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Editorial

Thanks once again to the festivities committee who put up the lights all around the village. This involves a lot of hard work by a lot of dedicated people. However, it really pays off as it truly helps to make the village a showpiece, which is visited by many people at Christmas, The team are always looking for new helpers so if you are interested do get in touch – the phone number is on the back of the magazine.

Looking forward, there is a plea elsewhere in this edition of the CVN for the May Fair in the Castle to continue. Please, everyone, think about supporting this iconic and historic event. There will be a public meeting in the club on 16th February to consider the future of the May Fair.

The Kings view, which allows views from the Castle Keep all over the local countryside, is going to end on 28th February. If you haven't seen it, do make the effort; it is worth the climb.

Finally, remember, if you're visiting the Castle as a local villager, you must take some proof of address with you to gain free entry.

Stephen

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(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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The cover picture is a sketch of the village from Challow Hill by P R Gross

JANUARY FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

As the New Year began and village life settled back into its winter rhythm, Corfe Castle Parish Council met on Monday 12th January 2026 in the Village Hall to address matters ranging from digital connectivity and flood resilience to financial planning and continued support for local organisations.

Community Voices and Local Updates: Three members of the public attended the meeting. Paul Cleary from Wessex Internet provided an update on forthcoming ultrafast broadband works in Kingston. Kingston residents will be invited to an evening with Wessex Internet shortly to find out more information. Councillors also heard two lighter but important community messages: a suggestion that the village might consider a future New Year welcome event, and heartfelt thanks to Corfe Castle Festivities for the much-admired Christmas lights.

Precept and Reserves for 2026–27: A key item of business was the setting of the 2026–27 precept. Councillors approved a precept of £65,100, confirming that this results in no change to the Band D charge for residents. Updated reserve levels were also agreed, reflecting the Council’s commitment to prudent financial planning and the long-term maintenance of parish assets such as playgrounds, the cemetery and community facilities.

Dorset Councillor and National Trust Updates: A written report was received from Dorset Councillor Ben Wilson, including highways matters and wider budget preparations at Dorset Council. In response to ongoing flooding concerns which caused flooding on the A351 just below Boar Mill the Clerk will contact the National Trust to ask whether any “slow the flow” measures are planned for the Corfe River to help reduce flooding on the A351. Thanks will also be sent to both the National Trust and the Bankes Arms for storing flood warning signage. The National Trust provided a verbal update and confirmed that the castle lights will now be switched on for New Year celebrations from 2026 onwards, a welcome addition to village festivities.

Finance, Grants and Contracts: The Council reviewed its financial position as at the end of December, noting stable balances. Routine payments were approved, and bank reconciliations formally signed off. Councillors agreed to increase the Parish Council’s contribution to Citizens Advice, approving a £500 grant in recognition of rising demand for support services. A one-year extension was also approved for the Lowther grounds maintenance contract, ensuring continuity of grass cutting while preparations begin for a new tender later in 2026.

Parish Safety and Maintenance: Routine playground inspections and defibrillator safety checks were noted, alongside the caretaker’s monthly report detailing ongoing maintenance work across the parish.

Planning and Licensing Matters: The Planning Working Group presented its recommendations on current applications. Councillors agreed to raise no objection to proposals for rebuilding and restoring outbuildings at Old Dairy Cottage, noting that the works would improve buildings currently in very poor condition while retaining Purbeck stone where possible. A further application for a new garden room in a property in Higher Filbank will be subject to a site visit, with comments to be submitted under delegated authority. Elsewhere, the Clerk was instructed to report unauthorised flags attached to a listed building on East Street to Planning Enforcement.

Community Organisations and Appointments: The Council reaffirmed two trustee nominations to Corfe Castle Charity, ensuring continuity in the management of local charitable assets. Thanks are sent to Corfe Castle Charity trustees and officers for the time and effort.

Youth Provision: The meeting concluded with a confidential session to consider the Youth Club Memorandum of Understanding for 2026–27 and a revised funding arrangement. The Council also agreed to continue its financial contribution for the remainder of the current academic year, underlining its ongoing support for youth provision in the village.

Looking Ahead: Councillors noted a busy schedule of forthcoming meetings, including Community Speed Watch, voluntary sector networks and regional parish forums, as well as continued work on transport, highways and environmental projects.

Thanks for reading! If you have any questions, ideas, or want to get involved, reach out to the Clerk or your local Councillors. See you next month!

Next Council Meeting – Monday 9th February 2026, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public session, so please come and join us and have your say.

Parish Council contact details: Clerk: Michelle Harrington,
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If you're interested or would like to find our more, please contact Cllr Steve Clarke via email cllrscarke@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk

Help make a difference in Corfe Castle, your community needs you.

Who to Contact When:

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

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Telephone: 01305 221040

To report a pothole

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

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To report a problem on a road or pavement

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

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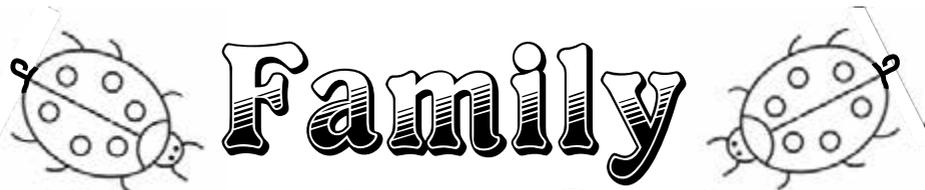
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Open Evenings!

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Have you ever dreamt of treading the boards or learning how to create the magic of theatre? Double Act member Dougal has done both and is seen here revealing his stage model (nearly!) for our November '26 production.



Why not come along and join our flourishing, friendly and award winning Double Act drama group based in Corfe Castle?

This year we are producing a brand new spectacular version of the classic melodrama "The Cat and the Canary" for November 2026, 19th to 21st inclusive.

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On **Feb 2nd** we invite all members and anyone else interested to come for a social evening during which we will screen a recording of our recent pantomime, 'Alice in Cuckoo Land'. Please bring nibbles and drinks to share if you can.

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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Nature updates from the National Trust

Spectacular birdwatching spot

National Trust Did you know that one of the most spectacular places for watching birds of prey isn't far from Corfe Castle? The Avocet Hide overlooking the Middlebere Channel was described by Chris Packham on BBC Springwatch as 'the best place in southern England for watching raptors'.



Avocets courtesy Mark Singleton

Each year, the sightings log in the hide is collated into a detailed report by enthusiastic birder, Garry Hayman. He does this as a volunteer, but the data is highly useful for us and other organisations, as well as inspiring

even more people to get involved.

Headline findings from 2025:

- Ospreys recorded on 69 days
- White-tailed sea eagles spotted on 59 days
- Plus appearances from marsh and hen harriers (our rarest bird of prey), merlin, goshawk and peregrine falcon



Marsh Harrier courtesy Mark Singleton



Teal courtesy Mark Singleton

The hide is also an excellent place to watch the thousands of wildfowl and waders that overwinter in Poole Harbour. This includes huge flocks of dark-bellied brent geese, stunning avocets, and ducks such as widgeon, teal and red-breasted merganser.

Why not grab your binoculars and head down there – and remember to record your sightings in the logbook!

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

Let's hear it for Purbeck Goes Wild!

Purbeck Goes Wild's mission to connect local children and families with the incredible nature on their doorsteps. Launched in 2024, this pioneering programme has united schools, businesses, organisations and nature lovers across Purbeck.

So far, the impact has been huge:

- 35 organisations including 14 schools on board
- 46 family nature events delivered
- 62 teachers trained to lead outdoor learning in Purbeck
- 75 work experience opportunities/offers for local young people

You can find a report about the first year of Purbeck Goes Wild – and all its successes – on the Planet Purbeck website. The website is also the place to find the programme of events for Purbeck families this year. Look out for a dinosaur walk at Studland, bats in Corfe Castle, puffin and nightjar walks, a picnic in the castle and more!

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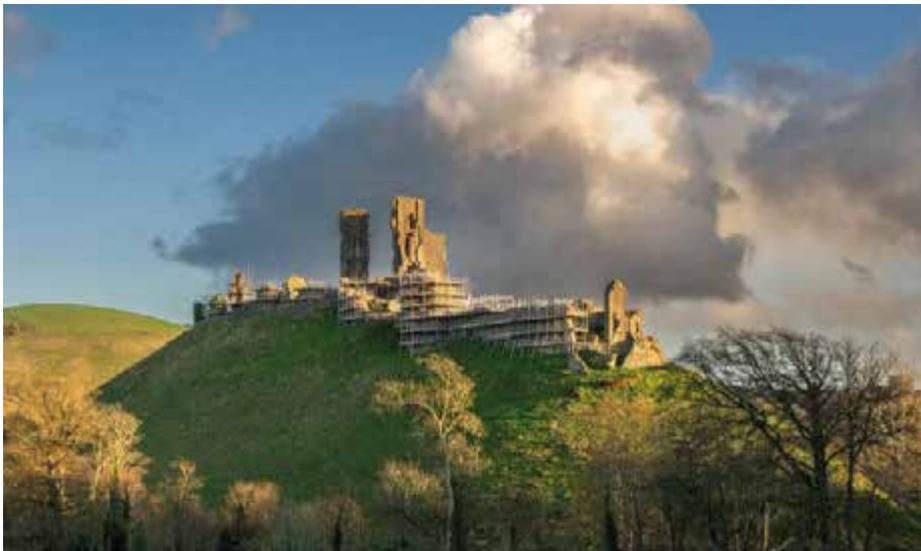
News from the Castle

This month marks two milestones at the castle: the start of the final phase of conservation works and the end of the Kings' View experience.

Specialist masons are now focusing on the Inner Ward and walls perched on the steepest parts of the mound for the final phase of **conservation works**. These areas are hard to access and little studied, offering scope for exciting new discoveries.

You'll know the **Kings' View** was an experience made possible with special permission from Historic England. They allowed us to build a platform within the keep on a temporary basis as part of the conservation works and to help us to raise funds.

Guided tours led by expert storytellers have proven hugely popular, raising over **£63,000** so far, with every penny going towards the conservation of the castle, but sadly the platform must close on **28 February** so if you haven't been up yet, now's your chance.



Photograph of scaffolding on the castle's outer walls. Image: National Trust. Neil Davidson

February half term brings family fun with our popular teddy zip wire, and a playful adventure inspired by Disney and Pixar's *Hoppers*. Corfe residents enjoy free entry with proof of address.

A couple of **historical facts** from February include King John ordering 24 knights starved in the Oubliette and on the 27th, the castle was captured by Parliamentarians exactly 380 years ago.

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Church Knowle Parish Council – January Meeting

The December meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 6:30pm. It was attended by six members of the Council (Cllr Gilbert in the chair), Dorset Cllr Ben Wilson and 16 members of the public.

Parking for St Peter’s Church

People sometimes park their cars on the blind bend by the church causing an obvious hazard. There is plenty of free parking close by at the Village Hall and this is free.

Road Gritting

Roads in Church Knowle, some of which are used by school buses, have not been gritted in recent icy weather. Dorset Highways have been notified.

Speed Limit

The signs for the new 30mph speed limit in Church Knowle Village should be in place by end of March.

Cotness Ridge

The signs prohibiting the use of these public rights of way for off road activity are now in place. While this may not solve the problem – considerable illegal environmental damage – it is a step closer to serious enforcement.

Planning

The planning application P/FUL/2025/06766 to convert an existing building to a new Garden Centre was discussed by the public and the Council. A show of hands indicated that all the public attendees (bar one supporter) opposed the development. The Parish Council resolved to oppose the application and recommend that owing to strength of local opposition and the environmentally sensitive heathland and species considerations it be considered by the planning committee.

In order for an objection to (or support for) a planning application to have any effect an be counted it should submitted directly to Dorset Council Planning via their website (search “Dorset Planning”) it will add to the number of objectors (or supporters) and carry some weight. The Parish Council can do nothing but recommend and lobby. It has no actual input into the decision.

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 8:05 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Furzebrook Village Hall at 6:30 on 10th February 2026.

A BIG THANK YOU from CRAZY4CORFE!



To all who helped to make this year's Santa's Sleigh and Carol Singing in the Square such a success!

To Swanage and Purbeck Rotary, Karl and Sarah at the Corfe Village Stores and Santa's 'elves' for all their support. Thank you to all the carol singers whose voices filled the square with joy. The faces of the children and families who found Santa outside their own front door made it all worthwhile!



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As we enter February, we often find ourselves still thinking about the year ahead. For many of us, that means reflecting on our New Year's resolutions or exciting challenges to come. For others, however, this time of year can feel heavier, bringing worries, anxiety, stress, or other concerns.

As I said to staff recently, when the nights are longer during these wintry months, we can find ourselves with more time to think—and sometimes even overthink. I'd like to remind everyone how important it is to be kind to yourselves and to prioritise your own wellbeing.

With that in mind, perhaps use this time to check in with the people around you: loved ones, neighbours, or even someone you haven't seen for a while. Loneliness during these darker months can affect anyone.

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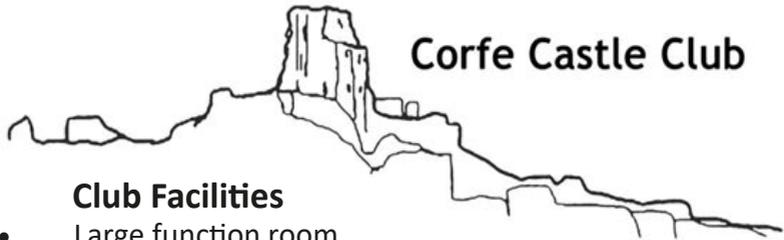
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Last October following a suggestion from PPG members, the PPG initiated an exercise class for over 65's. Held in the Bill Carter room at Corfe Village Hall classes were held weekly and offered, free of charge, for a six-week period to see what interest there might be. The aim being to improve strength, mobility and balance for those who do not do regular exercise and to encourage social interaction.

Led by a qualified instructor, Vanessa Neish, who also runs classes in Swanage and with sessions coordinated by PPG member Sally Feben Smith, up to 16 men and women attended regularly at each class which were held at 1030 and 1130 to meet demand.

The feedback from the sessions has been very positive and Sally is now organising further classes from January, which she reports are proving popular. Those who have not attended before are being encouraged to join to meet other locals in a fun friendly atmosphere whilst doing some regular exercise.

We are grateful to the Corfe Charity for providing funding for the initial free classes and whilst a charge will now be made for classes this year, some additional funding has been kindly agreed by the Corfe Charity to support some of the running costs incurred this year.

The PPG is very keen to hear of any ideas patients from the Corfe Surgery may have to support the care we all receive from our Surgery - please do contact us by leaving a message at the surgery or by email corfecastleppg@gmail.com

Maggie Hardy PPG Chair

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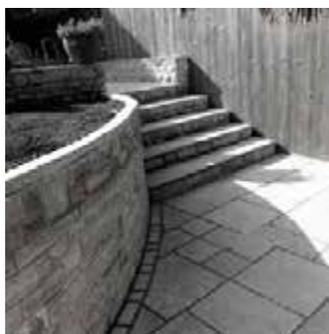


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News from the Library

Talk – What Corfe History is there in Your Garden?



Purbeck marble, though just one of many types of Purbeck stone, is arguably the stone that made Purbeck famous. Quarried and worked extensively in medieval times, you can still find highly polished Purbeck marble columns, and ornate fonts, tombs and grave slabs in many of the greatest cathedrals and churches across much of England. Carving all these prestige products produced a lot of waste chippings – so where did all those end up? In your garden?

Come along to this talk if you want to hear about the story told by the stones in the village soil and learn whether you might have medieval Purbeck marble chippings in your garden and how they might have got there. You'll also have an opportunity to help out with the research in a community archaeology project.

On the Trail of the Snail

The Hunt for Purbeck Marble in the Gardens of Corfe Castle

A talk by Richard Caldow

Corfe Castle Library at 2.00pm Thursday 19th February 2026.

Increased Opening Hours !!

The new year sees an additional opening hours slot. The library will now be open on Fridays from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. We hope this will attract children on their way back from school who will have less pressure to get home to do homework etc. than on a normal school day.

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

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News from The Castle

February is finally upon us, and we can see the signs that spring is on its way. This month celebrates Valentines Day, Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year, so lots to look forward too. Let's take a look at what we have on offer this month.

21st February is Chinese New Year

Say goodbye to the year of the Snake and celebrate with us as we welcome the year of the Horse! We're hosting a gala dinner with 6 delicious courses. Starting at 7pm for only £39.95 per person, this popular evening will get full quickly, so give us a call and book your table today!

Valentines Day

Love is in the air here at The Castle Inn, so much so, we are offering a set 2 course menu or 3 course menu starting at only £25.95 per person. Why not spread the love a little further? Book a table of 4+ and get a FREE bottle of bubbly on us! Bookings only on this fab offer.

Friday Night is Fish Night

Last but by no means least is our fish night! Offering fresh fish as local as we can get, it's always a popular evening. We regularly offer scallops, oysters, skate and sea bass along with many other delicious options. Get your table booked today!

From all the staff at The Castle Inn, we wish you a great February!



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Winning Wednesdays

Get 25% off food every Wednesday evening in February, from 5.30pm - 8.30pm! Booking recommended!

Valentine's Day

Join us this Valentine's weekend, Friday 13th February and Saturday 14th February 2026, from 6pm for a 2 course set menu with bubbles. £30 per person.



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The Bankes Family at Kingston Lacey were the subject of our January meeting. Nicky Griffin, a volunteer at Kingston Lacey gave a very interesting talk about the family history. Most of us have visited the house and it was nice to find out more about the lives of the people and how some of the lovely paintings, furnishings etc were acquired. Nicky had lots of photographs to show, not only of the items within the house but copies of documents such as personal letters and lists from the Bankes archives. Apparently, boxes and boxes were discovered and document all aspects of life. Some of her research was undertaken at the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester. It is an Aladdin's cave for all Dorset history and could be useful for people researching family history. You do need to make an appointment and the sort of information you want to look at as they will have it ready for you. Another enjoyable talk.

Future Programme of Speakers

Tuesday 3rd February – Karen Stroud – Modern Adoption
Tuesday 3rd March – AGM (with some fun & games!!)

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: 3rd Monday at various locations.

Strollers Group: 2nd Tuesday at Collets Close (no January walk and 3rd Tuesday in March on 17th)

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

The VH Coffee Morning in January raised £181.36 for VH funds. Thanks to all those who attended, especially our loyal team of helpers.

The January 100 club draw was made at the Coffee Morning. The first prize of £21 was won by member 22, with member 16 getting second prize £10 and member 76 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 availability 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
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)

Extra Trustees Welcome

The village hall continues to play an important part in maintaining a flourishing social life in the village, and year by year the number of regular users increases.

We do have a few vacancies on our Trustee board. The workload involved need not be excessively onerous ... we usually meet only 3 or 4 times a year, but there is also the opportunity for greater involvement if people want. The key requirement is a heart for our village community.

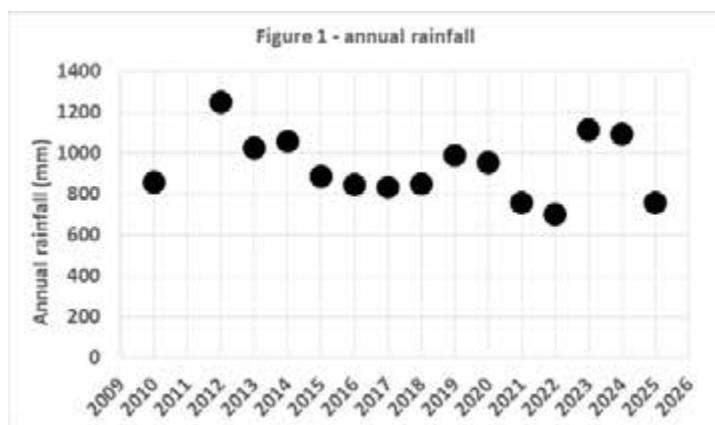
Trustees are elected by everyone attending the annual AGM (March 31st). If interested contact David on 07590 352219 or david@davidjatin.plus.com.

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

Rainfall report for 2025: turned out nice again!

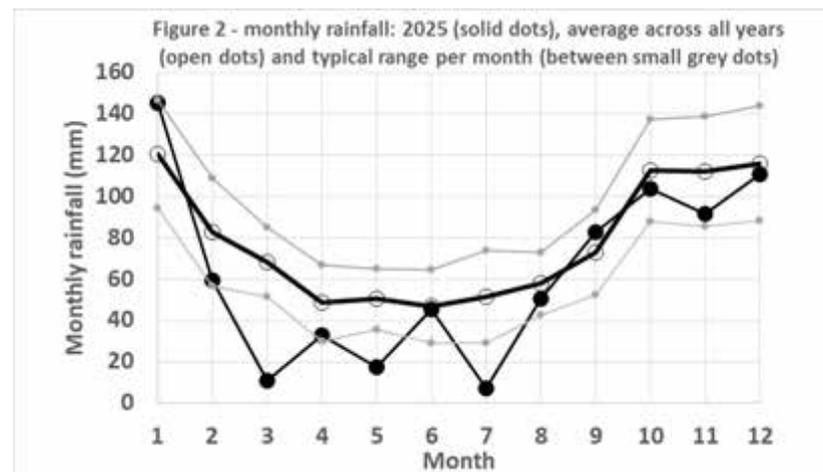
Hopefully, some of you will have done your Big Garden Birdwatch count at the end of January. Maybe you saw unusually high numbers of birds like blue tits, chaffinches, greenfinches and siskins. At the time of writing (early January) that is what I am seeing in my garden and expect to see when I do my official Big Garden Birdwatch count (although the dawn raids by the sparrowhawk may take a toll before then). I suspect many garden birds had a good breeding season in 2025, just as 2025 proved to be a very bountiful year for all kinds of nuts and fruits. My guess is that this was something to do with the weather last year.

In 2025 we had just 759mm of rain (30 inches in old money), making 2025 the 2nd equal driest year in my rainfall records for Corfe Castle (Figure 1). That is in complete contrast to 2024 and 2023 which were very wet. So, within my records we have had two of the wettest and the three driest years all within the last five years! This is probably just a result of the unpredictability of great British weather rather than increasing climate instability, but I read that the Met Office confirmed 2025 was the warmest and sunniest year on record, and that the top 10 hottest years on record have all been in the last two decades!



The month to month variation in rainfall in 2025 (Figure 2) was quite the opposite to 2024. In 2025 we started with a pretty wet January (146mm) followed by a pretty dry February (60mm) (compared to a dry 85mm and a soaking 206mm in Jan and Feb 2024). Then in 2025 we had five relatively dry months with rainfall in March, May and July being abnormally low (whereas March, May and July 2024 were abnormally wet). For the remainder of 2025, monthly rainfall was almost bang on the long-term average for each month

(again in contrast to 2024 when we had a soaking wet September and a very dry December). So, only one unusually wet month in 2025 (January) but three unusually dry ones (March, May & July).



My guess is that the dry and favourable weather between March and July benefited all manner of plants and animals and may explain the bumper crops of acorns, beech mast, chestnuts, hazelnuts, apples, sloes, hawthorn berries etc. and maybe also explains all the tits and finches in my garden just now. Hopefully, the sparrowhawk didn't get them all before the BGB weekend.

This time last year I noted that our average annual rainfall from 2010 to 2024 had gone up to 944mm. As I hoped then, 2025 has brought the long-term average annual figure back down to 931mm, so proving correct the old maxim that what goes up must come down.

Richard Caldow

Corfe Castle May Fair

2026 onwards

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

Saturday February 7th '26

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.

In January we were given some more jams and chutneys to sell to help raise our funds a little bit. Thank you so much to whoever crept in to donate them before we arrived! We will have them on sale again this month. Despite the cold weather we had a good turnout for our January lunch and the diners found the seasonal borscht, squash and lentil soups followed by clementine upside down and bread and butter puds very warming. The bulb planted up tea cups looked very pretty on the tables and sold well. Many thanks Lizzie.

We are looking forward to February with snow drops appearing and slightly longer days! For Soup 'n' Pud we are finishing off the amazing squash we were given in another tasty soup followed by our usual very satisfying puds and custard.

We are always so grateful for the help and support we get from our volunteers without whom we would be unable to function. However we are always happy to welcome more into the fold as well as additional diners

Looking ahead we are already planning another fund raising event for the Village Hall kitchen which is in dire need of updating to improve both its usefulness and its safety levels and we will keep you posted on these in the future.

Once again we must thank The Village Bakery for donating the bread rolls and also all the lovely folk that donate food and money to the cause. It really helps us ring the menu changes and to follow our aim of using up food that might otherwise have gone to waste.

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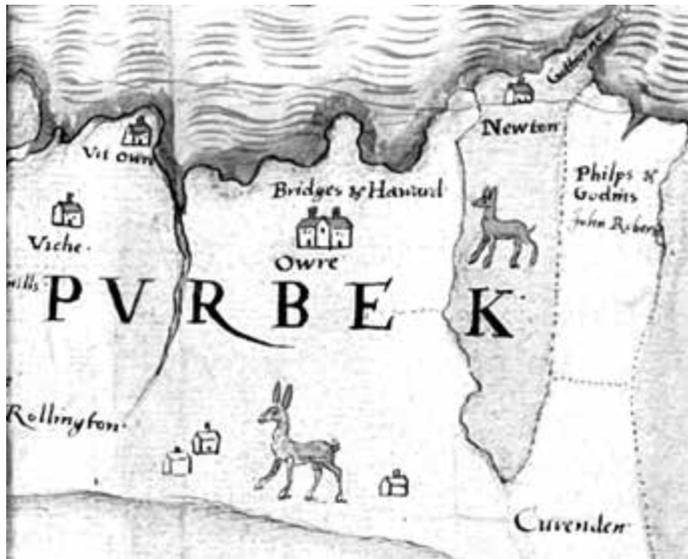
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The Manor of Fitzworth or Vitower

On the southern edge of Poole Bay, between the Frome and Corfe Rivers on the west, and Ower Bay on the east, lies a peninsula stretching into the Bay called 'Fitzworth' or 'Vitower' which is owned by the Rempstone Estate and not accessible to the public.



Ralph Treswell's map of 1586 showing two properties at Vit owre and Viche now part of Fitzworth.

'The History of Dorset' has very little to say re Fitzworth and Revd. Hutchins thought it might once have been part of Ower. It does mention a farm though.

Treswell's rental of 1586, says that 3s. was paid to the lord of Corfe Castle out of 'Phitworth' for the price of six bushels of salt, an important preservative. This had been produced here from the early Iron Age and Roman occupation (800 BC – 409 AD). The actual salt working site has been identified at the northeastern end of the Peninsula and there is evidence of late Iron Age activity, Roman pottery kilns and huts.

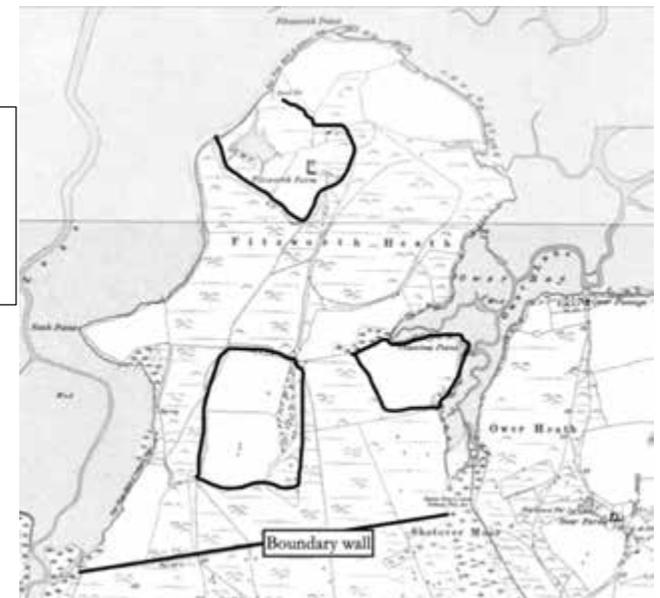
Nowadays a pumping station belonging to Perenco stands at the entrance to what was planned to become a deer park in 1771, and a game keeper had been appointed to live in the park. He was paid £20 a year, given a horse, with an allowance for dogs and the deer and rabbit carcasses that were retained by

Calcraft. The keeper was also given the deer skins, a green cloth coat and waistcoat, leather [sic] briches, boots and hat yearly.

The survey of 1772 does not mention any dwellings even though the farm must have still been standing but three tenements did exist on the peninsula called Westerle, Havercomb's and Brothers. Only Brothers seems to have survived by name up to the early 19th century.

One of Treswell's maps of 158(6) notes a John Roberts (the father of William Roberts) and others at 'Vit Owre'. He had gained these lands on his marriage at Swanage to Mary Kidgell in 1564. The Kidgell family lived at Herston and when her father, Thomas, died in 1582, he left everything to Mary as his sole heir. Fifteen years after her father's death, she left the land to her son, William Roberts. In his will of 1653, he divided Fitzworth amongst his three daughters - Mrs Mary Cockeram (who became the mother of Alice Dolling), Mrs Anne Talbott and James Haviland (the husband of Luce, his third daughter, who had died prior to the will being proved). It was split again by each of the three daughters for example Alice Dolling's will of 1728 left her third to her two grandsons, James and John Dolling. It was not until 1770 that the whole of Fitzworth returned to one owner, John Calcraft, now forming part of the Rempstone Estate.

Suggestions as to where the three tenements lay at Fitzworth



Louise Haywood

CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for FEBRUARY 2026

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

2	February	Monday	7 pm	Double Act open evening and social - Corfe Castle Village Hall
3	February	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk – Karen Stroud – Modern Adoption
5	February	Thursday	7.45 pm	Gardening club AGM and Quiz - Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	February	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	February	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup n‘ pud Community lunch- Corfe Castle Village Hall
9	February	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
9	February	Monday	7 pm	Double Act production launch “The Cat and the Canary” - Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	February	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Furzebrook Village Hall
16	February	Monday	7pm	Open meeting on the future of the May Fair – Corfe Castle Club
16 – 18	February	Monday – Wednesday	10am – 4pm	Railway 2000 in Corfe Castle Station
18	February	Wednesday	2pm	PurbeckParkys – Parkinsons support group – Swanage Cricket Club
19	February	Thursday	7.30pm	Lecture by Jonathan Sells – Langton Matravers Village Hall
21	February	Saturday	6.30pm	Voices of Spring – concert St Peters Church Knowle
25	February	Sunday	All day	Blacksmithing Workshop – in the Castle
27	February	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Kimmeridge Keilidh – Kimmeridge Village Hall
28	February	Saturday	6.30 for 7.00 pm	Family Beetle Drive in aid of Parkinsons – Corfe Castle Village Hall
28	February	Saturday		Kings View in the Castle finally closes.

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

3	March	Tuesday	2pm	Aquarius AGM plus fun and games – Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	March	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning Corfe Castle Village Hall
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9	March	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	March	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle Village Hall
21	March	Saturday	7pm	Church Knowle Jazz Night – St Peters Church Knowle

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Revd Richard writes,

The ideal country 'Parson' according to George Herbert's writings is not witty, learned, or overly eloquent.

Well, that's a relief! especially at this time of year, when wit, learning and eloquence feel even less attainable than usual to this particular country parson.

If only I'd stopped reading then because Herbert goes on to say that while wit, learning and eloquence are not required, holiness is. Oh dear, it was all going so well! I'm not confident that my holiness scores are at their finest in February either. Like many of us, my moods are affected by the seasons so that grumpiness, irritability and general glumness can quickly surface on the journey through this shortest month that sometimes feels like the longest.

February is the month in which George Herbert died (27th February 1633) and is remembered in the church's calendar.

His poem, Love (Bade Me Welcome) is one of our favourites. Look up a youtube video of it set to music by Ralph Vaughan Williams for a few minutes of bliss.

And the words are worth pondering. Though we are so acutely aware of our own disqualifications, perfect Love, which for Herbert means God, invites and welcomes us, serves us and sustains us. Offering his own holiness as the costliest of gifts.

Love By George Herbert

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
 If I lack'd anything.

'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'
 Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
 I cannot look on Thee.'

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve.'

'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
 'My dear, then I will serve.'

'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
 So I did sit and eat.

Services in February 2026

Sunday 1st February

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am Holy Communion

Saturday 8th February

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am Morning Worship
Kingston – 11.30 am Informal Worship

Sunday 15th February

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

Sunday 22th February

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am, Holy Communion
Kingston – 11.30 am Holy Communion

Please note there are no services at Steeple, and the church is temporarily closed to visitors, while essential building work is being done.

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

Bible Readings – February 2026

Sunday 1st February

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday 8th February

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday 15th February

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday 22nd February

First Sunday of Lent

Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



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CHAPEL ON THE GREEN

It usually happens every year about the third week in January, and it is a combination of bad weather, failure to keep New Years resolutions, increased financial worries because of our Christmas spending or something else. We all know something of the Post Christmas slump and those January Blues which often comes after all the excitement and festivities of the Christmas Season and we still find that the New Year presents us with the same problems we struggled with last year. The fun and socialising have not satisfied us. We have a deep unsettledness in our souls and despite our best efforts we are still not what we would like to be. Our latest plans for self-improvement have faltered, if not failed and we still yearn for inner peace and meaning.

We will never find true contentment in this life until we return to God our Creator. No amount of New Years resolutions or new experiences will give us what our hearts are looking for. Nor will we ever in our own strength be able to change our hearts. The Bible tells us the reason for this. Only God can give us true satisfaction. It is Jesus who gives us the true meaning of life.

'He is the Way the Truth and the Life'

John 14:6

Jesus said, ***'I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly'***

John 10:10

Jesus Christ, the Son of God said... ***'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink'***

John 7:37

It is possible to live with Joy, not only during the 'most wonderful time of the year', but all year round. Why? Because at the heart of the Christmas stories, is One who has proved Himself to be God. We should remember that He is the One who gave Himself as the perfect Sacrifice for Sins when He was Crucified.

He stands unique as the only One who has conquered death. We can only experience this for ourselves by turning away from sin and trusting the Lord Jesus alone to Save us. Only then can we have a genuine hope for the future. Only then can we know God's transforming power in our heart and the freedom He brings from the sinful habits that used to enslave us. Jesus Came to set us Free...

The Lord Jesus promised ***'If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed'***

John 8:36

'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.'

Ephesians 2:8

It is He alone Who will enable us to face whatever each day brings with peace and joy, for He lives, He loves us and He is in control.

Anyone can call upon Jesus and ask for this New Life... I did years ago... Have You?

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

I'm sure you are all looking forward to some better weather as the garden springs into life and we continue to plan and prepare for the gardening year.

Your Gardening Club Committee is putting together a programme for the year with some exciting visits, interesting speakers open gardens and social events which we hope you will enjoy. More news to follow.

Our first meeting will be on the 5th February at 7.45pm. The evening will take the form of a short AGM followed by Hazel's fun Gardening Quiz. There will be prizes!

We would appreciate it if you could pay your subs for the next year online. Details of the account will be in the e-mail you will receive shortly. If paying online is not possible then you can pay with cash at our first meeting. We had hoped to keep the subs at £12 per year but sadly, with the costs of speakers rising, we are proposing an increase to £15 for the year. This includes all our speakers and the hire of the hall and I hope you will agree it is still incredible value. We look forward to seeing you on the 5th February.

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.

Kingston Old Post Office

Notice No.1, Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Article 13. Proposed development at Village Water Pump, adjacent to The Old Post Office, West Street, Kingston, Corfe Castle, Dorset. Name of Applicant: Mr B Woodman, on behalf of Kingston Village Charitable Trust. Proposal : Listed Building Consent Application to perform restoration works to the pump stonework and metalwork. Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application should do so in writing within 21 days of the date of service of this notice, or within 14 days of the publication in the newspaper to: Head of Development and Planning, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ



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They hold bookable face-to-face sessions at Swanage Library on Mondays from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. To book an appointment go into the library or call the Digital Hotline on 01305 221048.

PurbeckParkys Support Group

PurbeckParkys is a Support Group for people living with Parkinson's, including family, carers and supportive friends. It is run monthly on the third Wednesday 2pm - 4pm at the Swanage Cricket Club BH19 1LG. More information, including about how to volunteer to help at the meetings, available from David Gynes, the Coordinator at: david.gynes@parkinsons-uk.goassemble.com

The next meeting is: February 18th

Exciting news from Church Knowle

The Friends of St Peter's bring you music and entertainment for Church Knowle, Purbeck and further afield

A new village initiative supporting our 800 year old church

As you may know, in August 2022, St Peter's Church suffered a major roof collapse. For some time, things were pretty touch and go for this lovely historic building. Thanks to the generosity of local people, several grants from ecclesiastical and heritage organisations, and following a long period under protective scaffolding, the church was restored to its former glory and is now able to operate normally as our Parish Church and occasional music venue.

In order to ensure that St Peter's can continue to be enjoyed and appreciated by locals and visitors alike, a group of villagers in Church Knowle have set up a new charity, **The Friends of St Peter's**, to raise funds to help maintain the fabric of the building. At the centre of their plans is the launch of "CK Live" – an exciting new initiative set to enhance the social scene in the village and broaden the cultural experiences available in Purbeck, through a vibrant programme of music and entertainment, while also raising much-needed funds for the Friends of St Peter's.

CK Live promises a lively calendar of events, with something for everyone. From an eclectic programme of music to comedy, thought-provoking spoken word performances and more, our aim is to create regular opportunities for neighbours, friends and visitors to gather, connect and enjoy top-quality entertainment right on their doorstep.

Details of our first two events are below. We look forward to seeing you in the heart of Purbeck!

Voices of Spring: Miro Treharne (Mezzo-Soprano) and Gabriel Fry (Baritone)

Saturday 21 Feb, 18.30, St Peter's Church, Church Knowle

Church Knowle Jazz Night: Bossa Definitiva



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MAIN COURSE & DESSERT

ROAST TOPSIDE OF DORSET BEEF (GF by request) | 22

Roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, roasted and glazed carrots and parsnips, buttered garden greens, braised red cabbage and mashed swede.
Served with a pan gravy and horseradish sauce.

ROAST LEG OF DORSET PORK (GF by request) | 20

Roast potatoes, crackling, Yorkshire pudding, roasted and glazed carrots and parsnips, buttered garden greens, braised red cabbage and mashed swede.
Served with pan gravy and apple sauce.

TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY BREAST (GF by request) | 20

Roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, Yorkshire pudding, roasted and glazed carrots and parsnips, buttered garden greens, braised red cabbage and mashed swede.
Served with pan gravy and cranberry sauce.

TRIO OF ROASTS (GF by request) | 24

Beef, Turkey and Pork with all of the trimmings.

VEGETABLE WELLINGTON (V) (VG by request) | 22

Roast potatoes, roasted and glazed carrots and parsnips, buttered garden greens, braised red cabbage and mashed swede.
Served with homemade gravy and cranberry sauce.

CHILDREN'S ROASTS (BEEF, TURKEY, OR PORK) | 12 (Under 12s)

SIDES

Cauliflower Cheese | 6 Pigs in Blankets | 6

*TWO COURSE SUNDAY LUNCH 24.95 MAIN COURSE & DESSERT

Must include a purchased drink per person. Not valid on Bank Holiday Sundays or Mothering Sunday. Sides and additions chargeable. £3 supplement on Trio of Roasts & Disaronno Affogato

VALENTINES MENU

Available for dinner 14th & 15th February 2026



STARTERS

CRAYFISH, PRAWN & CRAB COCKTAIL

Marie Rose sauce, rustic bread & butter (GF by request)

COQUILLES ST. JACQUES

Scallops with a creamy mushroom Gruyere sauce (GF) (3 supplement)

WILD MUSHROOM RISOTTO

Truffle oil & Italian hard cheese (V) (GF) (VG by request)

DUCK, RED ONION & TRUFFLE TERRINE

Mixed leaves, rustic bread, onion marmalade

SEAFOOD CHOWDER

Luxury creamy soup of cod, mussels, clams, prawns, potato & bacon with rustic bread & butter

MAIN COURSES

PAN FRIED HALIBUT

Tender stem broccoli & a champagne cream sauce (GF)

DORSET PORK TENDERLOIN

Apricot & Brandy stuffing with a cider cream sauce

LAMB WELLINGTON

Loin of lamb, mint pea puree, puff pastry & Madeira sauce (5 supplement)

All served with dauphinoise potatoes & seasonal vegetables

KIMMERIDGE LOBSTER & BURGER

2 Smashed patties, cheese, brioche bun, salad, gherkin & half a Kimmeridge Bay lobster in garlic butter & skinny fries (10 supplement)

CAULIFLOWER STEAK

Cous cous salad, vine tomatoes & chimichurri sauce (V) (VG by special request)

DESSERTS

ITALIAN RASPBERRY MERINGUE

Mixed berry coulis (GF)

LEMON ZESTER

Vanilla ice cream topped with meringue pieces and lemon sauce

STEAMED CHOCOLATE & ORANGE PUDDING

With vanilla ice cream (VG by request)

APPLE TARTE TATIN

Vanilla ice cream (V)

SALTED CARAMEL CHEESECAKE

With caramel drizzle

| 39.50 per person

**BOOKING
ESSENTIAL**

| 10 deposit per person

Pre Orders Required

MOTHERING SUNDAY LUNCH MENU

Table available for 3 sittings at lunch on Sunday 15th March
12/12.30pm 2/2.30pm & 4/4.30pm

STARTERS

- SPICED PARSNIP SOUP (VG on request)
Crusty bread & butter
- DUCK, RED ONION & TRUFFLE OIL TERRINE
Mixed leaves, rustic bread & onion marmalade
- SIMPLY SMOKED SALMON
Mixed leaves, rustic bread & lemon mayonnaise
- CRAYFISH, PRAWN & SMOKED SALMON COCKTAIL
Mixed leaves, Marie Rose & brown bread & butter
All starters GF by special request

MAINS

- ROAST TOPSIDE OF BEEF
With Yorkshire pudding & horseradish sauce
- ROAST LEG OF LAMB (please order in advance)
With Yorkshire pudding a port & redcurrant jus (3.5 supplement)
- TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY BREAST
With Yorkshire pudding, pigs in blankets & cranberry sauce
- POACHED SALMON IN A VERONIQUE SAUCE
(grape, white wine & cream)
- BUTTERNUT SQUASH, LENTIL & ALMOND WELLINGTON
(V) (VG by request)

All GF by special request

All served with roast potatoes, parsnips, carrots,
garden greens, tenderstem broccoli, swede & red cabbage |
Add Pigs in blankets | 6 Add cauliflower cheese | 6

DESSERTS

- MANGO AND PASSION FRUIT MOUSSE
- ITALIAN RASPBERRY MERINGUE
- TOFFEE CHEESECAKE
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Crab Benedict - Toasted English muffin, white crab meat, two poached eggs, hollandaise sauce

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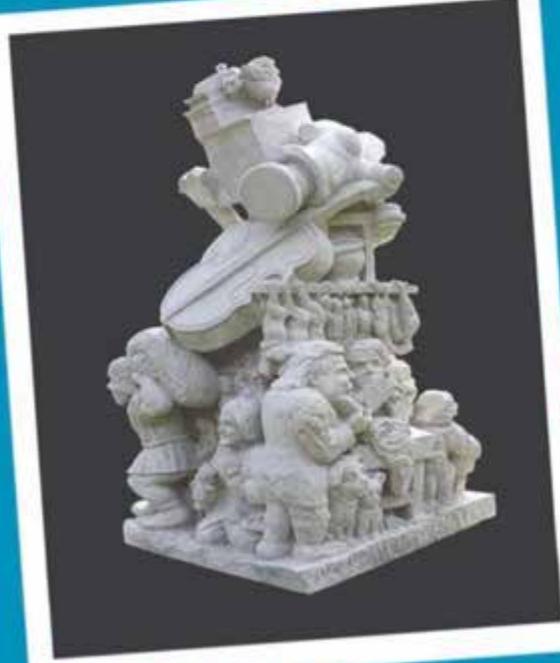
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An inspiring family-friendly exhibition train celebrating the fascinating 200 year history of the railways – as well as showcasing current developments and future aspirations - is to visit the Swanage Railway as part of its tour of Britain.

Located at Corfe Castle station for three days, the special Railway 200 train – named the ‘Inspiration’ and operated by Network Rail with assistance from the National Railway Museum – is free to visit, with a valid Swanage Railway train ticket, and will be open from Monday, 16 February, to Wednesday, 18 February, 2026, inclusive, 10am to 4pm.

The historic visit of the interactive Railway 200 exhibition train comes in the month the Swanage Railway celebrates the 50th anniversary of dedicated volunteers starting restoration work at a disused and boarded up Swanage station on Saturday, 14 February, 1976.



*Corfe Castle station Andrew
PM Wright*

The public is being encouraged to travel to the Railway 200 exhibition train at Corfe Castle by train because there is no car parking outside Corfe Castle station and parking in the picture postcard village is limited.

A 1950s heritage diesel rail bus will form a regular ‘Railway 200’ feeder train service from Norden station - next to Dorset Council’s Purbeck Park long-stay car park - to the ‘Inspiration’ exhibition train at Corfe Castle.

There will also be a heritage steam train service between Norden, Corfe Castle, Harman’s Cross, Herston, and Swanage from Monday, 16 February, to Wednesday, 18 February, 2026, inclusive.

Tickets for travel on the 1950s heritage diesel railbus between Norden and Corfe Castle, to visit the Railway 200 exhibition train, can be booked via the Swanage Railway website at www.swanagerailway.co.uk/events/view/railway-200-exhibition-train-at-swanage-railway.

On-line bookings for steam train travel from Norden, Swanage, Herston, and Harman’s Cross to Corfe Castle, for the Railway 200 exhibition train, are due to open soon.

The special ‘Inspiration’ train is part of the national Railway 200 celebrations during 2025 marking two centuries since the first passenger train – hauled by George and Robert Stephenson’s ‘Locomotion No. 1’ steam engine – ran on the Stockton and Darlington Railway, in County Durham, on 27 September, 1825.

That historic journey changed the world because the innovation standardised time, revolutionised leisure and business travel, enabled the growth of economies and enabled mass tourism and sports leagues.



*Touring exhibition train Inspiration
Paddington Credit Jack Boskett &
Railway 200*

The engaging and family-friendly exhibition train also includes a fascinating look at railway firsts, hands-on engineering challenges and a summary of interesting – and lesser known – careers on the railways.

So far, during its 60-stop year-long tour of Great Britain, the Railway 200 exhibition train has welcomed around 50,000 visitors – with many of the visitors

praising the family -friendly experience as “brilliant” and “interactive” while nine in ten visitors would recommend the special train to a friend.

Composed of five former British Rail Mark Three-type carriages built in Derby during the 1970s and 1980s, the Railway 200 ‘Inspiration’ train has been funded by Network Rail and a £250,000 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The inspirational train’s eye-catching and colourful ‘Past, Present and Future Together’ livery has been funded by the train leasing company Porterbrook.

Anyone interested in finding out more about volunteering on the Swanage Railway should email iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk while details about volunteering can also be found at swanagerailwaytrust.org/volunteering

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Anne Bond writes:

You'll be glad to know this is the last of my missives describing life in our ramshackle old house before today's taken-for-granted amenities.

Dad's postings abroad were sometimes for short stretches when we didn't accompany him. Agricultural land next to the house had become a commercial Market Garden during the war, which meant that house and farm cottages always had vegetables and fruit. The Home Farm provided milk: the old farmer would arrive at the kitchen window during breakfast wearing a Dorset feather-stitched smock, britches and gaiters, and carrying across his shoulders a wooden yoke from whose chain suspended two milk churns. He would carefully fill our two kitchen milk cans with a ladle before going to stand the churns on a wooden platform beside the road for the milk collecting lorry. Will, his son-in-law at Home Farm, taught us to milk. The farm boasted a dozen cows, all Guernseys, and one of them, Duchess, had one teat that didn't work. We learnt on her. We were strictly not allowed to play on the hay bales piled up in the barn, but Will's nephew was our age and the bales were irresistible. Mamie, Will's wife, kept the peace with homemade biscuits.

One year it snowed. We children stamped out S O S on the lawn, hoping that naval helicopters flying over would land and investigate. They didn't, and Mum got a telephone tongue-lashing from the Portland Naval Base.

Every year the Winterbourne, the stream known to us as 'the moat' that ran under a bridge on the drive, dried up in the summer but was 4 feet deep in wintertime. One year, when Dad was working from home, it dried up early, which meant there were puddles under and both sides of the bridge containing poor stranded trout. Dad, a keen fisherman who appreciated lightly poached trout, summoned his offspring, seized his shotgun and hurried us down to the moat. He shot a blank under the bridge, which temporarily stunned the fish. We, the workforce, scrambled into the mud with buckets, filled them with water and set about 'rescuing' the slippery fish to take back to the kitchen. Dad filled the big pantry sink, added brandy "to clean out their muddy insides", emptied in the trout - *et voila!* A lot of happily drunken potential fish suppers!

Another year we set about exploring the open shelters around the Stable Yard, and found amongst broken machinery and wrecked carts, *part of a suit of armour and a 'bloodstained' sword!*

With love, Anne.

Acclaimed actor and director Sir Mark Rylance praises a "remarkable" film festival as it gears up to mark its 30th anniversary.

The Purbeck Film Festival was established in 1996 with the aim of bringing a variety of cinematic experiences to the area.



Sir Mark Rylance

Scores of films will be shown across Purbeck in the autumn, from cinemas and church halls to village halls and sports clubs, as well as a number of special events throughout the year.

Sir Mark, who is a patron of the festival, said: "We are indisputably lovers of film as our Purbeck Film Festival celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

"Quite remarkable when most cinema festivals and indeed cinemas themselves are struggling to survive the juggernaut of new technology.

"Of course, cinema has survived the invention of sound, of tv and computers. Will it survive the isolating technology of AI. Artificial intelligence, which puts the mind and knowledge before the heart and soul of what it is to be human?

"I know small festivals like ours are a god send for film makers, often imagining something different than the mainstream world, as we all do who live on the beautiful Isle of Purbeck."

The festival began by showing films in two local cinemas but has grown to screen scores of UK and international films including outdoor summer events at local landmarks including Corfe Castle.

The main festival runs from October 16 to November 1 this year.

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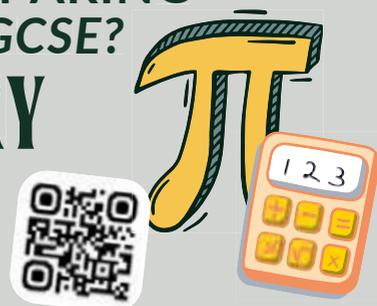


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Dear friends,

In these uncertain times with wars around the world and the rising cost of living on our doorsteps, the search for hope continues as we pass through the storms of life. Hope or having a positive state of mind that things might change for the better, is the antidote that gets us through.

There are signs of clear blue skies poking through the loneliness and despair that these uncertain times bring. With all these changes on the horizon I am reminded of the words of the song "You will never walk alone"

**When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark**

**At the end of a storm
There's a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark**

**Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Though your dreams be tossed and blown**

**Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone**

You'll never walk alone

**Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone**

These words always resonate with me, and the message is simple, hope is always there if we search for it. So, let us, together, walk through these uncertain times.

A quote to ponder as we as we travel the road less travelled
"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." Demond Tutu

Go well.

Peter - Chair Growing compassionate communities



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Kimmeridge News

Smiling Seas January Quiz Night

A thank you message from Emily after the highly successful Quiz Night

We are completely and utterly lost for words... well, nearly. We can't quite describe how thankful we are for the incredible turn-out at the Kimmeridge Smiling Seas Winter Quiz Night on Saturday 10th January, but we are going to try!

THANK YOU to every single person who attended, to everyone who spread the word, to those who made the journey even when conditions weren't the best. to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, to all the local businesses who donated prizes to the Smiling Seas raffle, and thank you for the kind words of support, encouragement, and ideas shared throughout the evening for the future growth of Smiling Seas.

Your kindness, generosity, and belief in this vital environmental movement truly mean the world — and your support will not be in vain. The Kimmeridge Smiling Seas fundraising evening raised £1200. We are so grateful!

The money raised will be used for:

- Beach clean equipment— gloves, bags, pickers, and insurance (essential and immediate equipment).
- Future projects, including the development of the Beach Cleaning Hut.

The Beach Cleaning Hut will be used for storage and sorting, hosting beach clean events and for plastic tracking and data collection.

From the bottom of our heart, thank you all so much for making the evening what it was and for being such an essential part of this journey.

Thank you. Be kind, Emily House. Smiling Seas

Kimmeridge Keilidh – Friday 27th February

Our next Kimmeridge Keilidh (Barn Dance!) is on 27th February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall at The Etches Collection. Music from Arish Mel & caller Sue Perigo. 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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- **Sandford and Wareham WI contact susiedean42@gmail.com**

Wednesday

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

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Friday

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The Rambling Gardener.

In February we are enjoying longer days, and it is great to see the sun setting a bit more to the right each evening, for me. People have no control on how the earth moves to give us the seasons, but I am very grateful to be on this incredibly diverse planet. This morning, I was greeted by lots of different birds singing, (the dawn chorus is increasing), and the snowdrop white flowers cheering me up even on a dull day. The snowdrops at the beginning of the year, lift our spirits for another month after which yellow and other colourful flowers Crocus, early Daffodils and Camellias will brighten every day. If you do not have these plants do get them for next year or buy a pot and put or plant it outside - snowdrops reproduce fast so neighbours are sure to be able to give you some, and I have plenty if you need. Snowdrops need thinning/planting as soon as they have flowered, 5-7 per spot for a show, plan for next year.

February was always thought of as a cold and windy month. I remember several years of being snowed in for weeks and pulling milk supplies to Swanage on sleds as all the roads were blocked by drifts! Cold weather is good now, so that plants stay dormant as early growth may get damaged in later cold weather and winds. It will be interesting to see what this month will bring after the very mild autumn and December of 2025.

In February you can do jobs that you missed in January. Wood ash and compost can be put around fruit trees and bushes. Hard pruning should also be done before the warmer weather makes the sap rise.

Onions, shallots and garlic should be planted out immediately if not already done. Germinate inside (germination usually needs 20-22°C heat), and then transfer to a frost-free place. Also sow crops of leek and lettuce, possibly plant leeks in plastic lined boxes inside and transfer outside when 3-4 inches to a cooler spot. Dwarf yellow beans, which usually have heavy crops of stringless, tasty beans good for freezing, can also germinate in late February to plant out in early April, with frost protection. Cauliflower and cabbage can also be started now. Early planting allows the crops to be well established before drought is a problem, and then the bed space can be cleared for autumn and winter planting.

Some suggestions of good flowering annuals, with months of flowering, as well as being quite drought resistant, and good for bees for pollination are: - Tagetes (Tiger Eyes), Love-in-the-Mist and Calendula. These can be grown from seeds from the end of February or buy small plants to put out in the Spring. Plant sweet smelling Sweet Peas, now. Can be grown up trellis, hedges, fencing or canes for wonderful smells in the house all summer.

I have been doing this for over 5 years and always welcome any feedback, or ideas that I have not covered. Enjoy looking at catalogues for plant, flower

and vegetable ideas, a picture window of them all! Do visit for a cuppa, chat and look at my garden if you would like. I sometimes have excess plants with advice if needed. Contact: 01929 421681 or rjehelper@gmail.com

Regards. Rachel



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1st	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 Ballroom Dance	C C Village Hall Donna 01202 243803
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2 nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook
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Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
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