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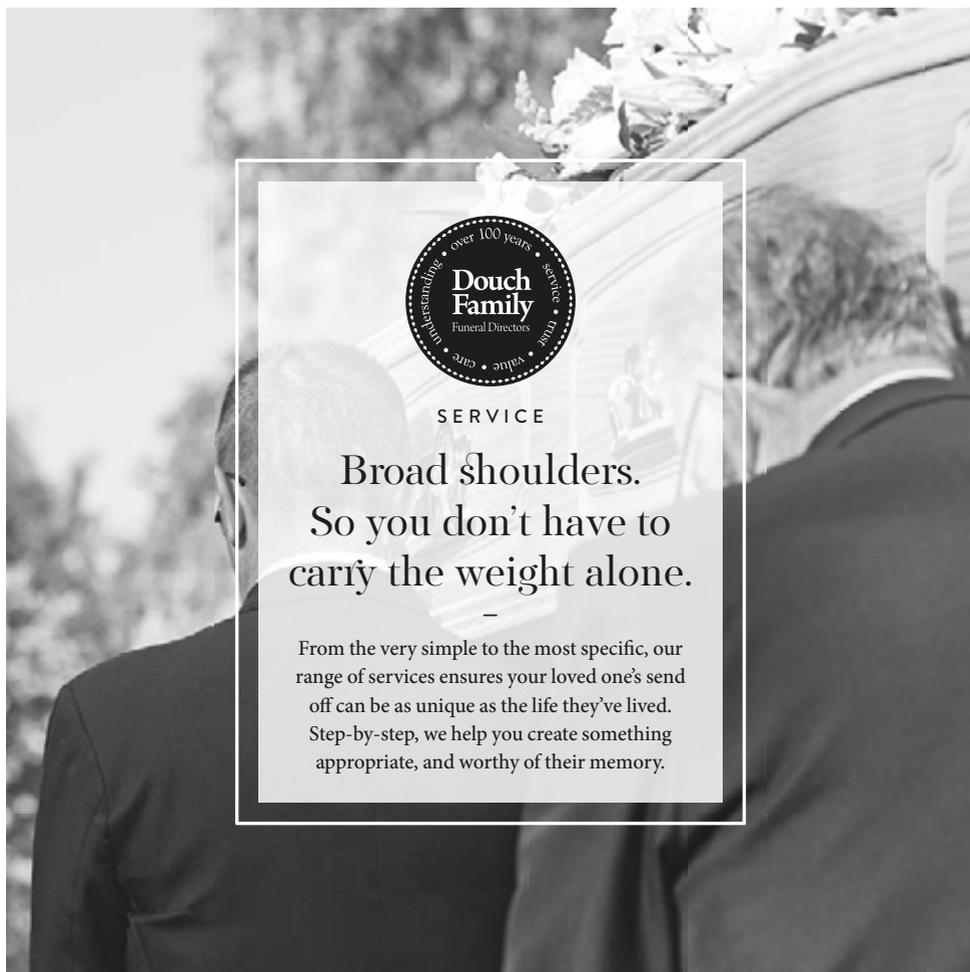
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Editorial

As I write this in the second half of November, the weather has been very unseasonably mild. Watching the birds in my garden I get the feeling that they're all rather confused, thinking that we are into an early spring. Some of the plants seem to be behaving in a similar manner. I just hope they all manage to survive the winter, particularly if it turns out to be harsh.

We are also entering very difficult times financially and many people are going to find the next few months very challenging. Help is available from Citizens Advice and also Dorset Council as well as the Corfe Castle Charity. Details of how to contact Citizens Advice and DC are given in the Parish Council report. Details about the Corfe Castle Charity are given in their advertisement at the back of the magazine.

All of us at the CVN wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and safe New Year.

Everyone at CVN would also like to thank you all for your continued support as contributors, advertisers, and readers throughout the year.

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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Citizens Advice Adviceline: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm	08001448848
The Samaritans	01202 551999
Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting	0800 068 4145
Childline	0800 1111
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NOVEMBER FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Budget 2023 / 24 – It is that time of year again when Corfe Castle Parish Council start to consider the future financial demands for the parish. This month saw a report presented to council which included a 0% increase in Precept. Corfe Castle Parish Council, understand what impact the cost-of-living crisis is having for some of our residents and therefore if we can our aim is to not make times harder than they already are. A final report will be presented to Council in the December meeting.

Gods Acre Rules and Regulations – Following the adoption of the new Rules and Regulations document for Gods Acre Cemetery, Corfe Castle Parish Council will in early 2023, be carrying out a clearance within Gods Acre of any item which is deemed to be in breach of these rules. All items will be placed to one side near the pedestrian entrance in the new extension area for the period of one month before being disposed of.

Bus Stop – Corfe Castle Parish Council, were recently asked to consider asking Dorset Council to move a bus stop in Kingston. The change in location to just outside the Kingston Courtyard Centre, would mean visitors and local residents working at the Centre, would not have to walk down the road, daytime or night-time, when visiting/ going to work at the Courtyard Centre. Corfe Castle Parish Council agreed to support the idea in principle subject to a safe location being determined.

Corfe Castle Youth Club – Corfe Castle Parish Council, approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation and the Parish Council which sees the Council assisting financially to enable the club to run for this academic year.

Civility & Respect – Corfe Castle Parish Council agreed to take the NALC Civility & Respect Pledge. The pledge means: Council agree that it will treat all councillors, clerk and all employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their role. Council has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff. Council has signed up to the Code of Conduct for councillors. Council has good governance arrangements in place including, staff contracts, and Dignity at Work Policy. Council will commit to seeking professional help at early stages should civility and respect issues arise. Council will commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens. Council will continue to learn from best practice in the sector and aspire to being a role model / champion council e.g., via Local Council Award Scheme & Council supports the continued lobbying for the change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate.

contacted us about, including 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 **blindness** or **seizures**

**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>

Telephone: 01305 221040

A public litter bin is overflowing

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

Telephone: 01305 221040

To report a pothole

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

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

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

To report a problem on a road or pavement

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

Thursday 15th Dec at Mortons Manor. 7.15pm in the bar - 7.30pm start

Guest Speaker: Adam Evans - Purbeck's Net Zero Coordinator - National Trust

Adam will give us an overview of various progressive initiatives across Purbeck

We'll also:

- Plan our next tree giveaway & further tree planting
- Discuss spending of our allocated funds
- EAT MINCE PIES...!

Want to have your say on how we spend funds for the benefit of the environment and our local community? Come along to contribute your ideas & get involved in a way that suits you!

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

Our Recent Get-Together

Sat 19th Nov was a superb day in the Playground getting stuck with practical projects:

- **Educational** chats about different tree seeds & types of trees in general
- **Children** (+ big kids!) potted up several tree seeds to take home & nurture
- **We gave away:** 40 FREE young trees + wildflower seeds to village residents
- **A new hedgerow** in the heart the village = 150+ mixed native saplings
- **4 x 'No-Mow'** areas - Scarified & sprinkled with yellow rattle & wildflowers

With special thanks to **Roy Ford** for his advice & hard work, **Steve Churchill & Norden Farm Shop** for their generosity with seeds & for permission from the **National Trust** to use land to benefit nature, the environment & our community.

Project Updates:

- We encourage the community to support the **FREE Soup'n'Pud lunch** project on Sat 3rd Dec. 1st event was fantastic with 40+ FREE lunches served
- Look out for a few larger trees in the Playground field & other areas soon
- There will be another **FREE** young tree giveaway soon!
- A reminder that a **Seed Circle** project is germinating...! So, if you're interested in **FREE** local seeds &/OR already save seeds please get in touch

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

Facebook: "Corfe Castle Environmental Group"

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



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Arts Council England continues support of Artsreach to keep culture alive in Dorset's rural communities

Arts Council England has announced that Dorset based charity Artsreach will remain as a National Portfolio Organisation, successfully securing three years of funding to support rural touring in partnership with Dorset's rural communities.

Phil Gibby, Area Director, South West, Arts Council England said: *"We're pleased to be welcoming Artsreach back into the Arts Council's 2023-26 National Portfolio programme. Their fantastic calendar of cultural activity reaches people across Dorset. Their programme of performances and creative workshops connects rural communities, organisations and artists to make a real difference to people's lives. This renewed funding helps us to achieve the vision we set out in our strategy Let's Create – so that there are more opportunities to take part in creativity, and be inspired no matter where we live."*

Since 1990 Artsreach has provided people living in rural Dorset with access to professional live performances and creative arts projects in rural venues and communities, at affordable and accessible prices. Its programme is delivered in partnership with a large network of community volunteers and together the scheme coordinates around 150 high quality professional events every year, usually in village halls and often in rurally isolated communities right across rural Dorset.

Artsreach Director Kerry Bartlett said *"This continued support from Arts Council England is invaluable in enabling us to continue to deliver our programme of cultural activity, enriching and positively impacting the lives of people living in rural Dorset by connecting and empowering communities. Our volunteer promoters work tirelessly to make Artsreach events happen in their communities, and this funding recognises both the work they do, and the quality of the artistic work presented on the Artsreach programme now, and over the last thirty-two years."*

The confirmation of this grant funding, combined with the support Artsreach receives from Dorset Council, will ensure that the scheme is able to continue to bring professional live performances and creative arts projects to rural venues right across Dorset, in turn helping to nurture strong, healthy communities.

To find out more about Artsreach and the current programme, visit www.artsreach.co.uk

Church Knowle Parish Council - November Meeting

The November meeting of the Parish Council took place in the Church Knowle Village Hall on 8th November. All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 and odd months are held in the Furzebrook Village Hall while even months are held in the Church Knowle Village Hall.

The main items of interest in the meeting were:

Commercial Camping

The Parish Council is concerned at the level of commercial camping in the Parish and Dorset Council will be contacted to clarify the regulations and planning policies that apply to this.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Church Knowle Neighbourhood Plan is making steady progress along its timeline. To find out what was important to Parishioners prior to creating the plan, councillors hand-delivered and collected surveys to every home in the parish. The response has been excellent and will provide a clear direction for the plan once the data is analysed.

In addition to this engagement, enough hands went up to create a multifaceted steering group of councillors and parishioners. Together with public consultation, this group will create our Neighbourhood plan.

Details of how the planning process works can be found on the government website. And updates, documents and progress will be shared on our new website at www.churchknowle-pc.org.uk

A new consultant is being appointed to guide the Neighbourhood Plan through the various stages required to produce a "made" plan.

If you have not yet completed your survey and would still like to do so, please use the online portal through the website or email the Clerk at clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk

Planning

Two planning applications were discussed. The Council resolved to approve the application for tree work owing to Ash die-back. The other application at 3 Church Knowle was objected to, a site visit for some of the Councillors was part of the assessment.

Highways.

A suggestion was received that a road sign saying “Danger Concealed Farm Entrance” be erected to warn traffic of the access track by the telephone box.

Cemetery

An application was approved for a double burial plot in the Cemetery.

Administration

The 2023 budget was discussed that would account for the regular operation of the Council, any one off expenses and a contingency allowance. It was agreed that the numbers would be prepared during the month for approval at the December meeting ready for the precept application in January.

Rural Crime

The Council is in discussions with the Police about their making a presentation on Rural Crime Prevention before a Parish Council meeting. As soon as the date and details are finalised they will be advertised in the Corfe Valley News.

Correspondence

A question about the ownership of the historic lime kiln has been received from a ramblers group. It was established that it is owned by Scott Estates and the ramblers have been informed.

General Discussion

There is a local Men In Sheds group and it was suggested that they be contacted when there are small maintenance jobs that need to be done in the Parish.

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 November meeting finished at 9:20. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Furzebrook Village Hall at 6:30 on 13th December.



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If you are interested, please complete a short statement outlining the reason for your application and send with accompanying CV, if appropriate, to info@purbeckartweeks.co.uk by 1 January 2023.

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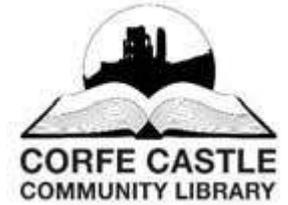
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There is still time to get your Christmas Quiz Night tickets!

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

Talk by Margaret Green Animal Rescue in January

Many of us are aware of the work of the Margaret Green Animal Rescue centres, especially the one in Church Knowle. Some of you may have visited, taken part in their dog shows or offered homes to cats or dogs. They run rehoming services for dogs, cats, small animals and even farm animals as well as holiday kennels and cattery.

There will be an opportunity to hear more about their work and exciting plans for the future from Nigel Mason (Chief Executive).

The talk will be on Friday 20th January 2023 at 2.00pm in Corfe Castle Village Hall.

Open to Everyone - Free entry

It will also be the AGM of The Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library but we always have very short ones (never more than ten minutes).

Any queries to corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com

Normal 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.

Note that these opening times are slightly disrupted by Christmas and New Year, they will be as follows

Saturday 24th Dec - Closed
Monday 26th Dec – Closed
Wednesday 28th - Open
Saturday 31st Dec - Closed
Monday 2nd Jan – Closed

We wish all our borrowers, friends and volunteers a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

CORFE CASTLE PLATINUM JUBILEE COMMITTEE



**THE JUBILEE OAK TREE
PLANTING CEREMONY**

**SATURDAY, 17TH DECEMBER AT 11a.m.
at God's Acre, West Street.**

Part of the legacy of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration was the planting of an oak tree in commemoration.

We are delighted to announce that we will be planting the tree in God's Acre on Saturday 17th December at 11 am. The tree, with a specially designed plaque, is being sponsored by Suttle Stone Quarries and Holme for Gardens. We are extremely grateful for their help in this project.

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Corfe Castle Surgery

As I type this article we are about to push the 'Go Live' button on our new website. I would appreciate any feedback on what you think, and please let me know if there is anything you would like to see updated in the future to make it as patient friendly as possible. I personally think it's great and appreciate the time Jen has taken to add all of the details onto it. I hope that you find the contents relevant and helpful.

The next big thing in the calendar is Christmas. Please remember to allow extra time between ordering and collecting your medication during the busy weeks before Christmas. The dispensary staff will try and accommodate all medication requests made but please do not order any earlier than you need to or request additional medication unnecessarily as we have limited time and space.

Our Christmas opening hours;

We will close at 6.30pm on Friday 23rd December and **reopen at 8.00am** on Wednesday 28th December.

We will also be closed on Monday 2nd January 2023 and **reopen at 8.00am** on Tuesday 3rd January.

During these times (and whenever the surgery is closed), you can call 111 for any non-emergency requirements. For any life-threatening emergency requirements, call 999 and ask for the ambulance service.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kerry Norman
Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

Having worked for the majority of my NHS career in Purbeck I have seen many changes - some have been positive and some not so, but I have always been proud of our local services in Purbeck and have been keen to see them preserved where possible whilst recognising that change and adaptation are essential elements for our future.

I am fortunate to now chair the Friends of Wareham Hospital and the Corfe PPG so have continued access to those who provide our local services and as someone who has always promoted *Purbeck wide* services I am delighted to

hear of local developments which have become necessary within a changing NHS with a shortage of resources, including personnel. Last week I needed to seek medical help at our Surgery (fortunately a rare occurrence for me so far) and was delighted to see that the Surgery is supporting the training of the next generation of Doctors. I was interviewed by a medical student on the 'phone and at a face -to- face consultation, who was supported by a Junior Doctor (F2) - both of whom referred to Dr Lepper to confirm the final diagnosis. I was so grateful for such a proficient and reassuring service and thank Dr Lepper and his whole team for their support of us all as patients and providing encouragement and training to new doctors and students who are so needed for the future of our NHS.

It is hoped that we will be able to hold a PPG committee meeting in the New Year but please do contact us through the surgery or by email if you would like us to raise an issue with the Surgery. corfecastleppg@gmail.com

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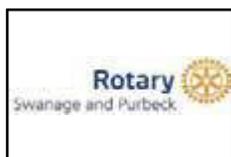
 

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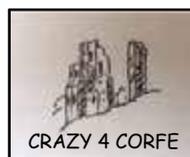
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Friday 16TH December 5 PM. starting in Halves Cottages,
 Collett's Close, Mead Road, Battlemead, Higher Gardens, East Street
Saturday 17TH December 5 PM. start turning circle at end of
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Carols with the Corfe Castle Christmas Choir in the Square at
approx. 6pm. (dates subject to change if weather very inclement)



We wish you all a Very
Merry Christmas!



November 2022

For those of you who were able to join us for our Hysterical Historical Hi-jinks performance on Friday 25th November, we trust you had a very enjoyable evening; we did! For those of you who were not able, sadly, you missed a stunning production. We previously performed the amusing "1066 And All That" in y2000, perhaps we might consider reprising it again in 2044; not long to wait!

December 2022

On Monday December 5th, 7pm, you are invited to join us for the first ever public reading of 'The Secret Isle', a possible future Double Act production; 2024? It is a new war-time thriller set in the Isle of Purbeck in May 1942.

After the read-through we are having a belated Hysterical Historical Hi-jinks after-show party to relax and enjoy some social time. You would be welcome to join us for that too but please bring along a bit of food to eat/share, and of course yourselves plus family and friends!

....and for 2023

During the early months of a year, we often organise thespian related workshops and 2023 will be no exception! Double Act is affiliated to NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) from whom we can draw professional help and guidance regarding performing skills. With their assistance, we plan to run two skill related workshops for January and February with our AGM in March. Watch this space for more details!

We also plan to stage a further *al fresco* **Murder Mystery Walk** in August 2023.

Not forgetting of course that 'Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders' will be our production for Nov 23rd-25th 2023; a comedy by Derek Webb.

....with best seasonal greetings and wishes to one and all!

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!

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Corfe Community Kitchen

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Saturday December 3rd 2022

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He then proceeded to paint in acrylics, a picture of a harbour entrance with buildings on the dock and boats in the water. He told amusing little anecdotes while he worked and still managed it in just half an hour, amazing. We were all very impressed by the end result. His aim was to try and encourage anyone to pick up a brush and have a go and I am sure some of us will definitely do that. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

December 6th This will be our usual Christmas session but with a very short presentation on the results of the survey. There will be mulled wine, mince pies and festive cheer. Everyone needs to bring a ruler and a pencil as there will be something Christmassy to make. Christmas hats etc, are optional.



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 Sunday 25th December - CLOSED for Family Celebrations
 Monday 26th December - Boxing Day Lunches from 12 midday - 6.00pm
 Saturday 31st December - New Years Eve Party
 & Course Dinner (Around The World) £34.95 per person
 Sunday 1st January - New Year Roast Dinners! Available from 12 midday

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 Venison pate Served with toasted breads and salad garnish

MAINS

Loin of Cod

Wrapped in Parma ham, served over roasted hasselback potatoes with butternut squash fondants and finished with a creamy dill sauce

Chargrilled venison fillet

Served with Dauphinoise potatoes, chantenay carrots, brussel sprouts, wild mushrooms topped with a red wine jus

Traditional Roast Turkey

Served with roast potatoes, a carrot and swede puree, red cabbage, brussel sprouts, Yorkshire pudding, pig in blanket and a rich red wine gravy

Wild mushroom and baby leaf spinach risotto

Served with a shavings of Reggiano parmesan

DESSERT

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CERAMICS ~ XMAS GIFTS

Best known for my sea inspired sculptures which gained national recognition & more recently my experimental pottery using local clay, I've been professionally potting for 20 years. I have a good selection of ceramics to purchase at Furzebrook Studios, please do drop by & take a look... **20% discount during December!**

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It's December, and we're fully stocked for Christmas, with gifts, decorations, cards, wrap and home décor. We've stocking fillers and Secret Santa gifts for under £5 or under £10 – check out the website categories for inspiration, or pop in and see us!



There seems to be a general move towards shopping local, and buying gifts that are hand-made. This year, perhaps more than ever, every present is special, and we've hand-made items from £3.50, and original art from £25.

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Hello from us all at Corfe Castle Community Preschool. November wizzed by in a blink of an eye and we would like to thank Crazy for Corfe for organising another wonderful Christmas Fair. So much fun had by all!

Happy Christmas

The results are in we maintained our GOOD rating with Ofsted and we are immensely proud of our total team for all of their diligent hard work throughout the year. If you would like to read the brilliant report it will be available online soon.



It's that time of year for a fabulous raffle! Tickets are now onsale from the preschool for the Christmas Spectacular raffle and donations of prizes are always warmly welcomed.

Building on the success from last year, our children will be coming christmas caroling across the village again this season. If you, or someone you know, would appreciate a visit please get in touch with us today.



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Corfe Castle Primary School



Since the last publication, children have been fortunate enough to travel aboard Eddystone, on the steam railway and travel between Corfe to Swanage. On arriving, we were met by Trustees and Members of the Swanage Railway who then showed us around the Flying Scotsman. A huge thanks from the school goes to Robert Patterson, Swanage Railway Trustee and Swanage Railway Company Chairman. We hope to engage further with the railway in the future!

On 17th October, we engaged with the Autumn Tree Challenge, where plants woman Alex Brenton led the afternoon assembly discussing the following themes: why trees are important; identification of different species of tree, identification of different types of tree seeds, nuts and berries; and how to prepare tree seed, nuts and berries for planting.

Following this, there were family hands-on-activities after school led by Alex Brenton and the Corfe Castle Parish Council Environmental Group. These involved: matching seeds, nuts and berries to the correct tree seedling; planting tree seeds, nuts and berries to take home (or leave with the Environment Group to take care of).

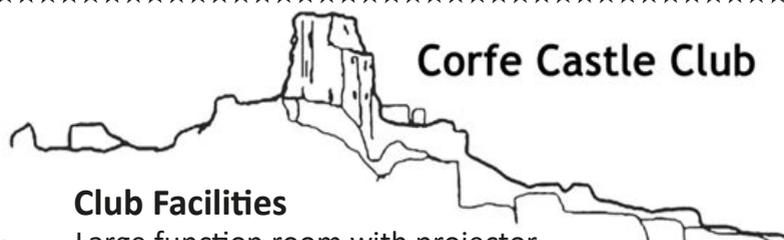
As a church school, we continue to embed our new vision and values with support from our governors and other stakeholders. Our day to Salisbury Cathedral approaches - this will focus on understanding spirituality. I will give more detail in the next publication.

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



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

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 Sunday: All day 12.00 - 7.00pm

Weekly Events Poker Night: Wed.8.30pm One Card Bingo: Fri. 8.30pm Beer/Meat Draw: Sat. evening One Card Bingo: Sun 1.00pm	Forthcoming Events Grand Christmas Draw - Thursday 15th December
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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the Village Hall Coffee Morning in November. £169.98 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 51, with member 12 getting second prize £10 and member 47 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.

The Village Hall storage units are conveniently right here in Corfe and are competitively priced. More units available in the New Year; details from Judith on 01929 480216.

regular weekly events:

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

regular monthly events:

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

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

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This Old-Time Country and Bluegrass six-piece band specialises in reviving the string band tradition of ballads, rags, work songs and spiritual numbers of Appalachia, Bluegrass and early Country music – all delivered with high energy, flair and humour.

Light refreshments will be available.

Tickets £10 (£5 child, £25 family) from David on 07590 352219 or from Village Shop

Friday December 2nd 2022 at 7.30pm

Bookings are still subject to the amended Special Conditions of Hire, as published on the website www.corfecastlevillagehall.co.uk. Contact Carole Speed on 01929 480810, or by email to carolepspeed@gmail.com.

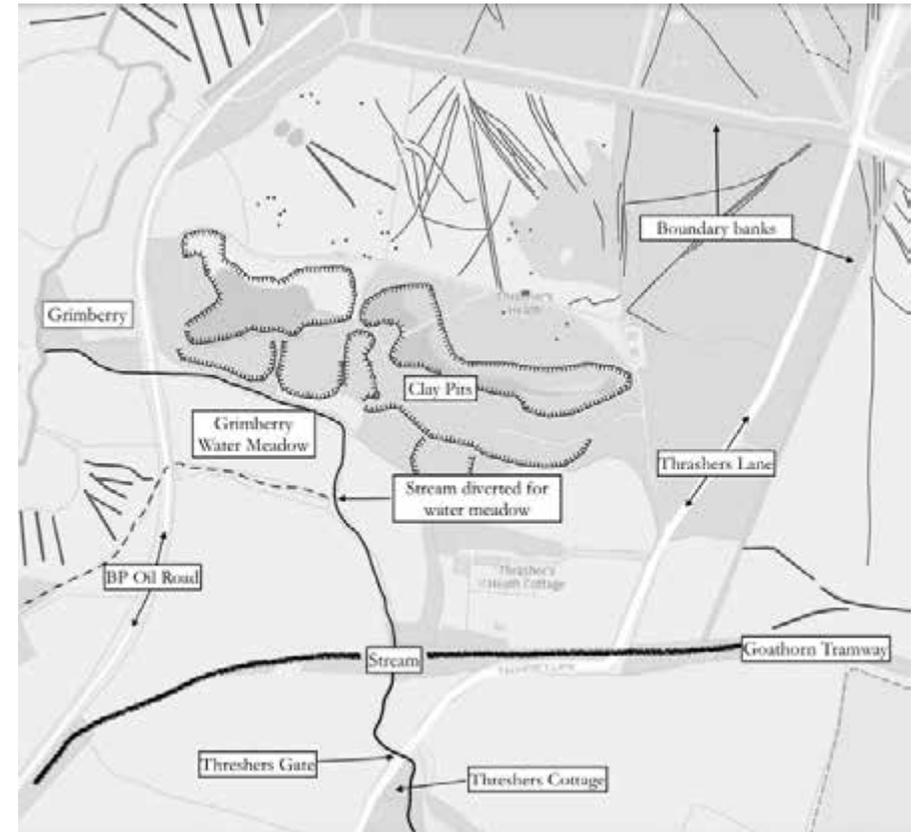
Boundaries on the Heath

The heath lying to the north of Corfe was composed of several others of varying sizes– New Mills, Wytch, Bushey, Slepe, Middlebere etc. Over the years some of these heaths have gradually altered and finding their original boundaries is not helped by encroachment of fields, clay pits, meadow drowning, tramways and roads. One such heath has been affected more than most. It ticked the box is for everything and is called Greenberry otherwise Grimbery or Grenebery Heath and, 400-odd years later, is now forgotten.

This heath formed part of the Rollington estate which had been given to Edmund Uvedale of Moor Critchel by his father, Henry. In 1588, a dispute arose between Edmund and Robert Parmiter of Burshev (Bushey), a yeoman. It concerned an agreement over the boundary this heath, which was agreed between them in the October of that year. The description refers mainly to the eastern side of the heath as the Corfe River, which marked the western side, was presumably not an issue. The agreement stated that:

1. Grenebery/Grimbery Heath started at a gate which was now called Tanner's Gate in 1588 because it was near to the house of the tanner.
2. Then the boundary went eastwards along a dyke towards a hedge which divided the two heaths – Grenebery lay on the north side and Bushey on the south. Once the hedge was reached, there was another gate which accessed several pastures worked by Mr. Parmiter.
3. From this gate, you headed north towards 'Sharpeford bridge' passing a cross called White 'Shryppe' or 'Catyehill' Cross. Grenebery Heath lay on the cross's southwestern side; on the northeast side of the cross was Wytch Heath.
4. From the cross, the boundary headed northwards to Sharford Bridge passing by a new close lately taken out of the heath.
5. The boundary ended by the river at 'Stonerds Lane end'.

This heath may have been larger but the water meadow development along the Corfe River valley altered the field boundaries and the 18th century clay pits on Threshers Heath also ate into this heath. A few meadows called Grimberry are shown on Samuel Donne's map dated 1772 though.



Grimberry Heath as it is today

In 1680, there was a tenement called Threshers (no 49 on the map below) which had rights of pasture on Grimberry Heath. These rights had belonged previously to a tenement called 'Greneberry'. Since Greneberry Gate had a history of changing its name (Greneberry to Withymoor to Tanner's), it is possible that the old tanner's cottage lay along Thrasher's Lane where a ruin stands on the east side just before a stream. Threshers Gate lay where the stream crosses the lane close to the ruined cottage. The stream feeds through Grimberry water meadows from the Corfe River.

John Calcraft, owner of the Rempstone Estate, had a few maps created in 1772. A water meadow (21), some 'fuzzie' ground (22) and 3 acres (23) are named as 'Grimberry' on his map.



Thrashers Lane looking north:
Thrashers Gate lay on the south side of this stream.

The cross is not shown on the 1772 map. Mr Parmiter's original access to his fields altered when the Goathorn tramway was created in 1905. And the BP

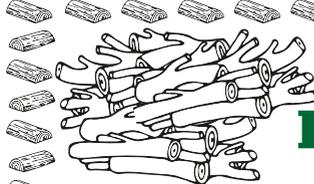
Oil Road passes through the Grimberry meadows making it difficult to see the original field boundaries at the top NW corner.



Northern boundary between Threshers & Wytch Heaths looking west

I may not be correct about Threshers, as this is supposition. I hope someone with more information will correct me.

Louise Haywood



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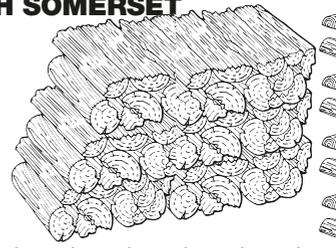
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If you know about any forthcoming events please let us know.

2	December	Friday	7pm	Buffet and Bubbles raising money for schools in Kingston Country Courtyard
3	December	Saturday	12.30pm	Soup n pud lunch by Corfe Community Kitchen in Corfe Castle Village Hall
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 – Monday	10am – 5pm	St Aldhelm Benefice Christmas Tree Festival at St Georges Langton
4	December	Sunday	6.00pm	Advent at St James Church Kingston
5	December	Monday	7pm	Double Act read through of The Secret Isle in Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	December	Monday	6.30pm	Kimmeridge Christmas Bingo – Kimmeridge Village Hall in Etches Collection
6	December	Tuesday	2pm	Aquarius Christmas session – Corfe Castle Village Hall
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
10	December	Saturday	7 pm	Wareham Choral Society Magnificat Lady St Mary Church Wareham
12	December	Monday	7pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
13	December	Tuesday	6.30pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle Village Hall
15	December	Thursday	7.15pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council Environment Group meeting in Mortons Manor
16/17	December	Friday/Saturday	5pm	Crazy4Corfe singing around the village.
17	December	Saturday		Kimmeridge Children's party
17	December	Saturday	11.00am	Planting the Jubilee Oak Tree in God's Acre

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

9	January 2023	Monday	7pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	January 2023	Tuesday	6.30pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting in Church Knowle Village Hall
14	January 2023	Saturday	6.30pm	Smiling Seas fund raising evening in Kimmeridge Village Hall (Etches Collection)
20	January 2023	Friday	2.00 pm	Library talk on Margaret Green Animal Rescue – Corfe Castle Village Hall

More Useful Phone Numbers

Power and electrical - Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks:
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Western Power Distribution:
0800 365900 (free phone land line and mobiles)

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

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Church Knowle, Kimmeridge, & Steeple Contact Ian Jackson

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

The Reverend Ian Jackson writes:

The Christingle Service is one of the highlights of our Christmas worship together. A special moment in the service at Corfe Castle is when the young people receive their lighted Christingles and form a horseshoe at the east end of the church; this will be so at many of these services.

At this point in the service the church lights are dimmed and there is a wonderful bright glow from the candles. It is a special moment of prayer when we are

particularly aware of the many people and communities around the world who are in need and are suffering. Each year there are concerns uppermost in our minds; this as true as ever this year.

This can almost be an unbearable moment, but the lighted candles placed in the oranges, which represent God's world and the whole of the creation, speak powerfully of God's light, which shines in the darkness and is not overcome.

I am writing in mid November and a few days ago pupils and staff went to Salisbury to spend time in the Cathedral. It was a good day and I was glad to be able to go along too. We learnt about the cathedral's history and its present life and work. We saw the special seat, known as the cathedra, where the Bishop of Salisbury sits during services. There were lots of other things we saw and thought about and you may well hear more about the visit, or you could ask some of those who went about it.

The Bishop of Salisbury looks after the churches, congregations and church schools in the diocese which includes Dorset and Wiltshire, and small areas from neighbouring counties. The Bishop, Stephen Lake, has sent round a prayer and asked us all to use it through the days of Advent, as we prepare for our Christmas worship and celebrations.

The Bishop says he will be using this prayer himself and hopes we will join with him:

Faithful God,
Your world is full of fear.
Hunger, cold and loneliness are all around.
Your children are hurting.
Into our darkness comes the child of Bethlehem –
Jesus the light who cannot be overcome.
He speaks words of hope and words of truth.
May his Spirit fill our hearts this Advent
and awaken us to your purposes:
make us generous in giving, active in serving,
and alert to your reign of justice, mercy, and peace,
which he calls us to bring to birth – here and now.
Amen.

So, many will be using these words, or praying in their own way, in the days leading up to Christmas; and this will be the case throughout the world, not just locally.

May this time of Advent and Christmas be a time when we know yet more of God's love, joy and peace; may it be a good and blessed time for us all.

Ian

Bible Readings - December 2022

Sunday 4 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent Malachi 3: 1 – 4 Philippians 1: 1 – 13 Luke 3: 1 – 6
Sunday 11 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent Isaiah 35: 1 – 10 James 5: 7 – 10 Matthew 11: 2 – 11
Sunday 18 th December	4 th Sunday of Advent Isaiah 7: 10 – 16 Romans 1: 1 – 7 Matthew 1: 18 – 25
CHRISTMAS DAY	Isaiah 52: 7 – 10 Hebrews 1: 1 – 4 John 1: 1 – 14
Sunday January 1 st , 2023	1 st Sunday of Christmas Isaiah 63: 7 – 9 Hebrews 2: 10 – 18 Matthew 2: 13 – 23

The Reverend Anne Bond writes:

Christmas is almost upon us. Are you ready?

Do you have a freezer full of festive food, a secret stash of wrapped presents, Christmas Cards ready for posting, Christmas Stockings stuffed, beds made up for visiting family, the chimney swept, dry logs stored, enough strong drink handy-by to satisfy the most enthusiastic imbiber with a little left over for Santa, and a skiing holiday in the USA lined up for the New Year?

Or have you maxed out your credit cards having paid your rent, your taxes, the heating and electricity bills, for your mobile and the TV License, and are now wondering if you can afford the bus fare to get you to the Food Bank and is there such a thing as a Christmas Stocking Bank?

It seems extraordinary that in this 21st century of clever technology no reliable system exists to bridge the vast chasm between the have-squillions and the have-nearly-nothings. Having voted, albeit by a small majority, to leave the EU and instead to use our own standards and laws, how is it that we find ourselves in such a mess? Are we not now free to form our own Utopia, our own perfect state? Well, kingdom; we do, after all, enjoy the benefits of having a Monarch. You can tell I'm a staunch Royalist; I hope you can also tell I am not talking party politics but only raging against the injustices of society.

A buzzword current in today's multi-media is 'algorithm' which, according to the dictionary, is 'any procedure involving a series of steps that is used to find the solution to a specific problem'. Usually it is a calculation carried out by a computer that impersonally considers all the elements involved – good, bad, vital, less-important, expected, unforeseen – and because the solution is untouched by human emotion and preference, sometimes it is unexpectedly successful, suggesting unconventional ways to go ahead.

Millennia back into pre-history when the existence of an eternal, omniscient, omnipotent 'being' behind all creation was taken for granted and known simply as 'god', humanity based best practise for harmony-in-community on the Ten Commandments which were later summarised by the commandment of Jesus to 'love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, strength and soul, and love your neighbour as you love yourself.' It would be interesting to see what emerged as the solution for levelling up incomes if these ancient by-laws of humanity were to be included

Certainly the unexpected covid pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine have had significant effect upon the economy of this country; but even so, I do not believe it can be beyond the wit of man to ensure that the ultra-wealthy do not hold more riches than they have use for and that the most impoverished among us have enough to guarantee a roof over their heads and sufficient food.

Wherever you are and whatever your circumstances, I wish you a Happy Christmas – and don't forget that celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ is the Reason for the Season!

With love, Anne

Sunday Services in December

Sunday 4th December

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

Sunday 11th December

9.30am - Holy Communion with hymns at Steeple

10.30am - Morning Worship with hymns at Corfe Castle

Sunday 18th December

10.30am - A Service of Lessons and Carols at Corfe Castle
3pm A Service of Lessons and Carols at Church Knowle

Christmas Eve

4pm - The Christingle Service at Corfe Castle
6pm - Carols outside at Kimmeridge – at the top of the village
11.30pm - Midnight Communion with carols at Corfe Castle

Christmas Day

9.30am - Holy Communion with carols at Steeple
11am - Christmas Morning Worship at Corfe Castle

Sunday January 1st 2023

11am - Holy Communion for the Benefice at Kingston

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



Advent at Kingston

St James's Church

Sunday 4th December 6.0pm

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Corfe Castle Evangelical Congregational Church

Jesus Christ, God's gift to you

The angel said to some shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you, he is Christ, the LORD. This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

Christians celebrate Christmas and I know many people wonder why? Why celebrate the birth of a child born all those years ago? The answer comes from what the angel said, recorded in the Bible for us. A Saviour has come, who is the Christ, meaning God's promised rescuing King, of all the world.

Now you might wonder, why is this good news of great joy, and why did the shepherds need a Saviour? And as the angel said, this was a Saviour for all the people, so it applies to you and to me. Why do we need saving?

The Bible says the God who made us, made us all for a purpose. Just as many of us buy products that are to be used in a certain way, so God made us all to live in a certain way. As God our maker He ultimately is the King. He's the boss. His purpose is that we are to love Him all the time, and to look after all He has made all the time. This would mean looking after others rightly: at work, at home, on holiday, and as we drive places. But sadly, none of us does this all the time.

So often - and hands up, I admit this myself - we live for ourselves, our wants, our dreams, our weekends, and our holidays. If you can't see this about yourself, just think about all that we see on the news or in the papers. As human beings, we don't live for God all the time and we certainly don't live how God says. We prefer to live, as the Bible says, 'in darkness'. Sadly, we all as humans like to make excuses for ourselves. *I was tired, I had a deadline, I was ill, I'm only human*, I had needs. We all do it, all the time. The Bible calls this sin, and God as our maker is angry about it, and on a day in the future will punish people for their sin.

On one hand this might be a comfort. All the horrors, all the darkness we see in the news will be punished and all wrongs righted. On that day some people will go to live with God in heaven, where there is no pain, or death or crying. On the other hand, many will be left facing God's anger and punishment for eternity. The Bible says only people who are forgiven or saved by God get to live with Him. Just as only certain people have easy access to King Charles, so God will only live with forgiven people. He cannot and will not live with the people with whom He is rightfully angry.

If I worked for a pub here in the Corfe Valley and I decided one day to use that pub for a party where all the food was eaten and all the booze was drunk, I am sure you'd agree my boss would be rightfully angry. I expect to be sacked and fined for not doing what I should have done by instead abusing what was there. But then if the boss's son said he'd pick up the tab and pay the fine that would be something amazing, wouldn't it? I would be foolish to ignore this amazing act of generosity that the son offered for my forgiveness.

It's a silly illustration, but it goes some way to explain what a big deal it is that Jesus - God's Saviour - came to earth. This is why the news delivered that first Christmas is such good news. Jesus came that first Christmas to save us from our sin and from God's rightful anger at our sin. He has made the way that we can receive and know God's forgiveness. He can save those who ask Him and trust Him to do just that. It's why I urge you to think about the reasons Christians celebrate Christmas some more.

The shepherds were told to look out for a sign. Did they carry on with their work and ignore what the angel said? No - they just couldn't do that! Instead, they went and investigated what they had been told to see if was true. And I'd like to say to you today, if you haven't properly investigated Jesus, please do so. Go along to your local church and I am sure someone would be glad to help. But know that you are always welcome to come to Corfe Castle Evangelical Congregational Church at 3.00pm on Sundays. Come and celebrate Christmas at our Carol Service on 18th December at 3.00pm. I would also be glad to help you know more about Jesus and everything He brings. You can email me at:

xscruffydogx@gmail.com

Andy Nash

Our Next Services:

Sunday 4th December at 3pm

Festive Coffee and Cake Afternoon:

Sunday 11th December at 3pm

Candlelight Carol Service:

Sunday 18th December at 3pm

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Notices and Thanks

CORFE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

aka 'SOUP 'N PUD'

We had a very successful first 'Soup'n Pud' event in the Village Hall following the Coffee Morning on Nov. 5th with 32 attendees plus 10 volunteers. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying both the food and the company and thanks to those that helped or provided puds.

Thanks also to the Village Bakery that donated the bread rolls and the support we received from Corfe Castle Charity and the Village Hall.

Our next 'Soup 'n Pud' lunches are scheduled for Sat. Dec. 3rd at 12.30pm and Jan. 7th 2023 at 12.30pm, both in the Village Hall following the Coffee Morning.

The December one will be seasonally themed with the menu consisting of a choice of:-

Lentil Soup or Scotch Broth and the pud choice being Trifle or Mincemeat Tart with Custard.

We would love to have more Corfe Parish residents joining us, especially families.

Remember this is a free event but donations, both of money or puds are always welcome. They will all get used for our lunches!

In the future we also hope to use more local outlets for food and to use food that might otherwise go to waste such as gluts from your gardens or shops.

We are working on a simple logo that we hope to have sorted by January and will start using but in the meantime please look out for the posters etc advertising our next lunches.

We look forward to seeing you at our next 'Soup 'n Pud'.

Best wishes

Chris, Gill and Sue.



Citizens Advice – Here for Local Residents

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

Citizens Advice in East Dorset and Purbeck are offering free Carbon Monoxide Monitors. Please speak to an adviser for a chat about the dangers of Carbon 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:

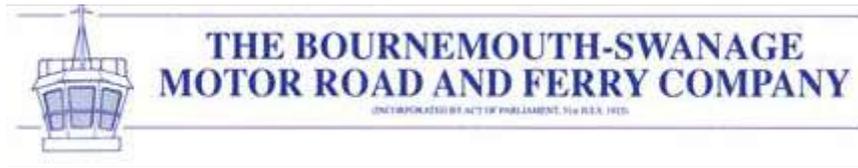
- Swanage Town Hall - Wednesday 10am-2pm (except first Wednesday of the month)
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage - First Monday of each month 10am-12noon
- Wareham Citizens Advice - Thursday 10am-12noon
- Lytchett Matravers Library - Friday 10am-12noon
- Wimborne Citizens Advice - Monday 10am-12noon
-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



SANDBANKS FERRY REFIT IMPORTANT UPDATE

The Sandbanks Ferry Company has announced today that the ferry arrived in Falmouth on Sunday for the planned refit. Unfortunately during the tow from Poole to Falmouth the ferry suffered severe damage to the southern end prow. The exact cause is currently under investigation and findings will be released when they are available.

The additional work to repair this damage will have a major impact on our completion date and will significantly delay our return to service which we anticipate will not now be until the New Year. We will update our webpage and social media as soon as we have more information.

Sandbanks Ferry Company Managing Director Jason duToit commented “We apologise to all our customers for the inconvenience this will cause and share their expected frustrations. Although for legal reasons we are unable to go into any detail we can confirm that today a letter has been issued to the tug company holding them fully responsible.”

Visit the Sandbanks Ferry Company at www.sandbanksferry.co.uk, on Twitter [@sandbanksferry](https://twitter.com/sandbanksferry) and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sandbanksferry.

The Purbeck Mummers are back

As usual we will be out Boxing Day around Corfe Castle etc. That's the plan anyway but does depend on Covid rates and the locations.

Preliminary we will be:

12 mid-day Corfe Castle Square

12.30pm The Fox

1.00 pm The Bankes Hotel

1.30pm Castle Inn

2.15pm The Square and Compass

We will also be out on the 11th of December in Wareham from about midday until late afternoon. We should be performing inside the Quay Inn, The Horse and Groom, The Duke of Wellington and The Kings Arms.

More performers may be added so please check our web site.

As Mummers are not very tame, all times are approximately just in case we get lost between pubs.

We will put posters up to confirm and also post on our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/purbeckmummers/>

As usual we will be collecting for local charities.



WHOSE KINGDOM RULES?

'The Christmas Special'

David Nunn and his 'Blue Skies Players' return with this Christmas edition of another of his much enjoyed plays.

Those who have seen the previous ones in his series will need no prompting to book the date in their diaries!

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An Interesting find in a Corfe Garden

I thought you may be interested in a find made at our property in East Street in the course of internal building works carried out this year. Our cottage is Grade II listed and stated in the listing notice to be 18th century; however, the Town records show that there has been a dwelling on the site since the late 16th or early 17th century. It is constructed entirely of Purbeck stone, with a stone slate roof and the basic structure appears never to have been extended. In the rear, north facing wall I discovered a child's sandal which had been pushed in between the stonework internally. I would hazard a guess that the sandal dates from the first half of the 20th century.

According to information available on the internet, it was a tradition to conceal a shoe in a house to ward off witches and about half of the shoes found in such circumstances have been a child's shoe. The earliest known example dates from the early 14th century and the tradition is believed to have died out in the 20th century, so ours appears to be a very late example.

We have concealed the shoe in another hidey-hole along with a Jubilee coin.

Richard Sedgley

Purbeck Christmas Tree Festivals

This Christmas two local Christmas Tree Festivals are being planned.

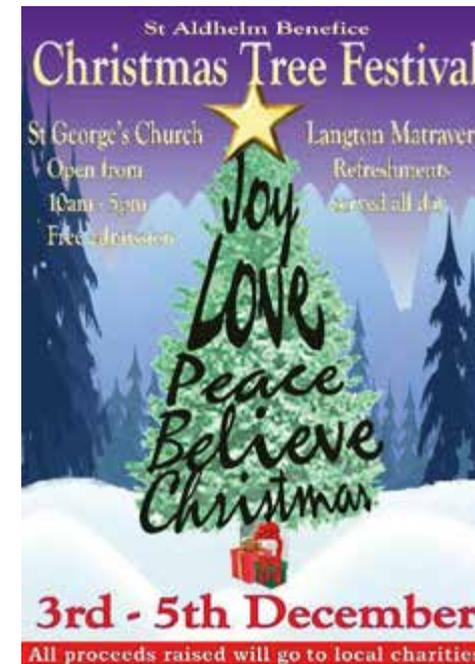
On the first weekend of December there is the St Aldhelm Benefice Christmas Tree Festival at St Georges Church in Langton Matravers on Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th, Monday 5th December. Further information from <https://staldhelm-purbeck.org/christmas-tree-festival>.

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.

Contact is 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.



Andrew Thomas ^A

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If you're feeling festively creative, you could fill a shoebox with a range of goodies and drop it off at your nearest rehoming centre or charity shop. With your help, Margaret Green Animal Rescue can make their animals' Christmas truly magical. If you would like to find out more about Wrapped Up With Love and explore the animals' individual wishlists, please make sure you visit their website at: www.mgar.org.uk/news for further details.

Kimmeridge News

Dates for your diary

We will be lighting the Christmas Tree Lights & enjoying some seasonal refreshment afterwards at 6pm on Saturday 3rd December. The ever-popular Kimmeridge Bingo Night will be held on Monday 5th December (see details below) 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!). Also, see details below for the Smiling Seas Quiz Night on 14th January.

Bingo! – Monday 5th December – Kimmeridge VH

Eyes down for the Purbeck-wide famous Kimmeridge Christmas Prize Bingo - no expense spared here - you get reusable cards to play on, house and line prizes, two raffles and not forgetting the pièce de résistance - our very own Patrick Ward calling in his finest designer gear! You don't need to be a bingo fan, just a fan of having a great evening of laughter with the possibility of going home with something you never knew you needed.

Teas/Coffees/Squash available in the break, if you want anything stronger then BYO - Bring your own refreshments for whilst playing.

The proceeds from this event fund the Children's Christmas party in Kimmeridge for Children from Kimmeridge, Bradle and Blackmanston.

What better way to spend a cold December Monday evening???????

In order to make this event the huge success it always is we rely on prize and raffle donations. If you are able to donate any prizes please contact Rose on kimmeridgevh@hotmail.co.uk (or message me via the Kimmeridge Village Facebook page)

Doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7.00pm!

Kimmeridge Keilidh

Our next dance is on Friday 9th Dec with our very own Arish Mel band & caller Teresa Williams. There will also be some very special Seasonal Entertainment spots! No bar, so bring your own drinks & seasonal 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!

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This photo shows just some of the various plastic bottles and containers collected on a single beach clean.

January fundraiser!

What will the fundraising go towards?

PPE for beach cleans.

Beach cleaning equipment –Pickers, bags etc

Administration –posters, leaflets etc

Fees included in storage, recycling and disposing of the waste.

Upkeep ,of the very generously donated little rib- this will allow a safer carry out of the masses of plastics and ropes across the bay and neighbouring bays.

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

I really hope and look forward to seeing lots of faces Saturday 14th January for the fundraising quiz, raffle and nibbles, at The Etches Collection at 18:30!!

Wishing all the readers a very Merry Christmas!

Take care of yourselves and the environment,

Smiling Seas- Emily H



Dorset Wildlife Trust
Fine Foundation Wild Seas Centre,
Kimmeridge Bay, Wareham, BH20 5PE
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Welcome to this month's round-up from the Dorset Wildlife Trust's Kimmeridge Team, and a new contributor. My name is Dan, and I will be writing our monthly updates for the Corfe Valley News from now on whilst Julie concentrates on other jobs. As I write this, we are almost halfway through an unseasonably mild November. Good for all our heating costs obviously but with worrying implications for the climate.

Bird Sightings

I came to the Wildlife Trust having worked for many years for the RSPB, and birds are one of my passions. Working at Kimmeridge allows me to look out for seasonal comings and goings at this fantastic sight, which is sadly overlooked by bird watchers. In the last month alone a variety of interesting sightings have proved that the area is well worth keeping an eye on. My colleague Sarah and I both saw a juvenile Merlin (the UK's smallest bird of prey) hunting along the toll road on separate days. From the smallest to the largest, Sarah also saw 3 of the introduced White Tailed Eagles at Worbarrow Bay on a Sunday afternoon walk, and at least 1 of these is thought to have flown back towards Poole Harbour that day via Tyneham. Recent storms have blown in some interesting seabirds, and an out of season Little Tern (more usually seen off Chesil Beach) was fishing in the shallows of Kimmeridge Bay for a while. Finally, a delightful species called Black Redstart (part of the Thrush family) are found overwintering more frequently along the Dorset coast. I have seen at least 3 recently, on the fence posts along the toll road and in and around the Etches Museum.

Volunteers needed

We are recruiting new volunteers at the Fine Foundation Wild Seas Centre. If you are 18 years or over and enthusiastic about our coastal and marine wildlife and getting out in nature, this could be for you! We are looking for people to help our visitors make the most of their visits, and to explain why Kimmeridge is so special and deserves protection. There are also a range of surveys to get involved in as well as occasional practical work parties, and we are extremely grateful to our volunteers for all they do. Could you offer at least two days each month to help us inspire and empower visitors to make simple changes in their everyday lives that benefit the planet and help tackle the environmental issues of our day? If so, please get in touch. An introductory session will take

place in January. Although the centre is closed for the winter we are still contactable (see above) or to register an interest go to...

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More news from the bay next month.

Dan Bartlett - Wild Seas Centre Assistant

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News from Harmans Cross Village Hall

Christmas is coming and soon we will have our traditional Christmas tree up and decorated at the crossroads in Harmans Cross. The Hall will also have a festive feel, in readiness for our very special **Christmas Play and Carol Service** which is taking place on **Sunday 18 December starting at 6pm**. The play is a unique festive piece written by local resident David Nunn. It will be followed by a carol service with all our favourite carols, with refreshments to conclude. Everyone is welcome.

This year, we are also participating in the Christmas Tree festival at St George's Church in Langton Matravers. It's a lovely display so please come along and see all the beautifully decorated Christmas trees on display, including our Harmans Cross Village Hall tree.

Before Christmas, we have our regular monthly Movie Night. Our next film barely needs an introduction:

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.

And just to get the date in your diaries, our first Movie Night for 2023 is:

TUESDAY 10 JANUARY – TOP GUN MAVERICK

It's 36 years since Tom Cruise brought us Maverick in the original Top Gun. Well buckle up, because he's back and little has changed. Maverick may be testing jets out in the Mojave desert, but he's still got the jacket, the bike(s), the aviator shades and (most importantly) the "need for speed" that made him a hit back in 1986. He also has the rebellious streak that has prevented him rising above the level of captain – showcased in an opening Mach 10 sequence. Maverick has in fact been called back to the Top Gun programme – not to fly, but to *teach* the "best of the best" how to blow up a uranium enrichment plant at face-melting velocity, a mission that will require not one but "two consecutive miracles".

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.

COFFEE JUNCTION IS BACK

We welcome everyone to Coffee Junction every other Thursday morning from 10.30am in the small meeting room, HXVH. A chance to chat to other local residents sponsored by St Aldhelm's Parish (the new parish covering Langton, Worth and Kingston churches and Harmans Cross). Next dates are December 1,15,29

That's all for now. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.

Alison and the HXVH Committee

Church in Harmans Cross on Sunday 18th December

6 pm 'WHOSE KINGDOM RULES?'

*A Play for Christmas by David Nunn; 6.45-7.15
Christmas Refreshments.*

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Pioneer View

Dear Friends,

At the time of writing this column there are only 7 Saturdays to Christmas, this came as a sudden jolt to me, waking me up to the reality of how time seems to fly by these days.

So, a question to you, how do you spend your time? If time was money, how would you spend it? We often take time for granted and as such fail to use it wisely.

I view time as a gift and as such I am grateful for the time that is afforded to me by other people, it's such a privilege. Very often in my pastoral visits or in one of our drop-ins, I often hear carers and others say if they had their time over again, they wish they had said how much they valued or spent more time with a family member.

Christmas is on the horizon, a time to renew friendships and strengthen family ties. It offers an opportunity to address regrets and not leave us with the "if only I said" and "if only I did"

Here are some thoughts in terms of gift in the light of Christmas. What is a gift? This is how I remember gift:

G is for Generosity. **I** is for invitation. **F** is for Friends. **T** is for thankful.

This for me these sums up the Christmas message. It challenges us to be generous, to practice hospitality to friends and family and finally to be thankful for our friends and family. Let's be people who take nothing for granted.

Time and family are a gift that we must all cherish. Let's us value our time with friends and family and use it wisely this Christmas.

A quote to ponder

"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present." Bill Keane

I wish you all a merry Christmas

Go well

Peter

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1000 years Celebration of St Martin on the Walls

On the 9th November there was a special service at St Martin on the Walls to celebrate 1000 years.

The Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Reverend Stephen Lake presided over the service and gave us a reminder of how 1000 years is the blink of an eye for God, but encapsulates many significant historical events for us.



Dignitaries at the celebration

It is one of the oldest churches in Dorset and was rebuilt by King Canute after he had formerly burnt it down.

As an emergency it was used to house the homeless from the great Wareham fire of 1762 but the church gradually fell out of use till Leonard Sturdy refurbished it.

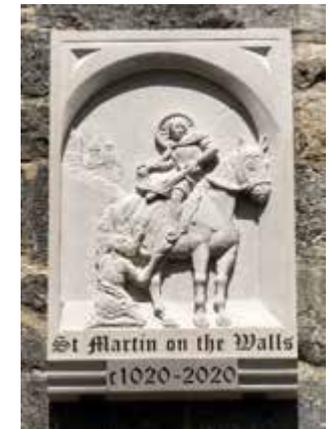
Since the 1930's it has been in use with a weekly Wednesday Communion Service. The service on 9th November was closest to the patronal Saint's Day (November 11th) and was attended by regular worshippers and those who had a special connection to, and interest in, the Church.

The sculptor, Jonathan Sells, who carved the magnificent exterior plaque to celebrate the millennium was in attendance, as were Malcolm and Julie Lewis who came up with the idea for the plaque, and who were the main fundraisers for it along with Hilary Gooding and Di Beaumont.

Afterwards photographs were taken to mark the occasion and then we walked to the Parish Hall to share a magnificent celebratory lunch cooked by Carol Turner and her team.

It was a very fitting way to mark the 1000 years and we were even blessed with sunshine ! Appreciation goes to Becky Green and her team and all those who worked to make this unique event a memorable occasion.

Hilary Gooding - Churchwarden



Jonathan's Plaque



**PRESS RELEASE – WAREHAM CHORAL SOCIETY
ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR NEW
PATRON: THE RT HON DAVID MELLOR KC**

Wareham Choral Society has been Wareham’s choir since 1947. They are an aspirational friendly choir directed by an enthusiastic professional musician, Hazel Ricketts. They rehearse every Monday evening in Lady St Mary’s Church in Wareham where they conduct most of their performances.

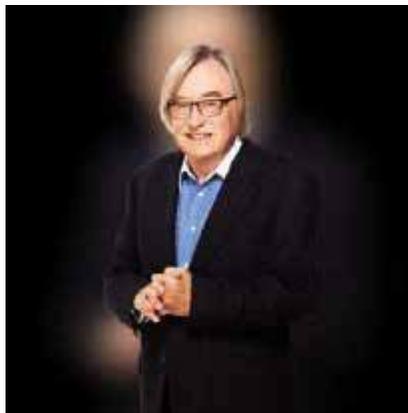


*Hazel Ricketts MD and Wareham Choral Society
Christmas 2021*

Like many musical groups across the country, they saw a drop in membership numbers after the Covid pandemic. A recent recruitment campaign has encouraged several new singers to join and enjoy the fun and friendship that singing with a choir can bring. However, the choir would love to welcome even more new members, of all voice parts. There are no auditions but

enthusiasm and commitment are essential.

The new Chairman, Teresa Rekowska, approached David Mellor in the summer to become their Patron particularly for his experience and knowledge as former Secretary of State for Culture and Media and for his love of music. David has a weekly programme on Classic FM Radio and is the Opera critic for The Mail on Sunday. David has a home in Corfe with his partner Penelope Viscountess Cobham. The choir and David are



Rt Hon David Mellor KC

looking forward to working together and are passionate about bringing a high standard of music to their local community.

David Mellor is a British broadcaster, barrister, after dinner speaker, former Member of Parliament for Putney and a government minister for 11 years. Born in Wareham, Dorset, David was educated at Swanage Grammar School, and Christ’s College, Cambridge.

Teresa says ‘I am delighted that David Mellor has agreed to become the Patron of Wareham Choral Society. He has a deep understanding of the joy that music can bring into our lives. The choir and I are excited to celebrate our 75th anniversary by beginning this new partnership and look forward to collaborating in the future’.

This Autumn the choir has provided a free Taster workshop and on 5 November arranged a very well attended and successful ‘Come & Sing’ day of Karl Jenkins’ ‘The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace’. There was a free performance in the afternoon which David and Penelope attended alongside others from the local community.

Wareham Choral Society have some exciting plans for the future including a magnificent ‘Magnificat’ Christmas concert on 10 December in Lady St Mary Church 7pm featuring the lovely soprano Lucy Braga. Of course the audience also have an opportunity to sing many of their favourite Carols. Tickets can be purchased via www.warehamchoral.co.uk or from Joys Menswear in Wareham. The choir will also be singing Christmas Carols on 19 December at the Wareham Day Centre for the elderly with dementia.

Wareham Choral Society are looking forward to an exhilarating programme in 2023 performing Mozart’s Coronation Mass on 22nd April in preparation for King Charles’ Coronation in May and then performing a remembrance concert 4th November; the beautiful Faure’s ‘Requiem’ and ‘The Armed Man; A Mass for Peace’ by Karl Jenkins.

The choir have recently gained sponsorship from The Kings Arms Stoborough and would welcome further sponsors from local businesses.

You can find out more at: Website: www.warehamchoral.co.uk, Email: warehamchoral@gmail.com, Facebook: [warehamchoral](https://www.facebook.com/warehamchoral), Twitter: [@WarehamChoral](https://twitter.com/WarehamChoral)

Teresa Rekowska - Chairman Wareham Choral Society

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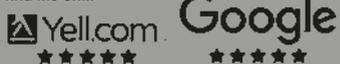
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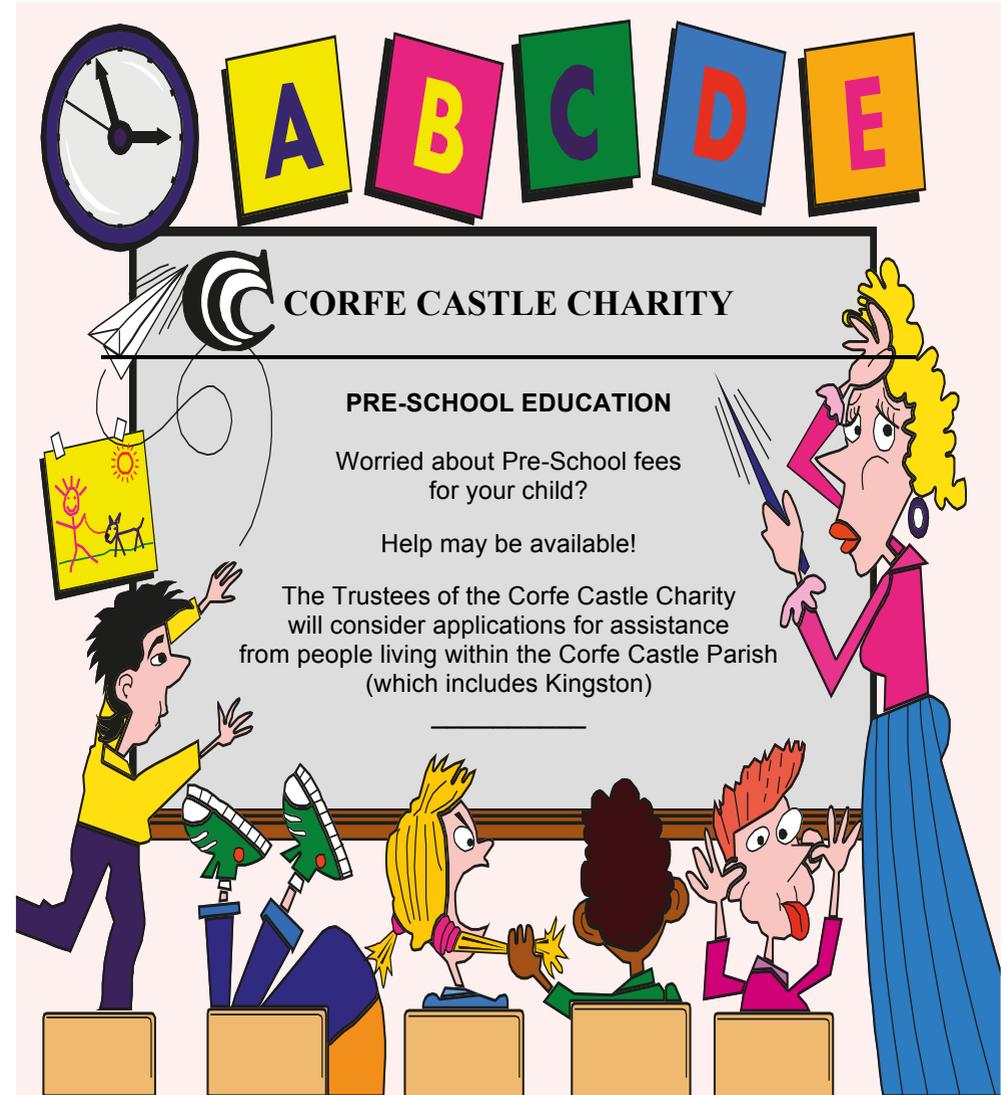
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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MONDAY			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre school	The Pre School
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Each	7 - 11pm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

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