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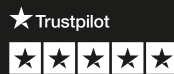
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Editorial

For the last few months, we have included the dates of bin collections in the notices and thanks part of the magazine. We have been asked by a reader to include the whole programme to cater for those who do not have Internet access. We have therefore published the whole sheet from the Dorset council website. This can be found in the notices and thanks pages and hopefully will fill the gap for those who are not on the Internet.

It has been surprisingly cold during January, and we hope that everybody is keeping warm. As I write this, just after the middle of January, we seem to be entering a warm spell, which will be nice.

Thanks go to the festivities committee who put up the Christmas lights all around the village. This involves a lot of hard work by a lot of dedicated people. However, it really pays off as it truly helps to make the village a showpiece at Christmas, which is visited by many people. It is just a great pity that this year the weather meant that the switch on could not take place, particularly as the switch on and arrival of Father Christmas are major fund-raising events. The team are always looking for new helpers so if you are interested do get in touch – the phone number is on the back of the magazine.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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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
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JANUARY FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

West Street Parking: Did you know that even if you park legally on the road, you could still be held liable for an accident involving another vehicle?

The Highway Code states in Rule 242: "You MUST NOT leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road." This means that parking in a way that creates a hazard—such as near a bend in the road—could make you liable for accidents caused by other road users who are forced to move onto the wrong side of the road to navigate the bend.

In such cases, proximate cause may come into play. This legal principle means that if your parking is shown to have directly contributed to the accident (for example, by obstructing visibility or creating a dangerous condition), you could be held responsible. In other words, your car's location could be considered a proximate cause of the collision, as it led to an unsafe driving situation.

Dorset Adventure Park: Sam Thompson and Tom Campbell-Hill, directors of Dorset Adventure Park, joined the January Parish Council meeting to share their vision for the Water Park's future under their leadership. One such vision is to work with other stakeholders to create safe pedestrian access to the park from Norden. The Parish Council extends its gratitude for their insightful presentation and looks forward to fostering a close and collaborative relationship with them in the years to come.

Swanage and Purbeck Town of Culture bid 2026: Richard Coleman (Mowlem Centre Trustee) and Culvin Milmer (Visitor Services and Business Development Manager; Swanage Town Council) attended the January Parish Council meeting, where they gave a short presentation on the Swanage and Purbeck Town of Culture bid for 2026. The Parish Council agreed to support the bid with a £600 contribution if successful. Fingers crossed for 2026 to be our year of culture!

Footpath update: The long-standing issues with the footpath from East Street to the play park area has taken another step forward. During recent works, the National Trust identified asbestos on the site, which must be safely removed before progress can continue. By the time you're reading this, the asbestos removal should either be underway or completed. The intention is to build a dry-stone wall by the path. The Parish Council remains committed to ensuring this project moves forward and will continue to follow up with the National Trust.

National Trust: At the January meeting, the National Trust (Corfe Castle) asked what priorities or support the Parish Council would like from them this year. If you have any suggestions, concerns, or ideas that the National Trust could assist with, please share them with the Parish Council Clerk via email. Your input is valuable in shaping our collaboration with the National Trust!

Precept / Council Tax: For the financial year 2025-26, the Parish Council has set the Precept at £61,450, representing an 11.36% increase from last year. However, due to the change in the amount of tax second homes now pay the increase per Band D home will be 3% which equates to 20p per month. The Precept is used to maintain Parish Council assets such as the play park and other open spaces; Support vital community projects, and it enables us to respond proactively to the community's needs. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain and improve our wonderful parish.

Reflection Garden Approved: In the new extension of God's Acre Cemetery, the Parish Council has approved an exciting project to create a beautiful Reflection Garden, overlooked by the iconic Corfe Castle. This serene space will include new seating areas, a dedicated memorial section, and a designated area for the scattering of ashes.

We'd love to hear your thoughts! If you have suggestions or ideas for what you'd like to see in this special area, please reach out to the Clerk. Your input will help shape this meaningful community project.

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

Next Council Meeting – Monday 10th February 2025, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public session, so please come and join us and have your say.

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My bin was not emptied:

Self Service Portal - <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/report-a-bin-problem/missed-bin-collection>

Telephone: 01305 221040

A public litter bin is overflowing

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To report a pothole

Self Service Portal - <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/Report-a-pothole> - Telephone 01305 221020

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

Self Service Portal - <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/report-a-hedge--tree-or-verge-issue> - Telephone 01305 221020

To report a problem on a road or pavement

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

Telephone 01305 221020

To request a highways gully clear

Self Service Portal - <https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/report-a-gully--drain-or-flooding-issue> - Telephone 01305 221020

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Church Knowle Parish Council

The January meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 6:30pm. It was attended by six members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair) and two members of the public.

The main items of interest in the meeting were:

Damage to the Tracks along the top of the Church Knowle Hills by Off-Road Vehicles

There was a detailed discussion on the damage that is being done to the tracks along the top of the hills at Cucknowle and other locations. These tracks are designated rights of way with highway numbers (D50604, D52004 etc) and there is therefore, subject to any statutory restrictions and limitations placed on them, a public right of way. This right however only applies to the designated road and users may only pass over the road itself. They must not stray off the road, drive over and damage tumuli (which are listed historical monuments) nor may they leave the road and onto the private land bordering the road. Any damage to these unmade up rights of way caused by unnecessary journeys in wet weather or by careless use generally will be permanent and they will simply degrade until they are unusable. This is an on-going problem and concerns motor cycles and off road vehicles.

There will be a further public discussion and possible measures to deal with this problem will be explored at the next parish council meeting at the Furzebrook Village Hall on 11th February. Any interested party or parishioners are invited to come along and participate or make suggestions.

Vacancies on the Parish Council

There is still one vacancy on the council which has a full strength of nine and any interested parishioners can apply to clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk.

Dorset Council

Dorset Councillor Ben Wilson said that the main item concerning Purbeck was the statutory Public Inquiry into the Ferry Company's application to increase its fares yet again. The inquiry is scheduled for Tuesday 21st January at the Poole Harbour Commissioners Building in Poole. More details can be found on the sandbanksferry.co.uk website. This is not a popular venue

as most of those affected are on the Swanage/Studland side of the crossing. Anyone is entitled to attend – it is a Public enquiry.

Cllr Wilson also reported that Dorset Council had voted to increase Council Tax by 4.99%.

Gates onto the Railway Line

A Councillor noted that the gates allowing vehicles to cross the railway line were, despite signs requesting that they be kept closed, nearly always left open. This will allow animals to stray onto the track and cause problems for all concerned, including the animals if they slip down an embankment. There is a £1000 fine for leaving these open. Readers are therefore requested to close any railway gates they find open.

30 mph Speed Limit

The Dorset Highways Traffic Regulation Team will begin the public consultation for implementing a speed limit at the end of January. As soon as details are available they will be put on the website (churchknowle-pc.gov.uk) under Information→Notices. They say a good level of community engagement is useful in supporting new speed limits.

The meeting finished at 7:50 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Furzebrook Village Hall at 6:30 on 11th February 2025.



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At this time of year, our thoughts often turn to planning our holidays.

It's probably too late for 2025 for anyone interested in skiing holidays, but did you know that you can book a holiday to the snow by train? **Travelski.uk** (www.uk.travelski.com) offers packages to the French Alps that include train travel, transfers, 8 nights' accommodation and a 7-day lift pass.



While I haven't used this company so can't offer a personal recommendation, it's good to know holiday providers are starting to offer green holidays.

Another interesting holiday / travel website I recently found is **greentraveller** (www.greentraveller.co.uk). This site offers low carbon holiday ideas and includes a number of e-Guides to places as diverse as Spain, Greece, West Sweden and Belize. Staying closer to home, Green Travel Guides to Protected Areas in England as available, including a guide to Dorset. This website also has information on planning a flight free journey covering overland train journeys, including more unusual destinations for rail travel to Europe, for example Barcelona, Copenhagen, Zurich or Cologne, or journeys using ferries – how about Morocco by train and ferry?! There is even a guide to “**How to travel from South West England to Europe without flying**” which includes sections with travel by ferry, coach or train. Although most journeys do not start from Dorset, it should be straightforward to link into the suggested routes by public transport from Purbeck.

Greentraveller also suggest using the excellent rail journey planning website **The Man in Seat Sixty-One** (www.seat61.com). Last year I used this site to plan a trip round Europe, taking in Paris, Barcelona, Madrid and Lisbon. While it is often more expensive to travel by train than to fly, the journey becomes part of the holiday as you enjoy the scenery, and you can make savings by sleeping on the train. Adults can buy an **Interrail pass** (www.interrail.eu/en) giving unlimited travel in 33 countries in Europe for 5 days (which do not need to be consecutive) for £267 (dropping to £201 for 12-27 years old and £240 for those over 60). Child passes for 4–11-year-olds are free (up to 2 free passes per adult). Unfortunately, seat / couchette reservations are extra.

Get in touch: Parish Clerk (Michelle) -
environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk
Facebook: “Corfe Castle Environmental Group”
Core Members: Helen, Tom, David, Luke & Richard



National Trust

News From the Castle

This month in the castle's history

14th February 1203 - King John ordered 24 captured knights from the siege of Mirabeau to be starved to death at Corfe Castle.

They were thrown in to the Oublette located in the West Bailey and left to die.

27th February 1646 – The castle was betrayed and parliamentarians gained access and control of the castle through a Sallyport. The castle was destroyed by March 1646.

22 February 1866 – A local newspaper published news of the Butavant tower partially collapsing in a gale and villagers said it sounded like ‘the world was ending’.

28 February 1954 – Commencement of Ministry of Works programme of repairs to the castle as it was in a ‘poor condition’ and ‘undermined by rabbits’. First phase of the works was in the Keep and there was a dramatic failed attempt to drop scaffolding from a helicopter into the Inner Ward. Instead, an inclined slipway had to be built for transporting scaffolding (The Sphere newspaper, Saturday 28 February 1959). Before work began it was acknowledged the toil would be arduous, especially at high level, and workers were paid higher rates than usually allowed for this type of work. Also, as large stones were regularly falling, danger money was paid on top!

Photos from our archives.



Fig.65. The DEL on site, n.d. Copied photograph in the NT Corfe collection at Tisbury, provided by Nancy Grace. Source of the original unknown.



Fig.64. Arrangements for raising scaffolding and material to the Inner Ward in c.1959, HE Swindon, 6A19106. Reproduced with permission.

People and nature thriving. A new 10 year strategy from the National Trust

Last month, we celebrated 130 years of the National Trust and following consultation with 70,000 people, announced a new 10 year strategy: **People and nature thriving.** Founded in the late 19th century to preserve the natural environment from the ravages of industrialisation, then adapting to save scores of country houses from dereliction in the wake of the World Wars, the Trust is now ramping up its efforts to address our new national need - the climate and nature crises.

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- To inspire millions more people to care and take action

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National Trust

Nature updates from the National Trust

New strategy – focus on nature

In mid-January, the National Trust celebrated its 130th birthday – and also launched an ambitious new 10-year strategy. We are very happy to say that the major focus of the strategy is nature!

Two of the key goals are to restore nature – not just on National Trust land, but everywhere; and to inspire more people to care about nature and take action.



Lousewort on Corfe Common, courtesy Ben Cooke.

In Purbeck, we're already underway with much of this work. We'll continue working in partnerships such as the Purbeck Heaths Super National Nature Reserve, the Dorset Peat Partnership, and Dorset Goes Wild which is giving all Purbeck children the chance to connect with nature. And of course, protecting the flower-

rich grassland, scrub and woodland of Corfe Common.

We're also supporting farmers in initiatives to restore nature, while producing good, healthy food and running sustainable businesses. And an exciting project begins this year to revive our ailing waterways, including those in the Corfe area. Watch this space to learn more – and find ways in which you can help.

Let bramble take a ramble!

Did you know that brambles are foot food for wildlife, even in the depths



Male bullfinch, courtesy Mark Singleton.

of winter? To prove it, this handsome bullfinch is feasting on the seeds!

While wildlife feeds on the leaves, flowers, fruit and seeds of bramble, the thorns protect nesting birds and mammals from predators. So, if you want to create a wildlife haven in your garden, let bramble take a ramble!

Going back to the bullfinch, this is a shy, secretive bird – but you can often hear its breathless piping and whistling. Notice its short, stout beak, perfect for cracking open seeds, nuts and buds.

If you have any queries about wildlife or how we are looking after the Corfe Commons and Purbeck Heaths, email us on purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk

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I thought I would start the new year with an update to staffing; as you will see some changes have happened within the reception, dispensary and most notably the nursing team. As I have mentioned before, we will always try our best to accommodate requests for an appointment with your preferred clinician, however this may not always be possible. In the first instance the reception team will offer you the next available appointment depending on what the appointment is for. The staff are trained to know which clinicians are suitable for what appointments and how their time is used in the most appropriate way for their skill set.

Therefore, I would kindly ask that you respect the reception team on this matter.

Dr Mark Lepper
Dr Vicky Gunn (Maternity leave)

Dr Daniel Lane
Dr Nicola Hawes

Emily- Practice Nurse
Emma- Practice Nurse (reduced hours from January 2025)
Fiona- HCA/phlebotomist
Sue- Phlebotomist (reduced hours from January 2025)

Jen- Medical Secretary/Deputy Manager
Teri- Administrator
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Well, February is here and maybe some of our New Year's Resolutions are going well – maybe some less so, however, there is an air of positivity as we move steadily towards spring and the joys of new life and hope.

With every new term, there is always that sense of intrepidation as we start afresh, but it's always a joy to welcome back the children as each holiday indicates a pause, a chance to grow and reflect. The children and staff have returned so positively and there is a warm buzz of learning that fills the corridors and classrooms.

With the departure of Mr Leeming in December, we warmly welcome Mrs Cox who is working alongside myself to teach our oldest cohort of Year 5 and 6. The children have responded very well to her and are engaging brilliantly with their current learning around World War 2.



If you have any photos or stories of WW2 locally and would be willing to share or talk about this with our year 5/6 cohort, then please do get in touch with us.

As I end this short piece, take time to think about those around you during this month – a month often associated with love and friendship. From us all here at Corfe Castle CE Primary School and Pre-School, we offer our loving friendship to you all within our community.

“May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace”.

Thank you for all your continuing support, Miss Amy Howe (Headteacher) and Mr Robert Stoner (Acting Headteacher) and the whole team at Corfe Castle Primary School.



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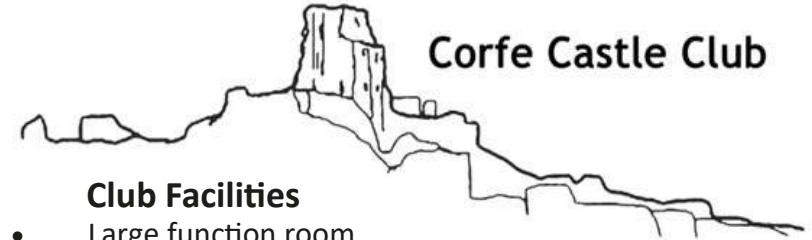


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2025 Plans!

We are kicking off 2025 with a fun **Theatre Skills Workshop** on February 10th at 7pm in the Village Hall. Charmaine is leading this, having inspired us in our contribution to The Shaftesbury Tales last summer.

Once we are involved with rehearsals for a show, there's not much time for thinking about the finer points of acting – just trying to remember our lines and where we should be on stage is quite enough for most of us! This workshop will give us the chance to improve many aspects of what we do on stage, which should help us to perform better, and make our performances more enjoyable for the audience too. As well as existing members, anyone thinking about joining us is welcome to come along – we ask for just £1 each (50p for youngsters).

Coming up later in the Spring will be our AGM on **March 3rd** followed by a **DIY entertainment** by some of our own members. Who knows what hidden talents will be displayed then? As always, others are invited to come along and enjoy the evening, for just £1 each.

The indefatigable Peter Smith is once again preparing a **Murder Mystery Walk** for Wednesday evenings from July 16th to August 20th. Look out for further details as tickets are snapped up fast.

In late November we are putting on 'Alice In Cuckoo Land' by Peter Nuttall. This original take on Alice and her Wonderland friends contains everything you would hope for and expect in a seasonal pantomime. More details will feature in the CVN as usual.

Double Act is fortunate to have the Village Hall as our usual rehearsal and performance venue, and over the years we have gathered together a large amount of costumes, props, lighting and sound equipment, and stage and set paraphernalia. From time to time things need replacement, and the time has now come to replace the curtain track. Hopefully by November we will have achieved this, and audiences will enjoy a smoother and more stylish swish of the curtains!

In support of the Village Hall's project to refurbish the kitchen, we are devising a kitchen-and-food-focussed Quiz, titled 'QUIZINE' (do you like the pun?). Keep a look out for this, get one while you can and see how well you do! More details soon.

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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TAPAS LUNCH

Corfe Community Kitchen

Soup 'n Pud

Corfe Castle Village Hall

Saturday 15th February 2025

12.15pm for 12.30pm

Tickets £20 pp for 3 course meal

Free glass of Sangria

Table Quiz & Wine Bottle Raffle

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Saturday February 1st 2025
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We had wondered whether our numbers would be down a little in gloomy, cold January but not a bit of it, we were graced with about 50 diners all keen to eat well and cheer one another up at the start of 2025. They enjoyed the borscht (beetroots kindly donated by a village resident) or chicken and vegetable soup followed by 2 seasonal favourites; goodwill tart and clementine upside down pudding. Thanks are once again due to our willing volunteers and Dragon's Bakery for their bread rolls.

Several folk brought us in some empty screw top wine bottles for our bottle raffle which was great. We could still do with a few more and one or two full ones would not go amiss!! This is for our forthcoming Tapas Event (in addition to our usual S 'n P) to raise funds towards the enlarged and improved kitchen that is planned for the Village Hall.

We are changing this from an evening event to a lunchtime one as several people have said they prefer coming out during the day. I hope this does not inconvenience anyone planning on attending as we would love to see lots of you.

Our Tapas Lunch will be a ticketed event, still on Saturday February 15th in the Village Hall but will start at 12.30pm. The cost will be £20.00 per person to include a 3 course meal and a free glass of sangria. There will be a simple table quiz and a wine bottle raffle for between courses to add to the fun. We are hoping for at least 9 tables of 6 but will need to know numbers by February 9th for catering purposes. Tickets are on sale at the Village Stores or from Gill, Sue and Chris.

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Wednesday Steak Night

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Cupid returns on 14th February ... Valentine's Menu, £60 per
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News from the Library

Find out about the life and work of a Dorset author.

Alex Stone is an author who uprooted her life to pursue her dream of living by the sea and becoming a writer. She is proof that if you stick at it, anything is possible and is now a bestselling psychological suspense writer based in Dorset. Our beautiful and dramatic coast is the inspiration and setting for her novels.

Alex writes slow burn psychological thrillers with complex characters, multifaceted relationships and unreliable narrators. She absolutely loves writing novels where you don't know who you can trust. And sometimes even she doesn't know when she first starts writing.

Her latest novel, *A Quiet Sister*, published by Boldwood Books is due out on 10th March 2025. Her previous books are *The Perfect Daughter*, *The Other Girlfriend* and *The Perfect Patient*. All three books are in the Libraries West stock and can be reserved by you.

Come along to her talk on February 21st and find out more

**February 21st 2025 *An Afternoon with Alex Stone*
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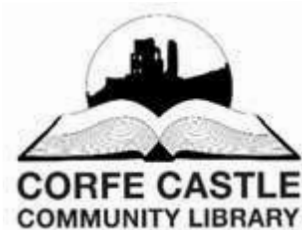
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Normal Library Opening Hours

Monday 3.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Wednesday 10.00 -12.00 a.m. and 3.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Saturday 10.00 - 12.00 a.m.



7th January 2025 – David Kemp told us about his epic 57 mile walk in Cambodia and Vietnam to raise money for Julia's House Children's Hospice. This was an open meeting and we were pleased to welcome several guests eager to hear more about the walk. It was sad to learn that during the Vietnam War more bombs were dropped on Cambodia than were dropped on Europe in the second world war. Cambodia then suffered under the Khmer Rouge. Such was the hunger that large number of the wild animals were eaten for food, as a result many iconic animals such as elephants and big cats have become a rare sight. There are still many land mines and so it was important that the walkers stayed on route. Despite all of that, the local people were very hospitable and the walking group enjoyed staying in traditional villages, despite sightings of a king cobra and no home comforts to speak of. At the end of the talk we heard from a Julia's House representative about the amazing work that this charity walk will help to fund. For further information please go to <https://www.juliashouse.org>.



4th February - We will give our Aquarius donation to our nominated charity, the Motor Neurone Disease Charity, with a talk by their representative. We also vote in this meeting for the new charity for the coming year which has to be local. To date we have received three nominations: Harlequins Care; Wareham Visually Impaired Club and Lewis Manning Purbeck Hub.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR SPEAKERS AT FUTURE MEETINGS:

These remain provisional, unless stated as confirmed.

4th March (confirmed) - AGM plus activities

1st April (confirmed) - Mary van Coller will be talking about her book 'Downstream Dorset, River Tales and Local History'

Date to be confirmed:

Alan Neal - the amazing life and achievements of Marie Curie.

Roy Norton - 50 Years on TV

Steve Dimmer – Appreciation of 'Carry On' films ("Ooh Matron")

Paul Stricker – Historical murders

AQUARIUS GROUPS:

Just a reminder of the full list of our regular groups that are available to members:

Walkers Group: Meet 3rd Monday monthly at various locations.

Strollers Group: Meet 2nd Tuesday monthly *In February, Strollers will meet in the Castle Inn Car Park* rather than from Colletts Close, 10.00am.

Tertius Book Group: Meet 2nd Monday monthly in member's homes, 7.00pm.

Aquarius Book Group: Meet 3pm on Wednesday every six weeks.

Lunch Club: Meet 4th Thursday at 12:30 monthly at various locations.

New Members – we are a friendly lot so please come and join us!

Our Ladies Group is at Corfe Castle Village Hall every 1st Tuesday of the month from 2pm and we have a fun and sociable afternoon. Visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting.

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News from The Castle

February is finally here! It may be the shortest month of the year, but it's also the month of Love, Chinese New Year & pancake day! So, let's see what we have in store for you!

Valentines Quiz Night Gala – Friday 14th February

Fancy a twist on the traditional Valentine's night? Come & join us for our valentine's quiz night gala! Get a team together of 4 or 6 & enjoy a special 3 course menu for only £34.99pp, whilst enjoying a fun filled quiz with prizes to be won! Give us a call for more information and to get your table booked!

Thursday night is Steak Night

Is winter taking its toll? Need cheering up? Come & enjoy a delicious Aberdeen Angus Steak supplied by our local butchers in Wareham served with all the trimmings. Our steak night prices are exclusive for these evenings only, so you can enjoy your meal knowing your getting a fantastic deal! Steak nights are popular, therefore booking is highly recommended!

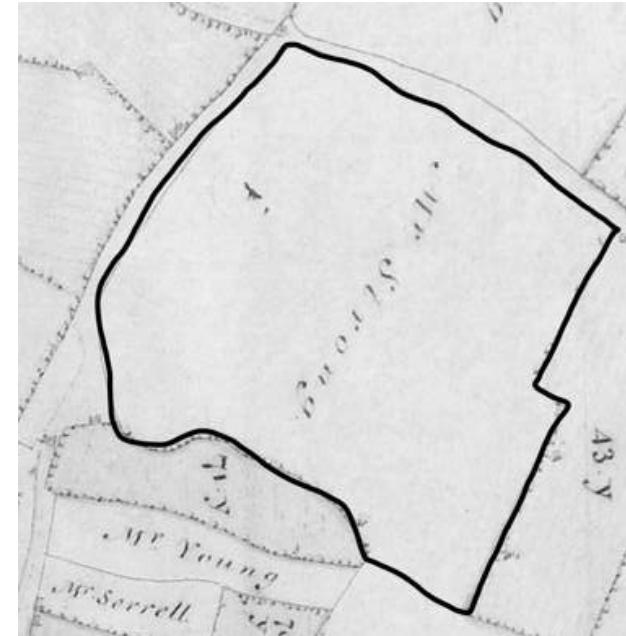
Friday Night is Fish Night

If you enjoy delicious fish & shellfish dishes, sourced from as local as we can get, then this is the night for you! Every Friday we host a fabulous fish specials board, with lots of options to get those tastebuds going! You might even find oysters & mussels on the board! Get your table booked today.

From the team at The Castle Inn, we wish you a lovely February.

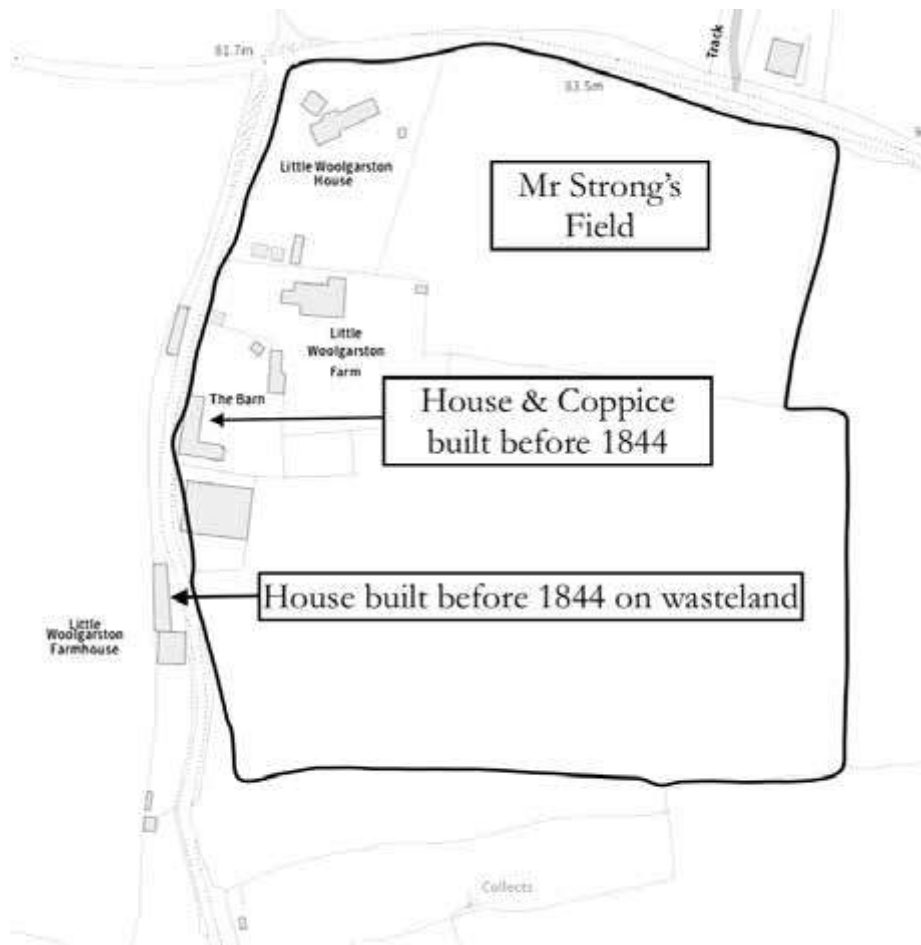
Little Woolgarston Farm

Little Woolgarston Farm was a series of arable and pasture fields of over 54 acres lying south of Sandyhill Lane between Challow Farm to the west and Woolgarston Farm on the east. It was developed in the early 1800s and became another of those many, small holdings in the area. In just this one locality in the 18th century, there were 6 different landholders which would in time merge to become part of the Rempstone Estate. Only one owner lived here in 1772 – Robert Diffey. The rest lived in Poole, Langton, Corfe, Rempstone and Studland.



John Strong's field at Little Woolgarston in 1772 of about 12 ½ acres. Sandyhill Lane is shown above it.

John Strong of Poole, a butcher, bequeathed 'Woolston' to his son, Farr Strong, in 1749 "*Item I give and devise unto my Son Farr Strong and his Heirs and Assigns for ever all that my Estate at Woolston in the Isle of Purbeck and County of Dorset*". Farr Strong still owned this land in 1777 and left it to his children. By 1844, John Smith owned what had been Mr Strong's large field and had had a small cottage built (now called 'The Barn') on the field.



Outline on a modern map roughly showing John Strong's original field.

Before 1844, another house was built on wasteland which today is known as 'Little Woolgarston Farmhouse'. This was still owned by the Rempstone Estate, and they would eventually purchase Mr Smith's field and auction the whole farm off in July 1919. It was part of over 2000 acres sold at that time.

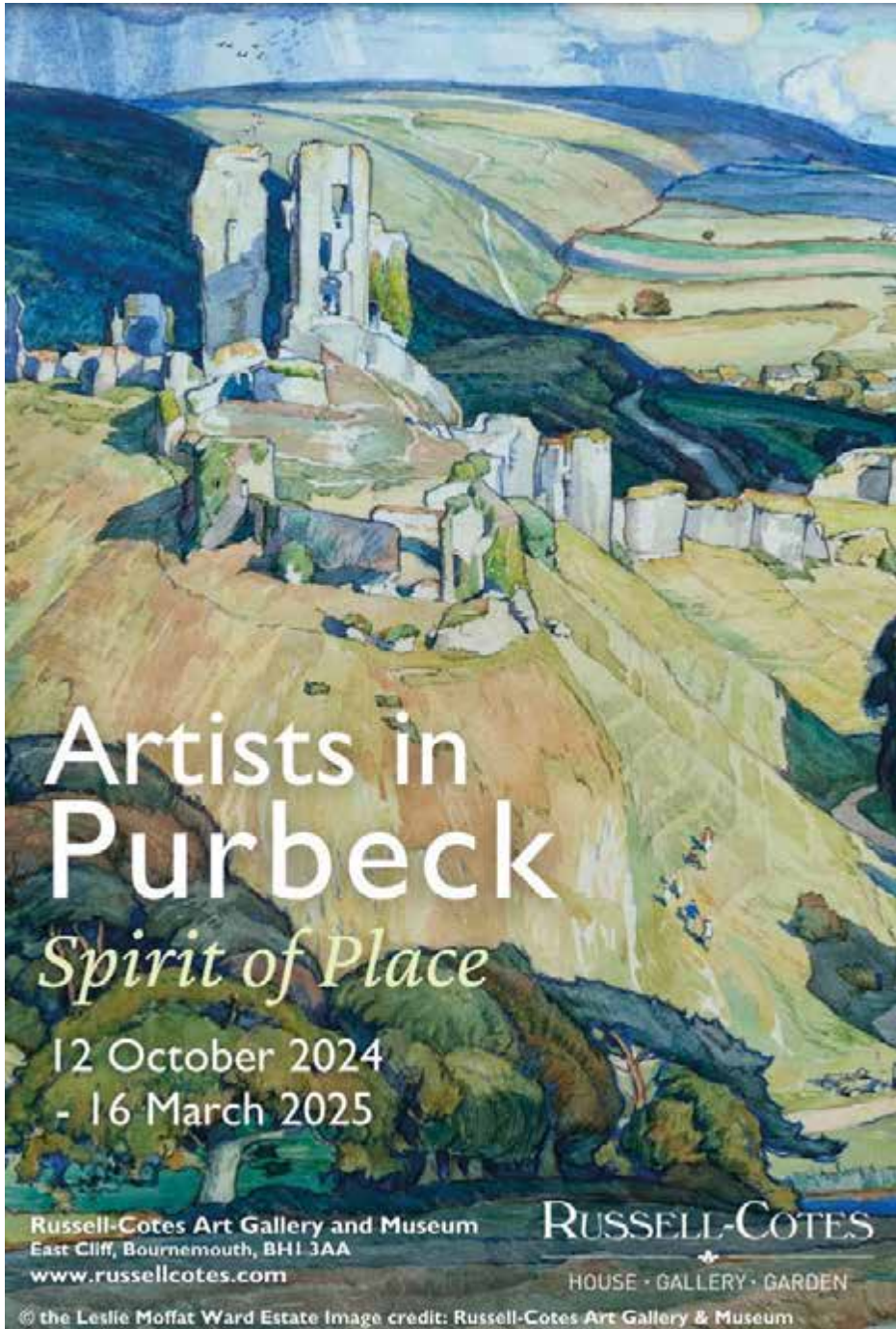


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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the January VH Coffee Morning. £126.35 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The December 100 club draw was made at the Coffee Morning. The first prize of £20 was won by member 14, with member 4 getting second prize £10 and member 15 winning the third prize £5. **If you would like to join the many villagers who support their local village hall in this way please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.**

We offer a large amount of secure storage space. For news on future availability please contact Judith on 01929 480216.

regular weekly events:

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Monday evenings	Double Act
Monday evenings	Purbeck Chess
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
Tuesday mornings	Yoga
Tuesday evenings	Martial Arts
Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Corfe Crafters
Wednesday mornings	Pilates
Wednesday afternoons	U3A Pickleball
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Thursday mornings	Silver Swans adult ballet
Thursday evenings	Cubs
Thursday evenings	Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday mornings	Pilates

regular monthly events:

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

Kitchen / Chair Store news and a Date for your Diary:

The construction work on the chair store at the South end of the main hall has largely been completed. We have also made great progress on obtaining quotations for the kitchen work, and are now boosting the drive to secure sufficient funds to make this happen in 2025.

Unfortunately the Three in One fund-raising event on Saturday 18th January was cancelled due to a disappointing number of advance ticket sales. Maybe it is just too cold at the moment!

On the **lunchtime** of Saturday 15th February the Soup 'N Pud team are putting on a fabulous **Tapas Event**, with the proceeds also going to the kitchen fund. Some of the Silent Auction lots will be sold at this event. More details elsewhere in the February CVN and posters around the village.

We are going to run the remaining Silent Auction lots via a board in the village hall foyer. Hopefully this will allow all regular users to see if they wish to make a bid for some fabulous items!

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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for FEBRUARY 2025

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

1	February	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
1	February	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud Community Lunch – Corfe Castle Village Hall
4	February	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius charitable donation presented plus talk Corfe Castle Village Hall
6	February	Thursday	7.45 pm	Gardening Club AGM and quiz. Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	February	Friday	7 pm	Charity Quiz Night for Julia’s House Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	February	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	February	Monday	7 pm	Double Act workshop on theatre skills Corfe Castle Village Hall
11	February	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Furzebrook Village Hall
14	February	Friday	7.30 pm	Valentines Kimmeridge Keilidh - Kimmeridge Village Hall
15	February	Saturday	12.30 pm	Soup and Pud - Tapas Lunch Corfe Castle Village Hall
21	February	Friday	2 pm	Library talk an afternoon with Alex Stone – Corfe Castle Library
22/23	February	Saturday/Sunday	10am – 4 pm	Swanage Railway Community Weekend

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

1	March	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
1	March	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud Community Lunch – Corfe Castle Village Hall
1	March	Saturday	7 pm	Orlando Singers in St Edwards
3	March	Monday	7 pm?	Double Act AGM and DIY entertainment - Corfe Castle Village Hall
4	March	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius AGM and activities - Corfe Castle Village Hall
6	March	Thursday	7.45 pm	Gardening Club – Mike Horton from East Dorset Beekeepers - Corfe Castle VH
10	March	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
11	March	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle Village Hall
22	March	Saturday	6.45 pm	Football club Pig Racing - Corfe Castle Village Hall
1	April	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius – Mary van Coller talking about her book - Corfe Castle Village Hall

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Western Power Distribution:

0800 365900 (free phone land line and mobiles)

Water - Wessex Water:

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Gas - Transco - Gas Emergency:

0800 111999 (free phone, mobile phone charged as per the local provider rate)

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Flooding - Environment Agency - Flood Line:

0345 9881188 (calls are charged depending on the callers service provider and where there call is made).

Dorset Council out of hours Emergency Contact Number – 01929 556561

Dorset Council Self Service Portal. This portal can be used to report anything to do with Dorset Council and to request services and information from the council. The web address for the Dorset Council is also below.

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<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>

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St Aldhelm's Benefice

Contact Details for St Aldhelm's Benefice

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Benefice Administrator: St George's Church, Langton Matravers

BH19 3HZ 01929 427822 admin@staldhelm-purbeck.org

Enquiries for Baptisms / Weddings / Funerals / Banns - contact Benefice Office and for the Corfe Valley parishes contact the Church Wardens

www.staldhempurbeck.wordpress.com

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Church Wardens in the Valley Churches

Corfe Castle: Penelope Smith 480109 John Lindsay 481498

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

Revd Richard White writes

‘Apricity’ is apparently an old English word meaning the warmth of the sun in winter. What a delicious word.

Warmth was sadly not in plentiful supply for those faithfully worshipping in St Edwards through November and December. The forty-year-old boiler decided to pack up in the Autumn and is beyond repair. We will be working hard towards having a new heating system in place for next winter. But with the building increasingly icy after Christmas we have temporarily moved our

Sunday morning services to the Chapel on the Green. We are so grateful for the warmth of welcome we've had from our friends there!

The warmth of the sun on your face on a crisp February day.
The warmth of a smile and a word spoken kindly.

“Warmer... warmer... warmer!” the encouragement as we moved closer to the hidden prize in a game played as children.
The scriptures often use the sun's warmth and light as an image of God's life-giving light. In a very ancient Judea-Christian blessing the priests are told to declare God's face *shining* on us. The blessing goes

“The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace”

It's a blessing which, set to contemporary music, resonated across the world during the early frightening days of Covid, with over 100 million views on YouTube.

Ancient words we too can offer for one another. For our neighbours and those in need. For our villages and communities. Praying for an outbreak of 'apricity' in our spirits this month.

Richard

Bible Readings – February 2025

3 rd February	Presentation of Jesus Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40
9 th February	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11
16 th February	Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
23 rd February	Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 Luke 6:27-38

Services in February 2025

Sunday 2nd February
*Corfe Castle – 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th February
Steeple - 9.30am Holy Communion
*Corfe Castle - 10.30am Holy Communion
Kingston - 11.30am Informal Worship

Sunday 16th February
*Corfe Castle – 10.30am Holy Communion
Harmans Cross – 6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 23rd February
*Corfe Castle – 10.30am Morning Prayer
Kingston – 11.30am Holy Communion

* St Edwards Corfe has temporarily relocated Sunday morning services to the 'Chapel on the Green' and are very grateful for the use of the Chapel.

Any Questions?

Tuesday 11th March 2025 Swanage

United Reformed Church

High Street, Swanage

Doors open at 6.30 pm coffee/tea presentation from 7.00 pm

Do come and hear Dr James Paul on:

“What on Earth is Heaven?”



James is Director of the English branch of L'Abri Fellowship, an apologetics ministry which offers space where people can explore and ask questions about the truth and relevance of Christian faith. His presentation is based on his book of the same title and provides a welcome corrective to popular, dualist misconceptions about heaven; seeking instead to sketch a vision of heaven as a dimension of reality which can be experienced both in life in the here and now, as well as in the future.

James originally trained and practised as a medical doctor, specialising in hospice and home care for the terminally ill. This background,

together with further studies in sociology, bioethics and theology, strongly inform his insights and understanding of this subject.

Do join us and hear what Dr Paul has to say about a topic that is of interest and relevance to us all. We look forward to your support.

Further information from David Williams: d.stephen.w1@gmail.com



2025 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – (A GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)

Friday 7th March 10.30am at St George’s Church, Langton Matravers

Our sisters in The Cook Islands have prepared a service for the Day of Prayer 2025. This group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme *‘I made you wonderful’*, as written in Psalm 139. Each year in the Purbeck area we hold this service in a different church and this year it will be held at **10.30am on Friday 7th March at St George’s Church, Langton Matravers**, which is in the St Aldhelm’s Benefice. Afterwards you will be very welcome to stay for tea/coffee and cake

World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical organisation which enables us to hear contributions of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for this international day of global pray began many months ago and on 7th March will be celebrated in over 120 countries. Services begin in Samoa



with prayer and worship in native languages which travel throughout the world — through Australia, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later. There will be a worldwide wave of Christian prayers encircling planet Earth. Please do join us on this special occasion, which embraces many lives. Last year, people from 10 local churches took part when it was hosted at St Mark’s Church, Herston.

All are very welcome – men, women and young people, to join this inspiring event, as we seek to embrace some of their vibrant faith in God and discover more about life in the Pacific Islands. There will be a freewill offering to support various charities on the day.

Judy Forgan



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Quiz Night

We are thrilled to announce our weekly quiz night continues every Tuesday in the Sawmill restaurant - 7:30pm arrival for 7:45pm start. The quiz is completely FREE to enter although we will gladly accept donations to our nominated charity of the year.

Locals Lunch

Delighted to announce our popular Locals Lunch will continue through into 2025. Book for a Thursday lunchtime to enjoy 2 courses for £15 or 3 courses for £20. Groups and organisations very welcome too with plenty of free parking and space for minibuses or coaches.

Valentine's Weekend

Join us this Valentines weekend for a fabulous specially designed menu in the Sawmill restaurant. Bookings being taken now for Friday 14th and Saturday 15th February.

Coming Up Next Month...

We're planning a super exciting line dancing event on March 21st. Stay tuned to our social media pages for more information, or contact us to join the waitlist to be the first to know! For a family friendly event, join us on Sunday 9th March for a family quiz afternoon raising funds for Corfe Castle Primary School. Family tickets at just £10 are available now from the school office or direct from us here at KCC!

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

It lifts the spirits to see the days are getting a bit longer and green shoots are appearing everywhere. It always seems a miracle when the damp, cold earth produces such promise for the year ahead.

We didn't meet in January but on **Thursday 6th February** we will get together again for a short **AGM and a fun quiz**. By then we will be looking forward to a full programme for 2025, including speakers and garden visits and details of this will be sent to members by e-mail. **7.45 for 8 in the Village Hall.**

On **Thursday 6th March** we will be having a talk by the knowledgeable **Mike Horton from the East Dorset Beekeepers Association**. This should be a fascinating and informative talk and so important when our bees are under threat. **7.45 for 8 in the Village Hall.**

If there is anything you would particularly like us to cover during the year please let us know.

If you are interested in Gardens and Gardening and would like to join a friendly local group, please get in touch with Chris on 10929 480095 or 07815 058880, cclarkecorfe@gmail.com. We love to welcome new members. Meetings, with interesting talks and speakers, plant sales, seed swaps and social events usually take place in the Village Hall, Corfe Castle, at 7.45 pm for coffee and starting the programme at 8pm. Non-members are welcome to join for £3 if they are interested in a particular talk.

Chris Clarke
For the Committee.

PurbeckParkys,

PurbeckParkys, a support group for families living with Parkinson's, meets on the third Wednesday of each month, 2.30 - 4.30 at the Swanage Cricket Cub BH19 1LG

For more details contact the co-ordinator: david.gynes@parkinsons-uk.goassemble.com

February 19th, 2025; March 19th 2025



Citizens Advice East Dorset & Purbeck

Citizens Advice continues to be available for residents offering free, confidential and impartial advice. Advice can be accessed via email, telephone, or in-person at outreaches and at the Advice Bus.

Advice Bus

The Advice Bus has changed locations in Corfe Castle. It will now be stopping at the Residents Car Park, West Street, the third Friday of the month. It also stops weekly at Swanage Market on a Friday morning, 9.30am-1.30pm.

Advisers can offer advice on a number of different issues including: benefits, debt & money, employment, energy, 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 and you don't need to book an appointment.

Visit our website for all of our bus locations www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus

Drop-in locations

Here's a list of local drop-ins for residents at nearby outreaches. No appointment is needed:

- Swanage Library – Tuesday, 10am-12pm (from 2nd July 2024)
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage – Monday, 10am-12pm
- Wareham Citizens Advice – Tuesday & Thursday, 10am-12pm
- Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council – Tuesday, 10am-12pm
- Upton Library – Wednesday, 2pm-4pm

For more information about Citizens Advice services, including all of our outreaches, visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk to speak to an Adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline freephone on 0800 144 8848, 10am-4pm weekdays.

Our Energy Advisers help households across the whole of Dorset who may be struggling to pay energy bills, need help resolving billing issues with suppliers and they can also check if you're eligible for extra income. If you have a question about your bill, or need more detailed support, we can help.

Contact the Dorset Energy Team on 01929 775500 or email energy@edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

dates 2025

- Please put your containers out by **6am**
- **Rubbish** will only be collected inside an **authorised bin or bags**
- Do not put **plastic bags** in the recycling containers. Items should be put in loose

Your collection day is **Wednesday** except on or after Christmas and New Year where stated. Collections return to normal the week beginning 12 January 2026.

	Recycling and Food	Rubbish and Food
December 2024	11, 27 (Fri)	4, 18
January 2025	9 (Thurs), 22	3 (Fri), 15, 29
February 2025	5, 19	12, 26
March 2025	5, 19	12, 26
April 2025	2, 16, 30	9, 23
May 2025	14, 28	7, 21
June 2025	11, 25	4, 18
July 2025	9, 23	2, 16, 30
August 2025	6, 20	13, 27
September 2025	3, 17	10, 24
October 2025	1, 15, 29	8, 22
November 2025	12, 26	5, 19
December 2025	10, 24	3, 17
January 2026	8 (Thurs), 21	2 (Fri), 14, 28

Print your next calendar at: dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/recycle

Recycling guide

What can go in your recycling containers?

- **Aerosols** (empty and not pierced)
- **Plastics** (please rinse and squash): Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays
- **Tins and cans** (please rinse and squash)
- **Foil and foil containers** (wipe, rinse, scrunch foil into a ball)
- **All paper and cardboard**
 - Newspapers and magazines
 - Light card
 - Envelopes (including windows)
 - Cardboard boxes (flattened)
 - Cartons (flattened, if possible)
 - Tube-shaped cardboard containers (flattened, if possible)



Please keep glass in a separate box

Glass bottles and jars (keep metal screw-tops on)

Food waste Recycle all cooked and uncooked food, including bones



Please only line your caddy with compostable liners or newspaper

Place the food bin handle in the 'locked' position to keep animals out 

Do it online: dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/recycle

It's quick, easy and secure to:

- Check your collection days
- Report a missed collection or other problem
- Apply for a garden waste collection

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Leaving small electrical devices on charge overnight has been the cause of multiple house fires in recent years, so Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to 'Unplug to Unwind'.

Only large appliances such as fridges are designed to be left switched on all the time, so ensuring that everything else is unplugged before you go to bed is a simple routine that could protect your home from fire.

To help reduce the risk of a fire in your home, take these simple steps:

- Make sure an electrical appliance has a British or European safety mark when you buy it. Only buy your electrical chargers from a reputable source.
- Never leave items on charge when you are sleeping or when you are not at home.
- Don't overload sockets.



- Regularly check for frayed or worn cables and wires.
- Buy your electrical chargers from a reputable source.
- Register your appliances to receive notification of safety alerts or product recalls at www.registermyappliance.org.uk

More information about the Unplug To Unwind campaign can be found on the DWFRS website www.dwfire.org.uk/unplug-to-unwind/



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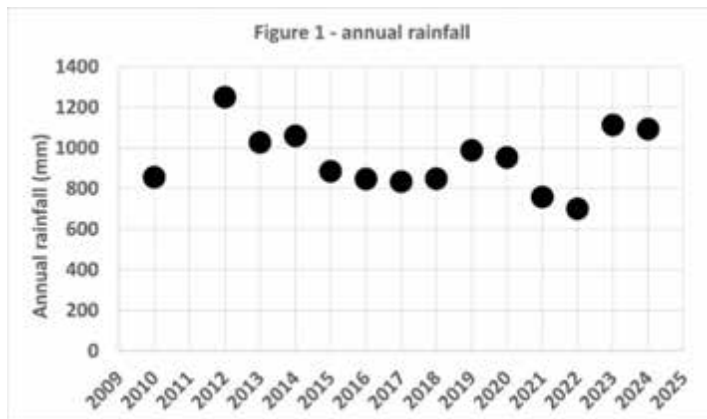


Turned out wet again – Rainfall in 2024

This time last year I reported that 2023 had been the 2nd wettest year in my admittedly rather short sequence of annual rainfall records for Corfe Castle (since 2010). I can now confirm what you already know about last year. 2024 was almost as wet as 2023, making it the 3rd wettest year in my records (Figure 1).

In 2024 we had 1,094mm (or just a tad over 1 meter) of rain! That was only 20mm less than in 2023 when we had 1,114mm. So, we have now had back-to-back wet years in 2024 and 2023 as we did in 2012 and 2013. 2014 was very wet too, so back then we had three wet years in a row. Let's hope 2025 does not result in a repeat of that pattern.

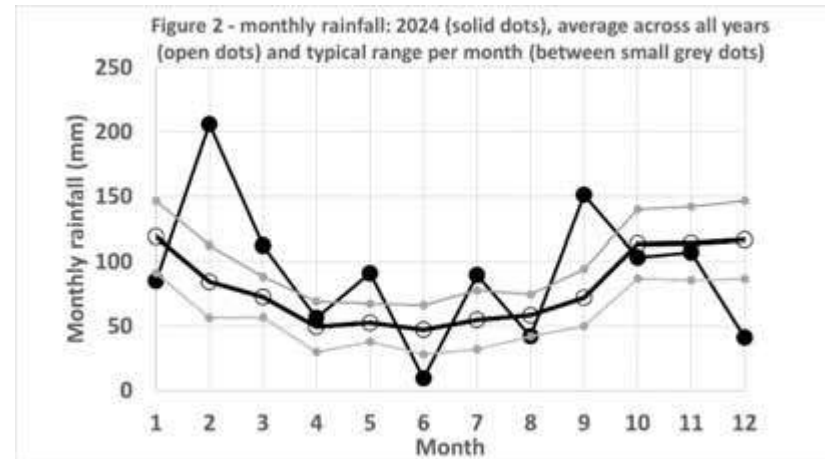
2024 was a year of ups and downs (Figure 2). It started well enough with a reasonably dry January (85mm) but February 2024 was exceptionally wet with over 200mm of rain falling – well over twice the normal amount for February. March was also abnormally wet (112mm). Following on from the soaking we had between September and December 2023, this all made for an extremely



soggy start to Spring 2024. April 2024 (57mm) was back to normal but then we had three months of erratic rainfall.

91mm of rain in May was almost twice the average rainfall for that month, but this was followed by a biscuit-dry June (9.5mm) (about one fifth of the normal June rainfall). To make up for that we got another soaking in July with 90mm,

again very nearly twice the normal July rainfall. That gave us our 4th abnormally wet month of the year and repeated the pattern of 2023 when we also had a very dry June followed by a very wet July. What is going on? Thankfully, August rainfall was more normal (42mm) but then, just as we might have been hoping for an Indian summer, September washed that idea away with another soaking of 151mm of rain (6 inches in old money)- more than twice the normal September rainfall. October and November were both as wet as normal (103 and 107mm) but we finished 2024 with our 2nd unusually dry month of the year – December having just 41mm – about one third of the normal rainfall for that month. So, a topsy turvy year with 2 unusually dry months but five unusually wet ones.



Our average annual rainfall from 2010 to 2023 was 932mm. After 2024, it has gone up to 944mm. I hope it comes down again, although in these days of climate change, I don't think we can have much faith in the old maxim that what goes up MUST come down. It seems to be just the rain that keeps coming down these days. **Richard Caldow**

The Rambling Gardener

Spring is on its way: beautiful delicate Snowdrops, Crocus, early Daffodils and Camellias are all in flower. On sunny days one is tempted to go walking, which always makes one feel so good. On poor days get out the binoculars and watch the wonderful wildlife from inside if you can. Purbeck is blessed with lots of birds, especially as it is warmer here than farther north, and sometimes we get the odd bird that has been blown in a gale from other countries. It is fun to make a list of all the birds one sees and make a comparison between the seasons and the years.

Many years ago my husband got a bad abscess on his neck. The Doctor told him to mix honey with white flour until it was like putty and in the morning all the puss had been pulled out of his neck. Many years later my child had a painful mark with a ring around it on her leg. I was worried about blood poisoning, but a honey poltice pulled a thorn out of it overnight and all was healthy. Then, recently, I bought something called Hair Honey to reduce split ends; it has been good for my hair, but it has also been better than the Doctor's creams for my itchy skin. Honey is just amazing.

There are lots of herbs that can support our health, and I wish that every village had a herbalist. I think my tea made with dandelion leaf and roots, nettle leaves, lemon balm, rosemary, comfrey, mint and honey from local bees is a good general pick up. We are what we eat and drink, and those herbs, taken carefully, support our immune system.

February is the month to start sowing seed to keep the garden producing for the coming year. Sow early Peas like Kelvedon Wonder, which is hardy and short and if you sow every month, you can have peas all summer. Also plant sets of Garlic, Onions and Shallots. Stake all Cabbages as they hate wind rock. Sow Tomatoes inside to grow on in the greenhouse, and Lettuce to plant outside later. Sow Mustard on a windowsill to cut when a few inches high to spice up meals - young leaves are very nutritious; eat everything as fresh as possible.

I have just bought 2 winter flowering Camellias which should flower for 3 months every year. They need acid soil but planting them in leaf mold should be ok. It is worth taking care planting as they are very long lived.

I hope you have a good February. I enjoy seeing people in my garden so please do just ring and come to visit. All the best to you and may 2025 go well.

Rachel Tel: 01929421681 email: rjehelfer@gmail.com

What's On at Harmans Cross Village Hall

There's plenty of good reasons to come along to HXVH over the next couple of months - here are some dates for your diaries for events you might like to enjoy:

Stalls at the Hall from 9.30am – Noon on Saturday 1st March

Crafts, curios, coffee, cake and conversation - a lovely way to spend a Saturday morning. Free entry from 9.30am to 12 noon. To book a table, contact Kelly at bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk or on 07384 848 419

Move Nights – doors and bar open at 7pm. Entry £6.00 on the door

Tuesday 11 February – Battle Over Britain

Set over a period of just 24 hours, Battle Over Britain tells the story of a handful of heroic spitfire pilots as they fight to the last man in the skies over Britain, against overwhelming odds.

Tuesday 11 March – Woman in Gold

The remarkable true story of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage and seek justice for what happened to her family. Sixty years after she fled Vienna during World War II, an elderly Jewish woman, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), starts her journey to retrieve family possessions seized by the Nazis, among them Klimt's famous painting 'The Lady in Gold'. Together with her inexperienced but plucky young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds), she embarks upon a major battle which takes them all the way to the heart of the Austrian establishment and the U.S. Supreme Court and forces her to confront difficult truths about the past along the way.

Please note – we have no Movie Night in April at HXVH

Coffee Junction – alternate Thursday mornings 10.30-12.30

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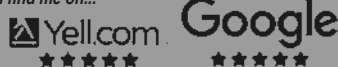


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Kimmeridge News

Christmas & New Year

It seems a long time ago already; but plenty was happening over Christmas in Kimmeridge. The Christmas Eve Carol Service saw a packed church with over 70 people there as well as the animals! It was a chance to meet our new job-share Rectors Louise & Richard White. Thank you to all our splendid readers from the Village. New Year's Eve was celebrated in style in the Village Hall with music, food and, of course, party games! Thank you to all who helped to organise this.



Weather!

It wasn't long into January and we were battling with the weather – flooded roads on 5th January and icy roads on 9th. The Village WhatsApp came into its own on both occasions and special mention goes to Steve Swingler for being out there gritting the icy patches – thank you! Within a couple of days the weather had changed and the car parks were full!

Kimmeridge Keilidh

Our next barn dance in the Village Hall is on Friday 14th February Valentines Day! - 7:30 to 10:00 - Live music from Arish Mel. Come & join us for a fun evening! No Bar, so bring your own drinks & nibbles! Tickets on the door £7.50 for adults, £2.50 for children. All profits go to support Kimmeridge Village Hall & The Etches Collection.

Steve & Helen Earwicker

Eyes to the skies

Hi all

I have finally totalled up my species seen for 2024 from the Tollgate ... and it's a very healthy 57.

If we add the birds Pat and I have seen at the bay, this would increase the total to 76.

This year's list is already at 26 (15th Jan) with amazing displays by the White Tailed Sea Eagles on 2 separate occasions, over Tyneham Cap and the Bay and along Smedmore Hill and the Village .

Perhaps 2025 will be the year the pair nest!! How amazing if it is in our "neck of the woods "

Ben and Jerry Hole have planted some different crops around the Kimmeridge area to help encourage and support local wildlife, Pat and I will be keeping a close eye on the new fields to-record what is seen. Fingers crossed we will see an increase in Skylark, Yellowhammer, Linnet, Meadow pipit populations and perhaps encourage Corn buntings and Cirl buntings which have been lost for many years.

Happy Birding

Rose and Pat



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CHAPEL ON THE GREEN

A LOVE THAT NEVER FAILS

As February rolls in, bringing with it the celebration of love on Valentine's Day, it's an ideal time to reflect on a love that goes beyond human understanding- a love that is unchanging, boundless, and offered freely to all. This love is found in Jesus Christ, a love which is at the heart of the Christian faith. Jesus taught us that love is the greatest commandment - love for God and love for one another. In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus says, "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind.... Love your neighbour as yourselves.*" These two commandments serve as a foundation for living a life of purpose, compassion and connection.

And in 1 Corinthians 13:13, Paul says, "*And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.*" This verse reminds us of love, in its purest form. This is the core of our faith and our lives. No matter what challengers we face, the love of God remains steadfast and unchanging. This love that God offers is not based on our ability to meet certain standards or expectations. It is not about earning His affection, but simply about receiving it, regardless of where we've been or what we've done.

As you celebrate love this February, whether you're celebrating Valentine's Day or simply taking a moment to appreciate the people who matter most, remember that true, lasting love is not just about romantic relationships or self-love, but about the love that comes from God. His love never fails, and its waiting for you to receive it today. It is not limited to one day or one moment. It's an everlasting love that shapes every part of our lives.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres"

Paul instructs us in these passages of what to hold close and what to let go. Choose one item from each list above. Embrace and resist and make a plan to put it into practice – we can live this out by looking around us and being aware of those near us who need help.

May you all find this hope in the LOVE that never fails.

FEBRUARY SUNDAY

SERVICES

Sunday 2nd at 3pm

Sunday 16th at 3pm

COFFEE MORNING'S

Please see notice board

Celia Taylor (church Secretary)

Fr_ee2talk@yahoo.co.uk

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The Rev. Anne Bond writes:

Although I am now finally retired and no longer have a 'Permission to Officiate' License, I gather that Ordination is for life which means that I am still a Rev! So, as in the past people have told me they enjoyed my letters, I thought I would dare to offer another one.

You will probably have gathered by now that St Edward's Church in The Square has found itself without any possibility of heating for the time being, which means it really isn't feasible to hold services there during these cold months of winter. But Christianity is an inclusive faith: there are as many different ways of acknowledging the reality of God Almighty and the resurrection of Jesus Christ as there are types of sliced bread: Baptists, Anglicans, Methodists, Roman Catholics and so on, and among them are those members of the Congregational Church who meet in the Chapel on the Green here in Corfe Castle next to Why Jewellers. Although we may all have different ways of expressing our belief in Christ, we are all Christian and are therefore, at heart, brothers and sisters in faith. The members of the Congregational Church here hold services in their Chapel on Sunday afternoons, and have lovingly offered us, the Anglican Church, the use of it on Sunday mornings. It is warm, cosy, light and comfortable; it has two toilets, a Friendship Room for hot drinks and nibbles afterwards, and the wherewithal for music and a microphone. We are more grateful than we can properly express for this offer and have happily and gladly taken advantage of it.

The Elders of the Chapel on the Green invite Ministers from all over the country to speak at their Sunday afternoon services, so there is a wide spectrum of what Christianity is all about going on in this little Church, if any readers of the Corfe Valley News are interested. Come along and give it a try!

With love, Anne



COMMUNITY WEEKEND TO GIVE PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO GO BEHIND THE SCENES ON THE SWANAGE RAILWAY

Dedicated Swanage Railway volunteers are to stage a fascinating two-day Community Weekend giving the public the opportunity to go behind the scenes of the award-winning heritage line that has been rebuilt since 1976.

The special event takes place on Saturday and Sunday, 22 and 23 February, 2025, - between 10am and 4pm - with staff at Swanage, Herston, Harman’s Cross, Corfe Castle and Norden stations taking part.

For people living in Dorset, half-price Community Weekend standard travel train tickets are available in advance from the Swanage Railway website - at swanagerailway.co.uk – and on the day at the Norden, Corfe Castle and Swanage station ticket offices.

Proof of Dorset residence has to be supplied when purchasers collect their tickets or purchase standard travel train tickets from ticket offices on the day.



Corfe Castle signalman Trevor Parsons courtesy Andrew PM Wright

With advance booking of tickets recommended at swanagerailway.co.uk, there will be the chance to drive a 1950s heritage diesel shunter at Swanage for £20, watch a train guard or on-train travelling ticket inspector perform their duties for £7.50 (additional train travel ticket purchase required) as well as enjoy a £7.50 behind the scenes tour of the award-winning mechanical signal boxes at

Harman’s Cross or Corfe Castle stations.

The public can also book – via the Swanage Railway website – visits to the Swanage Railway’s steam locomotive engineering works, located on the outskirts of Swanage, with a heritage bus service operating from Swanage and Norden stations to the works.

Walk-up non-advance bookable free attractions - with donations appreciated - will be visits to 1960s heritage telephone exchanges at Harman’s Cross and Corfe Castle stations (both subject to volunteer availability) between 10.30am

and 3.30pm as well as the chance to have a go at signalling at the Corfe Castle signalling museum, subject to volunteer availability.

Visitors will also be able to chat to volunteers at Herston Halt – which is only accessible on foot or by train - about the development of the community halt, which was the Swanage Railway’s first station, since it welcomed its first train from Swanage in 1984.

Other walk-up non-advance bookable free attractions – with donations appreciated – take place on the Saturday and Sunday at Corfe Castle station. There will be the chance to meet the restorers of heritage carriages as well as view, and sit in, an historic 1940s crane that relaid the Swanage Railway tracks from Herston to Harman’s Cross, Corfe Castle, Norden and beyond to near Furzebrook between 1985 and 2002.



Purbeck Mining Museum Norden Courtesy Andrew PM Wright

Demonstration narrow gauge diesel trains will also be operating between 11am and 3pm at the Swanage Railway Trust’s Purbeck Mining Museum, next to Norden station, which explains and celebrates the 2,000 year history of Isle of Purbeck ball clay mining.

Event organiser and volunteer train guard Clare Collins said: “I am so excited



Guard Clare Collins Swanage Railway Courtesy Andrew PM Wright

to again be throwing open the doors of the Swanage Railway and welcoming the public to see behind the scenes of how one of Dorset's major tourist attractions is operated and maintained by our dedicated team of staff, most of which are devoted volunteers.

“The atmosphere at our first Community Weekend last year was incredible and it was

wonderful that the event was so well supported and prompted so many compliments from the public who attended.

Volunteering on the Swanage Railway is very fulfilling, it's a great way of meeting new people while assisting with worthwhile community projects at what has become one of Dorset's major tourist attractions," added Clare who is also a volunteer director of the

Swanage Railway Trust which manages the heritage line and is a registered charity.

Swanage Railway Trust chairman Frank Roberts said: "It takes more people to operate, maintain and develop the Swanage Railway than many people realise. I find volunteering on the Swanage Railway very fulfilling and enjoyable while working with a splendid group of talented and committed people of all ages.

"We are delighted to give people across the Isle of Purbeck, Dorset and beyond the chance to enjoy a behind the scenes view of a very special heritage railway that has been rebuilt since 1976," added Frank who has been a dedicated Swanage Railway volunteer for more than 40 years.

More details about the Community Weekend's varied events – as well as terms and conditions for some of the activities and visits - can be found at swanagerailway.co.uk.

Anyone interested in finding out more about volunteering should contact the Swanage Railway volunteer recruitment and retention officer Lisa Gravett on 01929 475212 or email iwanttovolunteer@swanagerailway.co.uk. Details about volunteering can also be found at swanagerailwaytrust.org/volunteering.

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Coronation chicken
Scottish smoked salmon with a lemon Crème fraîche
Egg mayonnaise & watercress (v)

SAVOURY SELECTION
Selection of canapés & miniature assorted quiches

SWEET SELECTION
Freshly baked fruit & plain scones
Dorset clotted cream & strawberry preserve
Selection of miniature cakes, pastries & tartlets

SELECTION OF DORSET TEAS & COFFEE
Breakfast Tea | Camomile | Foraged Fruits | Earl Grey Tea | Green Tea
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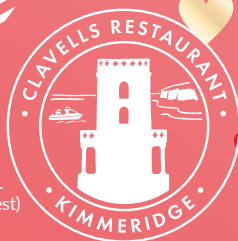
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Marie Rose sauce, rustic bread & butter (GF by request)

COQUILLES ST. JACQUES
Scallops with a creamy mushroom Gruyere sauce (GF)

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

SALAD OF SMOKED DUCK
With a cherry & port sauce GF

CHICKEN LIVER, COGNAC & CRANBERRY PARFAIT
Rustic bread, onion marmalade & dressed leaves (GF by request)

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MAIN COURSES

PAN FRIED SEABASS
Tender stem broccoli & a champagne cream sauce (GF)

DORSET KIMMERIDGE PORK TENDERLOIN
Apricot & Brandy stuffing with a cider cream sauce

DORSET LAMB RACK
Herb crust with a redcurrant & port jus (GF by special request) (£5 supplement)

BEEF Tournedos Rossini
Fillet of steak, chicken liver parfait & maderia wine sauce (GF) (£5 supplement)

BUTTERNUT SQUASH, LENTIL & ALMOND WELLINGTON
Roasted red pepper sauce (V) (VG by special request)

All served with dauphinoise potatoes & seasonal vegetables

DESSERTS

RASPBERRY & PISTACHIO SEMIFREDDO
Strawberry & champagne sorbet (GF) (V)

MIXED BERRY PAVLOVA (GF) (V)

TARTE AU CITRON
Lemon swirl ice cream (V)

BELGIUM CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE
Salted caramel drizzle (V) (VG)

APPLE TARTE TATIN
Vanilla ice cream (V)

| 37.50 per person

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MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH MENU

Available Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th March 2025

STARTERS

DUCK & PLUM SALAD
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SPICED PARSNIP SOUP (VG on request)
Crusty bread & butter

CHICKEN LIVER & REDCURRANT PARFAIT
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Lemon & dill crème fraiche, beetroot salad & rustic bread

All starters GF by special request

MAINS

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(grape, white wine & cream)

BUTTERNUT SQUASH, LENTIL & ALMOND WELLINGTON
(V) (VG by request)

All GF by special request

All served with roast potatoes, parsnips, chantenay carrots,
mange tout, tenderstem broccoli, swede & red cabbage |
Pigs in blankets | 5 Add cauliflower cheese | 5

DESSERTS

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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
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Village Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	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	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	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.00am-12.00	Corfe Crafters	C.C. Village Hall
Term time,	5.30- 6.45pm jnrs	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
	6.45-8.00pm snrs		
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons Manor
3rd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	Mortons Manor
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	www.purbeckyoga.com	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	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee	C C Village Hall
SUNDAY			
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