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Editorial

COVID cases in Purbeck are rising rapidly again and nationally some medical authorities are calling for another lockdown. I am told by travellers that the wearing of masks is common, if not compulsory, in most European countries. As a result their case rates are much lower than this country. The same goes for Scotland where masks are also compulsory when indoors in public places. I do feel that people should wear masks when indoors in public, even if only as a courtesy to others. After all we are world renowned for having invented orderly queuing, which we do as a courtesy to others.

Once again thank you to the festivities committee who are putting up the lights around the village. The Swanage Railway are also intending to run their evening floodlight trains nearer Christmas. There is an article about that in this edition of the CVN.

The usual Remembrance celebrations will take place this month. See the Notices and Thanks section of this edition for details. The main service will be in St Edwards on Sunday 14th November at 1030 and will be followed by a ceremony at the War Memorial in East Street. Both events are organised by the local branch of Royal British Legion.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(there are more in the middle of the magazine)

Police non-emergency call line	101
National Electricity Number	105
NHS Emergency Medical Care Service	111
In the event of Gas Leak	0800 111999
Electricity Failure	0800 0727282
Swanage Police Station - out of hours calls rerouted	422004
Swanage Hospital	422282
National Trust outside office hours	07970-595963
Wareham Hospital	552433
Poole Hospital	01202 665511
Bournemouth Hospital	01202 303626
Dorset County Hospital	01305 251150
Corfe Castle Community Library	480760
Dorset CAB Advice Line: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm	0800 144 8848
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Childline	0800 1111
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The cover picture is a sketch of St Edwards, Corfe Castle by Ken Williams and includes Tommy as Remembrance will take place this month.

OCTOBER FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

“Grant me the SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change, the COURAGE to change the things I can, and the WISDOM to know the difference.”

Community Speed Watch update:

Our Community Speed Watch Volunteers have been out and about over the last couple of months helping to keep our parish safe, and I think we can all agree that keeping everyone safe is a worthwhile task. So, it may shock you when I say I personally have attended 2 roadside sessions and although was warned about verbal abuse nothing could have prepared me for the amount of abuse directed at us, from verbal swearing to hand gestures it is really quite shocking, especially when there are children in the car! Despite our wonderful volunteers shrugging off the abuse as "part of the role," volunteers simply deserve more respect, so please if you see our volunteers out and about helping to keep our parish safe, make their day and smile.

Playground New Equipment Installation update:

You will know that by now the Parish Council were hoping to announce the installation of the new playground equipment, however, there have been a few minor hiccups along the way, but we understand from the installers that the new date for installation is planned for January 2022.

Planning Application update:

At the time of writing this article Corfe Castle Parish Council have yet to host the public meeting for Corfe Castle residents to have their questions answered and views listened to about the Community Land Trust planning application (application number 6/2021/0405), however by the time you read this, the meeting would have taken place and Corfe Castle Parish Council would have submitted their official comments to Dorset Council for them to consider before either approving or rejecting the application.

Other planning applications:

- P/HOU/2021/03088 – 164 East Street, BH20 5EH
Recommendation. No objection.
- P/LBC/2021/03604 – 164 East Street BH20 5EH
Recommendation. No objection.
- P/HOU/2021/03259 – Woodside, West Street, Kingston, BH20 5LH
Recommendation. No objection.

Full details can be found on the Dorset Council website

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning/planning-application-search-and-comment>.

Purbeck Park Car Parking Charges

25-years ago a strategy was agreed for Purbeck Park to have a low parking cost so it became the off-village parking centre. However, Dorset Council have a new parking strategy which would see the parking fees at Purbeck Park increase to £6 per day. Corfe Castle Parish Council have stated their objection to the price increase for Purbeck Park and believe this will not encourage people to park away from the village.

Dorset Council updates

“**World Mental Health Day** – “Don’t suffer in silence” was the message from Dorset Council on World Mental Health Day which was held on Sunday 10th October 2021.

Help and support is on offer from partner agencies and local organisations, including Dorset Healthcare (<https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/access-mental-health>), Public Health Dorset (<https://www.publichealthdorset.org.uk/your-health/mental-health.aspx>), and Dorset Mind (<https://dorsetmind.uk>).

Housing Register – The new Dorset Council Home Choice system has been set up and anyone already registered who wishes to remain on the register must re-register before 1st December. If you don’t, you will be removed from the Dorset Council register. To re-register go to <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing/housing/re-registration-process>.

Local Heritage Location – Land use consultants have been appointed to manage the Local Heritage list campaign which will allow communities across Dorset to nominate local buildings, sites, monuments and features to be included on the new Heritage list. Further details can be found on the Dorset Council website.

Keeping Warm and Energy Bills - Dorset Council is looking at ways to help residents keep warm in the colder months and different ways to reduce their energy bill. Dorset Council is working with the Local Energy Advice partnership who offer free advice and have access to energy saving devices to those that are eligible. A list of eligibility is listed on the Dorset Council website.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing/financial-help/heating-and-insulation-grants>”

National Trust updates

“**Quinquennial Repair Works** – The National Trust are in the tender stage and inviting contractors in over the next couple of weeks. The National Trust have identified some areas of the castle that need some urgent attention, and this has been prioritised for completion ASAP. Work should start as soon as weather, and

contractor workforce allows. There is no danger to visitors even in the areas that we have identified.

High Rope Inspections – The National Trust had High Rope inspections completed last week by Sally Strachey Historic Conservation Ltd, the National Trust are waiting for the report to be finished and sent back but in general the team are happy with the conditions on the top of the high areas. These are mainly the Keep and South West Gate Houses.

Santa's Grotto – The National Trust have been in contact the Festivities Committee and have agreed with the team that once again they will be able to use the Tea-Room to host Santa and friends on 4th December. The National Trust will be turning on the castle lights the same evening once the village Xmas lights has been illuminated. They will remain on throughout the evenings of December and set to turn off roughly at 11pm.

Village Welcome Map – The National Trust is hoping to produce a Welcome Leaflet for the Village, with a focus on the local businesses and points of interest in and around the village – places to eat, model village, pubs, town museum, train station etc. There will be no cost to the businesses in the village, The National Trust will be sending out letters / emails, over the next month or so, to the local community to gauge their levels of interest.”

Know your Councillors – Cllr Steve Clarke

“After decades of visiting family in Purbeck we moved to Corfe Castle over 10 years ago. My wife Chris and I run the Gallery at 41 in East Street which is part of our house. My career was in education as Deputy Director for Surrey, then Chief Executive of a public/private partnership and lastly as a school regeneration consultant. I am a governor of The Purbeck School and a trustee for the Corfe Castle Town and Sports Trusts. Hobbies include playing golf (erratically) at Purbeck Golf Course, sport and travel.



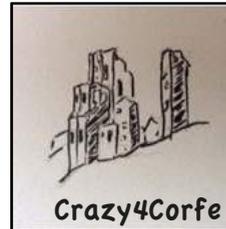
I think Corfe Castle is one of the greatest places in the world to live and we must constantly strive to keep the village affordable for all and retain its marvellous community cooperation.”

Steve is currently Chairman of the Council.
Contact Steve email sclarkecorfe@gmail.com

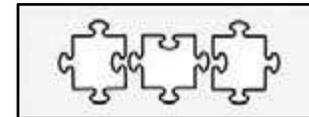
Next Council Meeting – Monday 8th November at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter room. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say.

Corfe Castle Parish Council contact details:

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Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC>
Website - <https://www.corfecastlepc.org.uk>



**The Jigsaw Exchange/
Library is back!!**



We paused the Jigsaw Library for the summer months but a good jigsaw is just what you need on a chilly dark day so it will be back from 1st. November. This is how it works.....

- **donated/returned jigsaws should be placed into the plastic dustbin in driveway of 146 East Street, (opposite phone kiosk)**
- **You will be able to borrow jigsaws from the telephone kiosk on the corner of East Street and Mead Road**

- **They will not be sanitized so use of the Jigsaw Exchange is at your own risk.**
- **please only donate or return complete puzzles in good condition so that everyone can enjoy them. We cannot return them to you.**

- **Please remember you pick up jigsaws from the telephone kiosk and return/donate them to 146 East Street**

Happy Puzzling!

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CORFE CASTLE VILLAGE HALL

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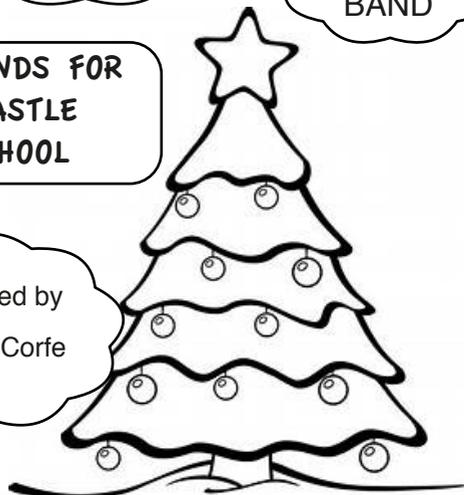
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News from the Library

The 'Library Talks' Continue with an Afternoon with Local Photographer Deb Fullbrook



November 26th 2021 - Deb Fullbrook and Elmo: *An Afternoon of Photography.*

Deb will be familiar to many in the village. You may have seen her photography when she exhibits in the Purbeck Arts Weeks (PAW). Deb delights in taking images on her wanderings around Purbeck and further afield with her dog Elmo. She aims to capture the immediacy of memory-invoking pictures of landscapes, flora and fauna. Few, if any of her photos are planned, rather they are the happy result of her spontaneous, sometimes quirky and humorous, occasionally wistful, reactions to her surroundings.

Come along for an afternoon of wonderful photography in the presence of a most jovial presenter (and, of course, Elmo).

The illustrated talk will be followed by a collection for the charity Hearing Dogs and an opportunity to buy prints or cards of some of Deb's images.

This event will be held in the village hall so we can make use of the new projection facilities. We can't be sure what Covid 19 precautions will be in force (or just be sensible to have) at that time so please register for this event via email to corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com or via the library.

December 17th 2021: Zoe Squirrell: *An International Para Dressage Dream*

Zoe is a local dressage rider who as a disabled athlete faces some unique challenges. Accessing her sport can be difficult at times but she tries not to let this stop her and focus on finding ways to make her dreams a reality, so much so that she has recently started to represent GB at international Para Dressage events.

She has left sided hemiplegia, a form of cerebral palsy, and nystagmus, a visual impairment. These disabilities mean that she struggles with mobility, balance and coordination alongside having limited distance and peripheral vision.

Zoe was also one of the winners of last year's Corfe Library Writing Competition. Come and hear Zoe's story.

This event will be held in the library. please register for this event via email to corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com or via the library.

Talks for the Next Six Months

- November 26th 2021 - Deb Fullbrook and Elmo: *An Afternoon of Photography*.
- December 17th 2021: Zoe Squirrell: *An International Para Dressage Dream*
- January 21st 2022: Dr Phil Judkins: *Purbeck's Navy*
- February 18th 2022: Gen Crisford: *Beavers in Purbeck*

Further talks will be added as we progress through the year.

Christmas is Coming! (and so is the Library Christmas Quiz Night!)

The Library will be holding a special Christmas Quiz Night in the village Hall.

It will be on **Friday 10th December at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall.

Tickets £5 – with festive light refreshments!

Tickets will be available from the Library, the Village Shop and via email at CorfeCastleLibrary@gmail.com from 1st November

Library Opening Hours

Monday 3.00 -5.00 p.m.

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Update from the Environmental Group



Having just completed three community engagement activities (see later), we are shortly going to organise the first face to face Environmental Group meeting since the start of the COVID pandemic. This will be advertised on our Facebook page and by email from the Clerk to everyone on our mailing list; please contact Michelle to be added to this list!

Community Engagement Activities

- Thu 12th Aug: David, Richard & Helen had a stall at **St Edwards Church Fete**, sharing information and giving away the last of our spring wildflower seeds packs.
- Mon 20th – Sun 26th Sep: Most of the group were involved in the **Planet Purbeck Festival**, which comprised multiple environmental, art and community events across Purbeck, culminating in a weekend of events at The Mowlem in Swanage.
- Fri 1st Oct: Rachel gave a short talk about the work of the group during a fundraising **Ball and Socket concert**. Proceeds from the evening are being split between our group and Fairtrade, who also gave a talk about how the Fairtrade movement provides environmental benefits.
- Tue 5th Oct: Josey gave a presentation to an **Aquarius Corfe Castle Women in Touch Meeting**, with **Probus Club** members also in attendance.
- Thu 7th Oct: Rachel gave a presentation, including Wildlife Gardening tips, to a **Gardening Club** meeting. The photo above was used in this presentation, and shows the 360 plugs of native plants Rachel is going to plant as part of her garden re-landscaping to make it better for wildlife.



At all the October events, we invited contributions from local people about their work to help the environment.

Many thanks for our invitations to speak at these events, it was lovely to be able to get out and meet you in person again!

We had hoped to be able to offer at all the October events our wildflower seed giveaways, but delivery delay meant these were only offered to the Gardening Club. If you would like a packet, please ask one of us, or contact the Clerk, and we will deliver a pack and instruction leaflet to you. We would love to see your photos from our tree or wildflower giveaways!

Biodiversity Projects

David is now “baby-sitting” about 50 seedlings / saplings planted up ready for planting up in a local community **Tree Nursery**.

A recent follow up survey **Kingston Churchyard** showed an increase in different species to over 50!

Giki Zero – Free Carbon Footprint Tool (Get Informed, Know your Impact)

We have a parish GIKI membership, so please let our Clerk know if you join Giki Zero, so you can be added to our CCPCEG team. Our **parish average footprint is 6,656kg**, compared to the UK average of 9-10,000. To find out more, go to www.zero.giki.earth/faqs

TOP TIP – HOT COMPOSTING

One community action that was mentioned more than once during our October events has inspired this month’s Top Tip!

Composting is a great way to turn garden and kitchen waste in something useful, but can have disadvantages – smells, taking up space, and attracting unwanted garden visitors. One way to address this is to use Hot Composting.

Any organic material will eventually break down to form compost but if the material can be made to produce heat it will happen a lot quicker. Heat is produced by the bacteria that break down the compost; the heat can be managed by adjusting the mix of materials, adding air and/or insulating the pile. Apart from the rate that finished compost is produced, hot composting also has the advantage of killing weed seeds and pathogens.

All food and garden waste can be added to hot composting, but as the bin is secure enough and the temperature high, it remains fly and vermin-free. Hot composting requires a bulking agent, such as wood chippings, shredded garden prunings or scrunched cardboard to keep the compost aerated. It doesn’t smell or leak, or require tumbling or turning. However, waste and the bulking agent do need to be mixed together before adding, and waste needs to be added “little and often”.

The walls of a hot compost bin are insulated to lock in heat, and so your compost “cooks” at 40-60°C (40°C is the minimum for adding cooked food waste, meat, fish, etc). Material from an efficient insulated hot compost system is usually garden ready for in 60 – 90 days, much faster than traditional composting. Please let us know if you use / try hot composting!

Join us or get in touch via the Parish Clerk (Michelle) corfecastlepc@aol.com

Follow us on Facebook: “Corfe Castle Environmental Group”

CCPCEG Core Group members: Josey, Rachel, Helen, Tom, Luke, David & Richard.



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Church Knowle Parish Council

The October meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council was held in the Church Knowle Village Hall. These are always on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Church Knowle Village Hall and all are welcome to attend and participate.

New member.

The Council was pleased to welcome back by unanimous co-option Colin Page who has served on the Council before and brings back extensive knowledge and expertise. This brings the Council's numbers up to seven out of a possible nine so there are still vacancies for two more parishioners. Simply get in touch with the clerk (clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk) or turn up at a meeting.

Park Run and Defibrillator.

We were pleased to see Matthew Jones of the Blue Pool who made a case for the Council's contributing to the installation of a defibrillator at or near to the Blue Pool. He said that the Blue Pool is working with the Park Run organisation and one of their stipulations is that a defibrillator be available on or very near to the run. The proposed defibrillator would be available to the public 24 hours a day. It was agreed that the Park Run scheme was very worthwhile and that the Council would support it but that Church Knowle already has a defibrillator. However Furzebrook Village Hall is planning to install a defibrillator and it was arranged that Mr. Jones would liaise with them through Cllr Page to see if the defibrillator could be positioned to meet both the requirements of Park Run and the Village Hall and perhaps the expense of this could be shared to the benefit of all parties.

New Fingerpost Ordered, Phone Boxes Painted.

Normtec, lead by Roger Bond has been renewing and refurbishing fingerposts throughout the county to a very high standard and the highways and byways are looking smarter for it. The Parish Council has just placed an order for the fingerpost at the crossroads leading to Bradle to be renewed and depending upon budgetary timing will also refurbish the fingerpost at East Creech in the New Year.

The BT paint kits, which include everything but the step ladder are now in the hands of volunteers who have very kindly undertaken to paint the recently adopted phone boxes and of course have our thanks and gratitude.

Les Bugler Commemorative Seat

The Council is ordering a semicircular tree seat with an inscription that will be placed in the Council Playing Field. The tree will be planted as part of the Queens Green Canopy Platinum Jubilee initiative. Should anyone like to make a contribution to this seat in memory of Les please contact the clerk.

Queen's Green Canopy

This Platinum Jubilee initiative is proceeding well and is led by Cllr Evans who is contacting various organisations and possible sites throughout the parish. This is so that we can take advantage of the offers available from organisations like the Woodland Trust and be ready to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" in March. More can be found about this nationwide jubilee initiative At "queensgreencanopy.org".

Traffic and Highways

That the speed limit through Church Knowle is the national speed limit of 60mph was raised yet again and it was noted that that most of the villages in the district have statutory speed limits of 30mph, including: Corfe Castle, Studland, Stoborough, Langton Matravers, Stokeford, Sandford etc. The Council is to make a formal application to have a statutory speed limit in line with common sense and the other parishes in the region. The Council's attention was drawn by a parishioner to the number of motor homes and large vehicles going over the narrow Cucknowle road which is totally unsuitable for large vehicles and will only cause them and others difficulty. Apparently there used to be a sign restricting them but a large lorry knocked it over.

Archives

A parishioner had occasion to consult the Church Knowle Parish Council archives this month and owing to the Herculean work and organisational genius of Cllrs Parker and Wilson was able to retrieve the information that he required with relative ease. He subsequently reported that this was extremely useful for his case. These archives are impressive and contain information, typewritten, handwritten and drawn going back to the 1950's. The Council has a special temperature controlled secure archive and the value of properly collated paper copy that may be of use to future researchers was made plain and it was a very instructional exercise.

A few months ago a formal complaint to the Dorset Council was made by a planning applicant about the Parish Council's objecting to his proposed development. The Dorset Council's lawyer and Monitoring Officer has responded completely vindicating the Parish Council of any impropriety saying, "The Parish Council has acted reasonably and in ways in which it is perfectly entitled to act".

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Corfe Castle Surgery

We are now well and truly into our Flu and Covid booster vaccinations, so if you are eligible and you've not had any contact from the Surgery, please get in touch and we can make sure that you are booked in or directed to the team at Wareham Covid Hub as necessary.

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the staffing team, we have Jo who is a trainee Practice Nurse. Jo has recently completed her nursing degree and will now continue her training with us to become a Practice Nurse. We also have Alice who has joined the reception team as our bank receptionist. I'm sure you will be talking to or meeting them both soon and you will, as always make them feel very welcome.

It has been at times a long and challenging 19 months. The staff have had to deal with the changes within the team, alongside the Covid pandemic. This has involved changing the way in which the surgery operated on a day to day basis and this has been a learning curve for us all.

The main difference is that the once called 'walk in surgery' quickly became the telephone triage appointments. This has evolved over the months with GP's seeing more and more of the patients that they have spoken to for a face to face appointment. We will continue to run the mornings from **8.30am-10.30am as telephone triage** in the first instance. (Please note that the 10.30am cut off is to allow the GP's time to see patients, deal with repeat prescriptions and queries, process letters and blood results from the hospitals, carry out home visits and many other admin tasks before starting on the afternoon booked appointments). You can call and book a routine appointment as a face to face or telephone slot and will normally be offered an afternoon appointment. We will offer telephone appointments in the first instance to continue to keep staff and patients as safe as possible but if you feel that a face to face appointment is appropriate, they are available.

The staff have been amazing throughout the pandemic and as you can imagine we have all had our own anxiety and worries about testing positive and potentially bringing Covid to work, so for all the lovely comments and positive feedback that makes its way to me, THANK YOU it really does make a difference. We have adapted brilliantly and worked extremely hard in this ever changing environment.

Take care and continue to stay safe.

Kerry Norman - Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

It's been a good and active month for the PPG. We have held our first face-to-face (half faces anyway with masks!) meeting in almost a year. It was so good to be back together in person again, reviewing the past eighteen months and planning how we can move forward together with the Surgery in the coming months. It feels like a new beginning.

Dr Lepper and Kerry Norman gave us an overview of the Surgery's pandemic experience. It enabled us to appreciate more than ever the way the staff worked together so admirably through the many challenges and the long working hours to continue to look after our urgent care needs and maintain the regular monitoring of our health too. The recent National GP Patient Satisfaction survey results are the proof of how well they succeeded.

Looking at the way the Practice is at present delivering our healthcare services, some things have returned to 'normal' but others cannot be the same as they were in 2019. There are several reasons for this. Some Covid precautions are necessarily still in place and there are also new extra pressures. Locally, as everywhere, we are all wanting to consult the doctor more often after the Lockdown. In addition, Dr Lepper now has about 1,000 more patients than when he took over the Practice (the Surgery can't limit the number of patients). We read almost daily in the press about the difficulties patients nationally are experiencing accessing primary care with stories of phone lines constantly busy and long waiting times to speak to a doctor, let alone see one in person. Here at Corfe we continue to be much more fortunate thanks to the driving determination of the clinical and administrative staff to look after us exceptionally well. We can usually get through to a receptionist easily. If we phone before 10.30 with an urgent problem we can be sure a doctor will phone us, and if need be see us, on the same day. If we want to book a routine appointment we will now be offered the choice of a phone call or face-to-face one. Some people are finding phone appointments convenient and are choosing to stay with them. Others prefer to see the doctor in person. We now have that choice which is great. We are lucky, as our fellow patients so often tell members of the PPG.

That said, the increased number of patients and demands on the Practice mean that we will all have to adjust our expectations a bit and that isn't always easy. It's no longer possible for Dr Lepper to see everyone himself, we can't expect always to see the same doctor and waiting times for booked appointments are

a bit longer. Remember that the other regular doctors are also there to help us and the waiting time to see them may be shorter. Inevitably at this time of change not everyone will be happy but do please be considerate to the receptionists who are taking your call. The PPG, as the voice of the patients, is keen to hear your views on your care- your experiences at the Surgery, what you particularly appreciate and what you are less happy about. We will then feed them back to the Surgery which is always keen to do its best for us. There will soon be a PPG Suggestions Box in the waiting room but meantime please leave your comments in an envelope addressed to the PPG at the Surgery or email marysabbenclare@gmail.com.

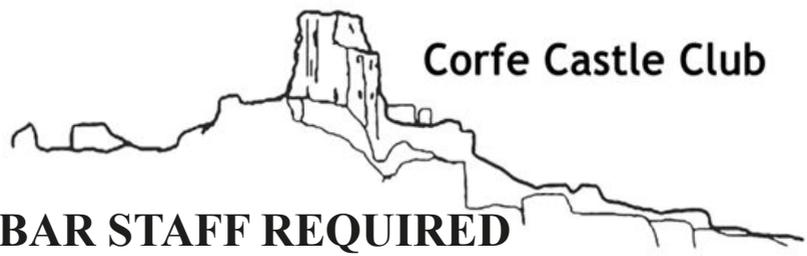
Other news:-

Following the gala football match, Corfe Castle Football Club has donated to the Surgery the magnificent sum of £800. It is so much more than we expected and a great contribution to the fund for the purchase of a Blood Pressure monitor in the waiting room. Our thanks again to everyone involved. It's wonderful! The PPG is hoping to hold its own fundraising event after Christmas to add to the fund.

We held a coffee morning in the Surgery garden during the September winter flu jab clinic. It was very popular, a lot of cake was eaten and we raised £250 for Macmillan. Incidentally if you're eligible for a flu jab do seriously consider having one as our immunity from winter flu this year is likely to be very low.

I attended the AGM of the Friends of Wareham Hospital, ably chaired by our PPG member Maggie Hardy. The meeting was happily hijacked by the Primary Care Network presenting the Friends with a cheque for £3,000 in recognition of their support to the hospital particularly during the epidemic and with grateful thanks to all members of the local community who acted as volunteers during the Covid programme.

Finally the next Carers' Time coffee morning will be held on Thursday 25th November at 10.0. Whether you've joined us before or not, if you are a carer we'd love you to come along.



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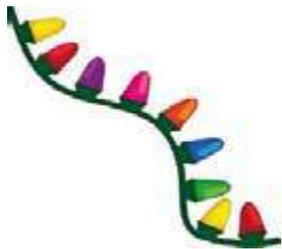
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We have been working hard on our forest school which we are incredibly proud of. We are in the process of redeveloping aspects of the pond in order to encourage more wildlife into the area. If anyone has any spare wooden pallets, we would very gratefully receive them.

If you have wandered across the school field, you may have spotted the clothes bank in the car park. This is for all the community in Corfe so please feel free to drop off any clothing. If it does not get used enough, the company will take back the facility which would be a real shame.

As a school we always ensure we mark Remembrance Day and this year, we were invited to take part in a remembrance display at the military museum in Dorchester. If you are around Dorchester, pop by and see if you can see our poppies.

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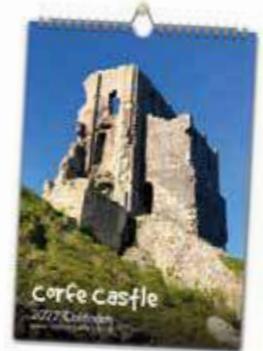
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Dates of forthcoming meetings

- **Nov.** - Patti Sandham – ‘Yoga Understood’. It’s an explanation, with demonstrations, following the path of yoga from its ancient origins to the modern day.
- **Dec.** – Christmas fun, making Christmas Crackers and Heart Cards.
- **Jan** – Wellbeing Swanage by Deidre Selwyn

We had a marvellous attendance at our latest Aquarius meeting with over 55 people in attendance. This was a mix of members, Proboscis members and visitors. Our speaker Josey Parish of the Corfe Castle Parish Council Environment Group gave us a very interesting and informative talk. She explained that this is a working group on the Parish Council and as such is open to the whole community. Its aims are to monitor, advise, engage and promote environmental matters. The Environment group have started many initiatives such as a tree and seed giveaway (donated by the NT), installation of a public water fountain by the West Street toilets and using green energy.

She talked about our individual carbon footprint giving us a shocking statistic that the average individual carbon footprint is 90 tons. We need to reduce this to 2.5 tons. This is obviously a huge task for an individual so being part of a group is helpful to encourage and support each other. To help us to become more aware of our carbon footprint we can sign up to GIKI Zero (<https://zero.giki.earth.tool>) which helps individuals to navigate their carbon footprint. Josey shared with us what she and others have done to reduce theirs such as no mow May, planting native species, more home grown veg etc. At her café Josie now does not use take away paper cups but instead uses real mugs which people return and she can wash up.

Sad News about Rosa Marshall

We are sad to announce that Rosa Marshall died at home on 18 September, just 10 days before her 90th birthday. Rosa was a keen gardener and member

of the Garden club. She was also a member of Aquarius and until lockdown regularly participated in Badminton at the village hall. Rosa and Jeff had been closely involved in village life for over 30 years, and she remembers helping to make the old curtains for the village hall.

Rosa was evacuated from London during the blitz after her house was bombed when two of her brothers died. The family moved to Surrey where she recalls dancing the foxtrot with her father to ‘Moonlight Serenade’

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Prayers for the Dead

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The earliest example of this occurring in Corfe is carved on the two Lombardic-script tablets in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in St Edwards. There is no date on them but because of the type of carved script, it is assumed they can be dated to the early 1400s. The tablets tell us that Robert Ryky wanted an annual mass said on the Feast of St John the Baptist (24 June) at 'the higher step before the great cross' for himself, his wife, Joanna, and their children and also for his parents and his in-laws. Dr Dru Drury transcribed the surname as Rynkyn assuming that the fancy carved 'y' indicated an omitted letter but it is not shown as such on the other tablet despite being defaced.



Roberto Ryky and Ryky on the defaced tablet



The defaced tablet which mentions giving the window to St Edwards

In return for the said prayers, Robert had the eastern window built in the church (described in 1825 as 'rather fine' and from an early period). This window was removed when St Edwards was renovated in 1859. Two pieces of the original glass were used in the eastern stained glass window in the Chapel (the window given by Marjorie Graves).

Robert also left funding for a 'lamp' before the Altar of Piety (removed from St Edwards during the Reformation as this would have been considered idolatrous) and he left a cow to the church. The Churchwardens' accounts recount that in 1570 it was still benefitting from gifts of animals as 2 cows,

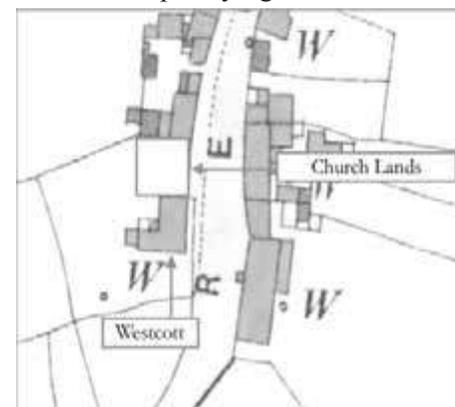
valued at 18s. each, were rented out together for 2s. 8d. yearly (about £32 today).



Pray for Robert Ryky & Johanna his wife who gave one lamp before the altar of piety and one cow for praying for them and for celebrating five masses for their brothers and sisters on the five vigils of Saint Mary

Little is known about the Ryky family but there was a man called Robert Ryke/Ryky who was a marbler in the early 1430s and who worked a stone quarry near Langton. Was he connected to this Robert? We can't be certain or how he funded the lamp but maybe it was from this little plot of land in West Street.

A piece of land was given for 'Lights' for St Edwards well before 1545. This was a small plot lying in West Street and produced 6d. per year to fund



candles. It came to be part of 'The Church Lands' belonging to the Corfe Castle Charities. Over time, it merged into part of the garden of 'Westcott' without the Charities realising it and nowadays it is divided up between Westcott's garden and a public footpath leading to Toms Mead. Interestingly, a public way already lay in Westcott's garden, but on the south side, as this was the old way to Copper Bridge.



West Street: between the two houses lay the Church Lands providing funding for candles

Robert Ryky's two stone tablets have moved around the church over the centuries and the defaced tablet would originally have been placed under the window that it funded.

Louise Haywood



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News from The Castle

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We will be closing the Pub for the 1st two weeks of November for essential maintenance works, that unfortunately cannot be carried out while we are open. Sorry for any inconvenience. It also gives the team a little well-earned break after a very busy summer season. We are currently looking for a couple more dedicated team members, so if you know anybody who wants to earn some money and have a little fun, please pass on the message.

Notes for the Diary.

Friday 12th November The Castle re-opens

Tuesday 16th November our Famous TAPAS NIGHT.

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This will be a weekly event, happening every Monday from 11th October onwards. Each session will start at 10am and finish at 11:30am. Rain or shine we will be out, but please be aware that in adverse conditions these sessions will be cancelled.

Meet at the picnic benches outside the Discovery Centre. These are free sessions, and no booking is required, parking is at Knoll Beach with normal parking charges applying. Bring snacks and dress for the outdoors! For more information email Dunescapes Engagement Officer,



julia.galbenu@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Build Back Beaver

Purbeck residents have until 17 November to take part in a government consultation into the reintroduction of beavers to England.

After around 400 years of extinction in England, in August 2020 a wild population of beavers were officially given permission to remain in the River Otter, Devon. The government has now launched a landmark consultation regarding their wider reintroduction to the country*.

The Purbeck Beaver Project is currently working with stakeholders to draw up plans for a phased reintroduction of beavers to Purbeck. The National Trust and other partner organisations will submit responses that incorporate local feedback, but this is a public consultation and individuals are also encouraged to take part. It's your opportunity to share your feedback (however long or short) directly with the government.

If you are supportive of beavers and would like a say in the conditions for their reintroduction; if you have concerns that you would like to highlight; or if you would like to comment on how they are managed in the future, your contribution to the consultation can be submitted via an online form found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/beaver-reintroduction-and-management-in-england>. Last call for submissions is 11:45pm on 17 November 2021.

Once you've followed the link you can expect to see five main topics, from criteria for wild and enclosed beaver releases, to the monitoring and management of reintroduction sites and requests for government support. At each stage you'll learn about the government's plans and then have an opportunity to either agree or disagree, plus offer lengthier comments if you wish. If you cannot fill a section, just put an X and carry on. What you have done will still be helpful. It's more involved than signing a petition, but it's also a great opportunity to find out more about beavers and the current proposed plans for their reintroduction.

As a result of thorough stakeholder engagement and feasibility work throughout the Isle of Purbeck over the past two years, the Purbeck Beaver Project team feel like we have a strong understanding of local needs: both how to manage beaver impacts where required and the support which will be needed to make a beaver reintroduction successful in the long-term. Naturally, we recognise the need to support local landowners and to promote long-term thinking, both within the initial project area, but also for our neighbouring catchments.

So – if you have questions about the consultation or would like to understand any of the issues that local people have raised during our stakeholder engagement, please do get in touch with gen.crisford@nationaltrust.org.uk.

It's our hope that beavers will become the heart of a wilder Purbeck landscape: a source of inspiration, education and pride for all of us. This consultation (along with all of our surveying, modelling and planning so far) is about making the best possible success of a reintroduction plan. By making a success of learning to live alongside beavers again in Purbeck, we can also play a vital role in their return to the rest of the UK.

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general news:

Thank you to all who braved the weather to support the coffee morning in October; £161.70 was raised. We have now cleared a lot of old stock, and welcome again further donations of books, CDs, clothes or bric a brac.

Our 100 club draw is made at the coffee morning; in October the first prize of £20 was won by member 65, with member 74 getting second prize £10 and member 84 winning the third prize £4.50. If you would like to become one of the villagers support the local village hall in this way, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

regular weekly events:

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Monday evenings	Double Act
Monday evenings	Purbeck Chess
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Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Purbeck Crafts
Wednesday mornings	Pilates
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Wednesday evenings	Pilates
Thursday evenings	Beavers
Thursday evenings	Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday mornings	Pilates
Friday lunchtimes	Moo Music

regular monthly events:

1st Saturday morning	VH Coffee Morning
1st Sunday all day	Antiques Fair
1st Tuesday afternoon	Aquarius
2nd Monday evening	Parish Council
3rd Wednesday morning	Carers' Support (P Jones)
4th Thursday morning	CC Carers Time

new regular bookings

We have two more regular bookings; Purbeck Chess meeting on Monday evenings and a new U3A group Purbeck Crafts (replacing Wool Workshop and U3A Creative Textiles) meeting on Wednesdays. Toddlers has also re-started.

Bookings are still subject to the amended Special Conditions of Hire, as published on the website www.corfecastlevillagehall.co.uk. Contact Carole Speed on 01929 480810, or by email to carolepspeed@gmail.com.



Beach combing for far flung feathers

Recently, I have spent a fair bit of time on Swanage beach as a field assistant helping my son with his A-level geography project. Traversing from one end of the bay to the other it was noticeable how little rubbish there was – a result of the sterling efforts of

the Swanage volunteer beach cleaners. So, instead of being dismayed at the drifts of debris I was pleased when I looked down to insert a ranging pole into the sand for the umpteenth time to notice a large stripy feather – a peregrine's tail feather.

The feathers you are most likely to find on Purbeck's beaches are, however, the large flight feathers of various gulls. With a bit of detective work the size, shape and patterning will allow you to work out which species it was once attached to. Large numbers of gannets from further north pass our shores in Autumn, shedding flight feathers as they go – so it is surprisingly easy to find them – the larger (brown) feathers being the biggest you are likely to find.

Even more surprising is how easy it is to find feathers from the much rarer Great skua (or Bonxie). Bonxies nest in northern Scotland, Orkney, Shetland or even further north and pass our shores on their way to warmer southern climes for the winter. Superficially their big flight feathers resemble those of gannets or young gulls. However, they can be distinguished by the shaft being almost completely white from end to end (rather than partly brown/grey) and having a large clearly demarcated area of white towards the base of the inner vane, all the rest of the feather being 70% cocoa solids chocolate brown. They are very pugnacious birds and when on their breeding grounds make good use of that striking feather pattern in their aggressive territorial display posturing (Google it). If you pick up a uniformly grey feather and it smells (even years later!) like a waxed jacket that will have been a fulmar's - the closest thing to an albatross that we have in this country (apart from the occasional lost albatross).

Close inspection of birds' flight feathers reveals what a wonder of evolutionary "design" they are. They are not straight or flat in any dimension but curved in every direction. The shafts are hollow at the base but further along are filled with a puffed rice like substance to give added strength but without added weight, and they change in cross section from oval to rectangular and square

along their length. The vanes on either side of the shaft are made up of many hundreds of individual barbs each covered in rows of microscopic barbules that zip together like Velcro to make a perfectly smooth surface. With each feather shaped to lie perfectly against its neighbours the result is a high-performance aerofoil. It's enough to make you look at the beach-bum gulls in a different way while they are eyeing up your ice cream cone.

Feathers that are no longer any use to their original owners can be put to good use. Apart from many being intrinsically attractive objects, you can of course use the big ones for calligraphy. Over the years I have also made them into "Indian" headdresses, flights for home-made arrows and sails for a three-masted model sailing boat which would set off in different directions depending on how I trimmed the sails.

The best place I have found for finding interesting feathers is Worbarrow Bay although here, unless there has been a beach clean within the last few days, you will have to pick amongst a vast quantity of various unsavoury items discarded by us humans to find nature's treasures to fill your cabinet of curiosities.

Richard Caldow

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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for NOVEMBER 2021

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

If you know about any forthcoming events please let us know.

2	November	Tuesday	2pm	Aquarius talk on yoga by Patti Sandham – Corfe Castle Village Hall
8	November	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in Corfe Castle village hall
9	November	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle village hall.
9	November	Tuesday	7 pm	Movie Night - Wild Mountain Thyme, starring Emily Blunt, HX Village Hall
11	November	Thursday	11am	Remembrance Day 2 minute silence – Corfe Castle Square
18 – 20	November	Thursday - Saturday	7.30 pm	Double Act Wizard of Oz in the Village Hall – Matinee 20 th at 2.30pm.
20	November	Saturday	2.30 pm	Double Act Wizard of Oz in the Village Hall Matinee
26	November	Friday	2pm	Deb Fulbrook – An afternoon of photography in the Library
28	November	Sunday	10am – 2pm	Christmas Gift Fair – Corfe Castle Village Hall

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

1	December till 19 February 2022			Wild Seas Centre Kimmeridge closed
4	December	Saturday	4.30 for 5pm	Lights switch on and arrival of Father Christmas – Corfe Castle Square
4	December	Saturday	7 pm	CC Football Club Cheese and Wine Pig Racing Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	December	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Christmas fun, making Christmas Crackers and Heart Cards.
11	December	Saturday	8 pm – 11 pm	Crazy 4 Corfe Christmas Party – Retro Groove Mob – Corfe Castle Village Hall
13	December	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in Corfe Castle village hall
14	December	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle village hall.
9	November	Tuesday	7 pm	Movie Night – To Olivia, Harmans Cross Village Hall
17	December	Friday	2 pm	An international Paralympic dressage dream – Zoe Squirrel – Library
4	January 2022	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk - Wellbeing Swanage by Deidre Selwyn
21	January	Friday	2 pm	Library talk – Dr Phil Judkins – Purbeck’s Navy
18	February	Friday	2 pm	Library talk – Gen Crisford – Beavers in Purbeck

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The Reverend Anne Bond writes:

In my last letter I recommended reading The Bible to get information about Jesus Christ for whom the Christian faith is named, so I thought a short introduction to what you will find might be helpful.

The Bible is a library of 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament, covering a historical time period from approximately 2,500 BC to 100 AD. The first 11 chapters of the first book, Genesis, tell the stories of pre-history that reach out to the origins of the world and mankind. These and the other collected histories and stories passed down by word-of-mouth around the cooking fires until around 600 BC, when recording them in writing for posterity began.

The Old Testament comprises the Scriptures of the Jewish Faith. You will remember that Jesus was a Jew born in Palestine. In a world of countless gods, the Jewish God was the only one understood to exist solely as spirit. Other faiths worshipped carved images of their gods; in Judaism it was a crime punishable by death to make an image of God, who made his presence known and felt by communicating with people called prophets, through whom he spoke. The Old Testament contains pre-history, history, stories, and words of the major and minor prophets. It ends about 400 years before the birth of Jesus Christ.

The New Testament consists of the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, 'Acts' which is an account of the missionary travels of the Apostle Paul, various letters to groups of new Christians, and Revelation which is a mysterious book of vision and prophecy. Gospels are semi-biographical accounts of the life of Jesus, and Apostles were leading teachers of the Christian faith.

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew, a formal language with no words in which loving thoughts or feelings could be expressed. God comes across as distant and unreachable, with unattainably high standards. The New Testament was written partly in Greek and partly in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, and in it Jesus encourages people to address God as Abba, the intimate family word Daddy. Through Jesus, God became understood as the loving influence we know and worship today.

With love, Anne

Bible Readings - November 2021

Sunday 7 th November	3 rd Sunday before Advent Psalm 62: 5 – end Jonah 3: 1 – 5; 10 Hebrews 9: 24 – end Mark 1: 14 – 20
Sunday 14 th November Remembrance Sunday	2 nd Sunday before Advent Psalm 16

Daniel 12: 1 – 3
Hebrews 10: 11 – 14; 19 – 25
Mark 13: 1 – 8

Sunday 21st November

Christ the King
Psalm 93
Daniel 7: 9 – 10; 13; 14
Revelation 1: 4B – 8
John 18: 33 – 37

Sunday 28th November

Advent Sunday
Psalm 25: 1 – 9
Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16
1 Thessalonians 3: 9 – 13
Luke 21: 25 – 36

Sunday 5th December

2nd Sunday of Advent
Malachi 3: 1 – 4
Philippians 1: 3 – 11
Luke 3: 1 – 6

There will be special readings at the Remembrance Services

Sunday Services in November

During November we shall continue with the main Sunday morning service for the Corfe Valley parishes being at St Edward's Corfe Castle at 10.30am

On Sunday 7th November at 3pm at St Edward's Corfe Castle there will be a Service to remember our departed loved ones.

On Remembrance Sunday, November 14th, the service at 10.30 will be the Remembrance Sunday Service.

There will also be the Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Tyneham at 3pm.

Also, on November 14th, it being the 2nd Sunday of the month, there will be the monthly service at St Michael's Steeple; this is a service of Holy Communion. On this occasion the service at Steeple will be at 9am, instead of the now usual time of 9.30am

Looking ahead to December: we shall continue with the service at Corfe Castle at 10.30am each Sunday and the service at Steeple on the 2nd Sunday at 9.30am (December 12th). The arrangements for the Benefice on December 26th will be given in the December CVN.

Christmas Services: we will be planning these shortly and will publicise details in the December CVN and via the e mail bulletin and the website.

Ian

A Service of Remembrance of our departed loved ones

Sunday 7th November 3pm at St Edward's Corfe Castle

The first part of November is very much a time of remembrance. The month begins with All Saints' Day on November 1st and then we have Remembrance Sunday on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

November 2nd is kept in many places as All Souls' Day. This is a time to remember all those who have gone before us in worship and prayer before God. This year we shall hold such a service at St Edward's Corfe Castle on Sunday November 7th. We will be very happy to remember in prayer at this service any whose names you would like to give to us. It will include an opportunity to remember any who died during the recent months of the pandemic; we're mindful of this, and especially where it was not always possible to hold the type of funeral service that would have been arranged in more usual times. Do pass the names of those you would like to be remembered to myself or the churchwardens, Penelope and John.

Ian



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Planet Purbeck

The environmental group Planet Purbeck has hailed its first festival as “a success way beyond our expectations”.

It follows a survey that showed an overwhelmingly positive response from those who enjoyed some of the 200-plus events staged over six days during last month’s festival.

From those who responded to a questionnaire circulated by Planet Purbeck:

- 71 per cent feel inspired to make positive change.
- 63 per cent feel more connected to the local community.
- 58 per cent learned something new about protecting Purbeck’s environment.
- 42 per cent feel more connected to local nature.
- 35 per cent tried or discovered something new.
- In addition, 70 per cent of respondents agreed with the statement: “The festival inspired me to make a change to my own behaviour or lifestyle that will positively impact the planet.”

Changes mentioned included linking up with environmental groups, becoming a volunteer, getting involved with community litter-picks, avoiding plastics, changing diet by shopping more locally, being more aware of seasonal produce, improving home insulation and exploring the use of solar panels.



Wildlife-spotting trip on the River Frome

the way it brought the community together and made so many people think about what they can do to address the climate emergency while protecting and enhancing our amazing local area.

Joint festival organiser Rob Waitt said: “We are thrilled it seems to have made such an impact. To be honest it was a success way beyond our expectations.

“It was so heartening to see

“We remain grateful to all the organisations, businesses and groups who staged events under the Planet Purbeck umbrella and we know many of them enjoyed the week as much as those who came along to their activities.



Autumn Equinox swim at Studland

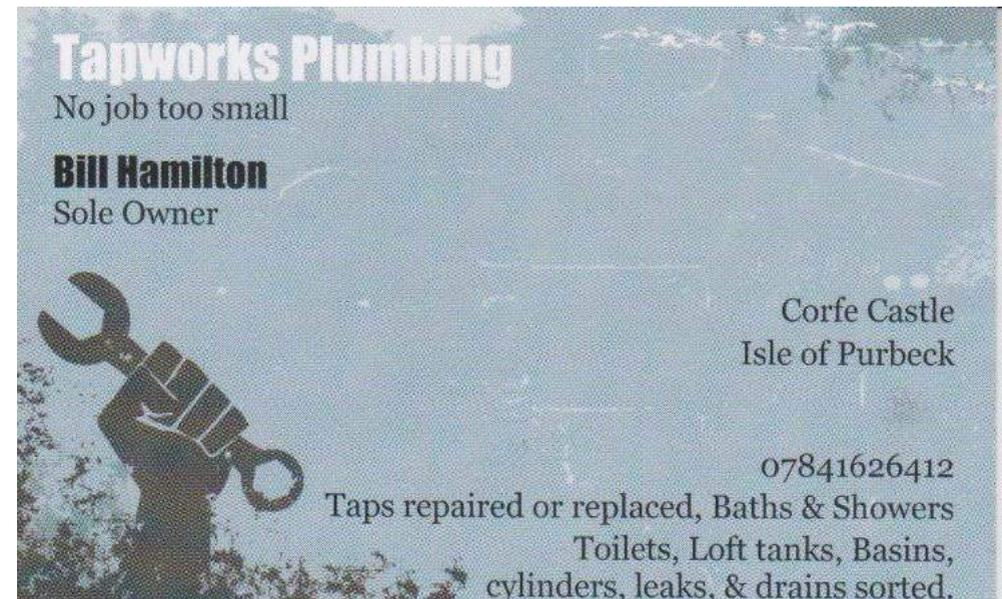
The festival was backed by East Dorset benefactors The Talbot Village Trust, who were keen to support an environmental cause, especially one battling climate change.

Rob said: “We were so grateful to the Trust and especially their chairman Nick Ashley-Cooper, who saw the potential of what we were doing and generously gave the funds to make it happen.”

“It may have been the first Planet Purbeck Festival – but it certainly won’t be the last. We are already working hard on the next one.”



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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

We begin November on a sad note. Rosa Marshall, one of our members and long-time resident of Corfe Castle, died in October. Rosa was a lively and active lady whose energy belied her years. Few knew that she was only weeks away from her 90th birthday. She served on CCGC committee, was a knowledgeable gardener, birdwatcher and talented watercolourist. We shall miss her.

4th November at 8pm our speaker is Simon Goldsack from Holme for Gardens. He will tell us about the making of a new Public Garden.

November has always been a special month for me. I loved Bonfire night and was allowed to keep a few fireworks back to be lit on my birthday later in the month.

Decades later I now know how dangerous and polluting it all was and is. I'm now a grumpy old killjoy because I deplore the fact that dangerous explosive devices can be bought over the same counter as I buy my food, and that hundreds of thousands of pounds will literally go up in smoke (thick, heavy, polluting, chemical rich smoke) on Guy Fawkes night and New Year's Eve. I long to see which nation, instead of vying with other countries to see who can spend most and get the greatest TV coverage, puts the money they would have spent to work for saving the planet and helping the poor.

Saving the planet brings me back to our talk by Rachel and Helen at the October meeting, 'Challenging' is the word, I think, even to those of us who thought we were not doing too badly at being environmentally sensitive and active.

Many gardeners would, I'm sure, like to return to the time when season followed defined season and we and our poor plants knew where we were and what was expected of us and them.

Some things don't change! Autumn, whether yonder or nigh, wet or dry, temperature low or high, cloudy or blue sky, is a work season. Leaves to rake up and compost in a wire cage, pruning the roses and other shrubs as required, mulch to spread to protect root systems and smother weeds, soil to be turned and muck/compost dug in. And when we have done all that, fruit trees want a winter wash, the green house needs cleaning and disinfecting, the (now empty) composter could do with a wash out and the patio probably needs a scrub. I ask

you! Who would be a gardener?!

We would. Cos when the jobs are done we sit down, with the sweet smell of the late roses, to a meal with our own vegies topped off with apple and blackberry pie.

Even if you don't enjoy the labour (and remember, it is cheaper than going to the gym) you can justifiably enjoy the fruits thereof.

Christmas meal, December 2nd at The Castle Inn. Ring our secretary (number on the back of this CVN) to book your place.

David

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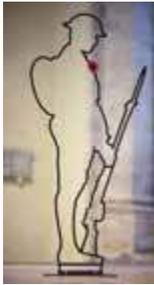
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New drop-in has started at **Mill Lane, Wareham Office** - from **Tuesday October 20th, 12-2pm** on a first come, first served basis.

VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE - 2021



Currently there are no changes to our plans outlined in the October CVN.

Monday 1st November Poppies will be on sale in our shops and pubs and as many house to house collections as we can manage.



When weather permits Tommie will be moved from inside the church on to the lawns and our school children will surround him with crosses for the fallen.

Thursday	11th Nov	Remembrance Day
	1100	2 minutes silence in the Village Square
Saturday	13th Nov	Branch wreath laying at Creech and Polar Wood
Sunday	14th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
	1030	St Edwards Church service followed by wreath laying at our War Memorial
	1500	Tyneham Church service

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For further information go to <https://purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com/purbeck-hills-christmas-tree-festival>.

As part of the celebrations there will be a special informal advent service held at St James' Church Kingston in the evening of 5th December comprising of music and readings to welcome in the Christmas season.

Corfe Castle Charity

Corfe Castle Charity owns alms-houses in the village at Jubilee House, St Edward's Close and Uvedale Court. The Charity wishes to encourage anyone in, or with strong links to, the parish to apply to Mandy Meaker by email ccharity1602@outlook.com.

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One of the CVN readers recently applied for a GHIC and was surprised to be charged £29.98. She was irritated as the old EHIC was free, but assumed it was something to do with Brexit. She soon found that the GHIC is free on the NHS website, which appears just below the one at the top of the search! On this occasion, a couple of lengthy phone calls to the bank gave the desired result – a refund of the “fee”. A subsequent application to the correct NHS website, yielded the cards within a few days.

The thing to look out for is the word “Ad” beside the search results. Just take your time to ensure you are really dealing with who you think you are dealing with!

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Regards,
David @ Corfe Castle Info

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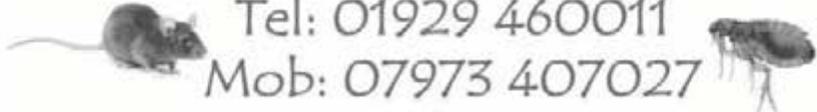
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Kimmeridge News

Kimmeridge BBQ

The Village BBQ held on Saturday 25th September was an amazing success! Lots of villagers came and enjoyed not only the excellent food, but also enjoyed meeting up again with old friends & newcomers for our first social event since before the first lockdown. Special thanks to Rose & Nick for the brilliant BBQ and to Pat who very sensibly provided us all with name labels (in case we'd forgotten who we were!)

Village Events

The Kimmeridge Village Committee is back in full swing again after the success of the BBQ. Work will be starting on the installation of the equipment for the new Playground this month with much of the work being done by village volunteers.

The Christmas Lights Switch On & Social will be on Saturday 4th December at 6pm.

The Annual Kimmeridge Bingo Night will be on Monday 6th December in the Village Hall at The Etches Collection.

The Children's Party is planned for Saturday 18th December.

Thinking further ahead, we hope to have another Village Social on Saturday 19th February with a Mexican Theme!

We are also looking at an Official Opening of the Playground – probably at Easter and also a village celebration for the Platinum Jubilee in June. So, lots happening again! Many thanks to all those on the Village Committee.

New Signs

New information boards & footpath signs have appeared in the last month both in the village and down at the Bay. They have been very well done and certainly smarten things up nicely!

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News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

It feels like we are pretty much back to normal now at Harmans Cross Village Hall. Let's hope that it stays that way with winter around the corner, but inevitably there will be more bugs circulating with coughs and colds.

There is plenty to look forward to over the coming months, so hopefully some of the following dates can find their way into your diaries.

Movie Nights are back on and we have two great films for November and December.

On **Tuesday 9th November**, we are screening **Wild Mountain Thyme**, starring Emily Blunt. The headstrong farmer Rosemary Muldoon (Emily Blunt) has her heart set on winning her neighbour Anthony Reilly's love. The problem is Anthony (Jamie Dornan) seems to have inherited a family curse and remains oblivious to his beautiful admirer. Stung by his father Tony's (Christopher Walken) plans to sell the family farm to his American nephew (Jon Hamm), Anthony is jolted into pursuing his dreams in this comedic, moving and wildly romantic tale.

Then on **Tuesday 12th December**, we will be showing **To Olivia**, the story of the tumultuous marriage between actress Patricia Neal and renowned writer Roald Dahl (played by Hugh Bonneville).

Tickets are £5 on the doors, which open at 7.00pm with the film showing at 7.30pm. The bar will also be open.

Coffee Junction re-started in October. For more years than we can remember we have been welcoming Harmans Cross residents and visitors to a coffee morning, on a fortnightly basis. This is non-profit making - we just ask for a small donation to cover the cost of room hire. We look forward to seeing new faces as well as our regulars on **4th, 18th, November and 2nd, 16th, and 30th December**. Please call Pat Wright for more details on 421864

We have a 'pre-Christmas, **Stalls at the Hall** on **Saturday 27th November** with lots of fantastic produce, craft and gifts available from a wide range of local stallholders. Tea, coffee and cake will also be available. For anyone interested in having a stall, please contact David on 07769 826994 to book a table (weekdays 9.30 am to 7.00 pm please) or email to bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk

And finally, a **Live Music** date for your diaries for the New Year. **The Churchfitters** will be back again at the Hall by popular demand on **Friday 28th**

January 2022. Tickets are £15 available from the website at www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/live-music and are already on sale and going quickly.

In addition, we have all our usual activities back, including amongst others:
Mondays – U3A Table Tennis; Pins & Needles; Yoga with Cathy
Tuesdays – Yoga with Cathy; Art with Judy Robson
Wednesdays – U3A French Class; Harmony Rocks Choir
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Alison Clough, Chair of Harmans Cross Village Hall

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Pioneer View

Dear Friends,

I see November as a month that bridges autumn and winter. Often, it's a doorway to the colder and shorter days. It's the month when strictly come dancing is in full swing.

With the clocks going back in October, it tips us into the colder winter months. It is around this time that loneliness and isolation can really bite, and the onset of seasonal affective disorder (S.A.D.) rears its ugly head. It is often a hidden syndrome that sits in the shadows waiting to pounce or it can creep upon you unknowingly.

I wonder if you would recognise it in yourself or a family member that S.A.D has arrived on your doorstep? S.A.D is a form of depression. Many people choose to battle with it in silence or simply do not recognise it and therefore fail to ask for help and support. Here is a list of symptoms to reflect on:

- lack of energy
- finding it hard to concentrate
- not wanting to see people
- problems with sleeping, more or less than usual, difficulty waking up, or difficulty falling or staying asleep
- feeling sad, low, tearful, guilty, or hopeless
- changes in your appetite, for example feeling hungrier or wanting more snacks
- being more prone to physical health problems, such as colds, infections, or other illnesses

The challenge during these cold dark evenings is that if you recognise any of these symptoms around this time of year in yourself, moreover you may observe these symptoms in friends and family. Let me encourage you to seek help and support.

A visit to your GP would be a good starting point, he may offer to help in terms of medication or refer you onto one of the social prescribers based at the surgery who may refer you onto our befrienders scheme for further support.

A quote to ponder

"If you know someone who's depressed, please resolve never to ask them why. Depression isn't a straightforward response to a bad situation; depression just is, like the weather. Stephen Fry"

Go well this winter

Peter - Chair: Growing Compassionate Communities

The Old Stone Road – some further thoughts on Paul Randall’s article

In last month’s edition of the CVN, Paul Randall mentioned that a church is shown at Afflington on Morden’s map of Dorset. Unfortunately, I think that what he thought were representations of churches are in fact place markers. If he was correct, then Ower, Newton, Bradle & Slepe etc etc would all have had churches (see map below). Afflington did have a Chantry though which would have been used by the family living in the farmhouse with the chaplain being appointed by the Diocese of Salisbury.



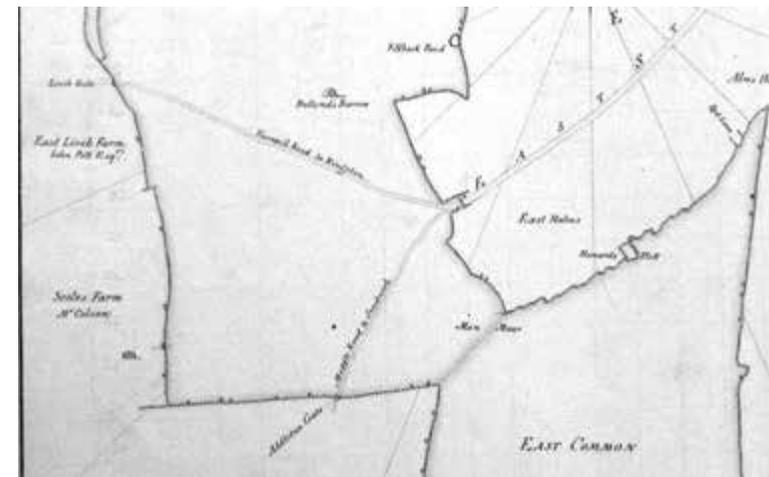
Robert Morden’s map of Dorsetshire dated 1695

He also mentions that Afflington was a town and housed hundreds of stone workers. I am doubtful if Afflington was ever a town and although Henry III is supposed to have granted it a licence to hold a Market and Fair between 1269-70 (a claim made by the Revd. Hutchins citing Rotuli Cartarum Membrane 3), I cannot find it. I did look at the Calendar of Charter Rolls for 54 Hen III and there is no mention of this grant however one spells Afflington which included Alfryngton, Addlington, Allington, Alvronetone and Alurunt. On a survey of the manor in Edward III’s reign (1327-1377), 17 people are listed as holding land or cottages and some of these wouldn’t necessarily be in the area we know as Afflington today as the manor has reduced in size when land was sold off. However, there was a medieval settlement to the east of the farm and ditches and banks still remain. According to Historic England, it had 15-20 houses by the late 17th century which would fit in with the 14th century survey.



‘Aerial Archaeology Mapping Explorer’ shows the remains of the medieval settlement

The Woodward map shows a way to Afflington from East Street so there was a way through ‘the marsh’ in 1775. East Street by then had been divided into two with the ‘Turnpike road to Kingston’ heading towards Lynch and the ‘Middle Road to Sandwich’ leading to ‘Addleton, Gate’. The road to ‘Sandwich’ may run along the top of Middle Common or it may be the present A351. What do others think?



The 1775 William Woodward map of Castle Leaze, Corfe Castle, showing Addleton Gate

The Dome Books of Corfe mention that in 1581 a way lead from the Common onto Afflington's grounds to allow cows to access water. The earliest map that shows the road leading to Swanage from East Street is the 1888 OS map but there was an earlier map of Afflington drawn by a Mr Bastard. This is now lost or, hopefully, just misfiled at Dorset History Centre!

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Evocative Christmas ‘Steam and Lights’ trains – featuring more operating days together with refreshed lineside and station lighting displays – are to be operated by dedicated Swanage Railway volunteers during December after the sold out success of last year’s festive services.

Operating on 17 selected days, with two evening trains a day from Swanage at 5.15pm and 7.15pm, the service replaces the traditional ‘Santa Specials’ – for the second year running – which cannot operate because of the measures that need to be taken to counter the spread of Covid-19.

The festive pre-booked ‘Steam and Lights’ service – running on selected days between Sunday, 27 November and Friday, 31 December, 2021, inclusive – will see trains covered in brightly coloured lights steam through the Isle of Purbeck in the dark of the evening.



Swanage Railway steam & lights December 2020
Courtesy - Andrew P M Wright

steam train runs from Swanage to Corfe Castle and Norden on the festive one-hour return trip.

The interiors of the cosy steam-heated carriages will also be festively decorated for the one-hour round trip which will see on-board music synchronised to lineside lighting displays passing the carriage windows.

Last year’s festive ‘Steam and Lights’ train services, in the run up to Christmas, were a sold out success with extra trains having to be operated to cope with public demand.

There will also be refreshed lighting displays at stations, as well as at other locations along the five and a half mile heritage line, as the

Before passengers board the ‘Steam and Lights’ train at Swanage station for their magical journey, there will be a dramatic switch-on of the train lights at the platform.

Swanage station will only be open to ‘Steam and Lights’ train passengers while Herston Halt, Harman’s Cross, Corfe Castle and Norden stations will be closed to the public.

The Swanage Railway’s volunteer passenger services director Trevor Parsons said: “We are very excited to be running a second year of festive ‘Steam and Lights’ trains in the run-up to Christmas because the service is very special and out of this world – colourful, evocative and dramatic. We are looking forward to it tremendously.

“Last year’s festive ‘Steam and Lights’ train services, in the run up to Christmas, were a sold out success with extra trains having to be operated to cope with public demand.

“The need to keep our passengers and staff safe against the threat of Covid-19 means that we are asking our passengers to wear face coverings when on the station platform and on the festive trains.

“With the help of an experienced and reputable company specialising in synchronised lighting and music, we have been working very hard to design a special festive train service that will make wonderful and magical memories for children and adults in the run-up to Christmas,” added Trevor.

The special ‘Steam and Lights’ trains operate on the last weekend of December, on the first two weekends of December and then daily between Saturday, 18 December and Thursday, 23 December, 2021, inclusive, as well as daily between Monday, 27 December and Friday, 31 December, 2021, inclusive.

The ‘Steam and Lights’ trains must be booked in advance and can only be joined at Swanage station where the brightly lit festive trains start and end their journeys.

Swanage station shop will be open when the ‘Steam and Lights’ trains are running – as well as a kiosk at Swanage station serving hot drinks and light snacks – subject to volunteer availability,

There will be no catering on the special festive trains because of the need to keep passengers and staff safe against the threat of Covid-19.

There are no toilets on the trains, but there are toilets on the platform at Swanage station, and pets are now allowed on the ‘Steam and Lights’ trains.

The Swanage Railway welcomes new volunteers and anyone interested in finding out more should contact Swanage Railway volunteer recruitment and retention officer Jonathan Evans on 01929 408466 or email iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk.

‘Steam and Lights’ train tickets are £85 for a table of up to four people – and £50 for a table of two people – with children aged under three being free if they sit on an adult lap and do not occupy a seat. Visit www.swanagerailway.co.uk/events for details.

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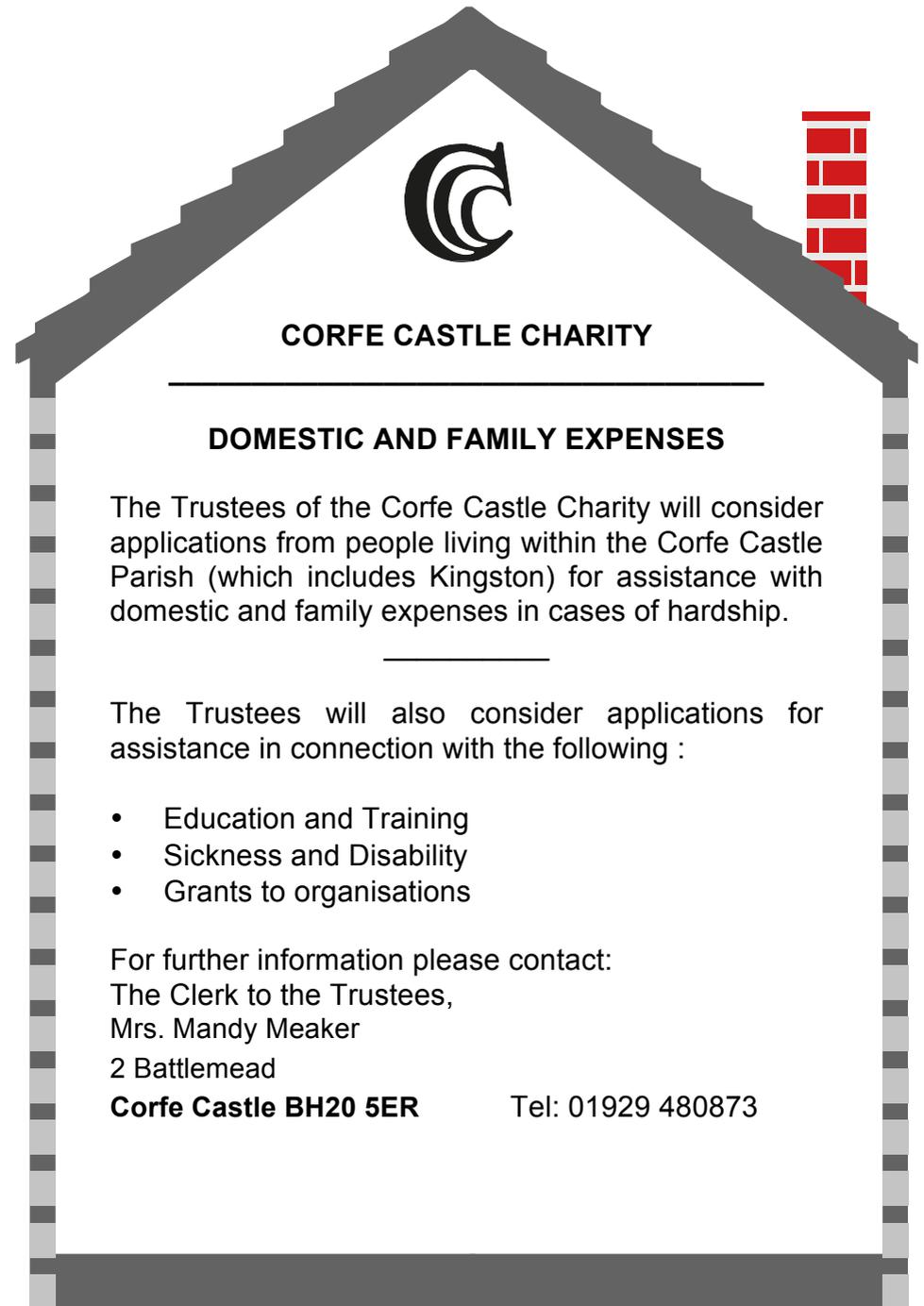
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Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.15 – 10.45am	& 11am – 12 Yoga	Langton Scout Hut
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
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Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
2nd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	By Zoom
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
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Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
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