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Editorial

I notice that everybody is commenting that the leaves are falling early this year. I'm already having to sweep up quite a lot of leaves in the garden. Presumably the trees are stressed with the lack of water, which we have seen, particularly earlier in August. We must hope that the trees are not too badly damaged.

Have a look at the Corfe Castle Parish Council article about the forthcoming Dorset local plan and Transport Plan. Make sure you have your say as this will define how Dorset will develop and change over the coming years. Before they were closed Purbeck District Council developed a Purbeck local plan, which has been incorporated into the Dorset plan. However your input will be important in confirming what was in the Purbeck plan.

Stephen

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(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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Have your Say

Dorset is changing.

The government requires every council to prepare a Local Plan and a Local Transport Plan. These plans outline how Dorset will develop and how Dorset Council will maintain and improve transport in the area for decades to come.

Local Plan

The Local Plan guides how land in the Dorset Council area will be used.

It covers:

- housing
- sites for businesses
- community infrastructure (parks, space for schools and other community services)
- town centres
- how we protect the natural environment

To make Dorset a better place to live the plan aims to:

- build enough good quality homes that fit Dorset's character and meet housing needs
- set aside land for businesses to create job opportunities
- protect and enhance Dorset's unique environment, support healthy lives, and promote clean energy

Transport Plan

The Local Transport Plan (LTP) sets out goals and policies for improving transport in Dorset over the next 15 years. This plan is developed jointly with Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Council (BCP).

The plan aims to:

- help everyone get around
- make travel safe and easy
- support jobs and homes by helping towns and villages grow in a suitable way
- protect our local environment by cutting down on pollution
- encourage more people to walk, wheel or cycle, reducing traffic congestion and promoting a healthier lifestyle.

Drop-In Session being held in Emmanuel Baptist Church in Swanage on Tuesday 30th September from 2pm to 6pm

To have your say go to the Dorset Council website www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
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To report a pothole

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

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To report a problem on a road or pavement

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To request a highways gully clear

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Environmental Group Update



We are very pleased to be able to announce our September event will be a visit to Littlesea, hosted by the National Trust, to find out more about our Purbeck beavers, and then walk to visit a hide to observe the beaver lodge, and, if we're lucky, spot a beaver, no promises though!



So our next event will be on

Wednesday 17th September meeting at Shell Bay Car Park at 6pm

It is envisaged that the event will last about 2.5 hours, but it will depend on the speed we walk to the hide after the talk, and how long we spend at the hide. *Numbers will have to be limited to avoid disturbance to the beavers, so please let Michelle know if you would like to join this event (details below or see the main PC entry in CVN for her phone number). If anyone with an accessibility issue would like to join, let us know, as we may be able to work something out for you for part of this visit.*

Fascinating facts about beavers (courtesy of NT)

- Beavers are the second-largest living rodent.
- They are herbivores, eating aquatic plants, grasses, herbaceous plants and shrubs in the summer months and woody plants in the winter.
- They will often store food underwater so they can access it if the water freezes over in the winter.
- They can remain underwater for up to 15 minutes.
- They have protective eyelids to see underwater and can close both their nostrils and ears to prevent water from entering.
- Beaver teeth are orange from the iron content in the food they eat.

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

Facebook: "Corfe Castle Environmental Group".

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



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Nature updates from the National Trust

Purple haze

Now's the time to get out onto the Purbeck Heaths as the heather turns into a stunning palette of purple and pink. These delicate flowers are humming with the activity of pollinating insects, while rare heathland birds flit among the shrubs. The heather seems to have started flowering early this year, but hopefully there will still be lovely displays throughout September.



*Stoborough Heath – Mark Bauer
Photography*

Heathland horror

We can't talk about the heathland without mentioning the two huge wildfires of August. One destroyed 70 hectares of heathland at Holt Heath, near Wimborne, and the other 25 hectares at Newton Heath, near Studland. At the time of writing, both had been extinguished although the areas were still being monitored.



*Emma holding a rescued
common lizard – Dorset
Heaths Partnership*

Heathland is home to many rare birds including nightjars, woodlarks and Dartford warblers, as well as reptiles like sand lizards, slow worms, smooth snakes, and adders. While most birds are able to fly away and escape the flames, reptiles aren't so lucky.

One of our rangers, Emma Finlinson, joined a rescue effort at Holt Heath organised by the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust. They rescued almost 30 reptiles from the burnt earth and released them into nearby unaffected heathland.

You can see a video of their release here:
<https://youtu.be/p4rFiEgJWwM>

We can't thank the fire services enough for their tireless work. But worryingly, they have said

that both fires were deliberate. Please be vigilant if you are on the heaths. If you see any suspicious behaviour, report it to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or in an emergency, call 999.

Slowing the flow

Work is about to begin on a project to reduce the risk of flooding along the Swan Brook – the stream that meets the sea in Swanage. This involves using natural measures to slow the flow of waterways.

The six sites are on tenanted National Trust farmland, all located at the headwaters of tributaries that feed into the brook (Langton Matravers, Harman's Cross and Godlingston Manor Farm, Swanage).

The first phase of work begins in September 2025, continuing to late October. If you would like to know more or get involved, please visit <https://planetpurbeck.org/projects/streams>

Traditional hay making



*Wildflower Meadow Scotland
Farm – Rebecca Eddy*

You might have seen haymaking taking place at various sites in autumn, including Corfe Charity Meadows. This traditional way of farming goes back hundreds of years. Grass and wildflowers are left to grow until mid to late summer before being cut. This timing allows insects to feed on nectar (and so pollinate the flowers), and gives flowers a chance to seed, enabling them to flourish in future years.

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



News from the Castle

We hope you've all had a good summer. We've had a great time welcoming families and watching them enjoy the castle.



Before and after conservation work of Tower 2

masons' marks we found on the stones of Tower 2 are different again and include simple scratch marks. The variety of widths and depths suggest they were made by a few different masons, but their purpose is a mystery.

You'll notice the conservation works are moving at pace following conservation of a fallen tower, known as Tower 2. Some of the stones needed to be lifted and vegetation removed before being reset made extra challenging by the 35 degree angle over the 30 metre drop of the mound! A bespoke scaffolding rig was made and the work was painstaking but essential.

We have found various stone masons' marks throughout the castle, including markings around arrow slits to ensure the stones were positioned correctly and various symbols which were thought to be the tally marks to show employers how much stone had been worked on that day. The



The Civil war re-enactment Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 September

The English Civil War Society are back at the castle this September. Soak up the sounds and smells of living history displays from authentic cooking and leatherwork to herbalists and coinmakers of the 17th Century. Lady Banks will be in residence and each day will culminate in a battle re-enactment.

Please note: this event will involve firing of replica weaponry on each day which can be noisy:

Cannon fire - 12pm

Musket fire - 1pm

Musket fire - 2:30pm

Musket fire - 3:30pm

Inside Out Dorset Arts festival 20 & 21 September

As part of Heritage Open Days, we are hosting a creative weekend with Inside Out Dorset Arts Festival.

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Church Knowle Parish Council

The August meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 12th August 2025 at 6:30pm. It was attended by eight members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair), six 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 introduced Jacqui Cuff of the Dorset Council who presented the results of the housing needs survey. This compared Church Knowle to the national average and the presentation may be found on the Parish Council website under **Neighbourhood Plan**. The Neighbourhood Plan process is continuing and a made Plan gives the Parish Council statutory planning clout under the Localism Act.

Report from Dorset Councillor

The Dorset Council is reviewing its car park and parking charges.

There are two active surveys for members of the public, these are:

- The Dorset Council Local Plan
- The Dorset Council and BCP Local Transport Plan.

These can be found online at: **<http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing>**

Planning

The Council voted to support both planning applications:

P/STA/2025/03871 Replacement of Electricity Poles by Scottish and Southern Electricity.

P/TRC/2025/04510 Tree maintenance work at 17 Church Knowle

Highways

Temporary traffic monitoring devices are in place on the Furzebrook Road as a preliminary to putting a speed limit on the road. There was a discussion about heavy vehicles using the road at night. Imerys, The Blue Pool and Perenco are all in support of having a speed limit on the road.

There was a report of the hedge at the abandoned building Willow Corner obstructing the footpath. Dorset Council have remedied this.

Furzebrook Phone Box

A suggestion submitted by a parishioner that this phone box could be turned into a hanging basket garden was considered by the Council. It was decided not to pursue this owing to local problems with deer and also some vandalism. The Parish Council would welcome any suggestions or ideas for a use for this nicely painted phone box in good condition.

Tender for Tree Work

The large ash tree in the Parish Council playing field opposite the Margaret Green Animal Sanctuary has ash die back. It has been assessed by the County Arboriculturist and has to be felled. Tenders are sought for this work and can be submitted in writing to Church Knowle Parish Council, 2 Peveril Road, Swanage BH19 2DH or by email to clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk. Details of the work can be found on the website under **Tenders**

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 8:30 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 9th September 2025.



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CHURCH KNOWLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

****HOUSING SURVEY UPDATE****

The Steering Group will be holding a meeting in Church
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on **Wednesday 15th October at 6.30pm**

We will be presenting the results of the housing survey and discussing the implications of this in light of current government policy, and seeking your widespread views & agreement on a variety of options for subsequent action.

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As we continue to progress through this academic year, I hope that we can further foster positive relationships within our community and work together for the benefit of our children.

Summer Holiday Club 2025

Over the summer, our holiday club, new to the school leadership, ran successfully for 5 weeks led by a mixture of pre-school and school staff throughout that time. Children engaged in various activities from science experiments to blackberry picking – which was then turned into an apple and blackberry crumble, from slime making to time at forest school and so much more.



The pre-school have now been part of the school for a year and they have settled well into the routines of the school and are an integral part of the school community. We continue to be excited about the growth within pre-school and across the school.

From all the team at Corfe Castle CE Primary School and Pre-School we thank you for your continuing support.



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News from The Castle

Wow what a lovely hot summer so far, hope you all managed to keep cool.

So hopefully, now; we are all going back to some sort of normality.

So let us tell you, what we are up to.

We are now taking bookings again. And we are going to be having some mouth-watering delicious specials in September.

We are bringing back our theme nights.

For the festive season plans are well under way and this year The Castle is definitely going to be an exciting place to be.

We have lots going on and amazing things are being planned, (watch this space) we feel life as been put on hold, so the little pub with a big heart feels it is time to wake up and have some fun.

Whatever you are doing be happy, smile and look after yourselves



Double Act Drama Groups chalks up another success!

Double Act members are basking in the success of this summer's Murder Mystery Walks. On seven evenings in July and August, intrepid locals and visitors turned up to get involved in Peter Smith's latest creation. These walks have been staged (or rather 'fielded'!) every 2 years or so since 2000, originally on the Common, then in the Castle itself, and now starting from the barn in the field opposite Castle View. The summer ventures involve some members who are unable to be in the main November productions, as well as regular performers. Over the seven evenings this summer we entertained over 600 folk, plus a few dogs and toddlers! 2027 will see the next of these events, all being well.

So now it is 'all hands on deck*' for our November production 'Alice In Cuckoo Land', by Peter Nuttall. (* Deck of cards, not on a boat, of course!)

Following our hugely successful 2024 production of 'This Secret Isle', Double Act is pleased to announce that this year we are in Panto mode! Oh yes we are!

This year's offering is filled with magical characters who you might have met before, although not necessarily in the same story. Filled with music and song, this family fun production starring our amazing award winning cast, promises thrills and spills and all the best bits you would expect from a PantomimeOh yes it does!

Alice Wobbly (Mary Newcombe) follows her hapless cat Chester (Eleanor Morris) down the Rabbit hole. However, that is where any similarity to this famous story ends! Alice's mother Old Mother Wobbly (David Wellstead) follows her adventurous daughter through the hole and the inevitable mayhem ensues.

Our award winning director, Peter Smith, plays the forgetful Santa Claus and the evil Queen of Hearts (Lindsay Dixon) plays our brilliant baddy.

Performances in Corfe Castle Village Hall are on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 27th - 29th November at 7:30pm, with a matinée on Saturday 29th at 2:30pm. Tickets are £10 Adults, Children £5, under 5's free. 10% reductions for groups of 10 & over.

Tickets will be available from Corfe Castle Village Stores or www.ticketsource.co.uk/double-act-drama-group.

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
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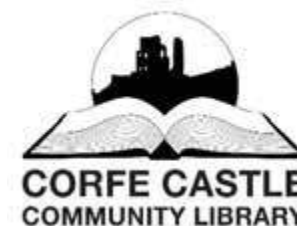
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News from the Library



Turning Towards the Future

We are very fortunate that Maggie Pearce has stepped up to take on the role of chair of the Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library (the charity we created to operate the library some years ago). Welcome Maggie! Liz Roberts, who has been a stalwart supporter of the library for many years, is expanding her activities too.

However, we would welcome more volunteers to help out in whatever way they can. Keeping the library going when it's open is a vital role, but there are many 'behind the scenes' activities too. Let us know if you would like to help in any way (drop into the library when it's open or email us at corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com).

We are hoping to run a children's activity day in the October half-term holiday. It would be for children up to ten years old and we would need some helpers to volunteer. If you have grandchildren of appropriate age with you that holiday, why not volunteer and bring them along! More details will follow in next month's Corfe Valley News.

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 into the library and have a chat (or even quietly browse through the bookshelves!).

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.

Corfe Castle Surgery and Patient Participation Group

As I write there is thunder in the air after what has been a very hot day - we await the much needed rain !

In case readers have missed the excellent news, I am delighted to report that in a recent survey CORFE SURGERY has once again been rated among the top 20 GP surgeries across the county for a positive overall patient experience. Many congratulations to Dr Lepper and his team - a great result.

NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

FLU VACCINES

As of September the surgery will be inviting pregnant women and eligible children to have their flu vaccines and for all other eligible groups vaccines will be available from October 1st

The first Saturday clinic will be held on **4th OCTOBER from 9-12** when staff and PPG members will support the session. A second session will be held on **Saturday 18th OCTOBER from 9-12**

Please do get your vaccination from the Surgery where an immediate record will be kept in your patient notes. Vaccines have already been purchased so any not used will be wasted and significantly affect the Surgery budget

HEALTH TALKS

A talk about *Shoulder problems* is booked for **OCTOBER 9th, 7pm** at the Corfe Castle Club. The session will be led by Mr Moverley, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon from Poole Hospital

HEALTH SERVICES IN PURBECK

We are all invited to book a seat to watch a 'Health Services In Purbeck' Film, at the Mowlem Theatre in Swanage on **THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER at 1230**

The film is free to attend for staff and the public and will feature coverage of services available to us in Purbeck . It will last 35 minutes. The Mowlem Link is. <https://themowlem.com/event/health-and-wellbeing-event/>

A **Health and Wellbeing fair 'drop in'** will also be held on the same day in the Mowlem Show bar from 11-3. Please do support these events

NEW PPG INITIATIVE

Free mobility and balance classes for the over 65's are being offered at Corfe Village Hall from **THURSDAY 16th OCTOBER** for surgery patients . 6 free taster sessions are on offer .Please call Sally on 01929 439 052 to reserve your

spot and please support this initiative to 'Stay Steady , Stay Active' which will be led by Vanessa Leesh, a qualified instructor .

The PPG committee will be meeting again in November and would welcome any queries or concerns patients may wish us to raise with the Surgery team . We can be contacted through the surgery or by email

corfecastleppg@gmail.com

Enjoy the remainder of the Summer !

Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair

Corfe Castle Surgery Patient Participation Group.

invites you to a free talk on

'SHOULDER PROBLEMS'

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The August meeting was our annual BBQ event. It was good fun with spot prizes, a raffle and wonderful tasty food provided by Toby Woods. The entertainment was provided by a number of members performing small magic and number tricks. A very enjoyable afternoon.

Future Programme of Speakers

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.

Strollers Group: Meet 2nd Tuesday at Collets Close

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Lunch Club: Meet 4th Thursday at 12:30 monthly at various locations.

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Well here we are officially in autumn with that wonderful summer behind us!
SOUP 'n' PUD is **BACK** having had a brief break during August.

We will be providing our usual tasty fare of 2 soups and 2 puds and where possible using up excess fruit and vegetables provided by locals to avoid them going to waste. There seems to have been a glut this year with the beautiful weather. Donations of food and money are always gratefully received!

This month one of the soups will be courgette, potato and pea which uses the amazing courgettes donated by a kind villager plus potato also given by someone. One of the puds will be a trifle using up muffins donated and frozen previously. We always try to make things as seasonal as possible so we will also have a blackberry and apple crumble and the rest has yet to be decided! So some surprise treats in store!

We hope that lots of you will return to our lovely lunches to meet your friends and our super volunteers again and enjoy the good food and company. If you haven't been before we would love to see you as it is an excellent way to make new friends, particularly if you are a recent arrival in the village.

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The August 100 club draw was made at the Coffee Morning. The first prize of £20 was won by member 52, with member 62 getting second prize £10 and member 75 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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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 mornings	Surgery Keep Fit
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)

Artsreach events

We are delighted to say that we have secured our "first pick" from the Autumn/Winter Artsreach menu - we welcome back the amazing Hot Fingers to our village on the evening of Sunday November 30th. Those who came to see them in 2016 will be sure to want to make a note in their diaries.

Fund-raising news

Regrettably our bid for National Lottery funding for the kitchen refurbishment was unsuccessful; though it was acknowledged to be a strong bid, "demand was high, other applications had a stronger fit to criteria and they have recently funded several other projects in the Purbeck area".

Clearly this was disappointing news, but we press on with fund-raising efforts. By the time you are reading this our applications to two (possibly three) other providers will already have been submitted.

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WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2025 from 7pm

Background:

- Since 2023 the event has been mainly organised by a couple of people from the Christmas Festivities Committee
- Support has been dwindling both in terms of local organisations wishing to run stalls and local people attending (despite free entry for locals as per the NT usual rules)
- Another local group has shown interest in running the day, which is fantastic, and we want to ensure that the very strong links to village history are preserved

This event goes back many years, with the Castle owner of the time traditionally allowing the villagers to hold an annual fair one day each year, for the benefit of local organisations...

"By the village, for the village".

We need to find the right person, or local team, to take over.

For info/comments email ccmayfair24@gmail.com

CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER 2025

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

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
12	September	Friday	7.30 pm	Kimmeridge Keilidh – Kimmeridge Village Hall
14	September	Sunday	9 am onwards	Wareham & Purbeck Ploughing competition – Compact Farm, Worth Matravers
17	September	Wednesday	6 pm	Beaver Walk with Corfe Castle Environment Group – Meet at Shell Bay car park
17	September	Wednesday	7 pm	Open meeting to discuss the future of the May Fair – Upstairs in the Corfe Castle Club
20 – 21	September	Saturday/Sunday		Inside Out events around Corfe featuring Catalan performers.
26	September	Friday		Fashion Show St Edwards Corfe Castle
27	September	Saturday	7 pm	Murder on the Train – Furzebrook Village Hall

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

4	October	Saturday	9 am – 12 noon	Flu vaccination clinic in the Surgery
4	October	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning Corfe Castle Village Hall
4	October	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup n' pud Community lunch- Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	October	Tuesday	2 pm	The Amazing Life of Marie Curie – Alan Neal – Corfe Castle Village Hall
9	October	Thursday	7 pm	Talk on Shoulder Problems – Mr Moverley – Upstairs in the Corfe Castle Club
13	October	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
14	October	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Furzebrook Village Hall
14	October	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Faith and Ethics in a Secular World – Prof V White – United Reform Church Swanage
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
4	November	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Singing for Everyone – Tim Dowland - Corfe Castle Village Hall
27 – 29	November	Thursday – Saturday		Double Act Pantomime – Corfe Castle Village Hall

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

Revd Louise Writes...

I have been thinking recently about hospitality. I'm sure many of us have been extending hospitality or receiving it over the summer months, and I was thinking of how it is something which is both difficult and stretching at times, but also a huge blessing.

I loved receiving hospitality recently when we were invited to someone's home for a meal. I felt loved, as I was welcomed into the warmth of someone's family home and fed with delicious food. The food had taken

thought and effort, had cost those hosting, had been a way of me receiving from them.

Although hospitality is something which we do in this country, I'm aware that it doesn't come as naturally to us as it does to those in some other cultures. Of course it varies from person to person, and family to family. Some people seem to be particularly gifted in giving hospitality to others.

Jesus, in the parable of the Good Samaritan, helps us to see that our love for others and compassion for those in distress should encompass not just our friends and family, but those who are strangers and perhaps natural enemies. A verse in a New Testament letter, Hebrews 13, says "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

In the Rule of St Benedict, it says "Let all guests who arrive be received as Christ." A very high value is given to receiving guests! Throughout the scriptures there is a recurring emphasis on treating the "alien" or "foreigner" living among them as one of their own.

I feel challenged to receive and to welcome guests and strangers, not distinguishing between those I know well and am comfortable with, and those who might be strangers to me. Seeking to be a blessing and to receive others as Christ has received and blessed me.

Services in September 2025

Sunday 7th September Corfe Castle – 10.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th September Steeple – 9.30 am Corfe Castle - 10.30 am Kingston – 11.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship Informal worship
Sunday 21st September Corfe Castle – 10.30 am Harmans Cross – 6 pm	Holy communion Evening Worship
Sunday 28th September Corfe Castle – 10.30 am Kingston – 11.30 am	Holy communion Holy Communion

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

Advance notice - Harvest Service: On Sunday 5th October, 10.30am in Corfe Castle there will be a 'all age friendly' Harvest Service at St Edwards followed by a Harvest Brunch. All are welcome!

Bible Readings – September 2025

Sunday 7th September	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33
Sunday 14th September	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
Sunday 21st September	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13
Sunday 28th September	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

Decorating St. Edwards For Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival will be celebrated On Sunday 5th October.

We will be decorating the church on Saturday 4th October in the morning. If you would like to join us you would be most welcome. No experience needed.

Offers of flowers and greenery are much appreciated. Please just bring them along on the morning of the 6th or leave them in a bucket in the kitchen the previous da. Coffee & Biscuits will be served mid morning. Jill Revans

Thanks for the Fete

Many thanks from Dawn and all the events committee for our **amazingly successful fete** on Saturday. To everyone who helped set up, put the marquees up and down, brought contributions, helped on the stalls, spent money, dismantled everything and put it away ...thank you!!

It was a huge success in all manner of ways. Exhausting, but great fun and so many people commented on how lovely it was to come to a 'proper' village fete.

After some generous donations and fewer expenses than expected, we have managed to raise a magnificent£4710.16!!!

And now we can concentrate on the

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A Season To Sing is a choral re-imagining of Vivaldi's famous set of violin concerti, *The Four Seasons*, published 300 years ago. It weaves texts from poetry and the Bible – on the subject of spring, summer, autumn and winter – into Vivaldi's well-loved melodies.

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Rempstone Farm

The Revd. Hutchins states that Rempstone was once 'a manor and hamlet'. The extent of the manor is not given, but it may have extended to include part of East Middlebere, Wytch, Fitzower and the surrounding heath. The etymologist, Ekwall, suggests the name may be derived from 'Hrempi's Tun' – the farmstead of a man called Hrempi.

This area has been occupied for a long time. Close by Rempstone Hall, on the southern side of the Studland Road, lies a jumble of stones that forms a partial circle now called 'The King's Men'. The stones have been disturbed by digging for clay. To the west of the hall several finds indicate Roman or pre-Roman occupation.



The King's Men.

Originally, the farm would have been a small dwelling on the heath. During the mediaeval period, Rempstone seems not to have paid fees to the crown, and, speculatively, it could have been part of a larger estate belonging to a monastery with the Abbot paying the taxes. The problem is the spelling of its name as on Treswell's map, it's spelt 'Remson' which is very close to sounding like 'Renscombe' at Worth which was owned by Cerne Abbey.



The abbot also owned land and tenements at Middlebere, and a rather worn document at The National Archives at Kew notes that the land here was part of the manor of Rempston. At Cerne's dissolution the lands passed to the crown and then to Thomas Goodwin with the manor being purchased by John Miller of Worth. On his death, it passed to his widow, who became Mrs Henry Culliford of Encombe. Her only child inherited the property, and it descended to her second husband, George Uvedale. Her first husband was Gervase Ashley, and it is Ashley's name that appears on the Middlebere map of 1586 despite him having died in 1573. The Newton Heath map, however, records 'Remson Heath' with the owner being George. It was a fortuitous marriage for George as it enlarged his Rollington estate to the detriment of Rempstone. It is unlikely that George ever lived here as he was involved with the alms-houses at Sherborne.

By 1591, Henry Bonfield of Rempstone is listed in the Dome Book of Corfe as owing a marbler £2 – for what is not stated but maybe it was for his house on the west side of West Street in Corfe which was tenanted. It was roughly where *Jasmine Cottage* is today.

The arrival of John Calcraft altered the emphasis on the two farms when he bought the property and the sprawling eleven square mile estate in 1757 for £850 from the daughter and heiress of William Rose. He enlarged the house, and it has remained in the family ever since.



Rempstone Hall in 1772.

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Visiting Professor in Theology at King's College, London.

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Vernon will focus on what Christian faith can offer to debates on ethical issues in today's social and cultural environment.

Tuesday 14th October 2025, at The United Reformed Church,

112 High Street, Swanage, BH19 2NY

This promises to be an interesting and thought-provoking evening. Do put the date in your diaries – we look forward to seeing you there.

Doors open at 6.30 pm coffee/tea presentation from 7.00 pm

Do come – everyone welcome!

Further information from David Williams

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

In the words of the bard 'Summer's lease hath all too short a date' and the nights are beginning to draw in, so I expect, like me, you are looking forward to meeting up in the Village Hall for our monthly meetings. There will be lots of news about our gardens, visits and holidays to exchange, plants and seeds to swap and a programme for the autumn we hope you will enjoy.

There were 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.

On October 2nd we are looking forward to welcoming Steve Candy, the head gardener at Kingston Lacy, to talk about the history and restoration of the kitchen garden.

More news to follow.

We wish you lots of Happy Gardening.

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.

PurbeckParkys,

PurbeckParkys - Please note **change of time:**
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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.


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.

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


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Dorset Council is preparing a new Local Plan and Local Transport Plan to guide how our towns and villages grow and change over the next 15 years. Dorset Council is preparing a new Local Plan and Local Transport Plan to guide how our towns and villages grow and change over the next 15 years.

These plans are required by government and every council is expected to prepare them. They help us plan for new homes, jobs, services and infrastructure and ensure we respond to the government housing targets in a way that works for Dorset.

As our population grows, we also need a transport system that works for everyone. The Local Transport Plan will help us plan for better public transport, safer walking and cycling routes and unlock future funding for improvements.

The council wants to hear from residents of all ages, backgrounds and communities. Your views will help shape the places we live, the way we travel, and the future we pass on to the next generation.

You can view the plans and have your say online at:
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing (or search Dorset is changing).

Consultations run from 18 August to 13 October.

You can also speak with people from the council at events across the county or view the local plan consultation document in your local library.

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CHAPEL ON THE GREEN

Celia's Story

I am not surprised at the number of people I have met who do not know what a Christian is because I didn't know myself... Even though I went to Sunday School as a child and attended church regularly as a youngster, I was never told that I needed to be saved from going to Hell; that I needed to make response myself to God; and most importantly I had to realise I was a sinner in need of a Saviour. I now know that we do not start out as a Christian, we have to become one. When I moved to Wareham, little did I know my life would be changed. In fact, I had only been living in Wareham for two weeks when a dramatic change took place.

Jim Allis, an Evangelist from the Bournemouth area knocked on my door. He said that he was running a Children's Mission in Wareham. The first thing that sprang to my mind was that my two children would be able to go there every morning and then I would be free to look after my youngest who was only one year old. Also, it would give my two older children something to do during the holidays... As soon as Jim mentioned the Church in Wareham, I told him I didn't want to know.

I told him I was Catholic. I didn't want him talking to me about religion. So, Jim didn't say any more, but I was happy for my children to attend the Mission. As I didn't want to get involved in the church side of the Mission, I kept out of sight. One morning Jim came over to speak to me. He asked me if I would like to come over to the Church's open evening which is held on the last night of the Mission. I said I would think about it, but deep down knew I had no intention of being there. After the Mission, Jim came round to see me and asked if my two children had enjoyed the week. I said, 'Yes, very much'. We had a long chat and religion was mentioned. I felt less apprehensive this time, and was more able to discuss my religious beliefs. On leaving, Jim gave me a tape. Out of curiosity I listened to this tape and then got quite interested in what this lady was saying. I suddenly realised she was speaking the truth. She spoke of boring sermons that didn't mean anything to her, of meaningless rituals like repetitious prayers, something Jesus warned us not to do... and praying in front of statues; everything that seemed to distract me from God. All sorts of things I had been brought up to believe and accept in my Church. Suddenly my mind was beginning to change. I realised I had been misguided into accepting a lot of things which I now felt I had to question.

After listening to this tape, I realised I had to get in touch with Jim again because I began to feel unsure about a lot of my beliefs. I felt I belonged to a church that wasn't centred on God. Jim came along to see me again the next day and gave me another tape. This was taken from a Sunday Service at an

Evangelical church. It was a lovely service. The sermon was based on the Bible and I could understand every word. Every word that was said and every hymn that was sung meant something to me.

I never did like going to Church, probably because I was always forced to go from an early age. I first started to go to church when I was 6 years old. I passed my First Holy Communion and was later confirmed. But none of this meant anything to me. I found the Service very hard to follow and was now beginning to realise why. There were too many distractions and too much side-tracking taking me away from the Gospel. No wonder I never got to know God. But suddenly I longed to know the truth. I had a sudden urge to read the Bible and also spiritual books.

I became frightened of the change that had taken place in me. All my past was put in front of me and I became very much aware of the sins in my life which I had never taken notice of before. I suddenly realised that all the sins that I had confessed to the priest years ago were never forgiven, only God can forgive sins, also I became conscious of any wrong I did at that time. I found myself changing my mind on things I was about to do. I saw Hell and that was where I was heading. Hell never worried me before. But suddenly it became real to me. I didn't want to go to Hell. I always thought I was going to Heaven. My mother taught me that as long as I believed in God I would go to Heaven. I had always believed in God, but I know now that just believing God exists doesn't get you to Heaven. You need to believe from the heart and really want to get to know God. You need to have a living relationship with God. I was suddenly experiencing this. God had come into my life, made me aware of my sins and made me realise my need of Him. My life was changing for the better. It was as if a miracle had taken place. For the first time God was real to me.

I desperately needed a Bible, so I got in touch with Jim again, and he came down next day and gave me a Bible. I had never read anything from the Bible before so I didn't know how to use it. But Jim soon put me right on everything.

It took me a long-time to pluck up the courage to go to the local church but the Pastor was very patient and understanding and helped me to overcome all my fears. And when I did eventually get there, the service was just the same as the tape I had listened to previously. The church I now go to, God is real and present. Jesus is in the centre and the Bible is preached. No way could anyone get close to God without the teaching of the Bible.

I thank God with all my heart for saving me. I didn't deserve to be saved. I hadn't done anything in my past that would have pleased God, but God came to me and forgave me and changed my life.

Since then, my life has been turned upside down. I am no longer the person I used to be. God has given me the power to do things I could never do before; my life of doubt is now a life of purpose. I was disillusioned with church as I observed the inconsistencies in the lives of many within the church. I had head knowledge about God but didn't know how to know God personally. I had religion but no relationship. Religion certainly got in the way of me becoming a Christian. The Pharisees, the religious leaders in Jesus' day, were kept away from Jesus because of their religion. So, take a look at the real thing and don't let your dislike for religion keep you away from Jesus and getting to know Him.

I often ask myself, why me? What about all the unsaved people out there? What is going to happen to them? Why can't they see the truth? Why don't they acknowledge Jesus Christ? And why don't they realise that Jesus Christ died on the Cross to save people from their sins. I don't think many people know what the Cross means today. I know I never used to. All I can say is that I am so pleased that Jim knocked on my door when he did, because if he hadn't, I could still be lost now on the road that leads to destruction.

Many are going to church, but few are going down the road which leads to life.

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

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it”. Matthew 7:13-14

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The Rambling Gardener

September is a lovely time of year with all the deciduous plants starting to lose their leaves for the winter; with the leaves all falling at different times depending on wind and temperature.

When writing, in August, after three months of no rain I wonder if we will be flooded when rain does come, washing our topsoil away. We must all help water penetrate the soil as it will be very dry deep down even after rain, for example making holes with a fork in lawns and beds. Due to the summer drought do remember to cut trees and shrubs back hard. Don't do this yourself with bigger trees - get in a trained person as I don't want to be responsible for any one getting hurt. But if you are a little hurt I have read that poppy seeds put in beer are a good painkiller!

Talking of being hurt I see that the government is thinking of saying all young drivers will not be allowed to drive after dark until they have been driving for five years. This could save many deaths of young people, but it would be difficult for many.

When our family came back from Canada in 1945 my father saw that heavy applications of nitrogen put on the land to increase food production had damaged the soil, so he gardened using no fertilizers and returning everything back to the soil. This included retaining the earth closet for more years than many families. Before the 1930s most people used earth closets which made towns slowly get higher over the centuries. I have been told that Wareham has sunk in my lifetime; with climate change and rising sea levels will it end up in the sea?

Now for gardening; Monty Don's advice has been to cut rose flowers as soon as they have passed their best, cut Buddlias back hard, don't leave seeds to regrow, and cut back grape vines.

My suggestions for this time of year are that you save the seeds of plants that do well in your garden and that you like in preparation for 2026. Also, for the winter, sow spinach and cabbages (if not already done) in trays to be planted out later, and autumn carrots, broad beans, winter lettuces and the tough orientals like pak choi directly into beds. Some hardy flowering plants' seeds like love-in-the-mist and cornflowers can go on to prepared sites. Do put some flowers into the veg patch to attract pollinators to your vegetables next year.

During the autumn cut wildflower meadows, raking up the cuttings, and putting all cuttings on the compost to stop the meadow soil getting too rich. I hope that you all enjoy your September in your garden.

Rachel. (01929 421681) rjehelfer@gmail.com

Kimmeridge News

Play At The Bay

The Miracle theatre did us proud on 1st August at Kimmeridge Bay with a sell-out production of Twelfth Night. There was an audience of over 360 sitting in the sun. Many thanks to the volunteers from Kimmeridge & Church Knowle who manned the Bar and the BBQ as well as providing stewards to keep us all in order!



Kimmeridge Keilidh – 12th September

Our Kimmeridge Keilidhs (Barn Dances!) start up again on Friday 12th September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall at The Etches Collection. Our caller is Teresa Williams with music from Arish Mel. Tickets on the door £7.50 adults, £2.50 under 16s. No Bar – bring your own drinks & nibbles!

Steve & Helen Earwicker

Eyes to the Skies

Hi all, I'm back.

After a quiet couple of months on the bird front, the birds have started to move again.

On writing this (10/08) the toll hut feeders are inundated with fledgling birds. Greenfinch, Goldfinch, chaffinches, Blue Tit and Great Tit have had a successful year.

The last 2 weeks have seen the start of Autumn migration of our earliest arrivals, sand martins and swallows. Being hotly pursued by a family of peregrines. Swifts are also leaving along with House Martins, Chiff Chaff and Whitethroat.

The pair of White-tailed Eagles have kept a low profile during the summer months, and now we know why!!! How amazing that we now have been part of the incredible success of this pair of birds.

Pat and I have recently read "Wilding " by Isabella Tree about The Knepp Estate in Sussex. It is a fascinating insight into a highly successful alternative way of combining farming and conservation. It is well worth a read.

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Inside Out Dorset comes to Corfe Castle this September

Activate Performing Arts' biennial outdoor arts festival, *Inside Out Dorset* is fast-approaching. Running from 12th to 21st September 2025, the festival comprises of performances, installations, parades and more at five sites across Dorset and the surrounding areas.

On Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September the festival comes to Corfe Castle. The programme here will feature artists from Catalonia in Spain performing at various locations around the village, plus a giant installation on the ancient slopes of the castle itself.

The exceptional Catalan performers will wow Corfe audiences with skill and precision in unique and mesmerising outdoor shows. *Idiòfona* will take place in the grounds of Corfe Castle and sees performer Joan Català gather an audience to build an incredible, large sound installation. Using his well-honed style of physical performance, Joan has created a unique performance with metal tubes that brings together the ideas of material, space and community.

Head to Sandy Hill Arts to see *We Fear* from Eva Marichalar-Freixa and Jordi Duran Roldós with local theatre company Dorsetborn. This is the fifth production in a series of events that integrate performing arts and installation principles. Each production is centred around a common theme: fear.

You'll be able to see a spinning top world champion in the car park at Corfe Castle Village Hall in the show *Poi*. Magical and historical, merging circus arts with the roots of Mediterranean culture, this show will amaze young and old alike.

At St. Edward's Church, the final Catalan company Toc de Fusta, presents *Arrels* – a collection of twenty wooden games based on various cultural traditions. Each game has its own story and characters waiting for you to enjoy. Experience a meeting place that celebrates diversity and invites you to connect with the customs of different cultures.

Plus, a new temporary giant for the Dorset landscape visits the ancient hillside of Corfe Castle. *Consequences* by Radical Ritual is part of Nature Calling, a landmark new arts project encouraging audiences to better understand and connect with their local natural landscapes. Inspired by the surrealist creative drawing game of *Consequences*, this Giant has been created with local communities. Its presentation features a composed soundtrack by Bridport-born musician Douglas Dare with readings by local people.

At Inside Out Dorset you'll see a diverse range of events animating some of the region's most remarkable places. This year's festival takes place in Christchurch (12-15 Sept), Moors Valley Country Park and Forest (13-21 Sept), Yeovil (13-14 Sept), Weymouth (18-20 Sept) and Corfe Castle (20-21 Sept). www.insideoutdorset.co.uk



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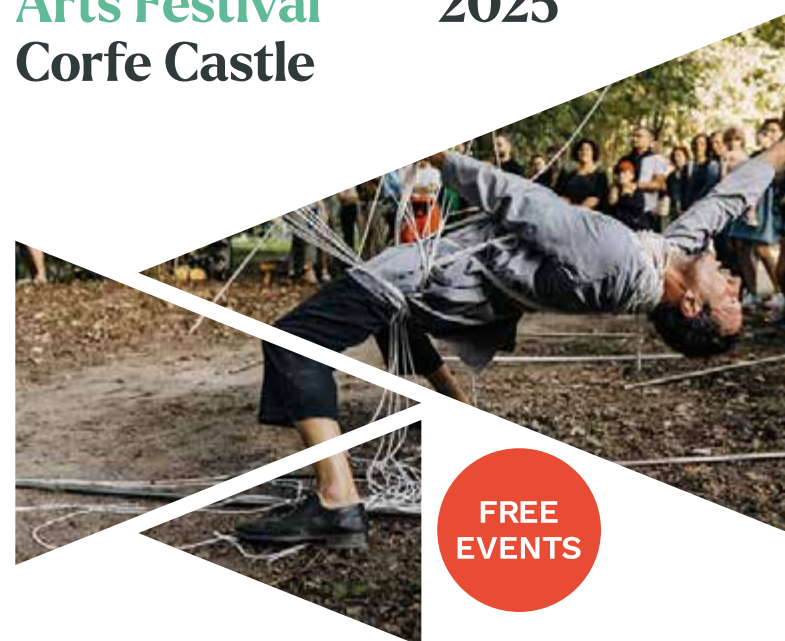
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And finally ... we are looking for a new Secretary to the Management Committee

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Alison and the HXVH Committee



Pioneer View

Dear Friends,

In this month's Pioneer View, I would like to reflect on the phrase

“Seize the day, and put extraordinarily little trust in tomorrow (the future)”
(Horace's *Odes*)

or as it is sometimes referred to, “carpe diem”. It is in these uncertain times that seizing the day is key to making the most of our time and gifts.

If there is one single lesson that has emerged for me as Chair of the Growing Compassionate Communities Charity it is the value of living for the present moment, simply because we do not know what the future holds. This encourages us to be mindful of the moment and to live this present moment out fully and completely.

How often have we heard family members and friends say: “Where has the time gone?”, “Life is too short”. By seizing the day, we make the most of the moment, we live for the present as we can never know what the future holds, or what is around the corner.

Maybe we need to begin to reflect on what we do with our time, how we prioritise things. Could this be our starting point? What is urgent? What is it important? By simply pressing the pause button and scrutinising our priorities we can then begin to seize the day.

Seizing the day may also require us to grasp opportunities that pass our way.

It is important to live in the moment, so let me conclude with a quote from Edith Schaeffer:

“You have started, whether you recognize that fact or not. We foolish mortals sometimes live through years of not realizing how short life is, and that TODAY is our life.”

What will you do with your time? Life is indeed short.

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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
07969925502
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- Domestic and Family expenses
- Grants to organisations

For further information please contact:

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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			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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