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Editorial

Happy New Year to everyone. My, how time flies; everyone at the Corfe Valley News hopes you had a great Christmas and are now looking forward to the new year stretching before us.

Amongst other things we need to decide this year whether to pursue the proposal for a 20 mile an hour speed limit on the A351 through the village. If you haven't responded to the consultation, please see the December edition of the Corfe Valley News and then respond as recommended. You can tear out the page and deliver it back to collection points in the shops, scan the page and e-mail it back or use the online SurveyMonkey questionnaire. Your opinion is important, so please do respond.

This year is going to see both national and local elections. If you are interested in becoming a local parish councillor, please see the item in the parish council report, about how to go about it.

Stephen

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(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting	0800 068 4145
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DECEMBER 2023 FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

If you are or know a Carpenter, please read on. Local work opportunity available.

Precept: After a constructive discussion Corfe Castle Parish Council have agreed to request from Dorset Council a Precept of £55,179, which is an increase of 4.77% from last year. Due to the increase in our tax base this increase represents a 4.23% increase per household, meaning the equivalent Band D Tax band will pay an extra 27pence per month per household towards the Parish Council portion of your Council Tax.

Become a Parish Councillor. It can be very rewarding being a councillor – having the chance to make a real contribution to your community. You do not have to hold certain qualifications for be experienced in a specific role, you just need to be passionate about representing the community you live or work in. If you think you may be interest pop along to the next Parish Council meeting and listen in, or call the clerk for more details.

Play Park: Exciting times are ahead. Recently the Parish Council were informed that several items within the playpark needed replacing, due to varying safe usage time left, (from 6 months to 5 years). Due to the safety concerns raised, the Parish Council have decided to replace the Seesaw, Rocking Horse, and Toddler cradle swing within the next couple of months. It is expected the remaining older units will last 5+ years and this will allow us time to build up a reserve to be able to invest in Adult Fitness Equipment before needing to replace any further play park units.

Noticeboards: The Parish Council have three noticeboards around the Parish, and all need replacing. If you are a carpenter and could make like for like replacement noticeboards (with magnetic back boards) please contact the Clerk. Alternatively, if you own your own company and wish to sponsor a board, please contact the Clerk.

Permit Holders Car Park Surface: It is that time of year again, when potholes are forming, some people love them (jumping up and down in muddy puddles) but most people hate them. The Parish Council have approved a contractor to come and fill in the potholes as soon as possible but this will be weather dependent.

Highways: You may recall several months ago, Corfe Castle Parish Council put together a “Wish List” of highways related issues we would like Dorset Council to address. Well, I am pleased to say (although you may have already noticed) Dorset Council have now installed the drop kerbs as requested, which hopefully will help all pedestrians when trying to cross the road. Later this month you should also see

Traffic Regulation Orders being advertised regarding various parking restrictions, keep your fingers crossed, as this hopefully will greatly aid a freer flowing West Street!

Planning: The following applications have been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council, for full details including proposed works please see the Dorset Council website:

Application No: P/LBC/2023/03366; Location: Old Church of St James, Langton Road Kingston. Internal improvements and small shed for air source heat pump. Recommend: No objection.

Application No: P/HOU/2023/07070, Location: Stonewood, Calcraft Road, Corfe Castle; Small single-story extension. Recommend No Objection

Application No: P/FUL/2023/06768; Location: Castle View Information Centre Corfe Castle. Installation of a bespoke changing facility. Parking machine and bike racks to be moved; no impact on parking. 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>

Next Council Meeting: Monday 15th January 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: *(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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This month we have a few eco-friendly post-Christmas tips to start 2024 with!

Take any artificial Christmas trees at the end of their life to the tip and ask for advice on where to put it. If the trunk and / or branches are made of metal, some of it may be recyclable. Weighing up the complicated climate pros and cons, for next year a real Christmas tree is a better choice, and there is also the option of buying a Christmas tree in a plant pot meaning you can plant it in your garden after Christmas and possibly reuse it the following year. If you had a cut Christmas tree this year, you can put it in your garden waste bin or take it to the tip for be composted. Several charities will also collect Christmas trees for a donation, but this needs to be pre-booked before Christmas.

Think about re-gifting unwanted presents or donating them to local charities – our local school PTFA have raffles at most events, so is always grateful for suitable prizes.

If your fairy lights are no longer working, LED lights are by the far the best option to replace them with. They use less electricity and last much longer than most other options, saving you money and avoiding carbon emissions and waste.

Reuse wrapping paper either by using it again to wrap gifts next Christmas, or using it to cover boxes or to craft a mosaic or collage with. Or you can put it into your compost pile (not glittery or metallic paper) to provide dry compostable material to layer with moister materials such as kitchen waste or grass clippings.

Cards can also be re-used by cutting them into gift tags.

Use up food leftovers, either freezing them to eat later, or turning them into something else. One of Luke's favourites is to make soup with veggie leftovers; try adding spices for a nice winter warming flavour!

Our Next Get-Togethers

Thursday 18th January, 7.15 for 7.30 at Mortons Manor Hotel, when Emily House is talking to us about her Kimmeridge Bay **Smiling Seas project**.

At our February meeting, Luke & Tom will be presenting about nature-based initiatives involving children and young people in Purbeck, and in March David and Chris are going to talk about their adventures in Antarctica (and possibly Madagascar too!).

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

Facebook: "Corfe Castle Environmental Group"

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

Who to Contact When:

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

Self Service Portal - https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP_Report_a_public_litter_bin_problem

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 December meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 14th November at 6:30pm. It was attended by five members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair) and the Dorset Councillor.

The main items of interest in the meeting were:

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.

Neighbourhood Plan

The grant for the Neighbourhood Plan has been awarded, the Steering Committee is being reconvened and the process will continue with the consultant.

Planning

The Council resolved to have no objection to P/PABA/2023/06746, a new slurry storage facility at Bradle Farm.

Highways

Church Knowle Speed Limit. Cllr Brooks said that she had just received notification that the 30mph speed limit through Church Knowle Village had been approved and will be put in place when all of the necessary statutory steps had been completed.

Corfe River Footbridge. This bridge is in a very poor state and needs to be rebuilt. This will be an expensive and substantial project which will require a proper design, liaison with several parties and a fundraising campaign. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Other Business

The Parish Council thanks the Wareham Men's Shed for the excellent repairs to the East Creech notice board.

Tenders

The recent Playing Field inspection recommended that the wooden elements be treated with preservative. Tenders are therefore 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 December meeting finished at 7:30 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 9th January 2024.

*After the meeting there was a festive get together by the light of the Furzebrook Village Hall Christmas Tree with mince pies and refreshment provided by the Chairman. *

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News from the Castle

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ticket office.

This misty morning image of the castle was captured by photographer, Ben Buxton.



Temporary footpath closure

Please note that the footpath from Castle View that runs around the back of the castle mound to Vineyard Cottage will be closed from early January for about six weeks. This is for widening and resurfacing. The path at the other side of the mound will stay open.

Corfe Common - A preview of summer

In the depths of winter, we thought we'd give you a reminder of the beauty of



Corfe Common in summer when the ground is carpeted with wildflowers. The common supports a huge diversity of wildlife including rare southern damselflies, skylarks and many types of wildflowers, all of which need open grassland or heath to thrive. This stunning photo of wild chamomile was taken by our ranger, Ben Cooke.

In order to conserve these habitats, we need to clear gorse over the winter, otherwise it would smother the grassland, as well as block access for walkers. We try to minimise the impact on residents by burning gorse when the wind will carry the smoke away from the village.

Cathy Lewis, Senior Communications & Marketing Officer, National Trust



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One way we can help each other is to make sure we cancel any booked appointments with the Surgery if they are no longer needed.

Recently over 6 hours of Doctor/Nurse time was ‘wasted ‘in one week because patients didn’t turn up for appointments even though reminder messages are sent. Please let us support each other.

At our last PPG I was delighted to report that we now have representation from all areas of the Surgery catchment area, with the exception of Langton Matravers, so please do contact us if you live in the village and would like to join us.

corfecastlesurgeryppg@gmail.com

We are planning a new programme of health talks for the New Year when all are invited to join us and we would welcome topics that you may like us to consider.

Sending our thanks and best wishes to all at Corfe Surgery and my personal thanks to all PPG members for their help and support over the last year.’

Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair



Corfe Community Kitchen

Soup 'n Pud
A choice of Soups and a Roll
Followed by Puds with Custard

12.30 – 1.45pm

Saturday 6th January 2024

Corfe Castle Village Hall

Come and join local friends for a simple, healthy, filling and sustainable
Free Lunch

This venture is provided by volunteers, on a not-for-profit basis, in a friendly environment for local residents and aims to increase community spirit.

If you wish to make a donation, either financial or of surplus food, feel free, but it is not obligatory.

Our December Soup 'n Pud was a Seasonal Special! We made delicious turkey soup from the turkey that was donated to us by a villager and kept frozen waiting for this moment and for the vegetarians, a lovely chestnut soup. These were followed by a couple of different mince meat tarts, Christmas Cake scones and cranberry muffins, all with custard. As it was a special occasion there were also some festive chocolates to accompany the tea and coffee. Lots of folk had made an effort with their Christmas jumpers and hats and the tables looked very festive with red tablecloths and holly and ivy decorations.

The next Soup 'n Pud will be on Sat. Jan. 6th at 12.30pm straight after the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. There will be the expected tasty food and friendly chat accompanying the choice of soups and puds with bread rolls, as usual, from the Village Bakery. Perhaps there will be a 12th night wassailing feel!

We will have our happy band of volunteers helping with serving etc, without whom we would be unable to manage. They have been treated, by the 3 of us, to a ‘Cheese and Wine Thank You’ following the AGM in early December.

We always welcome any extra in-date food or tins and make use of them wherever possible, to avoid waste, so please don't discard them, pass them to us!

WHY DON'T YOU COME AND GIVE IT A TRY? HAPPY NEW YEAR from Chris, Sue and Gill.



APPLICATIONS TO EXHIBIT IN PURBECK ART WEEKS FESTIVAL 2024 OPENS 1 JAN 2024

Calling all visual artists residing or working in Purbeck! Purbeck Art Weeks (PAW) invites artists to submit applications to exhibit in the highly anticipated Purbeck Art Weeks Festival 2024, scheduled to take place from May 25 to June 9, 2024.

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One artist remarked: "I found PAW to be extremely well organised, full of interesting and stimulating art and that I was very happy with the sales made and would completely recommend it to new artists ... in fact my partner should be entering as a newcomer next year and I certainly will be entering again."

To learn more about the application process and requirements, visit our official website at <https://purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk>.

Alternatively, for inquiries and more information, please contact us at membership@purbeckartweeks.co.uk. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2024, so be sure to submit your entry in time.

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— Laurel Hart, Director of Strategic Communications, PAW

Artists interested in learning more about these bursaries and the application process are encouraged to get in touch at info@purbeckartweeks.co.uk. This is an excellent opportunity for artists to receive support for their creative endeavours and help them contribute to the arts scene in Purbeck.

Purbeck Art Weeks looks forward to celebrating the rich tapestry of local talent during the 2024 festival and encourages visual artists to submit their applications.

For media inquiries or further information, please contact:
Laurel Hart - Director of Strategic Communications - Purbeck Art Weeks

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About Purbeck Art Weeks

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Our children had a wonderful run up to Christmas. We shared events with the primary school as well as our own nativity and Christmas raffle. Our raffle raised an incredible **£736!!** So, thank you to everyone who bought tickets and to all the lovely local businesses that chose to support us again for another fundraising event.



As we head into the new year, we will be holding a community Bingo in the village hall on Friday 26th January. All are welcome with eyes down at 7pm. If you like a little tippie while you bingo, please feel free to bring along a beverage of your choice.

We hope all our families and community have had a lovely start to the new year.

Do you have a child turning 2 this year?

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Corfe Castle Primary School



We are celebrating at Corfe Castle Primary school!

Since the beginning of the academic year, we have received two really positive inspection reports. Most recently we have received an inspection report from Ofsted that details that the education in the school is 'Good.'



We are absolutely delighted with this result and wanted to make sure that we shared some of the key quotations from the report with you all.

The report stated that:

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'The school sits at the heart of the local community. Pupils animatedly discuss the many opportunities provided to them beyond the academic.'

Please look on our website for the full inspection report.

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

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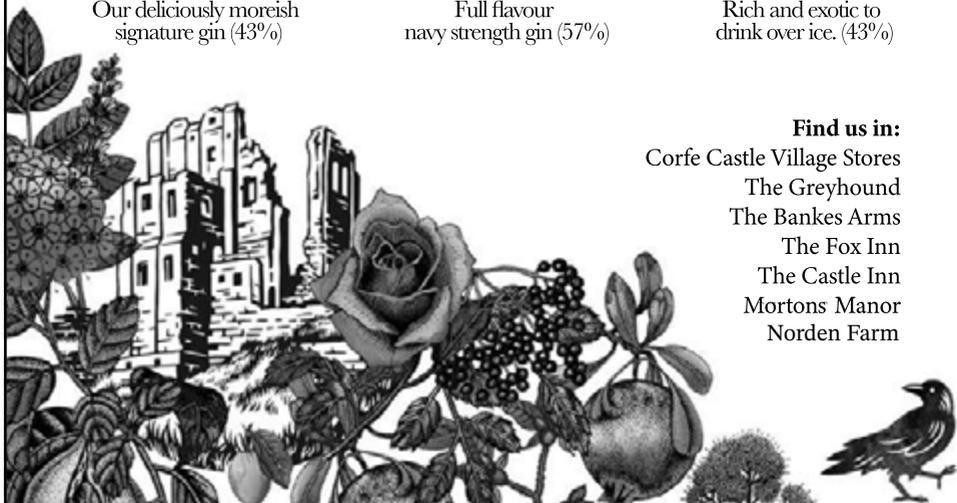
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5th December meeting

There was a lively atmosphere in the village hall for our December meeting. The theme was making christmas decorations which included an array of ideas from the committee and with plenty of fancy card, pens, glue, sellotape and shapes to cut out was an enjoyable session for the members. Quite a few of the ladies made christmas present tags from luggage labels and then added their own embellishments from our supplies plus ribbon. We continued our theme with an assortment of christmas delights including stollen, mince pies and xmas cake plus mulled wine and a non-alcoholic punch. To finish our afternoon, we had our usual tea and coffee. Lots of chatter and laughter.

9th January 2024

Ann Whatmore, General Manager from Why Jewellers will be giving Aquarius an interesting talk on diamonds. Please feel free to come along as a guest if you are interested in this talk. See below for cost.

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

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A MESSAGE FROM...

We want to apologise to all the parents of local children who did not receive a present from Father Christmas when he arrived in the square on Saturday 2nd December.

After receiving feedback, and having discussed in several groups, we believe that there were 4 common themes to the issues raised:

1. Too many people and difficult crowd management
2. Position of Santa's Sleigh and the process of gift distribution
3. Not enough gifts and gifts not wrapped
4. Event too widely advertised and not "local"

This event is intended to be local, and we obviously grossly underestimated the effect on numbers of the Castle being open on the same night. Whilst many of the problems experienced can be traced back to there being too many people in attendance, safety issues with position of the sleigh and too few gifts being the main ones exacerbated by the numbers, we intend to make improvements to crowd organisation and supplies to ensure we do much better from next year.

Several suggestions have been put forward and we will be able to adopt some, but of course not all. We realise that it is impossible to make everybody 100% happy, but hope that we do enough to regain confidence, especially of the parents of village children. Our volunteers give up a lot of time with their own families at this special time of year, and in the months leading up to it, to put up the lights and organise/run the event, and they all want it to be a safe and happy occasion.

Some of the steps to be taken include:

- Ensuring that this event is not combined with any other, keeping it as local as possible
- Reviewing the process for the arrival of Father Christmas
- Introducing a voucher system, and organised queuing, for children to receive a gift
- Keeping the advertising to village only via Corfe Valley News and banners in the square (and we rely on the CVN readers to take care if sharing on social media)

We hope you are enjoying the Christmas lights. The weather has caused us a few problems, but the lights team have done a great job as always.



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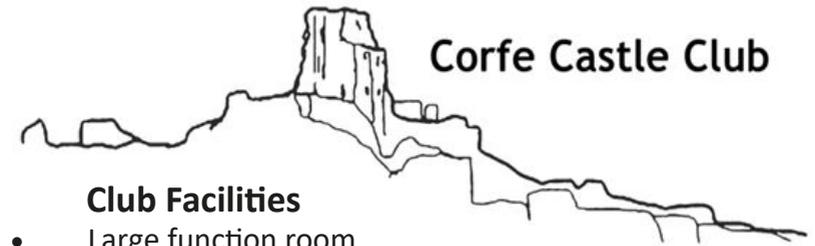
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Don't be shy – Give it a try!

Double Act Drama Group has a busy year ahead with the main production – 'This Secret Isle' – in November, preceded by a short play in mid July which will be the first part of 'The Shaftesbury Tales'. We will welcome anyone interested in getting involved with either of these productions, or better still both. Our usual rehearsal time is Monday evening 7pm – ~8.30pm, in Corfe Castle Village Hall.

If you cannot think of a good alibi yet, come along to the first read-through of 'This Secret Isle' on Monday January 8th in Corfe Castle Village Hall, and we can take it from there.

We rounded off 2023 with 'Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders', for which we have received a very positive review. Well done to everyone involved in putting this play on the stage, and many thanks to everyone who came along to see it. We tried a new seating arrangement which seemed to please more people than not, but as it was particularly suited to this play, it may be a few years before we try it again.

See you all on Jan 8th!

If you would be interested in joining our friendly safe group or for more details, please contact the chairman, David Kemp 01929 480007, or secretary David Watson 01929 481265 - or email doubleactdramagroup@gmail.com
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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the December VH Coffee Morning. £142.76 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In December the first prize of £21 was won by member 49, with member 44 getting second prize £10 and member 8 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. Currently two storage units are available for hire. 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 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)
3rd Friday afternoon	Citizen's Advice bus
final Thursday morning	CC Carers Time

Artsreach date for your 2024 diary

Bash Street Theatre's intriguingly titled "Battling Butlers" show comes to Corfe Castle on Saturday 17th February at 7.30. Using a unique blend of circus skills, original songs, live music and magical illusions, The Battling Butlers is a story of the circle of life as the old performer makes way for the new.

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

News from the Library

'The Post Office at the End of the World'

A talk by Chris and David Kemp



We were fortunate enough to visit Tierra Del Fuego and the Antarctic Peninsula early in 2023 and will be sharing our experiences of the expedition. We were part of a small group of keen fellow travellers and whale watchers, and keen photographers led by some highly competent leaders, wildlife and Antarctica experts. The journey was amazing, with whales a-plenty, penguins, seals, birds, krill, calderas, icebergs, mountains - and we found where to buy a UK postage stamp!

The talk will be on Friday 19th January 2024 at 2.00pm in Corfe Castle Community Library (following a (very) short AGM).

Come in out of the cold for a free Cuppa and a Biscuit!

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

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I've had a fantastic year, enjoying our exhibition at Kimmeridge (which I know lots of you attended, thank you), I've welcomed new people into my classes & I've made new pottery which has been well received. I'm looking forward to exhibiting a new collection of pottery at the Poole Lighthouse late January, being part of Dorset & Purbeck Art Weeks in May/June & running pottery classes for all to enjoy throughout the year ahead.



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We still have some spaces for Christmas parties so if you are a group of between 10 and 40 people you could have a fantastic celebration with succulent meal from only £24.95 per person ... They were so popular last year Laurice has decided to offer the **Christmas Hampers** again. Each member of the group gets a free raffle ticket and during the meal someone wins a fantastic Hamper to take home. (one hamper per 10 guests)

The Festive Diary

Sun. . 24th December ... Christmas eve suppers. (Please book, limited space)

Mon. 25th December ... Closed for family celebrations

Tues. 26th December ... Boxing Day lunches served from 12.00 until 6.00pm.

Fri. 29th December ... Fish suppers ... as local and fresh as we can get.

Sun. 31st December ... New Years Party. **A Victorian theme** with a candlelight dining

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Chinese New Year: Sat. 12th Feb. The Year of The Dragon. Bookings now being taken!

From all of us at the Castle: Happy Christmas and thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful, festive December.

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	January	Tuesday		Pliosaur Exhibition launch at Etches Collection Kimmeridge
6	January	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
6	January	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud – Corfe Castle Village Hall
8	January	Monday	7 pm	Double Act read through of This Secret Isle – Corfe Castle Village Hall
9	January	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius – Talk on diamonds by Ann Whatmore of Why Jewellers – Corfe Castle Village Hall
9	January	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle Village Hall
15	January	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
18	January	Thursday	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Corfe Castle EG presentation - Smiling Seas Project – Mortons Manor
19	January	Friday	2 pm	Library Talk “The Post Office at the End of the World” by David & Chris Kemp
26	January	Friday	7.30 pm	Keilidh – Kimmeridge Village Hall at Etches collection.
26	January	Friday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Community Pre School Bingo - Corfe Castle Village Hall
31	January	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Corfe Castle Club AGM – Upstairs in the club

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

1	February	Thursday	7.30 pm	Gardening Club AGM and Quiz – Corfe Castle Village Hall
3	February	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
17	February	Saturday	7.30 pm	Arts Reach Bash Street Theatre performance of “Battling Butlers” in Corfe Castle Village Hall
23	February	Friday	6.30 pm	St Edwards Corfe Castle Quiz – Corfe Castle Village Hall
24	February	Saturday	7.15 pm	Football Club Pig Racing - Corfe Castle Village Hall

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Reverend Anne Bond writes

I don't know about you, but I tend to think about January as a New Start. A fresh beginning, a second chance to Get it Right. Whatever 'it' is. Going for a brisk walk first thing in the morning? Getting to the bottom of my mending pile? Winning the Lottery? *I wish* ... 'you must be in it to win it' but only fools gamble. It's so *so* tempting. People do win it – why not me? Or you? The answer is easy: because the odds against are so *so* enormous the winner can only be the result of chance.

Perhaps it's time for New Year's Resolutions. I resolve to lose a stone in weight before Easter. Not to ignore the Big Issue Sellers. Not to use my car unnecessarily even though it's small and hybrid and only uses a teeny-tiny amount of petrol.

St Peter's Church - Church Knowle

St. Peter's PCC would like everyone in the community to know that they are working hard to activate repairs on the Chancel roof of St. Peter's in Church Knowle. The process of obtaining permissions and the authorisation to undertake repairs has taken far longer than expected, while weather conditions have continued to worsen. It is a highly unsatisfactory situation. The Diocesan Advisory Committee is the guiding body which will authorise the work, which we anticipate will begin in the new year.



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A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE OF HOPE AND LOVE

A New Year has arrived and with it goals and resolutions that we want to achieve. Everything has changed in the world, but we have the same almighty God who is able to give us a blessed year. To have a blessed year, it's necessary to make room for blessings. I know it's hard to hope for the best when we look back and remember all of the bad things that happened, but God didn't bring you to this world to live without meaning.

As we stand on the threshold of a brand-new year, I want to take a moment to share a message of hope, love, and peace with you. Regardless of where you find yourself on your spiritual journey, I believe that the start of a new year is a time for reflection, renewal, and the pursuit of a better tomorrow.

In the Christian faith, we celebrate the idea of new beginnings and the promise of a brighter future through our relationship with Jesus Christ. As we step into the unknown of the coming year, I want to invite you to explore the love and grace that can be found in Christ.

In the Bible, in the Book of Jeremiah 29:11, it says... 'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.' This verse is the promise of God's enduring love and the assurance that He has a purpose for each one of us.

Regardless of our past mistakes or the challenges we may face, the Christian message offers the assurance of forgiveness, redemption, and a new beginning. The love of God is a guiding light that can illuminate our path and provide strength in times of uncertainty.

As we enter this new year, I encourage you to open your heart to the possibility of a deeper connection with God. Consider exploring the teachings of Jesus, whose message of love, compassion and forgiveness continues to inspire millions around the world.

May the coming year be filled with moments of joy, peace, and personal growth. Whether you are already on a spiritual journey or are just beginning to explore the question of faith, I hope that you experience the transformative power of God's love in your life.

Wishing you a Blessed New Year filled with hope and purpose.

JANUARY SERVICES Sunday 7th & 21st at 3pm	Celia Taylor (Church Secretary)
COFFEE MORNING Saturday 6th & 20th - 10.30am - 12pm	Fr_ee2talk@yahoo.co.uk
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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

Our December meeting was our Christmas Bring and Share Festive Supper in the Village Hall and, despite the weather and seasonal illnesses, we had a great night celebrating the Christmas Season. We shared a delicious and beautifully decorated table of goodies and we were lucky to have another demonstration from Catherine Ramm from Dorset Dried Flowers. This year she entertained us with a number of funny and interesting tales whilst she showed us how to make a beautiful festive table decoration, which was then raffled. There was also a general raffle, adding to the fun.

There will be no meeting in January but on **Thursday 1st February at 7.30pm we will be meeting in the Village Hall as usual. There will be a short AGM at 8pm followed by Hazel's Fun Gardening Quiz with prizes.**

We are planning the programme of events for next year and we would welcome ideas from members so that we have a varied season. So please let Hazel, Chris or Joy know of any subjects you would like to learn more about and any ideas for visits.

Meetings usually 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.

We wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year and Happy Gardening in 2024!

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

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

www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

Purbeck Youth Music

On November 30th Andrew Lloyd Webber again wrote about the importance of music education, this time in a letter to politicians. He and other signatories, who include Coldplay, Katherine Jenkins, Nicola Benedetti, the Kanneh-Mason family, Ed Sheeran and Dua Lipa, have written to Rishi Sunak and Kier Starmer.

He writes “in a world that feels more divided than at any point in my lifetime, and with conflict raging around the world with incalculable consequences, music has the unique ability to unite. It is a universal language that can transcend borders, cultures, and differences and bring people together.”

Lloyd Webber’s Music in Secondary School Trust (MISST) provides instruments, lessons as part of the curriculum and music programs for years 7, 8 and 9. Such things are no longer deemed an essential part of a child’s education and not usually on the curriculum.

Purbeck Youth Music is currently providing almost the same thing but in the primary schools of Purbeck. It is so important to start learning an instrument in the early years, and actually often easier than when you're older. The Purbeck Instrument Loan Scheme is now an integral part of PYM with over 70 instruments out on loan for a minimal donation per annum.

On the day Lloyd Webber’s letter went to the Times, 37 of our local Purbeck primary school children performed in an informal concert in Swanage for friends and family. There were solos, as well as woodwind and string groups. All the children performed with confidence, bowing graciously afterwards. It is wonderful to see how they listen to each other play and applaud happily. Then during the St Aldhelm’s Christmas Tree Festival some of the same children came to play for the visitors. The Brass group played as well as the woodwinds and on the day after Shane McGowan died there was a moving performance of his famous song ‘Fairytale of New York’ by Martha Harwood and Oscar Brady.

Our newest endeavour is the Singing Schools Project led by Susannah Nettleton. This has proved very popular with teachers and pupils alike. Singing is the way in to music making for so many and its importance in the early years is vital. Three schools out of nine have taken part so far and three more will be doing so next term.

With support from the community, PYM continues to arrange demonstrations and performances in schools and where there is a need, financial help with try - out sessions.

Many local organisations have been fundraising at concerts for the work of PYM and we have received funds from Swanage Rotary and PAW for which we are most grateful as well as generous individuals.

If you would like to donate please visit our website www.purbeckyouthmusic.org and follow the link to the appropriate page. We need more Friends!

Corfe Castle History/Stories Podcast

A friendly walk and talk around the Castle with Jeff and Elizabeth, both residents of Corfe Castle. Elizabeth, the main contributor, gives a detailed account covering the influence of local geography on the Castle, Roman settlements, the influence of Arabic fortifications, Turner's painting and more. Lots of “nuggets” throughout this 25-minute audio Podcast.

To listen Google Search: **Corfe Castle History/Stories Podcast** and it should come up on Spotify.

It is also on Amazon and Apple Music Podcasts.

If you would like to contribute to any future Podcasts, please e mail Jeffrey Willis at corfecastlestories@gmail.com

A Thank You From Crazy 4 Corfe

We would like to thank the many businesses, organisations and, of course, our friends and volunteers from this great village of ours who have helped and supported us at our events this year.

It is so rewarding when the community get together to help raise funds for charities and good causes here in Corfe Castle.

This year our Murder Mystery Dinner enabled us to donate £1,000 to the school for books for their library and the Christmas Fair helped raise £800 for the Youth Club Christmas Outing and Party. We enjoyed helping at the Big Lunch for the King’s Coronation in June when the Castle opened its doors to the village. We hope (weather permitting) that with our friends from Swanage and Purbeck Rotary we will have brought Santa’s Sleigh to the streets of Corfe again this year followed by Carol Singing in the Square, an opportunity to all come together and celebrate Christmas.

So thank you again for all your help. We wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Crazy4Corfe

Can You Help?

David Kemp's Petra Trek for Julia's House Nov. 2-9, 2024

Next November I will be joining a group of about 15 volunteers to tackle the Petra Trek of about 48 miles over 5 days across the Jordanian desert. As a reward for the hot hard slog and basic camping, we finish at the ancient city of Petra, carved out of the rose-red sandstone **rock**, and featured in 'Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade'. The Trek is led by Julia's House fund-raising staff and members of the Different Travel Company, all experienced leaders. The prime function of the challenge is to raise funds for and awareness of Julia's House Children's Hospice in Broadstone. Julia's House is very highly regarded for its excellent work throughout Dorset and Wiltshire, but relies heavily on donations to maintain the high standards of service for which it is known.

My target is £2,900, to be raised by the end of next August. This figure will cover the expenses of the trek but more importantly provide a goodly sum for Julia's House.

I will be popping up at various village events over the next 9 months, selling **rock** cakes and post cards of Purbeck's **rocks** ('Petra' means 'rock' in Greek), and inviting contributions towards the target. I have also set up a Justgiving page for donations on-line: www.justgiving.com/page/david-kemp-1694853078368. I am happy to accept cash or cheques at any time, and for anyone who would like to donate to me directly on-line, I can give you my bank details. All donations will go towards the target.

Many thanks!

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

REMEMBRANCE 2023

Thank you to all those who supported the Royal British Legion's Remembrance events in and around Corfe Castle in November. The counting is now complete and together we have raised £3,300 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you again.

George Preston, President and John Patterson, Chairman – Corfe Castle RBL



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Kimmeridge News

Christmas Tree Lights & Carols

It may have been raining, but we were still full of good cheer when Gerry & Ben Hole switched on the Kimmeridge Christmas Tree Lights. We then retreated into the village hall for warming mulled wine & Carols! Our thanks to the Holes for doing this for us and cheering us all up.

Bingo!

The annual Kimmeridge Bingo was a great success with lots of prizes & raising money for the children's party. Thank you to Nick & Rose who did a lot of the organising and to Pat who did a splendid job as MC. It was so successful that it even got mentioned on Radio 2 the next day!

Christmas Eve

As I write this, we are looking forward to our traditional Christmas Eve Nativity Service back in Church for the first time since before covid.

Pliosaur!

Lots of preparation has been going on for the launch of the new Pliosaur exhibit at The Etches Collection on 2nd January. This will be the day after the showing of "Attenborough and the Giant Sea Monster" at 8pm on BBC1 on New Years Day. The film shows how the specimen was excavated from the cliff and prepared for display – with lots of help from Kimmeridge volunteers!

Kimmeridge Keilidh

Our next Dance is on Friday January 26th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Live music from Arish Mel with caller Sue Perigo. No Bar, so bring your own seasonal drinks & mince pies! 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

SMILING SEAS 2024

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to this new year.

Due to popular demand, Smiling Seas is excited to announce the return of the Big Winter Quiz Night 2024!

Avoid winter blues come and catch up with great people, in the warm for a fun fundraising evening. Start the year right with Smiling Seas at quiz night!

THE BIG WINTER QUIZ NIGHT 2.0 SATURDAY 10th February @ 6:30PM AT THE ETCHES COLLECTION KIMMERIDGE, WAREHAM. BH20 5PE

Tickets are £5 per person. This includes your place in the quiz, refreshments and a warm welcome.

There will also be a raffle to enter, last year's prizes included some lovely treats including; champagne, vouchers, days out, art work, chocolates, all sorts of goodies largely donated by the very kind locals and business- THANK YOU.

By supporting Smiling Seas you help to fund ongoing commitment to preserve the Jurassic coast and aim to keep it clean from plastic pollution. It is a vital movement in order for wildlife to safely live in their natural habitat, as well as a better way of life for ourselves and future generations.

Thank you so much for reading and we so hope to see you there!

Happy New Year! Smiling Seas.



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Add onion rings | 3

CLASSIC FISH & CHIPS | 18.5

Beer battered fish & gourmet chips, garden peas & homemade tartare sauce

LUXURY FISHERMAN'S PIE (GF) | 23.5

Salmon, cod, prawns, white wine & leek sauce, creamy mashed potato topped with cheese, served with seasonal vegetables

COTTAGE PIE (GF) | 19

Beef mince, rich red wine, herbs, creamy mashed potato, served with seasonal vegetables

HOMEMADE CHICKEN CURRY (GF) | 18.5

Subtly spiced chicken, creamy coconut sauce, white rice, poppadom & mango chutney
Add flat bread & a yoghurt mint dip | 3

GRILLED SALMON WITH CREAMY WHITE WINE & MUSHROOM SAUCE | 24

Buttered new potatoes & seasonal vegetables

PORK SCHNITZEL | 19.5

Breaded pork loin, gourmet chips, lemon wedge & garnish
Add a creamy white wine & mushroom sauce | 3.5

SEAFOOD BASKET | 21

Breaded calamari rings, cod bites, scampi, butterfly prawns & calamari chunks, salad, lemon mayonnaise & rustic bread & butter. Add Gourmet chips | 5.5

SPINACH & RICOTTA CANNELLONI (V) | 18.5

Baked on a bed of tomato sauce, topped with a béchamel sauce & mozzarella, served with rustic bread & salad

GOATS CHEESE & MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLE SALAD (V) (GF) | 19

Grilled goats cheese, mixed leaves, Mediterranean vegetables, vine tomatoes, dressing & balsamic glaze

MOROCCAN LAMB TAGINE (GF) | 23.5

Diced lamb, spices, butternut squash, apricots, chickpeas & couscous
Add flat bread & a yoghurt mint dip | 3

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SUNDAY ROASTS

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MAIN COURSE & DESSERT

ROAST TOPSIDE OF "KIMMERIDGE" BEEF | 19

Roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, chantenay carrots, honey glazed parsnips, buttered mange tout and garden peas, braised red cabbage and mashed swede. Served with a pan gravy and horseradish sauce.

ROAST LEG OF "KIMMERIDGE" PORK | 18

Roast potatoes, crackling, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, chantenay carrots, honey glazed parsnips, buttered mange tout and garden peas, braised red cabbage and mashed swede. Served with pan gravy and apple sauce.

TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY BREAST | 18.5

Roast potatoes, stuffing, pigs in blankets, Yorkshire pudding, chantenay carrots, honey glazed parsnips, buttered mange tout and garden peas, braised red cabbage and mashed swede. Served with pan gravy and cranberry sauce.

TRIO OF ROASTS | 22

Beef, Turkey and Pork with all of the trimmings.

VEGETABLE WELLINGTON (V)(VG on request) | 18.5

Roast potatoes, chantenay carrots, honey glazed parsnips, buttered mange tout and garden peas, braised red cabbage and mashed swede. Served with homemade gravy and cranberry sauce.

CHILDREN'S ROASTS (BEEF, TURKEY, OR PORK) | 10 (Under 12s)

DESSERTS

LEMON POSSET & SHORTBREAD (V) | 8.5
(GF by request)

CRUMBLE OF THE DAY & ICE CREAM | 8.5
(GF) (VG)

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING & VANILLA
ICE CREAM (V) (GF) | 8.5

BELGIUM CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE
& BLOOD ORANGE SORBET (VG) | 9.5

LUXURY BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING
WITH VANILLA ICE CREAM (V) | 8.5

SOUTH COAST ICE CREAMS &
SORBETS (V) per scoop | 4
Vanilla, honeycomb, chunky chocolate, rhubarb and
custard, lotus biscoff, lemon sorbet (VG) or blood
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PENANG VEGETABLE CURRY | 18

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LINGUINE & QUORN™ MEATBALLS | 18

Tossed in marinara sauce, on a bed of linguine with vegan cheese
Add garlic bread | 1.5

MUSHROOM & LEEK Pie | 18

Chips, seasonal vegetables & gravy

JACKFRUIT BURGER (V) (VG) | 17.5

Toasted brioche bun, onion marmalade, tomato, lettuce & chips
Add applewood smoked cheese | 2

CHILI SIN CARNE (GF) | 17.5

5 bean Chili served on a bed of rice with tortilla chips
Add vegan cheese | 2

DESSERTS

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING | 8.5

Served with custard

BELGIUM CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

Served with Blood Orange Sorbet

| 8.5

CRUMBLE OF THE DAY (GF) | 8.5

Served with custard

SOUTH COAST ICE CREAMS & SORBETS

Plant based Vanilla, lemon sorbet, blood orange sorbet
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Chicken liver parfait & house chutney on toasted brioche
Miniature savoury quiches
Brie & Cranberry parcel

SWEET SELECTION

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

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DUCK & PLUM SALAD
Mixed leaves & a plum & honey dressing

CHICKEN LIVER & REDCURRANT PARFAIT
Mixed leaves, toasted brioche & fig chutney

SEAFOOD PLATTER
King Prawns in a lemon butter, salt & peppered calamari, grilled mackerel, smoked salmon & lobster & crab bisque shots. Served with dressed leaves, rustic bread, lemon mayonnaise, sweet chilli, & Marie rose dips (£5 supplement)

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Herb crust & a redcurrant & port jus

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DESSERTS

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CHOCOLATE & MORELLO CHERRY ROULADE
Chocolate & Amarena ice cream

PASSION FRUIT & COCONUT MERINGUE TARTLET
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MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH MENU

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STARTERS

POACHED SALMON

With a champagne hollandaise sauce

DUCK & PLUM SALAD

Mixed leaves & roasted plums

SPICED BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP (VG)

Crusty bread & butter

CHICKEN LIVER & REDCURRANT PARFAIT

Mixed leaves, toasted brioche & chutney

SOUTH COAST SCALLOPS

Minted pea purée & crispy pancetta (3 supplement)

All starters GF by special request

MAINS

ROAST KIMMERIDGE TOPSIDE OF BEEF

With Yorkshire pudding & horseradish sauce

ROAST KIMMERIDGE LEG OF LAMB

With Yorkshire pudding a port & redcurrant jus (3 supplement)

ROAST KIMMERIDGE LEG OF PORK

With Yorkshire pudding, stuffing, crackling & apple puree

POACHED SALMON IN A VERONIQUE SAUCE

(grape, white wine & cream)

BEETROOT WELLINGTON (V) (VG by request)

All GF by special request

All served with roast potatoes, parsnips, chantenay carrots,
mange tout, garden peas, swede & red cabbage |

Add dauphinoise potatoes | 5, Add cauliflower cheese | 5

DESSERTS

Lemon Posset with handmade shortbread (GF by request) |

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Honey glazed ham with mustard mayonnaise

Coastal cheddar cheese with chutney (v)

English Cucumber with cream cheese dill & mint (v)

Coronation chicken

Scottish smoked salmon with a lemon Crème fraîche

Egg mayonnaise & watercress (v)

SAVOURY SELECTION

Chicken liver parfait & house chutney on toasted brioche

Miniature savoury quiches

Brie & Cranberry parcel

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Dorset clotted cream & strawberry preserve

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The Rambling Gardener

2024. I hope you all have enjoyed New Year's Eve and are looking forward to the coming year in the garden. I wonder what weather 2024 will bring as all the weather patterns are changing. It is impossible to know how to plan for the future, though I am sure we will all have to change. The price of everything is rising, nothing ever goes down! There is so much sad news on TV not only about the ongoing wars but there is so much loss of life from earthquakes, hurricanes, droughts and floods.

Back in the eighties I was in the USA with my husband visiting his university at Dartmouth. We met his friend, an Indian Chief who was very sad that the young were not respecting the land that the USA had given them as a reserve. He had hoped it would be respected but the boys were just using it as a playground, churning up the grass and leaving rubbish everywhere. He gave me this very lovely Lakota Indian prayer translated into English many years before. I love it and get strength from it - learn to take time to notice every leaf, flower, and make your life learning and listening:

O Great Spirit,
Whose voice I hear in the winds,
and whose breath gives life to all the world. Hear me.
I am small and weak.
I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes
ever hold the red and purple sunset.
Make my hands respect the things you have made
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.
Make me wise so that I may understand
the things you have taught my people.
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden
in every leaf and rock.

I seek strength, not to be superior to my brother.
So, when life fades, as the fading sunset,
My spirit may come to you
without shame.

I will suggest things to do in January. Order any plants you want; most trees and shrubs can be ordered as bare rooted (grow on better) and delivered up to the end of March. Water them in well and mulch with leaf mold, sheep's wool or a thick layer of pebbles. They will need watering in dry weather. Choose

small shrubs so they will need little pruning, and make sure to choose plants that will like your soil and will take the local weather. I have lots of plants that need dividing and would love anyone to come and get some. They are all plants that do well here in Purbeck as I do not keep or divide any plants that are not doing well in my garden.

Do a bit of hibernating! January and February are not the time for working outside in England. I am going away for 2 short breaks hoping to get some sunshine. I know the damage done by aeroplanes so am going by bus and ship.

Check that you have all the seeds you need for this year, it is so cheap to buy seeds and plants grow best if started in the soil they are going to grow/crop in. Try growing something new each year. Start growing in January and February on a windowsill to be ready for sowing outside from March onwards. It is best to have the seeds ready for sowing as there are lots of different variety's (different planting dates) but, it is important to grow what you like.

In the flower borders I am planting a lot of small shrubs (with attractive leaves), to save on watering, and many of them give colour and shape all year round with very little work. As I wish to grow all my own food, I need the flower borders to be easy care, wildlife friendly and to give beauty and nectar for the bees and insects. Cutting back the size of the lawns (less work) leaving paths around the borders.

Good luck to everyone in the coming year.

Rachel



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Pioneer View

Dear Friends,

As we enter a new year the usual tradition is to make new year resolutions. Can I suggest that we first reflect on last year's resolutions and see how we did with those?

There is a sense that that the past often shapes our future. I am reminded of the moto of Durham University:

“Shaped by the past, creating the future “

I wonder when you reflect on last year and your resolutions how have they shaped you? Here are a few questions to ask yourself to help you reflect:

How have you moved on in the light of the challenges you encountered last year? What are the lessons have you learned from the decisions you made last year?

These are useful questions to reflect on. It very much confirms my view that we are shaped by past experiences and decisions. However, it throws up another challenge, that it's important we face our past and embrace it before moving on into the future.

With every goodbye there is a hello. I wonder what you will be saying goodbye too before saying hello to 2024.

There are several ways to approach this that may facilitate a goodbye and a hello. One that I use a lot is simply writing a letter to the past, situation, or a person. Writing a letter about a difficult time provides a reminder of people and friendships we have around us. It can teach us to not take these relationships for granted. It may often give us fresh insight and a deeper understanding of where we find ourselves in life's journey.

A quote to ponder:

“The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are.” —J.P. Morgan

Wishing you all a happy new year

Journey well

Peter

Chair Growing Compassionate Communities.

New Year News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

We hope everyone enjoyed a peaceful and lovely Christmas. At the time of writing this (mid-December) the chances of it looking like a white Christmas seem vanishingly remote and the chances are Santa will have come in his amphibious vehicle rather than his customary sleigh.

The January Movie Night kicks off our year at the Hall.

Movie Night – Tuesday 9 January – A Man Called Otto

A Man Called Otto stars an uncharacteristically abrasive Tom Hanks as Otto, a short-fused widower who crankily micromanages everything in his street, and also his own multiple suicide attempts. The arrival of new neighbours – heavily pregnant Marisol, her useless husband and their kids – interrupts Otto's plans to rejoin his recently departed wife.

If there's one thing even more attractive than the sweet embrace of death, it's the opportunity to demonstrate the correct way of doing stuff. Everything from parallel parking to dishwasher maintenance falls under Otto's self-appointed remit. But Otto is slowly worn down by the warmth and generosity of Marisol, so all but the most dogged of sceptics amongst us will be charmed by the message of the redemptive power of small acts of kindness.

Doors and bar open at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm as always, and entry on the night remains just £5.

Other January dates, and future dates for your diaries

Thursday 11 January – Coffee Junction from 10.30am

Sunday 21 January – HXVH Church at 6pm

Thursday 25 January – Coffee Junction from 10.30am

Tuesday 13 February – Movie Night – Oppenheimer

Saturday 17 February – Stalls in the Hall

Wishing you all happiness and good health in 2024.

Alison and the HXVH Committee

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- **Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00** bowlingbarbara2023@outlook.com
- **Shotokan Karate** – www.warehamskc.co.uk

TUESDAY

- **Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00** – bowlingbarbara2023@outlook.com
- **Pilates** – Alex Moore telephone 07536103364 almoore1@live.co.uk

WEDNESDAY

- **Say so Drama 10:30 – 12.00** Adults with learning difficulties -
Emma 07725942609
- **Yoga** - Pam Steele – 01929 556714 steelepamela08@gmail.com

THURSDAY

- **Shotokan Karate** www.warehamskc.co.uk

FRIDAY

- **Weekly Health Qigong Fitness 9.30 & 10.45 am** – Penny Youssef
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We are also delighted to have spaces available for Run Bournemouth on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October 2024, and we would love you to join Team MGAR by securing your place! If you are interested in running the Half Marathon, 10K or 5K to raise funds for your local animal rescue charity, please email: comms@mgar.org.uk to speak to a member of our friendly team.

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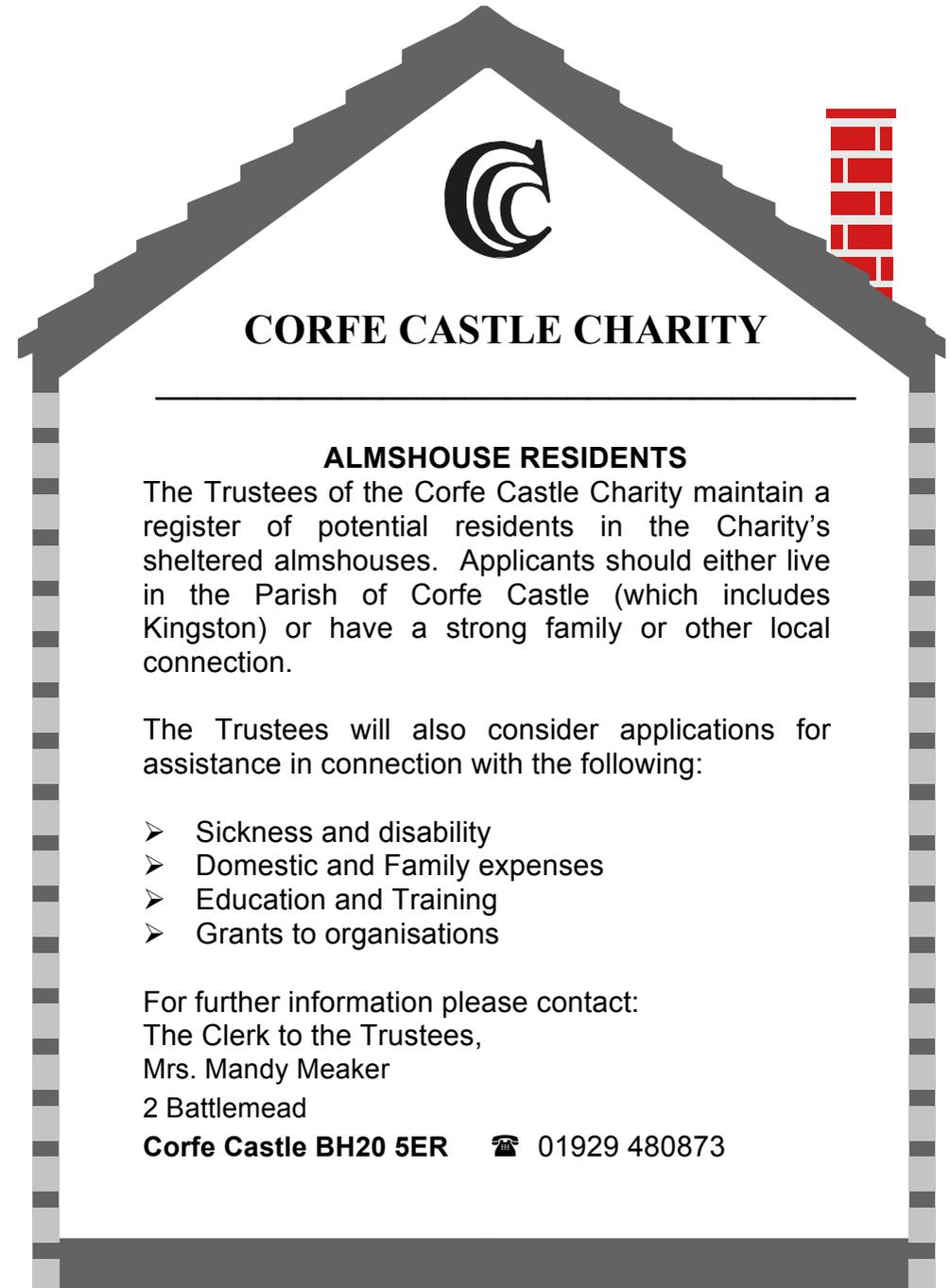
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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
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Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Village Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre 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 Ballroom Dance	C C Village Hall 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 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
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			
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