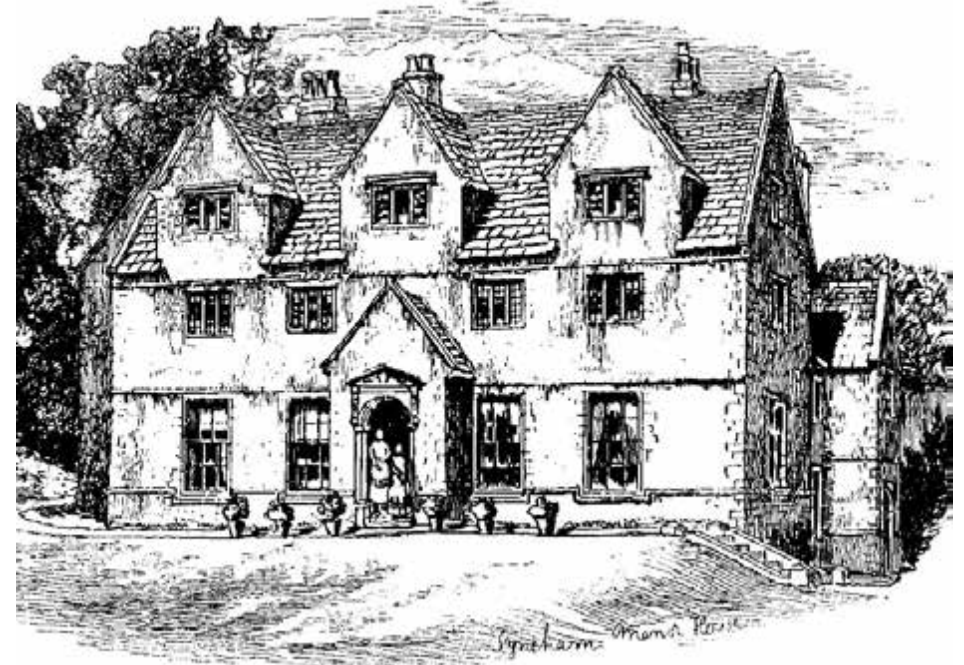


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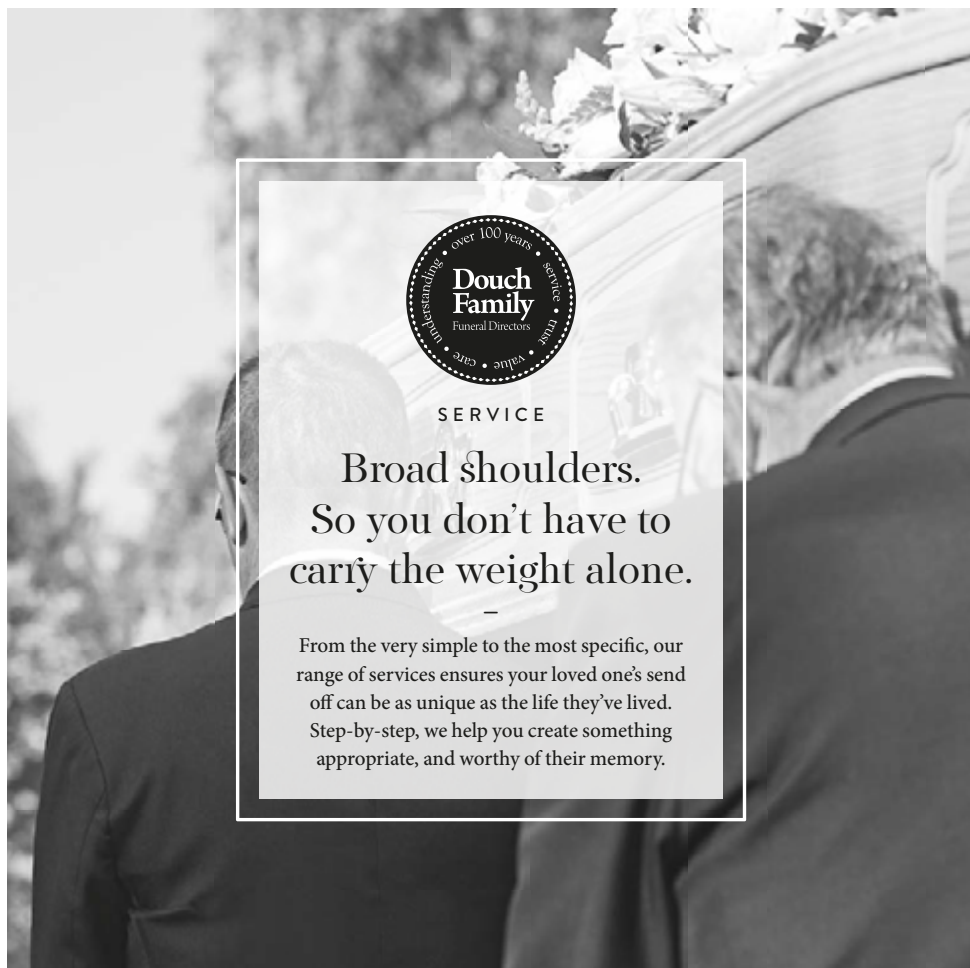
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## Editorial

Our accounts are now complete, and a summary is published at the back of this edition. Our thanks go to Mike Brett who has again independently examined the accounts and also to everybody who has contributed towards the cost and upkeep of the magazine. Your generous donations have helped us put the magazine onto a sound financial footing.

Also thank you to everyone involved in the production, and distribution of the magazine as well as all our contributors. We can always do with more help, particularly in assisting with delivery. If you could lend a hand, please get in touch.

The weather has been very un-summery with high winds, rain, and rather cold. Nevertheless, we have had lots of visitors in the village and hopefully they've helped the businesses thrive. The number of visitors have however, once again, shown that our roads are inadequate. There have been tailbacks in and out of Corfe in both directions. However, it is very difficult to know what to do about it, since there can be no option of a bypass because there is no suitable route and anyway, highways do not have any money for it.

Stephen

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(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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*This sketch is an etching from “Picturesque Rambles in the Isle of Purbeck” by Alfred Dawson and is dated 1882.”*

## CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

There was no council meeting in August so there is no report this month.

**Next Council Meeting:** The next meeting is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 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:

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If you're passionate about making a difference and committed to serving your community, we want to hear from you! Join us in this rewarding role and help us create a better future for everyone."



Here are some

### ?Questions?

for our newly elected representatives.

**The Situation:** our planet - the only one we've got! - is under threat from climate change and biodiversity loss. People and wildlife across the world are already experiencing unprecedented challenges of temperature, water supply and coastal erosion, leading to loss of livelihood, homes, and life. Governments need to act, but can we as individuals do anything to help?

**Should local planning and building control rules be updated to ensure all new houses are Carbon-Neutral?** (Ways to achieve this include high levels of insulation, solar panels, grey water systems, heat pumps rather than gas boilers.)

**Should the new house-building targets nationally include the requirement for every house roof to have solar generation as standard?** Not many miles from Corfe Castle there is a solar farm in a former field. Next to it is a new housing development (in another former field) where none of the roofs have solar panels. Surely by making each roof a solar generation site, one field could still be producing food?

**Should the regulations concerning listed buildings and town/village conservation areas be relaxed to allow more domestic green energy generation?**

**Should there be more help and incentives for householders and landlords to increase insulation levels in their homes?** Energy-efficient houses are usually much cheaper to live in, so it is good for the householder as well as the planet!

For readers who have reached this point, you have probably thought of more questions by now!

*David, on behalf of CCPCEG Core Group members*



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If you have a problem, do you know who best to call to help deal with the issue? If not don't worry, the contacts below may help you.

**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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Telephone: 01305 221040

**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**

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**To request a highways gully clear**

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## Church Knowle Parish Council

The August meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 6:30pm. It was attended by all eight members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair) and thirteen members of the public.

The main items of interest in the meeting were:

### 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](mailto:clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk).

### Public Discussion Period

Mr Jones of the Blue Pool presented his planning applications for the rope bridge, camping and holiday tree houses. Members of the public presented their objections to these plans, mainly on environmental grounds as the developments are either in or on the margins of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and the standards applied to these sites is very rigorous.

### Planning

The Parish Council resolved to object to the three Blue Pool planning applications on the grounds that much more rigorous environmental consultation and formal permissions are required before any development can be considered in these sensitive areas.

### Wessex Water and the Corfe River.

Wessex Water have a fund of some £450m to improve environmental water quality and to reduce the overspill of sewage into watercourses. This is a problem for the Corfe River as Wessex Water has dumped sewage into the river on numerous occasions resulting in its having a very poor environment profile. Other councils along the river are to be contacted and Wessex Water will be urged to make practical infrastructure improvements to prevent the dumping of sewage into the river and to improve its quality.

### The Playing Field

The Parish Council will examine the feasibility of moving the swing and see-saw from their existing position to the other side of the Playing Field in order

to mitigate the nuisance caused by adult anti-social behaviour in the playing field.

### The Ward Councillor's Report.

The Ward Councillor Ben Wilson attended the meeting and gave an update on Dorset Council matters affecting the parish including more parish input into planning and the Big Conversation community consultation. Details and venues can be found on the Dorset Council website or on the Parish Council website under Information - Notices.

### Sandbanks - Shell Bay Ferry Consultation.

The Studland Parish Council has sent notification of a proposed substantial fare increase for the Sandbanks-Shell Bay Ferry. Details can be found on the Church Knowle website under Information ->Notices, also on the ferry company website and the Studland Parish Council website. Objections may be sent to the department of transport by email.

### Road Closure in October.

The road to Church Knowle will be closed for a period on 30<sup>th</sup> October to facilitate changing a telegraph pole. See Parish Council website under Information -> Notices.

### Final Discussion.

There was a discussion about deer shooting parties at the Blue Pool. Concern was raised about the competence of the shooters, deer rifles have to be high velocity, and the proximity to footpaths. Mr Jones assured the council that there is no shooting over footpaths and that the activities are properly managed by people with all of the correct qualifications. He said that the animals shot were not wasted but were butchered and processed through the kitchens ending up on the tearoom menu. He will arrange for Councillors to inspect the shooting sites and verify that there is no hazard to footpaths.

The July meeting finished at 8:30 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.



**National Trust**

**Retirement of Martin Papworth | Archaeologist | National Trust | SW England**

38 years and 5 months ago, a bright-eyed archaeologist Martin Papworth began his career within the National Trust. The year was 1986 and he was on a four-week contract at Corfe Castle to uncover a set of stairs in the Outer Gatehouse which had been hidden by years of soil and rubble. He uncovered stairs which would have allowed knights access to the top levels of the Outer Gatehouse (the Gatehouse would have been double the height of which you see today).

Back then, Corfe Castle had only recently been bequeathed to the National Trust and there was a lot to do – not only with uncovering hidden archaeology but to create a more appropriate visitor route into the castle ruins. During these works, Martin and his team quickly discovered that visitors were fascinated with what they were up to, asking lots of questions and wanting to see what finds they had uncovered. From this, interactive activities and trails were created which allowed visitors to connect with history, which are still in use today.

As part of his swansong, Martin and a team of volunteers conducted a dig in the Inner Ward at in an attempt to discover a hidden Sallyport. A Sallyport is essentially a back door – allowing residents to nip in and out of the castle without having to use a formal front entrance and one Sallyport was where Colonel Pitman and his men were able to sneak in to take the castle.



The top of an arch was already exposed and a scheduled monument consent from Historic England allowed Martin to drop the ground surface by 0.5m - enough to empty part of the arch to test whether it continues through the thickness of the 11th century Inner Ward curtain wall. The work uncovered remains of meals - oyster and cockle shells, mutton and beef bones and even crab shell. There was white plaster and fragments of earthenware bowls and jugs with bright shiny yellow and green mottled glaze. To find out more about Martins last dig at the castle, search for Martin Papworth National Trust and you'll find his Archaeology blog.

It will be sad to see Martin depart, however we are so grateful for all the work he has achieved and the huge contribution he has made to Corfe Castle. Enjoy your retirement Martin – it is thoroughly well deserved!

**Sophie Trenchard**

We are also very sad to announce that Sophie Trenchard will be leaving us at the end of the month to go to work at The Newt in Somerset. Sophie has been with us for eight years and has been instrumental in key events such as Stories of the Spirits, the winter solstice, along with Holi at Corfe Castle and creating all of the content for our social media channels. Sophie's ability to quietly and calmly get everything done along with her warm and friendly personality means she'll be much missed. We have no doubt she'll shine brightly at The Newt. Her role as Senior Visitor Experience Officer is open to applicants so any interested parties should search and apply on National Trust Jobs.



**Civil war re-enactment Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September**

Please join us for the English Civil War Society's re-enactment of the siege of Corfe Castle on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September. Residents of the parish of Corfe Castle have free entry to the castle.



Events will begin with a military march from Castle View to the village on Saturday 7 at 10:45. They'll meet Lady Bankes asking her tenants to come into the castle and bring supplies.

Watch Lady Bankes dine with her friends as her cooks busy themselves preparing the food. Witness Pike and Musket drills as the soldiers prepare for battle. Soak up the sounds and smells of living history displays from authentic cooking and leatherwork to herbalists and coinmakers.

Each day will culminate in a battle re-enactment. Saturday: Siege of Corfe Castle. Watch as an attacking force tries to take the castle but are repulsed by a stout defence of castle inhabitants. Sunday: 'The Betrayal'. Watch in awe as the evil traitor Colonel Pitman betrays the castle before it is stormed by the Roundheads and the castle is taken for Parliament.

This event will involve firing of replica weaponry on each day which can be noisy:

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## Nature updates from the National Trust



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### Sheep on the castle mound

Around 30 Hebridean sheep are grazing the castle mound until next spring. The nibbling of these hardy sheep will help control the growth of tor grass and other coarse vegetation, and keep the grassland open for wild plants such as marjoram, thyme, knapweed, harebells, viper's bugloss and wild carrot. These are nectar sources for many butterflies, bees and other pollinators.



*Sheep on Corfe Mound  
Courtesy Emily Gascoigne*

Our approach on the castle mound is to prevent the growth of trees and shrubs. This contrasts with the way we manage our other countryside sites, partly because we have to protect the mound as a scheduled monument, but also because of the steep slopes that make it difficult to carry out manual tasks.

Please keep your dogs on leads on the mound to prevent harm to the sheep.

### Life in the old tree yet!

A magnificent wych elm which fell during the winter has been given a new lease of life. The tree toppled in Wilderness Wood, between Corfe Castle and Swanage, but luckily its root plate stayed intact. We placed deer fencing around the tree to protect its foliage and seeds from being eaten. Our hope is that new stems will grow - and the tree will rise again as a 'phoenix tree'.



*Fallen Wych Elm  
Courtesy James Beck*

The canopy of such elm trees is a habitat for the rare white-letter hairstreak butterfly. Its name comes from the white streak on the underside of its wings.

### Blues on the common

Areas of the common have turned violet-blue with the flowers of devil's-bit scabious. This nectar-rich herb was traditionally used as a treatment for skin conditions, such as scabies and the boils of bubonic plague (the Latin

‘scabere’ means to scratch). Its common name comes from its truncated roots – said to have been bitten off by the Devil! It flowers from July to October.

### Ragwort – a feast for pollinators

The golden flowers of ragwort are currently lighting up our grasslands and verges. Ragwort is hugely important for insects – around 178 species feed off it, 27 of which only feed on ragwort. Of course, these insects are then food for birds, bats and other creatures. So why does this UK native plant get so much bad press?



*Ragwort Peacock*  
Courtesy Mark Singleton

Ragwort can be poisonous to cattle and horses if eaten in large quantities. But:

- Fresh ragwort smells and tastes horrible to these animals – they’ll only eat it if there is no other food in the field.
- The problem is when ragwort gets into hay or silage as it loses its warning signals and animals can inadvertently eat it.

We follow the government’s advice on ragwort control – clearing it when it’s within 50m of fields used for grazing animals or growing fodder. Otherwise, we leave it as an amazing food source that helps sustain biodiversity.

### Beavers settle in

It appears that the beavers at Little Sea, Studland, have built a lodge and have had their first babies (kits)! We aren’t sure how many kits there are yet as they are very secretive. We’re now preparing signage to go around the lake to protect both the wildlife and dogs. The messages are:

- Keep your dog on a lead and don’t let it swim in the water. Beavers aren’t naturally aggressive but will defend themselves if they feel they or their kits are under threat.



*Devil's-bit Scabious*  
Courtesy Laurence Perry

- Little Sea provides a home to lots of vulnerable wildlife, not just beavers, so no swimming or watercraft are permitted.
- You’re most likely to see a beaver if you are quiet by the water. They have a good sense of hearing and will quickly hide if scared.
- If you see a beaver, watch from a distance, preferably using binoculars. Please don’t use lights to search for the beavers as this can distress them.



*Beaver Swimming*  
Courtesy Terry Bagley

If you want to find out more, come to the Planet Purbeck celebration event on Friday 20 September, 7.30pm, at the Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Our wetland project officer, Gen Crisford, will be talking about the beavers and our vision for their future in Dorset.

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## Corfe Castle Surgery

Further to last months staffing list I would like to update you with the good news that our new dispenser, Sam has now started. Sam is a very experienced dispenser but has not worked in a dispensing practice before so please show understanding and patience whilst she gets to grips with the running of the dispensary.

We will be offering respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccinations from 1 September to older adults aged 75-79, and to individuals from 28 weeks' pregnancy to protect their baby. If you are eligible, we will contact you with an appointment as soon as we can.

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is an enveloped RNA virus, in the same family as the human parainfluenza viruses and mumps and measles viruses. RSV is one of the common viruses that cause coughs and colds in winter. RSV is transmitted by large droplets and by secretions from contact with an infected person.

This years flu vaccines will not start in September as normal, but we will be contacting parents of all children aged 2 or 3 years (on 31 August 2024) and pregnant women for vaccination in September as advised to do so.

For everyone aged 65 and over and those of you aged 18 years to under 65 years and in a clinical risk group we will not be able to start vaccinating **until 3 October 2024**, this includes carers and frontline workers. This is based on the evidence that flu vaccine's effectiveness can wane over time in adults, [JCVI \(Joint committee on vaccination and immunisation\) have advised](#) moving the start of the programme for most adults to the beginning of October. This is on the understanding that the majority of the vaccinations will be completed by the end of November, closer to the time that the flu season commonly starts. It is preferable to vaccinate individuals closer to the time when the flu virus is likely to circulate (which typically peaks in December or January), as this will provide optimal protection during the highest risk period. As flu circulation in children normally precedes that in adults, the JCVI agreed that the children's programme should continue to start in September as early as delivery and supply allows.

I would expect for us to hold our first walk in flu session on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please keep an eye on the website and in practice for confirmed dates.

Please contact us with any queries.

Kerry Norman  
Practice Manager

## Patient Participation Group.

We were delighted to hear the wonderful news that the Corfe Surgery was recognised as one of the top 3 surgeries in Dorset following the annual GP Patient Survey .The Chair of the Dorset General Practice Alliance said it was great to see Dorset doing well nationally during some very challenging times and added that this acknowledgement is thanks to the hard working practice staff doing their very best for patients.

He noted that there are still areas requiring improvement across Dorset which everyone is working hard to achieve.

As patients of the Corfe Surgery I think we all know how lucky we are to be supported by Dr Lepper and his team and we would like to thank the team for all they do for us .

If there are times, however, when you would like us to raise issues with the practice on your behalf please do contact us by email or through the Surgery [corfecastleppg@gmail.com](mailto:corfecastleppg@gmail.com)

The summer is passing very quickly but I hope we can enjoy some fine weather and sunshine before we start to think about Flu jabs !

Kind regards

Maggie , PPG Chair



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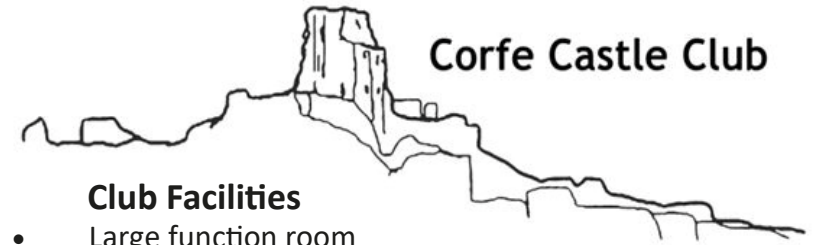


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You will find all the information you need on a poster elsewhere in this CVN. All is in aid of Corfe Castle Village Hall CIO and their kitchen refurbishment fund. Meantime, Double Act will be hard at work preparing for our main annual production....



### Corfe Castle Village Hall

21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
at 7:30pm.

**Matinée 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30pm.**

Adults £10 / Children £5  
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# Grand Charity Elephant



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**Corfe Castle Village Hall**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 – 7pm**

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**Corfe Community Kitchen**

**Soup 'n Pud**

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**Corfe Castle Village Hall**

**Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**12.30 – 1.45pm**



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or money please feel free but it is not obligatory.**

We are back after a short summer break and will once again be hosting our tasty Soup 'n Pud lunches in the Village Hall on Saturday afternoons after the monthly Coffee Mornings. The rhubarb for this month's crumble was kindly donated by a villager. We always welcome food donations and use them wherever possible as one of our aims is to prevent food wastage. We also use any financial donation towards our healthy lunches. So please keep them coming. We have got some more ideas planned for this coming year which we hope will tickle your taste buds but they will become more evident as time goes by. Why don't you join in and find out? As usual we thank all our lovely volunteers for their help and Dragons Bakery for the bread rolls. We would love to see more people joining our fun lunch and all the friendly chatter at this great Community venture.

**WHY DON'T YOU COME AND GIVE 'SOUP 'n PUD' A TRY?!**

## News from the Library

### The Library Talks restart in October

The Talks in the Library will resume in October. This year the subject matter of our talks range from our local wildlife, the history of our village shops, a talk by a local author of psychological thrillers, a travelogue of a Trek to Petra, all the way to a discussion of threats to democracy at international level! And there is still one talk to be booked in! There will also be another quiz night next year (date to be decided). All talks start at 2.00pm, exact locations will be advertised in the Corfe Valley News in month of the talk.



- October 18<sup>th</sup> – *Swifts in Purbeck*, by Richard Caldow of the Swanage and Purbeck Swift Group.
- November 29<sup>th</sup> - *Populism and Fatalism: Two Threats to Democracy?* Gerry Stoker of Southampton University.
- December 21<sup>st</sup> - *Christmas celebration*
- January 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 – *The Old Shops of Corfe Castle* by Louise Haywood of Corfe Castle Town Trust (also a very short AGM!)
- February 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 *An Afternoon with Alex Stone* – a successful author who lives in Dorset and uses locations in Dorset as settings in her psychological thrillers.
- March 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 *A Trek to Petra* by David Kemp.
- April 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 *The Plight of the Purbeck Puffins* by Richard Caldow of Natural England
- May event to be announced.
- Quiz night to be announced

### Come in for a free Cuppa and a Biscuit!

We will be offering a hot drink and biscuits for anyone who would like to come in and have a chat.

#### 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.

## AUTUMN PROGRAMME

AT SANDY HILL ARTS, CORFE CASTLE

- SEP 14** **Alice Zawadzki, Fred Thomas & Misha Mullov-Abbado in Concert EVENT**  
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 7:30pm-9:30pm | £18.00 | Under 18s £10.00
- SEP 21** **The John Martyn Project EVENT**  
 Six artists (Blythe Pepino, Kit Hawes, Pete Josef, Sam Brookes, John Blakeley and Jon Short) come together to celebrate the music of John Martyn; each brings their own story and connection to John's music, adding to the fabric of the project.  
 7:30pm-9:30pm | £20.00 | Low Income Concession £15.00
- SEP 28** **Arty Bazaar EVENT**  
 The Arty Bazaar combines access to the artists' studios and the Boilerhouse Gallery with the added attraction of an eclectic, arty market of specially invited stalls, food and live music.  
 12:00pm-4:00pm | Free
- SEP 17** **Heather Gibbons - 'From the Drawing to the Painting Course' COURSE**  
 Following on from her hugely popular spring course, we are delighted to welcome Heather Gibbons back this autumn for a six week 'From the Drawing to the Painting' course; to 'play' is to 'create' never quite knowing how the final outcome will reveal itself!  
 Thursdays | 10:00am-1:00pm | £120.00
- SEP 05 & 12** **Jenny Green - Glass Fusion Seascape Workshop COURSE**  
 Come and explore the beautiful art of Glass Fusing in a fun and relaxing workshop. Learn the basic techniques of cutting and layering glass and create your seascape or landscape with a variety of glass materials.  
 10:00am-1:00pm | £75.00
- SEP 12 & 03** **Ginny Carvisiglia- Papermaking Course COURSE**  
 Enjoy a practical, interesting, and hands-on, introduction to papermaking. Learn about the basic techniques and processes without specialist equipment, using recycled paper and natural objects and dyes.  
 Thursdays | 6:00pm-8:00pm | £110.00
- OCT 14 & 18** **Signwriting with Traditional Signwriter Terry Smith COURSE**  
 Participants will be shown how to create traditional signs, using the traditional methods with tools, learning how to master multi-dimensional lettering and application of enamel with sable brushes. By the end of the course, pupils will have produced their own piece.  
 Monday - Friday | 9:00am-5:00pm | £450.00
- NOV 02** **Macrame Christmas Tree Workshop COURSE**  
 Join us for a festive workshop and learn how to make a stunning macrame Christmas Tree to bring a little handmade charm to your home.  
 10:30am-1:30pm | £35.00
- NOV 08 & 16** **Jenny Green - Glass Fusion Christmas Tree Workshop COURSE**  
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## Corfe Castle Village Hall

### general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the August VH Coffee Morning. £160.90 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In June the first prize of £20 was won by member 58, with member 46 getting second prize £10 and member 79 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.

The village hall offers a large amount of secure storage space. We are in the process of letting out the last unit, but for news on future availability 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	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
Friday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio

### 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)

### forthcoming Artsreach show(s)

Last December we were due to host a concert of folk music by **Vri**, a trio of Welsh musicians and singers. Sadly this had to be cancelled at the last minute as one of them contracted Covid. We are pleased to announce that the concert has now been re-scheduled for **Friday October 11th at 7.30pm**. An advert for this show will be in the October CVN, by which time you will also find posters around the village and flyers in the shop and the village hall.

We are also finalising arrangements to host Near-ta's comic production "Christmas Time", probably during the second weekend in December. It is about celebrating Christmas in jail ... "a festive felony folly!"

To book a room at the hall, preferably use the email address [david@davidjatk.in.plus.com](mailto:david@davidjatk.in.plus.com). Alternatively ring David on 07590 352219.

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### ***News from The Castle***

The summer holidays are over, the kids are back to school and the seasons are changing. As we step into Autumn, we are happy to announce that we are now taking bookings, and our famous steak night will be returning!

#### **Bookings from 1<sup>st</sup> of September**

We are pleased to announce we are back to taking bookings. We highly recommend booking your tables, as we can then guarantee you a table in our cosy dining room. Feel free to give us a call or pop us a Facebook message, and one of our team will be happy to help you.

#### **Steak Night returns Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Our popular steak night is making a return, with beautifully cut steaks, including Sirloin, Rump & Fillet. Cooked to perfection in your desired way, we're sure you will love every second of your evening. Bookings are highly recommended!

#### **Friday is Fish Night**

Last but by no means least is our fish night! Offering fresh fish as local as we can get, it's always a popular evening. We regularly offer scallops, oysters, skate and sea bass along with many other delicious options. Get your table booked today!

From everyone at The Castle Inn, we wish you an autumnal September, and look forward to seeing you soon.



6<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Our annual BBQ for members and guests was held at Corfe Castle Village Hall. There was a wonderful array of BBQ'd food and tasty desserts. It was a great chance for our members and their families and friends to get together in a convivial atmosphere and share good food and company. We had a huge age range represented from babies to the young at heart. Due to the weather forecast giving the possibility of rain, the event was held inside. We are so fortunate that the Village Hall is such a flexible accommodation to meet our last-minute move into the main hall. Thanks to everyone who helped out to ensure a good time was had by all.



3<sup>rd</sup> September – Again we are fortunate to have not one but three defibrillators in the village (at the surgery, the library and at the top of Mead Road). Many of us know someone that has had a heart attack and are grateful that the defibrillator was available to save the life of a loved one. We are so delighted that at our September meeting Maggie Hardy is going to explain how to use defibrillators. It is such an important topic for our community that the decision has been made to open this talk to non-members. So if you would like to attend, simply come to the village hall for 2pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, you will be made most welcome.

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR SPEAKERS AT FUTURE MEETINGS:**

These remain provisional, unless stated as confirmed.

1<sup>st</sup> October – Connor Winter from the 'Green Bricks Project' to recycle bottle tops. (confirmed)

5<sup>th</sup> November – Carl Grice to talk about Opal gems (confirmed)

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Ukele Group

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

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

We have a good selection of interesting speakers and our satellite groups include walkers, strollers, lunch club, bookgroup and a textile group. **Email: [2008aquariusladies@gmail.com](mailto:2008aquariusladies@gmail.com) or phone Sue Sedgley at 01929 289102**



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

3	September	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk on defibrillators – meeting open for everyone - CC Village Hall
5	September	Thursday	7.30 pm	Gardening Club talk - gardening for butterflies & moths. Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	September	Thursday	2 pm	Talk on Corfe Castle Charities – Corfe Castle Town Hall
7	September	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	September	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud Community Lunch – Corfe Castle Village Hall
7 & 8	September	Saturday Sunday	10.00 am – 4.30 pm	English Civil War Society in the Castle with firing.
8	September	Sunday	10.30 am	Walk around Corfe Castle Charities lands – meet at Scotland Farm.
9	September	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
9 & 16	September	Monday	12.30 – 4 pm	May Day Singers open rehearsal in Langton Matravers – call 07305740422
10	September	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle Village Hall
13	September	Friday	7.30 pm	Barn Dance – Kimmeridge Village Hall in Etches Collection
14	September	Saturday	7.30 pm	Sandy Hill Arts Production – At Sandy Hill Arts centre.
21	September	Saturday	7.30 pm	The John Martin Project Event – Sandy Hill Arts centre
26	September	Thursday	7 pm	Installation of the new Rectors – St Edwards Church
28	September	Saturday	12 noon – 4.00 pm	Arty Bazaar Event Sandy Hill Arts centre.

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

1	October	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk on The Green Bricks Project - Corfe Castle Village Hall
3	October	Thursday	8 pm	Gardening Club Talk - Gardens of France, Fiona Forsyth Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	October	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	October	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud Community Lunch – Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	October	Saturday	7 pm	Double Act Elephant Drive in aid of new kitchen – Corfe Castle Village Hall
8	October	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Furzebrook Village Hall
11	October	Friday	7.30 pm	Barn Dance – Kimmeridge Village Hall in Etches Collection
14	October	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
18	October	Friday	2 pm	Library talk – Swifts in Purbeck, by Richard Caldow.
5	November	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk about Opal gems – Corfe Castle Village Hall
21 – 23	November	Thursday – Saturday	7.30 pm	Double Act production This Secret Isle – Corfe Castle Village Hall
23	November	Saturday	2.30 pm	Double Act This Secret Isle matinee – Corfe Castle Village Hall
29	November	Friday	2 pm	Library Talk - Populism and Fatalism - Gerry Stoker of Southampton University.

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## Church of England St Aldhelm's Benefice

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**Benefice Office: Tuesday and Wednesday 9.00am - 1.00pm**

**Benefice Administrator: St George's Church, Langton Matravers**

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### **Rev Anne Bond writes**

What is this world coming to? Am I the only person despairing?  
Where has common sense gone?

It seems to me that what is happening is that in our eagerness to be kind and loving to each other, as a society we have leant so far over backwards to be considerate to everyone, we are losing our balance and are in danger of falling into a quagmire of ill-thought-out contradictory values, that at best may lead to occasional personal confusion, and at worst to serious wide-spread and escalating mental dysfunction. Already, amongst people young enough to be still developing into the adults they will eventually become, many find themselves questioning their essential identities as members of the human race.

Ever since the world began people have been ‘male’ and ‘female’ in varying degrees; to be so is part of the rich variety of life. Thank goodness we no longer shun people whose physiological makeup compels them to prefer sexual partners of the same gender as themselves; it is just how they are made. As we develop from infancy to adulthood, it is ‘normal’ for one’s sense of identity to shift uncomfortably – like a ball rolling about on an uneven and moving surface – until the moment comes when we settle into our final personal ‘slot’ of adulthood at the age of about 25 or so. To make long-lasting irreversible changes to one’s physical appearance based on our perceptions of self-identity before approximately that age, seems to me to be not only foolish but extremely dangerous to both mental and physical health.

I had a chest X-ray this morning. If the Daily Telegraph is to be believed, I should have been asked if I was pregnant *even if I appeared to be a man*. As I am now 80 it was pretty clear I was not likely to be pregnant; common sense prevailed – hurray!

Immigration: we are an island. As a nation we have huge sympathy for refugees from war-torn countries whose homes have been destroyed and whose lives are in danger; we welcome them with loving hearts and open arms. But should we be welcoming immigrants who have willingly paid vast sums to enter this country illegally in the hope of earning similarly vast sums here rather than rather less in their own countries? Even if some have been coerced into doing so by ruthless profiteers? Soon there will be more immigrants than locals on this island and the overcrowding will cause us all to start sliding off the edges into the sea!

NHS: we used to welcome doctors and nurses from Commonwealth countries to work in the NHS, and very fine additions to hospitals and care homes they were too. Has Brexit made it impossible for them to work here now?

Government: civil servants, not politicians, seem to be running this country now at both national and local levels. For example, planning applications take months to resolve, with too many people having too many considerations clashing with each other for sensible decisions to be made.

Schools: can it really be true that some teachers have encouraged pupils to self-identify as *cats* in the classroom?

Once again, I ask: where has common sense fled to?

In these letters I keep repeating that Jesus taught “Love the Lord your God with all your mind, heart, spirit and strength and love your neighbour as you love yourself.” If we all actually put that into practise, a lot of wrongs would stand a good chance of becoming right.

With love, Anne

## ***The Benefice of St Aldhelm***

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Refreshments in Corfe Castle Primary School will follow the service  
RSVP to Penelope Smith [smithpenelope52@gmail.com](mailto:smithpenelope52@gmail.com)  
by 12th September

### **Bible Readings – September 2024**

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17 Mark 7:24-37
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

### **Services in September 2024**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Corfe Castle 10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
Steeple 09.30am	Holy Communion
Corfe Castle 10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
Corfe Castle 10.30am	Holy Communion
Harmans Cross 8 pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
Corfe Castle 10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
Corfe Castle 7 pm	Installation of Richard and Louise White
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
Church Knowle 10.30	Benefice Communion

Rev. Hugh Maddox writes:  
**The 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MY ORDINATION**  
 On St Francis Day  
 Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am.  
 I will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist in  
 The Priory Church of Lady St Mary (near the quay)  
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 Hugh



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## Seaside Escape: Carers Enjoy a Day of Relaxation at Swanage Beach



*From left to right: Alison, Val, Jo Sharkey, Sylvia, Carol, Carla*

Lewis-Manning Hospice Care provided a wonderful day of respite for a small group of carers when they enjoyed a day at a beach hut on Swanage Beach.

The carers swapped their usual routine for a sunny day adventure at Swanage Beach, giving them the chance to unwind, laugh, and even dip their toes in the sea.

The day kicked off with carers dropping off their spouse at the Lewis-Manning Day Hospice in Poole, where the hospice clinical team took over caring duties, and the local Dorset patients were set to enjoy a day full of clinical support, games, arts and crafts, and a delicious lunch, ensuring they had just as much fun as their carers.

As for the carers, they headed to Swanage Beach and to a beach hut which was to be used as their base for the day and as the location of their monthly support and bereavement carers group.

Family Support & Bereavement Lead at Lewis-Manning, Jo Sharkey said, "What a wonderful day we all enjoyed, it was incredibly relaxing and just what the carers needed. We devoured delicious fish & chips, someone bought some Prosecco and another some fresh strawberries, it was such a treat.

"The loveliness of it all was just being able to sit and do nothing but enjoy each other's company. There were lots of shared conversations about what is happening in their lives, but the day out provided time out for the carers not to be responsible for anything or anybody for a short time, have food put in front of them and do something normal! Things that so many of us perhaps take for granted but I was so mindful of giving these people some time out, which they're not used to as many are 24/7 carers for their loved ones at a particularly difficult and emotional time. The hours passed so quickly too!"

One of the carers Val commented, "When you're a carer, it's like you're sitting in a hole, and you just want someone to come and sit with you. Lewis-

Manning is my rock. The compassion and care are so special. I have been attending the group for around two years."

Another carer Alison said, "As a carer, you are working 365 days a year, 24/7 with no support. There are no holidays. Who would want that job? Lewis-Manning is the only part of my life that has stayed the same for the past six months."

Carla, a carer added, "We have no judgment, and it's a safe space here on this day out. Hopefully, at the end of the day we will remain friends."

**Anyone interested in finding out about the Family Support and Bereavement Service at Lewis-Manning Hospice Care is urged to visit <https://lewis-manning.org.uk/bereavement-family-support/>**



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## Swanage Skatepark Community Project raises £20,000 towards new skatepark equipment with Crowdfunder campaign!

The Swanage Skatepark Community Project (SSCP) is thrilled to announce that they have successfully reached their Crowdfunder goal, securing £20,000 for the rebuilding of Swanage Skatepark. Generous community donations totaling £14,000 enabled the project to receive an additional £6,000 in match funding from Sport England, providing a robust start to their fundraising efforts.

Heidi Florence from SSCP says: ‘We’re so grateful to the community for supporting our fundraising efforts over the past few months. Thanks to this collective effort, we not only reached our Crowdfunder target but have succeeded in giving Swanage Skatepark a sense of identity, and skatepark users feel like they belong to something. Running the Crowdfunder campaign and hosting our first Community Day have laid the foundations for building the vibrant skate community we want to see in Swanage.’

The fundraising campaign was initially planned to run for 8 weeks, but was extended to 12 weeks to allow extra time to reach the target. Success finally came at a recent Swanage Town & Community Partnership AGM when representatives from the Town Council and various local groups came together and voted unanimously to give a generous donation of £4,000 to the Swanage Skatepark Crowdfunder.

The work of Swanage Town & Community Partnership focuses on creating a vibrant, friendly community for everyone, supported by a thriving economy in a safe and healthy environment. Recent meetings have been focused on development of a youth strategy, and it was clear that the Swanage Skatepark Community Project is a key piece of that puzzle.

The Crowdfunder campaign was a community effort with local businesses offering rewards as an incentive for donations. In addition Swanage Badminton Club, Tilly’s Ice Cream and Skate Not Bored all contributed generously to the donations.

Heidi Florence from SSCP says: ‘Reaching our Crowdfunder target was crucial not only to secure match funding from Sport England but also to show grant-giving organisations that our community strongly supports the project. Potential funders will want to see that the skatepark is desired and backed by the community, and our Crowdfunder campaign clearly demonstrates this.’

The £20k from the Crowdfunder joins a pledge of £15k from Swanage Town Council bringing the total raised so far to £35k. With the target of not just replacing the removed ramps but improving and expanding the skatepark, SSCP are aiming to raise £200,000 to fully fund the project.

Next steps for the Swanage Skatepark Community Project are to use this springboard of community donations to apply to local and national grants. SSCP is already working on applications for three opportunities with deadlines in July and August. And, business sponsorship packages are currently in development.

The group also plans to host a follow-up to the June 1st ‘Skatepark Community Day,’ which saw hundreds of people enjoying the vibrancy of skatepark culture. This event is likely to take place in the autumn 2024. The group is seeking additional volunteers to help make this happen.

The SSCP team would like to thank everyone who has made a donation already and all the businesses who offered rewards. Special thanks to #Willdoes for funding the Skatepark Community Day.

Whilst our target to achieve match funding has been hit, the Crowdfunder will remain open for additional donations as every penny counts!

Visit <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/swanage-skatepark> to make a donation

See the website: <https://www.swanageskateparkcommunityproject.com/>

Or email if you’d like to join our team of volunteers:

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Swanage Skatepark Community Project is a Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust project, registered charity no: 1162662.

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## Notices and Thanks

### Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

For many August is a jam packed month, full of holidays and fun with not much thought to our gardens other than watering and BBQ. For me August is the time, as well as trying to pass off numerous vegetable gluts to friends and neighbours, I start to reflect on the highs and lows in the garden and what changes to make for next year.

In the gardening committee it is also a time to consolidate what is going to happen in our “new term” starting in September and to think about the program for next year. For those of you who are keen gardeners or struggle to keep a supermarket herb pot alive, have a large garden or a tiny terrace, we hope we have something for you.

September 5<sup>th</sup> - Gardening for butterflies and moths with Lepidopterist Dr Martin Warren

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gardens of France, Fiona Forsyth

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Keeping Bees & our own gardeners question time.  
Claire Hombersley & the committee

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Christmas social

To alleviate congestion in the hall please note the start time is 7:45 for coffees and teas for 8:00pm start.

Lucy Saunders

For interesting talks, plant sales, seed swaps & garden visits our usual meetings are from 7:45pm for 8:00 on the first Thursday of the month in the village hall. We love to welcome new members and non members can join talks for £3. If you are interested in joining please get in touch with Chris on 07815058880 or email [cclarkecorfecc@gmail.com](mailto:cclarkecorfecc@gmail.com)

### Parking space required to rent,

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### 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.

There's a couple of date and location changes to note at Corfe Castle and at Swanage Library.

#### **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](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus)

#### **Swanage Library Drop-in Date Change**

Starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Citizens Advice drop-in day will change from a Wednesday to a Tuesday at Swanage Library. Drop-in times remain the same at 10am-12pm. No appointment is needed, just come along and have a chat with our friendly advisers.

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk) to speak to an Adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline freephone on 0800 144 8848, 10am-4pm weekdays.

## David's Trek to Petra for Julia's House

Nov 3-10, 2024

The **Rock Quiz** ran to the end of July. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers at the Community Library, Sweet Shop and Villages Stores, for allowing me to have quizzes and collecting boxes on their premises. Apart from the £1s for the quizzes, there was also over £30 donated by customers!

There were a number of excellent entries, but the clear winner was Mrs Helen Dornan of Chipping Camden, who was pleased to donate her winnings to Julia's House – congratulations, and thank you Helen!

Any contributions are still welcome. My Trek on-line donations page is [www.justgiving.com/page/david-kemp-1694853078368](http://www.justgiving.com/page/david-kemp-1694853078368). I can accept cheques or cash, or I can supply my bank details if you'd prefer to support **Julia's House** that way.

*Julia's House Children's Hospice needs and is very grateful for your support!*

*David Kemp, 7 Colletts Close, Corfe Castle, 01929 480007*

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### Bin Collections

The standard collection day is Wednesday.

	Recycling and Food	Rubbish and Food
September 2024	4, 18	11, 25
October 2024	2, 16, 30	9, 23
November 2024	13, 27	6, 20

### PurbeckParkys (Parkinson's Support) Meetings

18 September Wednesday 2.30pm - 4.30pm PurbeckParkys (Parkinson's Support) Swanage Cricket Club BH19 1LG

16 October Wednesday 2.30pm - 4.30pm PurbeckParkys (Parkinson's Support) Swanage Cricket Club BH19 1LG

20 November Wednesday 2.30pm - 4.30pm PurbeckParkys (Parkinson's Support) Swanage Cricket Club BH19 1LG

### Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Kitchen Fires

During 2023, one third of the kitchen fires attended by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) were in the homes of people aged over 65 and living alone. To combat this alarming statistic, DWFRS is launching a new safety campaign, with a focus on preventing cooking-related incidents and making residents safer at home.

'Cook with Care' has four key themes to help reduce kitchen fires:

- **Prepare** - Before you start cooking, create a clear space to prepare your meals safely. Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob, and take care if you're wearing loose clothing.
- **Prevent** - Never put anything other than pots and pans on your cooker hob; even after you've finished cooking, the hob will remain hot for some time. Never put anything metal into the microwave. Saucepan handles left sticking out create a danger; there's a risk they could be caught, leading to the pans being knocked off the hob.
- **Focus** - Don't leave cooking unattended. Avoid cooking if you are tired, have been drinking alcohol or are taking medication that leaves you drowsy.
- **Stay Safe** - Keep the oven, hob and grill clean as a build-up of fat or grease can catch fire when hot. Switch off the oven and/or hob when you have finished cooking and take pans off the heat.

It's vital that we do all we can to protect our communities, especially those people who are perhaps more vulnerable because of their age or where they live. By highlighting some of the potential dangers in the kitchen, DWFRS hope to encourage safer cooking behaviours amongst those most at risk.

There is more information on the DWFRS website about safety in the home, [www.dwfire.org.uk/safety-at-home](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety-at-home) and anyone with an older friend or relative who lives alone is asked to share this advice with them.

If you are concerned for someone's safety, you can contact the DWFRS Safe & Well team – call 0800 038 2323 or visit [www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits)

### Dorset Buttons – Dance Out Dates

The Charity we are collecting for this Season Is Heartbeat. Last Season we collected over £900 for Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

4 September 2024	Wednesday	7.45pm	Wareham Quay
7 September	Saturday	All day	Swanage Folk Festival



### The Corfe Castle Town Trust

is restarting the **Local History Group** with a talk on the **Corfe Castle Charities** which will take place on

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in the Town Hall**

Following on from this, there will be a walk around the

**Charities' Lands at New Mills Heath**

on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am**

Meet at the entrance to Scotland Farm

**Donations welcome**

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*Musical Director: John Watkins*

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***‘Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Jesus claimed to speak for God and do the things that only God could do, such as forgiving sin. In spite of that, many people think of Him as just a great religious teacher, the founder of one of the world’s religions. However, what Jesus said about Himself finds no equivalent in any other religions. In fact, quite the opposite.***

Jesus was very different. He had a great deal to say about Himself. No one in their right mind would dream of saying the things Jesus said about Himself unless they were true. He could have been deluded, but when we look at the way Jesus lived, his compassion for people and the quality of his wisdom and teaching, it would be difficult to come to this conclusion.

C.S Lewis, the author of the Narnia stories, put it this way. *‘I am trying to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: ‘I am ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.’ That is one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things that Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher: He would be either a lunatic or the devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a demon, or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But don’t come up about Him being a great moral teacher. He hasn’t left that alternative open to us. He did not intend to’*

You might think anyone can claim to be God. There have been such people, but the evidence of the way they lived did not support their claims. What makes Jesus unique is that the way He lived gives us every reason to believe that what He said was true. Jesus’ character and work supports His words in a way that we see in no other human life.

Are you willing to weigh up the evidence and come to a decision? Will you fall at His feet and call Him ‘Lord’? Your eternal destiny will depend on your response!

Jesus answered, ***‘I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’ John 14:6***

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## **Kimmeridge News**

### **Busy August in Kimmeridge**

August got off to an amazing start with Miracle Theatre's "Love Riot" as our Play at the Bay 2024. The weather stayed kind and we had good numbers. Lots of thanks to all the helpers from both Kimmeridge & Church Knowle.



Some of the same people were then busy the next day for the Three Parishes Fete, which, by all accounts, was also highly successful.

### **Welcome to Revds Richard & Louise White**

Our new job-sharing Rector(s) start this month. Richard & Louise have their first Sunday Service at 10:30 in Church Knowle on 29<sup>th</sup> September when, I am sure, they will get a real Purbeck welcome! We will keep you posted for when we first welcome them to Kimmeridge Church.

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## **Eyes to the skies**

Well, my friends, Autumn bird migration is well underway, I'm sure most of you have noticed the birds gathering especially by coastal areas, having a last big feed up before setting off on their mammoth journey home. A daunting task for an experienced adult but I can't even imagine what it like for the young fledglings to have to do it for the first time; nature is amazing! But I do wonder what percentage of them make it?

Hopefully some of you have welcomed these summer visitors back again and again and have not been put off by the mess down your bedroom windows or in your porches and out buildings, you may even have put up nesting cups up for them, I always love the chatter of the barn swallows, sitting on the tree outside the tollgate and watching them swooping low as they head down the road to the sea or seeing them all perched on Clavell tower.

Pat went out mid-August down to the bay and had 5 wheatears on the beach and in the fields, with Whitethroat and chiff chaff in the hedgerows.

These will join the hirundines on their long journey home. September will continue with Autumn migration with the chance of a rarity getting lost and ending up in our own back yard of the bay. In 2020 on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September a Pectoral Sandpiper was found in stink corner that had got lost from its trip from North America to South America. How on earth did it end up in Kimmeridge!!!

This years exciting bird was a red footed booby that landed on a boat and promptly went to sleep for forty minutes before taking off again! James from Church Knowle has been doing regular seawatches in the bay and has been rewarded with various Shearwaters and a Sabines Gull that breeds in the high arctic .

Happy Birding and keep those eyes peeled in your own gardens for the autumn migrants.

Cheers Rose and Pat

## Afflington Manor & Farm

### The Tithing

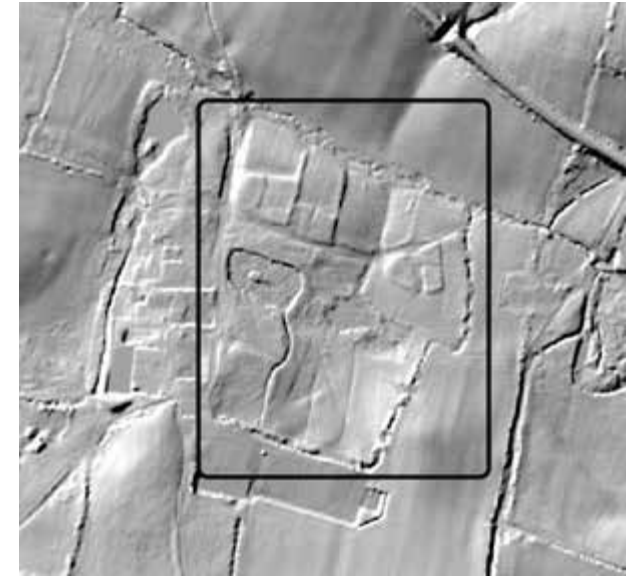
Afflington Manor gave its name to the Tithing - an Anglo-Saxon administrative unit which formed a group of 10 households. Ten tithings were called a Hundred and Afflington Tithing was part of the 'Hundred of Ailwood' (or 'Rowbarrow Hundred' as it later became called). The actual Bronze Age barrow, where the Hundred court would have been held, lies in the garden of a bungalow at North Instow, Harmans Cross. The earliest reference so far found for this barrow is in a Pipe Roll of 1183 'Rugeberghundredum'.



1775 Map by William Woodward, Bankes Archive.

The circle shows where the ancient Row Barrow of the Hundred lay.

Afflington Tithing spreads across more than one parish and Hundred (part was also in 'Hasilor Hundred'), and before 1066 was farmed by four Saxons - Ælfrun (a woman), Ledmer, Brictric and Leofwin. It also included land at Godlingston that was held by Durand the carpenter, and some land at Bushey. It was called 'Alvrontone' overall. Each would have held their own farmstead in an enclosure close to a water source. Ælfrun and Brictric held the most land and King William claimed that, leasing part to Roger de Belmont/ Beaumont and the other to Walter de Clavile. Forty years after the Black death in 1381, the Afflington Tithing lists 14 householders spread around the area.



LIDAR image showing the remains of the deserted medieval hamlet of Afflington within the black line.

### Afflington Farm

The farm (as opposed to the Tithing of the same name), has had various names - Alfrington, Alfrinton, Arflington, Alderington and Addlington - so it is not unsurprising that the Revd. Hutchins confused it with Adlington, near Bridport, and stated that Henry III granted a market and fair here in 1269. This never occurred because Corfe Castle being, less than 2 miles away, already held two weekly markets and two fairs. The actual hamlet lay to the east of the current farm and is under grassland. There appears to be no agreement as to how many cottages stood there – anything from 9-20. Quite when it was abandoned, is also unsure. The Historical Monuments Commission claim the hamlet was still occupied by the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Francis Hawley (an MP for Corfe) 'the creature of Sir Christopher Hatton', as described by one writer, and who was hand in glove with the lawless Purbeck pirates he was supposed to suppress, leased the farm in 1574, just months after Hatton had bought it. One suspects he had little concern for the farm and when the Dackombe family took it on, it was somewhat dilapidated. By 1620, a new farmhouse had to be built near to the then current one. The house still stood in the Revd. Hutchins' day who describes it as large, and stone built; rebuilding occurred in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and it has since been modernised.



In 1720, the Bankes family sold the farm to two barristers from the Middle Temple, and it passed to the Etterick family of Holt and eventually onto Thomas Fane, the Earl of Westmoreland. A descendant of his sold it in 1797 and it was put in trust for Edward Balston who left it to his two daughters. On his death, they sold it to the Earl of Eldon in 1822. It remained with the Scotts until 2004 when it was put up for sale.

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## The Rambling Gardener

September is a beautiful month it used to be called the mellow fruitful month as there are lots of lovely days and fruitful because there is a lot to harvest; then this is a hard month as there a lot of wind and gales.

Deciduous plants, whether small or a big are, preparing for winter. Their leaves start to go all different colours, from the palest yellow to dark red, so rewarding where ever home is. If the wind is strong, it may change everything overnight.

Happy plants are healthy plants and will look good. Every area has its own climate so see what is doing well near you to see what can do well in your own garden. Everyone likes having their garden admired so do just that - admire and ask for some seeds or cuttings. If you get offered plants accept as these plants will be much better than anything you buy in the post. When transplanting water in well and cut them back hard as most plants thrive on being pruned hard when being transplanted.

Seeds to sow; red and black radish and hardy lettuce, also buy garlic onion sets and broad beans for sowing soon. With the changing weather I am just going to sow all the bare ground that i have with green manure crops and seeds that may grow if the weather is kind to them. Rye is very hardy but can be invasive, mustard grows very fast and when the frost comes it still gives a good cover to the soil rotted down by spring and ready to sow next year's summer crops. Phacelia is my favourite green manure as it will probably go through the winter and produce beautiful blue flowers which are full of nectar in the next year.

With the changing climate this year there has been mixed results in my harvests. I have had good crops of loganberries, raspberries, 16 peaches on a very small tree that lives in a pot and the kiwi looks like giving 1,000 fruits again this year. But I have had no apricots or pears and some of the apples are poor, though one local home has pear tree full of fruit! This may be because of it being colder or because there are just many fewer insects. I do usually take out plants that stop producing but I will give the fruit trees a bit of time and trust they adapt to the new weather.

In spite of the rain, so far there is no blight on the tomatoes outside but the rain has made the convolvulus and ground elder grow far too fast and it is taking a lot of time trying to stop them from swamping the other plants. The convolvulus I put on the compost but the ground elder I burn.

Do stake tall plants, tie climbers, harvest whatever is ready for freezing, or store tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, onions, beans, cabbage and any other things you have.

I have been thinking about my grandmother who built Oldfeld School (now Harrow House) as a co-ed school for 100 pupils while her husband was working in India. At that time there was no electricity in Swanage, so she put up a windmill to make electricity and pump water. Also, an Aga was installed to save energy The school farm provided food for the pupils and the family. It was a very environmentally and sustainable way of life.

Please think before using sprays and enjoy the harvest during September. I always enjoy showing people round my garden, answering any questions you have. Hopefully finding you some plants to take home, this is the best time to transplant, so please do contact me.

Rachel 01929 421681



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### **Murder, mystery and suspense on the Purbeck cliffs?**

Three years ago, I wrote a piece for the Corfe Valley News titled “*Purbeck’s Precarious Puffins*”. This described how the breeding colony of puffins that we have in Purbeck has declined by more than 90% over the last 50-60 years so that in most recent years there have been no more than 3 pairs. No-one

knows the cause of the decline. In early 2023 I wrote another article for the CVN titled “*Plenty more fish in the sea? – let’s hope so*”. In this I described the proposal by the UK and Scottish governments of the day to ban industrial fishing for sandeels (one of puffins’ favourite foods) in the UK controlled parts of the North Sea. Thankfully, that ban is now in force and should be good news for all the seabirds that breed on the North Sea coasts including the puffins in Northumberland and Yorkshire. I mentioned in that article that I would spend some time in summer 2023 watching the Purbeck puffins to see if they were finding enough fish to feed their chicks.

As it turned out although the three pairs did bring in plenty of fish in 2023, they did this for no more than 3 weeks and then stopped. Pufflings need to be fed for 6 weeks before they can fly the nest. So, in 2023 our puffins did not breed successfully. This summer, with the help of a team of other volunteer puffin enthusiasts, we had the puffins under even closer observation. The National Trust and Dorset Wildlife Trust also installed three trail cameras on the cliff ledge on which the puffins nest to get even more insights into goings-on in puffindom.

Thankfully, all six puffins turned up in April this year and we saw them courting, mating and even bringing in bits of seaweed for their nests. So, we know three pairs started to breed again and they almost certainly all laid an egg (a pair of puffins only lay one egg a year). However, even with the tempting prize of a box of ChoCoco chocolate fish on offer to the first volunteer to spot a puffin carrying fish, and the ensuing frenzy of observation effort, not a single fish-carrying puffin was seen in 2024. This means two things. First, the bad news – the puffins did not hatch any eggs this summer. Second – the good news - there will be a roll over prize of 2 boxes of chocolate fish on offer in 2025!

So, we now have confirmation that in both 2023 and 2024 the Purbeck puffins have failed to rear any pufflings to independence. I suspect that this has been true in almost every year for a long time and is probably why they have declined to the point of near extinction in Dorset. One bit of good news though is that this year, as in most years, towards the end of June the maximum number of puffins seen (9 this year) was more than the maximum number seen between March and early June (6). This means a handful of other puffins, probably birds that are not quite old enough to breed, visited Purbeck this summer, perhaps to check out if this might make a good home in the future. So, all is not yet lost – but we urgently need to work out what is causing our puffins’ eggs not to hatch or their chicks to die prematurely.

We hope to have recovered the trail cameras by the time this article appears and, if they have worked as planned, the images they have captured may give us the evidence needed to solve the mystery of Purbeck’s declining puffins. I suspect it’s going to be a bit of a who dunnit? I have my suspicions.

Thanks to all the *Purbeck Puffin Crew* for their efforts while patiently waiting in vain for the puffins to bring home some fish suppers: John Allen, Pete Christie, Victoria Copley, Hilarie Lewis, David Matthews, Charlie Rugeroni, Helen Schneider, Peter Tinsley, Steve Turner & Jonathan Wollen.

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**Regular events in Corfe Castle & environs**

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>MONDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
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 <sup>nd</sup>	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Village Hall
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
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 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Term time,	5.30- 6.45pm jnrs 6.45-8.00pm snrs	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
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	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee	C C Village Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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