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Editorial

The weather has continued un-summery, although as I write this on the 15th it is nice and sunny, if not particularly warm. Nevertheless, there have been a lot of visitors to the village over the last month; There have been both foreign and British holidaymakers and the pubs have been full. Furthermore, the roads have been very busy, with the result but there have often been tailbacks into the village from both directions. Oh that we had completed the bypass in 1929, 1948 or during the 80s when there were firm proposals, but unfortunately no money.

The Corfe Castle Parish Council did not hold a meeting during August having agreed to only meet if there was urgent business and to carry anything else over into September. There is, therefore, no report from the Corfe Castle Council in this edition of the magazine. Church Knowle, however, did hold a meeting and their usual report is available in this edition. There is also a report from the Parish Council Environmental Group.

There have been several successful fetes during August and congratulations to all concerned, several of whom had to carry on regardless in sometimes questionable weather. I hear that all the results were good and satisfactory sums were raised.

Stephen

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(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

There was no Parish Council meeting in August, so there is no report this month. However please see the information about a presentation on the possibility of a 20 mph speed limit at Mortons Manor on 21st September, which is part of the Corfe Castle Parish Council Environmental Group's input in this edition.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 11th September 2023, 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.

Parish Council contact details: *(Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors)*

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This year it is coming to the Planet Purbeck Festival with a range of opportunities for everyone to experience active and sustainable travel options between 15th and 23rd September.

PURBECK PARK – from 10am every day:

- Drop into the information hub at Purbeck Park which you can get to by public transport (or drive here and park your car)
- Try out the many other options including trains, buses (fares are still £2) and discounted Bike Hire from Cyclexperience
- Join the Poole Harbour Trails Community Group's escorted footpath walk from Purbeck Park to Wareham Quay (7.5 miles) on Friday 15th Sept.
- Plans are still being developed, and may include free parking at Purbeck Park on some days
- We're also hoping some Corfe Castle Primary School children will be joining us for some road safety training on Friday 15th Sept.
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- National cycling charity Sustrans will be hosting cycle skills and games that you might be like to get involved in
- Local cycle company Cyclexperience will be giving people the opportunity to try out their bikes before they hire them to go out on a ride into the surrounding forest, which has loads of traffic free and quiet routes to choose from

Look out for more information about the events on the Planet Purbeck Festival website <https://planetpurbeck.org/festival/>

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If you have a problem, do you know who best to call to help deal with the issue?
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To report an overgrown hedge, tree or verge onto the highway

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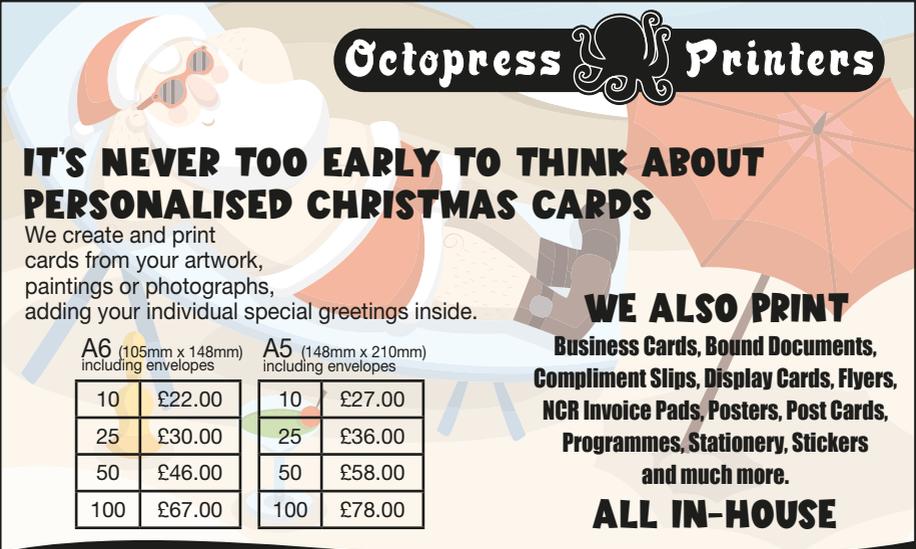
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Environmental Group Update



Recent Get-Togethers



In July we were fortunate to have, at the last minute, David Brown Land & Nature Programme Manager at the National Trust, to talk to us about the Purbeck Heaths, the NNR, and explain about the reasons behind taking down the fences at Hartland Moor and Arne. A larger area has been created over which cattle, Exmoor ponies, pigs and deer can graze and roam, allowing them to mimic the behaviour of the prehistoric animals that created the habitats that many of the rarest flora and fauna in Purbeck need to survive. After just a year since the changes were made, two new colonies of rare Purbeck mason bees have already been spotted!

David also mentioned that if anyone would like to get involved with wildlife recording in Purbeck, you can join the Purbeck Natural History Forum which is open to everyone and free to join. You can use using the form on the website, purbeckheaths.org.uk/purbeck-natural-history-forum/, or by emailing purbecknhf@gmail.com or via our Clerk.

It was also lovely to see so many of you at the St Edwards Summer Fair on Thursday 10th August. There were positive conversations about continuing to improve wildlife habitats at the various Parish churchyards, and our new energy display prompted a few conversations. We were also delighted to give away about 30 trees.

Next Get-Together

Thurs 21st September; Mortons Manor. 7.15pm in the bar - 7.30pm start.

We have Dilys Gartside, the Dorset lead for the National 20's Plenty campaign, is coming to give us a talk about 20mph speed limits, see separate article. Please let us know (via the clerk) if you're intending to join – we may need to switch venues due to level of interest!



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

Facebook: "Corfe Castle Environmental Group"

Core Members: Josey, Helen, Tom, David, Richard & Luke



20mph Speed Limit

Corfe Castle Parish Council is currently considering whether to apply to Dorset Council for a reduction in vehicle speed through Corfe Castle Village from 30mph down to 20mph.

On **Thursday the 21st of September** at 7:30 p.m. Dilys Gartside, the 20's Plenty Campaign Coordinator for Dorset, will give a presentation on the health, safety and environment benefits of reducing vehicle speed on 30mph roads, down to 20 mph.

The presentation will be given as part of the Corfe Castle Environment Group meeting in **Mortons Manor Hotel, East Street, Corfe Castle, BH20 2EE**, and it will be an ideal opportunity for you to find out more.

Amongst other things, Dilys will discuss:



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Church Knowle Parish Council - August Meeting

The August meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 8th August at 6:30pm. It was attended by five members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair), the Dorset Councillor Cherry Brookes and six members of the public.

The main items of interest in the meeting were:

Public Discussion

The increased commercial activity at the Blue Pool and development at Furzebrook Farm was raised and there have been no planning applications for this.

It was noted that the CCTV at the Blue Pool covered parts of the public highway and other public areas and it was thought that signage was needed indicating this.

Vacancies on the Parish Council

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council which has a full strength of nine and any interested parishioners can apply to clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk.

Planning and Camping

The application P/CLE/2023/03804 for a Lawful Development Certificate for the Existing Use of camping at the The New Inn was discussed and the Council resolved to support it but noted concerns about the summer fire risk and motorhome traffic.

Neighbourhood Plan

Funding is again available for Neighbourhood Plans and the Council is to apply for this. The Steering Group will be reconvened and the Plan will be taken through to completion.

Nicola Pitcher has agreed to take the chair of the reconvened Steering Group.

Highways

The application for a 30mph speed limit in Church Knowle has been properly submitted and supported by the ward councillor. There is nothing more the parish council can do and it now rests with the Dorset Council. There only

speed limit that applies anywhere in Church Knowle is the national speed limit of 60mph.

There is a new H-bar painted on the road opposite the turning by the phone box. This was put in to keep this section of road clear of parking to allow agricultural and other vehicles room to make the turn. It was reported at the meeting that there are cars that are parking on this and obstructing the road.

The August meeting finished at 8:10pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 12th September.



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Planet Purbeck Festival.



Nadeem Perera

TV star Nadeem Perera will be the big draw at this year's Planet Purbeck Festival.

The wildlife presenter – recently seen on Springwatch and David Attenborough's Saving Our Wild Isles – will be at Swanage's Mowlem Theatre to front a lavish "Celebration of Purbeck" night.

Nadeem, regarded as the biggest up-and-coming talent in wildlife broadcasting, will talk about his passionate drive to make nature accessible to all, particularly young disadvantaged people, and his groundbreaking birdwatching group Flock Together.

Continuing the TV theme, the evening will also feature the premiere of a film called Purbeck: Let's

Go Wild especially made for the occasion by BBC and Netflix filmmaker Sue Western.

She has been interviewing scores of people in the area, from five-year-olds to 85-year-olds, to find out what the word "nature" means to them.

Sue said: "I have been especially blown away by the children and young people I have met.



Sue Western credit Tony Kerins

"They have been so honest and wise and funny, with a clarity that is both refreshing and extremely hopeful."

The free-ticket Mowlem evening, on September 23, is the centerpiece of the ten-day festival during which Planet Purbeck will continue its twin aims of bringing people together to help nature thrive and keeping pressure on the powerful to tackle climate change. Other highlights among a host of events to be



The festival's traditional autumn equinox swim

held across the peninsula from September 15-24 include a "camp-out" at Burnbake with live music and food; a mini festival within a festival at Sandy Hill Arts in Corfe Castle, a welly-wanging competition at Norden Farmers Market and a shoreline safari at Kimmeridge, along with the traditional autumn equinox swim at Studland's South Beach.

Festival organiser Luke M Luke said Nadeem's presence and Sue's film are part of Planet Purbeck's drive to attract a wider following, particularly among young people.

He added: "We are extremely excited to have Nadeem with us and I'm glad to say he was really drawn to the vibrancy and energy we are putting into the festival.

"Sue's films are brilliant and we're confident there won't be a dry eye in the Mowlem when she shows her new one."

Although many of the festival's events are familiar from years past, Luke is hoping for a greater emphasis on "mass" gatherings.

He said: "We want to work with our event hosts to help make new friends and connections that will ultimately play a part in Purbeck's nature recovery journey."

** Full details of the festival and a survey on Purbeck's rewilding are at www.planetpurbeck.org



Planet Purbeck Festival organiser Luke M Luke



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Corfe Castle Surgery

Dr Kathryn Armitage will sadly be leaving the surgery at the end of September. Kathryn has been a part of the team for 7 years now and will be sorely missed by all of the staff and patients alike. We would like to wish her all the best for her future plans.

I wanted to update you on this years flu vaccine clinic plans; we will be holding our first Saturday clinic on 16th September from 9am to 12pm. This will be a walk-in, no appointment needed clinic for over 65's and 50-64 year olds in an 'at risk' group for **Corfe Castle Surgery patients only**. October dates will be communicated separately and you can check the website for details; corfecastlesurgery.co.uk.

All children will be contacted separately with an appointment to come into the Surgery.

Please remember to park in the pay and display car park so that it is safer for pedestrians arriving and waiting out the front of the Surgery for the clinic.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries.

Kerry Norman
Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

It is always a pleasure to bring good news which I am delighted to do by saying that in the National GP Survey undertaken between January and April this year, Corfe Castle Surgery received a score of 99%, against a National result of 71%, describing our overall experience as " good". I am sure Kerry, our Practice Manager will give more details but we wish to congratulate Dr Lepper and Kerry on this wonderful result and thank them and the surgery team for all their hard work .

Whilst this is good news I am sad to advise that the valued and much appreciated Chemotherapy clinic held at Wareham Hospital on a weekly basis is to close on Friday August 11th upon the retirement of the respected and loved Advanced Clinical Practitioner,Nicky. who with her team has developed a friendly professional "Chemo Club" for those patients receiving treatment at a most vulnerable time .The clinic is run by University Hospitals Dorset

(UHD) who have advised that they do not have sufficient staff to continue the clinic at this time but have said that they hope to reinstate it within 6 months to a year when recruitment and training has taken place. UHD wished to extend their apologies to all patients and their families who have been impacted by the short notice cessation of the Wareham hospital clinic.

It was disappointing that neither local GPs or Wareham Hospital were informed of this clinic change in advance which has created concern and distress for many and now means that patients must travel to Poole Hospital for treatments.

As the Wareham Hospital Friends Chair I have made representation to UHD and our local MPs, as has the Chair of the Swanage Hospital Friends, about this reduction in a local service; it is our intention to continue to fight for reinstatement!

The PPG committee will be meeting again in late September. Please let us know if there are issues you wish us to raise with the Surgery or if you wish to know more about the Patient Participation Group (PPG)

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Here's hoping for the return of some sunshine .

Kind regards,

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Best Foot Forward, Folks! Come and join us for a Barn Dance (with a bar and light meal) on Friday October 27th in Corfe Castle Village Hall. Music and Caller will be provided by the incomparable Arish Mel. Full details in the next CVN, Double Act's website, local publicity etc!

Who Did It And Why? Well, we certainly made a splash with our Murder Mystery Walks through the summer holiday! At the time of writing there have been three performances with spectator numbers in the 70s each time. These hardy souls survived high winds on the first one, wind and rain throughout the second one, and oodles of mud underfoot for the third one! By the time you read this, the last of Double Act's 2023 Murder Mystery Walks will have finished, leaving many happy memories. We hope to stage another one in two years time. The review by Caroline Burr of 'Scene 1+' concluded: 'Double Act is to be congratulated for coming up with this brilliant concept which was devised, written and directed by Peter Smith, one of the group members. The appreciative audience clearly enjoyed themselves and were drawn in to the medieval "whodunit", enthusiastically voting for the most likely villain at the end of the show.'

Agatha Crusty Rides Again!

The redoubtable crime writer and amateur sleuth will be returning to the Village Hall November 23rd to 25th, to unravel another convoluted plot set in a Health Spa. 'Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders' (by Derek Webb) is a clever concoction with plenty of laughs, some unforgettable characters, and of course a few juicy murders. The cast and production team are now working hard to bring you a most pleasant evening of family entertainment! Watch for information on how to get tickets, in later CVNs, our website, and other publicity sources around the area.

Barn Dance – Oct 27th; 'Health Spa Murders Nov 23rd – 25th.

If you would be interested in joining our friendly safe group or for more details, please contact the chairman, David Kemp 01929 480007, or secretary David Watson 01929 481265 - or email doubleactdramagroup@gmail.com
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Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation (PYCF) takeover of Corfe Castle

By Leticia Underwood, Visitor Experience Assistant, National Trust Corfe Castle

On Saturday 12th August as part of International Youth Day, Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation staged a ‘takeover’ of Corfe Castle.

Ahead of the day, the young people came up with ideas for activities in the castle – powering a smoothie maker by bicycle, pottery making and even an escape room! Eighteen young people took part on the day, including Emily Whitbread (age 11) who wrote about her experience:



“I must have driven past Corfe Castle hundreds of times. Sometimes it’s easy to forget something that is so close to you is so amazing! The reason I got involved was to enjoy a range of activities with friendly people. My sisters and I have always enjoyed youth club and the PYCF’s holiday meet ups.



“The meaning of the castle to me is fun family get-togethers all year round and somewhere you can really use your imagination. On the day we did pottery, archery and a code breaking activity. I really enjoyed the pottery and I made a star pot with a lid and a bowl with my initials.

“Then we did the code breaking task. The aim was to find four letters and numbers by solving different puzzles. The puzzles would also tell you where the next clue would be found. At the end you would tell the instructors the unjumbled word and the four number code to reveal our prize. Our prize was an origami bee or hedgehog (I chose a bee) and a Corfe Castle badge to remember the day. This helped us to work as part of a team.

“We fitted a lot into the day and one of our last activities was archery which we all really enjoyed and I’m keen to try it another time. Overall, I had a fantastic day and I would definitely do it again”.

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1st August Summer Lunch BBQ

After much thought by the committee, we decided to abandon the idea of erecting the marquee in the village hall grounds, due to the weather forecast, which was not brilliant. Instead, the committee, along with husbands and members erected 2 rows of long tables in the village hall for our meal. Toby Woods did a marvellous job and provided us with a fantastic array of BBQ food, including chicken, salmon and prawn kebabs, veggie kebabs and the best tasting sausages. Also, an assortment of cold dishes, including salads and bread to accompany the above. This was followed by a variety of delicious desserts from Cook at Dorchester plus fresh fruit, cheese and biscuits. In total there were 66 people in attendance, including members, husband and friends. The committee had also arranged a raffle after our food. There was a real buzz in the hall and the committee were delighted to receive a series of emails, thanking us for all for our hard work. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying this special day. Thanks once again to Toby.

5th September Floral Design

This will be a workshop style meeting, which Carole Lehman has organised and should be very interesting and give our ladies a few good ideas for their floral displays. Carol would like us to bring the following, vase, reel of thin Sellotape, a range of foliage, a mixture of small and large leaves, plus a range of different plant material, minimum of 5 flowers, some longer stems than others, Secateurs/Kitchen scissors and a selection of pebbles for the bottom of the vase. Carole will not be using oasis as it is not biodegradable.

New Members We are always looking for new members for our group. We are a friendly lot and apart from our once-a-month meeting, we have book groups, a luncheon group, strollers and walkers. If you want to come as a guest to one of our meetings, there is a small charge of £3.

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News from The Castle

Can't believe it is August already! The patio and garden is looking beautiful, flowers blooming and the grapevines are growing.

It is business as normal and looking forward to a busy August. Hopefully the sun will continue to shine.

Magic Mondays are back starting on Monday 30th July, throughout August So come along and be amazed.

We have some lovely summer specials, so whether you fancy a salad or a bowl of steaming mussels, or our mouth-watering steak and ale pie we would love to see you, either at The castle or the Duke of Wellington. Have a fantastic August.

Friday nights are fish nights.

The Georgians 1714-1830

An unsettled period of industrial revolution, Napoleonic wars, and poverty. It also saw the world's first financial crash in 1720 as the South Sea Company collapsed ruining many investors and was followed by the collapse of the Charitable Corporation in 1731. This corporation had been set up to provide low interest loans to the poor and many shareholders lost their investments including Denis Bond of Creech Grange, who was a director and ended up having to resign his Parliamentary seat. He nearly lost all his property, but Parliament reduced its judgement on Bond's behaviour to 'neglect of duty'.



Satirical sketches were popular during this time and this one shows a flower being cut down whilst raining coins. On the stem is written 'Charitable Corporation Flower'.

Denis Bond began purchasing property in Corfe as a Parliamentary election could be swayed by householders with voting rights. By 1730, he owned 24 properties outright plus interests in a few others. Both he and John Bankes supported the Whigs, and with Bankes holding over 50 properties, this meant that the Whigs were always going to be elected. When John Calcraft started purchasing properties in 1757 to encourage a Liberal candidate, he never succeeded. Throughout this century a representative of the Bond and Bankes families stood as the two MPs for Corfe.

Industrialisation meant that the lowest paid, agricultural labourers, became unemployed and although the clay industry was up and running, there wasn't

sufficient work for all. The parish and the Charities stepped in to help as the cost of living rose. The number of poor in Corfe increased from the 1780s onwards and by 1790, it was clear that the village either had to send paupers to the workhouse in Wareham or find other accommodation thus the 'Poor House' was set up at 'The Kings Arms' (now Uvedale House) and many other properties were taken over by the Overseers of the parish to keep roofs over people's heads.

Clay had been worked in the last century, but Thomas Hyde and William Pike considerably increased the output from 1760. In 1769, Josiah Wedgwood opened his Etruria Works and began to need greater quantities of the Dorset potters' clay and the Norden area changed completely as Pike opened up several pits even cutting off the public roads between Corfe and Wareham and Creech to Wareham. It also became difficult to know whose land was whose and disputes arose as Norden became dotted with little clay pits.



By 1795, Benjamin Fayle had opened clay pits at Norden. Initially the clay was transported across the heath's rough trackways to Wareham, but this altered in 1806 when he opened his tramway to Middlebere – his 'Iron Rail Way'.

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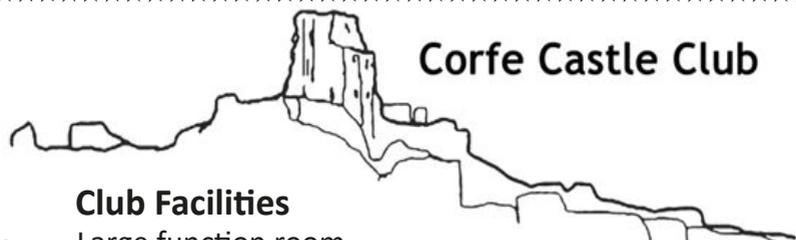
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Having had short break during August we are now looking forward, to welcoming one and all back to the Village Hall for the September 'Soup 'n Pud' on Saturday September 2nd at 12.30pm, straight after the Coffee Morning, where there will be the usual tasty food and friendly chat.

We will be making the usual choice of 2 soups, with rolls from the Village Bakery and 2 puds to enjoy. This month the courgette and tomato soup is made possible by the kind donation of courgettes from Debbie and Judith Jenkins.

Please remember that surplus crops are always welcome and made use of, to avoid them going to waste.

Once again we will have our happy band of volunteers helping with serving etc, without whom we would be unable to manage. So many thanks to them. If you would like to join the crew please contact one of us.

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Purbeck Youth Music

Musical Offerings.

From Swanage to Wareham and Wool, and in the villages in between, the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument is gradually spreading through the Purbeck primary schools. Of course, not every child is musical just like every child does not enjoy sport or is good at maths but at Purbeck Youth Music we aim to reach those who may never otherwise have an opportunity to hear instruments like the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trombone, violin or trumpet to name but a few, by arranging performances in schools by professional musicians who love to communicate their art. We hope to reach those children with untapped talent and inspire them to embark on a musical journey which may enrich their future lives.

So far, so good. Now that the schools are back, students can look forward this term to visits of the brass group 'Conical Sonicals' to whole school assemblies. Out of this there will be offers of beginner groups for children after which lessons may follow for those keen on playing a big shiny brass instrument. Where there is need, we can subsidise lessons and now that the Purbeck Instrument Loan Scheme (PILS) has joined with us, we can supply most instruments for a very modest annual fee.

Some of our young string players have morphed into a Traditional Folk Fiddle group which is led by Matt Tarling. These students are already learning conventionally with their visiting violin teachers, but Matt is teaching them to play simple folk tunes by ear i.e. not reading sheet music but listening hard, watching and copying what Matt plays to them. This is proving to be very popular and demonstrates how important it is to get together to play with others. Learning to listen is so important!

In an exciting new collaboration between The Swanage Folk Festival and the Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival who this year coincide in the weekend 9/10 September, the PYM Folk Group will be appearing alongside two visiting solo violinists who will be playing Hungarian folk tunes on Saturday 9th September in a joint Family Concert at 10am. Our PYM group will be playing two Irish tunes and who knows what else might occur. This concert is free for families.

Our ambitious dream is eventually to have a Purbeck Youth Orchestra. With children now learning a good range of strings, winds and brass, that dream may gradually come true.

To quote Andrew Lloyd Webber: "Classical music must not be the preserve of the rich. There should be a proper programme that makes music available to children in every school." Here at **Purbeck Youth Music** we couldn't agree more. PYM seeks to 'Inspire, Encourage, Develop' by reaching those who may not otherwise have such an opportunity and thereby filling the gaps in state provision.

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general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the August VH Coffee Morning. £172.33 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In August first prize of £21 was won by member 33, with member 75 getting second prize £10 and member 63 winning the third prize £5. If you would like to become one of the many villagers who support their local village hall like this please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

All the VH storage units are currently occupied, raising funds for the hall and helping locals with storage. To join the waiting list please contact Judith on 01929 480216.

regular weekly events:

Monday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio
Monday evenings	Double Act
Monday evenings	Purbeck Chess
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
Tuesday mornings	Yoga
Tuesday evenings	Martial Arts
Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Purbeck Crafts
Wednesday mornings	Pilates
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Thursday mornings	Silver Swans adult ballet
Thursday evenings	Cubs
Thursday evenings	Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday mornings	Pilates
Friday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio

regular monthly events:

1st Saturday morning	VH Coffee Morning
1st Sunday all day	Antiques Fair
1st Tuesday afternoon	Aquarius
1st Thursday evening	Gardening Club
2nd Monday evening	Parish Council
3rd Wednesday morning	Carers' Support (P Jones)
3rd Friday afternoon	Citizen's Advice bus
final Thursday morning	CC Carers Time

Yoga class

A reminder that we now have a regular weekly yoga class in the Bill Carter room on Tuesdays at 10 am. Suitable for beginners and over 50s.

Contact Semra at yogawithsemra@gmail.com or call 07932180327

new Artsreach dates for your diary

We are pleased to announce two more Artsreach events for the Autumn. On Saturday October 14th the talented actor **Dave Mynne** will be bringing us his version of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales". Then on Saturday December 16th we will be entertained by the Welsh group **Vri**, who blend fiddle music with the decorousness of classical technique without sacrificing the best of either tradition, and who harmonise vocally like angels.

To book a room at the hall, preferably use the email address carolepspeed@gmail.com. Alternatively ring 07590 352219.

News from the Library

Celebrating our 10th Anniversary

This year we are celebrating ten years of the community running the library, and we're proud that during that time we have made many improvements to the building and welcomed everyone in for a free service, lending books, offering Storytime sessions for children, serving book clubs and the Home Library Service, and hosting dozens of talks. A big thank you to all our brilliant volunteers!



Come to one of our two celebration 'drinks and nibbles' events on Saturday 30th September or Saturday 7th October between 10 and 12am. Everyone is welcome.

A Talk by Fran Gleason of Weldmar Hospice Care

Weldmar Hospice Care is a charity that provides specialist end of life care to people in Dorset who are living with a life limiting illness, which includes conditions such as cancer, motor neurone disease, and heart disease. An important aspect of this care is to also support their loved ones throughout what can be one of life's most difficult journeys.

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Weldmar Hospice Care

A talk by Fran Gleason

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It was a great success with 68 of you sitting down to a delicious three course meal with cheese and an evening of fun trying to guess the murderer from among the 8 actors taking part. Thank you to all the local businesses and individuals who were so generous with their donations for our fantastic raffle.

As a result we were able to donate £1,000 to the school for the books, a wonderful result.

Second our exciting plans for Christmas!

'The Kick Off Christmas Fair'

Saturday 11th November, Corfe Castle Village Hall.

10am – 2 pm.

Our annual Christmas Fair has to be earlier this year due to other bookings at the Village Hall, hence the title! It will be the ideal place to meet your friends, do a spot of Christmas shopping from the great variety of stalls and listen to live music whilst you savour some delicious light refreshment. This year we will be raising funds for the **Corfe Castle Youth Club Christmas Outing**. Our Youth Club does so much good work with our local young people.

If you would like to hire a table please contact Liz on 01929 480447.

Santa's Sleigh and Carol Singing.

Fri. 15th and Saturday 16th December.

As usual Crazy4Corfe will be joining with Swanage and Purbeck Rotary to join Santa as he travels the streets of Corfe Castle in his magical sleigh. This year we will be ending up with singing carols in the square on the Saturday and mulled wine and refreshments will be available. More information will be available next month but save the date – **Carol Singing in the Square 6pm on Saturday 16th December!**

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News from The Castle

Summer arrived far too late this year, but let's hope for a warm dry Autumn.

The summer holidays are over, and we are pleased to announce that we are now able to take bookings again:

On that note we have a couple of dates to announce;

We are hosting a Seafood Weekend 22nd to 24th September. Lots of sampling plates and delights for fish and shellfish lovers.

FRIDAY 22nd SEPT, is our **SEAFOOD GALA DINNER** at 7pm. 5 amazing courses for only £29.50

SATURDAY 30th SEPT. is our **CHINESE TAPAS Evening**. Great fun with prizes ... come and eat as much or as little as you like. come as a group and you will be able to choose even more dishes!

Thursday nights are now Steak nights again, this year with even more choice and better value.

Fridays are of course still Fish Nights; as fresh and local as we can get.

Wishing everyone a great September, from all of us at The Castle.

CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for SEPTEMBER 2023

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	September	Saturday	12.30 pm	Corfe Community Kitchen Soup'n Pud – Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	September	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Workshop/Meeting on Floral Design – Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	September	Thursday	8 pm	Gardening Club talk by David Boag on “Natures Garden” – CC Village Hall
7 – 10	September	Various	Daily	Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival around Purbeck
11	September	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
12	September	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle Village Hall
15	September	Friday	1 pm – 3 pm	Citizens Advice bus at Village Hall
15 – 24	September	Various		Planet Purbeck Festival at various locations
21	September	Thursday	7.15 pm	CCPC Environment Group meeting in Mortons Manor
22	September	Friday	7.30 pm	Keilidh – Kimmeridge Village Hall
30	September	Saturday	10 am – 12 midday	Drinks and Nibbles to celebrate library's 10 years in the Library

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

5	October	Thursday	8 pm	Gardening Club – Head Gardener from Minterne House – Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	October	Saturday	10 am – 12 midday	Drinks and Nibbles to celebrate library's 10 years in the Library
13	October	Friday	2 pm	Talk on Medieval Wreck at entrance to Poole Harbour – CC Village Hall
14	October	Saturday	7.30 pm	Ball and Socket performing at the Corn Exchange Wareham
20	October	Friday	2 pm	Library talk by Fran Gleason of the Weldmar Hospice Trust
27	October	Friday	Evening	Double Act Barn Dance in Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	November	Friday	7.30 pm	Keilidh – Kimmeridge Village Hall
11	November	Saturday	10 am – 2 pm	Crazy4Corfe Kick Off Christmas Fair – Corfe Castle Village Hall
15 - 16	November	Friday/Saturday		Santa's Sleigh and Carol Singing around the village
23 – 25	November	Thursday – Saturday		Double Act - Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders – CC Village Hall

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The Reverend Ian Jackson writes:

I am writing a few days before the gathering at Corfe on August 20th, a few weeks after the lovely occasion at Church Knowle with people from all parts of the Benefice and only now a short while before officiating at Langton and Kingston on August 27th and then for the last time while in office here on September 17th.

Many of you will have attended leavers' assemblies at school over the years – either as a pupil or family and friends in support. I have been privileged to attend quite a few of these over the recent years at Corfe School and they are always emotional occasions but they are also very uplifting ; I am sure that is

the case at St George's at Langton and also at the schools attended by our children and young people. At Corfe there is usually a time of 'I remember' and then a time of looking forward. The looking back is always very emotional and it is the looking forward which I find particularly uplifting and bringing hope for the future.

The 2 schools in our Benefice, Corfe and St George's are both relatively small – this leads to a close knit and supportive community. They have also been serving our communities for many years now and so are well rooted with many local people having attended them.

Church life involves quite a lot of looking back. There are the local stories and memories but also the re-counting of the events and understanding at the heart of Christian faith, life and worship. At the same time we look to the future and we try to understand all that is going on in the present. In all this we are conscious of God's guiding, loving presence: our faith may well ebb and flow but we are able to support and encourage one another.

We are conscious of all this both in our local setting but also of our place in the wider context of the nation, the world and the whole of creation.

Thank you for all your support and encouragement at the present time.

Bible Readings - September 2023

Sunday September 3 rd	Jeremiah 15: 15 – 21 Romans 12: 9 – end Matthew 16: 21 – end
Sunday September 10 th	Ezekiel 33: 7 – 11 Romans 13: 8 – end Matthew 18: 15 – 20
Sunday September 17 th	Genesis 50: 15 – 21 Romans 14: 1 – 12 Matthew 18: 21 – 35
Sunday September 24 th	Jonah 3: 10 – end of 4 Philippians 1: 21 – end Matthew 20: 1 – 16
Sunday October 1 st	Ezekiel 18: 1 – 4; 25 – end Philippians 2: 1 – 13

The Rev Anne Bond writes:

This summer may have been the wettest on record, at least here, in this neck of the woods - although we certainly don't want spontaneous fires breaking out anywhere due to intense summer heat. I felt so sorry for those holiday makers in Rhodes and the Greek Islands; having to be evacuated in clouds of smoke with huge flames within sight must have been extremely scary.

We are out of the silly season now and into the beginning of a new academic year. Children are taking nervous steps into new experiences of school: the little ones, trying out school for the first time; the bigger ones, joining classes one step more advanced than last year with new skills to get their minds around; and the older children beginning to work for the exams the results of which will eventually determine their adult futures. And we, more mature inhabitants of this confusing 21st century world of baffling artificial-intelligence-based technology, gender-bending, mystifying politics, merciless warfare, celebrity, global warming, and worrying about whether closing our borders a bit would count as inhumane refusal to welcome refugees, must somehow find and settle on values that align well with the command of Jesus Christ to 'love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, strength and soul, and love your neighbour as you love yourself.'

Jesus's God-given task was to change the mindset of the entire human race from the globally accepted Might is Right (that is, 'I'm bigger than you, I can hit harder, therefore I win') to the application of love to all situations, no matter what. Easy-peasy? I think not.

Applying love to every controversy is not as simple as it sounds, and contrary to what one might expect, does not necessarily mean soft-soaping your enemy with pretty words and bamboozling them into unwilling submission, nor does it bar strong words and actions. When Jesus rampaged through the Temple in Jerusalem in protest at finding selfish unholy commerce where there should only have been prayer honouring Almighty God, pleas for guidance from God, or heartfelt gratitude to God, but instead finding cattle, sheep and birds being sold for profit and money changers plying a busy trade - he did not shrink from challenging socially accepted behaviour nor did he mince his words. 'He made a whip out of cords and drove all from the temple area ... he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables ... to those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my father's house into a market!" (John 2:15-16)

What applying love to every situation means is keeping at the back of your mind that you owe love and honour to God Almighty, because he first loved you, and understanding that God expects you to treat the people whose

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‘Lift your eyes and look to the heavens; Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls them each by name. Because of His great power and strength, not one of them is missing’ Isaiah 40:26

Few people have stood and watched a beautiful sunset, or looked heavenwards on a crystal-clear night to take in the stars without feeling deep within a sense of wonder and amazement.

In a sci-fi series we hear the phrase- **‘Space-the final frontier’**. But is this true? Is the infinite cosmos that reaches out from, and engulfs our tiny planet, the final frontier.

Many believe that Death is actually the final frontier and once we have left this mortal coil, we shall have finished our journey. Is there life after death? Or do we cease to exist? The Bible tells us that we were created by an infinite God who planned and purposed that we should share in His eternal world. Rebellion against His authority destined us to a world trapped by time, but with the prospect of facing eternal punishment. Not a great outlook!

We all feel that time is slipping away. It’s the one thing that once gone can never be recovered or replaced. How often have we said to ourselves, ‘if only I could have my time over again...’

How many people have spent years of research looking for the answer to another of these questions – **‘Is there life beyond our planet?’** Incredibly we have discovered only one planet that can sustain life, as we know it – this tiny speck called Earth!

There is something beyond space – Eternity is the final frontier and Heaven is our eternal goal. Jesus came to this world to rescue us from the sin that has sent our lives spinning out of control in the wrong direction. He stepped into our world and became a man to pay the ultimate price- the death penalty- He died on a Cross so that through Him we could be received back to Our Father God. Graham Kendrick, the Christian songwriter, puts it like this in his Hymn, **The Servant King**.... ‘Hands that threw stars into space, to cruel nails surrendered! And because He rose again, He comes today to give us new life... abundant life

I hear some people saying, **‘It’s life, but not as we know it!’** Well, certainly it’s a new life – one that revolves around the Lord rather than self. But it’s been my experience, through all the ups and downs of following Jesus now for thirty-four years, that in Him I have found a meaning and purpose for my life that I couldn’t have found anywhere else. **I discovered all those years ago**

that God who created ‘outer’ space could fill and fulfil the ‘inner’ space of my heart. And if He can do it for me, He can certainly do it for you.

Rob Taylor

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

There was no meeting in August and it should have been a time for enjoying our gardens with our families and friends and sharing the bounty from our fruit and veg patches and flower beds. However, I'm sure the mixed weather probably meant a lot of weeding was also going on.

I'm sure we are all looking forward to making future plans as the evenings start to draw in.

Thursday September 7th. Our 'new term' starts off with a fascinating talk by David Boag, wildlife photographer, author and lecturer entitled 'Nature's Garden'.

Thursday October 5th. Mark Bobin, the Head Gardener at Minterne Gardens, Minterne House will be with us. He will be talking about the gardens, the plants and their Himalayan link. He will also talk about his own plant hunting expeditions to the Himalayas. It's always fascinating to learn how plants that started their life in the challenging environment of other regions of the world adapt and thrive in our own climate.

Meetings take place in the Village Hall, Corfe Castle at 8pm. Non-members are welcome to join us for a small fee if they are interested in a particular talk.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Chris Clarke on 01929 480095 or 07815 058880.

Chris Clarke

Talk about the Medieval Wreck at the entrance to Poole Harbour

There will be a talk by Tom Cousins, a marine archaeologist from Bournemouth University, about the Medieval wreck found near the entrance to Poole Harbour in 2022. It will be held on Friday 13 October 2023 at 2pm in the Bill Carter Room at the Corfe Castle Village Hall.



Citizens Advice – Here for Local Residents

With the on-going cost of living crisis, many people are increasingly worried about how they are going to pay bills, heat their home and put food on the table.

Citizens Advice in East Dorset and Purbeck would like to remind residents to seek help early on and that we are here to offer free advice and support.

Experienced advisers are available to provide support about a wide range of issues including, debt, energy advice, employment, benefits and housing. There is a range of support available particularly to low income households which many residents may not know about.

Advice is provided through multiple channels including telephone, email, video conferencing and face to face from our offices in Wareham and Wimborne and from outreach services including Swanage and Herston. Home visits are also offered to those more vulnerable people who are unable to access these services.

Drop-in Locations

Local residents can call into one of the drop-in sessions at the following locations. Advice is free and no appointment is necessary:

- Swanage Library - Wednesday 10am-12pm (except first Wednesday of the month)
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- Wareham Citizens Advice – Tuesday & Thursday, 10am-12pm
- Lytchett Matravers Library - Friday 10am-12noon
- Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council – Tuesday 10am-12pm
- Upton Library – Wednesday 2pm-4pm
- Wimborne Citizens Advice - Monday & Wednesday, 10am-12pm
- Ferndown Library - Tuesday & Friday, 10am-2pm
- The Centre, Barns Road, Ferndown - Thursday, 10am-2pm

And by appointment only at:

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For details of all of our outreach and drop-in locations visit

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For general advice and support call the **Dorset Adviceline freephone 0800 144 8848 (Textphone: 0800 144 8884)**, 10am-4pm weekdays or visit

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Corfe Castle residents will be able to access free advice when the Citizens Advice Bus stops at Corfe Castle Village Hall Car Park every third Friday of the month.

Help and support will be available on a number of different issues including: benefits, debt & money, energy, employment, family, housing and legal. If you're struggling to pay your Wessex Water bills and if you're on pension credit you may be entitled to additional help. Advice is free and confidential.

The bus will stop by on Friday 15th Sept, 20th Oct & 17th Nov, 1-3pm. Visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus for additional bus stop locations.

To speak to an adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline on 0800 144 8848.



Are you an Armed Forces Veteran?

If so, whichever service or branch you were in, there is advice and help from Dorset Council under the Armed Forces Covenant Programme.

There is so much to say about this programme it may just be better for you to read the information directly from their website.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/the-armed-forces-covenant>

Treleven 'Trev' Haysom - 1942-2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the death, on August 7th, of Trev Haysom. He will be buried at Crack Lane Cemetery, attended by family members only.

A 'Celebration of Trev's Life' will be held at 2.30pm on Sunday 10th September at Leeson House, Langton Matravers, to which all are welcome.

Haysom Family

THREE PARISHES FETE - CHURCH KNOWLE

It was touch and go whether storm Antoni would allow us to proceed this year, but with true British grit, you all pulled it off!

On behalf of the 3 Parishes Fete Committee, a huge THANK YOU to all who turned out for the huge job of setting up and dismantling the fete. Grateful thanks too to all who ran stalls and who made & supplied some fabulous cakes, produce, bric a brac, books, generous bottles and much more.

We salute the general public whose unfailing support come rain or shine is truly wonderful.

Huge thanks too to Neil and Angie Harbury for their cheerful acceptance of such an invasion of their beautiful garden, and to Mike and Kath Best for giving their fields up to a car park.

Amazingly, despite the weather, we had takings to match last year, leaving profits in the region of £10,000 to support the 3 parish churches, KERV, Corfe Castle Surgery & more...

THANK YOU AGAIN TO EVERYONE INVOLVED

AND SEE YOU NEXT YEAR ON 3RD AUGUST 2024

Ball and Socket are also back

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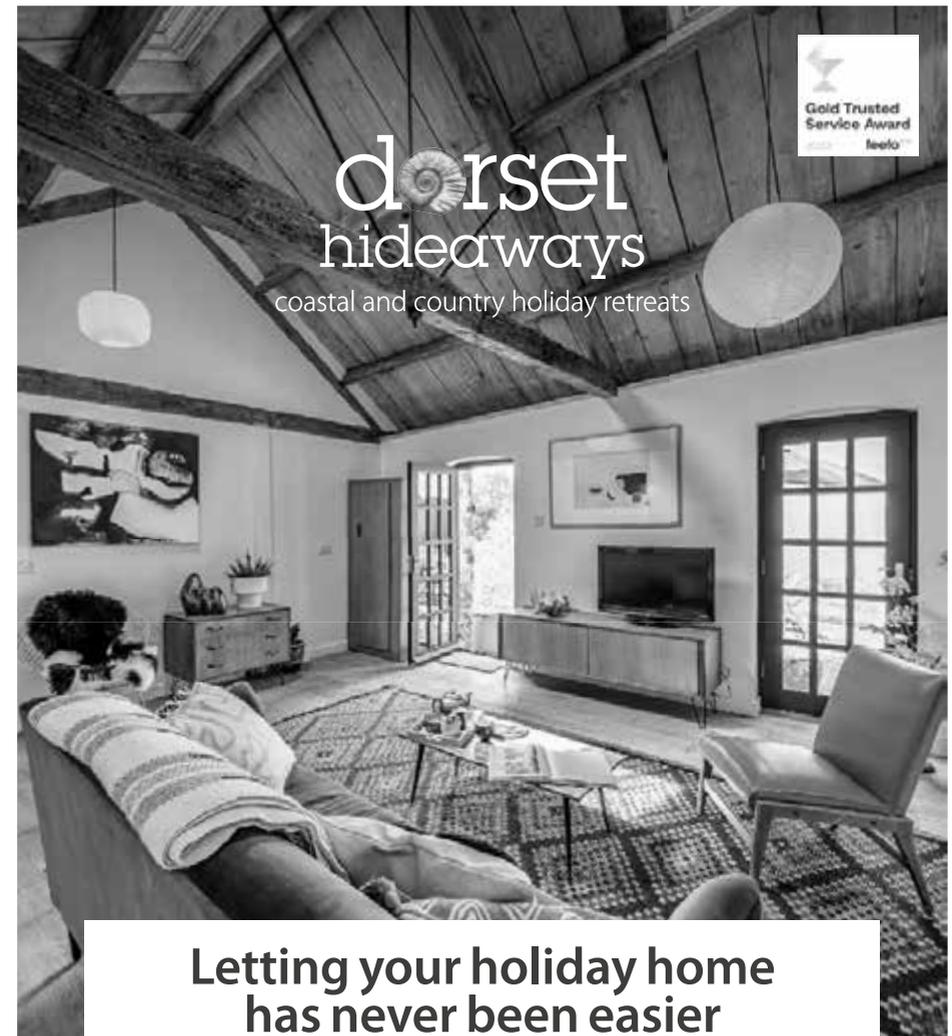
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Rambling of a local gardener.

September is the main month for harvesting and preserving the vegetables by freezing, drying or clamping. On 23rd September the nights will start to be longer than the days so it is time to sow as soon as possible. Quick growing vegetables that will crop quickly or are hardy and will grow slowly to harvest during the winter into spring. There are 4 different radish the long white radish (oriental radish), can be harvested or pickled, the small ones use soon if the weather is warm, another radish is medium white and pink one that crops before Christmas. Also, a large black skinned radish that is good for late winter and early spring, if not sown too early. It is wonderful grated with cabbage and carrot for winter salad! It can be fleece covered awaiting harvest! There are oriental vegetables which I don't know much about but can be sown now for a quick salad crop or for winter cropping. Look out for something new to sow and if you still have any bare ground, sow some green manures - I like phacelia, (to prevent winter rain leaching the nutrients in the soil), or cover with a natural covering.

In September there are many lovely days to enjoy walking or bicycling to make the most of the end of the summer. Here in Purbeck, we have a lots of foot paths which will show every kind of soil in your area, look out for plants that are doing well on local soils and try them in your own garden, look into local gardens for ideas.

In the early 1950s my mother said some time the Elms would die of a virus so I was to plant some lime trees between the magnificent elms that dwarfed all our homes. They did well and today I am having them cut back as I feel with the increasing storms/winds all around the world, they must be made smaller to be healthy. I have looked after them for 70 years so I wish I could leave them tall, but for longer term and my house (if they fall) they are being cut back.

June was wet and foggy and I have a lot of mildew on the foliage but I am sure it will heal if it is sprayed with my Comfrey juice. I make it but, it is hard finding the time to get it done! Now I am just enjoying the good weather in my garden and so glad I don't have to go anywhere unless I go for a swim in the sea

It is a lovely sunny day that reminds me of making hay in the 1950s riding on a hay cart being pulled by a big shire horse. I was taught how to load the wagon first, then make the hay rick, treading it down but, no bouncing. We had to wear hats and drink lots of fresh homemade ginger beer. I thought it great fun

although my brothers said it was hard work! I loved all the jobs I was given, feeding hens, ducks, geese, one pig and the shire horse. Milking one old cow and adding up all the milk yields. The milkman wrote down the amount of milk after milking each cow. I am so lucky I enjoyed everything, as it had to be done every day.

It is horrible hearing about the droughts, flooding, gales and now fires. Let's hope they don't come here. Everyone must change the way they live. Stop changing things, think before buying and cut down on fossil fuels. Unless we all change there will be no life for future generations. For now, enjoy the present. If you want to sit, talk or look at my garden please just ring me.

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Kimmeridge News

Eyes to the Skies

July and August have literally flown by with the bird migration seeming to start much earlier than we can remember in the last 25 years.

Glyn, campsite warden saw 100's of swifts massing ready to leave on the 14th July followed by swallows sand martins and house martins later that month especially on stormy days.

On the 9th August Pat and I walked the permissive path from Smedmore campsite to the bay and counted over 40 wheatears, willow warblers, whitethroats and chiffchaffs. The following morning we walked the coast path and had more wheatears, whinchat, 2 sandwich terns in the bay, garden warbler feeding on insects in the boat car park, a beautiful redstart at barn dairy and a singing male yellowhammer. Another birdwatcher had a pied flycatcher at the bay. Migration will continue throughout September and October with plenty of more birds leaving before our winter visitors arrive. Cheers Rose

Kimmeridge Keilidhs

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Pioneer view

Dear friends,

As well as our regular and popular activities, such as carpet bowls and support groups (which we hope to start again in the Autumn), we will be introducing more specific support around mental health issues associated with isolation and loneliness.

A recent innovation is the creation of a community allotment, that will be open to various groups, including those people with memory loss or additional needs.

Following national allotment week 7th - 13 August, I thought it would be good to share how we are planting ahead for the future in relation to the Growing Compassionate Communities allotment. Our 2 plots are located at the Corfe Mullen allotments, just off Pardy's Hill.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with this project. So, please get in touch through our Facebook page if you're interested in being part of this community allotment scheme. You can Direct Message us on

- <https://www.facebook.com/corfemullendfc> or
- <https://www.facebook.com/growingcompassionatecommunities/>

Here is a photo of our most recent harvest, including potatoes and carrots. I was delighted that these were delivered to the Corfe Mullen Community Food Bank. As you can see it's a bumper crop this year and there is more to come.



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We have been growing herbs as well as fruit. But there is so much more we can be doing in terms of growing for the community. There is so much potential, so, get in touch and help us grow for our community.

Here are a couple of quotes to ponder as we move forward with this project.

"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies." – Gertrude Jekyll

"I always see gardening as escape, as peace really. If you are angry or troubled, nothing provides the same solace as nurturing the soil." – Monty Don

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Peter - Chair

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Summer nights on the tiles.

This time last year I published the 2022 Corfe Castle swift nest league table. As many Corfe residents have doubtless noticed over the last few months, I and some fellow swift enthusiasts have been spending nights on the tiles surveying the swift nests again this year. Now

that the 2023 nesting season has ended, I can reveal the league table for 2023.

Property	Nests
Model Village courtyard	8
The Town House	7
The Town Hall	4
The Sweet Shop	2
Corfe Castle Club	2
21-25 West Street	2
The Village Bakery	1
Lark Rise West Street	1
The Old Bakery West Street	1
No 2 Tom's Mead	1
Total	29

Last year the total was 20 nest sites, but I suspected this was probably an underestimate because I only checked roofs visible at dusk from public places (dusk is the best time to check because all the adults return to their nests then). This suspicion proved correct because this year I discovered that one roof overlooking the courtyard of the Model Village contained more nests than any other roof in the village and so takes top spot in this year's league table. All other

properties listed in the 2022 table appear again this year with the same number of nests as last, except for The Bankes Arms where no swifts were seen this year. In 2023 the village total was 29 known nests. Of these, 21 were in or very close to the village square. We also found "new" nest sites at three other properties away from the square that we did not find last year. I suspect that 29 nests still underestimates the village swift population and that there are more nests at the backs of houses that front onto West Street but which cannot be seen except by the owners.

Our efforts to survey the swifts attracted quite a bit of attention – mostly from tourists and village residents curious as to our motives for suspicious loitering. However, our activities also came to the attention of the BBC SpringWatch

crew and Planet Purbeck and resulted in a couple of brief films about Corfe's swifts.

The reason for all this attention on swifts is that they are in trouble having declined in the UK by almost 60% within the last 30 years. Swifts are now on the "Red list" and feature prominently on the cover of the most recent report on Birds of Conservation Concern in Britain. Loss of suitable nesting sites due to unsympathetic re-roofing practices (like fully mortaring Purbeck roofing tiles and installing membranes underneath!) being a key issue. Swifts need holes in roofs or walls and/or nest boxes.

So, many thanks to all those at the Corfe Castle Club who I hope set a village precedent by installing two swift nest boxes. I have put up two boxes on my house too, and by broadcasting recordings of swifts' screaming calls, succeeded in getting several swifts to come down from the sky and zoom over my rooftop to look for new nesting sites – something they have never done before. I am hopeful they will return to try out the new boxes next year.

Swifts need help, so if you want to find out what you can do, look at the Action for swifts blogspot link <http://actionforswifts.blogspot.com/> The more nest sites we can preserve and the more boxes we put up for them the more likely it is we will still have swifts to enjoy in the summers to come. I was amazed by how often I overheard excited exclamations of "swifts!!" from holiday makers enjoying their evening stroll around the square as the swifts screamed past. Swifts do give so much pleasure.

If anyone is interested in helping to do another survey next summer in Corfe Castle or any nearby villages, please get in touch at cvnnature@gmail.com

Apologies are due to all CVN readers who were discombobulated by finding unexpected visitors loitering outside their houses at dusk. Thanks to Ed & Emily Paris for cups of coffee, and for access to the terrace of their AirBnB, to Marcello Andrade for access to the Model Village courtyard after hours, to other householders for their tolerance, and to Nick Squirrell, Phyl England and Lindsay & Holly Carrington for helping complete the survey.

Richard Caldow

Swanage Skatepark Consultation
Have your say on the future design of Swanage Skatepark

The Swanage Skatepark Community Project has launched a public consultation on the evolution and improvement of ramp facilities at Swanage Skatepark.

In Spring 2023, a significant section of Swanage Skatepark became unsafe and the older ramps in this area were removed by Swanage Town Council. This has left an empty but freshly resurfaced area that is ready for new ramps.

A new group, 'Swanage Skatepark Community Project' (SSCP), has been formed to support Swanage Town Council in the continued development of the area. The group's initial aim is to run a transparent and inclusive public consultation process to see what users want from Swanage Skatepark.

So far, the online survey has been distributed to local schools from Swanage to Sandford and is now available online for anyone to respond to. The public consultation survey will close Friday 15th September. Survey results will hopefully allow SSCP to move to the next stage, to create a community led design brief and begin fundraising for the cost of the new equipment.

SSCP will continue the decades of fundraising and community engagement by local resident Lorna Haines. Lorna's long-standing connection with Swanage Skatepark will continue as Chairperson of the new group with support from other volunteers co-opted for their combined passion to develop Swanage Skatepark in an inclusive and transparent way.

'In our survey, we particularly want to hear from Swanage Skatepark users and people who would like to use Swanage Skatepark but currently don't or can't. As well as informing us of the type of equipment people want to see in the skatepark, our survey will reveal the barriers that some people face so we can consider how to make Swanage Skatepark accessible to even more people in the future.'

Lorna Haines - SSCP Chairperson

Councillor Chris Tomes, Lead Councillor for the Council's Sports, Leisure and Wellbeing Working Party commented:

"The Town Council is very much looking forward to working with the Swanage Skatepark Community Project. This is an exciting opportunity for current and future users of the skatepark to let us know what they would like to see to make this fantastic community space even better and more accessible,

for the enjoyment of local residents and visitors to our town for many years to come.

"I would like to sincerely thank the group for its enthusiasm, hard work, and determination to make this project a success. Watch this space!"

The group is also building an online gallery of skatepark users past and present enjoying the space. Dig into your archives and submit your Swanage Skatepark photos to swanageskatepark@gmail.com.

Respond to the survey here:

<https://www.swanageskateparkcommunityproject.com/post/swanage-skatepark-consultation-survey>

Find out more by searching for Swanage Skatepark Community Project or clicking:

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Members of the Swanage Skatepark Community Project - credit Millie Haines



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WEDNESDAY

- **Say so Drama 10:30 – 12.00** Adults with learning difficulties - Emma 07725942609
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News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

After all the work and excitement of our Annual Fete, September is a bit of 'rest and recovery' at the Hall with all our usual weekly groups returning and just our September Movie Night to focus on:

Tuesday 12 September – The Lost King

In 2012, after having been lost for over 500 years, the remains of King Richard III were discovered beneath a carpark in Leicester. The search had been orchestrated by an amateur historian, Philippa Langley, whose unrelenting research had been met with incomprehension by her friends and family and with scepticism by experts and academics.

When Philippa (Sally Hawkins) reads a biography of Richard that highlights the disconnect between his reputation (a deformed, wicked usurper) and his "true" self (none of the above), she resolves to set the record straight, despite her ME having left her feeling shunned and ridiculed, her marriage to John (Steve Coogan) close to collapse and her job at risk. So, after a couple of pub meetings with fellow Ricardians (self-described oddballs and misfits), she's banging on the doors of the establishment, seeking funding to dig up Richard's bones, which she has become convinced lie under a car park in Leicester.

The trailer can be found on our website at:-

<https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Movie-Nights/>

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The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral Secret Gardens of the Close

This year's *Secret Gardens of the Close* event attracted a record number of visitors and raised a record sum for Salisbury Cathedral.



A record number of people flocked to the Friends of Salisbury Cathedral's Secret Gardens event.



The gardens were full of beautiful roses.

A hot and sunny afternoon attracted crowds of people to the nine gardens that were open and swelled the charity's coffers by £15,000. The fine weather resulted in fabulous displays of roses and other summer flowers, alongside majestic trees and colourful shrubs.

Tea and cake were served at South Canonry, the home of the Bishop of Salisbury, with the £3,156 raised going to the Sudan Medical Link.

There was an exhibition of botanical artworks and recorder group Close Consort entertained visitors throughout the afternoon.

Friends' chairman Duncan Glass was delighted with the result. "What a fantastic result!" he said.

"The weather was perfect and the gardens were in full bloom. "The proceeds will surely make a difference to the preservation of our medieval masterpiece. "Thank you to all who attended and supported our flagship event, and our generous garden owners and the 70 volunteers who made it possible."



The Secret Gardens events raised £15,000 for projects at Salisbury Cathedral. (All pictures copyright Katharine Shearing).

The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral

Now is a great time to join the Friends of Salisbury Cathedral!

The Friends' charity was founded in 1930 and since then has given thousands of pounds in grants to help preserve the cathedral and safeguard it for future generations.

In the 2022/23 financial year, the Friends gave grants to replace the cathedral's external lighting with LED units, and to purchase a new chamber organ, two TV screens for use at the weekly family services and provide weekly flower arrangements.

Annual subscriptions are £25 for a single membership and £40 for joint membership.

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Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	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
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.30 – 7.30pm	Adult	C C Village Hall
		Ballroom Dance	Donna 01202 243803
Each	7.45 – 9.15pm	Badminton	C C Village Hall
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
WEDNESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
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			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall
SUNDAY			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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