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Preferably items should be e-mailed to **corfevalleynews@tiscali.co.uk**

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Editorial

The village will soon be getting ready for Christmas and the festivities committee will be putting up the lights around the village. The switch on and arrival of Santa will be on the 2nd of December at 5.00 pm. There will be refreshments available from 4.00 pm.

Our annual Remembrance celebrations will take place this month. The main service will be in St Edwards on Sunday 12th November at 1030 and will be followed by a ceremony of wreath laying at the war memorial in East Street. Then there will be a service at St Mary's Tyneham in the afternoon at 1500. There will also be a short ceremony of two minutes silence in the Square on the 11th November at 1100 – the time and day the guns stopped firing in 1918 and the western front fell quiet. Both events are organised by the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

We are looking for people to join the CVN team and help with deliveries. We are particularly looking for people in the Furzebrook area. If you can help please get in touch with Hilary on 481265.

Most of you will know that Ian Jackson, our rector has retired, and the church is going through the process of appointing a new rector, which may take up to a year. The church council is asking everyone to let them know what sort of rector they would like to see. Put your thoughts into the suggestion boxes in the church and shops.

Stephen

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(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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OCTOBER 2023 FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Bus Shelter: Thanks to a member of public who reported rain dripping through the roof when using the bus shelter by Halves Cottages, the Parish Council have engaged a local contractor to repair the roof.

Gods Acre Cemetery (New Extension): Concern was raised about the viability of double depth plots being offered within the New Extension area of Gods Acre Cemetery, due to the water table levels. Contractors were asked to quote for investigation work, however when quotes came back at just under £8,000 for the initial investigation works the Parish Council decided to no longer offer double depth plots. Any Rights to Burial issued for double depth plots already will be honoured. What this means is from now on families who wish to be buried together will now be offered adjoining plots.

National Trust: Wetland Restoration Project. Over the coming weeks / months, keep an eye on the National Trust website but also in the CVN for details of a proposed exciting new Wetland Restoration project run by the National Trust on land near the village. During the November Parish Council meeting, Mark Singelton the Countryside Manager, for Purbeck will give an update on the Commons Committee.

Dorset Council update from Cllr Brooks: “Budget Cafes: We have recently held the first of a series of ‘Budget Cafes’ which are a great opportunity for all members to be involved with building next year’s Budget - always challenging. We will update as we move through this process.” The Parish Council has suggested some options for the budget including improving the park and ride, signage on car parking spaces and a plan for off road cycle and walking routes.

“Preventative treatments for Dorset’s roads in October

Work continues in October to preserve more of our roads using a preventative treatment called micro-surfacing. Micro-surfacing seals the road, improves the texture and prevents water ingress. It is a cost-effective treatment for worn, but not structurally failing, roads that keeps them in good condition. It also adds reinforcement to the existing surface.

Digital Champion Roadshow: The Dorset Council’s volunteer digital champion service is ten years old and to celebrate is holding a ‘get online’ roadshow. The volunteer digital champion service was set up in 2013 when Dorset Council’s Superfast team realised that rolling out broadband to people was not enough to get people online. With take-up figures of the new Superfast broadband lower than expected, the team realised that some people needed to be motivated and supported to take up the new technology now at their disposal. And the volunteer digital champion scheme was born.”

Planning: The following application has been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council, for full details of works please see the Dorset Council website:

Application No: P/HOU/2023/05382 & P/LBC/2023/05529, Location: Roffy House, Woolgarston BH20 5JE. Erect two-storey extension to northern end of the music room. Erect loggia & replacement summerhouse Recommend-No Objection Full details for all planning applications can be found on the Dorset Council website, <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>

Becoming a new Councillor. Do you want to know more about what it means to be a Parish Councillor and what we can achieve? One of us is happy to talk to any local group or to you personally. Please contact the clerk.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 13th November 2023, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say.

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

Clerk: Michelle Harrington, **Telephone:** 01202 670105,

Email: clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk, **Write:** 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ, **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC,

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Corfe Castle Parish Council - Invitation to Tender

Notice is hereby given inviting contractors to tender for the contract for Grounds Maintenance, Corfe Castle.

For an information pack containing the Information for Tenderers, a detailed Specification of the Work required and Conditions of Contract, please contact Michelle Harrington - Parish Clerk via clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk

According to instructions in the information, tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked “TENDER” and posted to 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ. Tenders cannot be submitted by email.

Schedule for tendering process.

Information and Instructions for Tenderers Available	16 th October 2023
Deadline for responses	27 th November 2023
Contract Award	12 th December 2023
Contract Commencement	1 st March 2024

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To report a pothole

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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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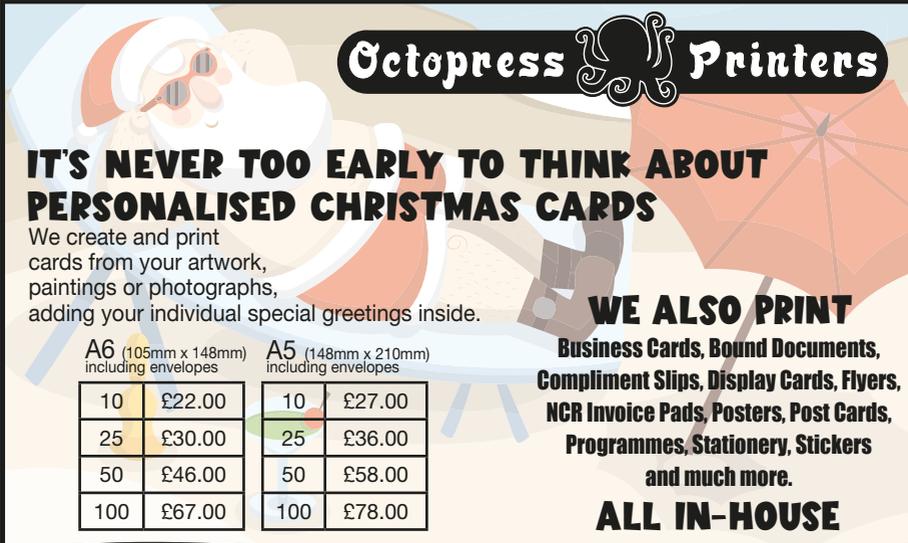
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Church Knowle Parish Council

The October meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 10th October at 6:30pm. It was attended by five members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair) and one member of the public.

The main items of interest in the meeting were:

Public Discussion

The hand distribution of letters regarding obstructive parking was discussed.

Vacancies on the Parish Council

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council which has a full strength of nine and any interested parishioners can apply to clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk. No applications have been received this month.

Adoption of Standing Orders and Code of Conduct

It was resolved to adopt the most recently prepared Standing Orders and Code of Conduct based on the Local Government Association's model.

The Playing Field

The cradle seats were replaced on the swing. Quotes are being sought to treat all of the wooden components and poles in the playing field with a coat of preservative. Prices for this are being sought, please see below.

Neighbourhood Plan

The application for the next tranche of grant is being processed. Nicola Pitcher is the chair of the reconvened Steering Group.

Planning

The repairs to the chimney and the installation of a wood burner at The Old Rectory, Church Knowle (P/LBC/2023/04840) was supported by the Council.

Concern was again raised at the extensive work being carried out on the Victorian farm buildings belonging to the Blue Pool estate at Furzebrook Farm with no planning permission. It was resolved to write again to the Planning Department.

Highways

Parking obstructing the H-bar painted on the road opposite the turning by the phone box and also blocking the driveways is an-going problem. A letter regarding this is being hand-delivered to properties in the vicinity.

The good work of East Creech Farm in maintaining the highway hedges was commended by the Council.

It was noted that many of the signs providing directions to people unfamiliar with the area were still so obscured by trees and overgrowth as to be of little use.

Tenders

Tenders are being sought for treating all of the timber at the playing field with an approved preservative. The timber will have to be sanded to remove any splinters first. Apply to the Clerk at clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk for details.

The October meeting finished at 8:18pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 14th November.

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Corfe Castle showcases local heritage organisations with free entry

By Eoin McDowell - Senior Visitor Experience Officer, Corfe Castle

It was a great honour to host the inaugural Festival of Cultural Heritage at Corfe Castle on the 16-17 September as part of Heritage Open Week 2023.

We wanted to give a space to as many local organisations and individuals as possible to shout about the wonderful work they do and share a collective passion for our heritage. It was a vibrant event with 11 exhibitors and 2,000 visitors coming to learn about the rich and varied heritage of our area through demonstrations and talks and to get hands on with artisan crafts.

Families discovered blacksmithing, stone carving, archaeology, fossil finding, clay mining and morse code message writing!

One of our local organisations taking part was the Purbeck Mining Museum and their representative Nigel Cox said:

“Not all visitors to Corfe Castle may be aware of the Purbeck Mining Museum at Norden which tells the story of the important local industry extracting ball clay from under the heathland.

It was therefore a great pleasure for Museum volunteers to take part in the Festival of Cultural Heritage at the Castle on the 16th-17th of September. We were made most welcome by National Trust staff and were able to network with other local history groups.

The event gave an opportunity to engage with many individuals and families, some of whom subsequently visited our Museum.

A most enjoyable weekend despite the heavy rain and thunder on Sunday morning. We will certainly return next year if invited, but this time with a waterproof gazebo!”

Thanks to all of our local heritage exhibitors and visitors for supporting this community event. Roll on 2024!

Ps...We would be grateful for any donations of books for our second hand bookshop. Donations accepted at the ticket office or Castle View visitors centre. Thank you in advance.



Fingers crossed for Purbeck nature funding bid

Forty landowners, farmers and organisations have come together in a bid for Government funding to help nature across Purbeck. The consortium, led by the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, is looking for Landscape Recovery funding for an area of over 8,000ha. This includes the Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve and the coastal stretch from Durlston Country Park to Kimmeridge.

Landscape Recovery offers farmers and land managers the opportunity to work together across large areas for the benefit of nature. The Government will fund 25 projects across the country – the successful projects being announced in December.

David Brown of the National Trust, one of the partners in the bid, said:

“Purbeck really is leading the way in partnership working for nature – so much positive action is already taking place, and much more is being planned. By working with farmers who manage in nature-friendly ways we can restore nature across the whole landscape and put it at the heart of a sustainable local economy.

“Over my career as an ecologist the wider backdrop for nature has become increasingly bleak - but here in Purbeck I feel genuinely optimistic for our future.”



South Purbeck coastline, Will Wilkinson.

Corfe Castle Surgery

We have just held our second walk in flu clinic of the season and had another great response from those invited. If you haven't had your vaccine yet, please get in touch with the reception team and we will aim to book you in as soon as possible. Thank you to our Patient Participation Group and extra volunteers that assisted with marshalling and tea making, we couldn't do it without you!

Reminder that Covid vaccination clinics are to be held at Wareham Hospital again for the booster, but the Surgery are not involved in the booking of these so please contact NHS 119 or go online at nhs.uk.

We are looking forward to welcoming a new GP in November. Dr Daniel Lane will be working with us two days a week on Tuesdays and Fridays, and I am sure you will all give him a warm welcome when you see him in clinic.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to The Three Parish Fete committee and The Friends of Corfe Castle Surgery who have both made donations to the Surgery recently and these funds have bought us a new state of the art defibrillator and extra equipment for the trainee GP's that Dr Lepper teaches. We are very grateful for our wonderful community.

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

Kerry Norman
Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

Members of the Patient Participation Group have been pleased to support the recent Flu vaccination sessions held at the Surgery in September and October when in total over 600 attended.

I personally supported the first session and in my 'front door' role, I took the opportunity to introduce myself as PPG Chair where I heard so many positive comments about our Surgery.

This session was really busy with queues forming from 0830 for the 0900 start- thankfully the weather was fine and we all tried to keep the session moving. I would like to congratulate the whole Surgery team for their hard work but in particular the Clinical staff who also dealt with *two* medical emergencies during the morning session, which obviously caused some delay but they still managed to vaccinate over 400 people.

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Our next PPG meeting is planned for early December; please do get in touch if there is anything you would like to raise with the Surgery or any questions you may have about the provision of local services. With my dual role as Chair of Friends of Wareham Hospital, I am still involved in wider local health meetings where I remain committed to the provision of services for us all in Purbeck. Recently I was asked to join a Zoom meeting with PPG colleagues in Suffolk and North East Essex and tell them about our successful programme of Health talks and about our Surgery - a privilege! We hope to continue our Health Talks programme in the New Year.

Kind wishes to all,

Maggie Hardy PPG Chair (corfecastlesurgeryppg@gmail.com)

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Corfe Castle's enterprising drama group is putting the final touches to Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders by Derek Webb.

November 23rd to 25th, each evening at 7.30pm and a Matinee at 2.30 on Saturday 25th. Corfe Castle Village Hall.

'Normal Service is Being Resumed' with Double Act's presentation of this very entertaining play, so please come along, bring your friends, and enjoy an afternoon or evening out at '7th Heaven Health Spa'! As always, the director, cast and crew put a lot of effort into our productions, and a full house of happy punters is a fitting reward. Here are some photos taken during rehearsal:



We are always looking for new members, so if you fancy a bit of acting, or can share your talent for costumes, set construction, or especially producing or directing, please get in touch. You can now join Double Act as a 'Friend' (for just £5) if you'd prefer to just help out occasionally, or would like to support your local drama group without getting too involved. Contact us by any of the methods below.

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
New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome!

All our meetings conform to relevant Covid restrictions.



CORFE CASTLE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES COMMITTEE

SAVE THE DATE Sat 2nd December!

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Join us from 4pm for refreshments and to hear the children singing, followed by switching on the lights at 5pm and the arrival of Santa Claus

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Our recent SIAMs Inspection:

We had a statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMs) inspection recently and are delighted with the report which celebrates what our lovely little school has to offer. This inspection focuses on the Christian ethos of the school and determines whether the school itself is living up to its vision and values as well as enabling both staff and pupils to flourish. It was an intense one day inspection where the inspector spoke to a range of local clergy, parents, governors, pupils and staff to gather a clearer understanding of the school. I am delighted to say that the school was deemed to be 'living up to its foundation as a church school'. The full inspection report is available on the website. Thank you to everyone who engaged with the inspection and helped us to celebrate all we have achieved so far.



Do you have a child starting school next September?

Feel free to email corfecastle.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk or call 01929 480428 for a personal tour of the school.

No question is a silly question when it comes to your child starting school. Feel free to ask anything or have a good look around.

Thank you for your continued support.

The school vision: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

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



Hello from all the staff at

Corfe Castle Community Pre School

We hope you are all well while reading this, with maybe a cuppa and a biscuit!

The children have all settled back in wonderfully to the Autumn term.

We wish a lovely warm welcome to all our new families that have started with us and are due to start.

We know, as a charity, we ask for a lot of donations throughout the year to help us continue providing an amazing provision to the children.

But what if you can't afford to donate anything but you still want to support your local pre-school?

Here's what you can do.

Spread the word!

It's as simple as that! Tell people about us.

Anyone you know who may have a young child that's looking for childcare and doesn't quite know where to go. We welcome anyone to bring their child to look around the setting at a time and day that suits them.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to know you've helped to increase the number of children that attend our pre-school!

You can also follow us on Facebook & Instagram. Sharing our posts on social media is another great way to spread the word.

Just search – Corfe Castle Community Pre School.

Contact us at;

info@corfecastlepreschool.org.uk

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Welcome to our first edition of our news letter!

Corfe Castle PTFA are here to support the primary school, and to help make every child's experience of school the best it can be and have some fun along the way!

Autumn Edition 1
2023

On the 12th September we held our AGM. It was great to see a few new faces but we also said goodbye to some long standing members, Eliana Cury and Helen Sumbler are heading to the Swanage School PTFA, who will be lucky to have them! And Simone Fontana is taking a well earned break from the PTFA after many years dedicated service, we thank them all! We made the decision to become a registered charity and this process has now started, we will keep you updated on progress.

Our fundamental aim is fundraising to support the school, the children and our families, and we have been asked to assist the school with a larger project, the refurbishment of the school playground. This is going to take a substantial amount of money. Once we are a charity we may have access to some grants but we will need to fundraise the rest which could be in excess of £35000, we need your help to achieve this! Please contact us if you can assist with this, we welcome ideas, sponsorship, donations anything that will help us achieve this mammoth goal!

Up coming Events

Autumn disco KS1/preschool 3.15- 4.15pm
10/11/23 KS2 4.30- 4pm

Christmas Fair 1/12/23 3.15pm- 5.30pm

Cheese and wine night Date TBC

Keep your eyes open for more event details in the coming weeks!

On the 29th September we held our Bingo night and what a night it was! It was great to see staff, parents and people of the wider community together in the school hall.

The amazing Adam Roast from Unity Wedding DJs calling the numbers the room was full of laughter. Thank you to the parents of Corfe School for the donation of prizes they went down a storm, with the added bonus of a £50 cash prize won by our very own Catherine Lavin, who generously donated £30 back to the PTFA and £20 to a second prize that was won by Laura Hole, the night ended on a high.

We are thrilled that this event was so well received and will be doing it again in the future, maybe a family friendly version!



3rd October - Louise Hayward Local History.

The shops of Corfe Castle, A short history from King John to the 20th century.

Louise’s talk was fascinating, which along with some brilliant slides made a very enjoyable afternoon. Over the years there has been an assortment of shops, ranging from King John granting a market in 1215 on Saturdays and then a Thursday market granted by Henry 111 in the 13th century. One of the rules of the market was that a mayor had to be created, to oversee the proceedings. There were butchers, shoemakers, blacksmith, mercers (exporters of wool and importers of velvet, silk and other luxurious fabrics) bakers, barbers, millers, tailors and carpenters, to name but a few. Louise covered all the centuries, right up to the present day and very kindly donated her fee to the Corfe Castle Town Trust.

7th November Sheena Dearness – How to get started on writing your memoirs.

Sheena is a local author, who has written books, plus features in local papers and community magazines. She also runs Crossways (Dorset) a local writing group.

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

To contact Aquarius please email: 2008aquarius@gmial.com or telephone Sue Sedgley at 01929 289102



Controlled gorse burning – Corfe Common

Please don’t be alarmed if you see smoke on the common in early November. As part of the National Trust’s annual management plan, a local contractor is cutting back and burning gorse on West Common, and Middle Common if time allows. The common is highly important for its wildlife-rich grassland, but without control, the gorse will spread and smother the grassland species.

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FRI. 15TH AND SAT. 16TH DECEMBER.

Friday 15th. 5 pm - 7 pm. **Santa's Sleigh** will start at Halves Cottages, then East Street and the side roads.

Saturday 16th. 5 pm **Santa's Sleigh** will start at West Street turning circle and progress to the square.

Sat. 6.15 pm - 7pm. Join us for **carol singing in the square**. Mulled wine and mince pies. **Proceeds to Corfe Castle and Swanage and Purbeck Rotary good causes.**





Environmental Group Update



At our September meeting, Dilys Gartside (20s plenty for Dorset Campaign Coordinator) spoke to us on the subject of 20mph speed limits.

She told us that, when people were asked why they didn't continue with as much walking and cycling after the end of the Covid lockdown, most said it was due to fear from the speed of motor traffic. Slower traffic encourages active travel.

The current 30mph speed limit was set in the 1930s and is considered by many to be inappropriate today. In 2020, the UK signed up to the Stockholm Declaration which included the resolution: "A safe speed on roads with possible conflicts between cars and pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable road users is 30kph (20mph)."

Someone hit at 30mph is 5 x more likely to be killed than if hit at 20mph; 50% of people survive at 30mph, 95% of people survive at 20mph. People such as the young and older people are more vulnerable and so their likelihood of being killed at 30mph is higher. Driving at 20mph ameliorates the impact of human error, and the stopping distance at 20mph being half as long compared to 30mph.

At the end of her talk there was a lively Q&A session, and in a show of hands, 13 out of 15 people voted for a 20mph limit through Corfe Castle village.

Our Next Get-Together

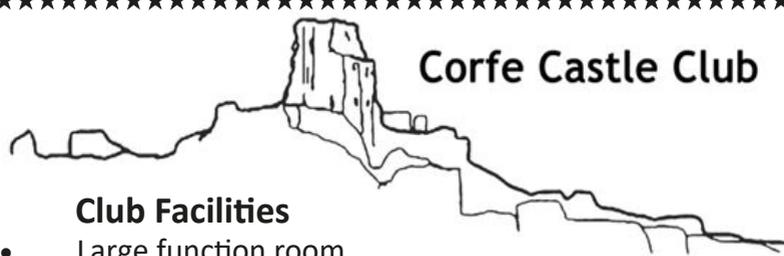
Unfortunately, our October meeting had to be cancelled at short notice for various reasons, but we are now looking forward to our November meeting. We are still exploring options for our next few meetings; these include hosting a speaker from Sustrans to talk about local cycle routes, and a speaker from Poole Harbour Trails / and / or The Cordite Way project to talk about the circular harbour route and the potential for eventually incorporating the newly designated Cordite Way public footpath.

We are also hoping to offer a screening of the film "Let's Go Wild! This inspirational film was made in Purbeck (by ex BBC / Netflix filmmaker Sue who is one of our neighbours in Corfe Castle), and features Purbeck people, mainly children, and the Purbeck countryside. It was premiered at The Mowlem for the Planet Purbeck Festival and we are hoping that our Luke can arrange a special showing for us!

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

Facebook: "Corfe Castle Environmental Group"

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



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Saturday: All day 12.00 - 11.00pm
Sunday: All day 12.00 - 7.00pm

Weekly Events

Poker Night: Wed 8.30pm
One Card Bingo: Fri 8.30pm
Beer/Meat Draw: Sat evening
One Card Bingo: Sun 1.00pm

Forthcoming Events

4th Nov 7.30pm —Quiz Night

If any members would like to suggest and organise any clubs the committee would love to hear from you

Membership application forms are available from the Club Steward. Annual Membership is £10.
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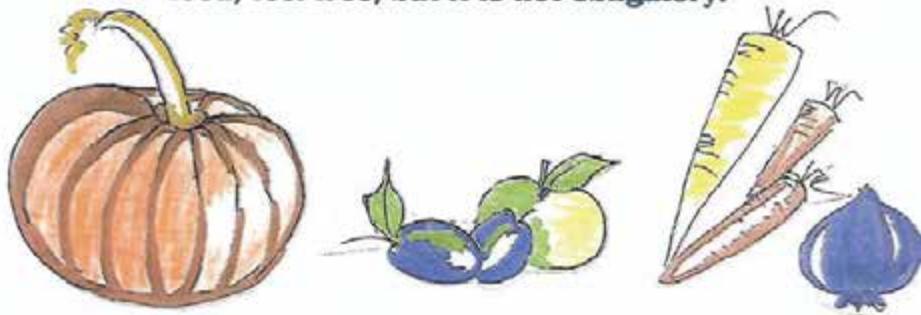
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From George IV to Victoria. Part 2

A few changes occurred during the 1800s. John, the 1st Earl of Eldon had already acquired Encombe by 1816 and enlarged his holdings further by purchasing Norden Farm clay pits and land on Norden Common from the late estate of William Morton Pitt, who had died at Fordington in 1836. Mr Pitt had struggled financially in his later years and was forced to sell off parts of his estate. In 1734, his family had purchased Encombe in similar circumstances when the Cullifords had got into debt. The High Court of Chancery ordered the rest of the Pitt estate to be sold in June 1838.



The Clay Pits that the Earl of Eldon purchased in 1838.

The village church also changed because the walls were bulging out by a foot on the northern side, and it was felt the interior was too cluttered, so, a rebuild was begun in 1859. The roof was raised, the chest tombs, memorial brasses, church seats and gallery were removed along with a medieval, stained-glass window at the eastern end. Stones roof tiles were replaced with slate. Fortunately for the rest of the valley, so much money was spent on St Edward's, that the other churches remained untouched although the intention had been to update them too. It cost over £4,000 the equivalent in today's money of about £200,000. This restoration resulted in the church you see today.

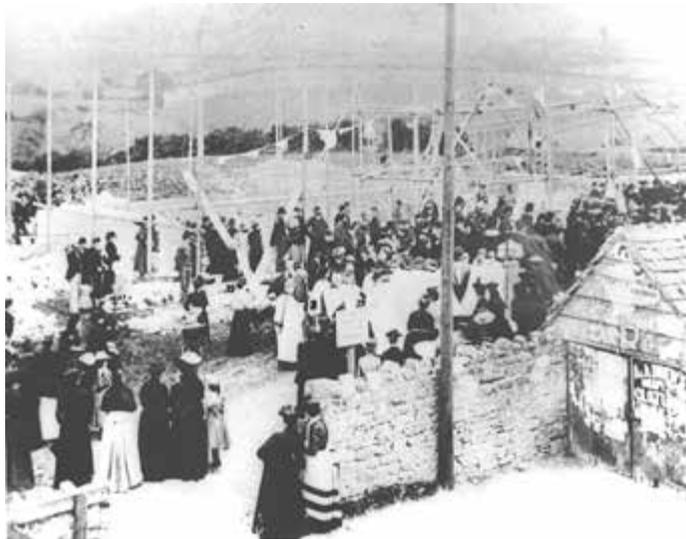


The Victorian interior of St Edward, King & Martyr.

Schooling in the village altered too going from 3 Infant schools and 5 daily schools of various denominations in 1833 to the first National School built in 1834 (now The Corfe Castle Club and lately used by The British Legion). This was followed by 'The Bankes Memorial School' in 1895.



The inscription reads '18 ESB 95'. ESB stood for Eldon Surtees Bankes, the then Rector of Corfe.



Laying the foundation stone to what is now the Corfe Castle CE Primary School. [Photo from Les Hayward]

And for those avid genealogists, a gift arrived in the form of Censuses taken every 10 years (apart from 1941 because of the war). They were produced as a population count to determine the growth or decline of its working or non-working population. Corfe's earliest was the 1790 census produced by William Morton Pitt. A very detailed census which sadly was not emulated in the 1811, 1821 or 1831 censuses as the whole parish was not recorded.

The end of the century saw the erection of the cross in The Square to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. This still stands despite attempts by assorted mechanised vehicles to knock it down.



Photography had also been invented so a pictorial record was now possible which produced many photos of the ruined castle and not so many of the rest of the village. The Town Trust is always looking for photos of the village - even if they have people in them.

Louise Haywood

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the October VH Coffee Morning. £183.10 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. Last month first prize of £21 was won by member 23, with member 64 getting second prize £10 and member 49 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.

Two of the three recently vacated VH storage units are now occupied, but one is still available. For more details please contact Judith on 01929 480216.

regular weekly events:

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

regular monthly events:

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

replacement Bookings Clerk still needed

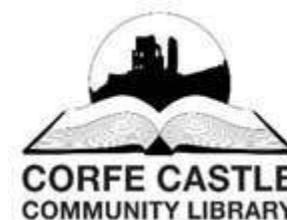
After many years of fabulous service, Carole is stepping down. We are therefore actively looking for someone with good organisational skills to undertake this interesting and valuable contribution to village life. We have streamlined the role to make it much more manageable. There are more details about what the role now involves on our website. On a temporary basis until we find the right person David will take it on.

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

Artsreach date for your diary

On Saturday December 16th we will be entertained by the Welsh group **Vri**, who blend fiddle music with the decorousness of classical technique without sacrificing the best of either tradition, and who harmonise vocally like angels.

News from the Library



Our two ten-year anniversary celebration 'drinks and nibbles' events went well and we raised a glass to say thank you to our retiring treasurer, Joan Ingarfield. We would also like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers who have helped to keep the library going over the last ten years - we look forward to many more.

On **Friday 17th November** Louise Haywood will give a talk at 2.00 pm in the library on "**Norden and its Landscape**". Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

On the morning of **Saturday 23rd December** we will welcome volunteers and customers for Christmas drinks and nibbles.

Come in to borrow books for free or just have a warm drink and a biscuit and a chat! Or you could try volunteering for as little as three hours a month – just ask at the library.

Normal Library Opening Hours

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anniversary.

The festival is launched on October 20 with three films in Swanage, Bridport and Poole – French-made, *One Fine Morning*, Emmanuelle Nicot's debut *Love According to Dalva*, and *Luna: A Yak in the Classroom*.

Over the following two weeks, the mood swings from well known classics such as *84 Charing Cross Road*, *Don't Look Now* and *Stanley Kubrick's Dr Strangelove*, to some of this year's best films including *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, starring the amazing Jim Broadbent, to Ken Loach's *The Old Oak*, about a group of Syrians arriving in a former mining area of the North East. You can also watch *How to Blow Up a Pipeline*, discover *Where the Crawdads Sing* or reminisce about *Once Upon a Time in the West*.

Some great actors are featured in this year's films – Anthony Hopkins, Tom Hanks, Bill Nighy, Al Pacino, George Clooney, Colin Farrell, Woody Harrelson, Olivia Colman – not to mention 'the lad himself' – Tony Hancock.

It's screen time again as Purbeck Film Festival launches a fortnight of fun, drama and comedy to suit all tastes.

The annual Purbeck Film Festival is marking its 28th year with another programme of films old and new, certain to appeal to seasoned cinemagoers or anyone wanting a good night out.

More than 80 films are being screened in over 30 venues across Purbeck from **October 20 to November 4**, ranging from popular cinemas the Mowlem in Swanage and Wareham's magnificent Rex, to village and church halls, Durlston Castle – and a tennis and croquet club.

There are four Q&As with directors and film industry guests, two French evenings, a Spanish and New Zealand evening, one pre-view documentary, and some nostalgic English films, including Tony Hancock's *Punch and Judy Man*, which is celebrating its 60th

His *Punch and Judy Man* film, which saw Hancock move away from his famous character of East Cheam, will be introduced at the Mowlem by Tom Dommett of the Tony Hancock Appreciation Society.

The patrons of this year's festival are Bafta-nominated screenwriter Olivia Hetreed, producer Andy Paterson and gifted actor and playwright Sir Mark Rylance.

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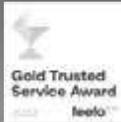
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After Restoration**

Church bells rang out in Swanage to mark a unique Victorian steam locomotive hauling its first passenger train since 1945 - following a challenging six-year £650,000 restoration – after the engine escaped being scrapped so it could mark the centenary of London’s Waterloo station in 1948.

One of the guests attending the launch ceremony at Swanage station on Saturday, 7 October, 2023, for the T3 class locomotive No. 563 was Swanage Railway Trust Patron Sir Philip Williams whose great-grandfather was on the Board of the London and South Western Railway Company that designed and built the steam locomotive.

The bells at St Mary’s Church – overlooking Swanage station – rang out in celebration thanks to several Swanage Railway volunteers who are keen bell ringers at the Victorian church.

Built in 1893 to a design by renowned engineer William Adams – and one of the finest express passenger train locomotives of the Victorian era – the non-working London and South Western Railway T3 class No. 563 was donated to the Swanage Railway Trust by the National Railway Museum in 2017.

No. 563 hauled its first two passenger trains – carrying only invited guests and supporters of the Swanage Railway Trust’s ambitious and historic T3 restoration project during October.



*T3 563 Corfe Castle Saturday 7 October 2023
ANDREW PM WRIGHT*

Special guests attending the T3 launch ceremony at Swanage station on Saturday included the King’s representative in Dorset, Lord-Lieutenant Angus Campbell; senior National Railway Museum curator Anthony Coulls; Swanage Railway Trust Patron Sir Philip Williams as well as Robert Adams, a descendant of the T3’s Victorian designer William Adams.



T3 563 Drummond livery Edwardian period Nine Elms

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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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for NOVEMBER 2023

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

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

2	November	Thursday	8 pm	Gardening Club social get together – Corfe Castle Village Hall
Until 4	November	Various times and places		Purbeck Film Festival
4	November	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud – Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	November	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Sheena Dearness – How to start writing your memoirs.
10	November	Friday	7.30 pm	Keilidh – Kimmeridge Village Hall at Etches collection.
11	November	Saturday	10 am – 2 pm	Crazy4Corfe Kick Off Christmas Fair – Corfe Castle Village Hall
11	November	Saturday	11 am	Remembrance 2 minute silence in the Square
12	November	Sunday	10.30 am	Remembrance service in St Edwards, Corfe Castle and 3 pm at Tyneham
13	November	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
14	November	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle village hall
17	November	Friday	1 – 3 pm	Citizens advice bus at Corfe Castle Village Hall car park.
17	November	Friday	2 pm	Library talk on Norden and its Landscape by Louise Haywood – in the Library
23 – 25	November	Thursday – Saturday	7.30 pm	Double Act - Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders – CC Village Hall
24	November	Friday	2.30 pm	Double Act - Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders – CC Village Hall

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

2	December	Saturday	4 pm	Grand switch on of lights and arrival of Santa – Corfe Castle square
2 – 4	December	Saturday – Monday	10 am – 5 pm	Christmas Tree Festival St Georges Langton Matravers
7	December	Thursday	7.30 pm	Gardening Club Christmas get together – Corfe Castle Village Hall
8	December	Friday	7.30 pm	Keilidh – Kimmeridge Village Hall at Etches collection.
11	December	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
15 - 16	December	Friday/Saturday		Santa's Sleigh and Carol Singing around the village
23	December	Saturday	am	Christmas drinks and nibbles in the library.

More Useful Phone Numbers

Power and electrical - Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks:
0800 0727282 (free phone land line) or 0345 072 1905 (free phone mobile contracts or local rate for pay as you go)
Western Power Distribution:
0800 365900 (free phone land line and mobiles)

Water - Wessex Water:
03456004600 (free from most land lines or local charges apply dependant on the land line or mobile provider)

Gas - Transco - Gas Emergency:
0800 111999 (free phone, mobile phone charged as per the local provider rate)

Roads and highways - Highways England (including incidents A35, A37 and A31):
0300 1235000 (local call rate or 3p - 40p per minute from a mobile dependant on the provider)
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01305 221000 (10p per minute from a land line or 3p - 40p per minute from a mobile dependent upon the provider)

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/>

Reporting non injury collisions or near misses

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/road-safety>

Anti-Social Behaviour 01305 762439 email ASB@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Church of England

St Aldhelm's Benefice

Contact Details for St Aldhelm's Benefice

Hon Assistant Priest Anne Bond 01929 480249 rev.anne@outlook.com

Curate Nick Webb 07866 546162 fulloflifegardens@googlemail.com

Benefice Office: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Benefice Administrator: St George's Church, Langton Matravers

BH19 3HZ 01929 427822 office@purbeckbenefice.plus.com

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

www.purbeckhillsbenefice.wordpress.com

 [St Aldhelm Benefice](#)
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Church Wardens in the Valley Churches

Corfe Castle: Penelope Smith 480109 John Lindsay 481498

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

The Reverend Anne Bond writes:

Forgiveness! How many times have we exclaimed in exasperation: "I'll never forgive him (or her)" for whatever dire indignity or mortal sin has been committed. Possibly not actual slaughter ... more likely, perhaps, forgetting to put the food rubbish out for collection. Or misreading *ham* on the shopping list and coming home with jam. But you can't make baked eggs with *ham*, with jam ...

Many of us have things in our lives we find it hard to forgive, some worse than others. 'Forgive and forget' is a bit of advice often given in the effort to comfort, which doesn't really help because you can *say* words of forgiveness, whereas forgetting is beyond possibility. But without the 'forgetting' is it really forgiveness?

Those of us who pray the Lord's Prayer say: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". To 'trespass' is to commit any degree of wrongdoing from unkindness to murder, from overworking to slavery, and from over-protection to coercive control. For the sufferer from the trespass of another, to forgive the perpetrator is a very big ask indeed.

The identifying characteristic of the One and Only True God is love – not an emotion, not a feeling, but behaviour that comprises love-in-action: unselfishness, wanting the well-being of others, giving to the needy, and helping those who can't help themselves. Forgiveness is like that: not an emotion, not a feeling, but the act of forgiving which (from the outside) looks like forgiving-and-forgetting. It may be impossible to forget the ill that has been done you; but it *is* possible not to let your mind dwell on it with active hatred for the rest of your life, and to keep the not-forgetting to yourself as far as other people are concerned.

Jesus told a story called The Parable of the Wedding Banquet illustrating that unrepentant wrong-doers do get their come-uppance in the end (Matthew 22:10-14). Many people think we all get to Heaven eventually, God forgives, that is what he is for, and the concept of judgement is for pessimists and the terminally gloomy. But the great merciful mystery of God's forgiveness is *not* the same as saying that whatever we do it doesn't really matter because we'll all be forgiven in the end. We won't.

For those of us who have been grievously wronged, we can safely leave retribution to God. For us, it is enough to do our best to forgive, to try to wish well to those who have hurt us, to acknowledge and ask forgiveness for our own sins of omission and commission - and then leave the rest to the Almighty.

With love, Anne

A Message from Ian and Mary

I mentioned recently that I have always found writing for church and community magazines difficult but this letter does not come into that category.

The last weeks and months before I retired at the end of September have been amazingly happy and helped us enormously. Mary and I have thoroughly enjoyed all the occasions for worshipping and gathering together, which have been held to wish us on our way. Thank you to everyone who came along, and also to those who weren't able, but sent messages, and for all the hard work in preparing for these occasions.

Thank you for all the cards, messages and greetings we have been sent and for the most generous and kind gifts you have given us. We will have some wonderful reminders of you all in our next home in Tisbury.

We have really enjoyed living in Corfe Castle and being part of the communities here in Purbeck. We have really good memories of the people and places here, and of all the support and encouragement we have been shown.

We have lived in 3 very different areas – the Lincolnshire fens, the Pennines in Yorkshire and in Purbeck. Each have their own character. There have been challenges in each place but above all we're thankful for sharing with so many people in the different circumstances and seasons of life.

Our very best wishes and thanks to you all.

With our love Ian and Mary

Bible Readings - November 2023

November 5th	Micah 3:5-end 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 24:1-14
November 12th.	Amos 5:18-24 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end Matthew. 25:1-13
November 19th	Zephaniah - 1:7 and 12-end 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30
November 26th	Ezekiel: 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-end Matthew 25:31-end
December 3rd	Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

Sunday Services in October 2023

5 November

4 before Advent

Holy Communion Corfe Castle 10.30am Anne Bond (including All Souls remembrance)

12 November Remembrance Sunday. 3 before Advent

Remembrance Corfe Castle 10.30am James Mercer
Remembrance Tyneham 3pm Richard Bartlett

Sunday 19th 2nd Before Advent

Morning Prayer Corfe Castle 10.30am Worship team

Sunday 19th Sunday Before Advent

Morning Prayer Corfe Castle 10.30am Worship team

Sunday 3rd Dec Advent Sunday

Holy Communion Corfe Castle 10.30am Anne Bond

All Souls Remembrance

We are celebrating All Souls Day at the 10.30 communion service in St Edwards on Sunday 5th November. All Souls' Day is kept as a time to remember all those who have gone before us and to do so in the setting of worship and prayer. It is now our custom to read out the names of loved ones during this service.

We will be happy to remember in prayer at this service any whose names you would like to give us.

Do pass on the names of those you would like to be remembered the churchwardens, Penelope and John.
smithpenelope52@gmail.com john.w.lindsay@btinternet.com

Don't Expect Tinsel!

Advent Service Kingston December 3rd 6.00 pm

The customary Advent Service from 'Darkness to Light', will be held at St James's Kingston on December 2nd. This service marks the beginning of the period of preparation for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. It is an important time to pause and think about what Christmas should be about. The traditional Advent readings and music used reflect this season before the onset of Christmas carols and all the glamour that has become Christmas.....so **don't expect tinsel!!** It is a chance for us to momentarily step back from all

the madness that Christmas has become to most of us, and think about what it is truly about: new beginnings, family and hope.
If you would like to help with mulled wine, mince pies, lighting candles please let me know, or please just come, pause and listen to the message of hope and anticipation.
Becca Charron 07553877947

St Aldhelms Christmas Tree Festival

With just a few weeks to go before we hit the final month of this year, no doubt it will be a busy time for most of us, but there will be times to switch off from the hustle and bustle a time to relax and enjoy some peaceful moments. Why not spend some of those moments at the St Aldhelm Christmas tree festival, This is now the seventh year that Sandy and myself have run this event with the sole aim of raising funds for worthwhile charities that are not widely known, this year we have chosen and East Dorset and New Forest Motor Neuron Disease Association. We raise money by the sale of refreshments and donations given at the event, last year we sold almost £700 worth of tea and cake therefore we are looking for anyone who can donate cakes for the event.

We have a great line-up of music for this year including U3A Ukulele Group, Ratties Acoustic Club, the Mayday Singers, the Swanage Recorder Group and many more, the full program will be available on our website and Facebook pages nearer the time.

As usual there will be around thirty trees all individually decorated so do come along and support us at St George's Church, Langton Matravers entry is free we open from 10am till 5pm 2nd – 4th December. If you wish to help out in anyway please contact Sandy 01929 424431

<https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com>

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ST EDWARD'S CHURCH, CORFE CASTLE



With the retirement of Ian Jackson, we have now to start the process of appointing a new Rector to St Edward's Church

**Do you have any ideas for the church
and what would you like to see in a new Rector?
Now is your chance to have some input!**

ALL THOUGHTS & IDEAS WELCOME!

**SUGGESTION BOXES IN THE CHURCH
AND THE VILLAGE STORES**

Purbeck Connect Ukraine (Pcu) – A Plea For Help And More Funds

In March 2022, following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, PCU was formed as a voluntary organisation to help Ukrainian refugees settle in the local area, as part of the charity Swanage Action for Refugees. There are now about 30 Ukrainian families in the wider Purbeck area, from Lulworth to Studland, who have been welcomed by local Host families.

In the past year, PCU's work has included:

- Linking up Ukrainian refugees with hosts in Purbeck
- Assisting with applications for visas, benefits, school applications
- Referring guests to services, e.g. the Foodbank, Job Centre and CAB
- Establishing links with other Ukrainian refugee groups in Dorset
- Providing essential information to our Ukrainian guests
- Supplying clothing, bicycles, phones, laptops, bedding and household goods
- Providing transport to essential appointments and medical visits
- Arranging social activities & events
- Enabling our Ukrainian friends to prepare a Ukrainian dinner for their hosts and volunteers
- Assisting with relocation to new accommodation at the end of the hosting period
- Providing regular English lessons for adults, and a Saturday school for Ukrainian children



This autumn, as the war continues, we are still in need of more host families to help more Ukrainians moving to Purbeck. Many manage to work once settled, but they have lost so much and are still in great need. We have seen some lovely friendships develop and there is such gratitude from those who have received help from PCU.

Also we urgently require more funds to meet the ongoing needs and to be able to offer essential support as necessary.

Please consider whether you could help in some way; perhaps you could hold a Coffee Morning or organise a raffle, hold a concert, sports or social event, or may be simply make a personal donation. If you belong to a group, perhaps you could ask if they also could give a donation to PCU to ensure this vital work can continue, for as long as it takes.

For further information on hosting, fundraising, or becoming a volunteer please contact the charity by email – purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com

Donations can be made to: Swanage Action for Refugees

Account no. 68669260, Sort Code 30-90-91, ref Purbeck Connect Ukraine

A huge thank-you to all who have contributed during the last 18 months. It has made a big difference; we could not have achieved any of this without you.

Corfe Castle Evangelical Congregational Church

FROM OLD LIFE TO NEW

We were discussing recently, how the nights are drawing in, less daylight, temperatures are starting to fall. The trees are losing their leaves, crops in the fields have been harvested, plants are no longer showing off their beautiful colours. This gives off the impression of everything becoming gloomy, no growth and all things dying off, the near future is very gloomy.

It gave me the thought that this is very untrue and in fact the opposite is happening.

Yes, the leaves on the tree are turning other colours and falling from the tree, but the new seeds, the conkers and acorns which have fallen from the trees are the start of new life. The farmers are preparing the fields after harvesting for the crops for next year, The roses and other plants have the dead twigs cut off ready for the new life to come back next year.

As a Christian, we have to give up the old life, take away the dead leaves and twigs so to be prepared for the new life like the new growth in Spring. When things are looking a bit dull and grey it is good to think about the work going on below the ground as new life will be coming in the months ahead, we need to go through the Winter to get to the beauty of Spring. As 2 Corinthians Chapter 5 Verse 17 says *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”*

Life can be so wonderfully measured by seasons and stages. Autumn begins with the shedding of colourful leaves; Winter begins with a cold bed of snow; Spring begins with the sprouting of new life; and Summer begins with warm sunny days.

The Bible says in Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 verses 1 - 5:

*To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;*

a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.

Matthew Chapter 5 verse 45 says, *“He allows seasons to change and new beginnings to ascend.”*

So as the days draw in and there is less light and heat, we can look forward to the Spring when light is going to increase and new life is about to begin.

Richard Fagence

Health & Safety Officer

<p>NOVEMBER SERVICES – 12th and 26th October at 3pm</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY – Fridays 2pm – 3.30pm</p> <p>KRAFTY KAPERS £1 Thursday 2nd November (First Thursday each month)– 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>COFFEE MORNING - Saturday November 11th & 25th 10am - 12pm</p>	<p>Celia Taylor (Church Secretary) Fr_ee2talk@yahoo.co.uk Mob. 07908 807 115</p>
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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

What a fabulous speaker we had in October! Mark Bobin, Head Gardener at Minterne Gardens took us on a wonderful voyage, plant hunting in the Himalayas. His photographs and particularly videos of the challenging terrain brought the exploration to life. I certainly had to turn my head away at the dramatic drops on muddy, mountain 'roads'! On one occasion the expedition had to turn back half way up a mountain as tigers had been sighted ahead. This was not for the group's protection but out of concern for the tigers! Mark's enthusiasm was infectious, particularly when he found species that were also to be found in the fabulous collection of rhododendrons, azaleas and other rare plants at Minterne. It was lovely to see new members and visitors.

Thursday November 2nd. There will be no invited speaker this month but we will be meeting for a **GARDENING GET-TOGETHER** with tea or coffee in the village hall where we can chat informally and swap our experiences of our successes and failures during the year, plants we have lost and those that stood up to the challenges of the changing weather patterns. We have a lot of collective knowledge in the group and it would be good to share this. Do you have a problem area/plant/pest in your garden? Share it and I'm sure there will be someone with advice. Have you had a particular success in your garden or are you planning changes? We would love to hear about it. We will discuss plants for late summer and early autumn colour with photographs from the committee's gardens. If you have any photographs to add to this please let Chris know (Number below.) If you have any plants/seeds etc you would like to sell for club funds please bring them along. This will be a regular feature from now on.

Thursday December 7th. Last year the members had a Christmas get-together in the Village Hall where we brought food and drinks to share. We had a demonstration of wreath making from Cathy Nix from Dorset Dried Flowers and the wreath was then raffled. It was a great success as we were able to move around and chat. We are planning to do this again this year and Cathy will be joining us again with new ideas for Christmas decoration.

We will be sending out full details by e-mail and we do hope you will join us.

Meetings take place in the Village Hall, Corfe Castle, starting at 7.30 pm for coffee and starting the programme at 8pm. Non-members are welcome to join us for a small fee if they are interested in a particular talk.

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



Citizens Advice – Here for Local Residents

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

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

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

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

Drop-in Locations

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

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

And by appointment only at:

Bovington Hive & Verwood Library.

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

www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/in-person

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

Advice Bus Calls at Corfe Castle

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

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

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

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

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Third Friday of the month 1pm-3pm: 18th Aug / 15th Sept / 20th Oct / 17th Nov

Speak to our friendly advisers about a range of issues including benefits, debt and money, employment, energy, water schemes, family, housing, legal and more.

Check our website for more information www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

Advice Bus

Are you an Armed Forces Veteran?

If so, whichever service or branch you were in, there is advice and help from Dorset Council under the Armed Forces Covenant Programme. There is so much to say about this programme it may just be better for you to read the information directly from their website. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/the-armed-forces-covenant>

The Kanji Quiz

Studland village hall- Saturday 25th November- 6.30 pm for 7pm
Teams of eight per table and join the crack ad hock teams
Home cooked supper included
Licensed bar
Top London quiz master
Tickets £15 from Studland Stores or phone 078080 49928

The Kanji Project is a small U.K. charity run entirely by volunteers. We raise funds to give poor children in Tamil Nadu, India, the chance of a good education and a safe place to live. All the proceeds of the quiz go directly to the centre.



CORFE COMMUNITY KITCHEN aka SOUP'N PUD



We are looking forward to seeing lots of you again at the November 'Soup 'n Pud' on Saturday November 4th at 12.30pm, straight after the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall, where there will be the expected tasty food and friendly chat.

This will be our 1st Anniversary Lunch. Where has that time gone? We are proud to say that from little beginnings we have grown into a much bigger and more professional community event, that appears to be welcomed by many local people.

We will be making the usual choice of 2 soups, with rolls from the Village Bakery and 2 puds to enjoy. Once again we have been given surplus fruit and vegetables by local residents, to bolster the soups and puddings, which is lovely.

Last month we also gratefully received fruit and vegetables from St. Edward's Church Harvest Festival. So these were used in the vegetable soup and crumbles.

Please remember we always welcome any extra in-date food or tins and make use of them, wherever possible, to avoid waste.

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

Remember this is a free lunch but donations of money or food are always welcome.

WHY DON'T YOU COME AND GIVE IT A TRY?

Best wishes from Chris, Sue and Gill.

CORFE CASTLE BRANCH – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE 2023



On Monday 30th October, Poppies will be on sale in our village shops and pubs. Tommy will be put on St Edward's lawn and, as in previous years, our school children will surround him with named crosses for the fallen. Villagers wishing to add their own wooden crosses are



welcome to do so.

On Saturday 11th November, Remembrance Day, at 1100 there will be a two-minute silence in The Square, Corfe Castle.

On Sunday 12th November, the Remembrance Sunday service will take place at 1030 at St Edward's, King & Martyr, followed by wreath laying at our War Memorial.

At 1500 there will be a service at St Mary's Church, Tyneham.

Corfe Castle FC

We are very happy to confirm the sponsorship of the first team by The Fox inn . A massive thanks to Brendan and Mel for their support . We look forward to a long and successful season together.

U17 Girls: have only played 2 league games and 2 cup games so far and are searching for their first win .

They play on Saturdays at 10am with their next home games on the 18/11 and 16/12.

1st Team: After 7 games the 1st team are 2nd in the league with a fantastic 4-0 away win at Shillingstone .

They play Saturday afternoons at 3pm with their next home games on the 28/10 and a cup game on the 4/11.

Vets: After 3 games and 3 wins the vets are top of the league. They play Sundays at 10.30 every 2 weeks, with their next game on the 22nd away in Weymouth ..

Pat Ward - Chairman

Crazy 4 Corfe - 'The Kick-Off Christmas Fair'

Saturday November 11th - 10 – 2.00 in Corfe Castle Village Hall.

Can you help? Extra pairs of hands are always welcome. We would also love any donations of cakes.

If you can help please ring Liz on 01929 480447. Thank you.

Purbeck Christmas Tree Festivals

This year two local Christmas Tree Festivals are being planned.

From 2nd – 4th December there is the St Aldhelm Christmas Tree Festival held at St George's Church in Langton Matravers, there will be plenty of entertainment and refreshments available from 10am till 5pm. This year's event will be raising money for Mosaic and East Dorset & New Forest Motor Neurone Disease Association. Sponsor forms and further information contact Colin Garner 01929 424431 colin@gizimodo.co.uk or from <https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com>

Then, on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December from 10am each day, it is the Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage. There is also a Remembrance Service called 'Lights of Love' at 4pm on Sunday 10th December.

There will be a warm welcome and everyone can wander through the trees, enjoy seasonal refreshments, listen to local talented musicians and singers with activities for children of all ages, and stories in the stable for the younger children. There is no entrance fee, and any donations go to local charities.

If you want to book a tree to decorate the closing date for Swanage is Monday 13th November apply for a sponsor form to Janet Norley at administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk or leave a message with your details on the church answerphone 01929 427706.

There will also be a Tree of Remembrance outside of Emmanuel Baptist Church on which people can put named ribbons of loved ones they wish to remember at Christmastime.

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Kimmeridge News

Christine Rennison

We were saddened to hear of the death of Chris Rennison. A memorial service was held at Kimmeridge Church on 19th October. Although living in Corfe Castle since Keith's death in 2015, Chris has always been very much a part of Kimmeridge life. She & Keith lived at 17 Gaulter Cottages from the early 1960s. At first it was a romantic idyll, two artists living the simple life with no power, one cold tap and only an outside loo: But after the birth of their son it became more difficult, especially during the long cold winter of 1963 when water was brought to them by the crawler tractor from the farm; after this they were able to move to No.23 in the Village. Chris was always a strong supporter of Kimmeridge Church and a member of the PCC for many years.

Kimmeridge Church

With the retirement of Ian Jackson as Rector, we now have the process to appoint a new Rector for Corfe Castle & the surrounding parishes. As part of this we would like to hear your ideas for the Church and what you would like to see in a new person as Rector. It is an opportunity for us all to have some input – all ideas & thoughts welcome! Steve Earwicker

Christmas

We are still finalising plans for Christmas Celebrations in Kimmeridge. The latest ideas are Carols round the Christmas Tree at the same time as lights switch-on & Carol Service on Christmas Eve in Church – more details to follow! We'll be looking for volunteers to help out.

Kimmeridge Keilidhs

Our next dances are on November 10th & December 8th at 7.30pm. All held in the lovely Kimmeridge Village Hall at The Etches Collection. No experience needed – our lovely callers tell you what to do! Live music from Arish Me1. 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, at the end of September whilst birding down the bay an amazing bird was found, a Grey phalarope was spotted off the slipway and identified by Dan from DWT at the wild sea centre.

This is a small wading bird that breeds in the arctic and migrates south during September/December with less 200 birds being seen annually around the UK I feel we have been very lucky to have seen and recorded it.

October has seen the reappearance of at least 100+ Mediterranean gulls regularly feeding out on the surrounding fields , these can be easily identified by the lack of black in the wing , meadow pipits , pied wagtails and linnets in larger flocks.

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Cheers Rose and Pat



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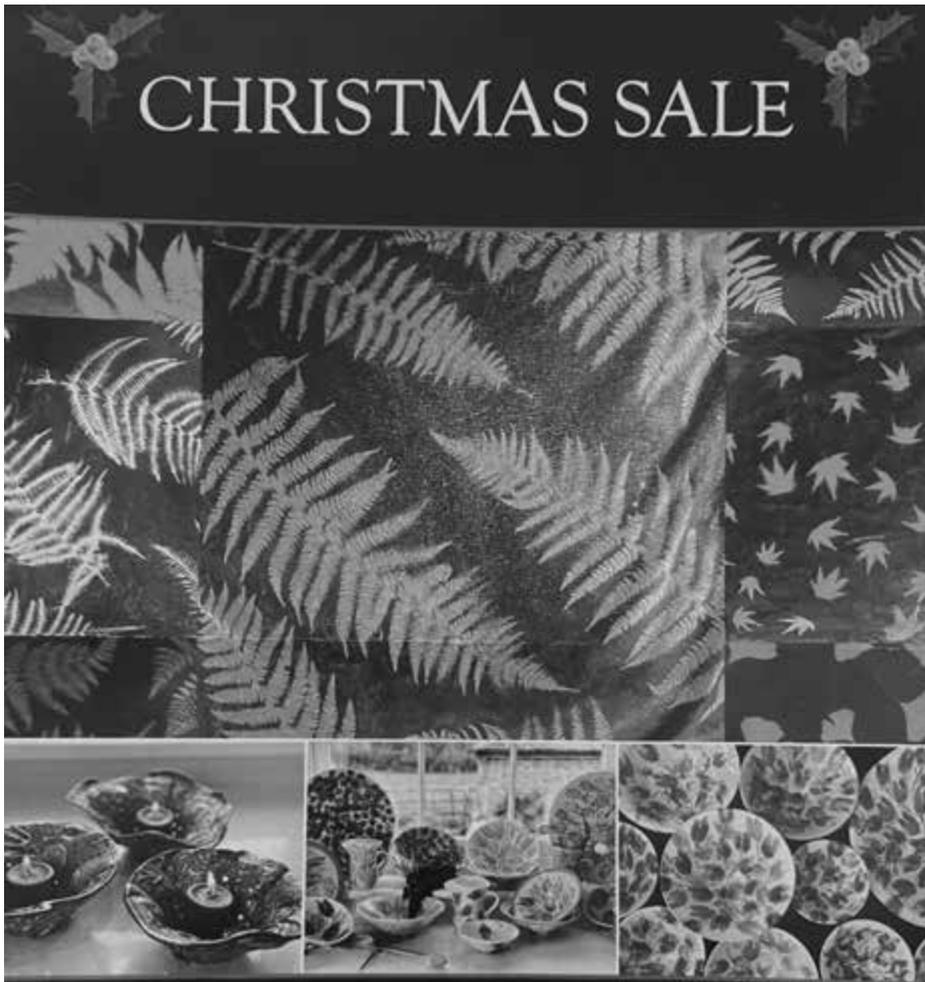
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Christmas

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Turnip & chestnut veloute, roasted chestnuts, pickled turnip (V/Vg)

MAIN

Stuffed chicken ballotine, cranberry puree, red wine sauce
Crispy coated monk fish, parsley emulsion,
red cabbage buerre blanc
Roasted hazelnuts, mushroom caramelles,
mushroom cream, sherry gel (V/Vg)

DESSERT

Spiced creme brulee, orange puree, gingerbread biscuit
Red wine pear & almond tart, mulled wine syrup,
cinnamon chantilly
Vegan tiramisu, cherry compote, dark chocolate pencils (V/Vg)



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The Rambling Gardener

November seems to have come very fast but every year goes faster than the ones before. The autumn leaves are wonderfully coloured, lemon yellow, scarlet, mahogany red. It is not nice to put away my summer clothes especially as we have had lots of hot days, but with the shorter days it will be months before we see as much sun. Also, with the colder nights it is wise to wear warm clothes. I plan to wear lots of russet-coloured woollens that makes me feel warmer!

I have bird feeders that I waste a lot of time watching as the birds are so incredible. The buzzards are busy eating rats and mice, and the sparrow hawk eats my sparrows of which I have too many. The thrushes and blackbirds help to keep the slugs and snails down, the many tits eat green fly and lots of other small grubs. It is interesting watching them and the way they interact. My bird feeders are largely where I can watch them from my house and learn more, in the warmth. Recently I read Rebecca Loncraine's book "Skybound," it explains how wind is used to keep airborne so watching birds using or fighting against the wind has become even more fun. By the end of the book, she has learned to live life while accepting her own mortality and every morning I say thank you for my present of a new day.

There are many jobs to do in November. Yet more fruit and vegetables preservation by drying, blanching and freezing or bottling. Dividing perennials while the ground is still warm from the summer to establish well, before the cold and wet arrives. Tulips give great colour from March and into May so now is a good time to plant some straight in the ground and others into pots for a focal delight. Either use just one variety, or if it is possible to layer 3 deep either all tulips or a mix of bulbs, which gives a longer flowering season from the same pot without repotting. These bulbs are hardy and can be left outside. Prune roses so they are not damaged by winter gales by cutting out any extra-long or unhealthy wood and any crossing branches. Lavender needs hard pruning if it is to have a long life, and October-flowering varieties should be cut back as they finish flowering. Keep the cut bits and use for lavender bags and add some Tarragon or other aromatic herbs if you want to keep moths out of clothes without using a spray. Grapes need pruning back to 3 buds. Apples trees prune any poor or diseased wood. Also, look out for canker it looks like swollen branches to remove in the winter. Keep the centre of the tree open to let the sunlight gets in.

Tender plants - move to greenhouse, into the home, or cover with compost, leaf mould or fleece. Collect things for making Christmas cards and decorations such as grasses, seedheads, old man's beard from hedgerows (spray with hair spray to avoid seeds falling) press pretty leaves. In December holly,

red ribbons and candles will be all that is needed to make wreaths and decorations for the house without using plastic.

In November when I was a child it was cold in the old house and we wore heavy woollen clothes. My parents said idle hands got into trouble so every day we had chores to do with the animals, in the kitchen, garden and on the farm. In the evening after supper, we would read the classics, pluck the angora rabbits we had, weave on a simple loom, or spin. We did washing on Monday, drying on Tuesday and mending on Wednesday. Due to rationing we didn't buy new clothes and we had to try to mend clothes and darn the woollens so it didn't show. We sat as near the light as possible because old electric lights were very dim. Now, I still read, spin, knit and weave and I also like watching some television especially wildlife documentaries.

My garden is always open to anyone who would like to visit, and in December I will be making my own wreaths and Christmas decorations, so do ring if you would like to join me.

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Pioneer view

Dear Friends,

This year marks the 5-year anniversary of the Growing Compassionate Communities Charity.

The core of the Growing Compassionate Communities vision is to grow hope in communities. In the many conversations I have had with people as part of our befriending scheme, it has become clearer that people are searching for hope.

So, what is this hope? What does it look like? How do we grow it in our community? It is these questions I would like to address.

The dictionary definition of hope describes hope as a feeling of expectation and desire for a thing to happen. Other words describing hope are aspiration, desire, expectation, aim, plan, dream. These words and descriptions of hope help make it more tangible and provide us with some sense that our hopes are attainable.

I wonder, considering this, how would you describe your hopes? I like the word 'dream' as a description of hope. It invites me to be more creative and not limited to time and practical constraints. Dreaming has no boundaries.

Here is a quote to reflect on:

“Keep your dreams alive. Understand that to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe.” Gail Deavers

How often do we hear that the Olympic gold medalist starts with a dream, then puts the training time and personal sacrifice to make their dream a reality. Nothing is impossible if we are prepared to dedicate ourselves to making it happen.

5- years ago, I had a dream to establish the Growing Compassionate Communities. Communities that are inclusive and hospitable to the stranger, the alienated, the disenfranchised, and the broken. That dream is becoming a reality. The Growing Compassionate Communities vision then grew into a Charity. Our dream in growing compassionate communities is to grow hope in the communities we seek to serve.

A Quote to ponder.

“Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality.” – Jonas Salk

Don't give up on your dreams. Keep dreaming.

Go well,

Peter Chair: Growing Compassionate Communities Charity



Clavells Festive Menu

Starters

Homemade Chicken Liver and Cranberry Parfait - toasted brioche, onion marmalade and dressed leaves (gf on request)

Tomato and Dorset Blue Vinny Soup - rustic bread (v) (gf and vg on request)

Prawn and Crab Cocktail - Andalouse sauce, brown bread and butter (gf on request)

Five Spice Duck Salad - served on a bed of dressed leaves with a sour cherry glaze (gf)

Wild Mushroom Risotto Arancini - served with rocket, and a walnut pesto (v)

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Main Courses

Traditional Roast Turkey - apple and sage stuffing, pigs in blanket, pan gravy, cranberry sauce and bread sauce (gf on request)

Roasted Salmon with a Herb Crust - with a Champagne hollandaise sauce (gf on request)

Pork Tenderloin with an Apple and Calvados Stuffing - with a Madeira sauce

Clavells Venison and Chestnut Pie - with a redcurrant and port jus

Vegetable Wellington - with roasted red pepper and tomato sauce (v) (vg on request)

All served with roasted potatoes, Brussels Sprouts and garden greens, chantenay carrots, mashed swede and braised red cabbage.

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding - with a brandy custard (v) (vg on request)

Apple Tarte Tatin - with a salted caramel ice cream (v)

Trio of Chocolate Mousse - on a cocoa sponge with a berry coulis (v)

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Coquilles St. Jacques - scallops served with a creamy mushroom Gruyere sauce (gf)

Wild Mushroom and Cognac Pâté - toasted brioche, redcurrant chutney and dressed mixed leaves (v) (gf on request)

Smoked Duck Salad - with a winter spiced plum relish (gf)

Trio of Melon - honeydew, cantaloupe and galia in a port and Cointreau reduction, garnished with mint and cucumber (gf) (v) and (vg)

Palate Cleanser

Raspberry Sorbet Laced with Champagne

Main Courses

Traditional Roast Turkey - cranberry stuffing, pigs in blanket, cranberry and bread sauce, pan gravy (gf on request)

Roast Sirloin of Kimmeridge Beef - Yorkshire pudding, red wine pan gravy and horseradish sauce (gf on request)

Venison Loin - wrapped in pancetta with a port and redcurrant jus

Roasted Halibut - on a bed of savoy and bacon cabbage topped with crispy leeks

"Kimmeridge" Lamb Wellington - loin of lamb with a mint pea purée wrapped in filo pastry with a Madeira sauce

Baby vegetable Mille-feuille - with a roasted red pepper and tomato sauce (v) (vg on request)

Served with dauphinoise potatoes, roast potatoes, Chantenay carrots, Brussels Sprouts, honey glazed parsnips, mashed swede, braised red cabbage, and garden greens.

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding - with a brandy custard (v) (vg on request)

Lemon and Lime Posset - with handmade shortbread (v) (gf on request)

Apple Tarte Tatin - with a salted caramel ice cream (v)

Trio of Chocolate Mousse - on a cocoa sponge with a berry coulis (v)

Hazelnut Meringue Gateaux - with a chocolate and hazelnut ice cream (v) (gf)

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November News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

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Purbeck Film Festival

HXVH is a venue for two films shown by the PFF team. On Sunday 29 October, we are showing The Banshees of Innisherin and on Thursday 2 November, we are showing Allelujah. Doors and bar open at 7pm as usual with the film showing at 7.30pm. Tickets for PFF films at £7.00 (or £5.50 for students and under 25s) and are available to book online at the PFF website or on the door.

Movie Night – Tuesday 14 November – The Wolf and the Lion

After her grandfather's death, 20-year-old Alma decides to go back to her childhood home -- a little island in the heart of a majestic forest. While there, she rescues two helpless cubs: a wolf and a lion. They forge an inseparable bond, but their world soon collapses when a forest ranger discovers the animals and takes them away. The two cubs must now embark on a treacherous journey across the wilderness to reunite with each other and Alma.

For me the best part of “The Wolf and the Lion” is the remarkable footage of the animals. This is not CGI. This is a real-life wolf and a real-life lion who are, the end credit sequence assures us, real-life best friends. I'm a genuine softie for films like this, so I was always going to love it ... and I did !!!

Stalls at the Hall – Saturday 25 November

A Saturday morning to browse crafts, gifts, curios and homemade produce, as well as coffee, cake and conversation. Open 9.30-12 noon with free entry and free parking. Anyone interested in having a table (just £5) then please call David Hollister on 07384 848 419

Other November dates, and future dates for your diaries

Thursday 2 November – Coffee Junction from 10.30am

Thursday 16 November – Coffee Junction from 10.30am

Sunday 19 November – HXVH Church at 6pm

Tuesday 12 December – Movie Night – The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

Friday 15 December – Live Music – The Churchfitters Christmas Show

Information on all of the above is on our website at www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk

Thank you for reading and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Alison and the HXVH Committee

We're Hiring!

Sadly, Chloe has now left SG (it was too late to post this news in last month's CVN). I'm sure you'll all want to join us as we wish her well in her new job in Yeovil.

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TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

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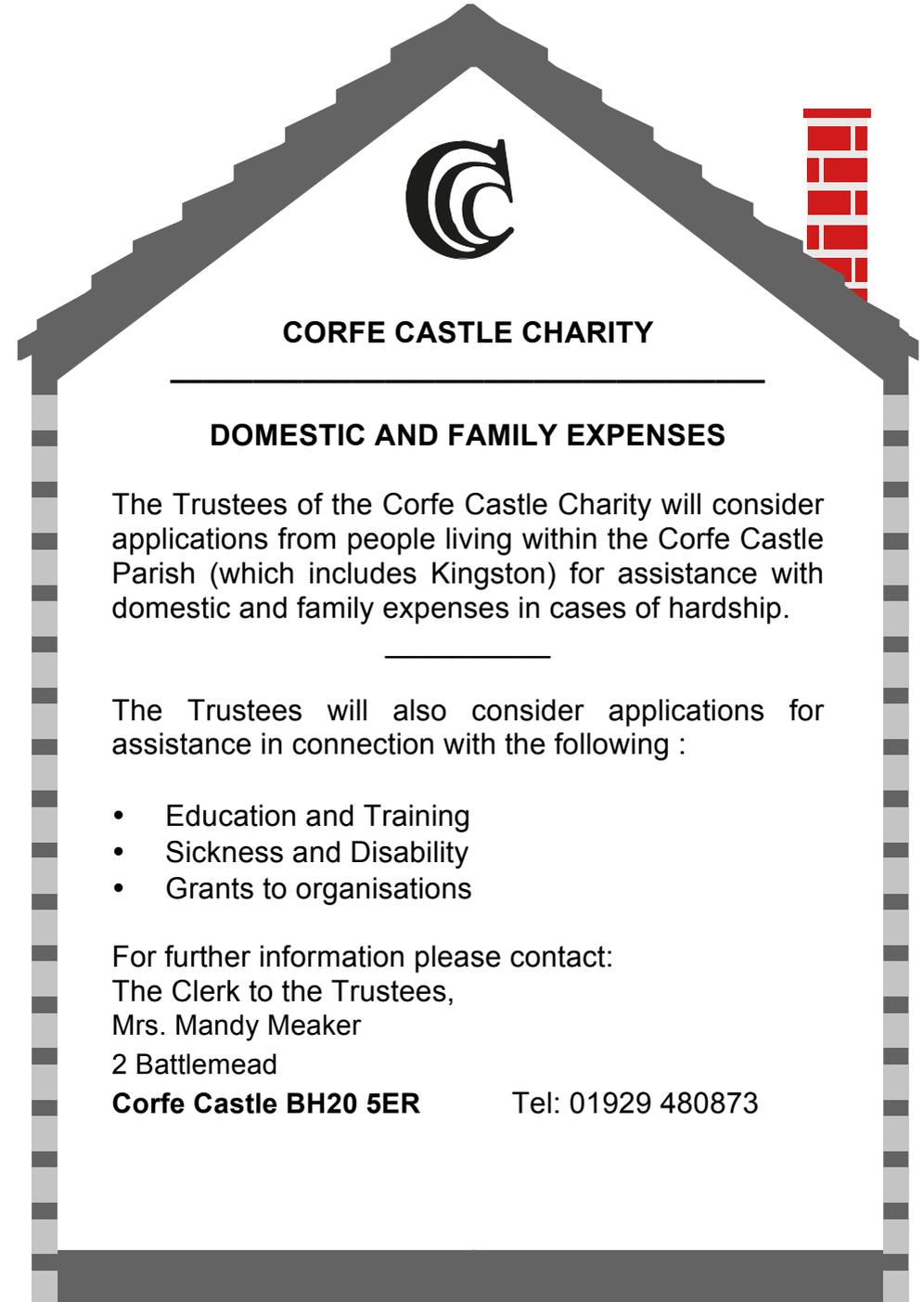
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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MONDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.15 – 10.45am	& 11am – 12 Yoga	Langton Scout Hut
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.30 – 7.30pm	Adult	C C Village Hall
		Ballroom Dance	Donna 01202 243803
Each	7.45 – 9.15pm	Badminton	C C Village Hall
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
WEDNESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Each	7-9pm	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons House
2nd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	By Zoom
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee Morning	C C Village Hall
SUNDAY			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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