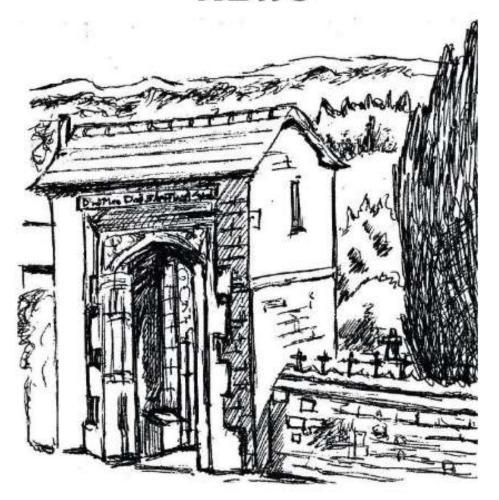
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Editorial

This month our front-page picture is a sketch of the East Street War Memorial where the Royal British Legion Remembrance ceremony will be held following the service in St Edwards on 9th November. Names of all those local men who perished in both world wars will be read out. We also remember all those involved in the many wars which have been taking place this century. Following the service in St Edwards there will be a procession up East Street from the Square to the War Memorial where the Remembrance Ceremony will take place.

No sooner than I had written in last month's editorial that I had heard nothing about covid follow up vaccinations than I received a text on my NHS app to say that a number of walk in centres were available throughout Purbeck. Sorry if I confused anyone; several of the pharmacies plus Wareham hospital are available for booking or for walk in.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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OCTOBER MEETING FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

As the days grow shorter and autumn settles over Corfe Castle, the Parish Council came together on Monday 13th October 2025 to discuss the projects, plans, and community initiatives that keep our village thriving. From heritage projects to support for our youth and green spaces, the council is working hard to ensure Corfe Castle remains a welcoming and vibrant place for all residents.

Community Voices Heard: Two members of the public attended the meeting, one providing further background information on one of the agenda items. Residents are always encouraged to take part in the public session at the start of council meetings.

Swanage Railway Update: Abbie King, the new CEO of Swanage Railway Co.

Ltd, shared updates on upcoming projects and thanked the council and local
residents for their ongoing shared the following updates: Swanage Railway
members approved a new Governance Programme to merge the Swanage Railway
Trust and Company into a single charitable organisation focused on heritage and
education. A new seasonal stop, Blue Pool Halt, will operate from May to
September, providing affordable shuttle services connecting Bluepool, Norden, and
Corfe Castle. A "Residents Pass" is also being considered to offer local people
discounted access to the railway.

Community Support: The Youth Club continues to receive council backing, with the Memorandum of Understanding for 2025-26 confirmed. The Parish Council will review ongoing support in January 2026 and expressed appreciation for the valuable services the club provides to young people.

Highways and Parking: The Parish Council supported the addition of courtesy white lines on Mead Road to improve parking arrangements, with costs covered by the applicant. Investigations are ongoing into ownership of street lighting in West Street and Hollands Close.

Planning and Licensing Matters: The Parish Council reviewed several local planning applications and raised no objections, after carefully considering the impact on neighbours and the historic character of the village. One treeworks application was also assessed and approved, and a premises licence for "By the Castle" was noted.

Budget 2026-7: The council reviewed the draft budget for 2026-7.
A further detailed review will take place at the December meeting.

Gods Acre: The Parish Council approved the creation of a new Reflection Garden and Scattering of Ashes Area at Gods Acre. The scattering area will be divided into four sections representing Autumn, Spring, Summer, and Winter, separated by hedging with seasonal shrubs and flowers in each section. An additional shrub and flower bed along the fence line will enhance the beauty of the area. Large stone seating will be added later, with the sides of the stones designed to hold brass memorial plaques, creating a peaceful and meaningful space for residents and visitors alike.

Environmental and Community Projects. Work continues on a community transport initiatives in collaboration with neighbouring parishes. In addition, the Parish Council is progressing flood protection improvements and will shortly discuss management of the Halves and Corfe Common. Residents are encouraged to stay involved in consultations and provide feedback on any issue important to them.

Next Council Meeting: Monday 10th November 2025, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. The meeting starts with a public session, giving residents the chance to have their say.

Parish Council contact details: Clerk: Michelle Harrington,

Telephone: 01202 670105, Email: clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk,

Write: 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ, Facebook: www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC, Website: www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk



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Environmental Group Update



This month's report is a write up of the Beaver Walk on 17 September 2025

Our route took us along part of the west shore of the South Haven Peninsula



Beaver Lodge site from Tri hide

access land and thus to the Triangular Hide where our modest numbers could just fit inside! From here there's an excellent view of the lodge, as well as open water in front and to both sides. In spite of our hopes, no beavers were spotted, and the dull drizzly weather reduced visibility and hastened nightfall. We did see and hear a number of sika deer, and bats were active around the hide.

where we heard about early plans to re-introduce beavers to the streams as far west as the Corfe River. We crossed the Ferry Road and to a point not far from the beavers' lodge, where multiple feeding signs were visible, predominantly gnawed stumps of trees & branches with the tell-tale 45° slope. Quietly leaving the lodge site we retraced our steps through a zone where the public are not normally encouraged to roam, returned to open



Tree felled by Beaver near Lodge

Gen imparted her extensive knowledge of the beavers and answered the many questions. The reasons for the decline and eventual extermination of UK beavers were explained, as well as their lifestyle and habits. We heard about the unofficial release prior to the planned one early this year, the adventurous beavers who explored Swanage, the apparently positive relationship between otters and beavers, and of course the positive effects of beaver activity on the landscape and biodiversity. The difficulty of tagging beavers was explained, as their shape and fur makes it almost impossible. Cameras are recording beaver activity in & around Little Sea, and a good number of volunteers are adding significantly to the National Trust staff observations and data. The public are welcome to use any of the three hides (Triangular, Glebe and Rees Cox) overlooking Little Sea, from where otters

and beavers might be seen, amongst many other possible species; the best times being dawn & dusk. Dogs should be on a short lead, noise should be minimised and a good distance maintained from any animals.

Overall, this was an extremely informative and enjoyable evening, due to knowledge and enthusiasm of the NT Beaver Project Officer, Gen Crisford. Donations towards the Beaver Re-introduction Project can be made to the NT online or at local offices, please specify clearly what the donation is for! We extend a very sincere thank you to Gen for her time and expertise. David Kemp

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

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News from the Castle







Scaffolding around the castle has revealed new perspectives and rarely seen features.

- Plukenet Tower: The first image shows a close-up of a coat of arms from Plukenet Tower, built in 1269–70 by Constable Alan de Plukenet, who commissioned it as a lasting legacy.
- Castle vista: It's lovely to see a different view of the castle from the top of Butavent Tower.
- Butavent Tower: The steps are from within the Butavent Tower, once known as 'The Dungen Towre' due to its proximity to the dungeons

Castle lights 1 and 15 November

We are lighting the castle for two events this month. On 1 November for the Dorset Adventure Park's Halloween Terror Trail, and on 15 November for Maverick races night run which starts and ends at the castle.

EV chargers for electric and hybrid vehicles

We have installed four EV charging points within the car park at Castle View as part of the National Trust's partnership with RAW charging.





Swift Survey Results 2025

Over the last four summers, I and a small band of fellow enthusiasts have been surveying the nesting swifts in Corfe Castle. I can now reveal the league table for 2025.

Property	Nests
The Town House	9
Model Village courtyard	6
The Town Hall	3
The Sweet Shop	2
21-25 West Street	2
15 West Street	1
Corfe Castle Club	1
The Village Bakery	1
Lark Rise, West Street	1
The Old Bakery, West Street	1
No. 2 Tom's Mead	1
Total	28

This year, top spot is taken by The Town House and the Model Village Courtyard drops down to 2nd place. The village total was 28 nests this year compared to 29 last year, 30 in 2023 and 21 in 2022 (when we had not yet discovered the swifts in the Model Village Courtyard). However, some nest holes used in previous years were not used in 2025 while four new holes were. So while the birds seem to use the same buildings each year and mostly re-use the same holes, it is not always the same holes that get used.

This summer we extended our

surveying to Church Knowle. To our surprise, and I think that of the village residents, we discovered up to 22 swift nest holes in the roof of St Peter's church (there may be more in parts of the roof that we could not see). It seems that St Peter's church has more nesting swifts than any other building in Purbeck! One evening we had around 50 swifts screaming around the church – well worth a trip to see and hear next summer.

On a less happy note, one of the lucky folk who have swifts nesting in their roof alerted me to the plight of a baby swift they had found on the floor inside their home! It had probably fallen down a chimney or cavity wall and found a way inside. Baby swifts are notoriously difficult to care for and this one weighed just 19g when it should have weighed over 40g. It was starving, and sadly did not survive long enough to be taken to a specialist wildlife rescue centre. It was a beautiful little creature though – a wonder of evolution.



On a happier note, the good folk at St Edward's church have agreed to the Swanage and Purbeck Swift Group exploring the practicalities of putting up some bespoke swift nesting boxes inside the belfry. Hopefully, we will have a set of boxes in place ready to be used next summer and boost the village swift population.

On an even more positive note, the Corfe Castle Parish Council Environmental Group has funds set aside to pay for the purchase and installation of nest boxes for swifts (and house martins) anywhere in Corfe Castle parish. If you are interested in having a

box or two on your home please get in touch with the Environmental Group at environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk. Alternatively, if you want to have a go at building your own box, there will be a swift box building workshop at 10am on Saturday 8th November in Church Knowle Village Hall. To book a space please contact villagehall@churchknowle.com. There will be a charge for materials of £15 per box (which is about half the cost of buying one).

The reason for all this interest in swifts is that they are in trouble - having declined in the UK by about 60% in the last 30 years. Loss of suitable nesting sites due to unsympathetic roofing practices (like fully mortaring Purbeck roofing tiles) is a key problem. Swifts need holes in roofs or walls. So, if you are planning any work on your roof or eaves and don't want to unwittingly destroy existing swift nesting sites (or if you want to encourage them to start using your home) please get in touch with Swift Conservation -contact: mail@swift-conservation.org or visit their website at: https://swift-conservation.org

Apologies to all CVN readers who were discombobulated by finding unexpected surveyors loitering outside their houses at dusk. Thanks to Marcello Andrade for access to the Model Village courtyard after hours, to other householders for their tolerance, and to Lindsay & Holly Carrington, Phyl England, Mike Gould, James Leaver, Ian Parsons, Nick Squirrell & Pat Ward for helping complete the surveys.

R. Caldow

Church Knowle Parish Council

The October meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 6:30pm. It was attended by seven members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair), Cllr Ben Wilson from Dorset Council and six members of the public.

Planning

One planning application was considered:

P/CLE/2025/05665 Installation of services into track towards Withy Lakes.

The Council voted to object to support this application as it was for the provision of services to an already approved project.

Tender for Firewood

The ash tree has been felled in the playing field and the council is recouping some of the expense by selling the wood for firewood. Offers for the complete stack can be sent to the Clerk by 7th November by email: clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk or post to Church Knowle Parish Council, 2 Peveril Road, Swanage BH19 2DH.

Traffic Surveys

Dorset Highways have analysed the data from the traffic surveys on the Grange and Furzebrook roads and concluded that there is not enough evidence to justify a speed limit. The speed limit on these roads therefore remains at the National Speed Limit of 60mph.

While may residents report having near miss or otherwise hazardous experiences on these roads these are not reported or logged. The Parish Council will continue to seek a realistic speed limit being applied on these roads.

Residents and others seeking a speed limit can log "near misses" and other incidents including vehicles travelling in excess of the speed limit, at a speed hazardous to the prevailing road conditions or likely to be a danger to other road users on the Dorset Council website. To do this select "Roads, highways and maintenance" on the Dorset Council website, then select "Report a problem" and "Other road or pavement problem". Select next and

click on location of the near miss on the map, this will bring you to the page with the "Report a non-injury collision or a near-miss" option. This although a somewhat tedious process seems to be the best way to log a body of evidence in support of a speed limit.

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@churchknowlepc.gov.uk.

The meeting finished at 7:56 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 11th November 2025.

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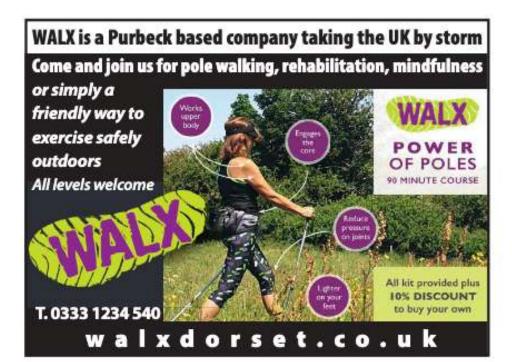
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Before the half-term, we celebrated World Mental Health day to promote mental well-being for everyone. Remember to be kind to yourself and use these autumn months take a breath and celebrate your successes.

Here is a Hawaiian Prayer to help you reflect on those you love and who can be there to share those successes and postivity:

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Forthcoming Events

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News from The Castle



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Hello Everyone, It's Panto Time! Don't miss it!



'Alice in Cuckoo Land' runs from Thursday November 27th to Saturday November 29th, with evening performances at 7.30pm and a matinée on Saturday at 2.30pm. Rehearsals are going well, and work is progressing apace on costumes, set, music, props, lighting, sound, and all the other things which go into the mix for a truly entertaining and original experience! See the poster elsewhere in the CVN for details of tickets. The cast members are enjoying preparing this Peter Nuttall pantomime, and we are looking forward to entertaining you!

As usual there will be a retiring collection after each performance to benefit a local charity, and this year we have chosen **Dorset Wildlife Trust**.

Dorset Wildlife Trust is the charity that cares for nature and works for its conservation and appreciation. In Purbeck the Trust runs the Wild Seas Centre at Kimmeridge Bay (Britain's first voluntary marine nature reserve) and its reserves include the chalk grassland of Stonehill Down, Kilwood's ancient woodland and the heaths of Higher Hyde and Winfrith, as well as the famous Brownsea Island. The Trust is also restoring nature at Lytchett Bay and Wild Woodbury, near Bere Regis, and is involved in water improvement, land management advice and championing wildlife against inappropriate development. Founded in 1961 the Trust now works with a wide range of partners, people and organisations; among them other Wildlife Trusts throughout the UK. DWT has 27,000 members and depends on a vast variety of volunteers, as well as its skilled staff, to save and promote nature 'in our backyard', helping everyone enjoy the benefits of connecting with wildlife every day. If you love nature please give generously so they can save more for the future!

Tickets are available from Corfe Castle Village Stores, or www.ticketsource.co.uk/double-act-drama-group (There is a link on our website.)

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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!



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FRI.19TH AND SAT.20TH DECEMBER.

Friday 19th. 5 pm - 7 pm. Santa's Sleigh will start at Halves

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Sat. 20th. 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm. Join us for carol singing in the square. Mulled wine and mince pies. Proceeds to Corfe Castle and Swanage and Purbeck good causes.











News from the Library Library Talks

The Talks-in-the-Library resume this month. Instead of the usual Friday slots we are trying Thursdays for all of you that are not able to make



Fridays. The first talk will be on Thursday 13th November at 2.00pm in the library. We have Fiona Deal, author of the of the Meredith Pink's Adventures in Egypt series of books coming to talk. She will talk about how ancient Egypt inspires the modern imagination and has influenced her series of ten novels. These are Ancient Egyptian mysteries wrapped up in modern adventures.

Egyptian Mystery and Adventure

By Local Author Fiona Deal

Thursday 13th November at 2.00pm in the library

Opportunity to Help out the Committee

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Secretary and Events
Organiser for the Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library. These are
currently shared by one person but could easily be split across two people. The
Secretary role involves attending a meeting every six weeks and taking the
minutes and maintaining various documents (and writing these articles!). As
Events Organiser you would be organising our talks and a quiz night.

The committee is small, supportive, and good at getting things done (rather than just talking about them!). So, you will get a lot of help with either role.

If you would like to talk about the roles contact me at martynwjessop@gmail.com or corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com .

Come in for a free Cuppa and a Biscuit!

During normal opening hours we will continue to 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.

By the time this is read the Saturday October flu clinics will have been completed at the Surgery so it is very appropriate to thank the team for their time and commitment to this service. The events become 'social gatherings' with many catching up with friends, and PPG members having the opportunity to support the Surgery in a practical way .Our thanks to Dilys and Howard Thomas for organising a MacMillan coffee morning alongside the second flu session.

We are also grateful to Howard for organising a further Health talk on 'hip problems' on Thursday November 13th 7pm at the Corfe Club when Professor Robert Middleton, Head of the Orthopaedic Research unit at Bournemouth university and Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon will be giving us a talk on

"Hip replacement Robotics . The solution and the future "

Please do support this event - hip problems being common for many of us .

In early October the Primary Care Network(PCN) organised a successful health fair at the Mowlem in Swanage and the viewing of a film introducing us to the many health related services available to us in Purbeck.

I was delighted to represent the 6 PPGs in Purbeck. There will be further opportunities to view the film later in the year.

Please do give us feedback on the PPG led 'exercise classes ' being held at the Corfe Village Hall for a 6week trial starting mid October - another opportunity to exercise and meet socially.

Enjoy the Autumn time!



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Apres Ski Night

Friday 21st November. Come and join us for a night of traditional apres ski food, drink, music and fun! Come dressed for the occasion – we 'll be dusting off our salopettes!

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Marie Curie was the subject of our October talk from Alan Neal. It was not all science but included a lot more about the life of of the woman herself. She was a very gifted child reading fluently at age four and although very successful in her work life, suffered many tragedies in her personal life losing both her sister and mother at an early age and her husband Pierre in a carriage accident. She was the first woman to win a Nobel prize and the only woman to receive it in two different fields and was the first woman professor of the Sorbonne. During the war she had twenty small vehicles turned into mobile X-ray machines for use at the front, even operating one herself. This enabled the location of shrapnel in the body and saved many many lives. Her lifelong studies in the field of radioactivity. no doubt contributed to her death from aplastic anemia and her ashes are enshrined in the Pantheon in Paris, being the first woman to receive this honour. It was a very interesting talk.

Future Programme of Speakers

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 Aquarius Book Group: Meet 3pm on Wednesday every six weeks. Lunch Club: Meet 4th Thursday at 12:30 monthly at various locations.

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Corfe Community Kitchen Soup 'n Pud A choice of 2 soups and 2 puds with custard **Corfe Castle Village Hall** Saturday November 1" '25 12.30 - 1.45pm



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Free Lunch

This venture is provided by volunteers, on a not-for-profit basis, in a friendly environment for local residents to increase community spirit. If you wish to make a donation, either of food or money please feel free but it is not obligatory.

Our October lunch was well attended, as usual, and we used chopped onions we had been given by a villager, in a French Onion Soup and the lovely blueberries that we picked at Lenctenbury Farm in a tasty Blueberry and Lemon cake. The apple crop has been amazing this year and we used ones given to us by several locals in the crumbles and hope to do so again this month in the traditional Dorset Apple Cake that we all love.

So we continue our aim of using up surplus food where possible. Fulfilling this aim also helps us keep to as seasonal menu as we can, therefore November will see us using a locally grown squash, donated by a recently welcomed new comer, in a squash soup and there will also be a banger soup with a nod to the upcoming Gunpowder Plot tradition! In fact it was the first soup that we made when we started with a BANG in November 2022!

So this will be our 3rd Anniversary and there may be a few surprises!

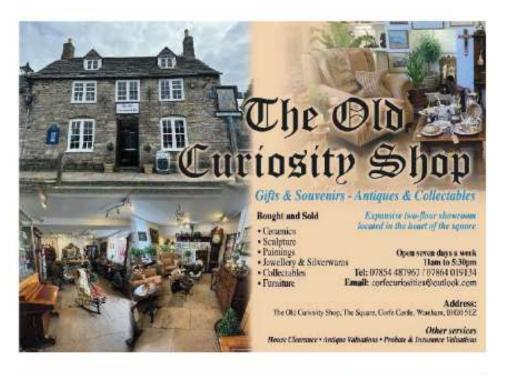
We are holding our annual AGM on November 18th in the Village Hall, to which all our volunteers are invited, when we thank them particularly but anyone else that might be interested in joining their merry band is also welcome.

Once again we must thank our The Village Bakery for donating the bread rolls.

Donations of food and money are always gratefully received!

If you haven't been before we would love to see you as it is an excellent way to make new friends or just keep up with the old ones.

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general news:

The VH Coffee Morning in October raised £135.70 for VH funds. Total takings so far this year come to £1568.96. Thanks to all those who attended, especially our loyal team of helpers.

The October 100 club draw was made at the Coffee Morning. The first prize of £20 was won by member 3, with member 31 getting second prize £10 and member 8 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

We offer a large amount of secure storage space. For news on future availablitity please contact Judith Jenkins on 01929 480216

regular weekly events:

Monday mornings Purbeck Dance Monday evenings Double Act Monday evenings Purbeck Chess Tuesday mornings Toddlers Tuesday mornings Yoga Tuesday evenings Martial Arts Tuesday evenings Badminton Wednesday mornings Corfe Crafters Wednesday mornings Pilates Wednesday afternoons U3A Pickleball Wednesday evenings Youth Club Silver Swans adult ballet Thursday mornings Thursday mornings Surgery Keep Fit Thursday evenings Cubs Thursday evenings Alcoholics Anonymous Friday mornings Pilates

regular monthly events:

1st Saturday morning 1st Saturday lunchtime 1st Sunday all day 1st Tuesday afternoon 1st Thursday evening 2nd Monday evening 3rd Wednesday morning

VH Coffee Morning Soup 'n Pud Cameo Antiques Fair Aguarius Gardening Club Parish Council Carers' Support (P Jones)

Hot Fingers hit Corfe Castle

On Sunday 30th November, courtesy of Artsreach, Hot Fingers make a welcome return to Corfe. With an array of acoustic instruments, styles, rhythms and sounds, Hot Fingers provide hot twenties Jazz (banjo, tuba/sousaphone, clarinets), gypsy jazz and swing (guitars and double bass), acoustic blues (guitars, harmonica, double bass), string band music (ukulele, mandolin, double bass, guitars).

This was a very popular event back in 2016 and is likely to sell out again this time. It is unlikely that there will be any tickets available at the door on the night. They are already selling fast on the Artsreach website, but you can reserve yours by ringing David on 07590 352219 or buy from the Village Stores.

Fund-raising news ... a Grand Fun Christmas Quiz Night

The Trustees will be running another Quiz Night to raise funds for the kitchen on the evening of Sunday 14th December. You can enter as a team or as an individual - see advert elsewhere in the CVN.

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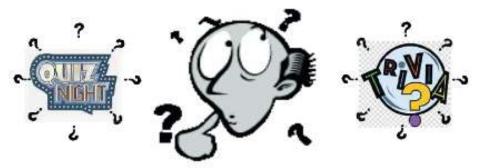
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Or come by yourselves to make up a team on the night

Tickets £5 each or team of 5 or 6 for just £25 at the door or in advance from David on 07590 352219

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We are pleased to announce the date for this year's switch on of the Christmas lights: Saturday 6th December 2025

The lights will be switched on at 5pm with refreshments available before from around 4pm. This will be followed by... ...THE ARRIVAL OF FATHER CHRISTMAS

The arrival of Father Christmas through the square will be followed by the distribution of gifts at a magical event inside the National Trust Tea Room BY TICKET ONLY.

- · This event will only be advertised in the CVN
- This is in order to avoid a repeat of crowd problems
- To help in this endeavour we respectfully request that you do not share details on social media

As a local organisation we focus on local schoolchildren (up to end of year 6, i.e. up to 12 years of age), their younger siblings, plus children, grandchildren, etc., who are visiting our local residents.

- If you have a child at Corfe Castle School or Pre-school, tickets for your family will be made available by the school... NO NEED TO CONTACT US.
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Ower Farm

A late Iron Age and Roman settlement lies at the northern tip of the Ower peninsula. It was re-occupied from 2nd to 7th centuries becoming an industrial settlement for salt working, pottery, metalwork and shale. Ower Farm lies to the south of this old settlement.

The land was given to Milton Abbey in 934 by king Æthelstan in remembrance of his half-brother, Eadwine, who had drowned at sea in 933. Domesday indicates that the land had not been cultivated during Saxon times, income being derived from 13 salt-makers although not all the men would have lived here. It is not until the 12th century that we hear of Alured of Ower, a salt worker, who held a salt vat and part of another one worth 2s. 10d. (precious items worth over £100 in today's money). Salt is a preservative and was thus valuable in medieval times and priced accordingly.

Alured is the only one noted as holding a croft here, but it is likely that there were others as a tithe paid to the castle in 1291 noted that the homagers at Ower (the tenants of the Abbot) gave the castle 60 horseshoes and nails worth 5s. so that their cattle could graze on the king's Heath.

At the dissolution, the Abbot's land at Ower passed to Thomas Godwyn of London, gentleman, in September 1544, then to Henry Culliford of Corfe Castle, yeoman, in October 1544 and less than a month later, Mr Culliford had sold it to John Burges of Corfe for £23. John Burges' name appears along with Robert and John Hayward on Ralph Treswell's map.

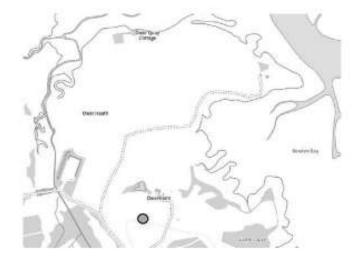


1585: Ralph Treswell's map shows 3 cottages Hodge Cross is highlighted in the rectangle.

A way marker called 'Hodge Cross' could have been named after a fisherman called John Hodges who is named on a taxation list of 1381 as paying 2s. at 'Our' to Rowbarrow Hundred. The cross cannot now be found. By 1805, the three tenements have gone replaced by a large farmhouse and barn.



In 1987, the remains of a medieval building (shown as a circle on the map below) were discovered during the excavations for the BP Wytch Farm oilfield project. It was dated to about the 13th -14th century. It was suggested that it had been destroyed deliberately and the remains used elsewhere.



The farm was purchased by John Calcraft in 1761 and is still owned by the Rempstone Estate. It then consisted of over 141 acres of arable and pastureland which included the marsh around Newton Bay. By 1790, a few clay pits had been dug around here, and William Pyke opened a new pit up in the search for 'Potters Clay'. However, his lease with Calcraft did not permit him to do this and a lot of correspondence ensued!

Louise Haywood

CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for NOVEMBER 2025

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

1	November	Saturday	10.15 am		Village Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall	
1	November	Saturday	12.30 - 1.45 pm	12.30 – 1.45 pm Soup n' pud Cor		Corfe Castle Village Hall	
1	November	Saturday	2.30 pm		Purbeck Carol Party - Langton	Purbeck Carol Party - Langton Matravers Village Hall	
4	November	Tuesday	2 pm		Aquarius Singing for Everyone	- Tim Dowland - Corfe Castle Village Hall	
6	November	Thursday	7.45 pm		Gardening Club - Nick Webb -	Talk on Full of Life Gardwens	
9	November	Sunday	10.30 am		Remembrance service in St Edw	vards and at the War Memorial	
10	November	Monday	7 pm		Corfe Castle Parish Council med	eting - Corfe Castle Village Hall	
11	November	Tuesday	11.00 am		Two minute silence in the Squar	re.	
11	November	Tuesday	6.30 pm		Church Knowle Parish Council	meeting - Church Knowle Village Hall	
13	November	Thursday	7 pm		Lecture on hip replacement robo	otics by Prof R Middleton - Corfe Castle Club	
13	November	Thursday	2 pm		Library talk - Egyptian Mystery	and Adventure by Fiona Deal in the Library	
14	November	Friday	7.30 pm		Kimmeridge Keilidh - Kimmeri	dge Village Hall	
22/23	November	Saturday/Sur	nday 10 – 4 pm		Festive Artisan Market at Norde	n	
27 – 29	9 November	Thursday - S	Saturday 7.30 pm		Double Act Pantomime - Corfe	Castle Village Hall	
29	November	Saturday	2.30 pm		Pantomime Matinee - Corfe Ca	stle Village Hall	
29/30	November	Saturday/Sur	nday 10 – 4 pm		Festive Artisan Market at Norde	en .	
30	November	Sunday	7.30 pm		Hot Fingers - Arts Reach Music	al Journey - Corfe Castle Village Hall	

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

2	December	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius - The Fantastic Bow Ti	ie Balloon Man – Rob Driscoll
5-18	December			Charity Christmas mail operating	g around Purbeck
5	December	Friday	6.30 pm	St Edwards Christmas Bingo Bonanza - Corfe Castle Village Hall	
6	December	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning	Corfe Castle Village Hall
6	December	Saturday	12.30 - 1.45 pm	Soup n' pud Community lunch-	Corfe Castle Village Hall
6/7	December	Saturday/Sur	nday 10 – 4 pm	Festive Artisan Market at Norden	
6	December	Saturday	5 pm	Switch on of Christmas lights.	
13	December	Saturday	2 pm	Singing for Christmas - Harmony Rocks Choir - St James Kingston	
13	December	Saturday	3.30 pm	May Day singers Winter Concert - St Georges Langton Matravers	
14	December	Sunday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Village Hall Quiz Night - Corfe Castle Village Hall	
19 - 20 December Friday, Saturday 5 - 7 pm		Santas Sleigh around the village			

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Revd Louise writes,

God uses unlikely people! I love the list of "unlikelies" in the Bible...Rahab the prostitute, Ruth the Moabite from a foreign and despised nation, both in the ancestral line of Jesus. David the young, seemingly insignificant shepherd boy, who shouldn't have been considered as a future king. Gideon the very fearful leader, who felt so inadequate to lead God's people that he hid. Peter the unschooled fisherman who always spoke first and thought afterwards. I wonder.... what would we each choose as our most unlikely attribute? What in our mind do we think disqualifies us from knowing and being used by God? Because, to me, it seems that God doesn't see things the way we do.

I am quiet. I don't think of myself as good with words. I prefer to hide behind someone than to be at the front of a group, speaking! But it seems that God isn't so bothered about that. He sees past it, sees how we are on the inside, and He loves us and works with us anyway, just as we are.

Services in November 2025

Sunday 2nd November

Corfe Castle - 10.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

Corfe Castle - 10.30 am Service of Remembrance Kingston - 10.45 am Service of Remembrance Tyneham - 3 pm Service of Remembrance

Sunday 16th November

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am Holy communion Harmans Cross – 6 pm Evening Worship

Sunday 23rd November

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am Morning Worship Kingston – 11.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th November

Church Knowle – 10.30 am Benefice Holy Communion Kingston – 6 pm Darkness to Light Advent Service

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

Bible Readings - November 2025

Sunday 2nd November Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

Sunday 9th November Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Sunday 16th November Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Sunday 23rd November Last Sunday after Pentecost

Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

Sunday 30th November

First Sunday of Advent Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival 11th - 14th December 2025

This year the Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival will be held on Thursday 11th, Friday 12th and Saturday 13th December from 10am-6pm each day, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 160 Victoria Avenue, Swanage. There is also a special Remembrance Service called 'Lights of Love' at 4pm on Sunday 14th December, if you want to come to a gentle reflective service and light a candle for loved ones who are no longer with us, please do come and join us.

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

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

There is also the St Aldhelm's Christmas Tree Festival at St George's Church in Langton Matravers, over the first weekend of December. For further details contact Sandy Garner on 01929 424431 or email sandy@gizimodo.co.uk

https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com

May these events bring us all joy as we celebrate the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in Bethlehem, over 2000 years ago. He is still changing lives these days, so do explore this amazing story for yourselves, also have an opportunity to discover how Jesus's birth is celebrated around the World.

Judy Forgan and Janet Norley

St Aldhelm Christmas Tree Festival

A final word on the St Aldhelm Christmas tree festival, we still have a few places available for anyone wanting to decorate a tree, either for themselves or to promote an organisation, application forms can be found on our website https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com.

We are always very grateful for anyone donating cakes, as with the refreshments we get through a vast quantity of cake which helps to raise the money we give to our local charities, also we are still looking for any singers/musicians, either small groups or choirs willing to give up half an hour of their time to entertain at the festival.

The festival runs from the 6-8 December, at St Georges Church, Langton Matravers for more information phone 01929 424431, or email staldhelmxmastreefest@gmail.com.

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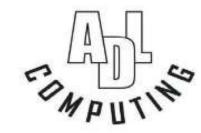
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CHAPEL ON THE GREEN

On the surface we can look full of life, happy and contented and often we put on a brave face and smile. We are very good at hiding things, but inside we can feel empty and not contented... We can have hopes for tomorrow, thoughts that life can get better...but that does not fill the emptiness.

Do you ever think that there might be something missing out of your life? Wondering what life is all about?

We all have this God shaped vacuum in our hearts that needs to be filled. The problem is we try to fill it with things which we think will solve that emptiness... things like pleasure, activities, relationships, careers, possessions, alcohol, drugs etc., We may get some enjoyment and even contentment in some of these things for a while but in the end, they will leave us empty and longing for something more. These are the things which aren't lasting and don't satisfy. Nothing in this life can fill that void. It's a hole that can't be filled by anyone, no material thing, or no earthly relationship. It's a spiritual emptiness. It's a deep longing for something eternal that worldly things like wealth or pleasure cannot satisfy. It doesn't matter how much we do or how much we get, it's never enough to fill us up and it's not supposed to, because the empty place in our hearts was created to be filled with God alone. We can't fill that void, nor can relationships with people fill that void.

Only Jesus Christ can fill that need. It's God that can give us a purpose in life; It's God that can turn emptiness into fullness and fill us with His fullness, even if everything around us remains in emptiness.

Humans have a spiritual longing, a sense of incompleteness because they were created to have a relationship with God.

Jesus died for our sins to bring us back to God. His death is seen as a sacrifice that pays the penalty for human sin, offering us forgiveness and eternal life. God wants us to have a life filled with love, acceptance, forgiveness and purpose. He is ready to be our hope and our help.

The Bible says, 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new' 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus said 'whoever hears my Word and believes Him who sent me, has eternal life and will not be condemned. He has crossed over from death to life' John 5:24

'Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well' Matthew 6:33

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

As I write this, I am sure your garden is as full of late colour as mine, with rose hips, dahlias, salvias, late roses and grasses as well as bumper crops of apples, pears and tomatoes. The golden light of the late afternoon sun strengthens the colours and makes the garden glow. Aren't we lucky to live in such a beautiful place.

In October we welcomed Steve Candy, Senior Gardener at Kingston Lacy, to talk about the history and development of the Kitchen Garden. Steve has been at Kingston Lacy for 16 years. The development of the garden has been part of his personal journey, learning and developing with a team of knowledgeable and interesting people.

When Walter Ralph Bankes died in 1904 it fell to his wife Henrietta to take over the running of the estate including the development of the large kitchen garden. It was in its heyday in the 1930's. However, by the 1960's the garden had become overgrown and the garden buildings were in disrepair.

When the National Trust took over in 1982 they were fortunate to inherit one of the best archives of the development of an estate in the country. They marked out over 100 allotment spaces and local people cleared, dug and planted, which improved the soil. This association with local people has continued and there are more than 50 local volunteers whose knowledge and contribution are highly valued. The vinery and melon house have been reconstructed and pigs were used to clear the flower garden of tree roots so that it could be replanted. Gradually the garden is taking shape with a great deal of hard work. Everything is now grown from seed using heritage varieties as much as possible. Produce sold in the garden is sold to help finance some of the work.

In the future the development will focus on the changing climate, keeping Henrietta's dream alive but in a modern way. It will be fascinating to see how it develops.

On 6th November we are delighted that Nick Webb, who runs Full of Life Gardens who are based in Swanage but cover the Purbeck area and beyond, will be joining us. Nick is also one of the ministers in the St. Aldhelm Benefice. He will be talking about some of the gardens he manages and the highs and lows of being a professional gardener. On 4th December we will be having our annual 'Christmas Bring and Share' supper so keep the date and more information will be sent out by email shortly.

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.

Harmony Rocks Choir

Just a friendly reminder of our "Singing for Christmas" Concert on Saturday Afternoon 13 December 2025 at 2pm, St James' Church Kingston.

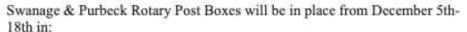
No charge for entry so no tickets required. There will be a retiring collection and raffle in aid of Julia's House Dorset & Wiltshire Children's Hospices.

Light refreshments will be served following the concert.

We have a very varied programme of songs for you from the wondrous that take advantage of the fantastic acoustics of this venue, to the fun and maybe the downright silly!

For those of you who have been to our seasonal December concerts before - the snowballs are ready for action! For those puzzled by this - come along and join in the fun.

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At 1500 in St Mary's Church, Tyneham.



On Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 1100 there will be a 2minute silence in The Square, Corfe Castle.

Purbeck Carol Party

Christmas Sessions & Sings

I'd like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in joining us for some Seasonal 'get together's' in the weeks before Christmas. We're planning to sing some of the Worth Matravers and other Local Carols as well as some better known seasonal Folk Songs.

This will be in an informal social and convivial setting, we don't wish to 'perform' these Carols, just enjoy singing them.

No experience necessary, just come along to join in and enjoy singing some great songs – words/accompaniment provided

Music and recordings are available for those who would wish to have them.

All abilities are welcome, especially those who say (think) they can't sing but are just interested. You're welcome to drop in to any of the sessions and give it a go.

We've arranged an initial get-together on Saturday 1st November at Langton Matravers Village Hall. 2.30/3pm Anyone interested or wanting more information please contact Robin on:

Tel: 01929 427037 or plowmanswanage@gmail.com

Puppies

'Anne Bond's son Charlie's dog has had TEN puppies! The mother is half Schnauzer and half Poodle, and black all over. The father is a black cocker spaniel. The puppies are all black, all healthy, all at the moment looking like teeny-tiny black labradors with little pointed tails. Anne has film of them. They are being regularly checked by Charlie's vet. They will be ready to go to new homes at Christmas. If anyone would like one, please telephone 07889 457832, or 01929 480249.'



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Purbeck Youth Music

Purbeck Youth Music's end of term showcase of work in progress is on Tuesday November 25th at 6pm in Swanage United Reform Church. All welcome!

Some of our young musicians will also be performing at the St Aldhelm Christmas Tree Festival on Sunday December 7th at 1 pm in St George's Church, Langton Matravers. This raises money for local charities....including PYM, and is a joyful celebration of the Christmas spirit with festive refreshments available too. Christmas trees, music and festive fare ... a perfect combination!

Dilys Thomas (PYM Trustee)

Kimmeridge News

Peter Hedley

As we write this, we have had the sad news of Peter Hedley's death overnight on 12th October after a long illness. Peter has been a much-loved member of our village community and was also well-known for many years from his art gallery in Wareham. A full report will be in the next Corfe Valley News, but for now our thoughts & prayers are with Jennie and the family.

The Mystery of the Missing Parcels

Not the latest production from Double Act, but a source of much frustration and activity on the Kimmeridge WhatsApp group! It seems like most of Kimmeridge have been affected by the failure of EVRI to deliver parcels. This is currently being investigated but a recent similar episode in Hampshire required a police investigation to get to the bottom of it. Let's hope this gets resolved soon.

New Notice Board

A new notice board has been fixed in place by Jim Gillespie at the top of the village. This was a kind gift from Worth Matravers Church and replaces the old notice board which succumbed to the high winds earlier in the year. We will be able to use this for both Church & Village notices.

Kimmeridge Keilidh - 14th November

Our next Kimmeridge Keilidh (Barn Dance!) is on Friday 14th November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall at The Etches Collection. Music from Arish Mel & caller Malcolm Churchill. Tickets on the door £7.50 adults, £2.50 under 16s. No Bar - bring your own drinks & nibbles! All profits from these dances are shared between the Etches Collection and the Village.

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Anne Bond writes

Last month I wrote about how in 1944, in war conditions, my young mother coped with a premature baby in a world without the technologies we take for granted today. We lived in a large old house full of rooms stuffed with bits of broken furniture, tin trunks containing military uniforms from wars long forgotten, and seven cobwebby clanking ancient loos, three downstairs and four upstairs.

In the middle of June 1946 my twin sisters were born. Horrible Nanny ruled the Nursery, but now she had two Nursery Maids to help. I had long fair hair which apparently had to be ironed to make it shiny. (Hair conditioner had yet to be invented.) I would kneel in front of the ironing board, horrible Nanny would lay my long hair out, put a piece of brown paper over the top and slowly iron. In order not to fall over, sometimes I just had to grip the edge of the ironing board. "Take your hands out of my way!" horrible Nanny would bellow. I did try, but one day I lost my balance, Nanny lost her temper and in confusion she accidentally dropped the iron onto my hand. The scar of the burn lasted for years.

A part of the house became let to a naval officer working at the
Portland Naval Base. We children were confined to the Nursery wing. We
were not allowed to venture anywhere near 'The Flat' where they lived. I
suspect the Nursery Maids were primed with scary tales to keep us away from
it, because I remember standing at the bottom of the steps to 'The Flat', putting
a toe onto the bottom step ... and then running hell-for-leather at top speed
back to safety because I could hear the lions roaring and feel their hot breath
on my back as they followed me ...

Most evenings I was sponged down and changed into a smocked dress with matching knickers and taken downstairs for an hour with Mummy. It was lovely. She smelled delicious and her front was squashy and soft to cuddle into. But eventually the twins came too. She had them both on her lap in their long, long dresses. I was given a book to look at. At first, I was miserable. But then ... I found I could read! And everything changed! I discovered books; that you could become totally absorbed into the stories so that nothing else mattered. Also, I think it was then that I began to understand that Nanny wasn't really horrible, she was just awfully old to be with a young energetic naughty child. My mother had my long hair cut shorter, so it didn't need ironing. I remember it felt very odd on my head; lop-sided, presumably because I was given a side-parting.

With love, Anne.



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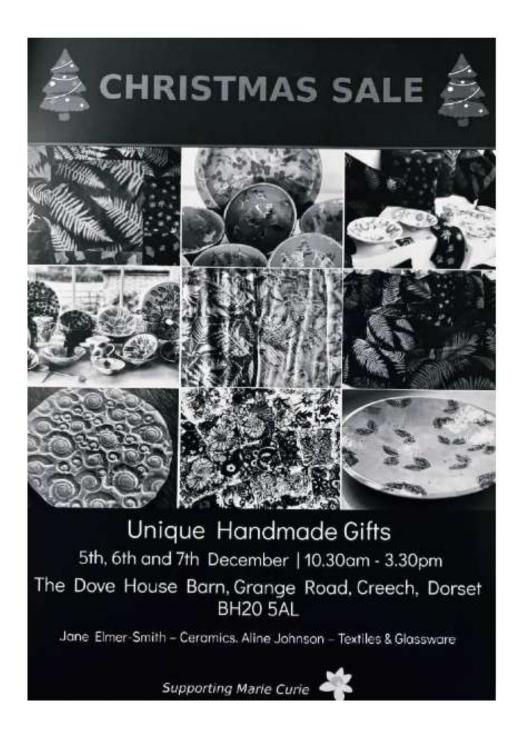
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November & December at Harmans Cross Village Hall

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Tuesday 11 November - Movie Night - Philomena

The film stars Judi Dench as Philomena Lee, an elderly woman who has been searching for her son for 50 years, and Steve Coogan as a journalist, who tries to help her find him

Tuesday 9 December - Movie Night - the Lady in the Van

Starring Maggie Smith and based on the memoir created by Alan Bennett, and it tells the (mostly) true story of his interactions with Mary Shepherd, an elderly woman who lived in a dilapidated van on his driveway in north London for 15 years.

Live Music - The Churchfitters are back - Wednesday 17 December

Our favourite, extraordinary 3 piece are back for another Christmas Show. Tickets available from our website via Ticketsource for £15 -

https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Special-Events/

See our video of their last Christmas show with us in 2023 at the same link.

Harmans Cross Christmas drinks - Friday 19 December from 7pm

Bring your own bottle and join us for some festive cheer and a pre-Christmas community gathering. We will provide the crips and nuts and Christmas carols.

Other dates for your diaries

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- Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00 bowlingbarbara2023@outlook.com
- 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

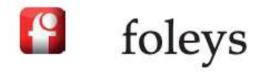
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Friday

- Weekly Health Qigong Fitness 9.30 & 10.30 am Penny Youssef 07969925502
- Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00 bowlingbarbara2023@outlook.com

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3.7	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MONDAY			
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
lst	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Village Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	9.15 - 10.45am	& 11am - 12 Yoga	Langton Scout Hut
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.30 - 7.30pm	Adult	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
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Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each		9.00am-12.00	Corfe Crafters CC VH
Term time,	5.30- 6.45pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons Manor
3rd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	Mortons Manor
Each	6.30 - 8.00 pm	www.purbeckyoga.co.u	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 - 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY	- 10		7.7
Each	9.30am	Pilates & Stretch	CC Village Hall £10
Each	10am - 1pm	Pottery Classes Swanage	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8,30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
SATURDAY			
1st	10,30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall
SUNDAY			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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