at the provision of a local based exercise class and we are progressing plans for defibrillator familiarisation sessions for surgery patients so please look out for further information .

As ever the PPG would welcome feedback from patients ; we can be contacted through the Surgery or by email: [CorfeCastleppg@gmail.com](mailto:CorfeCastleppg@gmail.com)

We would like to wish our valued team at Corfe Surgery a very happy Christmastime and thank them for all they do for us as patients .

In the NewYear Kerry Norman , Practice Manager and I will be alternating our articles for the monthly CVN , Dubber and Studland News ensuring that we keep you up to date with Practice news.

Sending best wishes to all for a happy and healthy Christmas .

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Christmas is on the horizon, and children have been practicing hard for the Nativity, the KS2 Carol Service and many other singing commitments, including the choir visiting care homes in the last week of term.



When Remembrance comes round each year, we are always delighted to be involved in different ways.



Our year 6s engaged with the planting of the crosses by 'Tommy' on the church lawn, led by Reverend Richard. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, our entire KS2 cohort walked to the square to stand with other locals for the 2-minute silence, led by Brigadier Ben Edwards.

We are so fortunate that we can continue to build our community links and we hope that you can come to support us when we sing carols for the Christmas Lights and the arrival of Santa in the Corfe Castle Square on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024, and when the choir will join St Edward's Church Choir for their Carol Service on the morning of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

This year has been a whirlwind of excitement and change at the school, with the moving of classrooms and the incorporation of the pre-school. With all that has gone on, it does give us time to reflect on our vision of, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." With Christmas just round the corner, we want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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



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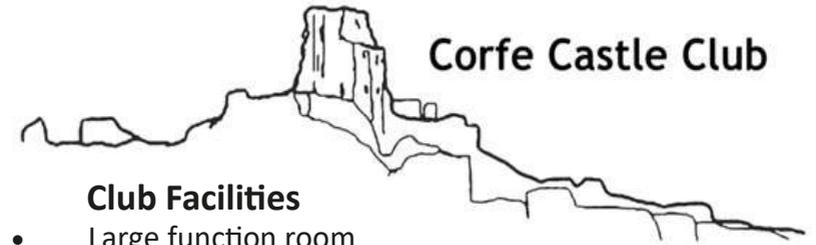


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## Looking forward to 2025!

As 2024 splashes to a close, and with Peter Smith's 'The Secret Isle' successfully presented to capacity audiences in November, Double Act turns its attention to 2025.

However, before looking forward, we would like to express our appreciation of the contribution of Maryrose Bray to Double Act and its immediate predecessors – Purbeck Community Theatre and Corfe Valley Drama Group. Over the years she was involved in many different ways: acting, make-up, costume, helping youngsters to make the best of their voices, assisting with directing, and generally being an inspiration to us all. She knew her stuff! One memorable moment was a scene with Ann Gaudin, partly improvised, in 'A Christmas Carol' (2006). Both of them were well into their 80s, but able to hold the stage with great aplomb and professionalism. She is missed, but greatly celebrated.

So, what can you expect from Double Act next year? We return to our usual timetable as there is no Treehouse Theatre event to involve us in 2025. We plan to hold a workshop or two in the spring, open to anyone, not just members. We are planning something else in the spring too, which might be a social evening or some other event to involve the public, but final decisions are not yet made. The main production will be a pantomime in November (27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>), with auditions and casting happening in May and rehearsals continuing during the summer term and resuming in September. There will also be a new Murder Mystery Walk, presented *al fresco* and on the move, on several evenings during the summer holiday. Plenty to look forward to! If you would like to join us in any capacity, contact us (details below), or just turn up to one of our meetings as advertised in the CVN.

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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I think November was the first time we finished up all the food with 60 people being present! Amazing for our 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary! We welcomed several new people including 2 new volunteers to our merry band. This time we offered 3 types of soup because we were using up some left overs stored in the freezer, following our policy of using up food that would otherwise go to waste and we wanted to make space for food for upcoming events. There were also 3 different puds, the crumbles using up apples that had been donated to us by 2 lovely local people.

Soup 'n Pud has gone from strength to strength, with so many people enjoying both the food and the camaraderie. It is very encouraging that so many find it a valuable addition to village life and find comfort from the food and friendship.

In December we will of course be thinking of Christmas so we ask you to consider wearing your favourite Christmas jumper and/or hat but of course this is not obligatory. There may even be a few extra treats!

We cater for vegetarians and food allergies but if you do have a serious allergy please let us know beforehand so that we can adjust our menus to fit.

As usual we thank all our volunteers for their help and Dragons Bakery for the bread rolls. We would love to see other people joining our fun lunch and all the friendly chatter at this great Community venture.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS from all at SOUP 'N PUD.**

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### Wednesday Steak Night

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### New Year's Eve

Get your thinking caps on and join us for The Fox's Big Fat  
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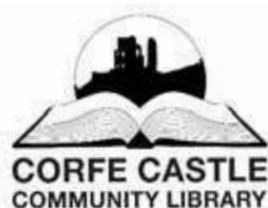
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## News from the Library

### Merry Christmas!

We wish all our customers a very merry Christmas. Also, a big festive thank you to all our Friends and fabulous volunteers who have contributed to the ongoing success and growth of the library this year. Join us to celebrate in the library from 10.00 to 12.00 on Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> with drinks and nibbles.



### Learn about the old shops of Corfe.

We all remember shops that no longer exist in Corfe, but the scale of change today is nothing compared to the scale of change in historical terms. Before the advent of the motor car Corfe had to be virtually self-sufficient in terms of shops. For example, with multiple bakeries, a butchers, a drapery, etc.

Local historian Louise Haywood returns to talk to us about this with an illustrated talk on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 in the Village Hall's Bill Carter Room at 2.00pm. We will hold our Annual General Meeting at the same time (we will make a bid for the shortest AGM ever! They are usually only a few minutes).

***The Old Shops of Corfe Castle* by Louise Haywood of Corfe Castle Town Trust (after a very short AGM). In the Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm**

### Come in for a free Cuppa and a Biscuit!

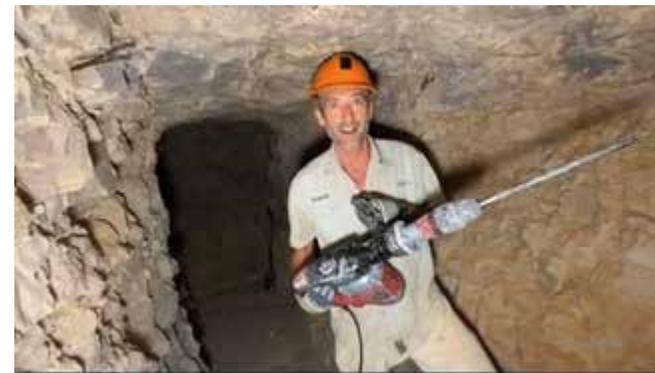
We will be offering a hot drink and biscuits for anyone who would like to come in and have a chat.

### 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.



**5<sup>th</sup> November** – Carl Grice gave a captivating talk about opals and his adventures as a rooky opal miner in White Cliffs, Australia. Carl's fascination with Australia was inspired by his primary school teacher, Mrs Smith, when he was 7 years old. Carl himself became a primary teacher until he decided to take a year's sabbatical to



explore Australia. During his travels he met an opal miner who wanted to pass on his knowledge to the next generation to ensure that opal mining didn't die out. White Cliffs is the first place where opal was discovered and between 1892 and 1920 there were 50,000 shafts sunk as little as 4-5 feet apart. From the shafts the miners would dig drives (horizontal tunnels) to search for the opals. These could only be 7m (23 feet) long before the miners ran out of air. Nowadays with electric generators to pump air, the drives can be much longer. Carl uses a hammer drill to carve out rocks that he then sorts. It can take thousands of tons of rock to find even the smallest of opals but, hit the 'Jackpot' and you could have a million pound gem hiding in the spoil heap. Carl and his partner Mary were filmed for a reality series called 'The Outback Opal Hunters' which you can see for yourself by searching on the internet. The Australian Government allows anyone to claim up to 2,500 square feet of land in White Cliffs to mine for opals as long as a small license fee is paid and no one else has staked a claim on the land. The opals are formed where there were ancient sea beds and sandstone rock has formed. Water seeps through

the rock picking up silica as it goes. The silica solution eventually finds a horizontal fault and the water evaporates leaving behind crystals. This process is repeated over and over again. In certain conditions the many crystals refract light to give numerous wondrous colours. Common opal is colourless and quite plain, but jewellery quality opal ranges from black to white and contains beautiful rainbows of coloured crystals. Carl also processes opals, turning them into jewellery that he sells online through 'Honest Opals'. He brought wonderful examples of necklaces and earrings available for sale. It was a very memorable talk.

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** – At our next meeting we will be having our Christmas get together with refreshments and special guests the Ukulele Group. There will also be a raffle.

#### **PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR SPEAKERS AT FUTURE MEETINGS:**

These remain provisional, unless stated as confirmed.

**7<sup>th</sup> January (2025)** - David Kemp will talk about his trip to Angkor Wat for Julia's House (confirmed)

**4<sup>th</sup> February (2025)** – We will give our Aquarius donation to our nominated charity, the Motor Neurone Disease charity with a talk by their representative. *(We also vote in February for the new charity for the coming year which has to be local)*

**4<sup>th</sup> March (2025)** - AGM plus activities

**1<sup>st</sup> April (2025)** - Mary Van Collier talking about her book 'Downstream Dorset, River Tales and Local History' (Confirmed)

**Date to be confirmed** – Alan Neal will give a talk about the amazing life and achievements of Marie Curie.

#### **AQUARIUS GROUPS:**

Just a reminder of the full list of our regular groups that are available to members:

**Walkers Group:** Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly at various locations.

**Strollers Group:** Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly from Colletts Close, 10.00am.

**Tertius Book Group:** Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday monthly in member's homes, 7.00pm.

**Aquarius Book Group:** Meet 3pm on Wednesday every six weeks.

**Lunch Club:** Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 12:30 monthly at various locations.

**New Members – we are a friendly lot so please come and join us!**  
**Our Ladies Group is at Corfe Castle Village Hall every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month from 2pm and we have a fun and sociable afternoon. Visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting.**

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**Thursday 26th December 12-7pm**  
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**Friday 27th December**  
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## general news:

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The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In October the first prize of £20 was won by member 74, with member 15 getting second prize £10 and member 59 winning the third prize £5. **If you would like to join the many villagers who support their local village hall in this way please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.**

The village hall offers a large amount of secure storage space. For news on future availability please contact Judith on 01929 480216.

## regular weekly events:

Monday mornings	Purbeck Dance
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

## 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)

## Dates for your diary:

Thank you for your generous support for the quiz night in October and also for the superb Artsreach musical evening with Vri.

On Friday 6th Dec we have another Artsreach show - "**Christmas. Time.**" written and performed by Daniel Richards and Ciaran Clarke is a hugely successful festive comedy on the theme of Christmas in prison. It has been performed in Cornwall every Christmas for the last 15 years, and is now available to us in our own village. See advert elsewhere in the CVN.

On Saturday 18th January we have another fund-raising event - **Cheese and Wine and a Silent Auction.** More details in the January CVN and posters around the village nearer the time, but this is will not merely a good social evening out, but also an opportunity to bid some fabulous prizes.

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## CORFE VALLEY NEWS

## CALENDAR for DECEMBER 2024

Please check timings and other details with the information available elsewhere in this magazine or with the organisers.

2	December	Monday	6.30 pm eyes down 7 pm	Kimmeridge Bingo – Kimmeridge Village Hall
3	December	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Christmas get together
5 – 7	December	Thursday – Saturday	10am – 6 pm	Purbeck Christmas tree festival – Emmanuel Baptist Church Swanage
5	December	Thursday		Gardening Club Christmas social
7	December	Saturday	5 pm	Arrival of Father Christmas and switch on the lights.
7	December	Saturday	2 – 4 pm	St James Kingston Harmony Rocks choir – Singing for Christmas
7	December	Saturday	7 pm	Wareham Choral Society Christmas concert – Lady St Mary Wareham
7	December	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	December	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud Community Lunch – Corfe Castle Village Hall
9	December	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	December	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Furzebrook Village Hall
14	December	Saturday	7.30 pm	Christmas Bingo Corfe Castle Village Hall
15	December	Sunday	10.30 am	Christmas Carols St Edwards Corfe Castle
15	December	Sunday	6 pm	Carols by Candlelight Chapel on the Green
15	December	Sunday	6 pm	Purbeck Village Quire performance St Edwards Corfe Castle
20 – 21	December	Friday – Saturday	5 pm	Santas sleigh ride around the village.
21	December	Saturday	7 pm	Carol singing in the Square
24	December	Tuesday	6 pm	Kimmeridge Carol Service St Nicholas Church Kimmeridge
26	December	Thursday	Midday – 3 pm	Purbeck Mummers out and about in Corfe Castle and local area
30 Nov – 2 December		Saturday – Monday	10am – 5 pm	St Georges Langton Christmas tree festival.

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

7	January 2025	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius – David Kemp talks about his Far East Walk – Corfe Castle Village Hall
13	January	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
14	January	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle Village Hall
17	January	Friday	2 pm	Library talk “The Old Shops of Corfe” Corfe Castle Village Hall
4	February	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius charitable donation presented plus talk Corfe Castle Village Hall

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<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>

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# Church of England

## St Aldhelm's Benefice

### Contact Details for St Aldhelm's Benefice

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01929 208578

**Hon Assistant Priest Anne Bond** 01929 480249 [rev.anne@outlook.com](mailto:rev.anne@outlook.com)

**Associate Priest Nick Webb** 07866 546162  
[fulloflifegardens@gmail.com](mailto:fulloflifegardens@gmail.com)

**Pioneer Associate Priest – Lindy Cameron** 01929 208469  
[revlindyjane@gmail.com](mailto:revlindyjane@gmail.com)

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

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

**BH19 3HZ** 01929 427822 [admin@staldhelm-purbeck.org](mailto:admin@staldhelm-purbeck.org)

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

[www.staldhempurbeck.wordpress.com](http://www.staldhempurbeck.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://stedwardscofrecastle.co.uk/>

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### **Rev Richard White writes**

An advent experiment.

As we move into the darkest time of the year, with Christmas on the horizon there are bound to be all sorts of emotions across our village communities. Delight at the prospect of cosy evenings, log fires and festive gatherings. Anxiety about time, money or energy to get it all done or pay for it. Joy, irritation, contentment, loneliness, exhaustion, wonder... add your own.

I'd like to suggest an experiment to help navigate the coming weeks. I'm going to give it a go, so feel free to join me. It's very loosely based on an ancient way of reading spiritual texts.

**Step one:** Read through the collection of lines from Christmas Carols below. Choose one line that appeals to you, or seems to stick out

*The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.*

*Born to give us second birth.*

*O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.*

*And our eyes at last shall see him.*

**Step two:** Slowly repeat it to yourself several times, chewing it over and allowing it to sink down into your heart.

**Step three:** Listen. Thoughts that have been prompted might just be God's gift for you right now. You may want to pray a simple prayer in response.

**Step four:** Can you remember which carol the line is from? It's not cheating to ask Google! Listen out for your line on the radio, in shops, at carol services and concerts. Whenever you hear your carol or decide to play it, take a breath and remember what it meant to you.

Whether you decide to give the experiment a go or not, may we all know God's gifts of peace and joy this season,

Richard

### **Bible Readings – December 2024**

1 <sup>st</sup> December	First Sunday of Advent 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Second Sunday of Advent Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Third Sunday of Advent Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

25<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Day  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14(15-20)  
Or  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:(1-7)8-20  
Or  
Hebrews 1:1-4,(5-12)  
John 1:1-14

29<sup>th</sup> December  
First Sunday after Christmas  
Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7  
John 1:1-18

### **Services in December 2024**

Morning Prayer at St Edwards every Wednesday at 8.30am.

**1<sup>st</sup> December**  
Advent Sunday  
Corfe Castle 10.30am  
Holy Communion  
*Revd Anne will preach and preside at this service which will be her last Sunday before retiring as a priest. Anne will continue to lead the monthly informal service at Harman's Cross*

Kingston 6 pm  
Darkness to Light

**8<sup>th</sup> December**  
Steeple 9.30 am  
Holy Communion

Corfe Castle 10.30am  
Morning Prayer

Kingston 11.30 am  
Informal worship with Christmas carols

**15<sup>th</sup> December**

Corfe Castle 10.30am 9 Lessons and Carols with participation of the school choir  
Harmans Cross 6 pm The Harmans Cross Christmas service.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Corfe Castle 10.30am Holy Communion  
Kingston 11.30 Holy Communion

## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve

Corfe Castle 4pm Christingle  
Kimmeridge 6pm Lessons and Carols  
Corfe Castle 11.30 pm Midnight Communion

## Christmas Day

Steeple 9.30 am Christmas Worship with Holy Communion  
Corfe Castle 11am Christmas Morning Worship with Holy Communion

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

Church Knowle 10.30 pm Benefice Holy Communion service with refreshments

*Please wrap up very well. The heating system is out of order at St Edward's Corfe Castle, though you are sure of a warm welcome!*

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## Decorating St Edwards for Christmas

Do come and join us with decorating the church on the morning of Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December from 0930. If you cannot help but have some greenery or flowers you would like to see brightening up the church, please bring them along on the Tuesday morning or leave them in the kitchen earlier where buckets and water are available. Otherwise just bring yourself. Coffee and Biscuits will be served to warm us all up!

## St Aldhelm Christmas Tree Festival

Every year since 2016 we have held a Christmas tree festival at St George's Church Langton Matravers this is a community event which has already raised over eight thousand pounds for local charities chosen by us, We are a totally independent not for profit festival and every penny received at the event will

be donated this year to East Dorset and New Forest Motor Neurone Disease Association and National Coastwatch Institution (Swanage). Visitors will be able to wander around the church through a magical display of over thirty-five Christmas trees individually decorated by local organisations with one tree that children can add to with decorations made at the craft table. Admission is free and refreshments, including scrumptious cakes will be available to purchase whilst enjoying a great line-up of musical performances from local acts including U3A Ukulele Group, Ratties Acoustic Club, Karen Grant, the Mayday Singers, the Swanage Recorder Ensemble and many more, the full program will be available on our website and facebook pages nearer the time. The event will take place between 30<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 10am till 5pm. <https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com>

Sandy Garner

## From Darkness to Light

### Advent Service Kingston December 1st 6.00 pm

A service of seasonal music and readings. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies. **Do join us!**

This service marks the beginning of the period of preparation for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. It is an important time to pause and think about what Christmas should be about. It is a chance for us to momentarily step back from all the madness that Christmas has become to most of us and think about what it is truly about: new beginnings, family and hope.

If you would like to help with mulled wine, mince pies, lighting candles please let me know, or please just come, pause and listen to the message of hope and anticipation. Becca Charron 07553877947

## Vacancy: PCC Treasurer – St Peter's Church Knowle

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Lyn has been our Treasurer for the past 25 years, and justifiably feels ready to enjoy retirement. It is an exciting time to be taking over the reins as we look ahead in confidence to developing and enhancing St Peter's.

If you think this might be of interest, please contact Lyn Higgins for more details:

[t.higgins@talk21.com](mailto:t.higgins@talk21.com) or 07815 298061

## ST. PETER'S, CHURCH KNOWLE

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## Orchestra Marks Musical Milestone: 100 Live Concert Broadcasts Since The Pandemic

*The BSO's Digital Concerts reach their 100th broadcast* ©Corin Messer  
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra pivoted to global broadcasting in 2020 – on **4 December 2024**, it marks **100 Digital Concerts** from **Lighthouse, Poole**.



The concerts are **broadcast in real time** – uniting online viewers with the in-hall audience – and are available to watch for 30 days.

The performances **reach greater than concert hall capacity**, with around 2,500

people collectively experiencing each event.

The Orchestra's **Chief Conductor, Mark Wigglesworth** conducts the musical milestone in Poole (4 Dec) alongside **pianist Boris Giltburg** before touring to Portsmouth Guildhall (5 Dec)

**When members of the public returned to concert halls in 2021, it was presumed demand for online concerts would soon dissipate. As the BSO prepares its 100th Digital Concert this December, its audiences continue to defy expectations.**

The BSO was one of the first major British orchestras to return to the stage on broadcasting its first livestreamed concert from Lighthouse, Poole on **30 September 2020**. Today, **nearly 2,500 people experience each of the events**: a core online audience of over 1,000 people joins up to 1,500 more at Lighthouse, Poole.



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## Notices and Thanks

### Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

I expect lots of our gardens will be looking trimmed and tucked up for the winter with grasses catching the late sunshine and seed heads and greenery being gathered to decorate our homes for the Christmas celebrations.

In November we were delighted to welcome Owen Davies the Estate Manager and Sophy Robertson, the Head Gardener, of Athelhampton to the club. They gave us a fascinating illustrated talk about the changes over the years since the 1890s when Alfred Cart de la Fontaine commissioned Inigo Thomas to design the gardens that surround the 15<sup>th</sup> century house. The estate is still privately owned and the new owner and the team are keen to revamp and restore some of the areas. Sophy and her team of female gardeners have a big job with the upkeep and ongoing development of the 20 acres of gardens.

**December 5<sup>th</sup>.** This will be the annual Member's Christmas Get Together in the Village Hall. Members will have received an e-mail about this and we are looking forward to a very festive evening. We hope to see lots of you there and please remember partners are welcome.

We won't be meeting in January but will get together again on 6<sup>th</sup> February for a short AGM and a fun quiz with prizes and a raffle. By then we will be looking forward to Spring and a full programme for 2025.

**If you are interested in Gardens and Gardening and would like to join a friendly local group, please get in touch with Chris on 10929 480095 or 07815058880, [cclarkecorfe@gmail.com](mailto:cclarkecorfe@gmail.com). We love to welcome new members. Meetings, with interesting talks and speakers, plant sales, seed swaps and social events usually take place in the Village Hall, Corfe Castle, at 7.45 pm for coffee and starting the programme at 8pm. Non-members are welcome to join for £3 if they are interested in a particular talk.**

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY GARDENING IN 2025.**

Chris Clarke



**Citizens Advice East Dorset & Purbeck**  
Citizens Advice continues to be available for residents offering free, confidential and impartial advice. Advice can be accessed via email, telephone, or in-person at outreaches and at the Advice Bus.

### **Advice Bus**

The Advice Bus has changed locations in Corfe Castle. It will now be stopping at the Residents Car Park, West Street, the third Friday of the month. It also stops weekly at Swanage Market on a Friday morning, 9.30am-1.30pm.

Advisers can offer advice on a number of different issues including: benefits, debt & money, employment, energy, 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 and you don't need to book an appointment.

Visit our website for all of our bus locations [www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus)

### **Drop-in locations**

Here's a list of local drop-ins for residents at nearby outreaches. No appointment is needed:

- Swanage Library – Tuesday, 10am-12pm (from 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024)
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage – Monday, 10am-12pm
- Wareham Citizens Advice – Tuesday & Thursday, 10am-12pm
- Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council – Tuesday, 10am-12pm
- Upton Library – Wednesday, 2pm-4pm

For more information about Citizens Advice services, including all of our outreaches, visit [www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk) to speak to an Adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline freephone on 0800 144 8848, 10am-4pm weekdays.

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## REMEMBRANCE 2024



Thank you so much to all those of you who supported the Royal British Legion's Remembrance events in and around Corfe Castle. Whether you were buying or selling poppies, laying a wreath, planting crosses, providing the bells and music, officiating at a service, catering at the Corfe Castle Club, or simply braving the rain on Remembrance Sunday itself, we are very grateful for your



continued support. We haven't yet finished counting up but will let you know in next month's issue how much you have raised. Thank you again.  
John Patterson, Chairman – Corfe Castle RBL

### Bin Collections

The standard collection day is Wednesday.

	Recycling and Food	Rubbish and Food
December 2024	11, 27 (Fri)	4, 18

### Save the Date!! PURBECK CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2024

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Community Christmas Trees will be on display 10am – 6pm.  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship at 10am and at 4pm a special remembrance service for loved ones -Lights of Love.  
These events will be held once again at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 160 Victoria Avenue, Herston near Swanage .  
If you wish to participate by decorating a tree or would like your music group included please contact Janet  
(email - [administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk](mailto:administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk) or telephone 01929 427706 for a Booking Form).  
St Aldhelm's Benefice are also holding a Christmas Tree Festival a week earlier and it would be possible to transfer your tree by prior arrangement.

## Rotary Charity Christmas Mail 2024

We can deliver your Christmas greetings to local friends and family for only 50p per card!

Collection Dates: December 2nd- 14th  
Norden Farm Shop  
Studland Stores  
Salt Pig Café @ Putlake  
Swanage Information Centre

December 6th-14th 10am-4pm (closed 8th)

Rotary Pop-Up Shop, 12 Station Road, Swanage

All post will be delivered after December 16th

Any queries to [Ali.arnold@worthmytravels.co.uk](mailto:Ali.arnold@worthmytravels.co.uk)

### *Purbeck Village Quire*

Candlelight Concert  
**St Edwards Corfe Castle - Sunday 15 December at 6.00 pm**

Hot refreshments available - Wear warm clothing  
Retiring Collection

### Harmony Rocks Choir

Not long to go now until our " Singing for Christmas" concert at St. James' Church Kingston on the Saturday afternoon of 7th December from 2 to 4pm. This is a non ticketed free entry event. There will be a raffle where you can win a prize for yourself (raffle tickets will be available on the door) followed by delicious light refreshments.

We hope you enjoy this musical afternoon and will help us raise funds for Dementia Friendly Purbeck ([dementiafriendlypurbeck.org](http://dementiafriendlypurbeck.org)) by contributing to the raffle and our retiring collection. Dementia has touched so many of our lives and a second Admiral nurse for our community will be invaluable.  
For those who don't know, St James' Church is accessible by the No40 bus or by car with parking available nearby at Houns Tout car park.  
Do come along and join in our festive celebrations (by the way - we have retrieved all the snowballs - just saying!). Tel: 07443468850 for enquiries

## David's Trek to Angkor Wat, Cambodia, for Julia's House

Nov 2-10 2024

The Trek went ahead as planned, with 16 Trekkers, two Julia's House staff members and a Tour Manager from Different Travel. We walked about 57 miles, but everyone's gadgets for recording such things came up with slightly different figures. We took in farmland, rice paddy fields, Cassava (Tapioca) and Cashew crops, tropical rain forest and jungle, holy mountains, and villages. Two nights were spent in local homestay accommodation, and two nights camping, one in a Buddhist monastery, with a comfortable hotel at each end of the week. Our modest payment to local communities for meals and homestay were major boosts to the rural village communities, so Julia's House wasn't the only beneficiary. We also visited the War Remnants Museum in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. During the Trek we took in ancient temples and active monasteries, but the carrot for us all was the massive Angkor Wat temple complex near Siem Reap - truly amazing!

We were a cheerful energetic team, everyone getting on very well together. Within the group were two parents who had been supported by Julia's House, providing their children with end-of life care. Their participation in the Trek and fundraising for it was a way of saying 'Thank You!'

Challenges for us included heat (30-32C), very high humidity, basic toilets and washing facilities, myriads of insects enjoying free meals at our expense, and for many (not me), blisters. At the time of writing our fundraising has reached almost £40,000 for Julia's House – roughly one nurse's salary for a year – but money is still being kindly donated.

Thank you to everyone who supported me in this challenge. In spite of being the oldest member of the group (by a margin!) I hope I did you proud!

I will be presenting talks on the Trek for two different village organisations in the New Year, so look out for details and come along if you can.



### Corfe Crafters

Corfe Castle Village Hall  
Wednesday 9.00am to 12 midday  
Contact Cheryl - 07745242511



### Corfe Castle Village Hall - Christmas Bingo

**14<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm Start**

In aid of young lives versus cancer

Raffle and Refreshments - Doors open at 6.30 pm

Offers of prizes would be appreciated - **Contact Kathy Ford 480592**

### Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024

This year the Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 10am-6pm each day, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 160 Victoria Avenue, Swanage. There is also a Remembrance Service called 'Lights of Love' at 4pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

There will be a warm welcome and everyone can wander through the trees, enjoy seasonal refreshments, listen to local talented musicians and singers with activities for children of all ages, and stories in the stable for the younger children. There is no entrance fee but any donations will go to local charities. This year we are supporting Dorset Air Ambulance and also raising money for another Admiral Nurse for Dementia Care.

Once again we will have a Tree of Remembrance outside of Emmanuel Baptist Church on which people can put named ribbons of loved ones they wish to remember at Christmastime.

There is also the St Aldhelm's Christmas Tree Festival at St George's Church in Langton Matravers, beginning on 30<sup>th</sup> November until 2<sup>nd</sup> December. For further details contact Sandy Garner on 01929 424431 or email [sandy@gizimodo.co.uk](mailto:sandy@gizimodo.co.uk)

<https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com>

May these events bring us all joy as we celebrate the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Judy Forgan and Janet Norley

### Thanks to delivery helpers

A big thank you to Jim White for taking on the Cat's Eye Cottage delivery round. We are always keen to hear from anyone who is willing to help with deliveries. We are dependent on our helpers, so thank you one and all.

## Dorset Morris Dancers



Dorset Button Morris presented a cheque for £850 to Wessex Cardiac Trust on October 16th. This was a result of our collections during the summer dancing around Dorset and in particular Purbeck. Pictured are Mathew Cornick from Wessex Cardiac Trust and many of our dancers. Wessex Cardiac Trust support Heartbeat House in Southampton who offer

accommodation to relatives of those having cardiac surgery in Southampton Hospital. We thank everyone who donated during our dancing.

## Purbeck Mummers out and about.

As usual Purbeck Mummers will be out Boxing Day around Corfe Castle and Worth Matravers

12 mid-day Corfe Castle Square  
1.00 pm The Bankes Hotel  
2.15pm The Square and Compass

12.30pm The Fox  
1.30pm Castle Inn



We usually perform during December before Boxing Day but due to low numbers for 2024 we have a shorted tour. If you would like to join us please contact us on [purbeckmummerscast@gmail.com](mailto:purbeckmummerscast@gmail.com). We cannot let this English traditional play die out locally.

## New Mobility Scooter For Sale.

Brand new and unused mobility scooter, complete with charger and still has some of the protective packaging in place. It was purchased just a few weeks ago but didn't get used and is no longer needed. Retails at £1200 inc VAT, so grab yourself a bargain at £1000 or near offer. Comes with all of the original equipment (charger, front basket), two keys, and disassembles so it can fit into a small car. The scooter has a speed adjustment, and simple controls for forward / backwards motion. The seat swivels for easy access / egress. Manufacturer link: <https://motionhealthcare.co.uk/products/etravel/>

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## The Rambling Gardener

December to me means Christmas: a time to send love to friends and family, to decorate the house, and to cook good meals to share. It is such fun making things to give to family and friends old and new. And in the garden the first delicate snowdrops will be coming up saying, "Spring, with its warmth and beauty is on its way with crocus, camellia, daffodils and lots to gladden our hearts".

As a child on a farm December was a fun month. Hopefully snow, when sitting under a warm cow getting warm milk was good as the old house was very cold. But snow meant work, as the milking cows and horses would need to be kept inside and had to be given water as well as food. All my brothers and my sister would be home so lots of cooking was needed, I expected to make butter, cook the bread, and help my mother with other cooking as needed - lots of vegetables to collect from the garden, wash, clean and chop. Just after the war, when there was still rationing, we exchanged our sugar rations for extra wheat to feed us all. On Christmas Eve we ate a special dish (which was cooked in Mediaeval times) called Frumentary. This dish was whole wheat soaked for several days, cooked for 24 hours with honey and spices, and served with cream from our Jersey cows. This Christmas, at Knitson, we are going to try making Frumentary - for my first time in about 70 years.

I very much enjoyed watching David Attenborough's latest series - the filming under-water was amazing - it was deeper than people have seen before and was showing how deep-sea organisms are coping with the changes in water temperature and composition. It was giving Attenborough hope for survival in the future.

Another fascinating programme was about growing seaweed for sale to create jobs in a poor fishing community. As the seaweed farm grew the environment was being revitalised - with an increase in crustaceae and other organisms. The seaweed was profitable, the environment recharged, fishermen had new work to do, and it seems like a win-win situation.

Here, in our own gardens, there is still work to do: stake plants to prevent wind rock which would weaken the plants over the winter, cover tender plants and bare ground with straw, shavings, wool or compost, start winter pruning e.g. fruit trees, kiwis must be picked and pruned back to only about 3 buds, tie climbers, paint wood to protect it, order seeds and plants for next year. To cut down on work in the flower garden I am buying small shrubs that will last years, take very little time to care for, and not disturb the soil with digging and planting each year. Choose vegetables that give you food

throughout the year, and choose perennial shrubs particularly with care. Do look out for the shrubs that are suitable in size, shape, form, feeding insect life, bark colour, ability to thrive in your soil, ease of care and that can look good for all the year as we hope that you will be looking at them for many years.

I

will be making my Christmas decorations in the mornings of Wednesday the 11th and Thursday the 19th of December. If any of you would like to join me I will make sure that I have some extra material to make wreaths and swags and you would be very welcome to come and join me for coffee, tea, cookies and fun creation.

I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Season's greetings to all of you and much love Rachel.

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### *Locals Lunch*

Delighted to announce the return of our popular Locals Lunch - join us on Thursday lunchtimes to have 2 courses for £15 or 3 courses for £20 - booking essential. Groups and organisations very welcome too with plenty of free parking and space for minibuses or coaches.

### *Catch the Bus!*

November saw us receive our permanent bus stop which we are very excited about! You can now catch the number 40 bus up to us and alight directly onto our driveway. A huge step forward for us in our environmental goals and continuing to make Kingston Country Courtyard accessible to the whole community.

*Quiz Night!* December sees the launch of our new weekly quiz night. Every Tuesday in the Sawmill restaurant - 7:30pm arrival for 7:45pm start. £1 per person or free if you caught the bus! Starts on 3/12/24.

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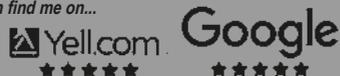


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## Kimmeridge News

### Christmas Tree Lights

Meet at 6pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at the top of the village ready for the grand Christmas Tree Lights switch-on which will take place at 6.30pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December followed by seasonal refreshments in the Village Hall. Our thanks, as always to the Holes for providing the lights to brighten up our December!

### Bingo – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December!

Eyes down for the Purbeck-wide famous Kimmeridge Christmas Prize Bingo - no expense spared here - you get reusable cards to play on, house and line prizes, two raffles and not forgetting the pièce de résistance - our very own Patrick Ward calling in his finest designer gear!

You don't need to be a bingo fan, just a fan of having a great evening of laughter with the possibility of going home with something you never knew you needed. Teas/Coffees/Squash available in the break, if you want anything stronger then BYO

The proceeds from this event fund the Children's Christmas party in Kimmeridge for Children from Kimmeridge, Bradle and Blackmanston.

What better way to spend a cold December Monday evening?????? Bring your own refreshments for whilst playing. Tea and Coffee is free in the break.

Doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7.00pm! Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### Christmas Eve

Our Kimmeridge Carol Service with traditional carols & readings will take place as usual in Church at 6pm on Christmas Eve. We'll be looking for local readers – of all ages! Do join us for this traditional start to Christmas.

**Steve & Helen Earwicker**

### Eyes to the skies

Hi all , hopefully by now you have all noticed an increase of bird activity on your feeders .. maybe a family of great spotted woodpeckers has visited your garden...can you tell the difference ??

Collared doves have now increased to 14 birds per visit , goldfinches and greenfinches are more numerous by the day , smashing out the sunflower hearts . They do make a mess but the dunnocks ,robins and sparrows are the cleaners around the feeders.

There was much excitement at the base of Hen Cliff where the tower sits

above, when James from CK found a Wryneck on a morning sea watch. They are a member of the woodpecker family and are notoriously difficult to see with their cryptic brown and grey feathers. They don't breed in the UK so are only seen on migration. Kimmeridge Lapwings have returned to the fields at the back of the bay with a huge increase to 80 birds on one occasion, along with the odd golden plover.

Last year's smallest bird of prey the Merlin has returned to its winter hunting ground from its breeding areas in the north. It has been seen hunting meadow pipits and linnets.

Field fare and Redwings have been seen locally but not at the bay yet. Have you seen any of our Scandinavian winter visitors??

Happy winter birding

Rose and Pat



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## Sandyhill Farm

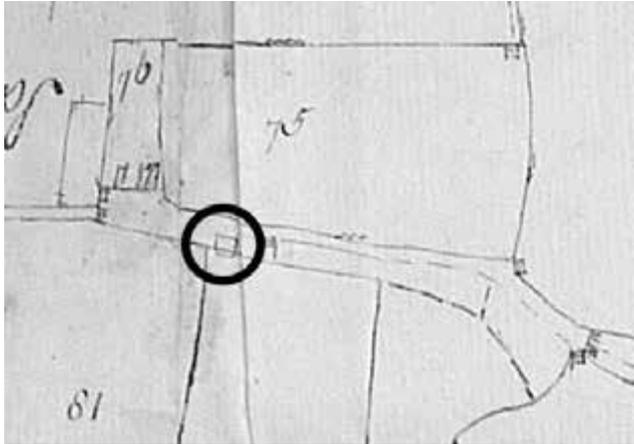
Sandyhill, or Sandy Hills Farm, lies on the southern side of East Hill. It had been part of Rollington Manor and John Calcraft included this farm when he purchased what was to become the Rempstone Estate in 1757. The farm included a farmhouse, barton (farmyard), garden, barn and various arable fields and pasture.



OS 1888 map showing the extent of Sandyhill Farm. The dotted lines indicate old hedgerows as between 1844 and 1886, some of the fields altered in shape and size.

Hutchins lists its history in seven lines! The farm had belonged to the Uvedale family and was inherited via marriage by the Okedens. On 10<sup>th</sup> June 1738 Mary Okeden, otherwise Morgan, of Blandford Forum, gentlewoman, made her Will. She was a 'close' companion of William Okeden having had two 'natural' sons by him. She added a memorandum to her Will a few months later, stating that she had left a yearly rent charge of £5 (under £600 today) on Sandyhill Farm and lands to her nephew, Ambrose Morgan, the elder, for his life as long as he ground his corn at the Moor Crichel Mill (about 24 miles away) otherwise this bequest was void.

When Calcraft took over the property there was a little cottage (shown on Samuel Donne's 1772 map below) which is not mentioned in his survey.



It was still in existence in 1805 but had been pulled down before the 1844 Tithe map had been surveyed. It explains why there is that patch of barren ground on the south side of Sandyhill Lane close to the farm.



The star indicates where the old cottage stood close to the hedgerow.

When Calcraft purchased the farm, he made sure that his tenants knew exactly what was expected of them. His leases clearly list when to sow grass and clover, and where and how to store the fodder - everything was duly recorded and listed to make the land as productive as possible.

The farm was put up for sale as Lot 1 by the Rempstone Estate in 1919 which also included Challow Farm. By then Sandy Hill had two stone cottages which could be converted into a farmhouse and a large, thatched barn and other outbuildings. The particulars noted that 'There are a number of delightful building sites with views of Corfe Castle, and at a moderate cost a considerable area could be developed for building purposes.' Over 100 years later this has yet to occur.

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## Chapel On The Green – Corfe Castle

### **A SEASON OF WONDER: An Invitation to Explore Faith This December**

As December arrives with its holiday cheer and the cosy warmth of gathering with loved ones, it's also a time filled with reflections, hopes, and sometimes, questions. For many, the season stirs up curiosity about the meaning behind Christmas, the deeper "why" of all the traditions, lights, and celebrations. If you're someone who hasn't embraced the Christian faith or who wonders what Christmas truly celebrates, we'd love to extend a warm invitation to explore its meaning alongside us.

At the heart of Christmas is a message of hope. It's not just a day for festivity but a celebration of the belief that God stepped into our world in the most humble and unexpected way—as a baby born in a manger. Christians believe that this child, Jesus, is the embodiment of God's love for humanity, an offering of light in a world so often touched by darkness. This gift of hope, wrapped in the vulnerability of a new-born, is a reminder that we're never truly alone and that God's presence is closer than we may think.

Perhaps you've looked at Christmas from the outside, seeing it as a festive holiday, but maybe not understanding what it offers spiritually. The message of Christmas invites us to see ourselves as deeply known and deeply loved. Even with all our imperfections, the Christmas story tells us that God draws near, offering forgiveness, peace, and purpose to all who are willing to receive it. It's not about having perfect faith or life all figured out. Instead, it's about a God who meets us where we are—whether in joy, in grief, in doubt, or in wonder.

December can be a season that stirs up emotions, both good and challenging. Perhaps this year has left you with unanswered questions or a longing for something more meaningful. If so, this could be a beautiful opportunity to explore the spiritual side of Christmas. Read the story of Jesus' birth in the Gospels, and let yourself wonder about the possibility of a love so great that it reaches across time and space to be with us.

If you'd like to learn more, why not join us at one of our Afternoon Christmas services that are open to everyone. These gatherings are a chance to experience the spirit of the season first-hand, to hear stories of faith, and to explore what this message of hope might mean for you.

This December, may you find moments of wonder, of peace, and of deep joy. And may the story of Christmas, whether familiar or new to you, bring a spark of hope to your heart.

Rob Taylor

We, at Chapel on the Green, wish everyone Peace and Joy this Christmas.

### **DECEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm - Warm up to Christmas**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm - Carols by Candlelight**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am – Morning Service**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am – Morning Service**

### **BIBLE STUDIES**

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### TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY BREAST | 19.5

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### TRIO OF ROASTS | 24

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SIDES Cauliflower Cheese | 5 Pigs in Blankets | 5

## DESSERTS

APPLE & MIXED FRUIT CRUMBLE (GF) (VG by request) | 9 With vanilla ice cream

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### STARTERS

- Smoked Salmon - Lemon & dill creme fraiche, beetroot salad & rustic bread *GF by request*
- Spiced Parsnip & Butternut Squash Soup - Rustic bread *V GF & VG by request*
- Prawn & Crab Cocktail - Andalouse sauce, rustic bread & butter (E2 Supplement) *GF by request*
- Salad of Smoked Chicken - Mango salsa & avocado dressing *GF*
- Wild Mushroom Risotto - Truffle oil & Parmesan shavings *GF, V & VG by request*

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- Confit of Duck Leg - Dauphinoise potatoes & a morello cherry & port sauce (E3 supplement) *GF*
- Kimmeridge Pork Fillet - Dauphinoise potatoes, & a creamy apple & calvados sauce *GF*
- Butternut squash, lentil & almond wellington - *V GF & VG by request*

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- Crab, Prawn & Lobster Cocktail - Marie Rose sauce, rustic bread & butter *GF by request*
- Coquilles St. Jacques - Scallops with a creamy mushroom Gruyere sauce *GF*
- Wild Mushroom Risotto - Truffle oil & Parmesan shavings *V GF VG by request*
- Salad of Smoked Duck - with a Cherry & Port Sauce *GF*
- Chicken Liver, Cognac & Cranberry Parfait - Rustic bread, onion marmalade & dressed leaves *GF by request*

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### MAIN COURSES

- Traditional Turkey - Cranberry & hazelnut stuffing, pigs in blanket, roast potatoes, cranberry sauce & roast Jus *GF by request*
- Roast Sirloin of Dorset Beef - Roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, red wine pan gravy & horseradish sauce *GF by request*
- Pan Fried Halibut - Dauphinoise potatoes, tender stem broccoli & a champagne cream sauce *GF*
- Dorset Lamb Wellington - Loin of lamb with a mint pea purée wrapped in filo pastry with dauphinoise potatoes & a Madeira sauce

- Baby Vegetable Mille-Feuille - Dauphinoise potatoes & roasted red pepper & tomato sauce *V VG GF by request*

*Served with chantenay carrots, brussels sprouts, honey glazed parsnips, mashed swede, braised red cabbage, & garden greens*

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- Traditional Christmas Pudding - a brandy custard *V VG & GF by request*
- Apple Tarte Tatin - Black vanilla bean ice cream *V*
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- **Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00**  
[bowlingbarbara2023@outlook.com](mailto:bowlingbarbara2023@outlook.com)
- **Shotokan Karate** – [www.warehamskc.co.uk](http://www.warehamskc.co.uk)

TUESDAY

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- **Pilates** – Alex Moore telephone 07536103364  
[almoore1@live.co.uk](mailto:almoore1@live.co.uk)

WEDNESDAY

- **Say so Drama 10:30 – 12.00** Adults with learning difficulties  
- Emma 07725942609
- **Yoga** - Pam Steele – 01929 556714  
[steelepamela08@gmail.com](mailto:steelepamela08@gmail.com)

THURSDAY

- **Shotokan Karate** [www.warehamskc.co.uk](http://www.warehamskc.co.uk)

FRIDAY

- **Weekly Health Qigong Fitness 9.30 & 10.45 am** – Penny  
Youssef 07969925502
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SUNDAY

- **Purbeck Antiques** Last Sunday of each month – 01929  
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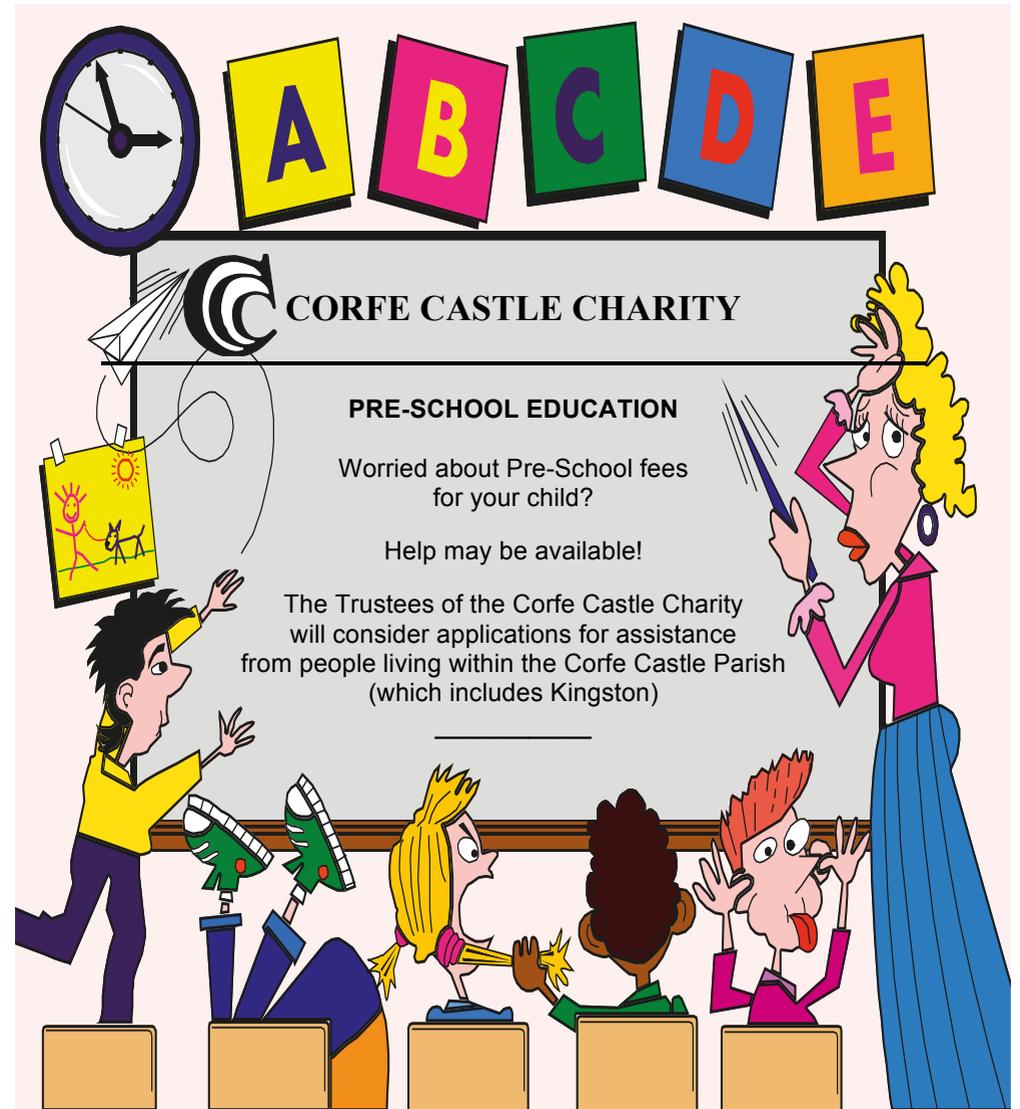
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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>MONDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
1st	7pm	Double 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	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	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.30 – 7.30pm	Adult	C C Village Hall
		Ballroom Dance	Donna 01202 243803
Each	7.45 – 9.15pm	Badminton	C C Village Hall
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.00am-12.00	Corfe Crafters	C.C. Village Hall
Term time,	5.30- 6.45pm jnrs	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
	6.45-8.00pm snrs		
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	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	<a href="http://www.purbeckyoga.com">www.purbeckyoga.com</a>	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	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	C C Village Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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