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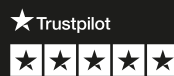
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Editorial

Autumn has properly arrived in Purbeck, with the long dry spell of summer now well behind us. The cooler mornings, mist, turning leaves and shorter days are a welcome change of pace, and a reminder of just how much this corner of Dorset transforms with the seasons; with our coastline, countryside and villages alike taking on a different character as the year turns.

In this issue, we have also included the accounts, referring to last year's results and giving readers an overview of the magazine's finances. It is an appropriate moment to thank everyone who helps make the Corfe Valley News possible. We are enormously grateful to our donors for their generous financial support, to all those who contribute articles, photographs, news and local information, and to the volunteers who give their time each month to edit, produce and distribute the magazine. It is very much a community effort, and we greatly appreciate every contribution, large or small.

If you've been inspired by the autumn light, don't forget our **Draw Purbeck competition** is open for entries. We're looking for black and white drawings of local places and people, with the best entries published here in the Corfe Valley News, and the chance for a winning image to feature on a future cover. Full details are on page 55.

Please remember to use our new email - corfevalleynews@gmail.com in all communications with the CVN. The gmail account is already in operation.

Maria

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(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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The cover picture is a view towards Kimmeridge Bay from Hounstout by Paul Gross

SEPTEMBER AT CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

With the first hints of autumn drifting into Corfe Castle, the Parish Council gathered in the Village Hall on Monday 14th September 2026.

Report from Dorset Councillor:

Although Cllr Wilson was unable to attend, his full report was circulated. It covered everything from rural housing and farming to upcoming traffic schemes across Purbeck.

Updates from National Trust

The National Trust's new Property Operations Manager, Eoin McDowell, introduced himself and shared good news: the £2 million conservation project at the Castle has now been completed. The summer season saw the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform at the Castle for the first time, and more events are planned for October and December.

Winter will bring gorse-clearance work on the commons, carefully managed to protect wildlife, reduce fire risk and improve access.

Traffic, Buses and the Dorset Council TRO

A key topic in the public session was the long-awaited Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Corfe Castle. Residents shared concerns about understanding the proposal and how it may affect loading and unloading on single yellow lines. Councillors explained that the TRO has been in development for seven or eight years, shaped by resident surveys and a working group, with majority support at the time. They also noted that disabled drivers will not face restrictions.

Residents also raised issues around buses waiting at the East Street stop, causing tailbacks, and the importance of easy parking for local businesses. Councillors reiterated their long-held view that retaining some parking on East Street acts as a natural traffic-calming measure.

Councillors confirmed they will not be objecting to the Dorset Council TRO.

Anyone wishing to comment for or against the TRO can do so via Dorset Council's website before 2nd October 2026 at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/tros>

Wildflower Strip – More Blooms Ahead

The Caretaker requested permission to continue cutting and harvesting the wildflower strip and to sow a new mix including yellow rattle and red clover. Councillors agreed to purchase 1kg of seed, ensuring the strip continues to flourish for bees, butterflies and residents alike.

Planning Matters

The Planning Working Group reviewed several applications, with no objections raised. Tree works were also considered, including several ash trees affected by dieback. Councillors noted that ash can recover with proper care and management.

Correspondence & Local Issues

Highways officers are reviewing safety concerns on Sandy Hill Lane following an accident and resident reports. The Council also agreed to produce a gentle reminder letter for cars parked on pavements.

Parking Review & Purbeck Park

A detailed discussion took place on Dorset Council's wider parking review. Councillors highlighted the need for better signage at Norden to encourage visitors to use Purbeck Park, which is under-used for most of the year. A meeting will be arranged between Dorset Council, the Parish Council and the National Trust to explore improvements, including pedestrian access routes linking Purbeck Park and Corfe Castle.

Flooding & Rights of Way

Concerns were raised about future flooding risks given changing weather patterns. Councillors also noted that Dorset Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan is policy-focused rather than a true consultation, and that many local footpath issues remain unresolved.

Keeping Policing Local

Councillors unanimously supported Cllr Clarke's motion to retain local policing, and the Clerk will write to the MP, Cllr Ben Wilson and the Police & Crime Commissioner.

Community Land Trust

The meeting moved into a confidential session to discuss matters relating to the Corfe Castle Community Land Trust.

Adult Fitness Equipment

There's a fresh burst of energy at the Sport Trust Ground this autumn, thanks to the successful installation of brand-new adult fitness equipment, proudly supported by Corfe Castle Parish Council. The project has been warmly welcomed by residents, adding a vibrant new space for outdoor exercise, wellbeing and community activity. The equipment, now fully installed and ready for use, offers a mix of strength, balance and cardio stations designed for all abilities. Whether you're looking to build fitness, enjoy a gentle workout in the fresh air, or simply add a healthy stop-off to your daily walk, the new kit provides a free, accessible way to get moving.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved in bringing the project to life. The equipment is now open for public use, and residents are encouraged to pop down, try it out and enjoy this new community asset.



Next Council Meeting - Monday 12th October 2026, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say.

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To report a pothole

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Church Knowle Parish Council – September Meeting

The September meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 6:30pm. It was attended by six members of the Council (Cllr Newns in the chair) and ten members of the public.

The Margaret Green Animal Sanctuary

The new Chief Operating Officer of the Margaret Green Animal Sanctuary, Joanna Tiffen introduced herself and outlined the plans that the Sanctuary has for the near future. The Council welcomed her to the community and thanked her for her presentation.

The plans involve the building of some 16 new kennels to house dogs who have had difficult backgrounds and also some new stables for horses. The Councillors noted that some decades ago dogs were housed on the Church Knowle site but the disturbance from the noise was such that a noise abatement order was issued to the Sanctuary and the dogs were rehoused to a different site.

Neighbour Noise

A parishioner raised a complaint about a particularly loud party that went on until after midnight. This is clearly covered by the Noise Act 1996 which prohibits noise after 11-00pm and anyone letting properties or organising events should make the participants aware of this. This is enforced throughout the country so that the nation can have a good night's sleep.

Vacancies on Parish Council

There are still two vacancies on the council which has a full strength of nine and any interested parishioners can apply to clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk. or can come along to the meeting, everyone is welcome.

Planning

The modified application from the Blue Pool P/FUL/2025/06766 which has attracted over forty objections was discussed. It was demanded that Dorset Planning answer these objections and not simply force the application through by delegation.

Neighbourhood Plan

Nicola Pitcher has taken over as chair of the steering committee from Pippa Edwards. The Council gave Pippa a vote of thanks for all of the great work she has done on the Plan.

The Playing Field

A dog bin will be provided to help dog walkers keep this children's playing field clean.

The New Inn

The process to have this listed as an Asset of Community Value is continuing. This is a valuable asset, it is the only pub in the parish that has no shop, post office or school and the Council keen is that it survives.

Highways

Collisions with deer are still a problem and the Council is asking that the deer warning signs have additional plates to emphasise the severity of the hazard. There are discussions on-going about a speed limit for the Furzebrook Road.

The meeting finished at 8:18 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Furzebrook Village Hall at 6:30 on 13th October 2026.

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When I wrote to you last month, I promised to share more details about the changes taking place across our school.

Firstly, our new front gate and fencing provide greater security and help us to further safeguard our children.



As you enter the school, you are now welcomed by a colourful and playful entrance, reflecting the joy of being in a primary school and the unique character of our school. A huge thank you to Andrea Pike, Chair of the PTFA, and Kimberley Day, Landscape Artist of the Year 2026, for creating such a warm and vibrant space.



Kimberley's beautiful hanging artwork captures so much of what makes our little corner of Purbeck special - the castle, birds, green hills, deer, music, light and landscape.



We have also been rethinking how we use our spaces. The library has moved, making way for new breakout teaching areas, The Cove and The Hide. Alongside The Lookout, The Nook and The Aviary, these spaces reflect our new bird-themed class names and add to the sense of identity and



belonging across the school.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has offered to volunteer. If you haven't yet heard from us, please do persevere or pop in for a chat. I always find that a tour of the school is the best way to experience its warmth, character and community for yourself.

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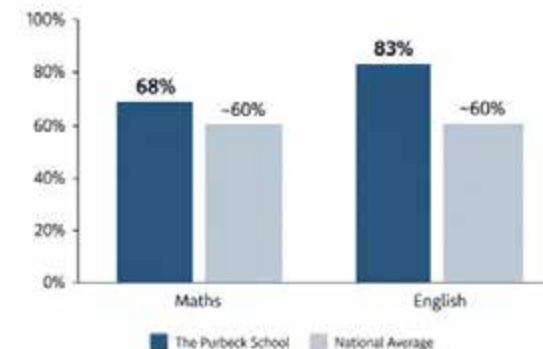
GOOD EXAM RESULTS AT THE PURBECK SCHOOL

Congratulations are due for students at The Purbeck School who took their exams this summer and to their teachers who helped them achieve it.

The GCSE results were the best ever and some of the best in Dorset. Comparing results over time is still affected by Covid as this group of young people did not sit for SATS.

However the school believes that on the pupil progress measure pupils outperformed expectations by over 0.6 of a grade. In simpler language some pupils will have got a grade 7 rather than a 6, a grade 5 rather than a 4.

The school outperformed the national averages with 68% getting a grade 4 or above (the national "pass" level) in both Maths and English with English doing particularly well (83%). The good results mean that more students have been offered a sixth form place.



The headline from the GCE A level results is that almost

every student who wanted one got their University place of choice. The results overall for most students were good but there were disappointing results for a small number of pupils which pulled down the headline average. The school is a great place to study A levels with excellent teaching, high levels of student participation and extra-curricular opportunities.

The school is fully subscribed for this September's entry of year 7s (11 year olds) and is fully staffed. After its outstanding Ofsted report last year and its good results the school attracts good candidates for every vacancy.

Cllr Steve Clarke Chairman of Governors

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Braised ox cheek, carrot, parsnip, vanilla, watercress.

Sage gnocchi, roasted garlic, squash, pecorino, pumpkin seeds.

Main

Brined & roasted turkey crown, cranberry & orange compote, sage & apple stuffing, pigs in blankets, turkey gravy.

Chicken supreme, pommes puree, leeks, wild mushrooms, cauliflower.

South coast cod, potato terrine, brown shrimp, fennel, miso beurre blanc.

Celeriac & artichoke cassoulet, braised white onion, pommes puree, kale.

Dessert

Dark chocolate tart, Dorset sea salt, chocolate brittle, crème fraîche.

Burnt apple parfait, poached pear, almonds, white chocolate.

Christmas pudding, brandy custard, sweet cranberry compote.

West Country cheeses, apple chutney, grapes, quince, sourdough crackers (supp £5)

Tea/Coffee & warm mince pie £4.50

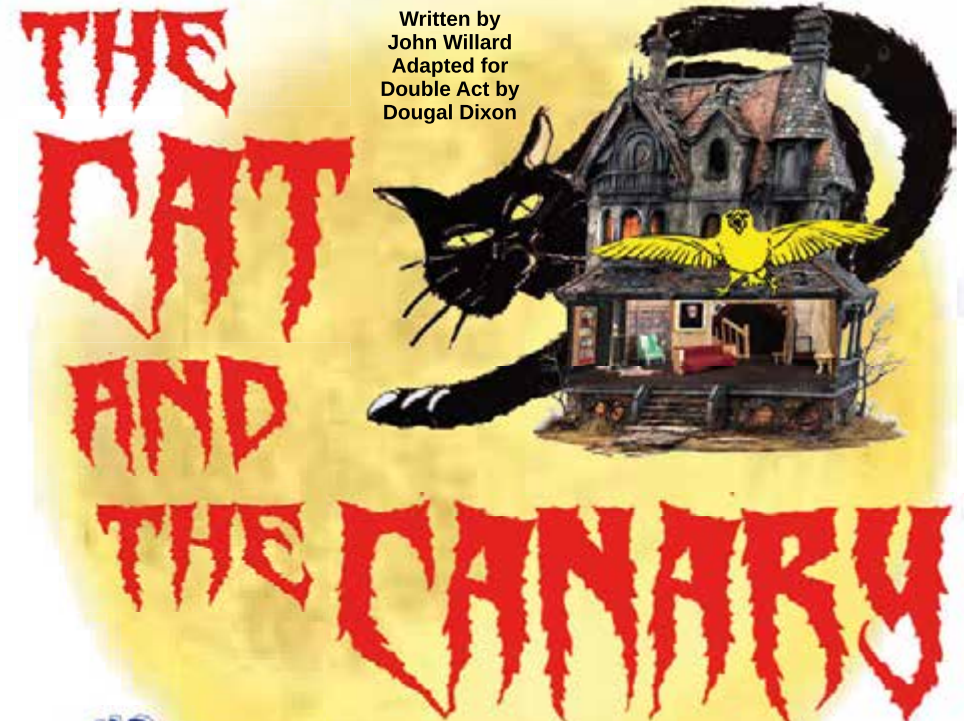
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We had a great September lunch having had a break during August. We didn't spend the gap recharging our batteries because we catered for the 'Evening of Eastern Promise' which raised £825 towards the Village Hall kitchen. In addition to that Soup 'n' Pud have bought nearly £500 worth of good quality kitchen equipment, to add to those we had already provided, for us and all other hirers to use. We hope that the kitchen will now be well used by lots of organisations with the utensils being useful and hopefully well looked after.

Once again autumn has proved a great time for excess fruit and veg and folk have been very generous with their donations. Our meal in September was almost entirely made up from these plus remaining sorbet and ice cream from our August evening event. The courgettes and some of the beetroot for the soups came from West St. allotments and the rest of the beetroot and plums for the crumble were given by people in East St. and Higher Filbank. We were also given some home grown black grapes which were lovely. We have just been gifted a lot of apples from another resident so they will no doubt be appearing in October's menu. We are very grateful to all donors from across the village. Such amazing Corfe community spirit. Please keep them coming! We are always very thankful for the help and support we get from our volunteers, without whom we would be unable to function and The Village Bakery for donating to us the bread rolls. We look forward to welcoming regulars and new folk alike on Saturday October 3rd.

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

Bat highway above Corfe Castle

Late summer and autumn are the seasons when hundreds of bats gather at Winspit, a nationally-important swarming site. During these swarming events, males and females travel from far afield to mate, helping to increase genetic diversity between colonies.



*Natterer's bat, National Trust
Images Chris Damant*

The swarming mainly takes place in the dead of night, and most people are unaware that countless bats are flying above their homes. Corfe Castle is one of the places where bats converge from all directions as they travel to the Purbeck coast from across the county.

We are very grateful to the Dorset Bat Group which monitors local bat populations in Purbeck (home to 15 of the UK's 17 breeding bat species).

Working under licence, volunteers carefully capture bats in specialist nets, record their size, weight and sex, and fit identification rings to their forearms before releasing them unharmed.

Safe travels, songbirds!

As well as bats, did you know that thousands of songbirds fly over Purbeck on autumn nights? Willow warblers, blackcaps, wheatears and whitethroats are on the move, migrating to Africa and southern Europe. They fly under the cover of darkness, taking advantage of cooler temperatures and avoiding daytime predators. Incredibly, they're thought to be guided by the stars and the Earth's magnetic field. Most of them are insect-eaters, so they leave the UK as their food supply dwindles. You might spot them in your garden by day, feasting before their long journey.



Willow warbler, Mark Singleton

Next time there's a calm, dry night, step outside and listen. You may hear their faint whistles and calls as they say goodbye...until next year.

Gorse: friend or foe?

Gorse clearance is currently underway on West and Middle Commons and is expected to continue until the end of the year.

Gorse is an important habitat for wildlife, and many people enjoy its bright yellow flowers and distinctive coconut scent. However, careful

management is needed to maintain a healthy balance of habitats across the landscape.

The work will help to:

- Open up grassland areas, allowing more light to reach the ground so wildflowers can thrive.
- Create a mix of younger and older scrub, providing valuable habitats for a wider range of birds, insects and mammals.
- Reduce wildfire risk in the drier months by creating firebreaks. Gorse is highly flammable, especially when it gets old and leggy.
- Improve public access by preventing paths and tracks from becoming overgrown.

The programme is being carried out by both our in-house team and specialist contractors. Most of the work involves mowing and flailing vegetation. Where burning is necessary, this will be carefully managed to minimise any impact on local residents. Find out more here: [Gorse - the burning question | National Trust](#)



Gorse, Cathy Lewis

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Meet Sybil, my rather unconventional wild "pet". She is a sika deer who regularly appears outside the house, sometimes alone, sometimes accompanied by what seems like half the deer population of Purbeck. She has become sufficiently confident to come remarkably close, especially when a carrot happens to be involved.

For anyone living around, sika deer are now very much part of the landscape. Yet they are not native to Britain. Sika originate in East Asia and were brought to Brownsea Island in the late nineteenth century. Unfortunately for the plan to keep them there, nobody seems to have reckoned on what excellent swimmers they are. Deer escaped or crossed to the mainland and established themselves across Purbeck; further animals are said to have escaped Brownsea following the great fire of 1934.

It is difficult not to love them. In summer their reddish coats are beautifully spotted, and seeing a herd emerge silently from the trees at dusk and their cute white heart-shaped bottoms are those little bits of magic that makes living in Purbeck special.



Autumn changes things. Just about now, the loose bachelor groups that have grazed together all summer start to break up. The rut is underway, and the stags let everyone know it with a thin, rising-and-falling whistle that carries a surprising distance across open heath, especially at dawn or in the last light of the day. A dominant stag will hold a stand and gather hinds around him, patrolling constantly and whistling to see off any rival that gets too close; when one doesn't take the hint, the pair size each other up before locking antlers and shoving until one backs down. It's one of the best free

spectacles Purbeck has to offer, but it's worth watching from a respectful distance, a rutting stag is running on nerves and hormones, not the easy manners of the one taking carrots from your hand in June.

By November the rut is largely over, and the exhausted stags are more interested in feeding than fighting. Through winter you will notice a real change: the smart, spotted summer coat gives way to something greyer, shaggier and altogether duller, the spots fade almost to nothing, and stags develop a slight mane of longer hair around the neck and throat. It is also a good time to see bigger, mixed groups again, since the strict segregation of the rut relaxes once mating is done and everyone goes back to feeding together on the heath.

But beautiful does not necessarily mean harmless.

Purbeck has exceptionally important woodland, heathland and wetland habitats, and large deer populations can browse young trees and shrubs faster than they regenerate. They can also damage crops and woodland. Long-running research and grazing-management work across the Purbeck Heaths, involving Bournemouth University, the RSPB, National Trust and Natural England, has specifically targeted sika deer impacts as part of protecting these habitats, while national evidence shows excessive deer browsing is now affecting a significant share of England's woodlands.

They are introduced animals whose numbers have to be managed, yet after more than a century they have also become an unmistakable part of Purbeck.

And then there is Sybil.

She may be capable of turning a garden into an all-you-can-eat buffet, but when she appears at the window with this cute little face and enquiring expression, it becomes remarkably difficult to remember that she is technically one of Purbeck's pests.



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Widow Loder's rental property lay on the east side of West Street by the churchyard (probably where the double chimneys are shown). By 1668 it was rented out on the life of Martha, the wife of Thomas Summers of Studland and others. In 1743 it had been divided into two. It was demolished in 1859.

This was not the only property that was demolished in 1859 as the whole row of cottages from the old Post Office up to the Town Hall in West Street were pulled down, along with a property by the entrance to the church from The Square, a property where the council houses now stand in West Street and a stable on East Street where the school playground is situated. One property fell down roughly where the entrance to Halves Cottages is and is now part of the widened A351.

In October 1762, the Mayor and Barons decided to lease all 26 of the town's rental property in Corfe to John J'Anson (the uncle of Sir John Bankses J'Anson who inherited the baronetcy in 1799 when Sir John died) in trust for

the use of Henry Bankses, who was 5 years old at the time, and his heirs. Essentially, this was a little trust fund for Henry as he received the yearly rents then amounting to £5 2s. 10d. (worth about £527 today). J'Anson agreed that an annuity of £14 would be paid annually in perpetuity by the Bankses Estate to the Borough (worth over £1,400 today). When the Bankses Estate passed to the National Trust in 1982, the annual payment of £14 continued and is now paid to The Corfe Castle Town Trust which took over the borough's assets in 1889.

Not all the original payments to the mayor are noted as a payment of 6d. was made towards the building of a water weir close to Red Lane and the infilled porch of no. 64, East Street, which sticks out onto the pavement is not listed in the 1762 deed either.

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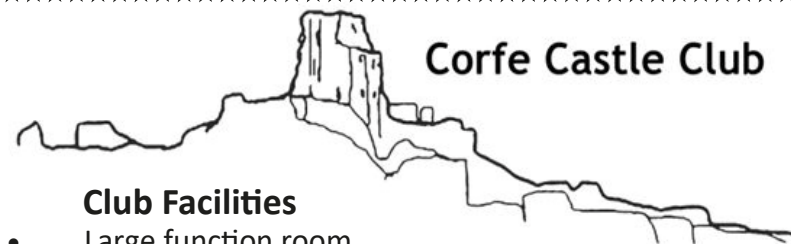
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News from the Library October 2026

Have you seen the splendid display of tall strong sunflowers at the front of the library? Volunteer Barry has done a splendid job of nurturing them since the seeds were planted earlier in the year at one of our children's holiday workshops. Helping to maintain the garden is one of the jobs done by volunteers. If you think you would like to join in, there are many things you can do to assist in the running of the library. It is a good way to meet people if perhaps you have just moved to the village. It only has to be for a few hours per month and it is fun.

The committee has received a suggestion for a 'listening book club'. Library members would come in for a hot drink and sit to listen to an audio book provided by the library service. Conversation and discussion about the story can follow... another good way to come and meet old and new friends. If anyone is inspired to be the volunteer to set the ball rolling on this idea, or any other role, please do get in touch.

On **Thursday 29th October at 2pm**, our talk will be given by local historian, Louise Hayward. **'Powered by Water ... and a Horse'** will transport you back in time to when the mills were an important part of life and the landscape in and around the village. Our talks are free but donations are welcomed and used to support the continuation of the library.

Half-term is coming up this month. Please visit the library with your children to choose some new books to read in the holiday. If you have visiting grandchildren to stay, you are welcome to bring them in to borrow books on your adult card for a period of two weeks.

We look forward to seeing you!

Opening hours: Monday 3-5pm; Wednesday 10-12 noon and 3-5pm; Friday 3-5pm; Saturday 10-12 noon

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

The September coffee morning raised £170.50 for VH funds. Many thanks to all our volunteers who work tirelessly to set the room up. Those attending value the chance to chat with fellow villagers - but we could do with a few more regulars.... "use it or lose it"!

The September 100 club draw took place at the coffee morning. The first prize of £20 was won by member 80, with member 8 getting second prize £10 and member 45 winning the third prize £5. If you would like to join the many villagers who support their local village hall in this way contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

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Wednesday mornings	Corfe Crafters
Wednesday mornings	Pilates
Wednesday afternoons	U3A Pickleball
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Wednesday evenings	Purbeck Dance
Thursday mornings	Silver Swans adult ballet
Thursday mornings	Surgery Keep Fit
Thursday afternoons	Purbeck Dance
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

Soup 'n Pud

The VH Trustees wish to recognise the great support for our community shown by the Soup 'n Pud team. In addition to the splendid sum of £825 raised at the recent Eastern Promise fund-raiser evening, Soup 'n Pud have also spent nearly £500 on frying pans, knives, chopping boards, trays and storage boxes.

If you do not usually come to the VH coffee morning and / or the Soup 'n Pud lunch on the first Saturday morning each month, why not give it a try? It is a good way to maintain links with friends and neighbours, and to celebrate our strength as a community.

Date for your Diary

On Saturday 28th November we have another of Baz's amazing VH Quiz Nights. Watch out for an advert in the November CVN and think about putting a team together!

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

Local housing needs survey reveals urgent need for affordable rented housing in the Purbeck Valley

The results of a local Housing Needs Survey have revealed the urgent need for affordable rented housing in the Purbeck Valley.

Undertaken by Dorset Council in collaboration with Corfe Castle Community Land Trust (CLT), Corfe Castle Parish Council and Worth Matravers Parish Council during June and July 2026, the survey sought to understand the scale of housing need in both parishes and also the level of support in the community for affordable housing.

Housing register figures and the findings of the housing needs survey* show that 97 households with a local connection to Corfe Castle or Worth Matravers are in need of housing. Of those, 73 households with local connection have specifically identified the need for affordable rented housing.

The survey was carried out in support of the CLT's proposed development at Tabbits Hill Lane, Harmans Cross where it is intended (subject to planning permission) to build up to 25 affordable rented homes. This project is in partnership between the CLT, Corfe Castle Charity, which owns the site and local housing association Aster Group, the registered provider that would oversee delivery and manage the homes. Aster is also the UK's leading housing association provider of CLT partnerships.

Commenting on the findings, Colin Fuller, CLT Chair, said: "We knew the numbers were high from conversations we've had with the community, however, we've been taken aback by the scale of need highlighted by the survey.

"The need has been clearly evidenced and the CLT will now move forward with its plans for the creation of much needed affordable rented housing in the Purbeck Valley. We are losing families from our community, talented people who bring so much value, and we want to stop this unnecessary exodus due to affordability issues for those who prefer to stay."

The results confirm that 296* people participated in the survey, one of the highest levels of participation reported in Dorset. 52% either 'strongly support'

or 'somewhat support' the project whilst 43% 'somewhat oppose' or 'strongly oppose' the scheme.

Colin added: "We are delighted that the community actively participated in the survey and so many people chose to share their views. Given the scale of housing need identified through the survey, we would encourage those who are undecided, neutral, or opposed to the project to take a closer look at the evidence and engage with us as our plans develop.

"We would like to thank those that are behind the project and support the CLT objectives. As a community we will get much more out of the project if we have constructive dialogue and build this project together.

"We want to do the best for our community and would encourage those who have questions to raise them either directly through the CLT email address or via their parish councillor's. We appreciate any new housing project comes with challenges especially within rural communities; however, we can also work together to build assets that will be retained in perpetuity."

The CLT can be contacted at: corfecastlecommunitylandtrust@gmail.com and further information about the Tabbits Hill Lane project can be found at the following website: <https://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk/corfe-castle-community-land-trust/>.

*All figures provided by courtesy of Dorset Council, September 2026.



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Harmans Cross Challenges Unsustainable Siting of Homes

There is clearly a desire for lower-cost housing in Purbeck. However, surveys are only the start of assessing need, and not everyone hoping for affordable or social housing would qualify for it.

Surveys are also susceptible to multiple and self-selecting responses that can distort the statistics. The true size of the need is therefore uncertain, but Dorset Council's housing register is arguably a reliable guide. Whatever the need, housing should be built where there is both a need and infrastructure to support it.

In 2021, Corfe Castle Community Land Trust Ltd. (CCCLT) and Aster Group made a planning application for affordable housing in Corfe Castle. A trustee of the Corfe Castle Charity wrote at the time, "We support the application because we want to ensure local people can stay in the village to send their children to school here and work in local businesses. This will keep the village vibrant. We do not want the village to become a ghost village of second homes and holiday lets." This application matched local needs and objectives with local infrastructure, but was withdrawn before a planning decision. The landowner is still willing to revisit this proposal, but CCCLT has so far rejected the option.

By contrast, CCCLT has a new proposal in Tabbits Hill Lane, just outside Harmans Cross, for up to 25 houses for social rent. This is not close to the bulk of the need (Corfe Castle is over two miles away) and there is no infrastructure to warrant a 15% increase in the size of a small rural village to accommodate it. Nor would this site fulfil most of the objectives for Corfe Castle quoted above. The only justification for the location seems to be the fortuitous ownership of the land by Corfe Castle Charity.

The green-field site is also within the Dorset National Landscape. It is a privilege to live there and we have a duty to look after it for residents and visitors alike. The Corfe Valley between Swanage and Corfe Castle is already under pressure from developments, and a sizeable housing estate next to Harmans Cross would only add to it. Housing close to Swanage, Wareham or Corfe Castle, where most of the need lies, would be much less damaging and more sustainable.

Sue Hine, spokesperson for Harmans Cross Residents, said, "Good planning means the right development in the right place, and CCCLT's new proposal is not. We call on CCCLT and the Corfe Castle Charity to reconsider the aims and consequences of their plans and to find a sustainable solution to Corfe Castle's needs."

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Rowan Atkinson to headline Purbeck Film Festival's 30th anniversary autumn season

Rowan Atkinson will join Purbeck Film Festival in person this autumn for a Jacques Tati day at the Mowlem theatre, Swanage, honouring a filmmaker who shaped his own comic sensibility - one of the standout events in a season marking thirty years of the UK's longest-running rural film festival.

Founded in 1996 to mark cinema's centenary, the Festival has grown from a modest first year - 1,700 visitors across 21 screenings - into a charity with genuine national reach. Early seasons featured directors Stephen Frears and Asif Kapadia, Julian Fellowes on *Gosford Park*, and cinematographers Jack Cardiff and Ossie Morris. In 2009, the Purbeck Film Charitable Trust brought the Festival and Rex Cinema together, a partnership lasting until 2021. Dame Maggie Smith's 2015 visit remains a high point, and patrons Sir Mark Rylance and Sir Sam Mendes continue a legacy built on rural roots and quiet ambition.

Reflecting on the milestone, Rylance called the anniversary "quite remarkable", adding that small festivals like Purbeck are a "godsend for filmmakers" that help nurture the human heart of cinema.

Purbeck's distinctiveness lies in its venues: Corfe Castle, village halls, secret gardens, restaurants and stately homes stand in for conventional cinemas. As one attendee put it: "The variety of venues appeals greatly to me, and I am seeing films which I would probably not see at a traditional cinema."

Beyond the Atkinson event, this year's anniversary programme includes exclusive previews, Cannes prize-winners and UK premieres alongside the documentaries and local stories that have long defined the Festival. BAFTA-nominated director Philippa Lowthorpe presents her adaptation *H Is for Hawk*, starring Claire Foy, at St Mary's Church, Swanage. The Etches Collection, Kimmeridge, hosts a Family Gala screening of *Jurassic Park* alongside 'Big



Sara', the museum's Allosaurus, with free tubs of Purbeck Ice Cream 'Diggasaurus'.

Claire Burns, Festival Director, said:

"This festival has always belonged to the communities of Purbeck and the audiences who travel from across the country to be part of something truly special.

"What started thirty years ago as a bold idea for rural cinema has grown into something we're incredibly proud of."

The Autumn Festival runs from Friday 16 October to Sunday 1 November 2026, with screenings across Purbeck, Poole, Bournemouth and beyond. Full details at www.purbeckfilm.com

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News from The Castle

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Saturday 3rd October is our German BBQ!

The 1st weekend of October, we are hosting our German BBQ. With authentic German sausages & beer, let's get in the Oktoberfest groove. You'll find our BBQ in the garden, hosted by the wonderful Mike in full Oktoberfest costume, with fantastic flavours and outstanding beer on offer. We look forward to seeing you there!

Saturday 17th October is Tapas Night!

One of our favourite nights of the year has returned! In true Castle Inn style, the pub and the staff will be dressed up in Spanish décor, the sangria flowing and the menu offering delicious, authentic Spanish cuisine. As always, get your table booked for this fantastic evening.

Saturday 31st October is our Halloween Party!

Get ready for a spooktacular evening with us at The Castle Inn. We are offering a family friendly Halloween party between 3:30pm and 5:00pm, before we head out for some trick or treating! Keep an eye on our socials for further information!

From the team at The Castle Inn, wishing you all a spooktacular October.

CORFE VALLEY NEWS

1. October	Thursday	7.45 pm	Village Hall, Corfe Castle
2. October	Friday	7.30 pm	St Peters Church Knowle
3. October	Saturday	10.15 am	Corfe Castle Village Hall
3. October	Saturday	1 – 5 pm	Kingston Church
3. October	Saturday	7.30 pm	Corfe Castle Village Hall
3. October	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Corfe Castle Village Hall
4. October	Sunday	9 am	Smedmore Estate, Kimmeridge Nr Corfe Castle
12. October	Monday	7.00 pm	Corfe Castle Village Hall
13. October	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Furzebrook Village Hall
16. October - 1 November			
17. October	Saturday	4.30 pm	Kimmeridge Village Hall
23. October	Friday	7.30 pm	Kimmeridge Village Hall
29. October	Thursday	2 pm	Corfe Castle Community Library

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

5. November	Thursday	7.45 pm	Village Hall, Corfe Castle
6. November	Friday	7.30 pm	Harmans Cross Village Hall
9. November	Monday		
10. November	Tuesday		
18. - 20. November		7.30 pm	Corfe Castle Village Hall
21. November	Saturday	5 pm	Corfe Castle Village Hall

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2026

Gardening Club meeting with Joy Michaud
Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman Folk Duo
Village Coffee Morning
Kingston Food Festival
Tales of an unruly audience
Soup n' pud Community lunch
Wareham & Purbeck Vintage Ploughing Committee 50th Annual Ploughing Match
Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting
Church Knowle Parish Council
30th Purbeck Film Festival
Purbeck Film Festival's, Jurassic Park
Kimmeridge Keilidh
'Powered by Water ... and a Horse' Talk by Louise Hayward

More Useful Phone Numbers

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For Kingston contact the Parish Administrator

admin@staldhelm-purbeck.org **01929 427822**

For Corfe and the Valley Churches please contact Lynette McCallum
lynettereas21@yahoo.co.uk

www.staldhempurbeck.wordpress.com

Church Wardens in the Valley Churches

Corfe Castle: Penelope Smith 480109 Jeremy McCallum 480389

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

Revd Louise writes,

I don't know about you, but I was really quite happy when the end of August arrived, and with it the cooler days and nights, with even some rain to keep the garden happy and turn the grass back to being green. This year I have experienced for the first time the relief when the busyness of summer is over, and life returns to more normal routines: school term has started, bus timetables revert to being less frequent, less visitors to crowd the pavements and beat me to the last croissant! We have been here for two years at the end of September, and I feel like I am beginning to understand a bit more the rhythms of life in Corfe, and the busyness of summer.

Each place where we have lived has had its own unique character and with that, aspects which are trying and some which are truly delightful. In Hull, we learnt to love the open, friendly, down to earth way that the locals related to us. And we loved the Docks area with the quirky local businesses and cafes. But the smells that were continually around from the drains and the chemical factories were less enjoyable!

Here, we are amazed and grateful to be living in a place which is so breathtakingly beautiful, where we feel so in touch with the natural world, and where the local people are amazingly friendly and caring for one another. The busy months of summer are a challenge at times, but I remind myself that it is a cost worth paying to live in such a place, and others should experience and enjoy it too.

As people, we have tremendous gifts to share with one another, as well as more trying aspects to our natures. I love the verse in Psalm 139 which says "I praise you Lord for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." In what ways can we see the gifts, and the wonderful aspects of the person that God has made us to be? Yes there are trying aspects to all of us, but the gifts which are also in us we are encouraged to celebrate, and to share with others to bless and enrich their lives.

Services in October 2026

Sunday 4th October

Corfe Castle – 10.30am

Holy Communion

Sunday 11th October

Steeple – 9.30am

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am

Kingston – 10.30 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion

Informal worship

Sunday 18th October

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am

All age Harvest Service and
Brunch

Harmans Cross 6 pm

Evening Worship

Sunday 25th October

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 – October 2026

Sunday 4th October

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday 11th October

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday 18th October

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

Special Harvest Readings

Sunday 25th October

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46



We are decorating the church for the Harvest Festival on Saturday 17th October in the morning. We would welcome any who care to join us. Coffee and biscuits as bribery will be available. If anybody has greenery or flowers they would like to donate, please bring it along that morning or leave in a bucket of water in the kitchen the previous day

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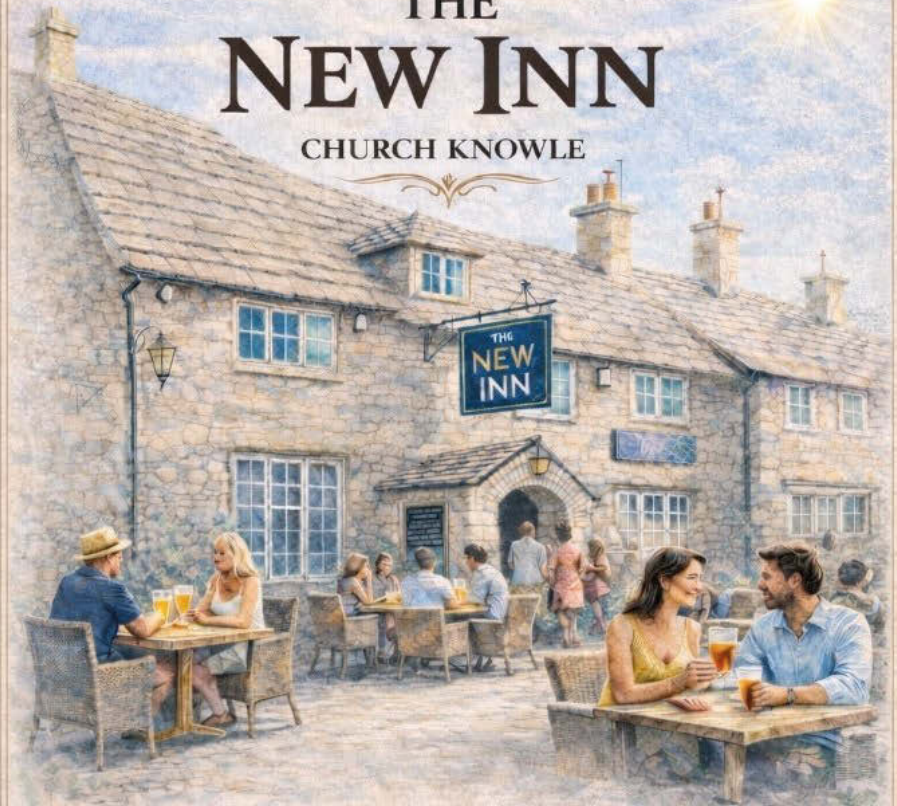
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Wish us luck!

Christmas Celebrations

We've got a festive season packed with something for everyone this year! Join us for our Dorset Food Festival on 28th November, an 80's & 90's Christmas Evening with a three-course meal and DJ on Friday 4th December, Boots & Baubles line dancing on Saturday 5th December, and a Christmas Comedy Night on Friday 11th December.

Whether you're planning a Christmas party or simply looking for a fun festive night out, there's plenty to enjoy at Kingston!

Sawmill Restaurant

Come and join us to dine in the Sawmill restaurant for our local's lunch (Monday-Thursday). Enjoy 3 Course's for £15 or 3 for £20 .

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

Well, we got our wish, and our gardens have sprung into bloom again. The grass is green and, although there are some sad losses, there are some stalwart survivors and surprises. It has been lovely to see the wonderful Humming Bird Hawk Moths and other butterflies and moths feasting on the salvias and verbenas. We looked round some of our member's gardens in September and it was extremely useful to be able to swap information about what has succeeded and what has not over the challenging summer. Thank you to everyone who opened their gardens. Thank you also to Lucy for hosting us in her wonderful, productive garden in the evening.

On 3rd September Steve Candy gave an interesting talk on the restoration and development of the Japanese garden at Kingston Lacy. There were no plans to be found in the archives but photographs helped to guide the restorers as did traditional Japanese garden themes. Steve explained that there is far more than the tea garden as the Japanese garden includes the cherry blossom tree area, the acer plantation and the quarry garden with various seating spots for quiet contemplation. We will be able to look at the garden with new eyes when we visit next.

1st. October Sadly our planned speaker, Helen Hutchins Cox, can't make this date after all but we do have a replacement, Joy Michaud, who is an expert in growing vegetables. She won a gold at Chelsea this year for growing veg in containers and it should be an extremely useful talk.

5th. November we have Simon Goldsack from Holme for Gardens on Garden Design. We are looking forward to seeing you.

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 805210 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

Free digital advice sessions in Swanage

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with. jhmgreaves@yahoo.co.uk.

Purbeck Youth Music News.

The Purbeck Youth Trad Folk Collective has had a summer of exciting performances.

After the very successful end of year concert at Emmanuel Baptist Church they made an appearance at the Purbeck Valley Folk Festival in August and then had a guest slot in the Chamber Music Festival's Family Concert in the Studio at the Mowlem where they were joined by the extraordinary Irish violinist Aoife Ni Bhriain in a hectic rendition of Kerfunken, Lisnagun and The Finnish.

The last of the events was the Swanage Folk Festival on Saturday 12th September when the full complement of the Trad Folk group joined with Voicewaves singers to perform on the main stage.

Music directors Matt Tarling and Rebecca Field Bunney urged the enthusiastic audience to join in some of the more energetic songs which created a joyful noise in the main marquee. Dancing was also encouraged! This collaboration is to continue with the development of the Funk Folk Fusion project going forward.

Purbeck Youth Music is grateful to the Swanage Folk Festival for their support of the Trad Folk Collective and also for the ongoing work with Voicewaves to develop the Funk Folk Fusion project.

This group grows from strength to strength as it expands and gather new members. We'll keep you posted!



Corfe Crafters

Wednesday 9.00am to 12 midday

Contact Cheryl - 07745242511



The Churchfitters

Folk trio, The Churchfitters, are set to return to Harmans Cross Village Hall by popular demand.

The Churchfitters are a folk band like no other, with a double bass made out of



The church fitters - left to right Chris Short Rosie Short Boris Lebet. Note Boris's Instrument made out of car hubcaps.

a saucepan and heart-wrenching vocals accompanied by a musical saw or a glass harp. They play infectious funk-rock rhythms and traditional tunes reinvigorated with mesmerising jazz sax.

The band is made up of Rosie and Chris Short and Boris Lebet who comes from Lannion in France.

Boris hates to play a regular instrument when he can cobble together a better one out of scrap metal!

Their previous concerts at the Harmans Cross Village Hall have

been sell outs and they will be returning again on Friday November 6, starting at 7.30pm. There is a special 'early bird' ticket offer of £16 per ticket available from when they go on sale at 9am on Tuesday September 1, with the price from October 1 then being £17.50. Tickets can only be booked via the hall's website at <https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Special-Events/Seating> is unreserved and there is a licenced bar and car parking available. Proceeds from the concert go to the hall's funds.

Bob Bunyar

Concert Organiser 01929 289209

Wareham & Purbeck Vintage Ploughing Committee 50th Annual Ploughing Match

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Look forward to seeing you there

Corfe Castle Community Land Trust

Purbeck is a beautiful place to live and both Corfe Castle and Harmans Cross have many facilities to make them desirable. Unfortunately the population is aging and the housing stock is becoming very expensive. Both of these problems are largely caused by us, the 'incomers' of whom very few are of working age. This is resulting in a shortage of people to service the facilities and trades that we need (surgery, carers and school especially).

The Corfe Castle Charities have 31 properties, houses and flats, which are run as affordable housing for people with connections to the area. These are vetted by the Charity and are provided to people who live in, or have family connections to the Parish. I have been fortunate enough to live in Corfe Castle since 2000 and am not aware of any problems that have been caused by the tenants.

The proposed CLT housing project at Tabbits Hill will also be for locally connected people (Corfe Castle and Worth Matravers Parishes). I feel that we, who have contributed very little to the upkeep of the area that we enjoy so much, should at least do what we can to enable the families of those who have maintained it over generations, to remain in the area. Without affordable housing I fear we will lose families who are deeply connected to Purbeck who add so much value by their presence in the area. With Tabbits Hill Lane being the only viable option available at the moment, I encourage the community to get behind this much needed project.

Tessa Somerville

DRAW PURBECK

Draw Purbeck Places — CVN Local Drawing Competition
We're inviting local artists of all ages and abilities to pick up their pencil, charcoal, or pen and capture the spirit of Purbeck in black and white.

The CVN is a long-standing admirer of P R Gross, whose drawings frequently appear on the cover and would like to find more talent amongst its readership.



THE BRIEF

Black and white drawings only!

Places — landscapes, coastline, countryside, or buildings (nature, built, or both)

WHY ENTER

Shortlisted entries will be published in the Corfe Valley News, with the very best in the running to feature as a future cover image.

Depending on interest, we may host a small exhibition for up-and-coming local artists. Is it you?

HOW TO ENTER

- Deadline: 15. December 2026
- Submit by email to corfevalleynews@gmail.com
- Subject "DRAW PURBECK PLACES"
- Format: Jpg or pdf - original available upon request
- Include your name, a short bio, inspiration and what the drawing is showing
- Eligibility: Open to all artists living in or connected to Purbeck
- A selection will be published in the January edition

We are looking forward to your submissions!
Stephen and Maria

Chapel On The Green

Here Comes the Rain

For several months, our church had been praying for our village. We were praying for the people who live here, for our community, and especially for those who have never accepted Jesus.

One Tuesday morning, we gathered together to pray. During the morning, John felt led to read from Deuteronomy 11, where God speaks about sending rain upon the land. As he finished reading the passage, something remarkable happened—the rain began to fall.

Of course, rain is a natural part of life. There is nothing unusual about rain falling in England! We cannot prove that God sent that particular shower because we had been praying.

But for us, the timing was deeply significant.

After months of praying for spiritual refreshment and new life in our village, we were reminded of the Bible's picture of rain bringing life to dry ground. It made us stop and think: **could God be reminding us that He hears our prayers?**

The Bible often uses rain as a picture of something greater. Just as rain falls on dry ground and brings life, God offers to bring spiritual life and refreshment to people who may feel empty, tired or far from Him.

Jesus said, **“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.”** (John 7:37)

Perhaps you are not a Christian. Perhaps you have never seriously considered whether God is real. You may even be sceptical about stories like this—and that is understandable.

But perhaps the rain can simply be an invitation to pause and ask a question:

“Is God trying to get my attention?”

You don't have to have all the answers. You don't even have to begin with certainty. You can simply talk to God, honestly and privately, and ask Him to make Himself known to you.

Sometimes a drop of rain is just a drop of rain.

But sometimes, it can remind us that there may be far more to life than we can see.

If anyone would like to hear a very good and inspiring Sermon that followed this memorable moment in the church garden, you will find it on

YouTube CCCoG, 9TH August 2026 titled “Here Comes the Rain” Speaker:
- John Hooper. This sermon is a clear, biblical message that connects Scripture to daily life and inspires spiritual growth and well worth listening to...

OCTOBER SERVICES
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The Rambling Gardener

October is a lovely month. Everything is beautiful. The leaves are falling on all the deciduous trees and shrubs, many of them turn yellow and red before falling. They still look lovely on the ground until the wind blows them into heaps where they can be left, unless they are covering up small winter flowering plants like cyclamen or autumn flowering crocus or any other small plants that will be coming up before the winter is finished. Other leaves need clearing and putting in heap to make beautiful leaf compost, also they can be put in bin bags with lots of holes to rot. Then this can be used for any plants that need acid soil for next year's potting up and it can be used for all plants that need acid soil, like rhododendrons.

This year is particularly interesting as we have had it dry for so long that many plants seem to be dying, but with rain they will regrow maybe just from the ground so they will be smaller if we have a wet season next year! Hopefully they will get bigger again or be happy as a small plant using less water, or a good time to source what has done well and replant.

We do know that plants know how to look after themselves; all gardeners need to do is to try to understand what they want and not change them. Only cutting out things that are not coping or not suitable for a particular area.

Buy more water butts, if you don't have enough storage to collect during heavy rainstorms. Distribute the saved water slowly on the ground so as to get water into the subsoil, even if rain is due. This saves the water going into the sea and possibly flooding on the way. Often flooding takes harmful chemicals, artificial fertilizers and human waste to the sea. The non-organic people have harmed and changed our land and soils, so we must look after the sea, a huge resource for food and planet wellbeing.

After having some rain we will realize which plants have actually died with the dry time and which have just lost leaves to avoid dying in the drought. Don't replant the same plants again because the weather is changing and we will have to learn and adapt for the future.

Take cuttings of anything you like that is doing well, then you will have more plants to keep or give away for Christmas presents.

October is a good month to order bare rooted plants that you wish to try. I would like to get a yellow species rose that is meant to be as tough as a bramble! I also want a hydrangea that is short and its faded flowers look pretty all winter. Both only need cutting back once a year, so an easy job for me. I still keep looking for easy small shrubs that do well in hot, dry and windy weather. There are so many plants I have never heard about but they may be just the plants for the future.

If you find canker on any of your trees take a sharp knife and cut just around any of the dead wood until you get to slightly green. Then cut out as much of the deadwood as you can and over the next year the green bit will grow over. I had an apple tree with canker all round the trunk and within a year the whole thing was healed and is now giving me lots of apples. My garden is sheltered from north and east winds but sometimes we get gales from the south-west. It has changed and now is more often from the north-west which the plants and trees find hard. I am getting in expensive tree surgeons most years as it is my responsibility to keep my trees from being blown down over the road that runs just south of my garden. I planted the trees and I must look after them. So remember that you are responsible for all the things that grow in your garden and it's up to you to see they don't do any damage. Trees can have a really good hair cut to keep them more stable.

Things to do: plant garlic and hardy onions, black radish, and Minowase radish, (it is the long white radish the Japanese eat all winter), Brussels sprouts try inside and out unless you have them already growing. Sow sprouting seeds in the house, for use in salads.

Try to eliminate wasp nests, there are always more. I have 3 known ones. The powder is stronger than foam, but be very careful as it is very poisonous for cats/dogs and aquatic life, or get an expert in. Wasps also kill bees. The new queens overwinter in a sheltered area. So if ever find an extra large wasp in the spring, kill it, it could save bees and less chance of stings.

Happy gardening from Rachel. Any questions please contact me.
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Kimmeridge News



As part of the **Purbeck Film Festival's 30th Season**, Jurassic Park is being shown at The Etches Collection on Saturday 17th October. This will be a unique experience with the chance to **watch this exciting film surrounded by real fossils from the Jurassic!** The doors open at 4pm with a chance to see some of the amazing

specimens before the film starts at about 4:30 and enjoy a free delicious Dig-A-Saurus ice cream as part of the Family Gala. Light refreshments & drinks will also be available from the Kimmeridge Village Committee. Tickets are available to book now at:

<https://purbeckfilm.com/product/jurassic-park-the-etches-collection-museum/>

Kimmeridge Keilidh – Friday 23rd October

Our next Kimmeridge Keilidh (Barn Dance!) is on 23rd October at 7:30pm in the Village Hall at The Etches Collection. Music from Arish Mel & caller Jane Wilkins. 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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Update from Margaret Green Animal Rescue, Church Knowle

Joanna Tiffin, CEO

Margaret Green Animal Rescue has been caring for animals, and the people who love them, since the charity was founded at our Church Knowle home over 60 years ago.



Joanna and Cookie

We are excited to be launching our new five-year strategy which sets out how we can continue to offer the best possible care for a wide range of domestic and farm animals, while adapting to the changing needs of modern animal welfare.

As part of this, we are keen to undertake various improvements at our Church Knowle Rescue &

Rehoming Centre. New fencing is currently being erected, and we plan to reopen The Chase, a grazing area for horses and farm animals at the southernmost edge of our site.

We are also proposing to build 16 kennels that will be designed to provide calm, low stress environments for rescue dogs, giving them the space and care they need to rehabilitate and find loving homes more quickly. The proposed location is away from the village, on the western edge of our site.

Building the new kennels will be dependent on us successfully raising funds and securing planning permission.

We recognise that developments at our Church Knowle Rescue & Rehoming Centre matter to the local community and we want our neighbours to be part of our conversations and our future.

In September I attended Church Knowle Parish Council meeting to share an overview of our plans and we hand delivered a letter to all residents in the village, offering them the opportunity to attend a drop-in event and find out more about our proposals. If you would like to attend a drop-in event please check our website for future dates.

Once we have finalised our plans and submitted our application, we will also attend the subsequent Parish Council meeting, to give a further opportunity to ask us any planning related questions.

More information about our strategy is also available on our website www.mgar.org.uk. Please do feel free to email me directly on ceo@mgar.org.uk if you have any feedback or questions.



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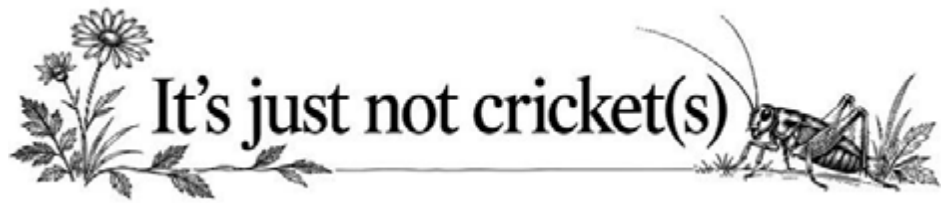
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I have not added a new species of bird to my garden list since 2023. The last addition was a white-tailed sea eagle (No. 93). I will have to spend a lot more time in the garden with “*eyes to the skies*” to make it to 100 bird species.

In contrast, when I look down instead of up, I don’t have to wait long to see some invertebrate that I have not noticed before. I confess to being quite selective when it comes to trying to identify bugs and beasties. They have to exceed a minimum size threshold and have at least one distinguishing feature. Even so, this year, I have seen quite a few new species.

In June I spotted an unusual looking cricket with bright yellow spots and “U” shaped mark on its sides. This was a Roesel’s bush cricket. This used to be a species of saltmarshes in south-east England but it has been spreading inland and north and west. But it’s not just crickets that I have found this year.



While clearing out the greenhouse in the spring I found an ex-beetle with a little horn on top of its head - a type of scarab beetle. It has no English name but has the grand sounding scientific name of *Onthophagus coenobita*. The first name translates as dung-eater. It must have come in with the manure for the tomato plants. The second name translates as “member of a religious group living together in a monastic community”. Don’t ask me!

In early summer I spotted a bee behaving strangely at the flowerheads of the lambs-ears. This was a male wool carder bee chasing off rival males and soliciting (by unceremoniously crashing into) any female that chanced by. Sitting with a cup of coffee one morning I noticed a brightly striped black and yellow wasp land on the soil. This was not a “picnic” wasp. It was carrying something which it put down and promptly began to uncover a tunnel down which it disappeared before turning round and dragging the unfortunate victim underground. This was a solitary-nesting digger wasp – this species specialising

in preying upon leaf hoppers. Even more gruesome was a spider-killing wasp which I caught in the act of biting the legs off a paralysed spider. It then dragged its victim across the lawn before disappearing into the flower borders to take its prey below ground to its nest. It’s hard to feel sorry for a spider. It’s easier to feel sorry for a honeybee, especially one that’s just been ambushed amongst the flowers by a beewolf – another species of predatory wasp which I noticed for the first time this summer. Another brightly striped black and yellow beastie (it’s a common colour combo) looked very wasp-like until closer inspection revealed it to be a beetle – a wasp beetle - perfectly harmless but mimicking the colouration of wasps as a form of self-defence.

I added one new species of butterfly to my garden list this summer – a small skipper - feeding on the lavender flowers alongside other butterflies - two painted ladies and a wall brown and numerous as yet unidentified bees.

I once told a friend that I feel guilty about detaining bees for a while to identify them because they always seem so busy. He replied that sometimes, like the beewolf, you have to detain them indefinitely! I never go that far. One bee I managed to identify quickly was an early mining bee which, although much smaller than honeybees, was doing a grand job pollinating the apple trees.

This summer, like last, was notable for the plagues of aphids infesting so many plants, crippling young shoots of apple trees, buddleias and roses. However, every cloud has a silver lining – and preying upon the aphids were legions of various species of ladybirds (albeit not quite in the numbers seen 50 summers ago – if you remember that far back).

My garden is a no spray zone, and maybe the wealth of insects (of which I know of only a tiny fraction) is a result. I once visited an open garden which was well tended and a riot of colour. The potting shed door was ajar and inside could be seen shelves full of attractive looking, rainbow-coloured packets and bottles. A peep inside revealed these to be a veritable cocktail of poisons - fungicides, herbicides and insecticides AKA “biodiversitycides”. No leafhoppers – no digger wasps. No aphids – no ladybirds.

It’s just not cricket to abuse our “*dominion.... over every living thing that moveth upon the earth*”. Those of us lucky enough to have a garden can have a mini-nature reserve outside our backdoor if only we are willing to give nature a chance and marvel at its wonders.

Richard Caldwell

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OUR STATION

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OUR PLAN

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£352.33	Stationery & post	448.18
Total £17477.33		£17228.14
£1187.00	Accrual for March costs paid in April	1322.00
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Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
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Each	6.30 – 7.30pm	Adult	C C Village Hall
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Term time,	5.30- 6.45pm s	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
THURSDAY			
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3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons Manor
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Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	www.purbeckyoga.co.uk	Harmans Cross VH
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Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
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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			
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