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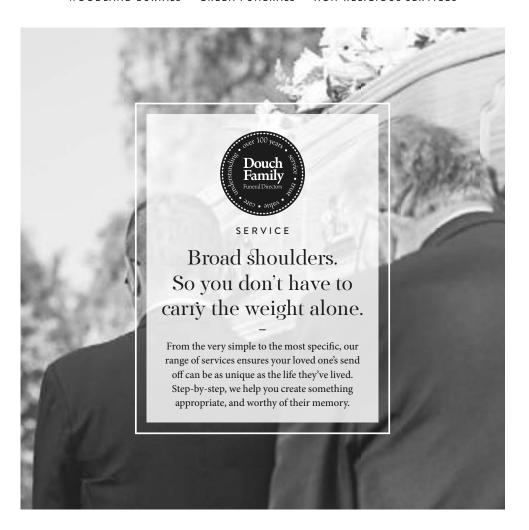
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Editorial

As we approach Christmas and learn to live with covid there is a lot going on in the village. Browsing through this edition of the magazine I think there is something for everyone. Once again, thank you to the festivities committee who are putting up the lights around the village. The switch on and arrival of Santa will be on the 3rd of December at 4.30 pm. The Swanage Railway are also intending to run their evening floodlight trains nearer Christmas again.

The traditional Remembrance celebrations will take place this month. The main service will be in St Edwards on Sunday 13th November at 1030 and will be followed by a ceremony at the War Memorial in East Street. There will also be a short ceremony in the Square at 11pm on the 11th November – 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 Royal British Legion.

Also, congratulations are due to the Surgery who ran a very successful flu vaccination programme and to Wareham Hospital who ran the covid booster programme. If you haven't had yours, you can still contact the surgery to find out how to get it.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

Police non-emergency call line	101
National Electricity Number	105
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Poole Hospital	01202 665511
Bournemouth Hospital	01202 303626
Dorset County Hospital	01305 251150
Corfe Castle Community Library	480760
Citizens Advice Adviceline: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm	08001448848
The Samaritans	01202 551999
Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting	0800 068 4145
Childline	0800 1111
Dorset Councillor – Cherry Brooks	07512897908

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"The cover picture is a sketch of the East Street War Memorial by Sheila Doyle-Stevens"

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Cost of Living Crisis – For free, independent, and CONFIDENTIAL advice on cost-of-living help available to you, contact citizens advice either by calling 0800 144 8848 or by visiting www.citizrnsadvicedorset.org.uk. You could also try the Dorset Council page https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/cost-of-living-help which will sign-post you to webpages with advice and tips.

Free School Meals - There's a lot to think about now the children are back at school, so families on qualifying benefits are reminded to check if their child or children could receive a free school meal. This could save families up to £450 per year per child and their school could get extra government funding, known as the Pupil Premium, to boost their education. It is easy to find out if your children qualify for free school meals. Complete the confidential checker at dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals or telephone 01305 221090.

Verge Cutting - DORSET Council's policy of not cutting some roadside verges for ecological reasons will not change. A quote recently issued by a spokesperson said "In order to maintain the highways for users and improve biodiversity in verges, all roadside verges are cut at least once a year – this cut is scheduled for late summer and is currently happening across the Dorset Council area. "In some places, where tall verges are dangerous for road users, we cut more regularly, and safety remains our top priority.

Purbeck Local Plan - The Purbeck Local Plan examination continues. A further hearing session was held in July after which the Inspector recently wrote to Dorset council requesting some more information on nutrient pollution in Poole Harbour and on the timetable for the Dorset Council Local Plan. Dorset Council has responded to the Inspector and further details can be found on the Dorset Council website.

Road Closure West Street – Please see last month's CVN for full details. Dorset Council plan to close West Street Corfe Castle on the 1st November 2022. The road will be closed between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00. The area to be resurfaced is from The Square to Hollands Close

October Council meeting- We had over 20 members of the public participate in the public half hour at the last Council meeting. Most were particularly interested in the Swanworth Quarry proposal but comments were made about parking enforcement and traffic speed in West Street. We also dealt with several issues you have

contacted us about, incuding a campaign about dog mess was agreed and our first poster appears on the next page.

Feasibility Study Kingston Hill – The Parish Council were asked to carry out a feasibility study regarding a new foot path being created to run along Kingston Hill. After investigation the Parish Council concluded that a new foot path would be too dangerous. However, we have identified 2 potential foot paths serving the requirement. The first foot path identified runs between Corfe Common, and West Street Kingston via West Lynch. It was noted there is a stile on this foot path, which is not dog friendly, in fact you have to lift your dog over the stile! The Parish Council have requested Dorset Council who look after public rights of way and stiles along such routes, to consider changing the stile to a dog friendly stile. Foot path 2 is an old foot path which used to run between Lynch Farm and the back of St James Church, however this foot path fell into disuse many years ago.

Gods Acre Rules and Regulations – After an extended public consultation period Council considered feedback received and voted to endorse the proposed new rules and regulations for the Cemetery. The Clerk, Caretaker and Gods Acre Working Group will now work to ensure the new rules are followed.

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

6/2020/0321_1 – Swanworth Quarry. Corfe Castle Parish Council have submitted a comment of No objection provided there is substantial mitigation for the Parish.

P/ADV/2022/04493 – The Castle Inn, East Street, Corfe Castle BH20 5EE. Recommendation: No objection to the new signs, but object to the change of colour of the front of the building and check whether this needs Listed building consent

P/HOU/2022/04977 – Greensands Little, Corfe Castle Dorset BH20 5JE. Recommendation: No objection.

P/HOU/2022/04838-91 East Street Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EE.

Recommendation: No objection but check the removal of three trees is necessary.

P/LBC/2022/04701 - 92 East Street, Corfe Castle. BH20 5EQ.

Recommendation: No objection.

P/HOU/2022/05655— Far End Higher Filbank Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EX Recommendation: No objection.

P/HOU/2022/03027-121 East Street Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EG

Recommendation: No objection.

Full details can be found on the Dorset Council website.

https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning

You can make a Difference: Councillors make a huge difference to the quality of life of local people and how local issues are dealt with. Council's need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve. In May 2024 Dorset will be holding the next local elections where your Parish Councillors will be elected. If you want to make a difference to your community, why not think about standing? You will need to start becoming aware of issues in your local area; what your local council is doing about these issues; come to a couple of our meetings, watch what it is all about, and if you feel you could make a difference think about standing.

Next Council Meeting – Monday 14th November 2022, 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.

Corfe Castle Parish Council contact details:

Clerk – Michelle Harrington, email clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk or write to 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ, Telephone 01202 670105, Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC Website - https://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk

Author: Michelle Harrington, Clerk



YUK!

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, but also dangerous. Contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even <u>blindness</u> or <u>seizures</u>

When your dog has done its business, do yours! Pick up after your dog or face a fine!

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

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A public litter bin is overflowing

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Telephone: 01305 221040

To report a pothole

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

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

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

To report a problem on a road or pavement

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

Telephone 01305 221020

To request a highways gully clear

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

To request a road sweep on a highway near you.

Self Service Portal - https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP_Report_for_Mechanical_Road_Sweeper Telephone 01305 221020

Environmental Group Update



Our Next Get-Together

Drop-in Project In The Park - Sat 19th Nov: 10am-2pm

- Discover different tree 'seeds' Pot some up to take home
- Tree Giveaway Choose some FREE saplings to improve your garden
- We aim to plant several saplings on the day Come & have a go
- Scarifying of the new dedicated no-mow area & sowing of yellow rattle

Simply turn up **OR** email: **environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk** if there's something you'd like to discuss.

Our Recent Get-Together

We recently hosted a school assembly. Alex Brenton, a Dorset Councillor and RHS Tutor at Kingston Maurward, generously gave her time to discuss the importance of trees including some fun facts e.g. the tallest tree in the world is roughly 4 x the height of the castle...!. In the playground the children then discovered various seeds and got stuck in potting them up to take home and nurture.

Separately to that, as a group we discussed the complexities and successful planting sites for our Jubilee Tree project. An enormous amount of work has gone into this project. Whilst not achieving as much positive impact as we'd hoped for, we remain proud of the project and are excited to welcome lots of new trees soon!

Project updates:

We heard all about the wonderful **FREE community Soup'n'Pud lunch** project starting on Sat 5th Nov. A project we encourage the entire community to support.

A **Seed Circle** project is germinating...! So, if you're interested in getting FREE local seeds AND/OR already save your own seeds and can share/swap with others AND/OR fancy helping coordinate this worthwhile project please do get in touch.

Watch this space:)

Want to <u>have your say</u> on how we spend money for the benefit of the environment and our local community? Come along to contribute your ideas.

Interested in getting involved in a way that suits you???

Get in touch: Parish Clerk (Michelle) - environmentgroup@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk
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Church Knowle Parish Council - October Meeting

The September meeting of the Parish Council was rescheduled to 27th September owing to the death of the Queen. September being an odd month numerically this took place in the Church Knowle Village Hall. Even months are on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Furzebrook Village Hall and the October meeting was held there on 11th. At 5:00pm before the Parish Council meeting proper two Planning Officers from Dorset County kindly attended a special session to answer questions about the planning process and decisions that have caused the Parish Council concern over the past couple of years.

The main items of interest in the meetings were:

Public Discussion

Cotness Lakes

The question of unnecessarily loud and raucous noise disturbing the residents of Cotness was again brought up by some of the residents and it was agreed that the Planning Department would be contacted to see if a change of use application was required and the Environmental Health would be contacted regarding the noise disturbing the neighbourhood.

Charmswell Footpath

Mr Kavanagh gave a presentation showing that the route of Footpath 30 as shown on the official in the area close to his house is quite wrong and that the proposed change is also wrong. He says that a simple site inspection will verify this as it is clear that walkers take the established path to the north of the path shown on the map and that there is no evidence of anyone following the line shown on the official map.

Neighbourhood Plan

Following the hand delivery of surveys to every home in the Parish, Church Knowle Village Hall was the venue for our first public consultation morning where local people were invited to ask questions and become further involved in our neighbourhood plan. A strong turnout and enthusiastic involvement of Parishioners means that planning the future growth of our community is already gathering momentum. Several people offered to be a part of the steering group that drives the plan; while others offered to help out logistically throughout the process which will continue into next year. If you

pinch, while providing a healthy, filling and sustainable lunch, in a friendly environment.

If it supported by Corfe Casile Chartly, If you wish to make a donation her tree but it is not obligated

would like to be involved, please see the Church Knowle Parish Council website for details and contacts.

Alongside the collection of, and essential data gathering from, the completed surveys, our second engagement meeting will be at Furzebrook Village Hall on 29th October. A summary of that meeting, and our provisional findings from the survey, will be on our brand new website (churchknowle-pc.org.uk). This new site will be regularly updated with the progress of the plan.

The consultant Paul Weston, has left but has set the process running nicely. The steering group are continuing with the process and are in the process of appointing another consultant. As the Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory document certain criteria have to be met, milestones passed etc. A consultant will streamline this process, saving a lot of time and bring a lot of useful experience.

Planning

In September two planning applications were discussed, one was approved and one was objected to.

Missing Post Box

As previously reported the Royal Mail has undertaken replace the Creech Bottom post box and they will be contacted for an update on progress after the November meeting. This post box has assumed more interest after the death of the Queen as it may possibly be the first CIIIR post box in the Realm. Unless they try and move out some old EIIR stock. We shall see.

Repairs to Church Knowle Phone Box

The phone box in Church Knowle village is inoperable and with a missing door at the moment. BT have undertaken to ensure that it is operational again and have taken the door away for repair as it was unsafe and hanging off its hinges. The repairs will take some months but they are scheduled with BT Engineering so all being well the phone box will be fully restored and operational again.

Cemetery

The cemetery has some wooden seats that would benefit from a clean and a coat of paint. It is probable that these have provided as memorials and if anyone has any information about these please contact the clerk so that the families can be contacted about refurbishing them.

General Discussion

A piece in the Advertiser reported that Jurassic Broadband had been refused a site to place equipment. The Council agreed that the region could do with more hi-tech infrastructure giving competition and improved facilities. Cllr Brooks informed the Council that funding was available to provide full fibre broadband to rural areas and that this was being actively pursued.

Owing to a reported increase in rural crime the Council resolved to invite the Police for an advisory session on how best to secure against this.

The base for the Les Bugler memorial seat at the Church Knowle Playing Field has been cast and the seat will be installed shortly.

Request for Tenders to paint Archive Container

The Council is inviting tenders to paint the blue Archive Container behind the Church Knowle Village Hall. The paint will be provided. Any interested parties can contact the clerk for details at clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk.

The October meeting finished at 8:37. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 8th November.

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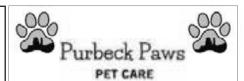
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#SaveSafely this winter

With living costs rising all the time, everyone is looking for ways to save some money, so Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is highlighting some areas where a saving could be a false economy – and a fire risk.

The Service is asking people to #SaveSafely, and there is a wealth of information about staying safe at home and on the roads at www.dwfire.org.uk/save-safely. This includes energy saving tips, cooking safely advice, how to stay warm safely, staying safe when cutting costs, cutting the costs of driving, and signposting to financial help.

Some top tips include:

- Pulling something like electric heaters or electric blankets out of the loft, that haven't been used for years, can be risky. Watch for signs of dangerous or loose wiring, scorch marks, hot plugs and sockets, fuses that often blow, or circuit breakers that trip for no obvious reasons.
- If you're drying clothes indoors rather than use a tumble dryer, keep them well away from the heat source so they can't catch fire.
- Air fryers and microwave ovens are great at saving energy when cooking, but please read the manufacturer's instructions and keep them clean between uses.
- Getting chimneys swept when you have a woodburner or open fire is
 essential to reduce the risk of chimney fires. Also be careful of what
 you burn; green (unseasoned) wood may seem cheap, but it doesn't
 create much heat and it creates a residue that can easily catch alight
 within the chimney.
- Get your boiler serviced a well maintained boiler is more efficient and reduces the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Only use the correct charger for mobile devices. Although it can be cheaper to buy imported and unofficial chargers, fake ones are often made with poor quality components that fail to meet UK safety regulations. This means they can cause injury, electric shocks and even fires.
- Make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions when using wheat bags don't heat them for too long, or at too high a temperature.

The Fire and Rescue Service offers free Safe & Well advice, which can include a home visit and the provision of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. To request this for yourself, a family member or a vulnerable person, please call 0800 038 2323 or visit www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits







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Corfe Castle Surgery

Just a quick update on Surgery life! It is still a requirement to wear a face mask/covering in the Practice so please be prepared before attending any appointments.

We are still working on the contents of our website, but we are very close to having it up and running so I will keep you updated.

The Covid Vaccination Hub at Wareham Hospital are still contacting patients when your autumn booster is due. Any problems with appointment times offered need to be referred to them on 01929 557559. This phone line is not always manned so leave a message if necessary.

This month's Cancer information from the GP's is again on bowel cancer, even though we published an article on this topic back in the summer the level of non-participation in community screening is a real cause for concern.

Bowel cancer is the 4th most common type of cancer, accounting for around 11% of all cancers. The survival is directly linked to how early the disease is caught.

One way of picking up bowel cancer before people develop symptoms is through community screening. Bowel cancer screening is done in the form of a stool test called a FIT test (Faecal Immunochemical Test). It looks for tiny traces of blood in the stool. You do the test at home. The kit contains instructions of what to do and includes a prepaid envelope to send the sample to the hospital.

People aged over 74, can also request a screening kit every 2 years by contacting the bowel cancer screening programme on 0800 707 6060. You need to be registered with a GP to receive your screening invitations.

Through this screening, even locally we have picked up cases of early bowel cancer. However, we currently have nearly 150 patients registered at Corfe Castle Surgery that have not responded to their bowel screening invitations.

While nobody likes dealing with poo or thinking about cancer could I strongly urge anyone who is overdue or who has previously not responded to a screening invitation to reconsider. If you call 0800 707 6060 or contact the surgery we can help you rearrange your test.

For any other queries Cancer Research UK has excellent information on bowel cancer.

Kerry Norman Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

By the time this is read the Corfe Castle surgery will have held two flu vaccination sessions - the first, held on 24th September, was very successful with 320 vaccines given. I am sure the second will be equally successful as the feedback from the first has been so positive with many praising Dr Lepper and his team for a well organised visit to the surgery. I would like to thank my PPG colleagues for their help and assistance with the 'marshalling' for the sessions which support the smooth passage of us all through the surgery.

I am continuing to support the Covid vaccination team at Wareham Hospital and have been delighted to meet many from our Surgery community who have only good things to say about the service we are lucky enough to receive. If however anyone would like the PPG to raise a particular issue with the Surgery that you think we can help with we can be contacted by email:

corfecastleppg@gmail.com

The Surgery continues to work really hard for us all whilst also facing their own issues with inability to recruit GP support for Dr Lepper and the GP team, as well as staff illness due to Covid and other bugs, so on behalf of the PPG I send them all every best wish and a big THANK YOU.



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Important Dates for your diaries!

Friday November 25th, 7:30pm. For 2022 our November production, will be limited to one night only. Having put a lot of work into staging The Wonderful Wizard of Oz in March this year, the Committee decided we needed to avoid the heavy demands on time and energy associated with another full production this November. Two major productions in one year would be a significant challenge!

So, a plan was hatched to combine two plays for this November that we are familiar with. The evening performance will comprise our popular "Who Rules Britannia" and scene selections from "1066 and All That". We performed 1066' in November 2000 and some of the original cast will be reprising their roles; hopefully they can still remember their lines!

So, please join us on the 25th November for a splendid evening's entertainment!

Monday December 5th, 7pm. Looking somewhat forward to our November 2024 main production plans, we are conducting a read through of one contender, "The Secret Isle". It is a new war time thriller set in the Isle of Purbeck in May 1942.

During WW2, large swathes of Purbeck, somewhat controversially, became training areas as the preparations began for the invasion of Europe. However, before the region was swamped with young American soldiers in the build up to D Day, the Isle of Purbeck contained a number of well-guarded secrets that proved vital to the war effort – such as the radar research station at Worth Matravers and the Naval cordite factory at Holton Heath!

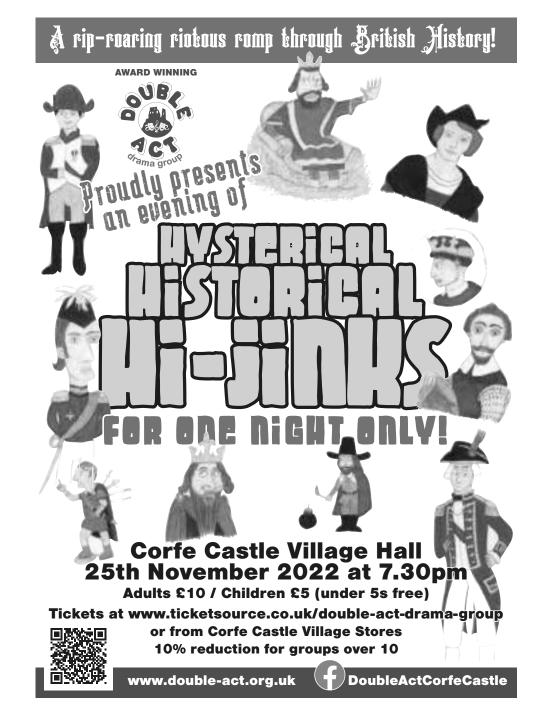
So, if you would like to engage with your thespian side, please come and join us for the first ever public reading of this brand new play on December 5th at 7pm at Corfe Castle Village Halland find out what happens! Refreshments will be provided.

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 info@double-act.org.uk.

New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome!

All our meetings conform to relevant Covid restrictions.





News from the Library

Find out about the local response to the climate emergency and other local environmental issues at our November talk.



Purbeck is part of the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and part of the Jurassic Coast UNESCO World Heritage site, so it's nationally and internationally important. However, it faces environmental issues at local, national and international levels. A representative from Corfe Castle Parish Council Environment Group will talk to us about what we can do in our own lives to tackle the issues and what action is being taken at a local level in Purbeck.

The talk will be on Friday 11th November 2022 at 2.00pm in Corfe Castle Community Library.

Any queries to corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com.

Open to Everyone - Free entry

The Christmas Quiz Night is Coming!

Start your Christmas celebrations early with a charity Quiz Night! We'll be holding one in Corfe Castle Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December. Teams will be of up to six people but if that's a problem we can help you make up teams on the night if you wish (or you can have a smaller team).

Doors open: 6.30 pm with the quiz beginning at 7.00pm

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Ticket price: £8 Available at:

- Corfe Castle Village Stores,
- online at https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-c-c-library
- or by phone: 01929480123 (Alison)

Any queries to corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com

Ball and Socket Concert raises £1300!

On 8 October, last, the Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library arranged an evening of entertainment in aid of Ukrainian refugees living in Purbeck. Around eighty people attended an excellent performance by Ball & Socket. I think it's fair to say we all had a jolly good time, with many opportunities for audience participation! An evening of gently satirical song and whimsicality.

Our sincere thanks go to Ball and Socket and all our volunteers who helped to create the event and ensured it ran so smoothly.

The evening raised a remarkable £1300 for the work of Purbeck Connect Ukraine, a voluntary organisation run under the auspices of the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust. The money will be used to assist Ukrainian refugees who have found their way to Purbeck, through the activities of Purbeck Connect Ukraine, such as providing:

- food, clothing, furniture and other necessities
- social events for Ukrainian guests and their hosts
- English language lessons

Purbeck's Navy Youtube link

At last month's talk about Purbeck Navy the speaker mentioned that the first task of our ship, HMS Cattistock, was as a film set for a Naval instruction film. The film is called 'The Duties of the Helmsman' and if you want to have a look it can be found on Youtube at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocUD07fvf49

I had a bit of trouble typing it in correctly but if you go into Youtube and search for 'The Duties of the Helmsman' you'll find it.

Library Opening Hours

Monday 3.00 - 5.00 p.m. Wednesday 11.00 -12.00 a.m. and 3.00 - 5.00 p.m. Saturday 10.00 - 12.00 a.m.



October 4th Cindy Parish gave a lovely talk about her late husband Joe who was evacuated from London to Studland during the war with his Grandmother. They were given a small, thatched Tithe cottage that was empty. Cindy still lives there! The community in Studland were welcoming and no one went hungry according to her husband, although silage sandwich was on the menu but no one is sure if that was the filling! Jo thanked Mr Hitler for sending him to the area as otherwise he would never have become a fisherman with a passionate love of sailing having built his own boat and making sails out of Grandma's sheets.

We were treated to quills and ink for us to try plus war time recipes and rationing cards.

Cindy reminded us that the devastation in London during World War 2 is now happening in Ukraine.

Thanks to Josie, Cindy's daughter for helping with historical photos which gave us a real insight into the history of Joe's wartime evacuation to Studland.

November 1st Eddie Burrows, a well known local artist is entertaining us with a demonstration of different forms of art mediums. If you had always thought,'I would like to try painting" but don't know where to start, then this will hopefully inspire you to pick up some brushes!

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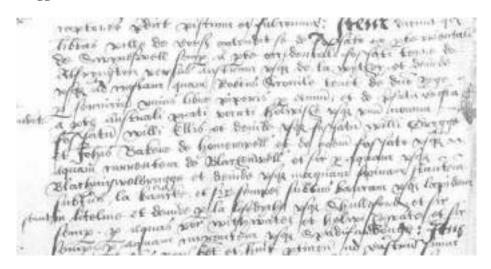
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Boundaries of the Town & Borough of Corfe Castle

Thomas Bond's description of the history of Corfe Castle mentions the boundaries of the Town and Borough:

'That the Liberty of the town of Corfe extends from the ditch on the east of *Swyneswell*, and so continuously on the west of the ditch of the land of *Alfrington* towards the south, as far as 'la Wythie' and thence to the croft which Robert Scovill holds of our lord the King by service of 1lb of pepper per annum. From the said croft, on the south of the meadow called *Holewysshe*, as far as a new ditch of William Elys, and thence to the ditch of William Grigge and John Bakere of *Homerwell*. From the same ditch to the water running from *Blachenwell*, and so along the water to Blachenwelle bridge; thence to the great thorn under the bank (*subtus la bancke*), and so continuously beneath the same, as far as the stone standing in *Litelmeade*; thence by la Lesedych to *Shulford*, and so continuously by the waters called Wychewater and Holewysshewater, following the stream to *Spadeford brugge*.'



A transcript about the bounds written in Latin in the Bankes Archive

This was copied either from the original or, from another copy, but not by Bond as it appears in a booklet about the liberties of Corfe in the Bankes archive (ref: D-BKL/C/D/1/11 held at Dorset History Centre). Bond will have seen this booklet since he trawled through the Bankes muniments to update Hutchins's History of Dorset for its final edition.

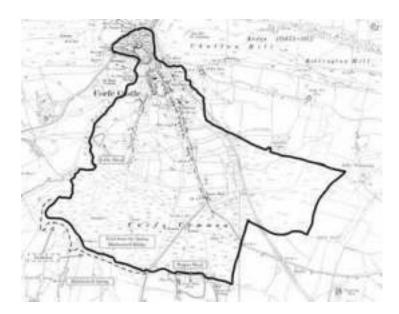
This description is undated but is recorded from an Inquisition held during Richard II's time dated 1381. Four people are mentioned: nothing is known about three of them (William Elys, William Grigge and John Bakere) but Robert Scoville, or a person of that name, was a witness to some charters in the 1370s but was it this Robert? It is difficult to say and difficult to recognise some of the place names too. Where are Swyneswell, Homerwell, Shulford and Spadeford Bridge? Names no longer in use but all recorded here and all with a watery connection. Part of the boundary follows the Corfe River (The Wycken), The Byle and the streams flowing from Blashenwell and on the southern edge of The Common but there is one place that can be identified – a place called 'Pepper Mead'.



1778 map of Pepper Mead (IV) which was originally part of the Common. The building shown at XXI was a dairy house.

This had been granted to William Scoville for a 1lb of pepper by 1291. He and the tenants of '*Skovyle*' had agreed with the lord of the manor of Corfe Castle to enclose a certain piece of meadow and to pay 1s. or a pound of pepper at The Feast of St Michael (29th September) annually.

The willow and the great thorn have vanished now but there are two maps made in 1844 for the Bond and Bankes families called 'Map of the Town and Borough of Corfe Castle' beautifully drawn by John Martin (ref: D-BOC/Acc.10078). The Bond one can be seen at Dorset History Centre as, unlike its counterpart, it was not varnished.



The boundary mostly follows the route as the one mentioned by Thomas Bond but on the SE side of The Common, there is a kink where 'Peaked Close' and the 'North Cowlease' stood. By 1844, this had become part of Afflington but had it always belonged to the manor?



Tithe map: Peaked Close (977), North Cowlease (976) & Peaked Close or 7 Acres (973). Nowadays, the railway line passes through North Cowlease to the east of the little copse.

Peaked Close of 16 acres is mentioned in a deed of 1639 when Gyles Grene rented Afflington from Sir John Bankes. This deed refers to an earlier lease of 1620 which I have been unable to find. By 1796, Peaked Close had reduced to 15 acres and part of it was eventually purchased in the 1920s, and registered in 1947 with HM Land Registry, by Frederick Paget Bowyer. He also purchased Patchfield which had been built in about 1937 for a French lady. He installed his gardener there. Interestingly, a previous owner of Patchfield recalls that he had commoners' rights on The Common as the Bankes family considered it part of the town and borough of Corfe Castle. So maybe this plot of land was originally part of The Common a long time ago - I just need to find the paperwork to prove it!

Louise Haywood



The village can go a little quiet during November, but there's always a light on at Seasons Green — or, more accurately a whole shop-full! We've plenty of string lights, candles and lamps to warm up those cold winter nights. And we're open every day, so do drop in and say hello.

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Hello from us all at Corfe Castle Community Preschool. October continued to be a busy period for us with the wonderful Autumn Disco and of course our fabulous holiday club.

News this November

We are very proud to announce we received our Ofstead inspection last month and whilst at the time of going to press we have not yet received our official feedback, we are thrilled with how it went and continue to be proud of our brilliant team





Huge congratulations to our wonderful Natalie on the safe arrival of her baby boy. Mum and baby are doing fabulously and we send our heartfelt congratulations to the whole family!

We launched our new revitalised website www.corfecastlepreschool.org.uk in October. Huge thanks to PTN Systems for all of your support. Details of our 100 Club are listed and anyone can join!



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Corfe Castle Primary School



Recently, we celebrated our Harvest festival down at St Edward's Church. It is always a delight to have a whole school outing down to our beautiful, local church. The children prepared short performances, poems, prayers, songs and even drumming for our parents and local community to enjoy. It always amazes me how some of our quietest pupils have the confidence to perform to larger audiences. It was an opportunity for all children to share their talents and shine brightly.

As part of our Harvest celebration, we collected essential items for our local food banks: Swanage and Wareham. Alongside this, our families also generously donated to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI).

As we are such a small setting, we are able to celebrate and go on whole school trips out altogether. The past few years, this has been more challenging due to the Covid restrictions. However, it is becoming easier and easier to organise outings like these. This reinforces the feeling that our school is a little family. Two trips that we are undertaking in the Autumn are for all children to travel on our lovely local steam railway train as well as visiting Salisbury Cathedral.

A huge thank you to all who supported our open day event. We are very proud of our school and love inviting you all in and celebrating our children with you.



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

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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 Look out for events on Facebook and on Club Notice Boards

Membership, 18 years and over, is available subject to Committee approval, application forms are available from the Club Steward. Annual Membership is £10. Local beers, ciders and lager at very reasonable prices. Soft drinks, snacks, tea and coffee also available.

Please pop in and renew your membership if you haven't done so already.

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We are still home to the Corfe Castle Branch of the Royal British Legion

Corfe Castle Village Hall Storage Units

On the first floor of the village hall extension we are in the process of constructing twelve storage units. Two of these have already been booked, but the remaining ten are available for hire by individuals or businesses who want to rent storage so as to free up space for themselves. The table shows the sizes and monthly hire rates for each unit. As with the hire rates for village hall rooms, these rates are reviewed by trustees after the village hall AGM (every March or April). You will notice there is a discounted rate for hirers who are resident in the Parish of Corfe Castle.

storage	annrovimato sizo	monthly hire fee	
unit	approximate size	resident	non-resident
unit 3	48 square feet	£24.00	£29.00
unit 4	48 square feet	£24.00	£29.00
unit 5	93 square feet	£46.50	£56.00
unit 6	93 square feet	£46.50	£56.00
unit 7	126 square feet	£63.00	£76.00
unit 8	126 square feet	£63.00	£76.00
unit 9	126 square feet	£63.00	£76.00
unit 10	126 square feet	£63.00	£76.00
unit 11	124 square feet	£62.00	£74.50
unit 12	124 square feet	£62.00	£74.50

The VH Storage Coordinator is Judith Jenkins. She will be able to give you more details, let you know which sized units are still available, and will also be able to arrange a visit to see the units.

Access to the storage units has to be arranged in advance through Judith, who will negotiate a mutually convenient time for the visit. It is important for hirers to recognise that Judith is a volunteer with other responsibilities. Access will usually be possible within 24 hours. Judith (or another authorised VH trustee) will admit and accompany the hirer. Except in exceptional circumstances, access is limited to a maximum of two visits per month.

Judith can be contacted on 01929 480216 or by email to judith757575@hotmail.com

Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the Village Hall Coffee Morning in October. £202.56 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In October the first prize of £20 was won by member 33, with member 88 getting second prize £10 and member 72 winning the third prize £5. If you would like to become one of the villagers support the local village hall in this way, please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

We have already let out half of the 12 Village Hall storage units - reasonable monthly rates and conveniently right here in Corfe. More details from Judith on 01929 480216.

regular weekly events:

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Purbeck Dance Studio
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Badminton
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Pilates
Youth Club
Silver Swans adult ballet
Cubs
Alcoholics Anonymous
Pilates
Purbeck Dance Studio

regular monthly events:

1st Saturday morning
1st Sunday all day
1st Tuesday afternoon
1st Thursday evening
2nd Monday evening
3rd Wednesday morning
final Thursday morning

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Gardening Club
Parish Council
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CC Carers Time

Corfe Castle Village Hall CIO, in association with **Artsreach**, are pleased to present:

Buffalo Gals

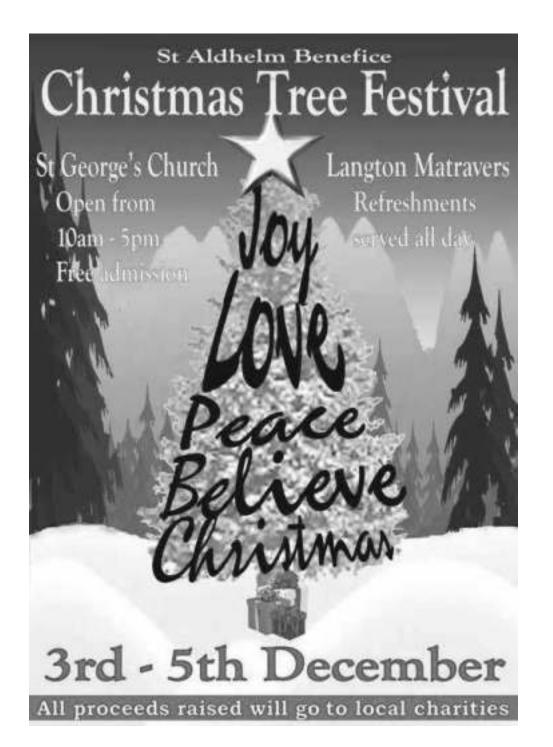
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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for NOVEMBER 2022

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.

1	November	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius meeting – Eddie Burrows demonstrating art mediums. CC Village Hall
5	November	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Community soup n spud lunch in Corfe Castle Village Hall
8	November	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle village hall.
11	November	Friday	2pm	Talk by CC Parish Council Environment Group in the Community Library
11	November	Friday	7.30pm	Kimmeridge Keilidh at The Etches Collection
13	November	Sunday	10.30am	Remembrance Day – Service in St Edwards and wreath laying at the War Memorial
14	November	Monday	7pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting in the Corfe Castle Village Hall
25	November	Friday	7.30pm	Double Act - An Evening of Hysterical Historical Hi-jinks
26	November	Saturday	6.30pm	Purbeck Arts Choir Concert in St Marys Church Swanage
27	November	Sunday	10am – 2.30pm	Crazy 4 Corfe Christmas Gift Fair in Corfe Castle Village Hall
	All	details are corre	ct as at publishing date, but please check	with the organization involved before attending any events.
2	December	Friday	7pm	Buffet and Bubbles raising money for schools in Kingston Country Courtyard
3	December	Saturday	4.30pm	Santa arrives and lights switched on – Corfe Castle Square
3	December	Saturday		Lighting Christmas tree lights in Kimmeridge
3	December	Saturday	6.30 for 7pm	Community Library Quiz night in the Corfe Castle Village Hall
3 - 5	December	Saturday – Mo	onday 10am – 5pm	St Aldhelm Benefice Christmas Tree Festival at St Georges Langton
5	December	Monday	7pm	Double Act read through of The Secret Isle in Corfe Castle Village HJall
5	December	Monday	Evening	Kimmeridge Bingo
8	December	Thursday	7 pm	Carols for Everyone Concert - St. Edward's Church
9	December	Friday	7.30pm	Kimmeridge Keilidh at the village hall in The Etches Collection
17	December	Saturday		Kimmeridge Children's party
14	January	Saturday	Evening	Smiling Seas fund raising evening in Kimmeridge Village Hall (Etches Collection)

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Dorset Council (including incidents on the Dorset Council highway):

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:

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Dorset Council out of hours Emergency Contact Number – 01929 556561

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

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

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Curate Nick Webb 07866 546162 fulloflifegardens@googlemail.com

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The Reverend Anne Bond writes:

A few weeks ago I was momentarily distracted whilst driving down West Street returning from Swanage, and I misjudged the turn into our yard – or, as my husband kindly put it, the gatepost jumped out and stole some paint from my car. It was not a good experience. I felt furious with myself, and embarrassed, and guilty ... and my poor little car looks wounded with deep

scratches along one side and one of the back doors dented. Having not done such a thing since I was a scatty dolly-bird driving my mother's car at ninety-miles-per-hour everywhere because I was always late and I locked with the baker's van on a hill, I found this accident difficult to cope with – emotionally as well as practically. I got an alarmingly enormous quote for its repair, which added to the despair until somebody said, "Well, you can use your insurance, can't you?" Could I? I thought that was for when I ran into somebody else's car, and they made vast claims and my premiums soared.

My car insurance is with Tesco. They were brilliant. They were kind, and calming, and matter of fact. They made me feel it wasn't so great a sin. Nobody was hurt. The machinery for repair was put into motion, and I began to feel better. The cost to me was a fraction of the quote I had been given, and I wouldn't even lose my no claims bonus because my policy protected it. By the time you read this I hope I won't still have the evidence of my careless driving on display.

When I am driving alone in my car, I don't very often listen to the radio, and I don't have conversations with people on my mobile phone. Quite often I pray. Aloud. I know the Good Lord doesn't mind what I say to him, and there's no-one else to hear. I don't think I'm just talking to myself because – like in any conversation – thoughts, ideas, propositions, even solutions, swim into my mind like responses, often things that haven't occurred to me before. Part of my mind is still driving the car and observing the road, ready to respond to unexpected events; but the other part is enjoying and being grateful for the company of that mysterious entity we call God.

Of course it is perfectly possible that actually I AM simply talking to myself, working things out as I go along. Many would insist that is the truth and, because of my Christian faith, I am reluctant to admit it. They may be right – but, I venture to say, not *wholly* right: I do sometimes talk to myself, most of us do occasionally; but I do know when I'm doing it, and it is different from praying in that the sense of being accompanied is not there, 'answers' don't come, and the pleasure that comes when you receive from another person's way of thinking, perceiving and understanding is lacking, as well as the joy of that person's presence.

Please understand I am not boasting that Almighty God and I are buddies ... that would be presumptuous in the extreme. What I *am* saying is that because the defining characteristic of God is love, through the Holy Spirit of Jesus active in the minds and hearts of followers of what the Early Church called 'The Way', the One and Only True and Living God makes himself known to all his disciples in every generation

The interesting thing is that when I drove my car into the gatepost I wasn't praying. I was simply driving. So I can't blame my moment of lost concentration on God. (Well, of course not!) Something caught my eye on the other side of the road for just long enough to ensure I got the angle of turn

wrong. It was a very minor accident - but it was shocking enough to demonstrate that in a single moment everything can change. In future I shall be very much more consciously careful.

With love, Anne.

Bible Readings - November 2022

Sunday 6th November 3rd Sunday before Advent

Job 19: 23 – 27A

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5; 13 - end

Luke 20: 27 – 38

Sunday 13th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

Malachi 4: 1 − 2A

2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13

Luke 21: 5 – 19

Sunday 20th November Christ the King

Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6 Colossians 1: 11 – 20 Luke 23: 33 – 43

Sunday 27th November 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2: 1 – 5

Romans 13: 11 – 14 Matthew 24: 36 – 44

Sunday 4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10Matthew 3: 1 - 12

There will be special readings at the Remembrance Services

Sunday Services in November

Sunday 6th November

10.30 - Holy Communion with hymns at Corfe Castle 3pm - A Service of Remembrance of our departed loved ones at Corfe Castle

Sunday 13th November Remembrance Sunday

NO morning service at Steeple 10.30 - Service of Remembrance at Corfe Castle 3pm Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Tyneham

Sunday - 20th November

10.30 Holy Communion with hymns at Corfe Castle

Sunday 27th November

9am - Holy communion at Kimmeridge 10.30 - Holy communion with hymns at Corfe Castle

Sunday 4th December

10.30 - Holy Communion with hymns at Corfe Castle 6pm - Advent Service: From Darkness to Light at Kingston

A Service of Remembrance of our departed loved ones

Sunday 6th November 3pm at St Edward's Corfe Castle

The first part of November is a time of remembrance. The month begins with All Saints Day on November 1st and then Remembrance Sunday falls on the 2nd Sunday of the month, this year November 13th.

November 2nd is All Souls' Day and in many places this 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.

For many years at St Edward's we have observed such a time during the service on Easter morning, Last year we changed this to the 1st Sunday in November and are continuing with this again this year.

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 to myself or the churchwardens, Penelope and John.

Ian

Advent in the Purbeck Hills

With the Christmas season not far away and preparations still to be made we can offer time to relax with a cup of coffee and a piece of cake (at very reasonable prices) whilst allowing you to meander through our wonderland of decorated Christmas trees.

This will all take place at St George's Church. Langton Matravers from the 3rd to 5th December, doors will be open between 10am and 5pm admission is free.

There will be a variety of musical sessions performed by local group throughout the three days, please check our website or facebook page for details of times.

https://staldhelm-purbeck.org/christmas-tree-festival www.facebook.com/groups/staldhelmchristmastreefestival/ All proceeds from this years event will be donated to Mosaic an organisation that over fifteen years has supported bereaved children in Dorset and the National Coastwatch Institution which has two stations in the Purbeck area with about a hundred volunteers.

On Sunday 4th December we have an Advent celebration at St James' Church Kingston at 6:00pm, this will be an evening of bible readings, poems and seasonal songs, the evening will end with mince pies and mulled wine.

Sandy Garner





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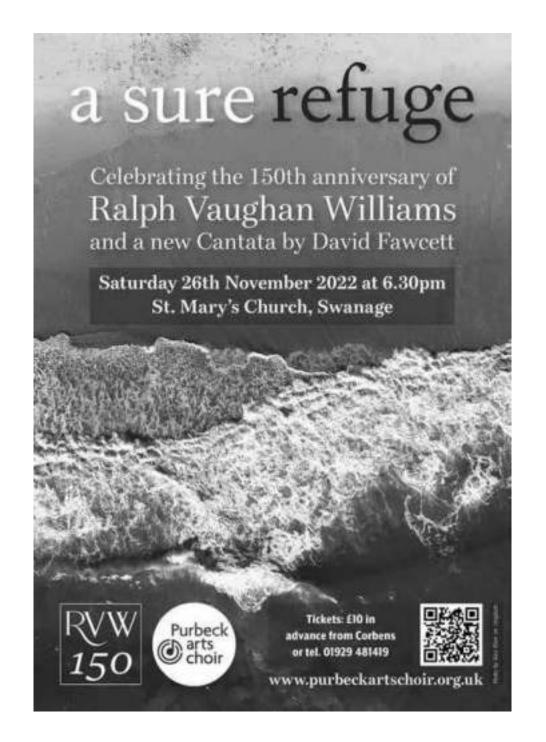
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Corfe Castle Evangelical Congregational Church

Celia's Story

I am not surprised at the number of people I have met who do not know what a Christian is because I didn't know myself... Even though I went to Sunday School as a child and attended church regularly as a youngster, I was never told that I needed to be saved from going to Hell; that I needed to make a response myself to God; and most importantly I had to realise I was a sinner in need of a saviour.

I now know that we do not start out as a Christian, we have to become one.

When I moved to Wareham, little did I know my life would be changed. In fact, I had only been living in Wareham for two weeks when a dramatic change took place.

Jim Allis, an Evangelist from the Bournemouth area knocked on my door. He said that he was running a Children's Mission in Wareham. The first thing that sprang to my mind was that my two children would be able to go there every morning and then I would be free to look after my youngest who was only one year old. Also, it would give my two older children something to do during the holidays... As soon as Jim mentioned the Church in Wareham, I told him I didn't want to know.

I told him I was Catholic. I didn't want him talking to me about religion. So, Jim didn't say any more, but I was happy for my children to attend the Mission.

As I didn't want to get involved in the church side of the Mission, I kept out of sight. One morning Jim came over to speak to me. He asked me if I would like to come over to the Church's open evening which is held on the last night of the Mission. I said I would think about it, but deep down knew I had no intention of being there. After the Mission, Jim came round to see me and asked if my two children had enjoyed the week. I said, 'Yes, very much'. We had a long chat and religion was mentioned. I felt less apprehensive this time, and was more able to discuss my religious beliefs. On leaving, Jim gave me a tape. Out of curiosity I listened to this tape and then got quite interested in what this lady was saying. I suddenly realised she was speaking the truth. She spoke of boring sermons that didn't mean anything to her, of meaningless rituals like repetitious prayers, something Jesus warned us not to do... and praying in front of statues; everything that seemed to distract me from God. All sorts of things I had been brought up to believe and accept in my Church. Suddenly my mind was beginning to change. I realised I had been misguided into accepting a lot of things which I now felt I had to question.

After listening to this tape, I realised I had to get in touch with Jim again because I began to feel unsure about a lot of my beliefs. I felt I belonged to a church that wasn't centred on God. Jim came along to see me

again the next day and gave me another tape. This was taken from a Sunday Service at an Evangelical church. It was a lovely service. The sermon was based on the Bible and I could understand every word. Every word that was said and every hymn that was sung meant something to me.

I never did like going to Church, probably because I was always forced to go from an early age. I first started to go to church when I was 6 years old. I passed my First Holy Communion and was later confirmed. But none of this meant anything to me. I found the Service very hard to follow and was now beginning to realise why. There were too many distractions and too much side-tracking taking me away from the Gospel. No wonder I never got to know God. But suddenly I longed to know the truth. I had a sudden urge to read the Bible and also spiritual books.

I became frightened of the change that had taken place in me. All my past was put in front of me and I became very much aware of the sins in my life which I had never taken notice of before. I suddenly realised that all the sins that I had confessed to the priest years ago were never forgiven, only God can forgive sins, also I became conscious of any wrong I did at that time. I found myself changing my mind on things I was about to do. I saw Hell and that was where I was heading. Hell never worried me before. But suddenly it became real to me. I didn't want to go to Hell. I always thought I was going to Heaven. My mother taught me that as long as I believed in God I would go to Heaven. I had always believed in God, but I know now that just believing God exists doesn't get you to Heaven. You need to believe from the heart and really want to get to know God. You need to have a living relationship with God. I was suddenly experiencing this. God had come into my life, made me aware of my sins and made me realise my need of Him. My life was changing for the better. It was as if a miracle had taken place. For the first time God was real to me

I desperately needed a Bible, so I got in touch with Jim again, and he came down next day and gave me a Bible. I had never read anything from the Bible before so I didn't know how to use it. But Jim soon put me right on everything.

It took me a long-time to pluck up the courage to go to the local church but the Pastor was very patient and understanding and helped me to overcome all my fears. And when I did eventually get there, the service was just the same as the tape I had listened to previously.

The church I now go to, God is real and present. Jesus is in the centre and the Bible is preached. No way could anyone get close to God without the teaching of the Bible.

I thank God with all my heart for saving me. I didn't deserve to be saved. I hadn't done anything in my past that would have pleased God, but God came to me and forgave me and changed my life.

Since then, my life has been turned upside down. I am no longer the person I used to be. God has given me the power to do things I could never do before; my life of doubt is now a life of purpose. I was disillusioned with church as I observed the inconsistencies in the lives of many within the church. I had head knowledge about God but didn't know how to know God personally. I had religion but no relationship. Religion certainly got in the way of me becoming a Christian. The Pharisees, the religious leaders in Jesus' day, were kept away from Jesus because of their religion. So, take a look at the real thing and don't let your dislike for religion keep you away from Jesus and getting to know Him.

I often ask myself, why me? What about all the unsaved people out there? What is going to happen to them? Why can't they see the truth? Why don't they acknowledge Jesus Christ? And why don't they realise that Jesus Christ died on the Cross to save people from their sins. I don't think many people know what the Cross means today. I know I never used to. All I can say is that I am so pleased that Jim knocked on my door when he did, because if he hadn't, I could still be lost now on the road that leads to destruction.

Many are going to church, but few are going down the road which leads to life.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but it's end is the way of death."

Proverbs 14:12

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it".

Matthew 7:13-14

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Christian Life, we will be holding a Christianity Explored Course at the Church very soon Everyone is welcome. Please let me know if you would like to register for this course.	We meet fortnightly Our Next Services: 6 th and 20 th November	Celia Taylor (Church Secretary) Fr_ee2talk@yahoo .co.uk Mob.07908807115
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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club

As Autumn gets into full swing so the season of mellow fruitfulness steps forward. A great example of that can be an abundance of apples and hopefully apple pie, fritters, sauce and so on. We are lucky in our next meeting of Corfe Castle Gardening Club to be held in the Village Hall at 8.00pm Thursday 3rd November to have Gerry Edwards as our guest speaker who is a very knowledgeable apple expert who lives in Purbeck. He is an RHS advisor and is passionate about discovering heritage varieties. He can advise about pruning trees, identifying apples, selecting the right fruit tree for the space and will answer questions about pests and diseases. Bring along some apples to his talk if you need help with identification. New members or visitors always welcome. Hopefully see there.

Gerry Stoker

Purbeck Christmas Tree Festivals

This Christmas two local Christmas Tree Festivals are being planned.

On the first weekend of December there is the St Aldhelm Benefice Christmas Tree Festival at St Georges Church in Langton Matravers on Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th, Monday 5th December. Further information from https://staldhelm-purbeck.org/christmas-tree-festival.

Then on Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December 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 11th 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 14th 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.

Hope to see you there.

Corfe Castle Branch - Royal British Legion

Village Remembrance 2022



Monday 31st Oct Poppies will be on sale in our village shops and pubs and as many house to house sales as we manage.

Tommie will be put on the St Edward's lawn and our school children will as usual surround him with named crosses

for the fallen. Villagers wishing to add their own wooden crosses are welcome to do so.



Friday 11th Nov Remembrance Day

1100 2 minutes silence in the Village Square.

Saturday 12th Nov Branch Wreath laying at Creech and Polar Wood.

Sunday 13th Nov Remembrance Sunday

1030 St Edwards Church service followed by wreath

laying at our War Memorial. 1500 Tyneham Church service.

George Preston Chairman CC Branch RBL



The Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company, has announced the planned Maintenance refit dates for November 2022. The ferry undergoes a refit every 2 years and alternates between major and minor refits. November this year will see the ferry towed to Falmouth and undergo a dry dock major refit. The ferry's last day of service before the refit will be Sunday 30th October 2022 and we will leave for Falmouth on Monday 31st October 2022 for a period of 4 weeks. We aim to be back early December 2022 and the exact date will be announced closer to the time as this will be dependent on the weather.

Visit the Sandbanks Ferry Company at www.sandbanksferry.co.uk, on Twitter www.facebook.com/sandbanksferry.

Lucas van Lelyveld

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of our beloved father Lucas on 17th September 2022, after a short illness at Poole hospital, aged 89 years.

Following a private cremation, a memorial service will be held on Saturday 26th November 2022 at 2pm at the Parish Church of St Edward, King and Martyr, Corfe Castle, BH20 5EZ.

After the service, everyone is invited to Corfe Castle Village Hall for refreshments.

Please bring your fondest memories of Lucas to share with family and friends.

Lucas van Lelyveld (son) Romaine van Krimpen - van Lelyveld Maarten van Lelyveld



<u>Citizens Advice – Here for Local Residents</u>

With winter approaching and 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.

Free Carbon Monoxide Monitor

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Monoxide (CO) poisoning and a free monitor will be ordered for you.

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

And by appointment only at:

Swanage Library, Bovington Hive, Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council, Upton Library & 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

"Parlez-vous franglais?"

I am in a French conversation class every Friday morning (10-11)in term time based at Chococo in Swanage. We have an excellent and imaginative tutor and our conversation is about all aspects of French life from travelling to French slang words. Our group needs two more to be comfortable on numbers. The standard is rusty GCSE or O Level French and you soon find the vocabulary returns. It costs a very reasonable £36 a term. To know more please contact Do Michell at domichell@mac.com or myself on 01929 480095

Steve Clarke

SWANAGE TOWN BAND IN CONCERT

Wednesday 30 November 7.30pm Swanage Methodist Church

FREE ADMISSION – retiring collection for band funds

Corfe Castle Jubilee Committee 'THE BIG PICTURE'

Those of you who came to the wonderful Big Sunday Picnic on 5th June as part of our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee will remember the photograph taken by drone of those who were enjoying the day.

We would like to make this available to as many people as possible and it will be free to download from our website at www.corfecastleplatinumjubilee.co.uk.

We hope you like it and it will be a lasting memory of the celebrations.



A befriending service aimed at those adults who find themselves requiring some extra friendship and support.

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PURBECK ARTS CHOIR



6.30pm Saturday 26TH November, St Mary's Church, Swanage

The Purbeck Arts Choir's November concert will be celebrating both the 150th anniversary of Ralph Vaughan Williams and the opportunity to present David Fawcett's cantata 'A sure refuge' to a local audience.

With over 60 choir members, soloists, orchestra and organ plus the Purbeck Youth Choir and St Mary's Junior Choir this is going to be a very special occasion. Refreshments will be available during the interval (for a small charge) and there will be a retiring collection for the Refugee Council.

Tickets are only £10 for adults – U18s free and are available in advance from Corbens or Liz Roberts 01929 481419.

www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk

Corfe Castle FC 2022/23 Season

We now have 4 teams at the club:

Girls under 16 who play Saturday mornings in Division 2

Adults 1st team who play Saturday afternoons in Division 4

Veterans 1st team who play Sunday mornings in the Vets League

Veterans reserve team who play friendlies

After a difficult season last year we are now moving forward to strengthen the club in the local community.

We are always on the lookout for sponsorship, new players ,helpers and spectators to enable us to provide grass roots football for Corfe and the local environs.

If you think you could help in any way please get in touch with myself Pat Ward at <u>p.ward850@btinternet.com</u>

Matches will be advertised in advance at the pavilion.

Patrick Ward - Chairman

The Late Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A group of local singers got together in the run-up to the Jubilee to learn the special anthem 'A Life Lived With Grace', which they sang in the Castle at the lighting of the Beacon on Thursday 2nd June. We have now gratefully received this Certificate from Bruno Peek, Pageantmaster for the Beacons. The choir also sang a new version of 'Here's A Health Unto Her Majesty', and performed both songs again on the following Sunday afternoon. Thank you to all the singers, to Penelope Smith for accompanying us at rehearsals, and to Corfe Castle Primary School for rehearsal facilities.





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If you would like to find out more about volunteering, please contact your nearest shop directly by visiting: www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk/charity-shops



Kimmeridge News

Dates for your diary

After another successful village BBQ on 17th September here are some more dates for your diary! We will be lighting the Christmas Tree Lights & enjoying some seasonal refreshment afterwards on Saturday 3rd December. The everpopular Kimmeridge Bingo Night will be held on Monday 5th December. The Children's Party will be on Saturday 17th December and we will be singing Carols round the Christmas tree at 6pm on Christmas Eve (or in the Church if wet!). There are also plans afoot for a return of the New Year's Eve Party – watch this space! Also, see details below for a Quiz Night on 14th January.

Kimmeridge Keilidhs

Our Kimmeridge Keilidhs (Barn Dances!) got underway again on 14th October with a lovely evening including songs from Ian May & Helen Thorn during the interval. Our next two dances are on Friday 11th Nov & Friday 9th Dec with our very own Arish Mel band. No bar, so bring your own drinks & nibbles! Tickets on the door at £7.50 for adults, £2.50 for under 16s. 7.30pm to 10.00pm. All profits go to support the Village & the Museum. Come & join us for a fun evening!

Steve & Helen Earwicker

Smiling Seas November 2022

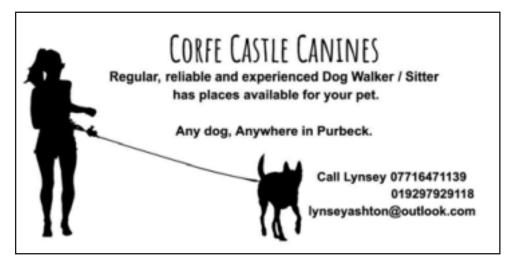
An exciting date for the diary! Smiling Seas will be holding it's first ever fundraising evening on Saturday 14th January! A quiz night, raffle and bring your own plate of food. It will be held at Kimmeridge Village Hall- based at the Etches collection at 6:30pm. Tickets will be £4 per person. Snacks, soft drinks and of course prizes for the winning team and raffle will be provided! Please do bring your own Alcohol. Raffle tickets can be purchased on the night as can last minute tickets for quiz. Please do get in touch to book a place/team or table! We can't wait to have you!

I hope you have all had a lovely Summer- It has certainly been a brilliant one for Smiling Seas. Lots of collaborations with committed organisations to name just a couple, this year Smiling Seas has participated in several 'Million Mile Beach Clean' which was set up by Surfers Against Sewage- where we managed to collect just over 750kg of plastic debris from Kimmeridge beach. Smiling Seas also took part in 'The Great British Nurdle Hunt', which was also held at

Kimmeridge Bay, on Sunday 9th October, with Dorset Wild Life Trust, it was great to see so many new faces involved.

I really look forward to seeing you all in January! Thank you for reading! Stay safe, Smiling Seas - Emily H x CONTACT INFORMATION:

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It's hard to believe that November is upon us already! The Wild Seas Centre is now closed for the winter months, due to open again on 1st April 2023. This gives our team of staff and volunteers time to carry out much needed maintenance on the Centre, its displays and aquarium. Our seasonal surveys have also now finished for the year as it is not always safe to get out onto the shore during the stormy and often wet winter months.

Furrowed Crab Survey

Our volunteer team has been out every month recording the newly arrived Furrowed Crabs (*Xantho hydrophilus*) and seeing how their arrival and increase in numbers might impact other species on the shore. This is a native crab that has undergone a population explosion in the southwest in recent years, possibly a result of changing climatic conditions. The results have been interesting so far, although no impact is noticeable at the moment. The survey will continue next year.

Snakelocks Anemone Bed Survey

Another team of volunteers and staff have been carrying out a survey to measure the size of the area dominated by Snakelocks Anemones and Coral Weed in the shallow waters of Kimmeridge Bay. It is believed that this area might be unique to Kimmeridge in covering such an extensive area. The survey is now on hold until next spring when we hope to find out more about this extraordinary habitat. If anyone locally has any knowledge, photographs, or film of this habitat in Kimmeridge Bay we would be very interested to hear from them.

Volunteers needed

This month we are starting our annual recruitment to our volunteer team at Kimmeridge. If you have time to spare, are interested to join our team or would like to find out more information, please contact us at the above address, by email or phone. Although the Centre is not manned daily at this time of year, you can leave a message and we will get back to you.

Julie Hatcher, Wild Seas Centre Officer

News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

The funds raised from the summer fete have already been put to very good use at the Hall. Aside from the donation we made to local charity Will Does, we now have 68 solar panels on the roof of the hall -32 soaking up the morning sun facing east and a further 36 on the rear west-facing roof. We have also completed fencing off the children's play area, and we can now start to investigate options for more play equipment for younger children.

The Hall remains very busy with all our regular groups:

Yoga with Cathy on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays

Pins and Needles on Monday afternoon

A wide variety of U3A groups through the week - see the website for more details

Harmony Rocks Choir on Wednesday

Children's Martial Arts on Wednesday evening

Life drawing classes on Thursday

For anyone wanting to get involved, please go to the What's On page on the website and you will be able to find links to the various groups from there.

STALLS IN THE HALL – SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

A perfect opportunity for some early Christmas shopping with a wide variety of lovely craft and produce stalls in the Hall. Plus cake, conversation and coffee (or tea!) – what a nice way to spend a Saturday morning. Doors open at 9.30pm until 12 noon.

For anyone interested in taking a table (just £5), please contact David Hollister on 07384 848 419

Our next 2 Movie Nights are:

TUESDAY 08 NOVEMBER - ELVIS

There can't be many of us who don't know Elvis and love his music, and the performance of Austin Butler as the man himself is sensational – particularly the on-stage performance scenes. But there's more to the film than that. Tom Hanks plays Colonel Tom Parker, Presley's controlling manager who took 50% of the profits whilst usurping first Elvis's much-mourned mother, Gladys, and then his idolised wife, Priscilla, in the inner circle of trust, casting himself as Presley's closest confidant and making him a star even while strangling his artistic ambition. Have a watch of the trailer on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBDLRvjHVOY

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER – DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA

The much-anticipated return to the big screen of Downton Abbey reunites the beloved cast as they go on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the Dowager Countess' newly inherited villa.

Why not watch the trailer here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wN0Spmq610Q

The doors and bar open at 7pm for our Movie Nights, with the film starting at 7.30pm and admission is just £5 on the door.

Finally, a few more dates for your diaries for other community events at the Hall:

Sunday 20 November – Church service commencing at 6pm

Tuesday 06 December – Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting, commencing at 7.30pm

Saturday 17 December - Harmony Rocks Choir Concert

Sunday 18 December - Christmas Play followed by Carol Service, from 5pm

That's all for now. All the best

Alison and the HXVH Committee

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<u>Purbeck marble, pottery and plastic: a history in 1m³.</u>

Last year the BBC repeated a series called *The Story of England* in which people in Leicestershire took part in a community archaeological project to investigate their village history by excavating test pits in their gardens and recording the objects they

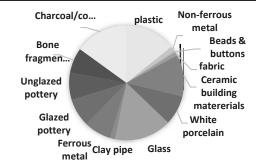
found. During 25 years of gardening in Corfe Castle, I have by chance dug up many bits of "treasure" that now fill a sweet jar including two 1830s silver Temperance Society teaspoons, two London & South Western Railway uniform buttons and 40 coins (unfortunately none golden (yet)). So, inspired by the TV programme I thought it might be fun to adopt a more systematic approach to my treasure hunting/gardening and dig a bit deeper into my garden's history. With my son considering an archaeology & history degree at university we thought this would be an interesting thing to do together.

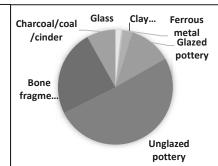
We tracked down the instructions used in the Leicestershire digs (*Access Cambridge Archaeology* documents), chose part of the lawn that has not been dug for at least 30 years, and marked out a 1-meter square. Once we started digging, we discovered our first mistake in starting excavations in the middle of a drought – the ground was rock hard, challenging to dig out and nearly impossible to sieve. Nonetheless, we persevered and dug out the pit in 10cm deep layers (contexts in the technical jargon), sieved each layer and sorted out the finds. We stopped when we reached solid Wealden clay, 80cm down.

There is a lot of stuff in our garden – over 900 finds in about 1m³ of soil. Depressingly, bits of plastic were the fourth most abundant find (104 bits) even though they only occurred in the top 30cm. If our 1m³ was representative of the back garden there may be around 30,000 pieces of plastic out there – and that is just the bits large enough to see. Other finds that were especially abundant in the top 40cm were glass fragments, ceramic building materials (brick and mortar), charcoal/coal/cinders and white glazed or decorated porcelain fragments. Below that depth there was a marked shift in the most abundant finds with other glazed pottery, unglazed pottery and bone fragments being the more abundant finds. We found unglazed pottery and bone fragments all the way down to the clay.

Top 40cm

40-80cm deep





Over 25 years of gardening I have also collected over one hundred bits of clay pipe. We found 11 more fragments in our dig. With 11 pieces in 1m³ there may be over 3,000 fragments in the back garden and so we have almost all these still to find in the next 25 years of gardening! The last bit of clay pipe we found at 40-50cm deep was a bowl which from its small size can be dated to the early to mid-1600s. Below that we found no more, maybe because at those depths we had gone back in time before tobacco came to England.

One of many amateurish aspects of this dig was that we began by simply discarding stones into a bucket without counting the number in each layer. This was because stones are natural rather than a human artefact (or so we thought). It was not until we got to the 6th layer (50-60cm down) that we noticed a lot of stones were scars (chips) of Purbeck marble. Revisiting the bucket of stones, we sorted those too. If the stones now sitting on top were from the previous (5th) layer of our dig and the stones at the bottom from the first layer we dug, we worked out that had we sorted them properly to start with the % of stones that were Purbeck marble scars would have increased with depth from 16% near the surface through 23%, 44%, to 50% in the 5th layer. In the 6th layer there were 110 marble scars which was 55% of all the stones in that layer. There were 93 more in the 7th layer (38%) but just 8 in the 8th layer (8%). In total we came up with 339 Purbeck marble scars which, with some more wild extrapolation, gives an estimate of over 100,000 Purbeck marble scars in our garden. Given that our garden on East Street would have been a field some distance from the village centre in the 12th – 14th C when Purbeck marbling was at its peak, we had not expected to find any Purbeck marble. However, Louise Haywood's research into the history of the field in which our house now stands revealed that there was a dwelling in the 16th – 17th C. Maybe there was a Purbeck marbler at work

there then or even earlier. It may be the stones, which we initially discarded, that have told us the most interesting story.

With no more silver teaspoons or coins (golden or otherwise) unearthed, the most interesting individual finds were the small pieces of green glazed Tudor greenware pottery, some salt glazed pottery, some very old-looking black pottery and two pieces of what may be tufa (from near Blashenwell). We now need to find a friendly pottery expert who can identify and age all the shards that we found in each layer and perhaps help make sense of all the other findings too.

It is surprising that in *The Story of England* programmes all the test pits were dug by the villagers in one weekend. We took rather longer to dig out and sieve off around 100 buckets full of soil and can confirm that archaeological digging and sieving is not for faint hearted. But if you have a go too, you may find out surprising things about your garden's history and that of your village.

Richard & Finlay Caldow

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Pioneer View

Dear Friends,

We are now well into autumn and winter. Strictly come dancing is in full swing. It's getting colder and the shorter darker days have arrived. The clocks have gone back.

All this tips us into the colder winter months. It is around this time that loneliness and isolation can really bite, and the onset of seasonal affective disorder (S.A.D.) rears its ugly head. It is often a hidden syndrome that sits in the shadows waiting to pounce or it can creep upon you unknowingly.

I wonder if you would recognise in yourself or family members that S.A.D has arrived on your doorstep? S.A.D is a form of depression. Many people choose to battle with it in silence or simply do not recognise it and therefore fail to ask for help and support. Here is a list of symptoms:

- lack of energy
- finding it hard to concentrate
- not wanting to see people
- problems with such as sleeping more or less than usual, difficulty waking up, or difficulty falling or staying asleep
- feeling sad, low, tearful, guilty, or hopeless
- changes in your appetite, for example feeling hungrier or wanting more snacks
- being more prone to physical health problems, such as colds, infections, or other illnesses

The challenge during these winter months is, can you recognise any of these symptoms in yourself? Do you observe these symptoms in friends or family?

Let me encourage you to seek help and support.

A visit to your GP would be a good starting point, he may offer to help in terms of medication or refer you onto one of the social prescribers based at the surgery, who may refer you onto our befrienders scheme for further support.

A quote to ponder

"If you know someone who's depressed, please resolve never to ask them why. Depression isn't a straightforward response to a bad situation; depression just is, like the weather. Stephen Fry

Go well this winter - Peter

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Planet Purbeck Films

Community group Planet Purbeck has released two beautifully made original short films celebrating the coastline and landscape of our glorious area.

Both were premiered at the recent Planet Purbeck Festival and drew warm applause from hundreds-strong audiences at Swanage's Mowlem Theatre.

They were produced by BBC wildlife filmmaker Sue Western, guaranteeing top-notch quality.

The first, which can be viewed at youtube.com/watch?v=wsVdcigUnPI, focuses on Studland Bay, in particular the efforts being made to move ahead sustainably whilst meeting the needs of both beachgoers and boating enthusiasts – to "play and protect" at the same time.

It includes superb underwater shots of seahorses, cuttlefish and Studland's seagrass meadow.

Neil Garrick-Maidment, of the Seahorse Trust, describes the scene as "like swimming through a beautiful forest".

And Sara Parker, of the Studland Bay Marine Partnership, demonstrates the eco-moorings that will be offered to boaters so their anchors will not tear up seagrass, which is vital for marine life and carbon absorption.

The second film, which can be viewed at youtube.com/watch?v=H8Pnv1sNm 8, features four Purbeck farmers who are



Sara Parker with Mooring shaft

determined to produce beef and milk commercially while using greener ways of raising and nurturing their livestock.



Jake Hancock, who tends cattle grazing on Hartland Moor, says: "A lot of ideas are going into the mix now including regenerative agriculture, organic farming and rewilding.

"In many ways these are exciting times. It's important that we join up the dots in terms of producing food and looking after the landscape."

Wareham dairy farmer Ian Baggs adds: "There has been a drive towards becoming more efficient and also more environmentally sensitive, and the two things often combine.

"That's why it's important we shift to techniques that are closer to nature such as using green manures, giving grazing a rest and looking after our pastures better."



Ian Baggs Herd

The film, which includes stunning shots of Purbeck's scenery, also features Church Knowle sheep farmer Cath Best and Jack Goldsack, who raises beef cattle in Ailwood, outside Swanage.

Both are experimenting with alternative livestock feed such as clover and chicory to combat threats from global warming and drought. And Cath says: "We're going to need to work with nature much more."

Planet Purbeck's Rob Waitt said: "First and foremost we want people to simply enjoy the films, which we're very proud of.

Just seeing Purbeck on screen and learning about exciting and progressive plans for the future will make us all realise how lucky we are to live here.

That said, it's important we protect and enhance what we've got.

There are numerous threats to face, from the new Government's worrying review of Environmental Land Management Schemes, which have been developed for years to enable farmers to recover nature on their land, to the supertrawlers that plunder huge quantities of fish from our coastline.

We would urge anyone inspired by our films to take action against these threats by joining local groups and writing to their MP."

A third film well received at the Festival details the ground-breaking creation of the Purbeck Heaths "super" National Nature Reserve – the 3,000-hectare home to 5,000 species of wildlife, which may soon include beavers.

It includes spectacular drone shots and a wealth of information about the multi-organization project's rewilding programme. You can view it at youtube.com/watch?v=fw OTbroHY4.





Ramblings of a local gardener.

As someone that has been a gardener for many years, I know there is no correct way to do things. This year is different from anything I have experienced and I'm not sure which jobs should be done first.

As an organic believer I am astonished at the growth I am getting with everything. I never could understand why farmers went down the costly road of using fertilizers and sprays. They were told they could make more money from much higher production. It turned out to be not as rewarding as expected, the soils started to need more fertilizer each year, and now we know it has killed the Microorganisms that are needed for life.

The beech and lime trees that I planted have now grown too big so I'll have to get in professionals to cut them back for the sake of safety; this year I have cut back nearly everything to cut down on evaporation, also summer pruning slows down growth which I need with some trees. The apple trees have now been pruned for the winter

I have had too much convolvulus, which has lovely white flowers, but I find it smothers everything, and my yellow Bidens that grows to 4 foot is also enjoying the dry weather; both these will be moved to a wild area. There are two other plants that are trying to take over, ivy and ground elder, the ivy will go onto the compost heap but the ground elder must be burnt as it lives through composting and then infects other parts of the garden.

As for the vegetable garden I have never had so much food. I have too much of many vegetables, and my salads may have up to 10 vegetables including nasturtium flowers and leaves, baby dandelion leaves, shepherd's purse, herbs and kale or cabbage flowers. What a delight.

November is a good month to sow certain varieties of broad beans, garlic and onions outside, and you can also sow inside seeds for mid-winter greens to collect easily without having to go out. Garlic has to have cold to stimulate development so I am putting garlic into the fridge for two weeks and then planting them into the greenhouse for an early crop which is less likely to be infected with rust.

If anyone wants flowering perennial plants, I am dividing many, so if you would like any please do come over as it would save them from the compost heap. I enjoy talking to other people and hearing what has been doing well so do ring if you wish to visit.

Rachel (telephone 01929 421681)

Thank you for the wonderful response to our Christmas activities planned this festive season at Kingston Country Courtyard. As at October 3 of our 4 dates are SOLD OUT or have very limited availability and so we have added more dates so there is still time to join us. Party nights are £34.50pp for a three course meal and entertainment:

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- Saturday 10th December NEWLY ADDED
- Saturday 17th December LIMITED
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Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close		
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close		
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios		
Each	7 - 11pm	Chess Club (Sep - Apr)	Morton's House		
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall		
2^{nd}	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Town Hall		
TUESDAY					
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School		
Each	9.15 - 10.45am	& 11am – 12 Yoga	Langton Scout Hut		
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169		
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child Group	C C Village Hall		
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall		
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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		
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