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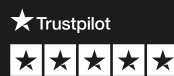
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Editorial

Great news. We welcome Andre Szczepanek and Tony Nott to the team. They have volunteered to manage and help with delivery of the magazine. They will take over from Hilary who has efficiently and helpfully managed the delivery for many years. We all thank Hilary for everything she has done over the years. We also, of course, thank all the delivery helpers, who every month deliver the magazine through your doors.

We have learnt that the Swanage Railway cannot afford to run trains through to Wareham. This is largely due to the high insurance required by Network Rail. However, they plan to take over the Perenco sidings at Furzebrook and build a platform to service Furzebrook and the Blue Pool. The fact that trains will not go to Wareham is disappointing, but they have said they will revisit the decision once they are again in profit. The two years that the Wareham trial was run proved loss making.

We fondly remember Alison Allwright who has recently died. She played a large part in making the library successful and will be hugely missed. There is a longer obituary on the library pages of this edition.

Stephen

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(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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The front page is a sketch of Encombe House from “Picturesque Rambles in the Isle of Purbeck” by C E Robinson and dated 1882

JULY MEETING FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

As summer continues across the Purbeck landscape, Corfe Castle Parish Council met on 14th July 2025 to discuss a broad range of topics impacting village life and our surrounding community.

Community Voices Heard: The meeting opened with an active public session. One resident queried why the Dorset Council item was being held confidentially. It was clarified that commercially sensitive information would be discussed. Swifts were once again discussed, with a local resident highlighting that feeding grounds, rather than nesting boxes, may be the key issue. It was noted that insecticide use could be a major contributing factor to population decline. The Parish Council will revisit this topic in September. A point was raised about the Government's £15,000 cap on required works for homeowners under new housing codes, beyond which exemptions can be applied for. The council were also informed that the Dorset Council Local Plan public consultation opens 18th August 2025.

Playpark Roundabout: It was noted the roundabout had been fixed and was back in operation.

Planning & Licensing: The Council raised no objection to the following applications:

- 14 West Street (window restoration and balustrade installation)
- Tapers Barn (stable block construction)
- 37–39 West Street (revised single-storey extension and garage alterations)

No further comment was made on the Downs Quarry appeal. A tree works application for Corfe Castle Primary School was also supported.

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:

Community Correspondence: Concerns raised regarding Dorset Council's use of insecticides on roads was noted. Dorset Council have a policy in place to control weed growth on the highways by use of a mechanical road sweep and spot spraying where the road sweep is not effective. Noting leaving weeds to grow will cause damage to highways.

Thanks were received from Crazy 4 Corfe and the Festivities Committee for the Parish Councils support with VE80 celebrations.

New Composter at God's Acre: The Parish Council is pleased to report that the new composter in the God's Acre extension area is already proving a success. Located beside the general waste bin, it is encouraging cemetery visitors to remove plastic from floral arrangements before placing the biodegradable material in the

composter, helping reduce landfill waste and promote more sustainable practices. Building on this positive response, the Council has approved the purchase of a second, two-bay composter from Wareham Men's Shed, which will be installed in the original 1925 section of God's Acre.

Improving Access to Corfe Common: A motion was passed to approach the National Trust to improve access from Townsend Mead to Corfe Common.

Community Transport Collaboration: Corfe Castle Parish Council has been awarded a match-funded grant from Dorset Council to support improvements in community transport. While no specific scheme has yet been developed, the Council is keen to explore ideas in partnership with neighbouring parishes and local transport groups. Invitations will be extended to Worth Matravers Parish Council, Langton Matravers Parish Council, Swanage Town Council, Purbeck Transport Action Group, and Swanage Town & Community Partnership to attend an initial meeting and begin shaping a collaborative approach to better transport provision.

Next Council Meeting: Monday 8th September 2025, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public session, so please come and join us and have your say.

Parish Council contact details: Clerk: Michelle Harrington,
Telephone: 01202 670105, **Email:** clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk,
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Who to Contact When:

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

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Self Service Portal - https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP_Report_a_public_litter_bin_problem

Telephone: 01305 221040

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>

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To request a highways gully clear

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Self Service Portal - https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP_Report_for_Mechanical_Road_Sweeper

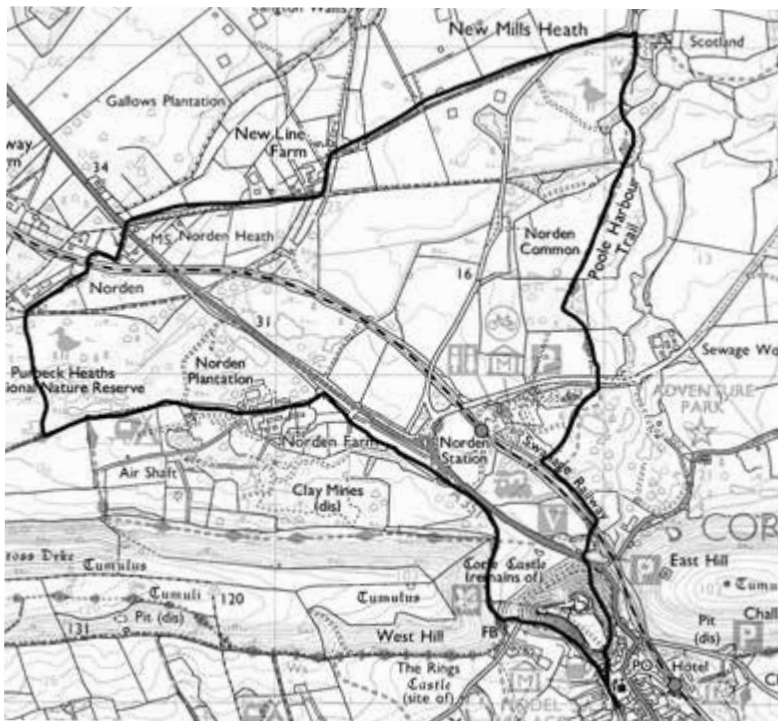
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The Corfe Castle Town Trust Summer Walks

There will be two local history walks taking place on
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Meet by the entrance to the Town Hall in the churchyard.
The 5-mile walks (see map below) will last about 2-2 ½
hours and sensible shoes are a necessity.

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Environmental Group Update



Since we last wrote in CVN, Council has supported our motion to spend Environment Group funds on a project to install some new swift boxes around the parish. If you might be interested in having one on your property, please contact our Clerk, Michelle. We are hoping the Swanage and Purbeck Swifts group will help us deliver this project.

During June, we carried out a follow up plant survey of the right-hand side mound and ditch area of God's Acre Cemetery. We originally surveyed this area on 30th May 2023 and on this survey identified 51 species of plants.

Unfortunately, our survey area had been strimmed in the weeks prior to our survey, but on our survey date of 10th June we still managed to identify 56 plant species. This included 35 seen on the previous survey, plus 21 new species. Trees growing in God's Acre include two species of oak (English and holm / evergreen oak), black elder, whitebeam, holly, cherry, hawthorn, hazel, elm and, of course, a yew tree, with some of these supporting climbing / scrambling plants such as ivy, hedge bindweed, old man's beard, brambles and hops. The usual native species were present, e.g. daisies, clover, dandelion, rosebay willowherb, nettles and its partner dock. We also managed to identify 5 different grasses, but we're sure there were many more, but their identification was beyond us!



We are currently planning events for this autumn and have been in contact with the National Trust about a possible visit to Little Sea in Studland for a walk and talk about beavers, with the chance of spotting evidence of beavers or even catching a glimpse of one! More information to follow



We are also planning some tree planting in the village, which is likely to be during week commencing 10th November. We'll be asking for help with this task!

We haven't any events in August, but you may be interested to know that Dorset CAN have arranged a visit on Saturday 16th August to Alaska Wind Farm at Masters Quarry in East Stoke, near Wareham. Spaces are limited (and may all be gone by the time this article goes to press), but if you email dorsetcan@gmail.com to express your interest, you will then hear directly about any future visits.

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

Facebook: "Corfe Castle Environmental Group".

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



Nature updates from the National Trust

Shimmering beauties

It appears to be another bumper year for silver-studded blue butterflies in Purbeck. These tiny iridescent creatures will fly up in clouds as you walk the heathland paths.



*Silver studded blue –
Mark Singleton*

Female silver-studded blues are less showy than the males, being brown with metallic blue spots. Their caterpillars have a fascinating relationship with ants. The ants protect the caterpillars from predators and parasites, and in return they get to feed on a sugary substance that the caterpillars produce.

Silver-studded blues are in decline nationally, so it's fantastic that the Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve is providing the conditions they need to thrive.

Ragwort – a feast for pollinators

Ragwort is a UK native plant, and its golden daisy-like flowers bloom all summer in gardens, verges, grassland and meadows. Its flowers are a vital food source for a wealth of pollinating insects, including bees, butterflies and moths.

But ragwort also contains toxins which if eaten in large quantities can cause liver damage in horses and cattle. But animals won't eat it in the wild – its smell and taste put them off. Problems arise when ragwort is dried into hay or silage, where the bitterness is lost and they can't recognise it.

There is a common misconception that people are required by law to remove ragwort from their land. But the government code of practice only recommends the removal of ragwort in areas of high risk – within 50m of land used for grazing by horses and other animals, or land used for feed/forage production. Find out more here:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/spyway/ragwort

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

Cathy Lewis, the National Trust



Ragwort with bees – Mark Singleton



News from the castle

July 1496

In the summer of 1496, the castle was visited by Henry VII, who stayed from 27th July to 5th August.

Around this time the King decided to grant Corfe Castle (amongst other things) to his mother, the influential Lady Margaret, the Countess of Richmond. As mother of the King, she enjoyed legal and social independence which other married women did not, and her son's first parliament recognised her right to hold property independently from her husband.

Parliament granted £2,000 for the repair of the castle, although it does not appear that Lady Margaret ever lived here and may never have visited the castle. When Lady Margaret died in 1509 the property reverted to the recently crowned Henry VIII.

Hidden Treasures

If you didn't manage to catch Hidden Treasures of the National Trust on BBC Two, you can still view it on BBC iPlayer.

Martin Papworth, Archaeologist (now retired) dug below an arch that fitted the description of a sallyport where Colonel Pitman let in enemy forces to betray the castle. The dig didn't uncover clear answers. Martin has subsequently released a video (on our Facebook and Instagram channels) explaining some further research and why he strongly suspects this is indeed the sallyport fundamental to the history of the castle.

In the early 17th Century, a turret was built on the outer wall of the castle behind the suspected sallyport. The Hidden Treasures excavation proved the archway went all the way through the boundary wall but couldn't prove it continued through this turret. The explanation might be a flight of steps built into the turret taking the level below the current ground surface of the outside wall. This is backed up by some history from Rev John Hutchins – one of the earliest historians who wrote about the castle. In 1770, Mr Hutchins spoke to local people to get anecdotal accounts of events at the castle that had been passed down through a generation. People told Hutchins the Parliamentarians gained access through a sallyport between the garden and well at the East of the castle which is exactly the spot of the arch. Martin is really encouraged by

this evidence and feels his theory that this is the traitors gate can be proved if we dig a little lower...

Events at the castle:

Medieval sword weekend - 5 & 6 July

Love it Local food festival – 12 & 13 July

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Alison Allwright

Many of you will already have heard the very sad news about Alison's death. Alison passed away after a short illness. Despite this situation, she remained stoic, upbeat and courageous throughout, focussing on others rather than herself. This is in keeping with our experience of her community work in Corfe.

Alison was a passionate and dedicated supporter of our library and was instrumental in saving the library from closure twelve years ago. From then on she led a community of volunteers to turn the library into the great community centre it is today. She combined her passion and intelligence to steer us through many complex negotiations with Dorset Council and many other organisations along the way.

We will all miss her greatly.

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.

Church Knowle Parish Council

The July meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 6:30pm. It was attended by six members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair), four members of the public and the Dorset ward councillor Ben Wilson.

The Neighbourhood Plan

Mrs Pippa Edwards, the chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee reported to the Council. The housing needs survey has identified a requirement for 11 affordable homes. Jacqui Cuff of the Dorset Council will present to the Parish Council at the August meeting.

Report from Dorset Councillor

The Dorset Council Planning Department is engaging with the Blue Pool over the tree houses that were built without planning permission.

The Dorset Council Bridge Team has decided to install trief curbing at the Furzebrook road over rail bridge to improve the safety measures at this bridge. This is a curved curbing that guides vehicles back onto the road if they hit it.

The Highways department, together with the Parish Council is organising traffic speed monitoring on the Grange and Furzebrook Roads.

Planning

The Council voted to support tree work on an ash with severe dieback: P/TRT/2025/03410 Tree work on ash tree at Church Farm Camp Site.

Highways

Funds have been allocated by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset for signs to be erected along the ridge in Church Knowle and Corfe parishes to prevent damage caused by offroaders using the right of way inappropriately. There are scheduled Ancient Monuments along the route which have incurred harm. This is a criminal offence. Much of the affected land has a high level of statutory environmental protection.

The recent container lorry accident on the Furzebrook Road was discussed and the Church Knowle Parish Council resolved that it would

support the Arne Parish Council in any application the Arne Council made for traffic safety measures.

There is a meeting with Arne Parish Council and Dorset Highways on 23rd July to position speed survey devices on Grange and Furzebrook Roads as a preliminary to implementing speed limits.

Furzebrook Phone Box

The phone box at Furzebrook was transferred from BT to the parish council a few years ago and while it is nicely painted and in good condition it does not have a use. The Parish Council would welcome any suggestions or ideas.

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.

The meeting finished at 7:32 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Furzebrook Village Hall at 6:30 on 12th August 2025.

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Corfe Castle CE Primary School & Pre-School



Another academic year has passed by at great speed; at the end of July we said our farewells to the year 6 leavers who now go out into the world spreading their wings and preparing for the next chapter in their education and lives. It is always a joy to see how far children come through their time with us, watching them grow in confidence, building courage and resilience as they move into secondary school.

We have now seen a full year through with the pre-school as part of the school team and it has been a delight to welcome new staff members, new families and new children. The feel around the school has been so positive and the camaraderie has been wonderful to see.

This August break is always a time to reflect on change, and it is with great pleasure that I take the helm here at Corfe Castle CE Primary School and Pre-School from September.



I personally want to thank Miss Amy Howe for all that she has done for the school and the improvement journey that we have all been on.

Thinking back to the Ofsted Inspection of 2023, a key statement to remember is that, *"the values of courage, community, perseverance and belief embody the work of the school"*. As a church school, we build our core values into all that we do, teach, share and model, ensuring our children take pride in being a part of our wonderful school, nestled here in the Corfe Valley.

Miss Amy Howe - may you continue to share your gifts through serving other school communities. Thank you for all that you have done.

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



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News from The Castle

Cannot believe it is August already! The patio and garden are looking beautiful, flowers blooming.

It is business as normal and looking forward to a busy August. Hopefully, the sun will continue to shine.

Finally, the castle should be having its long awaited face lift; work will be starting in August.

Magic Mondays are back throughout August So come along and be amazed.

We have some lovely summer specials, so whether you fancy a salad or a bowl of steaming mussels, we would love to see you. Have a fantastic August.

Friday nights are fish nights.



We Shall Not Rest!

When professional actors are out-of-work, the term 'Resting' is used. It's a euphemism really. What it means is that no-one wants them!

Well, Double Act's diary looks a bit sparse through August, so one might think we are 'Resting', but one would be wrong! For a start the final two Murder Mystery Walks take place on Monday and Wednesday, August 4th and 6th. If you haven't checked out this year's intriguing plot, you need to get a wiggle on! There's unlikely to be another Murder Mystery until 2027.

The rehearsal schedule for 'Alice in Cuckoo Land' by Peter Nuttall, our November 27th – 29th pantomime, is blank during August. Does that mean we are 'Resting' and that nothing is happening to prepare for the show?

'Oh, No, It Doesn't!'

Music for the songs is being arranged, costume ideas are being discussed and costume items found, acquired and adapted. The set is being designed, and the lighting and sound plots devised. The new curtain rail will be prepared for use. The gathering of props is under way. Stage movement and dance routines are being planned. And most important, all the cast members will be learning their lines.

'Oh, Yes, They Are!'

When September arrives, the production rehearsals will resume, and our talented cast and crew will swing into more visible action again, to make sure we don't disappoint our expectant audience in November. Our 'Rest' will have been worth it!

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





Purbeck Youth Music Summer Showcase.

“What fantastic young musical talent we have here in Purbeck.” “Thank you for showcasing our young music makers who are so amazing.”

There was a buzz in Swanage High Street on Monday June 30th as young performers and their enthusiastic followers enjoyed an evening of joyful music-making at the Methodist Church. The evening featured a range of young musicians including ensembles who had come together for the first time to showcase their talent.



A combined group of woodwind and brass all from the Purbeck Primary schools played together for the first time and made an amazing sound. The Trad Folk group, ages ranging from 8-15 played several folk tunes from memory with increasing confidence. St Mary's Church choristers sang beautifully and Lily Fawcett's angelic singing led us heaven-wards as she

sang the *Pie Jesu* from Faure's Requiem. Nick Aiko Dando brought energy with his lively rendition of *Tico Tico* and Martha Harwood's deeply musical performance of Mozart's *Das Veilchen* and Bernstein's *Somewhere* captivated the audience.

Moonlight in Vermont in an arrangement by Amy Jerman conjured up the cool vibe of the Great American Songbook and Amy also directed from the clarinet the newly formed Purbeck Mini Big Band which brought the short concert to an upbeat conclusion. What a variety of styles we enjoyed, from African drumming from St Mary's school, through Mozart to cool jazz.



Our young musicians are getting better and better thanks to parental encouragement (never to be underestimated) the dedication of our wonderful group of tutors who travel from school to school for their students and the extraordinary support of our generous community, who both individually and

in local community groups help to fund the important enterprise which is Purbeck Youth Music.



Please continue to support us. Better still, become a Friend and make a regular contribution through your bank. It all adds up and helps us continue to inspire and encourage young musical talent across Purbeck.

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I know the weather has been extremely hot the past few weeks and most of us aren't thinking ahead to the autumn, but I feel now is a good time to update you on this year's flu clinics!

As of September, we will be inviting pregnant women and eligible children to have their flu vaccine and for all other eligible groups we are able to start vaccinating from 1st October.

Your vaccine has already been ordered and reserved for you and we will be contacting you ahead of October to book in to one of our clinics.

The first Saturday clinic will be 4th October 2025 9am-12pm and will be supported by the staff and PPG members in very much the same way as normal. If you cannot make this first date, we will hold another clinic on Saturday 18th October with additional appointments made available Monday to Friday for those with limited mobility and unable to attend on a Saturday.

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Please contact us with any queries. Kerry Norman - Practice Manager

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Future Programme of Speakers

5th August - Annual BBQ

2nd September – Belly Dancing Extravaganza

7th October – The Amazing Life and Achievement of Marie Curie by
Alan Neal OPEN MEETING

4th November – Singing for Everyone – Tim Dowland

2nd December – The Fantastic Bow Tie Balloon Man – Rob Driscoll

We are a friendly group so please come along and join us on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 2pm for an interesting talk followed by a cuppa and a chat. We have regular groups who meet each month.

Walkers Group: Meet 3rd Monday at various locations.

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A fascinating insight into the sharks that roam British waters is being offered by Greenpeace and community group Planet Purbeck.



Owen Exeter

It will form the centrepiece of a wide-ranging “marine evening” staged in Swanage.

Exeter University researcher Owen Exeter will show film and talk about his work in monitoring sharks, other fish and crustaceans using state-of-the-art tracking and camera technologies.

It will include dramatic shots of some of the 30-plus species of shark seen in UK seas, which include Porbeagle, Blue and Thresher varieties, plus remarkable “fish-eye” footage from cameras attached to Basking sharks.

Mr Exeter, 35, whose research contributes to the conservation of Britain’s Marine Protected Areas, said people should not be scared of sharks but rather regard them as a vital component of the aquatic food chain and biodiversity.

He added: “I don’t think many people realise how many species we have here and how they are an integral part of British marine life.

“I hope I can surprise those who come to the evening, not just about sharks but also about how vibrant our seas are. It’s also a nice opportunity to show what Marine Protected Areas look like and how they are monitored to make sure they are effective and hopefully being improved.”



Blue shark being filmed by Owen Exeter

Other presenters at the event, scheduled for Friday September 19 at Swanage’s Emmanuel Baptist church, will include Nick Measham, head of Wildfish, which battles to reverse the decline of fish populations and their habitats; Greenpeace speaker Doug Skinner and Planet Purbeck co-leaders Rob Waitt and Luke M Luke.

Mr Skinner said most people are now aware of threats posed to nature and our climate, but he is determined to take a positive approach.

He added: “I’ll be highlighting what Greenpeace and others have done and are still doing, at the highest level, to protect the marine environment.”

Mr Skinner, the event’s organiser, said he was excited by the “great line-up of guests”. And after attracting an audience of more than 200 at a similar evening last year, he is aiming for a 300-strong sell-out this time.

Bookings can be made via the events section of www.planetpurbeck.org.



Blue shark in a photo taken by Owen Exeter

CORFE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Soup ‘n Pud

There will be no ‘Soup ‘n Pud’ in Corfe Castle Village Hall on Saturday August 2nd ’25


as all the amazing volunteers are taking a well earned break!

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The July 100 club draw was made at the Coffee Morning. The first prize of £20 was won by member 71, with member 15 getting second prize £10 and member 84 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.

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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 Saturday lunchtime	Soup 'n Pud
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)

Fund-raising news

Although we are still awaiting a reply from the National Lottery in regard to our application for a very substantial grant for our kitchen refurbishment, we do expect a decision on this application soon. In the meantime we have had contact from someone who wishes to make a personal donation to the fund. This generosity not only helps us on the way to the total needed, it also demonstrates local support which is exactly what external funders are looking for.

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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for AUGUST 2025

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

1	August	Friday	6 pm	Twelfth Night – Play at the Bay Kimmeridge
2	August	Saturday	2 pm	Three Parishes Fete Church Knowle Old Rectory Field
2	August	Saturday	10 am	Town Trust Summer Walk around the Village – Meet by the Town Hall entrance
2	August	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	August	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius BBQ
9	August	Saturday	10 am	Town Trust Summer Walk around the Village – Meet by the Town Hall entrance
12	August	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Furzebrook Village Hall
16	August	Saturday	12 midday – 4pm	St Edwards Church Fete on the Church Lawns
23	August	Saturday	pm	Paddington in Peru screened in the Castle
25	August	Monday	From 12 noon	Harmans Cross Village Hall Fete and Show

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

2	September	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Belly Dancing Extravaganza – Corfe Castle Village Hall
4	September	Thursday	8 pm	Gardening talk by Ellen Rignell on Dorset seeds – Corfe Castle Village Hall
4 – 7	September			Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival
6	September	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning Corfe Castle Village Hall
6	September	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup n' pud Community lunch- Corfe Castle Village Hall
8	September	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
9	September	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle Village Hall
14	September	Sunday	9 am onwards	Wareham & Purbeck Ploughing competition – Compact Farm, Worth Matravers
27	September	Saturday	7 pm	Murder on the Train – Furzebrook Village Hall
4	October	Saturday	9 am – 12 noon	Flu vaccination clinic in the Surgery
18	October	Saturday	9 am – 12 noon	Flu vaccination clinic in the Surgery
18	October	Saturday	7 pm	Wareham Choral Society A Season to Sing & Vivaldi's Gloria – St Marys Wareham

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Revd Richard writes,

Haven't the Swifts been a treat to watch and hear this year. Their high-speed aerobatics easily outdo the Red Arrows in my opinion.

Whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month, the churches across the Benefice gather to worship together at St Peter's Church Knowle. It's always a great occasion and was extra special on 29th June as we worshipped together at St Peter's, on what happened to be St Peter's Day, in the year marking eight

hundred years since the church was built. The Swifts must have gotten wind of the significance of the day because there were dozens of them circling and diving around the church during the service. The sound of their cries came through the open door and into our worship like a guest aerial choir. It was magical.

Swifts famously spend almost their entire lives on the wing, sometimes not landing for ten months! I find that almost impossible to imagine. And also liberating as a reminder that we are not designed that way. We are designed to 'land' regularly, stopping for rest and sleep. It's part of what makes us human rather than Swifts. Trying to deny our own limits is bad for us, and often for those around us. Within a Christian understanding rest is a spiritual practise, reminding us that we cannot always be in control or productive. That it is good for us to stop. And enjoy the birds, or the beach, a book or a boxset.

Our next joint Benefice service at Church Knowle is at 10.30am on 31st August. We can't guarantee a Swift choir but you never know...

And I need to remember... "Richard, you are not a Swift!"

Services in August 2025

Sunday 3rd August

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 10th August

Steeple – 9.30 am

Holy Communion

Corfe Castle - 10.30 am

Morning Worship

Kingston – 11.30am

Informal worship

Sunday 17th August

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am

Holy communion

Harmans Cross – 6 pm

Evening Worship

Sunday 24th August

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am

Holy communion

Kingston – 11.30 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 31st August

Church Knowle – 10.30 Holy Communion (5th Sunday Benefice service)

There are also services every week in Langton Matravers and Worth Matravers. Information at www.staldhelm-purbeck.org

Bible Readings – August 2025

Sunday 3rd August

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Sunday 10th August

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Sunday 17th August

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Sunday 24th August

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Sunday 31st August

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

St Edwards Fete August 16th

We are busy planning the fete which will be held on Saturday 16th August, from 12 until 4pm. We have decided to try for a Saturday this year and hope that more people from the village might be able to be involved.

If you would like to help in any way - providing cakes, joining the team who put up the marquee a day or two before the fete, helping on a stall, - anything would be much appreciated.

We will be raising money for our much loved church - especially important this year as we need to raise the money to put in a whole new heating system!

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**MEMORIAL & PLAQUE UNVEILED AT
HERSTON HALT MARKING ROYAL
CORPS OF SIGNALS CONTRIBUTION
ACROSS 40 YEARS**

A poignant wooden memorial and a metal tribute plaque marking the important contribution of the Royal Corps of Signals to the development of the Swanage Railway across 40 years have been unveiled on the platform at Herston Halt.



*Herston Halt RCS
memorial plaque Saturday
5 July 2025 - courtesy
Andrew P M Wright*

Carol Wright - a volunteer gardener at the halt for almost 25 years with her late husband Peter - performed the honours at the wooden memorial with the new Mayor of Swanage Councillor Mike Bonfield.

Set into the ground vertically, the memorial is composed of an eight feet long wooden railway sleeper on which are 15 small plaques paying tribute to serving Royal Corps of Signals soldiers, and volunteers from the community,

who have helped to develop Herston Halt since it opened in 1984.

Mounted on a wall at Herston Halt, the blue circular metal tribute plaque was unveiled by Swanage Railway Trust chair Frank Roberts who has been a dedicated volunteer on the Isle of Purbeck heritage line for more than 40 years and served in the Royal Corps of Signals for 25 years.

In front of invited guests – army veterans and volunteers - who have been involved with the development of Herston Halt, both ceremonies took place on the afternoon of Saturday, 5 July, 2025.

Located a mile from Swanage, Herston Halt was the first station to be built by the Swanage Railway as its dedicated volunteers steadily relaid their tracks heading for the three-mile point at Harman's Cross where



*Herston Halt RCS memorial sleeper
Saturday 5 July 2025 – Courtesy
Andrew P M Wright*

another new station would be built in 1988.

Built in 1983, the original Herston Halt was smaller than today's concrete structure with the platform originally constructed of wood with the handrails being made from recycled metal boiler tubes from the small industrial steam locomotives that hauled the trains at Swanage between Easter, 1980, and the end of 1983.

The first passenger train from Swanage ran to the halt on Good Friday, April, 1984 – the year that the Royal Corps of Signals began its association with the Swanage Railway.



*Royal Corps of Signals
Herston Halt upgrade
2008 – courtesy Andrew
P M Wright*

It was in 2008 that members of the Royal Corps of Signals dismantled the old wooden platform at Herston Halt and replaced it with a large 1930s concrete sectional platform that had been salvaged from Woodside, in south London, during 2005 when the Croydon Tramlink was being built on a former railway line.

Volunteer Swanage Railway Trust chair Frank Roberts said: "There was a wonderful feeling of community, family, camaraderie and shared purpose when the memorial and the tribute plaque were unveiled.

"It was good to welcome the families of some of those people, sadly no longer with us, who played such an important part in the development of Herston Halt over the years. It's important to remember those people whose determined volunteer work has contributed to the maintenance and development of Herston Halt over 40 years.

"The Herston Halt of today is very different to the small basic halt that welcomed its first train from Swanage on Good Friday, April, 1984 – an historic and exciting day that saw Herston Halt become a springboard to success, enabling the Swanage Railway to push on and relay its tracks to Harman's Cross, Corfe Castle and Norden," added Frank.



*Royal Corps of Signals Herston Halt
upgrade Frank Roberts 2008 –
courtesy Andrew P M Wright*

The first Royal Corps of Signals exercise on the Swanage Railway in 1984 saw 15 soldier tradesmen from the 30 Signal Regiment, based at Blandford Forum in Dorset, install lineside wooden poles and telephone cables along the one-mile of track between Swanage and Herston Halt.

As dedicated Swanage Railway volunteers slowly laid their tracks to Harman's Cross, Corfe Castle and Norden, soldier tradesmen from the Royal Corps of Signals installed lineside wooden poles and telephone cables as well as telephone exchanges at Swanage, Harman's Cross and Corfe Castle stations.

The Swanage Railway welcomes new volunteers and anyone interested in finding out more should contact the Swanage Railway volunteer recruitment and retention officer Lisa Gravett on 01929 475212 or email iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk. Details about volunteering can be found at swanagerailwaytrust.org/volunteering.

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'SUNSET SHUTTLE' EVENING HERITAGE DIESEL TRAIN SERVICE CONNECTS SWANAGE, HARMAN'S CROSS & CORFE CASTLE

A 'Sunset Shuttle' summer evening heritage diesel train service connecting Swanage, Herston Halt, Harman's Cross and Corfe Castle – Dorset's most scenic evening out set to create golden memories for passengers – is being launched by dedicated Swanage Railway volunteers.



*Sunset Shuttle DMMU Corfe Castle
courtesyv Andrew P M Wright*

Combining value, convenience and beautiful countryside views, the service operates on selected evenings during late July, August and early September, 2025, with some 'Sunset Shuttle' trains operating to Norden station next to Dorset Council's Purbeck Park long-stay car park off the main A351 road from Wareham to Corfe Castle.

'Sunset Shuttle' operating days and train times can be found at swanagerailway.co.uk – simply click on Your Visit and the timetable option – while 'Sunset Shuttle' all evening travel tickets can be purchased on the train or in advance via Events & Experiences at swanagerailway.co.uk.

The 'Sunset Shuttle' train service also operates during the Swanage Regatta and Carnival evening fireworks events, the Purbeck Film Festival evenings in the grounds of Corfe Castle during August and the Swanage Folk Festival in September.

Unlimited evening travel tickets on the 'Sunset Shuttle' are £10 for adults, £5 for children aged 5 to 15, £25 for a family of two adults and two children aged 5 to 15 with dogs travelling free.

Swanage Railway volunteer commercial director Alexander Atkins said: "The Swanage Railway is proud partners with the Swanage Regatta and Carnival fireworks events, the Swanage Folk Festival and the Purbeck Film Festival which makes the 'Sunset Shuttle' the ideal scenic and stress-free rail connection to memorable and unforgettable summer experiences.

"There is no better way to enjoy the beautiful Isle of Purbeck countryside than from our summer holidays 'Sunset Shuttle' heritage diesel train service

connecting hotels as well as camping and caravan sites with restaurants and bars in Corfe Castle and Swanage.

“Combining value and convenience, it has never been easier to leave the car and let the train take the strain while enjoying breathtaking evening views of the Isle of Purbeck and the dramatic ruins of Corfe Castle.

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*Sunset Shuttle DMMU
Swanage Andrew P M
Wright*

“While discounted ‘Sunset Shuttle’ tickets are available – giving unlimited evening travel – daytime return tickets and Freedom of the Line unlimited travel tickets can also be used on the ‘Sunset Shuttle’ trains,” added Alexander who is a volunteer steam locomotive driver on the Isle of Purbeck heritage line as well as being deputy chair of Swanage Railway Trust and a director of the Swanage Railway Company.

Depending on operational requirements, the ‘Sunset Shuttle’ trains will be formed of the Swanage Railway’s 1950s diesel mechanical multiple unit - known as a DMMU - or a rake of its 1950s Mark One carriages hauled by 1960 Class 33 heritage diesel-electric locomotive D6515 ‘Lt Jenny Lewis RN’ that hauled the last freight train from Wimborne and Broadstone in May, 1977.

The ‘Sunset Shuttle’ evening train service operates on the following dates:

- Thursday 24 July to Saturday 2 August 2025 inclusive.
- Thursday 7 August to Saturday 9 August 2025 inclusive.
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Pioneer view August 2025



Dear friends,

I write this month’s Pioneer view following a weekend full of sporting activity including Wimbledon tennis, Formula 1 racing at Silverstone, women’s Football competition and International Cricket. All this led me to reflect on the qualities of those taking part in these events and what do they teach us as we journey on the road less travelled.

They all had one simple thing in common. Their journey starts with a dream embedded in hope.

The dictionary definition of hope describes hope as a feeling of expectation and desire for a thing to happen. Other words describing hope are aspiration, desire, expectation, aim, plan, dream. These words and descriptions of hope help make it more tangible and provide us with some sense that our hopes are attainable.

I wonder, considering this, how would you describe your hopes? I like the word ‘dream’ as a description of hope. It invites me to be more creative and not limited to time and practical constraints.

Here is a quote to reflect on

“Keep your dreams alive. Understanding that to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe.”
Gail Deavers

How often do we hear that the Olympic gold medalist starts with a dream, then the athlete puts in the training time and personal sacrifice to make that make their dream a reality. We need to be prepared to dedicate ourselves to making dreams happen.

A Quote to ponder

“Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality.” – Jonas Salk

Don’t give up on your dreams. Keep dreaming.



Go well,

Peter

Chair Growing Compassionate Communities

Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

The July weather, despite being full of beautiful sunshine, was certainly a challenge in the garden, especially if you were away on holiday. Water saving techniques have really come into their own and balancing the needs of new plants and vegetables with the need for water conservation has been difficult but essential. The long term forecast for August as I write this is a potentially very warm month with a mixture of sunny and rainy spells. We certainly need the latter but will hopefully enjoy time with family and friends in the sunshine.

In July we enjoyed visiting the Opera Garden at West Green House, in a corner of north Hampshire. The stunning garden surrounds a pretty Grade 11* listed Georgian Manor House. We were lucky to be given a guided tour by its owner, Marylyn Abbott, the renowned Australian garden designer. Her twin passion for English gardens and international opera have created a unique environment. The garden combines neo-classical style with contemporary design. It is divided into areas that include a woodland walk and a magnificent walled garden, entered through an arbour of wisteria. An avenue of pruned apple trees leads you to a potager with berry filled fruit cages. A path leads the visitor on to a lake and paradise water garden. After exploring the garden, we took refreshments in the tea rooms that served an excellent choice of drinks and tasty cakes. Thank you Fiona for arranging such a lovely trip.

There are no meetings in the village hall during August and our first meeting in the autumn will take place on September 4th. with a talk by Ellen Rignell from a new Dorset seed company, Winnow Farm Seeds, on saving seed and growing resilient plants. We look forward to seeing you then.

We wish you lots of Happy Gardening. Enjoy your Summer.

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, 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 us for £3 if they are interested in a particular talk.

Chris Clarke
For the Committee.



Purbeck Goes Wild summer newsletter landed in July and handed out through Corfe primary at the end of term ready for the holidays. Six organisations including the National Trust are putting on a suite of activities over the summer holidays for Purbeck families, with every Tuesday taking place from Corfe primary out onto the common with Jill. Book your places through the Planet Purbeck eventbrite page.

Wareham & Purbeck Vintage Ploughing Committee 49th Annual Ploughing Match

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PurbeckParkys,

PurbeckParkys - Please note **change of time:**
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Dorset Button Morris

Dorset Button Morris will be dancing out during this coming summer. During our dancing we will collection for a local charity. This year we are collection for Dorset Search and Rescue.

We are aways short of dancers so if your interested in joining us please contact any dancer or e mail buttonrapper@gmail.com or mctyrer@gmail.com

Please check our website for any updates on dates and timings. <http://www.brmm.org.uk/DorsetButtonsMorris/>

Date	Time	Location
6/8/2025	8pm	Square and Compass Worth Matravers
13/8/2025	7.30pm	Swanage Sea Front
20/8/2025	7.30pm	Durley Chine
27/8/2025	7.30pm	Bankes Arms Studland
3/9/2025	7.30pm	Wareham Quay
6/9/2025	All day	Swanage Folk festival

Corfe Crafters



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Wool Home Library Service Volunteer celebrated

Our Wool Home Library Service team recently met for a coffee to congratulate Annabelle Glasspool as she was presented with a certificate and badge to mark 10 years of volunteering with Royal Voluntary Service. She is pictured here on the left receiving her award from Maria Jacobson, RVS Service Manager for Dorset and BCP (standing) and fellow Wool HLS volunteer Eileen Osgood.



The Home Library Service is for anyone across Dorset and BCP who loves reading and is unable to get to a library themselves. Royal Voluntary Service

volunteers will deliver books free of charge to their home, based on their personal preferences, every 3 weeks. This includes large print and audio books. Anyone who would like to know more or knows someone who would benefit from the service please contact RVS on 01305 236666 or enquire at their local library. We can then visit to explain more and find out what you like to read.

A comment from one of our 361 Dorset clients in this year's survey: 'Receiving the HLS confirms to me that someone cares. I don't have any visitors and this breaks the loneliness. It makes me smile – and I can't wait to dip into the books and decide on the order I am going to read them!'

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CHAPEL ON THE GREEN

Beyond Ritual: Embracing a Personal Relationship with Jesus

In the Christian faith, two approaches to spirituality often emerge in contrast: a personal relationship with Jesus and a ritualistic adherence to religion. The distinction between the two is crucial in understanding the heart of the Gospel.

Rituals have long been a part of religious expression and can focus more on performance than a relationship with Christ and when rituals become mere routine, disconnected from genuine faith and understanding, they risk becoming empty formalities.

Jesus himself challenged this kind of religion, saying, in Matthew 15:8, ***“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”*** His strongest rebukes were not aimed at sinners, but at religious leaders, who performed rituals meticulously, without a personal relationship with Jesus. A personal relationship goes far beyond external observances. It acknowledges Jesus, not just as a Saviour, but as a friend, teacher and Lord, and is rooted in love and not legalism, whilst ritualistic religion may focus on performance, rather than a relationship with Christ.

In a world hungry for real connection and meaning, ritual without relationship will not satisfy. But a living relationship with Jesus offers what religion alone can't. It offers peace, purpose, and the presence of God in daily life.

Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds us, ***“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... not by works, so that no one can boast.”***

In “The Sermon on the Mount,” Jesus presents a sobering yet vital teaching about two distinct paths in life, the broad and the narrow way. This teaching is found in Matthew 7:13-14. ***“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life and those who find it are few.”***

The call to “enter by the narrow gate” is an invitation to salvation, to walk with God now and live with Him forever. The broad and narrow ways are not merely symbolic. They are real, spiritual realities that define every person's eternal destiny. Jesus, in love and truth, invites us to leave the crowd and follow Him. Though the narrow way is difficult, it is filled with grace, purpose, and the promise of everlasting life.

The teaching of Jesus confronts every person with a decision. Which road am I on? Am I following the crowd or following Christ?

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”
Proverbs 14:12.

Let us take seriously the words of Christ, examine our hearts, and choose the way that leads to life.

ROB TAYLOR

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Brenscombe Farm

Lying to the south of the Studland Road, Brenscombe was a farm of about 87 ½ acres in 1941, with 47 acres used for rough grazing for the cattle, one bull, sheep, one ram and 150 chickens. The animals have gone in favour of youth activities, and it is now a residential and outdoor centre.



1846 map of Brenscombe Farm, then owned by the Earl of Ilchester (the Fox-Strangways family).

The farm has certainly been occupied since the early 13th century, when Odo, the tenant of Thomas Anderbod, paid an 11th part of a knight's fee (money raised on the amount of land to support a knight) for 'Brunescumb' of ½ a mark. Not far from the farm, a fragment of brown and white mosaic flooring was found which has been assumed to be part of a Roman villa.

By the 1400s, the farm, then of 120 acres, had passed to the Hendour family who still it by knight's service, although the price had upped to 4 marks, which they paid to John, Duke of Somerset, the constable of the castle.

When Richard Hendour died in 1442, his estate was left to his 2-year-old daughter, Margaret, and when she married Thomas Tregarthyn, the property passed to him. It then passes down to their granddaughters, one of whom

married John Wadham and her youngest sister, Joan, married Sir Giles Strangways of Melbury Sampford and the farm descends through her, via the Strangways to the Earl of Ilchester.

An intriguing letter, dated 1664, from John Strangways mentions that the rent could be used to repair '*your church house and schoolhouse in Branscombe*'. The Revd. Hutchins refers to this in his tome on 'The History of Dorset' but where they were situated is unknown.

Eventually, the estate was inherited by Thomas Strangways of Melbury Sampford and when he died, in 1734, he left it to his sisters, Susannah and Elizabeth, the Duchess of Hamilton. It included a farmhouse, ground that had been taken out of Brenscombe Heath and an old cottage. This had been demolished before 1734 and added to the farm as 'Guy's Fields'. It was named after Stephen Guy, a linen weaver from Corfe Castle who had leased the cottage in 1655.



Guy's Field no 688 on the Tithe map of 1844.
Bushey Lane now continues eastwards

Nearly 20 years later, the farmer was struggling to pay his way and owed the Earl of Ilchester over £120 in rent. The earl agreed to repair the buildings but not the glass windows and it was re-rented out to John Fookes of Burton, near Wool.

The Earl of Ilchester leased the farm out to John Calcraft for £100 in the late 1700s with the Rempstone Estate eventually purchasing it in 1872 for over £4,700.

Louise Haywood

Kimmeridge News

Play At The Bay - 1st August – Kimmeridge Bay

Miracle Theatre is back on the road this summer with a new open-air production of Shakespeare's dazzling comedy Twelfth Night, a joyous, chaotic tale where love knows no boundaries!

It is the story of twins Sebastian and Viola who are separated from one another by sea and storm. Shipwrecked and without her brother for the first time, Viola finds herself washed up in Illyria, a playground for the hedonistic and lovesick elite. What unravels next sends the story spinning into a tangle of unrequited love, mistaken identities, hilarious awkwardness, cruelty, and mischief.

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Burnbake at 50: Dorset's Burnbake celebrates 50 years of wild escapes and family adventure.

One of Dorset's most beloved holiday retreats, nestled between Corfe Castle and Studland, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this summer with nostalgic events and a special tribute to its pioneering founder, Philippa Ryder.

What began as a campsite on a patch of sun-baked heathland on the sprawling Rempstone Estate, is now a multi-accommodation escape that includes 22 forest lodges with hot tubs, luxury safari tents, camping fields, and a newly restored farmhouse.

The Golden Jubilee will be marked with a series of nostalgic moments throughout the summer honouring the holiday park's roots. Highlights include community competitions, vintage merchandise and a special celebration party inviting past and present guests to share memories and stories.

Founder's Story



Burnbake's story first started in 1975 with founder Philippa Ryder had a simple but radical vision: to reconnect people to nature. The campsite between the historic Corfe Castle and Studland in Dorset was created to supplement the income from the estate's farm, becoming one of Dorset's most cherished holiday hideaways half a century later.

"Back then, the farm wasn't making a huge amount, and the estate wasn't either," Philippa recalls. "This area wasn't suitable for farming, but it was in the perfect location."

The campsite had no electricity, just a water pipe and a few chemical toilets. The first guests were attracted by hand-painted signs and word of mouth.

"We had signs at the top of the road and one down near Corfe Castle until the council said, 'Oh, you can't put that there'. But we'd already had it there for a summer before they caught up with me," Philippa remembers with a smile.



Recognising the need to modernise, Philippa Ryder was joined by business partner Tim Bircham in the late 70s. The first proper toilet block came in 1981, followed by a shop stocked with milk, bread and ice packs. Throughout this period, Philippa was a constant presence, often with a child in tow.

At 80, Philippa still carries the same fire. She's an entrepreneur, a mother, a sailor, a gardener and a quiet force who defied expectations at a time when few women dared to lead. Burnbake's golden anniversary isn't just a milestone – it's a celebration of her courage to build a legacy, rooted in resilience and wrapped in wild beauty.

About Burnbake

Burnbake is a holiday park in the Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve, nestled in woodland, halfway between historic Corfe Castle and the Studland beaches, with a wide variety of holiday accommodation options.

These include:

Luxury lodges

Burnbake has a selection of two- and three-bedroom luxury lodges, including seven dog-friendly lodges, with floor-to-ceiling views of the surrounding forest. Each architect-designed lodge blends modern comfort with natural charm, featuring private hot tubs on a secluded deck area, wood-burning stoves, flat screen TVs and well-appointed kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms.

Rempstone Farmhouse

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Safari tents

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Camping

Burnbake offers a back-to-nature camping experience for tents and small camper vans, with nine electric hook-up pitches available. Campers can choose their own pitch across three fields, including the Main Campsite, offering shady woodland pitches, with access to a small adventure play area, fire pit and BBQ grill hire, and toilet and shower facilities.

Bell Tents

We have three new bell tents in the Camp Field, offering a relaxing, hassle-free option, where you can watch the sun goes down. Fancy booking some nights under the stars without any of the faff? We have three new bell tents in the Camp Field, offering a relaxing, hassle-free option, with incredible forest views to take in as the sun goes down.

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What's On at Harmans Cross Village Hall

Not long now until our annual **Harmans Cross Fete and Show on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August**. We will have all the usual entertainment – live music, children's entertainment and games, bar, BBQ, a huge host of stalls and our Big Raffle with proceeds again shared this year with the amazing Dorset charity Mosaic which provides bereavement counselling and support to youngsters.

We are already looking for donations of pre-loved books, jewellery, bags and bric-a-brac so if you are having a clear-out then please keep us in mind. We have set up a gazebo at the 'railway side' of the Hall alongside the garage which we hope will be a convenient way of dropping off any books, bric-a-brac etc, and we will clear that every day or so.

We will also have a Plant and Produce stall and we will welcome donations for this as well. Please bring plants along to the Hall on the Saturday or Sunday immediately before the Fete, and we will look forward to receiving produce e.g. tomatoes, vegetables, fruit etc on the morning of the Fete. And of course, the café would be delighted to accept any cakes from 9am on Monday morning as well.

Movie Night – Tuesday 12 August – Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy

Bridget is alone once again, widowed four years ago, when Mark was killed on a humanitarian mission in the Sudan. She's now a single mother to 9-year-old Billy and 4-year-old Mabel, and is stuck in a state of emotional limbo, raising her children with help from her loyal friends and even her former lover, Daniel Cleaver. Pressured by her Urban Family —Shazzer, Jude and Tom, her work colleague Miranda, her mother, and her gynecologist Dr. Rawlings (played by Emma Thompson) — to forge a new path toward life and love, Bridget goes back to work and even tries out the dating apps, where she's soon pursued by a dreamy and enthusiastic younger man. Now juggling work, home and romance, Bridget grapples with the judgment of the perfect mums at school, worries about Billy as he struggles with the absence of his father, and engages in a series of awkward interactions with her son's rational-to-a-fault science teacher (Chiwetel Ejiofor).

Doors and bar open at 7pm and admission is just £6

Other dates for your diaries

Coffee Junction: August 7 and 21, and September 4 from 10.30am

HXVH Church: There is no Church service on Sunday 17 August at HXVH. We are attending the 5pm service at St Aldhelm's Chapel instead – please feel welcome to join us

And finally ... we are looking for a new Secretary to the Management Committee

The role involves taking Minutes of meetings (c8 meetings a year) and organising the AGM. If you have a spare 1-2 hours per week and would like to get involved in our active and sociable team, please contact Alison Clough at alison.an.clough@btinternet.com or on 07768 558341.

Alison and the HXVH Committee

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- Shotokan Karate – www.warehamskc.co.uk

Tuesday

- Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00 – bowlingbarbara2023@outlook.com
- Walking Netball 10 – 12 am
- Pilates – Alex Moore telephone 07536103364 almoore1@live.co.uk
- Sandford and Wareham WI contact susiedean42@gmail.com

Wednesday

- Model Railway Group peter.c.hollins@gmail.com

Thursday

- Shotokan Karate www.warehamskc.co.uk

Friday

- Weekly Health Qigong Fitness 9.30 & 10.30 am – Penny Youssef
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- Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00 – bowlingbarbara2023@outlook.com

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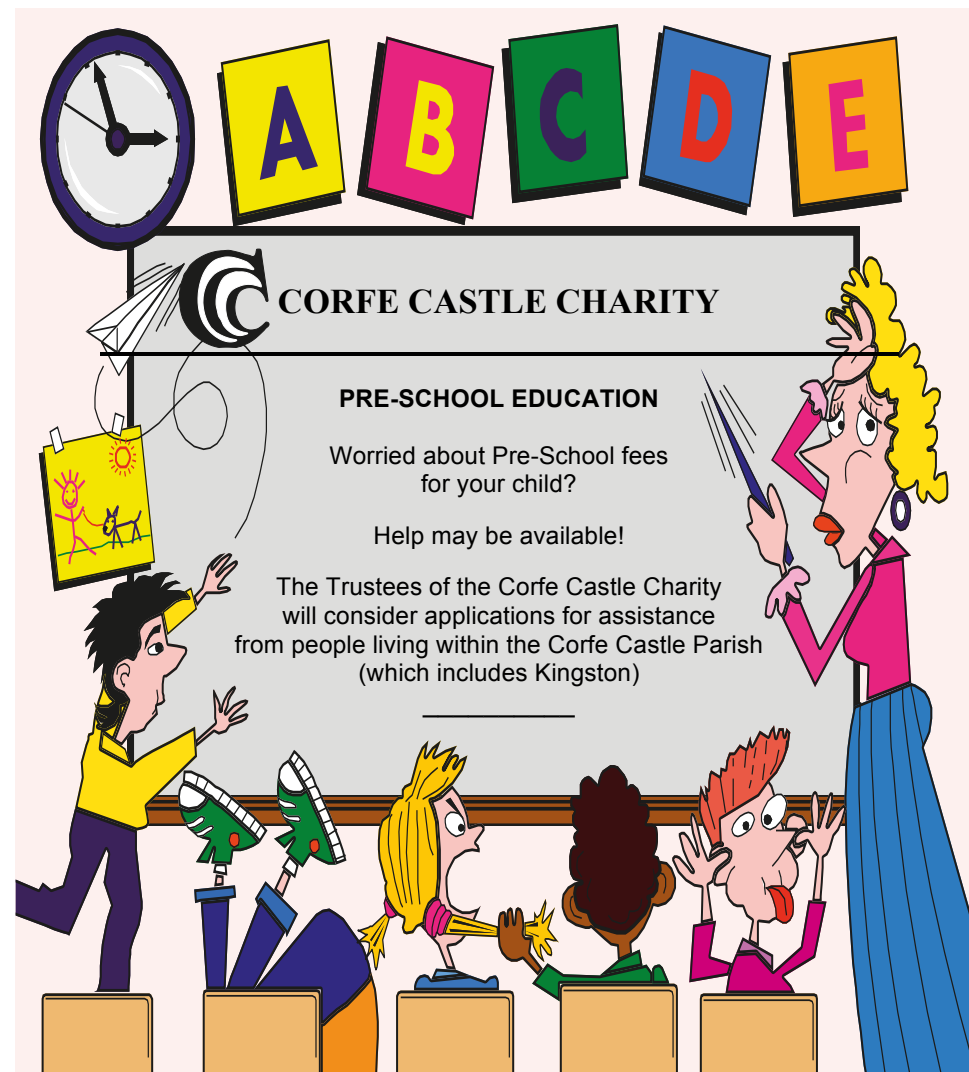
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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MONDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Village Hall
TUESDAY			
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
2nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
WEDNESDAY			
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
THURSDAY			
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	www.purbeckyoga.com	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee	C C Village Hall
SUNDAY			
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