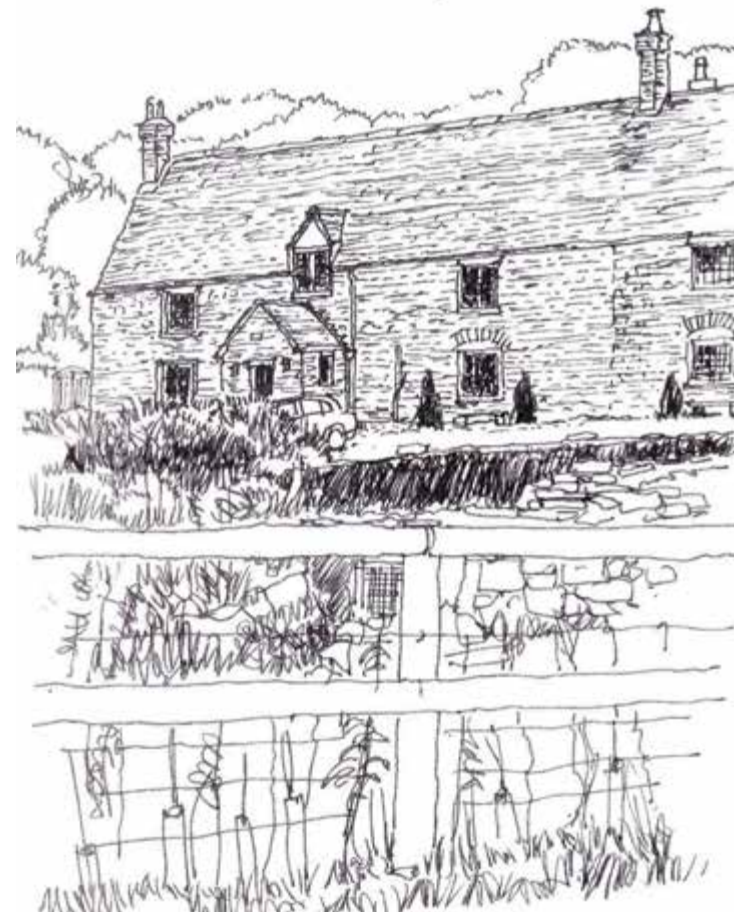


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Editorial

As I write this, we are enjoying hot sunny days just like Midsummer. They've really come a bit too early in the year but are very welcome. Let's hope we get more similar days as we move into summer proper.

As usual at this time of year there are a myriad of events occurring throughout the valley. One of the enduring strengths of this magazine is that it reflects the energy and generosity of local people who continue to organise, support and attend the events that make village life here so distinctive.

As always, we hope readers will enjoy this month's edition, support the events they can, and continue sending in the stories, notices and celebrations that help us remain such an important part of village life. In a world that often feels hurried, it is a pleasure to be reminded that community still flourishes so strongly here.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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MAY FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to the residents of Corfe Castle for the genuinely warm welcome you've extended to me, your new clerk. I'm grateful for your support and look forward to working together.

Corfe Castle Parish Council opened its 11 May 2026 meeting with positivity.

Public Voice: Three members of the public attended with thoughtful, constructive ideas to the public session, from improving clarity on the start time of the Annual Parish Meeting to resolving parking frustrations along East Street. One highlight came from a local livestock grazier, who offered commitment to protect Middle Halves Common by removing all animals during January and February and changing the livestock from young stock to older stock.

Report from Dorset Council: A written report from Dorset Council was noted, highlighting two sections of Studland Road, near the adventure park and further toward the golf club for resurfacing, footpath improvements behind Purbeck Park, along with next steps for the Purbeck Park Corfe Castle route, the redevelopment of Swanage seafront, with construction expected to begin in late 2027 and a full draft of the Dorset Local Plan consultation which is being reviewed will go out for further consultation in August, with completion targeted for December.

Council Leadership Confirmed for 2026–27: Cllr Dru Drury was re-elected Chairman and Cllr Clarke was re-elected Vice-Chairman. Both votes passed unanimously, reflecting strong confidence in the Council's leadership.

AGAR 2025/26 Approved: The council approved and signed both Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) and Section 2 (Accounting Statements) of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return. The full AGAR will be submitted.

Councillor Liaison Roles: A full slate of liaison roles and working groups was confirmed, ensuring every corner of village life, from footpaths to youth services to emergency planning has dedicated champions.

General Power of Competence: The Council confirmed its qualification for the General Power of Competence, giving it greater flexibility to act in the community's best interests.

Planning Application: The council objected to the proposed felling of an ash tree at The Castle Inn (Application P/TRC/2026/02007). Councillors noted the tree appeared healthy and that selective pruning would be a more proportionate response.

Play Ground: Good news for families: repairs to the play park fence were approved, choosing the cost-effective option to reinforce existing posts. The basket swing will also be restored with a new part already being ordered.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service: Councillors opposed any reduction in Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service capacity, citing rising risks of heathland and forest fires. A formal objection will be submitted.

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 8th June 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.

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"He must increase, but I must decrease"
(John 3:30)

As the days stretch towards the summer solstice, the Church's celebration of John the Baptist feels especially fitting: his feast falls just as the light reaches its height, reminding us of his words, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

At the same time, the rhythm of the primary school year seems to gather speed with sports days, end of year assessments, performances, trips and farewells filling every corner of the calendar with joyful chaos. Yet beneath the busyness runs a growing sense of anticipation, as children and teachers alike begin to glimpse the freedom and warmth of summer ahead: long evenings, unhurried mornings and the promise of rest after a year of hard work and growth.



With the long summer holiday fast approaching, I would also like to remind parents, grandparents and carers that our Holiday Club runs throughout the school holidays (except Fridays) and is staffed by familiar members of our pre-school and school team.

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First Auditions have taken place for this major production

but you can still come along and join in.

We may still be looking for youngsters who can pass for teenage boys and men who can be made to look as if they are in their 30's.

Any youngsters will rehearse on Sunday afternoons until November.

Read-through as a cast & blocking starts

June 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 7pm at Corfe Castle Village Hall.

If you would like further details please ask Peter.

Looking ahead to future-proof our skill sets we will be running a few short

Lighting Workshops

These will contain essential knowledge for any prospective Directors but if you have the vaguest interest in lighting or just want to broaden your horizons you are welcome to attend on

June 15th, 22nd, 29th & July 6th at Corfe Village Hall, 67 East Street.

Starting at 6.15pm sharp until 6.55pm with opportunities to get 'hands on', these will finish just before "The Cat & The Canary" rehearsals start.

If you are looking for a new hobby and would be interested in joining our friendly safe group, on or off stage, please contact

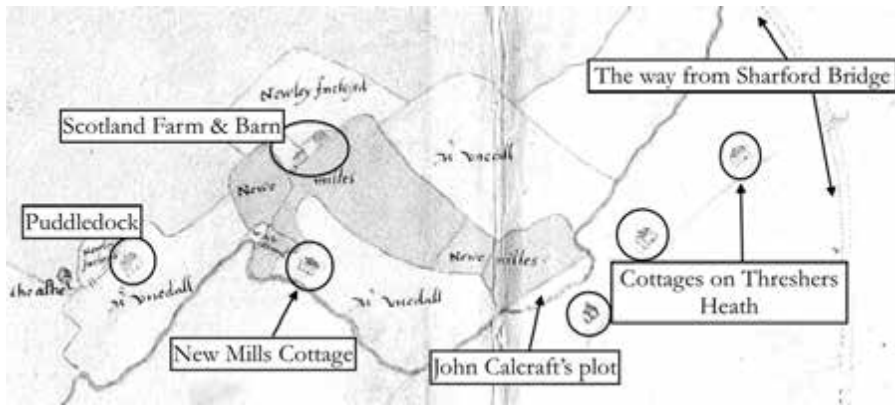
Peter (chairman – 07551 183465) or email

doubleactdramagroup@gmail.com for more details.

New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome!



Property at New Mills, Threshers and Witch Heaths.



Ralph Treswell's 1585 map of New Mills

Of the six properties shown above, only one is now inhabitable – Scotland Farm. For Over 100 years the Whiffen family tenanted New Mills. Thomas Whiffen took out a lease in November 1618. He was left a pair of fuller's shears in his father's will in 1620 so maybe the fulling mill was still in existence then? A survey in 1666 notes that Thomas' son, Peter, held the tenement with various named fields but no mill is mentioned. By then Peter had rebuilt the farmhouse and left an inscription over the front porch.



Peter Whiffen 16 PW 65

Puddledock (originally called Derby Lands as it was owned by the Derby family) was always separate from New Mills and fell under the auspices of the manor of Rollington rather than Langton Wallis. A cottage still stood there in 1614 when Sir Edmund Uvedale leased out the property, but it had fallen down by 1775.

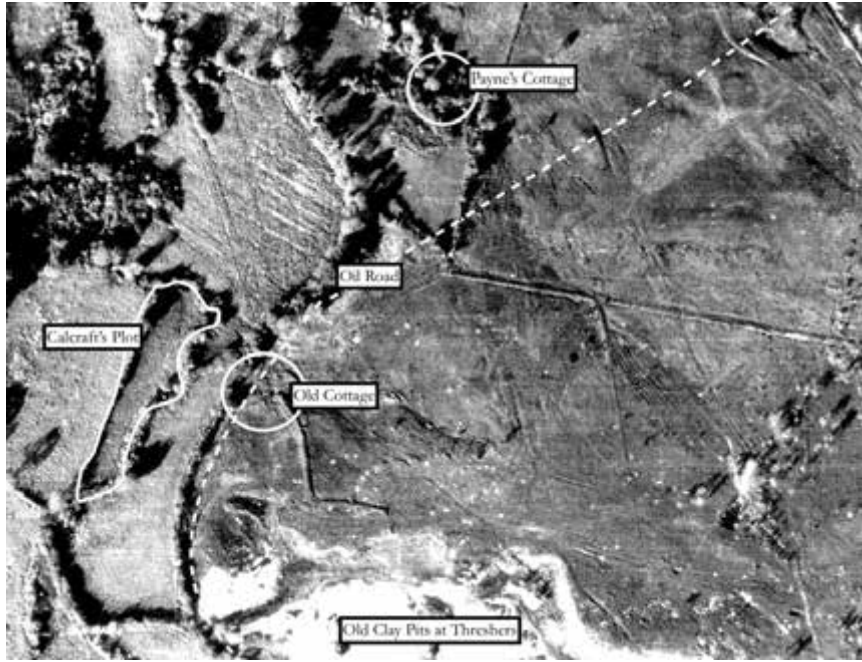
New Mills cottage fell into disrepair after WWII. The land had been requested by The War Office in October 1942 as they wished to use the area for military training. Although the War Office paid the rent, the cottage slid into a ruinous state so much so, it was decided to abandon it. It is now a pile of tumbled down stones.

John Calcraft's Plot, a meadow of under an acre, was part of 'Witch Higher Water Mead' and rented out with 'Witch Farm'. It is unclear how the plot over the other side of the river belonged to Witch. Possibly, this may have something to do with the water meadows which had been installed as the easterly tip holds the 1711 bridge.



The 1711 bridge in 1990. Photo taken by Eric Roberts.

The three cottages on Threshers and Wytch Heaths are not shown on a map of 1772. Threshers clay pit had already been opened by then and the most southerly cottage could have been affected by the clay digging.



1947 RAF aerial photo from Dorset Explorer.

This cottage probably lies under or close to the Oil Road. Another lies at 'Payne's Piece' which was a house and garden in 1845 and was still in existence when the OS recorded the cottage as 'Sharford Cottage' in 1887. This cottage may have been rebuilt as it is not shown on a map of 1805. The third one lies somewhere between these two cottages possibly where the 'Oil Road' label has been placed.

Louise Haywood

Surgery and Patient Participation Group

I had mentioned in a previous article that PPG members would be undertaking a short questionnaire in May with the main aims of increasing our PPG membership and finding out if the surgery's current access times support our practice population which has a high proportion of people within the 0-40 age group, therefore many of working age and those with young families.



The photo is of PPG members Deb and Maggie taken at the Corfe Parish meeting.

At the time of writing we have been delighted with the positive response to our work; invited attendance at both the Corfe Castle Parish meeting and the Worth/Harmans Cross Parish meeting provided us with some useful and helpful information and ideas for future health talks.

PPG member attendance in the surgery on 3 occasions to date has been enjoyable with so many positive and constructive comments offered by patients and carers who greatly value

the services provided by Dr Lepper and his team.

Of course, there is always room for improvement and we will be reviewing all completed questionnaires at the end of May and will be reporting back in more detail at a later date.

I am delighted to say that Sarah Rowley has kindly volunteered to join the PPG and represent the views of Studland patients. Sarah is well known to many and will be a great asset to our team - thank you Sarah.

On Thursday June 25th at the Corfe Library at 2pm we will be joining the Friendly Food Club to talk about healthy eating (something requested by a Corfe resident) and the PPG. Please do look out for posters and do join us.

Maggie, PPG Chair

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June 6th sees us returning to a fully enlarged and refurbished kitchen!! What luxury to have such a clean, empty and useable space with a lovely manageable cooker and an all singing all dancing dishwasher!! Thank you Corfe Castle Village Hall Committee for pushing forward with this amazing plan. It will make cooking and serving food an even greater pleasure and will hopefully attract more large scale users to the hall, helping to pay off the loan needed to kick start the work.

Soup 'n' Pud is hoping to run another fund raising event in July to help with repayments. Watch this space for more information.

At this point we are not sure of what we will be making for June's lunch but you can be sure it will be as tasty and wholesome as usual. We are coming into the productive time of year for fruit and vegetables so if anyone has some surplus we would be happy to take them off your hands to contribute to our seasonal treats.

We are always very thankful for the help and support we get from our volunteers, without whom we would be unable to function, however we are happy to welcome more into the fold as well as additional diners. Do come and join us.

We will be forever grateful to The Village Bakery for donating to us the bread rolls over the last 3.5 years and are very pleased that the new incumbents are willing to do the same. Thank you very much. It is so indicative of the community spirit that Corfe Castle and its residents inspire!

WHY DON'T YOU GIVE SOUP 'N' PUD A TRY?



Nature updates from the National Trust

Corfe Castle under siege

Corfe Castle has been under siege... by an army of early purple orchids! These stunning orchids are among the first to bloom each spring. They don't produce nectar, but they lure in bumblebees, wasps and butterflies with their bright colours and sweet honey scent. Once pollination is done, that lovely smell changes...to the stink of tom cats' urine!



Early Purple Orchid
– photo courtesy
Mark Singleton

Early purple orchids have always been on the castle mound, but this year they've appeared in their hundreds. They thrive in short chalk grassland, free from chemicals. Managing the steep slopes can be tricky, but a combination of robo-flailing (a robot mower) and sheep grazing keeps the tor grass from growing too tall and dense.

The sheep, a mix of Hebridean and Dorset Poll, are owned by farmer and vet, Emily Smith of Belle View Farm, Swanage.

Then there were six...

Great news - all six puffins are back at Dancing Ledge! We were concerned because so many puffins washed up dead on beaches last winter, and if we lose any more of our colony, it's a step closer to extinction here. But all three pairs are back and have been showing signs of nest-building and egg-incubation.



Puffin - Photo: John Allen

A huge thank-you to the dedicated volunteers who are out there in all weathers – and all hours – monitoring their progress. We won't know the results of our trail cam monitoring until the cameras are retrieved at the end of the season.

Rare sighting of a Cirl bunting

We were very excited to hear of a rare bird sighting recently – a male cirl bunting that was spotted near Spyway Barn, Langton Matravers.



Cirl Bunting – photo courtesy Pete Christie

Once extinct in Dorset, this songbird has now returned to Purbeck and is gradually spreading along the coast. This particular bird is ringed, its number showing it was sighted at Durlston Country Park last year.

This inspiring comeback is thanks to wildlife-friendly land management which provides the insects and seeds that songbirds need. So here's a big shout-out to the organisations, farmers and individuals who care enough to create spaces where wildlife can truly thrive.

Stories set in stone

We were pleased to support Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre in Langton Matravers, improving pedestrian access to the centre and along its Quarry to Castle trail. The trail connects the South West Coast Path to Corfe Castle, exploring quarries past and present on the way.

We have also been sharing knowledge with them about the nature and heritage of the area to help them inspire and excite visitors about this wonderful landscape.

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

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Firstly, a huge thank you to all those from the village who organised the May Fair and made it so special. What a brilliant day! June has arrived, and with it some glorious longer days and warmer temperatures and there's lots happening this month at the castle, not least the end of the conservation works towards the end of the month.

Purbeck Art Weeks Festival – 1–7 June

As part of Purbeck Art Week, we are once again hosting an exhibition of local creativity at Castle View. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Circus Skills with Fiery Jack – 6–7 June

A weekend of juggling, balancing and extraordinary bikes! Perfect fun for the whole family.

Life in the Middle Ages – 13–14 June

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Church Knowle Parish Council – May Meeting

The May meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 6:35pm after the Annual Parish Meeting. The May meeting of the Parish Council is the Annual General Meeting where the officers of the Council are elected for the coming year. It was attended by all seven members of the Council (Cllr Gilbert in the chair), 10 members of the public and Dorset Councillor Ben Wilson.

Public Discussion

There was much discussion about the camping at the Blue Pool and the prevailing opinion was that the environmental evaluations had not been made with sufficient rigour and that Dorset Council had been either reluctant or dilatory where any enforcement action was concerned. The point was made that there is no public need for camping at the Blue Pool, the provision of camping for visitors is well catered for by other sites in the parish and that the camping site at the Blue Pool is effectively setting up a small township at the end of residents' gardens.

Cllr Wilson responded that Planning Enforcement are considering the case but cannot give any timeline.

The other topic supported by all present was the ability of the New Inn, now under new management, to allow camper-vans to park in its car park overnight. There is a historical precedent for this and the trade to the pub that this affords is an essential component of its viability as a business. It was unanimously felt that Dorset Planning was acting unfairly and *ultra vires* in banning the overnight parking of camper-vans in the pub car park. There is a great deal of community support for the pub which provides a valuable social and hospitality resource to visitors and locals alike in a parish that has no school, post office, shop, surgery or other natural social hub.

Cllr Wilson said he would investigate this.

The Parish Council

The current Chairman Ian Gilbert resigned from the Council for personal reasons. He was thanked cordially for his work, diligence and leadership.

The officers elected for the coming year are:

Cllr Judi Newns – Chairman

Cllr Derek Burt – Vice Chairman

Cllr Judu Newns – Planning and Environment

Cllr Derek Burt – Trees

Cllr Hazel Parker – Cemetery

Cllr Will Slack – DAPTC liaison

Cllr Howard Fry – Playing Field and Footpaths

Cllr Carl Grice – Perenco and Imerys liaison

There are now three vacancies on the council which has a full strength of nine and any interested parishioners can apply to clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk.

Speed Limits

The 30mph speed limit through Church Knowle is place but it seems that the signs are at the wrong height. This will be referred to Dorset Highways.

Evidence is being collected for a speed limit on the Furzebrook Road and people are encouraged to report near misses and dangerous traffic incidents on this road to the Dorset Council Highways portal on its website.

The Corfe River

Wessex Water are scheduled to upgrade their surge tanks which will minimise the overspill of sewage into the river during storms.

The National Trust have hosted a meeting about the river and it intends to introduce beavers into the river.

The meeting finished at 8:15 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Furzebrook Village Hall at 6:30 on 9th June 2026.



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New Pub Menu!

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CRAZY 4 CORFE



A NEW BENCH FOR THE VILLAGE!

On Sunday 3rd May we joined Carl, Sarah and their sons, William and Oliver to install the new bench, donated by Crazy 4 Corfe, outside the Corfe Castle Village Stores.



The funding came from Santa's Sleigh and Carol Singing in the Square, our successful Christmas event with Swanage and Purbeck Rotary. Thank you to the Rotary Team and all our lovely supporters who made it such a great success.



CRAZY 4 CORFE

Crazy 4 Corfe started in 2015 with a small team dedicated to raising funds for village organisations and individuals. We have planned and organised events raising over £16,000 working with various groups in the village.

We have also supported village events such as the late Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee, the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and VE80 celebrations and we are grateful to all the groups and individuals who have taken part in our events and helped to make them happen.

We couldn't have done it without you!

However, after 11 years, our small team has reluctantly decided to bring **Crazy 4 Corfe** to a close. We have had such fun and loved being involved with so many great people. We will always be ready to help with events in the village. Corfe Castle is a wonderful, generous community.

Our last donation will be a sum of £800 which we will give to our fantastic Community Library which survives with the good will and hard work of its staff and volunteers.



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News from the Library June 2026

Thursday 25th June 2pm - a FREE talk in the library



We have two speakers, Caroline Grey with The Friendly Food Club will tell us about the sessions she holds, food swaps due to the cost of living, reading and understanding food labels and your 5 a day. Maggie Hardy will tell us about the role of the PPG (patient participation group) within the Corfe Surgery and what services are provided to the local community.

The children's corner has been decorated, it looks amazing, please come in and have a look and maybe borrow a book!!

Our volunteers enjoy supporting the library; if you would like to volunteer please pop in and see us.

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Ever thought what you would look like with blond hair, longer hair or shorter hair? The May meeting was all about high quality wigs either for cosmetic purposes or medical reasons and much fun was had with people trying out the different looks.

Future Programme of Speakers

Tuesday 2nd June: 'The World of Glass' with Dr Burroughs

Tuesday 3rd July: 'Life in Hatton Garden' with John Hatcher

Tuesday August 4th: Annual Summer BBQ

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 (3rd Tuesday in March on 17th)

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

There was no VH coffee morning in May, due to the re-development work taking place in the kitchen. Normal service resumes on Saturday June 6th.

The May 100 club draw has nevertheless still taken place. The first prize of £20 was won by member 92, with member 56 getting second prize £10 and member 32 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, currently all occupied. 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
4th Wednesday afternoon	U3A Scrabble

the new kitchen

At the time of writing (mid-May) the kitchen renovation work is progressing well, and we expect all the fitting to be finished well before you get to read this in the June CVN! Users of the main hall have first option on kitchen use, but if it is not otherwise being used then it is available for users of the other rooms, or indeed as a separate booking in its own right.

Locals pay only £20 for complete use of the kitchen for a whole session (am, pm or evening), and only £6 if the cooker or dishwasher are not used. We look forward to seeing enterprising chefs in the village sharing their expertise in innovative ways!

volunteers needed

On Saturday July 11th the hall is booked all day as a "pit-stop" for runners. The organiser is looking for a couple more volunteers to help by re-filling water bottles etc. It should be relatively quiet as there are only 30 participants. If interested please let Dave Gordon know on 07531 235436.

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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for JUNE 2026

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

23 May – 7 June

2	June	Tuesday	2 pm	Purbeck Art Weeks around the Isle of Purbeck
6	June	Saturday	10.15 am	Aquarius “The World of Glass” by Dr Burroughs – Corfe Castle Village Hall
6	June	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Village Coffee Morning Corfe Castle Village Hall
6	June	Saturday	6.30 pm	Soup n’ pud Community lunch - Corfe Castle Village Hall
8	June	Monday	7.00 pm	Purbeck Big Band – St Peters Church Knowle
9	June	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting - Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	June	Wednesday	2 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Furzebrook Village Hall
13	June	Saturday		Harmony Rocks Songs and Scones – Emanuel Baptist Church Swanage
13	June	Saturday	2.30 pm – 5 pm	School Summer Fair – School Field and Corfe Castle Village Hall
20	June	Saturday	5 – 8.30 pm	Steeple Manor Gardens Open
20	June	Saturday	7.30 pm	Film – Life of Jesus at the Chapel on the Green
21	June	Sunday	2 pm & 3.45 pm	The Big Swing concert– The Mowlem Swanage.
21	June	Sunday	2 pm	St Edwards Tour of Creech Grange and cream tea.
25	June	Thursday	2 pm	Midsummer concert by Karen Grant in St James Kingston
28	June	Sunday	3 pm	Talk in the Library – Friendly Food Club and Patient Participation Group
30	June	Tuesday	7.30	Canzonetta St Michaels Church Worth Matravers
				Purbeck Youth Music Showcase Concert – Emanuel Baptist Church Swanage

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

3	July	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius “Life in Hatton Garden” with John Hatcher - Corfe Castle Village Hall
4	July	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning Corfe Castle Village Hall
4	July	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup n’ pud Community lunch - Corfe Castle Village Hall
13	July	Monday	7.00 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting - Corfe Castle Village Hall
14	July	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle Village Hall
18	July	Saturday	12 noon	Corfe Castle Club Beer Festival
1	August	Saturday	2 pm	3 Parishes Fete in Grounds of Old Rectory Church Knowle
4	August	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Annual Summer BBQ
15	August	Saturday	12 noon – 4 pm	Saint Edwards Fete – St Edwards Church Lawns
20	August	Thursday		Kimmeridge Play in the Bay “King Arthur and the Holy Fail”
18 – 21	November			Double Act – The Cat and the Canary

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Revd Louise writes,

As I wander around the village, and our garden at this time of year I'm often struck by the amazing fragrance of the flowers I pass. The scent of lilac has been delightful in the evenings. The memorable smell of wild garlic! Orange blossom has to be one of my favourites. This year I've discovered that the iris in one of our beds has a wonderful aroma, something I had never realised before.

It's got me to thinking about our aroma! I know that is a touchy subject, but I am not talking literally you will be relieved to realise. Rather I mean how people feel after they have met with us, spent time with us, chatted for a while

with us, perhaps in the village bakery queue or wherever...do we leave a pleasant aroma which lifts their spirits, or do we leave behind something that is the equivalent of a “bad smell”?!

I don't mean that we should feel condemned if we are having a bad day, and people get to know about it. We all have our bad days, and times when we say things which we wish we hadn't. But are we careful in the words that we speak to one another, or the attitude that we have in our interactions with one other? Are we kind, forgiving, caring and gentle with others? Do we go out of our way to encourage others? I know what effect encouraging words from others have on me, lifting my spirits. What aroma do we leave with others? In the Bible it talks about Christians having 'the aroma of Christ', and I pray that is the case for us. That we have his attitude of selfless love, humility and gentleness, so that we can be a blessing for others.

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Corfe Castle – 10.30am

Holy Communion

Sunday 14th June

Steeple – 9.30am
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Kingston – 10.30 am

Holy Communion (BCP)
Morning Worship
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Sunday 21st June

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am
Harmans Cross 6 pm

Holy Communion
Evening Worship

Sunday 28th June

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am,
Kingston – 11.30 am

Holy Communion
Holy Communion

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

Bible Readings – June 2026

Sunday 7th June

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday 14th June

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

Sunday 21st June

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday 28th June

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Romans 6:12-23
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Tour 1: Cream tea* at 2.00 pm followed by a tour at 2.45 pm

Tour 2: Cream tea* at 3.45 pm followed by a tour at 4.30 pm

There will also be an opportunity to enjoy the gardens, but both the house and gardens will be shut at 5.45 pm

Tickets £30 each and include the tour and cream tea.

Please support this worthy cause and enjoy a special afternoon out at Creech Grange.

We are very grateful to the owners for their donating their time and home for this special event.

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CHAPEL ON THE GREEN

QUESTIONS

Many systems of religion and lifestyle claim to bring a person to God, but they say conflicting things and they point in different directions.

Is there really a way which leads absolutely and certainly to God? Yes, there is, because Jesus has warned us clearly that there are two 'ways' with very different destinations.

We like to think there are many choices open to us in life. In one sense, that is true. We can choose a career, where to live, whom to marry, what to do with our money and many other things. These choices will dictate the way we live. But Jesus said that there are only two ways:

'Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.'

There are only two ways- man's way that has no time for Christ, and God's way that is Christ.

Instead of coming to Christ alone to find God, have you relied on something else, like: - attending church, being baptised, following a religion or trying to live a good life? Doing these things is not the way to peace with God. It is rather asking God to do for you what you find impossible to do for yourself.

'There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end, it leads to death.'

**For anyone who would like to know more about Jesus....
we are showing: - THE LIFE OF JESUS MOVIE**

This Movie tells the story of the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of His follower John.

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The book of John in the bible was brought to life for us to see. The films accuracy and overall presentation, make it is highly recommended.

It is straight from scripture and very enlightening and is almost word for word from the bible, without added drama like most movies like to add.

We will be showing the Movie "The life of Jesus"

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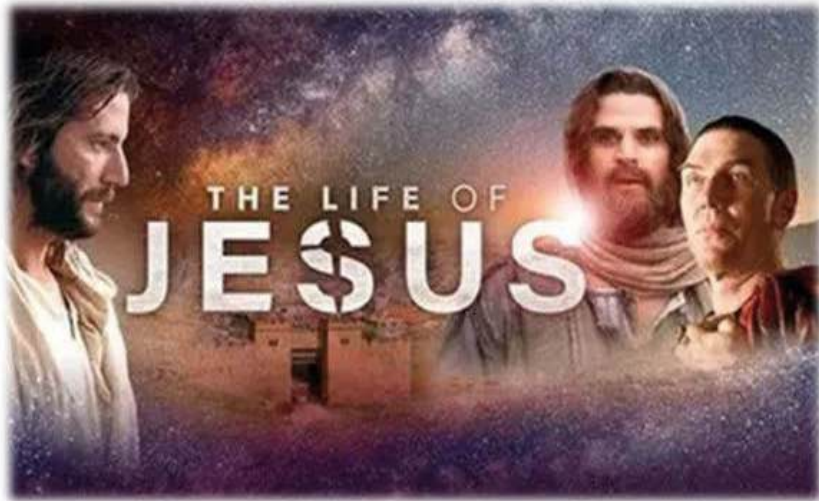


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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Sun, a little rain, heat and cold in May has meant nurturing those small new plants and bringing things in and out for hardening off. Let's hope for a 'flaming June' with rain at night – the ideal we never seem to get.

In May we welcomed Simon Hansford, the Head Gardener at the Encombe Estate, who gave us a fascinating talk about his own career, and the history and development of the beautiful gardens since Mr and Mrs Gaggero purchased the estate.

Simon has had a love of horticulture all his life and is the fifth generation of head gardeners. He has worked for many eminent people, including Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall but the development of Encombe from a virtually blank canvas has been a massive challenge and must be the pinnacle of his career. He worked with Tom Stewart Smith and James and Arabella Gaggero on delivering their plans and dreams for the garden and now maintains it with the help of Tim Harrison. It was a fascinating talk with wonderful photos of the site's development and its beauty today. We didn't want him to stop.

The club will now stop our monthly meetings in the Village Hall for the summer and we will meet again in September. Watch this space for news of our September meeting and the programme for the autumn. In the meantime we have summer visits planned to Encombe and to Mapperton House and gardens. E-mails will be sent out to members with information about these and other activities.

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, from 7.45 pm for coffee and starting the programme at 8pm. Subscriptions for the year are £15 per person. Non-members are welcome to join us for £3 if they are interested in a particular talk.

Chris Clarke
For the Committee.

Garden Openings in aid of the National Garden Scheme.

Visit a garden to support the National Garden Scheme!

In 2025 this largely voluntary organisation raised over **£3,875,000** to support nursing and healthcare charities. My mother Rachel Helfer has opened her garden at **Knitson Old Farmhouse** for decades and last year, as my garden is very different from my mother's, I was encouraged to open mine at **The Stables, Knitson** at the same time. This worked successfully in 2025 and we are going to repeat again this year with one entrance cost (which all goes to NGS) covering both gardens at the same venue. The gardens are very different, although with same soil and climate there are many cross overs. Ample parking in field, with separate field available for picnics. Homemade light Refreshments provided by Swanage WI team.

Opening dates: June 10th and 11th (12-5) and July 29th and 30th (12-5)
Entrance £8 for both gardens. Between Swanage and Corfe at Knitson BH20 5JB.

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Visits can be made at other times by appointment.

We both look forward to welcoming you. Becca Charron (07553877947) and Rachel Helfer

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

Free digital advice sessions in Swanage

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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.

Information Please

I am researching for a book I am writing about Araucaria trees and I am looking to either get in touch with, or find out some information about, a man named Paul A. Brown who lived in Corfe Castle in the 1960s /1970s. He found an interesting fossil and I'd like some more information about him and his interest in geology. If anyone knows him or may have known him please get in touch with. jhmgreaves@yahoo.co.uk.

Dorset Button Dance Programme

Date	Day	Time	Place
3/06/26	Wednesday	8.00pm	Countryman – Winfrith
10/06/26	Wednesday	8.00pm	Lambs Green – Corfe Mullen
17/06/26	Wednesday	8.00pm	Corfe Castle – The square
24/06/26	Wednesday	8.00pm	Clay Pipe – Sandford
1/07/26	Wednesday	8.00pm	Oak at Dewlish
8/07/26	Wednesday	8.00pm	Greyhound Winterborne Kingston
15/07/26	Wednesday	8.00pm	Square & Compass – Worth Matravers
22/07/26	Wednesday	8.00pm	Ship in Wool Hobos
29/07/26	Wednesday	8.00pm	Antelope Hazelbury Bryan
5/08/26	Wednesday	8.00pm	Lulworth Cove Festus
12/08/26	Wednesday	8.00pm	Square & Compass - Worth Matravers
19/08/26	Wednesday	7.30pm	Swanage Sea Front
26/08/26	Wednesday	7.30pm	Bankes Arms – Studland
2/09/26	Wednesday	7.30pm	Halfway Inn
9/09/26	Wednesday	7.30pm	Wareham Quay
12/09/26	Saturday	All day	Swanage Folk Festival

Dorset Buttons Morris Dancers
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Harmony Rocks Choir

We are so looking forward to our Songs & Scones concert Wednesday Afternoon 10 June 2026 at 2pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage.

Tickets are £12.00 each including a cream tea. These will be available from Swanage News, Station Road, Swanage from 6 May 2026. We hope this will be more convenient for many people. Tickets will also still be available from Sue Smith on 01929 477148 (emailthequilter@yahoo.co.uk) and Anne Elford on 01929 288325 (anne.elford10@icloud.com) and choir members.

This is always a very popular event so please make sure you have a note of the date - 10 June - for a lovely afternoon's entertainment.

Purbeck Youth Music

Two dates to hear Purbeck Youth Music students in Concert:

1. June 18th End of term Informal concert from 5pm at the URC Church, High Street Swanage when all pupils having lessons during the year can come and play for their families and friends. Free to all.
2. June 30th Showcase Concert when our most advanced students perform in Emmanuel Baptist Church Swanage at 7pm. Tickets 5.00 on the door. Children free

Karen Grant Performs in Kingston

On Sunday 21st June at 2pm Karen Grant will be performing a concert of summer music at St James's church, Kingston in aid of church funds and the Psoriasis Association. The concert is free with a retiring collection. Please come along if you are able to for what promises to be a very enjoyable afternoon. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Advance notice of our Pimms up the Tower evening which is being held on Friday 31st July this year at 6pm. There will be three sessions again if there is sufficient demand and advance booking is necessary.

Please contact Peter Boyce if you wish to book a place on 07713 326624.



Corfe Crafters
 Wednesday 9.00am to 12 midday
 Contact Cheryl - 07745242511



HARMONY ROCKS CHOIR

A friendly reminder for our Songs & Scones concert on 10 June 2026 at 2.00pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage. This is a Wednesday afternoon concert of lighthearted choral music followed by a cream tea. What better way to spend a summer afternoon!

Tickets are £12.00 per person inclusive of a cream tea. Tickets can be purchased from Swanage News, Station Road, Swanage, and also from Sue Smith - 01929 477148 (emailthequilter@yahoo.co.uk) or Anne Elford - 01929 288325 (anne.elford10@icloud.com).

The charity chosen to benefit from our performance is the recently formed PurbeckParkys. Whenever possible we like to choose a smaller local charity that will benefit local people in need of support and that is the aim of this charity group for those facing the challenges of Parkinson's
 The songs are sounding good and sample scones taste tested, we are all ready for a great afternoon. See you there!

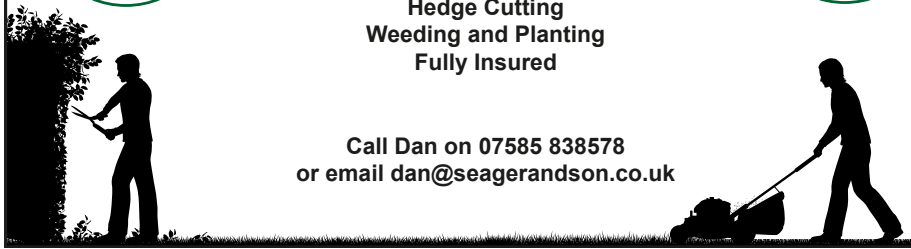


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- Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00 bowlingbarbara2023@outlook.com
- Shotokan Karate – www.warehamskc.co.uk

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- Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00 – bowlingbarbara2023@outlook.com
- Walking Netball 10 – 12 am
- Pilates – Alex Moore telephone 07536103364 almoore1@live.co.uk
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Wednesday

- Model Railway Group peter.c.hollins@gmail.com
- Art classes/courses 10.30am – 12.30pm - info@earth-art.org.uk.
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A new trail-blazing freight locomotive – yet to enter service on the national railway network and the country’s most advanced hybrid powered by diesel and electric – has hauled its first passenger train on the Swanage Railway after being a surprise guest at the heritage line’s annual Diesel Gala and Beer Festival.



Class 99 004 Corfe Castle May 2026 – Courtesy ANDREW PM WRIGHT

Operated by GB Railfreight, it was the first time that a powerful and environmentally friendly multi-million pound Class 99 – built by Stadler in the Spanish city of Valencia - had hauled a passenger train in the United Kingdom.

The new Class 99 locomotive – which aims to cut CO2 emissions by 50 per cent - joined eight heritage diesel locomotives and a pioneering ‘push-pull’ train that told the story of Britain’s railways during the transition from steam to diesel trains in the 1960s.

With seven of the locomotives travelling to the Purbeck heritage line from the national railway network, the popular Diesel Gala and Beer Festival drew enthusiasts from across the country and took place from Friday to Sunday, 8 to 10 May, 2026, inclusive, with the beer festival at Corfe Castle station sporting 40 Dorset ales and ten ciders

The event featured an intensive three-train service with most trains operating along the entire length of the nine-mile Swanage Railway – past Norden station and beyond Furzebrook to the River Frome within sight of Wareham.

Diesel gala and beer festival organising team member and Swanage Railway volunteer Dan Bennett said: “This year’s diesel gala and beer festival was one of the most successful, and busiest, in the event’s almost 20 year history. There was a very real buzz, and excitement, among the enthusiasts attending the event.

“It was the first time that GB Railfreight’s new powerful Class 99 diesel and electric locomotive No. 004 - built in Spain by Stadler - had hauled a passenger train in the UK and the Swanage Railway was delighted, and very grateful, to host such a marvellous machine. The Class 99 looked fantastic and enthusiasts were gathering around it all weekend.

“I would like to thank all those people who have worked so hard to plan and deliver the event as well as saying a big thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed the event in what was marvellous weather. It could not have been better,” added Dan who lives in Wareham and is the volunteer deputy chair of the Swanage Railway Trust as well as being a volunteer Swanage Railway Company director.

Swanage Railway Chief Executive Officer Abbie King explained: “Our Diesel Gala and Beer Festival has been nothing short of phenomenal. We’ve welcomed record-breaking visitor numbers, seen incredible support from enthusiasts and families alike and created an amazing atmosphere across the railway.

“Events like this are about far more than trains - they bring people together, support our local economy and help secure the future of the Swanage Railway as we celebrate our 50th year.

“A huge thank you goes to our volunteers, staff, visiting locomotive crews, traders and everyone who travelled to be part of it. So much work happens behind the scenes to deliver an event of this scale and I’m incredibly proud of what the whole team has achieved together. The atmosphere across the railway has been absolutely outstanding,” added Abbie.

The Diesel Gala and Beer Festival also included a nostalgic and pioneering 1966 Class 438 'push-pull' 4TC four-carriage set No. 428, courtesy of London Transport, which operated between London and Swanage from 1967 to 1969 and on the main line between London and Weymouth from 1967 to 1988 when the Bournemouth to Weymouth line was electrified.

Also appearing was 1960s Class 33 diesel-electric No. D6515 'Lt Jenny Lewis RN' which hauled the last train through Broadstone to Wimborne, in Dorset, after British Rail closed the line to freight trains in May, 1977.

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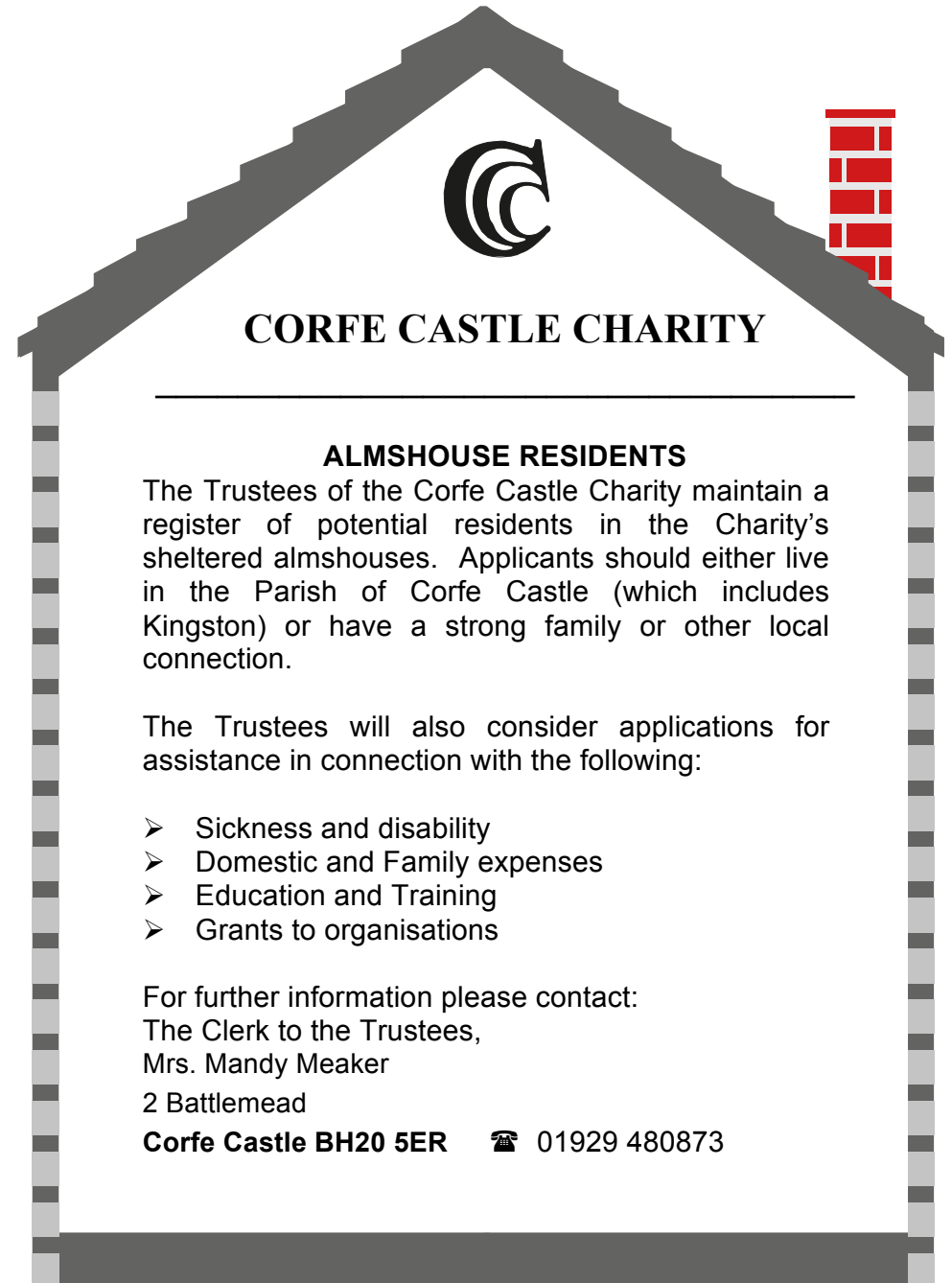
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MONDAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Village Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	9.15 – 10.45am	& 11am – 12	Yoga Langton Scout Hut
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate 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	C C Village Hall
		Ballroom Dance	Donna 01202 243803
Each	7.45 – 9.15pm	Badminton	C C Village Hall
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook
WEDNESDAY			
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.00am - 12	Corfe crafters	CC VH
Term time,	5.30- 6.45pm s	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
THURSDAY			
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.uk	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
Each	9.30am	Pilates & Stretch	CC Village Hall £10
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	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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