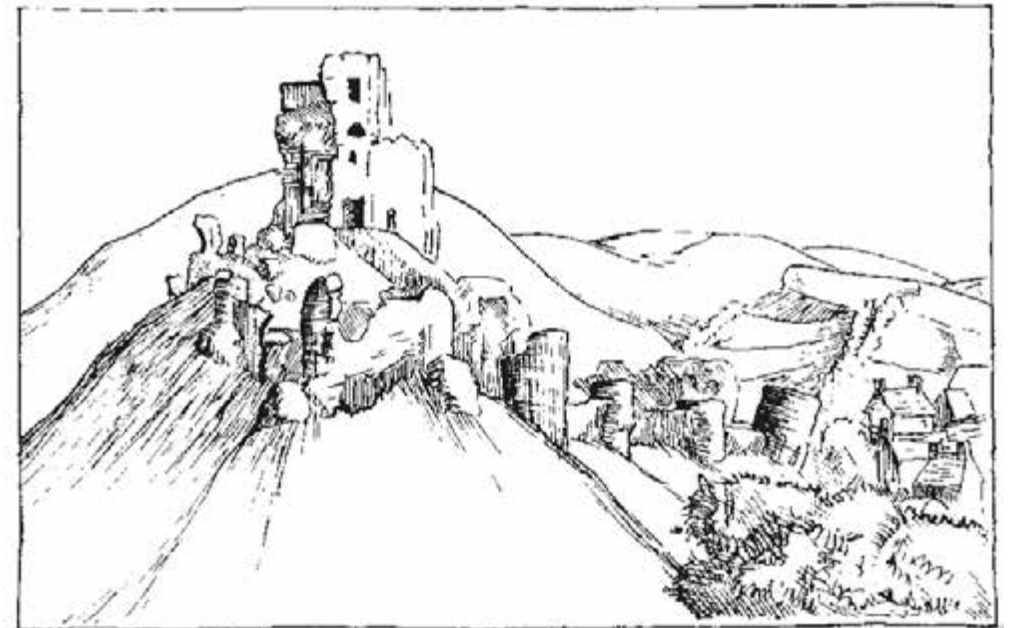


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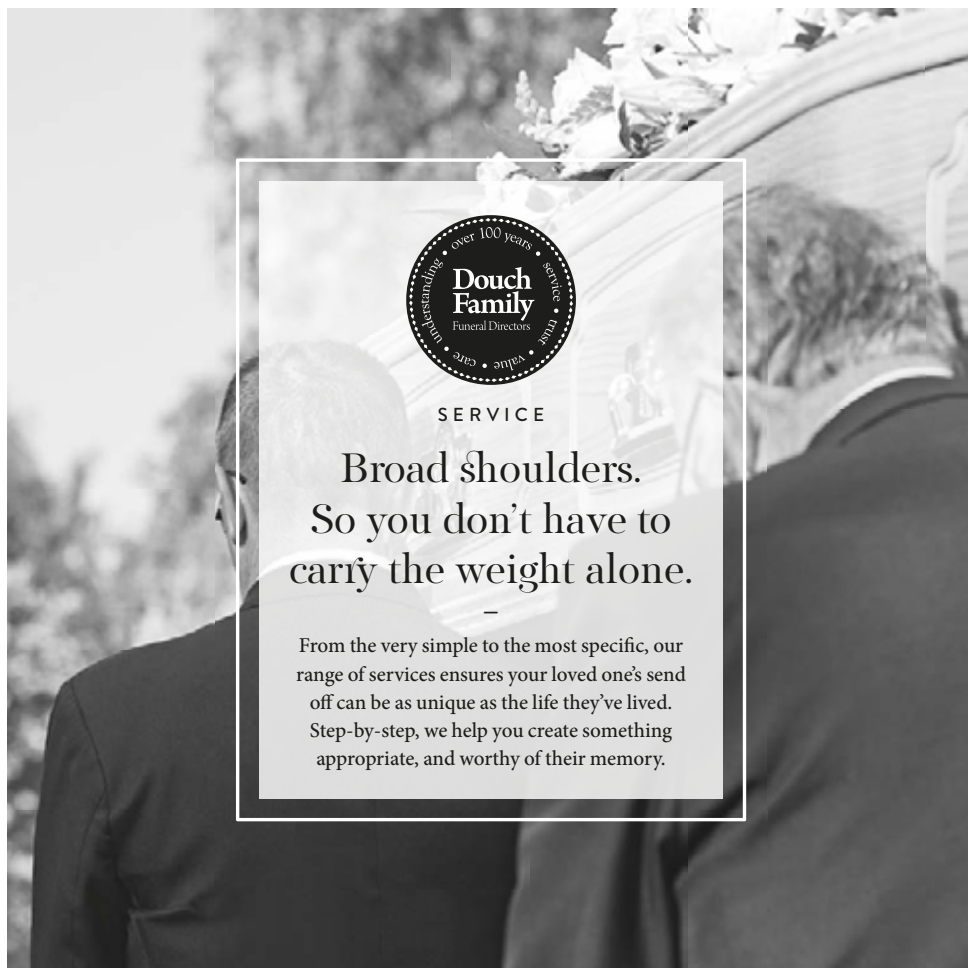
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## Editorial

First of all, we are very sorry to Rose and Pat for missing off the first paragraph of their Eyes to the Skies article last month. We don't know how that happened, but unfortunately it meant that only part of the article was there. We have therefore published the whole article again this month. It follows the Kimmeridge News page.

We are still looking for delivery helpers; in particular for someone to deliver in the Norden/New Line/Cats Eye Cottage area. If you can help please get in touch with Hillary on 481265. We also need helpers throughout the Corfe Valley area. The job only involves delivering up to 40 magazines (many rounds are less) and really doesn't take too much time.

This month the Citizens Advice bus will again operate from the Parish Council Residents car park, near the surgery; it will be there on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 1 to 3pm.

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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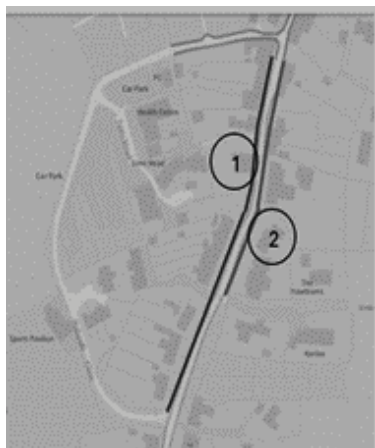
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John Lawrence dated 1951*



## CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Highways Consultation Results:** In May, the Parish Council sought the opinions of residents regarding parking and parking restrictions on West Street. 66% of responses were from residents who live on West Street or adjoining roads. Here are the recorded results:

1. Single Yellow Lines (SYL) to Double Yellow Lines (DYL) from the car park entrance road to the car park exit road. (West side of West Street) - **61% in favour of change**
2. Single Yellow Lines (SYL) to Double Yellow Lines (DYL) from the car park entrance road to unmade road West Street. (just after 55 West Street). – **74% in favour of change.**



3. To reduce parking on the corner of West Street opposite the Green Goat. – **71% in favour of change.**

Whilst this consultation focused on the specific areas mentioned above, please be assured those other areas, such as outside the museum, are also under review. The next step for the Parish Council is to submit the results to Dorset Council. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for their feedback and assure you each comment was read and considered.

**Aster Housing:** It has recently come to the attention of the Parish Council that Aster Housing is considering the sale of one of its properties in Corfe Castle. The Parish Council is concerned about this sale and has reached out to Aster Housing to request a meeting. This meeting will include other local housing providers with the aim to discuss strategies for retaining affordable housing in Corfe Castle. We will keep the community informed as more information becomes available

**Litter in the Square:** Last month, a member of the public raised concerns about the significant amount of litter around the square and requested action from the Parish Council. After investigating the issue, the Parish Council found that the excessive litter primarily occurred over one weekend (the May Bank Holiday), during which the bins overflowed.

The Parish Council consulted with both the Parish Caretaker and Dorset Waste Partnership to understand the situation better. They explored the possibility of installing a larger commercial-sized bin but concluded that the expense could not be justified given the circumstances.

Going forward, the Parish Council is collaborating with Dorset Waste Partnership to prevent a recurrence of the litter overflow experienced during the bank holiday weekend

**Memorial Garden:** During the July meeting, the Parish Council reviewed a proposal for the development of a new Memorial Garden in God's Acre. The submitted quotes, which exceeded £2,000, outlined the costs to level and grass seed the area.

After thoughtful discussion, the Council decided that the expenditure was not justifiable at this time. Instead, a more gradual approach will be taken, utilising available spoil to level the area over time. This method ensures that the project can progress in a cost-effective manner without imposing a significant financial burden.

We appreciate the community's patience and support as we work towards creating a serene and beautiful space for remembrance.

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

**Application No: P/HOU/2024/03340, Location:** Merryfields West Street, BH20 5HE, **Proposal:** Demolition of existing garage, changes to windows and modifications to existing roof to provide additional bedroom. **Comment** Corfe Castle Parish Council understand and appreciate the owners' wish to update their property and support the suggested new slate roof and new windows and doors. Although Merryfields itself is not considered to be a heritage asset, it is built of Purbeck stone and is within the Conservation Area, and we cannot support the proposed larch cladding. We believe that this would impact on the character of the area as a whole and particularly the Conservation area. We find the visual appearance and finishing materials of the larch cladding to be unacceptable and therefore the Parish Council object to this application.

**Application No: P/LBC/2024/03524, Location:** Wissett Cottage 53 East Street BH20 5EE E, **Proposal:** The pointing on (south facing) end gable wall of the building has become pitted and crumbly possibly aiding ingress of moisture through the wall. This proposal therefore is to rake out existing pointing and repoint with 3.5 naturally hydraulic lime mixed with local sand. **Comment** Corfe Castle Parish Council have no issue with the raking out of old mortar and repointing of the south facing gable end wall with suitable lime-based mortar, and therefore the Parish Council have no objection to this application

Full details for all planning applications can be found on the Dorset Council website, <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>

**Next Council Meeting:** Please note Corfe Castle Parish Council do not meet in August. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say.

**Parish Council contact details:**

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**We still have a vacancy for one more councillor. Could this be you?:** Do you enjoy working as part of a team? Do you want to represent your community and help shape its future? As a councillor, you will have the opportunity to:

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**A public litter bin is overflowing**

Self Service Portal - [https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP\\_Report\\_a\\_public\\_litter\\_bin\\_problem](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](https://dorset-self.achieveservice.com/service/DWP_Report_for_Mechanical_Road_Sweeper)

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## Church Knowle Parish Council

The July meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 6:30pm. It was attended by seven members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair) and four members of the public.

The main items of interest in the meeting were:

### Vacancies on the Parish Council

There is still one vacancy on the council which has a full strength of nine and any interested parishioners can apply to [clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@churchknowle-pc.gov.uk).

### Presentation on Community Housing

Mrs Cuff of Dorset Community Action gave a presentation on rural housing and housing trusts.

### The Road over Rail Bridge at Furzebrook

It has been drawn to the attention of the Parish Council and the Dorset Council that the crash barriers (there are none) at road over rail bridge at Furzebrook do not meet the current National Highways CS461 guidance. The Parish Council is requesting the Dorset Council to re-examine the safety features of this bridge. The concern is that there are insufficient barriers to prevent a vehicle from tumbling down the embankment onto the tracks in the event of an accident.

### The Playing Field

It was reported that bad behaviour and drinking is still occurring in the playing field. The Parish Council will put together a working party day to implement the measures in the safety inspections, sanding and treating the woodwork and put up signs warning against anti-social behaviour. The Playing Field is regularly mowed and maintained in good condition by the Parish Council.

### Neighbourhood Plan

The Church Knowle Parish Neighbourhood Plan is continuing.

### Planning

The Council resolved to have no objection to the planning applications:

P/FUL/2024/03317 Old Blacksmith's Workshop BH20 5DG  
P/HOU/2024/03439 New porch at Bucknowle Cottage BH20 5BQ

### Speed Limits in Church Knowle Parish

The 30mph speed limit in Church Knowle has been approved by the Dorset Council. The parish council resolved that it was unable to make the substantial financial contribution to implementing this requested by Dorset Highways as it was not anticipated in the parish council's budget. There are presently no speed limits other than the National Speed Limit of 60 mph in the parish and this speed limit through the village, which has been approved, will be implemented.

There will be a preliminary survey for a speed limit on Grange Road in response to requests from parishioners. This is a long straight country road where excess speed is hazardous and not uncommon. A speed limit is entirely appropriate.

The July meeting finished at 8:07 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Furzebrook Village Hall at 6:30 on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024.



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**National Trust**

We are really looking forward to welcoming the English Civil War Society back to the castle on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 of September for a dramatic re-enactment of 'The Betrayal', portraying the events of 1646 when the castle was finally taken.

The society are masters of bringing this period of history to life and visitors will be able to see, hear and feel the drama of the battle to take the castle. There are various events during the Saturday and Sunday from living history demonstrations - cooking, dining and working artisans to give a flavour of what life was like and Lady Bankes is also making an appearance with her officers.

Discover the social divide between the finely dressed officers and gentry and the soldiers and tradesmen beneath them and get ready for some live firing! Please do come along and watch it all unfold and also take note of the live firing times as we do appreciate these can be very loud for the village.

Firing times on both Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September:

Cannon fire @ 12pm

Musket fire @ 1pm

Musket fire @2:30pm

Light firing may be done @3:30pm during the betrayal section of the re-enactment.

Event Schedule:

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. 10:30am-4:30pm

**10.30am:** the soldiers and household will form up at in the West Street car park and march to the Square for 11am, where they will meet Lady Bankes and a proclamation will be read by Colonel Henry Anktell (the governor of the Castle). They will then all march in to the Castle.

**11am-4.30pm:** Living history (cooks, artisans, soldiers demonstrations, gentry dining) to give a flavour of what life was like.

**12pm:** Cannon fire

**1pm:** Watch Lady Bankes and her officers have dinner in the field.

**1pm:** Musket fire

**12:00 - 12:30pm:** The ECWS will perform a pike and musket drill. This will be followed by a children's drill.

**12:30pm:** Firing of 1 small cannon in remembrance

**2:30pm:** Musket fire

**3:00 - 3:30pm:** Traitor Colonel Pitman betrays the Castle before it is stormed by the Parliamentarians



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**National Trust**

### Nature updates from the National Trust

Did you know that Corfe Common is one of the few places in the UK where you can see the endangered southern damselfly? Volunteers recorded 36 of these vivid blue damselflies this year, the highest number since our surveys began in 2018. On nearby Hartland Moor, numbers have stayed stable at 198.

This success ties in with the work we've been doing to rewet areas of the common and clear waterside vegetation. Southern damselflies need shallow, unpolluted water with open, sunny banks.

We have six types of blue damselfly in the UK, each distinguished by the patterns on their abdomen. As the name suggests, the common blue damselfly is the most frequently seen.



*Southern Damselfly  
courtesy Gen Crisford*

Damselflies are more slender and delicate than dragonflies and usually rest with their wings folded back. Dragonflies are bigger with more powerful flight, and rest with their wings outstretched (like an aeroplane).



### Young peregrine flies the nest

We're very happy to report that the one surviving peregrine chick at the castle has now flown the nest. It looks strong and healthy, and will stay nearby for some weeks, still begging for food from its parents.

Peregrines are among the fastest animals on the planet, reaching speeds of up to 200 miles per hour when 'stooping' - diving down on their prey from high above. Their prey consists mostly of birds like feral pigeons and collared doves.

Peregrines nest in high places such as cliffs, cathedrals – and castles! Their numbers reached a low point in the 1960s due to human persecution and the impact of pesticides. Numbers are now increasing thanks to legislation – they are a protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act and disturbing them is a criminal offence.

Don't forget that if you live in the Parish of Corfe Castle you can get free entry into the castle – an ideal chance to do some peregrine watching!

### Cattle grazing

Cattle are now grazing on Corfe Common, helping us maintain the area as an amazing place for wildlife. Cattle pull up coarse vegetation, giving space for a wider variety of plants to grow. They also create areas of bare soil which are important basking sites for insects and reptiles. Cattle dung provides food for beetles and flies, which in turn feed many birds and bats.

Please remember:

- Don't feed or approach the cattle and give them plenty of space.
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Well what a celebration we had for our July Soup 'n Pud as we welcomed our 1000<sup>th</sup> diner to the Village Hall. We didn't know who it would be so gave everyone present, a raffle ticket, which we drew. Brenda Harris, one of our regular attenders won and was the lucky recipient of a bottle of Pimms. We served Pea and Basil or Curried Carrot and Apple soup followed by Caribbean trifle or Chocolate trifle and a Celebration cake with berry decorations and cream. A non- alcoholic Bucks Fizz was also on offer with chocolate orange crisp sweets to accompany the tea and coffee. Both trifles were using up cake frozen after previous events following our policy of 'waste not want not'!

Our Kiddies Kitchen in June was very successful with over 20 parents and children from the Toddler Group and Pre School tucking into all sorts of interesting goodies. They all seemed to really enjoy it. Thanks to both groups for entering into the spirit of it and loaning us the low tables and chairs. It would be lovely to do this again but start the eating 10 minutes earlier as there were some very hungry youngsters waiting with anticipation for the lovely food they could see laid out! There will be no Soup 'n Pud in August as we will be having a break but we look forward to seeing lots of folk back again on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall after the Coffee Morning. As usual we thank all our lovely volunteers for their help and Dragons Bakery for the bread rolls. We would love to see more people joining our fun lunch and all the friendly chatter at this great Community venture.

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## Corfe Castle Surgery

I apologise for my lack of information in the last couple of months, life has been very busy at the Surgery. Therefore I would just like to update you on the staffing. You will notice a few changes and we are sure that you have already welcomed our new staff.

Dr Mark Lepper	Jen- Medical Secretary/Deputy
Dr Vicky Gunn (Maternity leave)	Manager
Dr Daniel Lane	Teri- Lead Administrator
Dr Nicola Hawes	Hayley- Receptionist
	Laura- Receptionist
Emma- Practice Nurse	Keeley- Receptionist
Jo- Practice Nurse (Maternity leave)	
Alison- Practice Nurse	Anne-Marie- Dispensary Manager
Sue- Phlebotomist	Zoe- Dispenser
	New Dispenser incoming

Please note that due to the pressures of recruiting a new dispenser in place of Karen who left us in July, and the school holidays upon us there maybe some small changes to when the dispensary is open. This will be a temporary process and we request that you do not order early but do allow the **minimum** of 4 days if possible before collecting your medication.

I note that it has been brought to the PPG attention regarding the collection of prescriptions from the outside window. The dispensing numbers have increased significantly and the extra work bench is essential for the staff. We will always ask you to come into the reception area to wait if the weather is typically British!

Kerry Norman - Practice Manager

## Patient Participation Group

As I write Wimbledon is over and we are awaiting the result of THE Football match after which we hope the weather will improve to give us some sunshine for the school holidays and before we need to think about the Autumn when the Surgery will be offering flu vaccines and the **new RSV vaccine** . Hopefully they can be offered at the same time in October but pregnant ladies and children will be offered earlier vaccination in September when the PPG team will support the surgery team if needed. RSV is the Respiratory syncytial virus and is the common cause of coughs and colds. It is not usually serious but babies, children and older adults with a

weakened immune system have a higher risk of getting seriously ill so it is recommended that these groups receive immunisation. More information will follow shortly so please look out for posters in the surgery, on the surgery website and or on the PPG facebook page.

The PPG is always keen to receive issues that Surgery patients would like us to raise with the Practice team. As expected concerns are few but the collection of medicines from the outside dispensary window has been mentioned on several occasions, patients' asking if collections could be made inside the building particularly when it is raining .I have raised this with the Surgery who regrettably say that as the dispensary is busier than ever and space is limited within the surgery,the outside collection point will continue to support confidentiality and best use of available space .

Please do contact us through our email address if we can be of help [corfecastleppg@gmail.com](mailto:corfecastleppg@gmail.com) or through the surgery . We will be holding our next PPG meeting with the Surgery team in mid September at which time we will be planning our new health talks programme.

Sending best wishes for the rest of the summer,

Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair

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## Action For Health and Care In Purbeck

One of the concerns that the ACTION for HEALTH and CARE in PURBECK Group has, following various comments made by members of the public, is that they are being offered health appointments at one of our 3 major hospitals ie Poole, Bournemouth and Dorchester when sometimes those clinics also run in either Swanage or Wareham Community Hospitals, much nearer to their homes.

So we urge anyone being offered a health appointment at any of these to question the booking clerk whether this could be done more locally. The booking agents usually offer the first available appointment rather than looking at the geography. So if your condition is not urgent ask whether you could be seen in either Wareham or Swanage, making travel much shorter and easier.

Of course if you need help quickly your first port of call is still the 111 phone line and for emergencies 999. It is important you do this, even if your condition might be treatable at the MIU in Swanage, so that you can be advised about the best and safest course of action.





Hello from all the staff at  
**Corfe Castle Community Pre School**  
[info@corfecastlepreschool.org.uk](mailto:info@corfecastlepreschool.org.uk)

Well, we have reached the end of the school year!  
We wish our pre school leavers all the very best as they move on  
to their primary schools.

The end of the school year is always busy, but we have had fantastic events all year round for our children to take part in. Such as our teddy bear picnic, summer fair, library visits, sports day in the castle, leavers service, walks around the village, leavers train ride on the Swanage railway, School photos, visits from lambs as well as many more exciting daily activities for the children.

We'd like to thank our committee for all their support. They work extremely hard, even more so this year with the merge with the primary school. A special thank you to our chair, Laura, who has taken on many challenges in ensuring a smooth transition into the primary school.

Thank you as always to our hard-working staff who always put the children first and take huge pride in what they do.

We do say a very fond farewell this year to Mandy.  
Mandy has worked in the pre school for many years and has been a firm favourite with so many children. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her all the best and, thank you, for everything you have done Mandy. You will be missed x

We have very few spaces remaining for September so please contact the primary school if you are interested in joining.

### **A2B-C, or Getting from A to B with less C (Carbon).**

One of the benefits of the tourist season here is that more 'buses come out of hibernation. We currently have 3 or 4 different numbered 'buses between Corfe Castle, Wareham and Swanage. We can even get a 'bus to far-flung places like Wool and Lulworth! The timings may be a bit strange, with all the 'buses arriving within 10 minutes or so of each other, perhaps because different companies are involved. But all these 'buses, free with a 'bus pass or costing £2 at the most for a trip, are a good incentive to leave the car at home, and avoid paying for parking too. If you haven't considered using the local 'bus service, do give it a try. The drivers are helpful, and can lower the front if the step's a bit high for you, or fit a ramp if you are on wheels. Once on board you can relax and gaze at our wonderful Purbeck views out of the window.

Of course, the most eco-friendly way of getting from A to B is by walking, but it takes longer, and may not be appropriate. For many people, cycling is an option. Apart from buying the bike (and all the lycra gear and safety stuff) it is very inexpensive and a lot quicker than walking. Electric bikes have made cycling far more possible for more people, meaning you can get up hills with much less effort! If you have solar panels on your roof, charging your electric bike could be virtually free too! The fresh air and exercise of walking and cycling have great physical and mental health benefits too.

And then there's the train to Swanage. For a one-off journey the cost is high, but you can travel much more cheaply if you use it frequently.

So there are some suggestions for making August a 'Use The Car Less' month, helping to save some money and reducing carbon emissions too.

*CCPCEG Core Group – Helen, Luke, Tom, Josey, Richard, David*

# SUMMER FETE

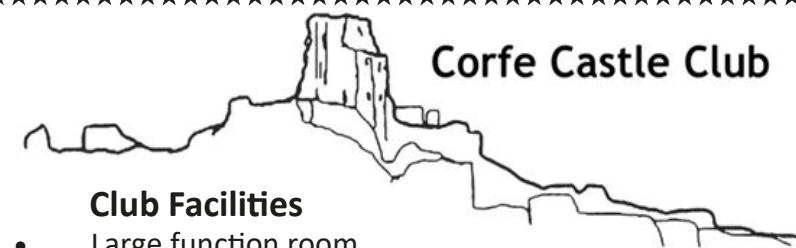
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 Sunday: All day 12.00 - 7.00pm

### Weekly Events

Poker Night: Wed 8.30pm  
 One Card Bingo: Fri 8.30pm  
 Chase the Ace Draw: Sat 9.00pm  
 Beer/Meat Draw: Sat evening  
 One Card Bingo: Sun 1.00pm

### Forthcoming Events

Sun 25th August 2pm –  
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 Sun 15th Sept afternoon –  
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At the time of writing, 'The Shaftesbury Tales' is just about to start at Corfe Castle, before moving on to Wareham and other venues, culminating in performances in Shaftesbury Fringe Festival. Hopefully many readers enjoyed at least one of the performances, put together by Treehouse Theatre with Double Act involved in Corfe and Wareham.

Now we have told 'The Shaftesbury Tales' we are back into full production preparations for.....

**'This Secret Isle' - November 21st, 22nd & 23rd.**

If you fancy joining in with this brand new WW2 locally-set thriller you still can. Just contact Pete on 480109 or come along to the Village Hall on August 12th or 19th at 7pm.



We are also still looking for suitable wartime memorabilia to help dress the stage & characters, so if you have anything which you think might be useful please contact us.

**Ball & Socket are back!**

As this could be the last public appearance of the duo, on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> in Corfe Castle Village Hall, you really shouldn't miss it! And of course, there's the **Mystery Guest Artist** included in the programme! Full details will appear in the next CVN and elsewhere.

If you would be interested in joining our friendly safe group or for more details, please contact the chairman, David Kemp 01929 480007, or secretary David Watson 01929 481265 - or email [doubleactdramagroup@gmail.com](mailto:doubleactdramagroup@gmail.com)  
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Saturday 24th August 2024  
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Travellers will depart from Swanage station, embarking on a picturesque journey through Purbeck’s scenic landscapes to Corfe Castle, reminiscent of the Hogwarts Express. Upon arrival guests will be transported to a magical outdoor venue in the castle grounds where the first instalment of the Harry Potter series will be screened under the stars.

Commenting on the event, Claire Burns, festival director at the Purbeck Film Festival said:

“This event is designed to transport fans not only through the landscapes but through time, immersing them in the nostalgic experience of classic train travel coupled with the magic of Harry Potter.

“We’re thrilled to offer an unforgettable evening that combines the love for railways with the enchantment of J.K. Rowling’s wizarding world.”

The train represents a bygone era of rail travel - with vintage carriages and authentic locomotive, it provides the perfect backdrop for fans to feel as though they’re on their way to Hogwarts.

Tickets for this exclusive event are limited and expected to sell out quickly. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their favourite Harry Potter attire and bring blankets and chairs for comfortable seating during the film.

This blockbuster is one of four family orientated films being screened in the ‘Cinema Under The Stars’ summer programme with *Barbie*, *Ghostbusters* and *Wonka* also set to feature. Performances are weather dependent but will only be cancelled in extreme circumstances.

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# Corfe Castle Village Hall

### general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the July VH Coffee Morning. £157.21 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In June the first prize of £20 was won by member 6, with member 21 getting second prize £10 and member 89 winning the third prize £5. If you would like to become one of the many villagers who support their local village hall like this please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

The village hall offers a large amount of secure storage space. One storage unit has just become available, for just £80 pcm; for more details please contact Judith on 01929 480216.

### regular weekly events:

Monday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio
Monday evenings	Double Act
Monday evenings	Purbeck Chess
Tuesday mornings	Toddlers
Tuesday mornings	Yoga
Tuesday evenings	Martial Arts
Tuesday evenings	Badminton
Wednesday mornings	Corfe Crafters
Wednesday mornings	Pilates
Wednesday afternoons	U3A Pickleball
Wednesday evenings	Youth Club
Thursday mornings	Silver Swans adult ballet
Thursday evenings	Cubs
Thursday evenings	Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday mornings	Pilates
Friday mornings	Purbeck Dance Studio

### regular monthly events:

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

### superb photo canvas images of the Castle

The Jubilee Committee has produced three large photo canvas images of Corfe Castle, and has generously allowed these to be displayed in the Bill Carter room in the Village Hall. The photos are stunning, and we would encourage everyone to admire them. Many of you attend one or more of the regular meetings in the BC room, but for the benefit of those who do not we will open up the Bill Carter room for the next four Village Hall Coffee Mornings (first Saturday morning of the month).

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

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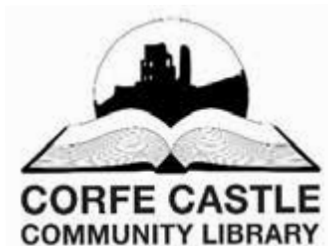
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# News from the Library



## Help!

You are probably aware that the library is a community library. This means that after the council planned to close the library in 2012 we, as a village, negotiated to still have access to all the services of a council run library. However, the community has to provide a lot of the administrative support and nearly all of the staffing via volunteers. Many years ago we formed a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) called the Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library (FCCCL).

You can help ensure we, as a village, can continue to keep our library open together. There are two ways you can help:

- by volunteering from as little as 3 hours a month
- by becoming a Friend of the library

Ask at the library or email [corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com) for more information on volunteering or see the form on the next page for more information about becoming a Friend of the library.

## Summer Reading Challenge 2024

The theme for this year's reading challenge, for children up to 11 years, is 'Marvellous Makers'. Come and join, read and chat about our lovely children's books, and win a medal and certificate.

**You can help our library and receive news about our events by becoming a FRIEND of Corfe Castle Community Library.**

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### **Normal Library Opening Hours**

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**CERAMICS ON DISPLAY**

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

August is here; the children have finished school and the village is bustling! We're now in the peak of our season, which means the pub is getting busier. We still love seeing new & returning customers, so why not pop on in for a refreshing drink or a bite to eat!

### **No Bookings throughout August**

We kindly remind you that there are no bookings being taken throughout the summer holidays, and bookings will return in September. However, with our large beer garden & indoor dining area, we are sure we can accommodate you. So pop on in, and see what delicious food we have on offer.

### **We are Hiring!**

We are looking for new staff members to join our team! We are looking for chef's, bar staff (18+), runners & pot washers. We're offering a fun working environment, with shifts to suit your current commitments. Please give the pub a call or pop in to enquire.

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

Friday night's we offer delicious, fresh fish as local as we can get! We regularly offer mouth-watering mussels, oysters, crab & scallops along with other tasty options on this popular evening. Come & join us for a fabulous dining experience.

From everyone at The Castle Inn, we wish you a fun-filled August.

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Rachel Fooks from Rachel Fooks Ceramics based in Furzebrook gave us a very interesting and interactive pottery demonstration. We learnt about different types of clay and had the opportunity to see and feel example specimens which, Rachel gathers locally from around Ridge. Rachel then talked us through the many ways that clay can be made into finished articles and which clay is suitable for which method. Besides ‘throwing pots’ on a potter’s wheel, we were shown how clay can be rolled, cut and moulded by hand. Then it was on to glazes and firing. Rachel often collects things from nature, such as seaweed and crystal, and uses these to make her own glazes. We learned that the final colour is only seen when the piece comes out of firing, so it is always a magical moment to see what the finished article looks like as it comes out of the kiln.



There were beautiful examples of each method for us to admire. Finally, we had the opportunity to make our own piece of pottery which Rachel will glaze and fire for us. We can’t wait until September to see how they all turned out.

6<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Our annual BBQ for members and guests will be held at 12:30 pm at Corfe Castle Village Hall. There will be a hog roast and wonderful desserts (vegetarians are catered for). It’s a great chance for our members and their families and friends to get together in a convivial atmosphere and share good food and company.

**Provisional Programme For Speakers At Future Meetings:**

These remain provisional, unless stated as confirmed.

**3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Maggie Hardy to explain how to use defibrillators. (confirmed). Note the talk is open to non-members as it is such an important topic to support the community.

**1<sup>st</sup> October** – Connor Winter from the ‘Green Bricks Project’ to recycle bottle tops.

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Ukulele Group

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**Trip to a local vineyard** – Possibly The Oak Vineyard at Lytchett Matravers, which has private group tours available.



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

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

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

## Your Village Hall Needs You!



As part of our ongoing plans to refurbish the kitchen at the village hall we need to create a small furniture store at one end of the old committee room. This mostly involves constructing a new stud wall which is quite manageable, but we also need help with some minor electrical alterations as well as some structural work involving doubling the width of a doorway in a 200mm thick block wall together with inserting a new precast concrete lintel.

So if anyone owns or can handle a large disc saw to form a neat opening, your expertise would be greatly appreciated, as would help with fitting the new doors and plastering the stud wall.

As we know that the kitchen project will require a major fund raising initiative, we are trying to reduce the cost of this smaller project by encouraging willing members of our community to step up to volunteer their time and effort for this project.

We hope to be able to do this work during the week commencing 19th August this year. Please respond to Peter on 01929 480109.

### A message to all our customers

Hello! For those new to/visiting the village, we're a gift shop and gallery in West St, selling local art, crafts and souvenirs, the best of UK independent makers, and some larger brands. Largely inspired by the English coast and countryside, our two rooms are open every day, and browsers are most definitely welcome!

If you're already a customer then you know that we are something of an Aladdin's Cave, with lots of stock. We are doing some refurbishments (mainly the stock room) next year, so will be clearing end of line items all through the Summer and Autumn. Pop in for some bargains!



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## CORFE VALLEY NEWS

## CALENDAR for AUGUST 2024

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

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

2	August	Friday	7 pm	Kimmeridge Play at the Bay – Miracle Theatre “Love Riot”
3	August	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
3	August	Saturday	2 pm	3 Parishes Fete – Church Knowle
3 & 10	August	Saturday	1030 am	Local history group walk about starting from the Town Hall.
6	August	Tuesday	1230 pm	Aquarius Barbecue Corfe Castle Village Hall
8	August	Thursday	12 noon – 4 pm	St Edwards Summer Fete – Church Lawns
12 & 19	August	Monday	7 pm	Double Act casting for This Secret Isle
13	August	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Furzebrook Village Hall
16	August	Friday	1 – 3 pm	Citizens Advice bus in Residents car park West Street.
23/24	August	Friday/Saturday Evening		Purbeck Film Festival Screening of Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone and Wonka in the Castle
26	August	Monday		Harmans Cross Fete and Field Day
29	August -1 September	Thursday – Sunday		Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival

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

3	September	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk on defibrillators Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	September	Thursday	7.30 pm	Gardening Club talk - gardening for butterflies & moths. Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	September	Thursday	2 pm	Talk on Corfe Castle Charities – Corfe Castle Town Hall
7	September	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	September	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud Community Lunch – Corfe Castle Village Hall
7 & 8	September	Saturday Sunday		English Civil War Society in the Castle with firing.
8	September	Sunday	1030 pm	Walk around Corfe Castle Charities lands – Scotland Farm.
9	September	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	September	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle Village Hall
13	September	Friday	7.30 pm	Barn Dance – Kimmeridge Village Hall in Etches Collection
5	October	Saturday	7 pm?	Ball and Socket show – Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	October	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk on The Green Bricks Project Corfe Castle Village Hall

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# Church of England

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### Church Wardens in the Valley Churches

Corfe Castle: Penelope Smith 480109      John Lindsay 481498

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

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### **The Rev Anne Bond writes**

In my last letter I wrote about the good news of our two-for-one package that is to be our new Rector and his Reverend Wife; and then I commented on atheism and asked: taking into account the remarkable achievements originating in and put into practice by the ingenuity of the human brain, might it not be foolish to discount absolutely the possibility that this same brain may be capable of perceiving a being who is, in fact, the source of all existence?

A few years ago I found myself at a dinner party sitting between two gentlemen who addressed not one word to me, but instead amused each other by waxing lyrical about the uselessness of the Church, the ineffectiveness of its ministers, and the responsibility of local Vicars for the Church's decline in popularity. And then they began on the iniquitous introduction into Holy

Orders of women. They talked across me, almost nestling their elbows in my plate.

I wasn't wearing a dog collar, and in any case, I couldn't get a word in edgeways. At the end of dinner, I rose from my chair and was unable not to hear the comment: "*She* didn't have much to say, did she?" and the reply: "At least she wasn't a She-Vicar. They're like witches – duck 'em and drown 'em *I* say!"

I wish I had been clever enough to say something biting and sophisticated that cut the ground from under their feet! But as often happens in the heat of the moment, I felt stunned into total brainlessness. I had defended neither the Church, nor the Clergy, nor even Jesus himself. I felt foolish, and feeble, and faithless.

Faithless? No. Certainly foolish and feeble – but not faithless. The amazing thing about Jesus is that he uses a person's faith *however small, weak and shaky it may be*, to carry out miracles of reassurance, healing, restoration and recovery; but he said himself that if a person has no faith at all, then there's nothing he can do. (Mark 6:5-6.)

I'm no great brain, but I do have faith. I believe in God who is the Father immortal and invisible; the Son who as one of us walked this earth, bore mankind's wrongdoing in his own self and died a punishing human death on our behalf; and the Holy Spirit who is the essence of the Son living, active and working in this world. I wouldn't be wearing a dog collar if I didn't believe, would I?

But my two extremely rude dinner companions did have a point. If it is at all important for people to believe in God, it is equally important the clergy – and indeed all believers - should be able to explain to those with no faith what Christianity is all about, the purpose being that all people become equipped to fight evil and its works, and blessed by the peace of mind that follows.

Let us hope and pray that our new Rector(s) will be similarly enthused.

With love, Anne

### **Bible Readings – August 2024**

4 <sup>th</sup> August	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

18 <sup>th</sup> August	Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### **Services in August 2024**

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b> Corfe Castle 10.30am	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b> Steeple 09.30am Corfe Castle 10.30am	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b> Corfe Castle 10.30am Harmans Cross 8 pm	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Evening Prayer
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b> Corfe Castle 10.30am	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion



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

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



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

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

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

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

Heidi Florence from SSCP says: ‘Reaching our Crowdfunder target was crucial not only to secure match funding from Sport England but also to show grant-giving organisations that our community strongly supports the project.’

Potential funders will want to see that the skatepark is desired and backed by the community, and our Crowdfunder campaign clearly demonstrates this.’

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

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

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

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

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

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

More info on the website:

<https://www.swanageskateparkcommunityproject.com/>

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

[swanageskatepark@gmail.com](mailto:swanageskatepark@gmail.com).

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

## What's On at Harmans Cross Village Hall

Not long now until our annual **Harmans Cross Fete and Show on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August**. We will have all the usual entertainment – live music, children's entertainment and games, bar, BBQ, a huge host of stalls and our Big Raffle with proceeds again shared this year with the amazing Dorset charity Mosaic which provides bereavement counselling and support to youngsters.

We are already looking for donations of books, jewellery, bags and bric-a-brac so if you are having a clear-out then please keep us in mind. We have set up a gazebo at the 'railway side' of the Hall alongside the garage which we hope will be a convenient way of dropping off any books, bric-a-brac etc, and we will clear that every day or so.

We will also have a Plant and Produce stall and we will welcome donations for this as well. Please bring plants along to the Hall on the Saturday or Sunday immediately before the Fete, and we will look forward to receiving produce e.g. tomatoes, vegetables, fruit etc on the morning of the Fete. And of course, the café would be delighted to accept any cakes from 9am on Monday morning as well.

### **Movie Night – Tuesday 13 August – Back to Black**

A celebration of the most iconic - and much missed - homegrown star of the 21st century, **BACK TO BLACK** tells the extraordinary tale of Amy Winehouse. Painting a vivid, vibrant picture of the Camden streets she called home and capturing the struggles of global fame, the film honours Amy's artistry, wit, and honesty, as well as trying to understand her demons.

Doors and bar open at 7pm and admission remains just £5

### **Future movies for your diaries:**

Tuesday 10 Sept: One Life

### **Other dates for your diaries**

**Coffee Junction:** August 8 and 22 from 10.30am

**HXVH Church:** Sunday 18 August at 6pm

## **And finally .. we are looking for a new Secretary to the Management Committee**

The role involves taking Minutes of meetings (c8 meetings a year) and organising the AGM. If you have a spare 1-2 hours per week and would like to get involved in our active and sociable team, please contact Alison Clough at [alison.an.clough@btinternet.com](mailto:alison.an.clough@btinternet.com) or on 07768 558341.

Alison and the HXVH Committee



**The Corfe Castle Town Trust**  
will be taking a local history walk around  
the village  
which will take place on  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30am**  
Meet by the entrance to the Town Hall in  
the churchyard

**Donations welcome**

## Notices and Thanks

### Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

In July the club had a day visiting the garden at Hauser and Wirth Gallery in Bruton, Somerset. Blue skies and a brisk wind showed off the perennial planting in all its glory. Grasses and muted colours were an inspiration and we all used our plant ID apps to take note of the stunning varieties.

Whilst the artwork was interesting, a second tour of the garden was more popular with our group after our delicious lunch. We talked to the head gardener about the challenges of maintaining the design by Piet Oudolf initially without a greenhouse or a water supply.

Thanks to Fiona for arranging and for transporting us there and back!

This month we also had our open gardens for CCGC members. Four members gardens were opened over the day and Joy hosted us for drinks in the evening. It was really interesting to see the variety of terrain we have to work with and our different gardening styles as well as our plant likes and dislikes. Many of us have taken home inspiration for our own gardens.

Next meeting is September in the hall where renown lepidopterist Dr Martin Warren will be talking to us about gardening for butterflies and moths.

Claire Hombersley & Lucy Saunders

For interesting talks, plant sales, seed swaps & garden visits our usual meetings are from 7:30pm on the first Thursday of the month in the village hall. We love to welcome new members! If you are interested in joining please get in touch with Chris on 07815058880 or email [cclarkecorfecc@gmail.com](mailto:cclarkecorfecc@gmail.com)

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

### **Advice Bus**

The Advice Bus has changed locations in Corfe Castle. It will now be stopping at the Residents Car Park, West Street, the third Friday of the month. Next on the 19<sup>th</sup> July and then the 16<sup>th</sup> August. It also stops weekly at Swanage Market on a Friday morning, 9.30am-1.30pm.

Advisers can offer advice on a number of different issues including: benefits, debt & money, employment, energy, family, housing and legal. If you're struggling to pay your Wessex Water bills and if you're on pension credit you may be entitled to additional help. Advice is free and confidential and you don't need to book an appointment.

Visit our website for all of our bus locations [www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-)

### Swanage Library Drop-in Date Change

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

### Drop-in locations

Here's a list of local drop-ins for residents at nearby outreaches. No appointment is needed:

- Swanage Library – Tuesday, 10am-12pm (from 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024)
- Herston Village Hall, Swanage – Monday, 10am-12pm
- Wareham Citizens Advice – Tuesday & Thursday, 10am-12pm
- Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council – Tuesday, 10am-12pm
- Upton Library – Wednesday, 2pm-4pm

For more information about Citizens Advice services, including all of our outreaches, visit [www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk) to speak to an Adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline freephone on 0800 144 8848, 10am-4pm weekdays.

### Bin Collections

The standard collection day is Wednesday.

	Recycling and Food	Rubbish and Food
August 2024	7, 21	14, 28
September 2024	4, 18	11, 25

### SWANAGE TOWN BAND IN THE BANDSTAND

Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> August	7:00 PM
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> August	2.30 PM

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

**Nov 3-10, 2024**

The lucky winner of the 'Fizz Flutter' draw for a fine bottle of champagne was Polly Marley. She was delighted!

**Purbeck Recorder Consort** played at Prince Albert Gardens in Swanage on Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> in support of Julia's House and my Petra Trek, and we raised over £300 there.

The **Rock Quiz** runs to the end of July. Collect your copy (£1) in the Library, Sweet Shop or Villages Stores, and follow the instructions for returning it when completed. The winner gets a cash prize, remember!

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

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

*David Kemp, 7 Colletts Close, Corfe Castle, 01929 480007  
[davimukem@aol.com](mailto:davimukem@aol.com)*

### Dorset Buttons – Dance Out Dates

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

7 August 2024	Wednesday	8pm	Square & Compass, Worth Matravers
14 August 2024	Wednesday	8pm	Banks Arms, Studland
21 August 2024	Wednesday	7.45pm	Red Lion, Winfrith
28 August 2024	Wednesday	7.45pm	Clay Pipe, Sandford
4 September 2024	Wednesday	7.45pm	Wareham Quay



### How Corfe Lost It's Mayor.

Ida Woodward writing in 1907 declared Corfe to be one of the most ancient Boroughs in England, and there can be no doubt about this. A Saxon burgh and Norman stronghold it undoubtedly had a Mayor or its equivalent for more than 1000 years. The word Mayor is Norman French and denotes the Town Leader. There are records of Mayors in Corfe as far back as the time of Richard 11 and by the Charter of Queen Elizabeth the Councillors could call themselves 'Barons' with the privilege of being able to hunt the stag on Mayday. They had the right to choose mayor, bailiffs and the coroner. The Court Rolls enacted that no islander could marry his daughter to an outsider without the Constable's permission that no house could be built on the heath and no fishing allowed on the Sabbath.

However the Mayoralty was doomed by a report in 1879 by the Municipal Corporation Commission which singled out some 86 small Corporations. It read - "It appears to us that it is not expedient that any of these Corporations which are municipal should continue in their present state and condition. It seems to us that by the smallness of their population and the duties performed that they should not retain their municipal functions". There were other towns which suffered and one of these was Christchurch which unlike Corfe has regained it's Mayor and status. The national press derived some amusement from the report and the Daily News wrote in 1880 "Corfe is one of the most curious villages in southern England. It lies under the picturesque ruin which guards the opening through the great chalk downs which shut off the Isle of Purbeck. It has a Corporation as quaint as the odd houses which have a single room protruding into the main street over the front door. Some time ago there was a caricature circulated of the local grocer who was also the Mayor, who selected the Mayor, the Chairman of the Public Trusts and of the Committee appointed annually to look into the accounts of the Trusts and of those who dispose of the trusts. They were all the same person. There is also a mace bearer who attends the Mayor, a cantor whose duty it is to inspect all food in the Borough and the most coveted post of ale bearer. There is also a hayward whose duty it is to prevent cattle from damaging hedges and to put them in the local pound".

The result of the Commission's report and unfavourable press comment was that Corfe lost its Mayor and Corporation status, being reduced to a Paris council some few years afterwards. Ninety years later the same fate befell Swanage and Wareham although the former was never a Borough.

The clock was turned back when tradition became more important. By the 1972 Local Government Act, Parish Councils who wished to do so could pass a resolution by changing the name (but nothing else) to that of 'Town Council' with

a Town Mayor. Swanage and Wareham chose to do this. Tradition dies hard in Dorset, perhaps it is not too much to hope that one day we may see the Mayor, followed by his mace bearer, parading the streets of our village once more.

P.D.R



**The Corfe Castle Town Trust**  
is restarting the **Local History Group**  
with a talk on the **Corfe Castle Charities**  
which will take place on  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in the Town Hall**  
Following on from this, there will be a walk around the  
**Charities' Lands at New Mills Heath**  
on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am**  
Meet at the entrance to Scotland Farm  
**Donations welcome**

**Corfe Castle Evangelical Congregational Church**

The Big Question

So, what is the big question? We'll come to that later, firstly we would like to thank you again for all the encouragement you have continued to give over the past few weeks as the garden comes together.

Jesus said Come to me all who are laden and I will give you rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light.

We hope that we can offer a place where you can find rest, come and enjoy the tranquillity of the garden, take the time to sit, absorb and recharge, or come in and sit a while in the chapel and prayerfully talk things over with God.

And now for that big question, as we move forward, we pray that the chapel comes alive and with God's help becomes a central part of life in Corfe. To that end what do you want to see at the chapel. Please let us know your thoughts by posting on the email below or use the post box on the railings to give us your ideas.

We long to see young and seniors alike enjoying the garden at the chapel on the green and we will listen to your ideas and where we can, we will add them to our plans moving forward, when we are there the chapel and gardens will be open for all. We all live in Wareham, so opening times can vary.

Also, as you may be aware we are delighted to have a new resident in the chapel cottage who you will see around the village as she works locally. We are coming close to completing all the garden structure work and once finished, hopefully for the school holidays, weather permitting, you can come and enjoy a cup of coffee and maybe a slice of cake! while the children play in the park opposite and inside on less sunny days.

And as they say," watch this space" as the Chapel on the Green continues to grow. See you very soon.

<p><b>August</b>  <b>Coffee &amp; Craft Morning</b>  <b>Each Wednesday 10.30am – 12.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Afternoon Services</b>  <b>Fortnightly on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> 3pm</b></p>	<p><b>CHURCH SECRETARY</b></p> <p><b>Fr_ee2talk@yahoo.co.uk</b></p> <p><b>07908 807 115</b></p>
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## Kimmeridge News

### **Miracle Theatre present - Love Riot – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

After a few year's hiatus I'm really pleased to be able to share that Miracle Theatre are coming back to Kimmeridge Bay. The performance will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7pm. Kimmeridge Bay. Tickets Adults - £15, Under 18s - £6, Family - £35 - Available online at artsreach.co.uk or from 07879 473693.

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### **Three Parishes Fete – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

Kimmeridge Villagers will also be taking an active part in the ever-popular Three Parishes Fete at Church Knowle Old Rectory. 2pm start.

### **Kimmeridge Church**

After a very quiet time since Ian Jackson's retirement, we hope to have a special Summer Holiday Service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August – details will be on the notice board nearer the time! All are welcome.

**Steve & Helen Earwicker**

### **Omission last Month**

Last month we somehow managed to leave the first paragraph out of Rose and Pats Eyes to the Skies article. We're very sorry about that, and here is the whole article once again, this time complete.

## Eyes to the Skies July

Well finally the weather has changed and the sun has been shining on us, house martins and swallows are swooping over the fields catching insects on the wing and the chirping of fledgling birds is filling the air along every hedgerow. There are plenty of raptors about, this year's courting displays by the buzzards around Kimmeridge have been amazing with lots of stooping and tumbling.

Red kite, sparrow hawk & kestrel are being seen regularly around the ridges and fields especially when the grass is being cut for silage, sadly no sign of the sea eagles in the last couple of weeks.

The strong north westerly winds saw the arrival of 500+ swifts with the odd sand and house martin tagging along on two separate occasions in the first ten days of June, swarming like flying ants while the local peregrine's chased after them, a spectacular sight.

Down in the Bay a Grey seal has been spotted on a few occasions and an adder basking in the sun by the boat slipway, I've also seen the first fledgling white throats around the brambles by the sea wall.

Finally to the most unexpected bird of the month for Kimmeridge, seven Canada geese flying in formation over the village early one morning.

Happy birding, Cheers, Rose & Pat

## Eyes to the Skies August

Hi all,

The Mediterranean gulls and Black headed gulls have returned to the bay with their young, pied wagtail families by the waterfall, chiff chaffs are still singing and little egret, grey heron both put in an appearance. At the gate a flock of 26 long tailed tits was exceptional, Juvenile Great Spotted Woodpecker easily recognised by the red crown, linnet drinking from the puddles early morning and Red Kite circling overhead.

It is now officially autumn in the bird Calendar..... with the "summer weather to match".

Wheatears, yellow wags Swifts and Swallows will all be gathering near the coast to feed up ready for the long journey home.

The collared doves have had a fantastic year in the barns, with many youngsters fledged.

We are already seeing green sandpiper and common sandpiper in the local area both returning waders.

Happy birding Rose and Pat



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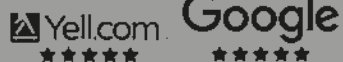


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## The Rambling Gardener

August here already! The nights are drawing in; if wet and windy it will be nice to be inside, but on hot days the sea will be lovely. Let's hope we have some nice days. In the 1940's, after the cows had been milked in the afternoon all seven of us used to bicycle to Peveril Point to swim and to have high tea. There was petrol rationing so we used the bicycles as much as we could. When I was young I loved swimming in the cold and rain as then the water seemed warmer, but now I am glad if I don't have to.

My mother taught me my schoolwork and the other skills she thought I needed, but she also made everything fun. So I enjoy spinning, making my own clothes, darning, painting, gardening, bird watching, being observant and making herbal remedies. She said that salt, water, garlic and honey are the best basic treatments for many injuries. In 1957 a doctor supported that by teaching me to mix honey with flower until it was like putty to put on an abscess on my husband's neck that hadn't responded to any other treatments. The next day all the poison had been pulled out and it was healing. I have used this on many small abscesses, and puncture wounds and grazes on children, adults and animals since.

With the changing weather it's hard to plan, but plants that have grown fast in the warmer, but wet, July need cutting back. I will be doing a lot of trimming, and seeing that all support wires are in good repair for climbers and soft fruit; it is so much easier to strengthen things before they fall over. The summer fruiting raspberries and loganberries need to be cut to the ground when they have finished fruiting and the new growth tied in with hemp string (not nylon if possible).

Plums and apricots have to be pruned in the summer to prevent die back. Small Apples should be thinned to get nice healthy fruit - if one leaves too much fruit on a tree it may not have fruit every year. Look for canker, which grows in wet crowded conditions, and if seen cut it right back so it does not pass on the disease to other branches - the wet summer will be making it bad this year. When the fruit come off the tree easily, pick and store them somewhere cool, I lay them out in a single layer in boxes in the garage. Every variety of apple ripens at a different time, my latest apple to ripen is Anne Elizabeth and that was still good from store until April this year.

Shallow rooted plants may need water from your water butts if dry but check with a moisture meter before spending time watering as plants can wilt because they have too much water or they have grown too big and should be cut back. Keep on dead-heading all flowers and vegetables so they keep on producing flowers and food. If potato leaves turn yellow and blotchy cut them back to the

ground and dig as soon as you can as it means they have blight which kills both tomatoes and potatoes in wet weather - a real bother to all vegetable growers. Vegetables to sow in August include: lettuce, quick and slow maturing, quick maturing spinach, swiss chard for next year, quick growing peas in the hope of some more, winter radish, spring cabbage. In any spare ground sow some green manure, mustard is quick or phacelia which is good as it puts nitrogen into the soil and may go through the winter and flower next year with a lovely blue flower that bees love.

I know there is much more one could do but do what you want and enjoy the summer. If you want my advice or want a meal cooked from garden products please ring 01929421681

Rachel.



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## Scoles Farm

The farmstead stood on the Abbess of Shaftesbury's lands as part of her manor of Kingston lying between Iron Age field systems on the west and a Saxon (maybe older) way on the east. In 1214, she sold some land in the parish of Corfe. It is possible that this is the land that was sold to William de Scawell whom the Abbess employed as one of her roving stewards. Certainly, by the mid 13<sup>th</sup> century the Scovilles were living here and gave their name to the farm.

Eventually, the male line of the Scovilles died out, and it passed to Beatrix, the sole heiress, who married Peter Clavell. It remained with the Clavell family until another only daughter, Elizabeth Clavell, married Thomas Dackham in about 1510. Thomas Dackham died in 1540, and an inquisition held at his death mentions a house with 132 acres of land and pasture at 'Scovelles' considerably larger than it was in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

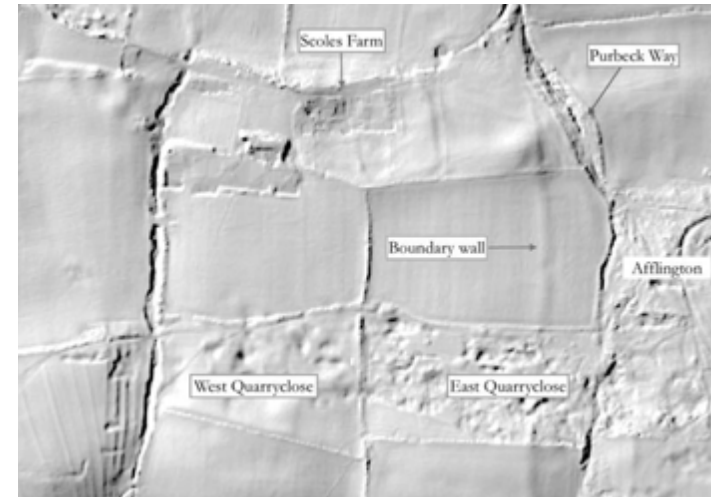
On the death in 1638 of Edward Dackombe, a descendant of Thomas, Scoles was left to his eldest son, Robert. Robert died childless leaving his estate in 1663 to his sister, Mary Morton. This resulted in a chancery case amongst descendants of the family as it was supposed to pass to his half-brother, Brune Dackombe. The Mortons managed to retain the property though and it passed to the Rev. John Morton Colson of Studland. The vicar sold the property along with a small quarry called 'Quarr Close' to William Morton Pitt of Encombe in 1792. Pitt already owned the land to the west.



Map of Scholes Farm by James Upjohn dated 1778. Scoles Lane, now called the Purbeck Way, lay on the eastern side.

According to Edward Dackombe's will of 1635, he had purchased a small quarry from John Bondfield. It is not clear where this lay and the Revd. R. G. Bartelot speculated that this quarry provided the stone to build the current farmhouse for the wedding of Edward's son, Robert in 1631.

There were old medieval quarries lying south of Scoles (two fields called East and West Quarry Closes in 1778) of over 25 acres. A Purbeck marble seam lies east to west over these fields. It is difficult to find a date when these quarries were first dug as more recent excavation may have disturbed any evidence of older workings. Dorset Heritage Gateway calls them '*post medieval extractive pits and quarries*' and dated them incorrectly to the 1800s (Upjohn's map shows that they are earlier). On the far east of this marble seam lies Wilkswood and it passes through Dunshay, Woodyhyde and onto Afflington. The Afflington tenants were permitted to open any stone quarries in 1620. So how old are the quarries south of Scoles? Data is sparse which is a shame as it would help date a very distinctive, old, linear boundary wall that runs north to south which was created prior to the quarry workings.



LIDAR: The quarries to the south of Scoles showing that linear boundary.

It supposedly had a chapel (Afflington had one which is well documented; Scoles' chapel is not mentioned). The farm was sold to the Earl of Eldon in April 1807 and remained with the Scott family until the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century when parts of the farm were sold off.

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## Pioneer view

Dear friends,

In this month's Pioneer view, I would like to share a story that always encourages me in my journey. It is a story that inspires me and underpins all that we do in growing hope in communities.

An old man was doing his daily walk along the beach one morning, when he spotted a young boy crouched by the water, scooping something up from the sand and throwing it into the sea.

The beach was normally empty at this time of day, and so the old man stopped to watch for a while.

He noticed that the boy kept on shuffling a little further down the beach, then repeating this same action again and again – stopping, scooping, throwing, moving.

*“What are you doing there, boy?”* the old man asked, walking closer.

*“I’m saving these starfish that are stranded”* replied the boy, *“if they stay on the beach they will dry out and die, so I’m putting them back into the ocean so they can live.”*

The old man was silent for a few seconds.

*“Young man”* he said, *“on this stretch of beach alone, there must be more than one hundred stranded starfish. Around the next corner, there must be at least one thousand more. This goes on for miles and miles and miles – I’ve done this walk every day for 10 years, and it’s always the same.*

*There must be millions of stranded starfish! I hate to say it, but you’ll never make a difference.”*

The boy replied, *“well I just made a difference for that one”* and continued to throw the starfish back into the sea.

*A crowd began gather to see what was happening. Slowly the crowd joined the young boy and started to throw the starfish back into the sea. (Loren Easley)*

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*Peter*

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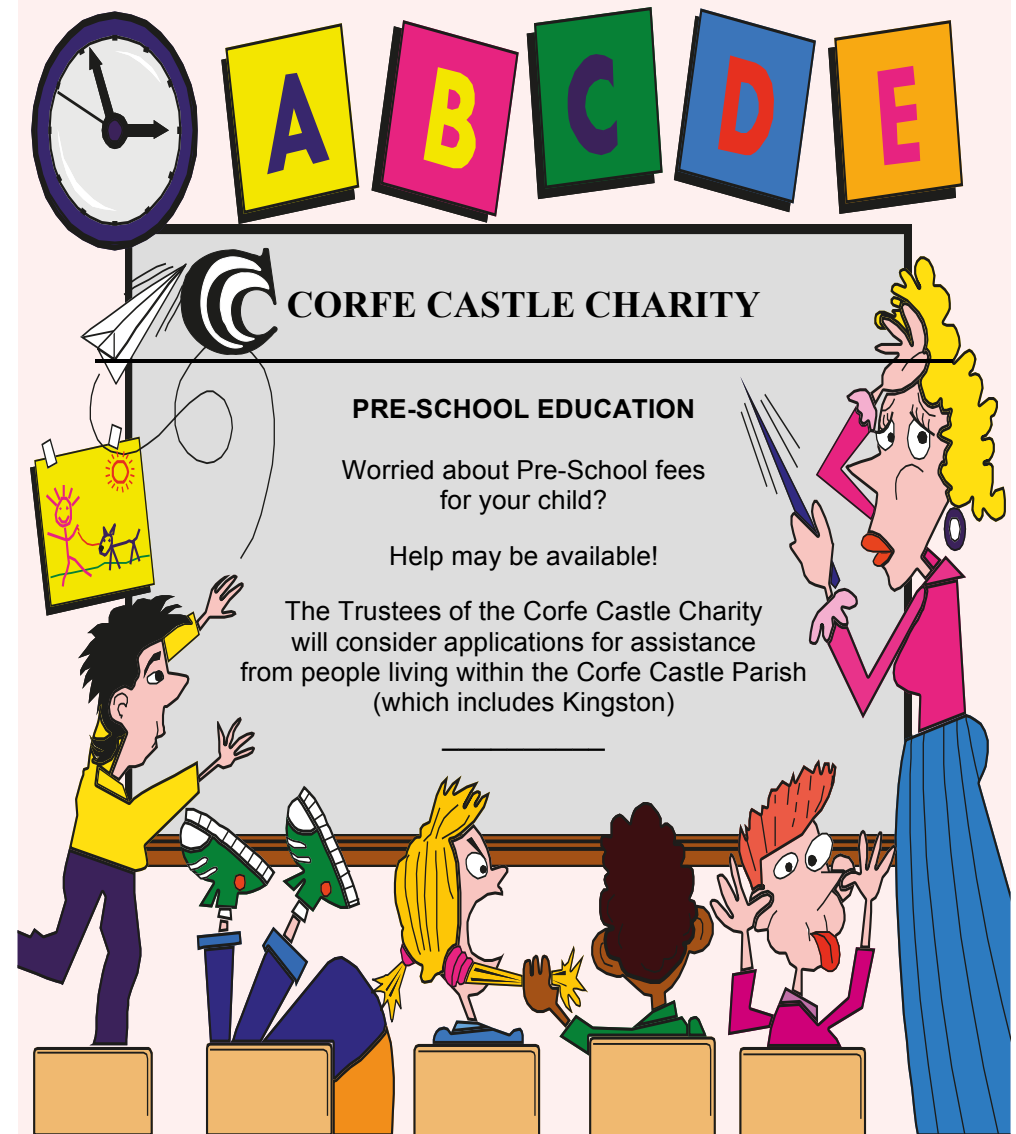


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## Regular events in Corfe Castle & environs

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>MONDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Village Hall
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
Each	9.15 – 10.45am	& 11am – 12 Yoga	Langton Scout Hut
Each	9.30 - 11.30	Intermediate yoga	Swanage - 477169
Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child	C C Village Hall
Each	6.15-7.45pm	Brownies (term-time)	C C Village Hall
Each	6.30 – 7.30pm	Adult	C C Village Hall
		Ballroom Dance	Donna 01202 243803
Each	7.45 – 9.15pm	Badminton	C C Village Hall
1st	2 pm	Aquarius	C C Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
Each	9.30am- noon	Intermediate yoga	Kimmeridge 477169
Each	9.45am-12.45	Wool Workshop	C.C. Village Hall
Term time,	5.30- 6.45pm jnrs 6.45-8.00pm snrs	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons Manor
3rd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	Mortons Manor
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
<b>SATURDAY</b>			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee	C C Village Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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