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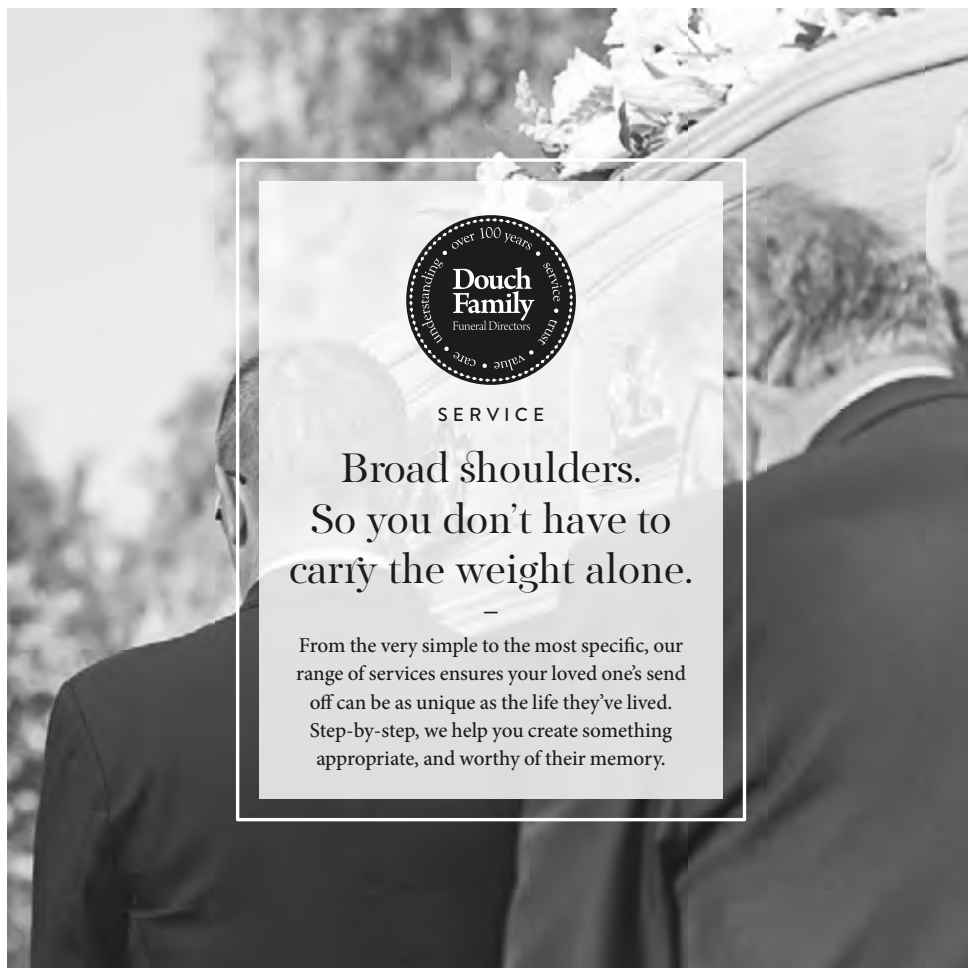
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Editorial

A very hearty welcome goes to Richard and Louise White our two new rectors, who have moved into the rectory. Richard has written a pen picture of their background, which is to be found on the church pages just after the middle of the magazine. I am sure they will soon experience the wide selection of activities which are available in the village.

The Parish Council has joined the consortium of local councils which are objecting to the price rise of the Sandbanks ferry. The aim is to hopefully have a public inquiry where all the financial aspects can be discussed. While it is clear that money must be raised to buy a new ferry in due course, the proposal to charge for use of the road from just after the Knowle House Hotel to Shell Bay is likely to be unpopular. Watch this space!

Stephen

Some useful Telephone Numbers

(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

Police non-emergency call line	101
National Electricity Number	105
NHS Emergency Medical Care Service	111
In the event of Gas Leak	0800 111999
Electricity Failure	0800 0727282
Swanage Police Station - out of hours calls rerouted	422004
Swanage Hospital	422282
National Trust outside office hours	07970-595963
Wareham Hospital	552433
Poole Hospital	01202 665511
Bournemouth Hospital	01202 303626
Dorset County Hospital	01305 251150
Corfe Castle Community Library	480760
Citizens Advice Adviceline: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm	08001448848
The Samaritans	01202 551999
Street Light Defect - SEC Contracting	0800 068 4145
Childline	0800 1111
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"The cover picture is a sketch of Corfe Castle from the Church tower from 'A History of Corfe Castle' by Thomas Bond dated 1883."

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Youth Club: Corfe Castle Parish Council is proud to continue its support of the Corfe Castle Youth Club for the upcoming academic year. The Youth Club welcomes children every Wednesday, with sessions from 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM for school years 6 and 7, and from 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM for school years 8 and above. As a friendly and inclusive space, the Youth Club provides a safe and enjoyable environment where young people can socialise, learn, and grow at their own pace. Led by experienced and qualified youth workers, the club offers a wide range of activities designed to foster personal development and build confidence. Youth members are encouraged to take an active role in organising events and shaping the club's program.

The club works closely with various agencies to offer support on issues affecting young people. If you or your friends have ideas for events or trips, feel free to chat with the leaders on club nights.

While there is a nominal £1 fee per session, no one will be turned away due to financial constraints. For more information, contact Donna at 01929 552 934.

Studland Ferry Fare Increase Proposal: In August, the Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company applied to the Secretary of State for Transport, requesting an increase in ferry fares and the introduction of a toll on Ferry Road. In response, Dorset Council swiftly acted, inviting Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole Council, all Purbeck town and parish councils, the National Trust, and other relevant stakeholders to form a united consortium to oppose the application. Corfe Castle Parish Council has officially lodged its objection with the Department for Transport and is awaiting further details from Dorset Council regarding the consortium's collective objection. The parish council is inclined to join this consortium.

Affordable Housing in Corfe Castle: Recently it was brought to our attention that Aster Housing was planning to sell one of their affordable homes in Corfe Castle. In response, the Parish Council promptly engaged with Aster Housing and other local stakeholders, hoping to collaborate to prevent the loss of affordable housing in our community. Unfortunately, in this case, we were informed that the sale process for the property is already too far along to be halted. However, discussions will continue regarding any potential future sales, as we remain committed to preserving affordable housing within the parish.

Corfe River: Corfe Castle Parish Council were invited and accepted an invitation from Church Knowles Parish Council to work together to approach Wessex Water concerning runoff into the Corfe River. Councillors were concerned at the very high and frequent sewage discharges which now take place. Significant investment is required to prevent this.

Corfe Castle Camping Sites: Earlier this year, new regulations were introduced that prevented several local temporary campsites from opening for business this summer. Cllr Wilson, Dorset Council Ward Councillor for Southeast Purbeck, has committed to collaborating with Dorset Council officers to ensure the process for obtaining the necessary licenses, is a smoother and more efficient procedure in the future.

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/LBC/2024/04018 & P/HOU/2024/04017, **Location:** Ricketts Farm Cottage Ailwood To Tabbits Hill BH20 5JA, **Proposal:** Erect single storey extension to the east with demolition and removal of modern walls of loggia. New window openings to the pantry and WC and form new door opening in the gable end. Form a new door opening with steps to the old stable end, block up existing convoluted access to the rear stairs and reinstate the old stable door. **Comment** Corfe Castle Parish Council have no objection. This is a long-planned scheme, revised in accordance with the (previous) Conservation Officer's guidelines, and brings an old building (heritage asset) into use for the 21st century. Slate tiles, Purbeck stone and black cast-iron gutters and downpipes are all specified. The proposed footprint is pretty much the same as the house which was originally in this location.

Application No: P/LBC/2024/04224, **Location:** 49 East Street, BH20 5EE

Proposal: Replace the existing damaged wood framed windows with new wood framed windows. **Comment** Corfe Castle Parish Council have no objection. This is a like to like repair for necessary works.

Application No: P/LBC/2024/04435, **Location:** The Old Post Office 16 West Street Kingston BH20 5LH, **Proposal:** Window replacement/repairs.

Comment No objection. However, request a condition be placed to ensure the front door colour be based on the existing colour unless there is a historical precedent for a different colour.

Application No: P/LBC/2024/03662, **Location:** 2 Boar Mill Cottage East Street BH20 5ED, **Proposal:** · Stripping and reinstating the shower room roof · The removal of cementitious render to the chimney and section of adjacent wall · Repairing the first-floor lath and plaster ceilings to the bedrooms · Replacing window casements · Installing new extractor fans to the shower room and kitchen · Increasing the size of the rainwater goods · Relocating the boiler · Demolition of the modern concrete store, **Comment** No objection. This application will bring a currently unusable building into use (albeit as a holiday cottage). Heritage materials are proposed, and the removal of the concrete store can only be an improvement.

Application No: P/HOU/2024/04593, **Location:** Little Woolgarston Farmhouse Corfe Castle BH20 5JE, **Proposal:** Raise eaves, re-roof existing dwelling, erect first floor rear extension., **Comment** No Objection. What is proposed will make the house much more in keeping within the local area (replacing concrete and pebbledash with Purbeck stone, concrete roof tiles with slate).

Application No: P/LBC/2024/04644 & P/HOU/2024/04643, **Location:** 49 East Street BH20 5EE, **Proposal:** Installation of roof over existing well to create new covered 'link' between the cottage and the bakehouse, **Comment** No objection, as no detrimental effect on a Listed Building.

Application No: P/FUL/2024/04128, **Location:** Lifton Valley Road Harmans Cross BH19 3DX, **Proposal:** Sever land, erect replacement 3 bedroomed single storey bungalow with raised decking, **Comment** No comment. This property is in Langton Matravers Parish, but borders Corfe Castle Parish.

Application No: P/TRC/2024/04657, **Location:** Bartholomews The Square BH20 5EZ, **Proposal:** T1 Small Holm Oak Sapling: Fell. T2 Group of Holm Oaks: Crown lift to 4m **Comment** No objection

Application No: P/TRC/2024/04833, **Location:** Littlemead, West Street, BH20 5HE, **Proposal:** T1 Apple tree - Crown reduction by up 0.5m. T3 Elm - Fell. T4 Leaning Pine tree - Prune overextended limbs by up to 0.75m. Crown raise by removing the two lowest branches, **Comment:** No objection

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

Next Council Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 14th October 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:

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

Email: clerk@corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk,

Write: 34 Egmont Road, Poole Dorset BH16 5BZ,

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CorfeCastlePC,

Website: www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk

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>

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To request a highways gully clear

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Church Knowle Parish Council - September Meeting

The September meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 13th August 2024 at 6:30pm. It was attended by all eight members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair) and three 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.

Public Discussion Period

Mr Matthew Estop, the landlord of the New Inn at Church Knowle, notified the Parish Council that his application for Certificate of Lawful Development to ratify the camping and recreational vehicle parking operations in the grounds to the rear of the pub had been refused. He said that the loss of revenue from visiting motor homes would adversely affect the viability of the pub and could lead to its closure over winter. Further he would have to install a gate to close off the car park during the night that would be an expense and result in a loss of parking for residents who habitually use this car park.

The Parish Council, and many parishioners, had supported the application and it was decided that the Parish Council would contact the Dorset Council department and make a strong case for having this decision re-examined. Church Knowle has no Post Office or shop and the New Inn, as well as being an active business supporting tourism in the parish performs a useful social function as a meeting place. The loss of this business would have a serious impact on the parish.

Mr Hole of Bradle presented the revisions to his planning application, saying that the scheme was very much as originally submitted but that he had been advised that the changes would require an application.

Planning

P/VOC/2024/04836 – Alterations to cottages at Bradle - The Parish Council resolved to support the application.

P/LBC/2024/04208 – Repairs to chimney 11 & 12 Church Knowle - The Parish Council resolved to support the application.

Wessex Water and the Corfe River.

The Parish Council has contacted the Corfe Castle, Arne and Kimmeridge parishes that border the Corfe River to form a unite group to address the dumping of untreated sewage into the river by Wessex Water. Wessex Water must invest in peak storage facilities to allow all sewage to be properly treated before any discharge into the river. This initiative has the full support of the parish council.

The rules regarding septic tanks have been made more rigorous in recent years and a comprehensive guide can be found on the government website at <https://www.gov.uk/permits-you-need-for-septic-tanks>.

The Playing Field

There will be a working group to treat the woodwork with preservative as recommended in the latest inspection.

The Ward Councillor's Report.

The Ward Councillor Ben Wilson attended the meeting and gave an update on Dorset Council matters affecting the parish including more parish input into planning and the Big Conversation community consultation. A useful briefing paper on what the Dorset Council is seeking to emphasise can be found on the parish council's website under Notices.

He said that owing to the objections to the proposed Sandbanks Ferry fare increases a public enquiry would be held later in the year.

The Neighbourhood Plan.

This is progressing and will be undertaking a housing needs survey.

Road Closure in October.

The road to Church Knowle will be closed for a period on 30th October to facilitate changing a telegraph pole. See Parish Council website under Information -> Notices.

The September meeting finished at 8:08 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Furzebrook Village Hall at 6:30 on 8th October 2024.

Thoughts on Shopper-Power...

Everyone does shopping. Some folk love it, some hate it, but either way there's more to it than just how much things cost.

Apart from price, how do you choose what food items to buy? Ideally are you looking for something which is ethically and environmentally produced, of local origin or low food-miles*, with fair-trade ingredients or components? Do you consider the packaging? Can it be bought loose or in a biodegradable bag or with minimal and recyclable packaging? Do you take your own bags with you?

Apart from food shopping, Charity Shops provide opportunities to pick up bargains and allow others to make use of your cast-offs, while benefitting a good cause.

Where do you shop – in the Village, Wareham or Swanage, Dorchester or Poole/Bournemouth? Or do you mainly shop on-line?

Leading up to the recent election a news item featured a worthy citizen saying the next government needed to stop high-street shops closing to keep town and village centres alive. But shops need customers; it's out-of-town shopping malls, mail-order, internet buying and delivery vans (especially since Covid) which has kept folk away from the high street.

So, by choosing what you buy and where you buy it, you can help the planet and the people on it.

**A few years ago I was on holiday in South Africa, and bought a bottle of cheap but drinkable local wine. Great, I thought; we were supporting local producers. However, on reading the small print, it transpired that the wine had indeed been made in South Africa, but then shipped to the UK for bottling, and shipped back to South Africa for selling as 'locally produced'! But we still drank and enjoyed it, in spite of the high food-miles!*

David, for the CCPCEG (Helen, Josey, Luke, Richard, Tom.)

Cannon fire rings around the castle



National
Trust

Despite the inclement weather, we finished off summer with a well-attended re-enactment of 'The Betrayal' from the English Civil War Society (ECWS).

The ECWS events are always dramatic, and they didn't disappoint! Their living history displays were well researched to showcase the sights and sounds of life in the castle in 1646 and they invited children to beat clothes clean, get involved in a training drill and play authentic games. The castle heard cannon fire once again with a realistic firing drill.

Stephen Burden from the English Civil War Society said: *"We were delighted to be returning to Corfe Castle, taking families back in time to the colourful days of the C17th. It's generally less scary to face the Roundheads than the children's drill but we all had a really good time"*

Thank you ECWS.



Photo with thanks to Neil Davidson

Food and drink festival – call for local producers

We're really excited to be working with Love it Local Purbeck for their second Food & Drink Festival at Corfe Castle. Last year we welcomed 3,500 visitors with a fantastic variety of local food and drink. In 2025 the festival will take place on July 12 and 13 and we're looking for local food and drink producers to take part. If you're interested, please contact: info@loveitlocalpurbeck.co.uk.

Conservation works

Conservation to the castle walls is continuing in October, with work taking place on the West Bailey curtain and inner walls, Butavent Tower, North Tower and tumbles on the outer slopes.

Visitor experience

We have just installed a new family quest called Castle Critters which highlights the nature that lives here with us. We'll also be hosting adventurous teddy's on our teddy zip wire, and a small pumpkin display for October half term. We also have our first guided bat walk on 31 October 16.30 – 18.30. Learn all about these incredible creatures while enjoying being inside the castle walls at night. The event is free but tickets need to be booked via our website.

Eoin McDowell, Experience and Visitor Programming Manager, Corfe Castle



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Nature updates from the National Trust



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A herald of good luck and joy at Corfe Castle

Visitors and staff at Corfe Castle were taken aback recently to see a huge bird perching on top of the keep. The bird was a white stork, traditionally considered to be harbingers of hope, joy and rebirth.



*White Stork Corfe Castle 2024
Courtesy Tricia Munns*

Storks are a native species that was once widespread in the UK, but they disappeared over the centuries, probably due to habitat loss, hunting and persecution. The myth that newborn babies are delivered by storks probably arose because they are white – linked to purity – and often build their large nests on church towers, close to where people live.

Storks feed on small mammals, earthworms, snails and large insects in water-meadows and grasslands. Several storks have been recorded on the Corfe River in recent years. These could be migrants from Europe, or ones from reintroduction projects in Sussex. Let's hope they become a regular sight here. Do let us know if you spot one.



Puffin And Camera - Pete Christie

Find out more about the White Stork Project here: <https://whitestorkproject.org/>

What will be caught on camera?

The puffin cameras we placed on the cliff near Dancing Ledge have been removed by high ropes experts. Volunteers are now underway with the painstaking task of studying

the images taken by the motion-sensor cameras – over 65,000 stills!

We know that three breeding pairs of puffins returned to the ledges this year but sadly it appears that no chicks survived to fledge. We're hoping the footage will tell us why.

Speed dating for bats

Did you know that Winspit Quarry in Worth Matravers is a nationally-important swarming site for bats? Under cover of darkness, these strange creatures fly from miles away to find a mate and hibernation spot. Corfe probably sits right under the bat super-flyway!

To find out more about this bat speed dating, we've mounted detectors on three poles in the quarry. They are picking up audio recordings, indicating the type and number of bats using the caves. Purbeck has 15 of the UK's 17 types of breeding bat, although not all of them swarm.



*Brown long-eared bats © National Trust
Images-Chris Damant*

The technology will back up the amazing work that volunteers from the Dorset Bat Group are doing to monitor the site. Working under licence, they trap bats in nets, measure them and record their size, weight and sex. They are then ringed on their forearms – previous tags have shown that some bats come to Winspit from as far away as 27 kilometres.

Please note most of the swarming takes place in the dead of night, with different bats arriving at different times. And remember that Winspit Quarry is closed to the public for safety reasons.

Find out more here: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/spyway/bat-swarming-in-purbeck.



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Annapurna Mellor*

the ground has been disturbed.

Waxing lyrical!
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We will be holding our first flu clinic on Saturday 12th October from 9am until 12pm for over 65's and those aged 18 to 64 and in an 'at risk' group. As with previous years I would appreciate you parking away from the practice for safety reasons. We will have disabled spaces available.

We will contact the housebound patients as soon as we have a date arranged.

For those of you that cannot attend on 12th October please keep a look out for a text invite for future clinics or check the website for details.

On a separate note, we will always try our best to accommodate requests for an appointment with your preferred clinician, however this may not always be possible. In the first instance the reception team will offer you the next available appointment depending on what the appointment is for. The staff are trained to know which clinicians are suitable for what appointments and how their time is used in the most appropriate way for their skill set.

Therefore, I would kindly ask that you respect the reception team on this matter.

Congratulations to the Surgery Stompers, Jen, Teri, Hayley and Laura on completing the Macmillan Jurassic Coast Mighty Hike half marathon on Sunday 8th September.

The team have so far raised an incredible £1683.65 for this amazing charity and would like to thank everyone that has kindly donated to the cause. We are all extremely proud of their achievement.

In loving memory of Georgia, our dearly missed colleague.

Please contact us with any queries.

Kerry Norman
Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

Hospital and the Swanage Community Defibrillator partnership (SCDP).

Recently a colleague and I gave a Defibrillator familiarisation session /presentation to the Corfe Castle Aquarius Group. It has been suggested that we followed up this session with some defib awareness sessions for Corfe

Surgery patients. It would be helpful to know if this would be welcomed and supported. Please do get in touch with me if you might be interested corfecastleppg@gmail.com

With the new Government in place we are to expect more changes to our NHS with an emphasis on community /primary care. I am trusting and hoping that we will be able to build on the excellent foundations already in place locally ; the PPG has a key role in linking patients with the Surgery and we would welcome enquiries from anyone interested in joining our committee. Again I can be contacted through the Surgery or by email.

University Hospitals Dorset (UHD)which provide services at Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals is offering an opportunity to hear about changes to its services at meetings being held on Thursday 26th September at Royal Bournemouth (RBH)Tuesday 8th October at Poole Hospital and 21st October at RBH. All meetings are being held from 6-8 pm in the Education Centres

The main change will be the development of RBH as the emergency centre with elective surgery and work being done at Poole Hospital.

More locally Digital Champion services are available to us at Anglebury House in Wareham on Fridays from 10-12 when digital volunteers will help with any queries we may have .

Please look out for posters and information about flu vaccinations starting in October at the Surgery

Best wishes
Maggie ,PPG Chair



Corfe Castle CE Primary School & Pre-School



What a fantastic start to the academic year! Not only have we welcomed new reception children into the school, but also the pre-school staff and children have embraced change and joined the school team. There has been a wonderful buzz as you walk around the school! We are now officially Corfe Castle CE Primary School and Pre-School.



You may have noticed a lot of work going on over the summer holidays – this involved changes in toilets, removal of walls, re-flooring and the erection of a wonderful canopy, which has made a huge difference to the space and outdoor environment available to the pre-school and reception class.

We have another busy term ahead of us with our first Harvest Festival to incorporate the pre-school on Tuesday 22nd October.

With Miss Howe working two days at our Central Offices alongside the School Improvement team, I am honoured to step up as the acting headteacher for the next two terms. We will continue to see Miss Howe on Thursdays.

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

NEWS FROM THE PURBECK SCHOOL

1. **Record GCSE Results**

The School is celebrating its best ever GCSE results, measured by overall results and the additional progress students have made on their expected grades. Nationally school results were down as marking returned to the pre Covid scheme but they were up at Purbeck.

On overall attainment, 72% of students received five passes (grade 4-9) including English and Maths, this compares to the average across the country of around 65%. Many students did exceptionally well, with 71 students posting at least one grade 9 or 8, the very top grades.

Schools are now measured on progress compared with results at primary school. Projections would suggest that The Purbeck School students gained at least a half a grade higher for each subject than expected, this will place the school **in the top 10% of schools in the country**. The school was also proud to post exceptional results for students with special educational needs, and those who have come from more disadvantaged backgrounds. All groups of students have posted superb results.

The results mean more students are able to proceed to the sixth form to do A levels, go to college, or gain an apprenticeship.

2. **Excellent A level results**

The A level results were also excellent. The vast majority of students were able to take their first-choice university placements. In all, 9 students gained A*-A across all their subjects and over half of all grades were A* to B.

3. **Other news**

The school is full at year 7 for this September and we look forward to pupils living in the Isle of Purbeck applying for entry next year. The Open Evening for prospective parents is on October 3rd (5.30 - 8pm). The evening is an excellent opportunity to tour the modern facilities, meet the committed teaching team, and be escorted around the school by our wonderful students.

4. We are fortunate that we are served by such an excellent 11-18 comprehensive school and the staff, its leadership, and students should all be congratulated on having such a successful 2024.

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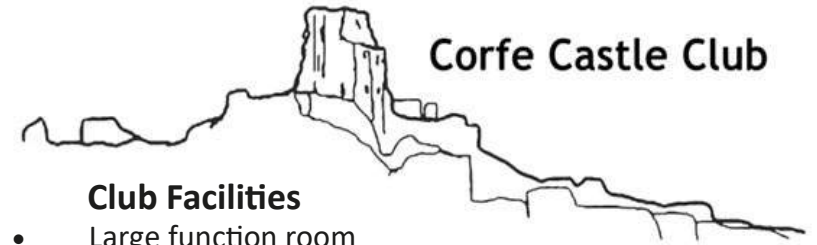


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Get your tickets soon for the two events outlined below, to avoid disappointment!

Don't miss Double Act's **Elephant Drive** on Saturday October 5th at 7pm in Corfe Castle Village Hall. Apart from the riotous fun of dice-throwing and elephant drawing, in competition with all the other teams, there's a ploughman's meal, a bar, a raffle, and of course PRIZES for the points winners as well as cutest drawings! It is an evening for all ages to enjoy. Profits from the event will go towards the **Corfe Castle Village Hall Kitchen Refurbishment**. Bringing the kitchen facilities up to the high standards of the rest of the Hall will benefit all local user groups, as well as attract more outside bookings which help keep the Hall finances healthy. So buy a ticket, come and support Double Act, have a great evening, and help the Village Hall!

Next month sees the long awaited World Premiere of 'This Secret Isle', written by our own Peter Smith. At the time of writing, rehearsals are going well, with some welcome new members joining the old-faithfuls. The play is packed with local references to Purbeck in wartime, interesting characters, drama, suspense, love, humour, a bit of song and dance – so come along!

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

5th Oct 2024 – 7pm

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In aid of the Corfe Castle Village Hall CIO Kitchen Refurbishment



Corfe Community Kitchen
Soup 'n Pud
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Followed by Puds with Custard
Corfe Castle Village Hall
Saturday October 5th 2024
12.30 – 1.45pm



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

This venture is provided by volunteers, on a not-for-profit basis, in a friendly environment for local residents to increase community spirit. If you wish to make a donation, either of food or money please feel free but it is not obligatory.

Disappointingly our numbers were down for our September Soup 'n Pud, after our short summer break, on account of a lot of people being away. September is the month when Grandparents traditionally escape for a holiday once the children have returned to school and families are requiring less support. Nevertheless the soups and puds were enjoyed immensely by those that attended and they were treated to not just seconds but more! This will not always be the case as we hope next month will see the return of more punters both regular and new.

October's delights will include Bean Soup and Sausage, Leek and Lentil Soup followed by Dorset Apple Cake and Custard and Berry Tart. We try to be as seasonally appropriate as possible so that kind donations can be used whenever available. Please keep them coming as we aim to avoid food wastage! We also use any financial donations towards our healthy lunches.

Incidentally there is a programme on TV starting next Tuesday evening by the chef Nadiya Hussain on how to use up leftovers to make interesting, healthy meals. Should be worth a watch!

We have got some more ideas planned for this and next year which we hope will tickle your taste buds but they will become more evident as time goes by. Why don't you join in and find out?

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.

WHY DON'T YOU COME AND GIVE 'SOUP 'n PUD' A TRY?!



We are pleased to announce the date for this year's switch on of the Christmas lights: Saturday 7th December 2024

The lights will be switched on at 5pm with refreshments available before from around 4pm. This will be followed by...

...THE ARRIVAL OF FATHER CHRISTMAS

In a change from previous years, and in response to concerns raised after last year's event which attracted too many people, the arrival of Father Christmas through the square will be followed by the distribution of gifts at a private, ticketed, event to be held inside the Castle.

Please note!

This event will only be advertised here in the CVN. This is in order to avoid a repeat of crowd problems. To help in this endeavour we respectfully request that you do not share details on social media.

As a local organisation we focus on local schoolchildren (up to end of year 6, i.e. up to 12 years of age), their younger siblings, plus children, grandchildren, etc., who are visiting our local residents.

- If you have a child at Corfe Castle School or Pre-school, tickets for your family will be issued by/made available by the school.
- If you require tickets, but will not receive them via the school, please look out for further details in the NOVEMBER edition of the CVN, which will contain instructions on how to apply.

WE ARE ALSO CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH MARSHALLING AND OTHER DUTIES. If you would like to help, please email ccfestivities@gmail.com and you will be invited to an initial meeting to explain roles and requirements.



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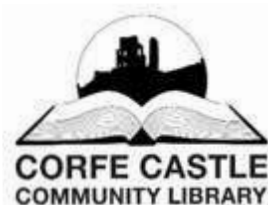
X2 Rib Eye steaks, Koffmann's chips, homemade onion rings, watercress, peppercorn sauce and a bottle of wine; ALL for £50!

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News from the Library

Save our Swifts! Attend the October talk in the library



Swifts, swallows and house martins are amongst our most familiar summer visitors because they choose to nest in, on and around our homes, farm buildings, villages, towns and cities. The vibrant screams of the swifts in Corfe are the quintessential sound of summer to many of us.

Swifts, though, are in trouble having been declining in abundance steadily for over 30 years. There are now less than one third of the numbers there were in the mid-1990s.

Across the country, groups of swift enthusiasts are getting together to take action to try to slow, stop and ideally reverse the decline in swift numbers. The Swanage and Purbeck Swift Group is our local group of over 20 people who are taking action to help the swifts in our area.

Richard Caldow, one of the members of the Swanage & Purbeck Swift Group, will give a talk on swifts and the work of the group at Corfe Castle Library. Come along to find out more about swifts, the work of the group, and what you can do to help swifts in your neighbourhood.

Friday October 18th at 2.00pm in the Library *Swifts in Purbeck*, a talk by Richard Caldow of the Swanage and Purbeck Swift Group.

Come in for a free Cuppa and a Biscuit!

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

Normal Library Opening Hours

Monday 3.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Wednesday 10.00 -12.00 a.m. and 3.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Saturday 10.00 - 12.00 a.m.

Corfe Castle Village Hall



Grand Fun Quiz Night Saturday 19th October 2024

7pm for 7.30pm

in aid of the Village Hall Kitchen Improvement Fund

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the September VH Coffee Morning. £155.26 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In September the first prize of £20 was won by member 88, with member 38 getting second prize £10 and member 48 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. All are currently letting out, but for news on future availability 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)

lots of fund-raising events in October

I am sure we are all aware of the massive improvement in the quality of the facilities offered which has taken place over the last ten years. The final step remaining is to re-develop the kitchen and committee room area. We plan an enlarged and improved kitchen and create a chair/table store to keep the main hall uncluttered. This month sees three fund-raising events for this. It would be great if we could all commit to attending at least one of these!

An Elephant Drive organised by **Double Act** is on **Sat Oct 5th at 7.30pm**.

An **Artsreach** concert by **Vri** is on **Fri Oct 11th at 7.30pm**.

A Grand Quiz and Raffle by the VH Trustees is on **Sat Oct 20th at 7.00pm**.

Adverts for all of these should be found elsewhere in the CVN.

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News from The Castle

Autumn is well & truly here, the nights are drawing in & we love to see our trees in the garden change to those beautiful autumnal colours. There's nothing like the English countryside at this time of the year. We have lots on this month, and our team have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure a fun filled October!

Pie & Pint Night on Monday Nights!

Our popular pie & pints nights are back! Only £11.95 for this scrummy offer, choose from a range of delicious pies & a pint of your choosing. Bookings are highly recommended.

Saturday 12th October is Tapas Night!

This fun filled evening is extremely popular, with our delicious tapas menu inspired by authentic Spanish dishes, team members in full Spanish costumes & a fantastic atmosphere. There will be 2 sittings at 6pm & 8pm, and a prize for the best dressed patron! Spaces are limited and fill up quickly, so get your table booked now!

Thursday 31st October is The Castle Inn Halloween Party

We love Halloween here at the Castle Inn, so bring the kids in for some music, sweets & excitement before we head on out for some trick or treating. Kicking off from 4pm & finishing at 5:30pm, we cant wait to see everyone's choice of costumes! Please ensure a responsible parent or guardian stays with your children at all times.

From everyone at The Castle Inn, have a wonderful October.



3rd September – We were delighted that at our September meeting Maggie Hardy and her colleague Mary Buck came to explain how to use defibrillators. This was an open meeting and we were pleased to be joined by so many guests. The demonstration was extremely helpful, and if it means that in the future even one person can be aided by a defibrillator in the village it will have been a very worthwhile event.

1st October - Connor Winter from the 'Greenbrick Workshops' that recycle bottle tops will be telling us all about the project. The 'Greenbrick Workshops' was founded by Ben Gibbons and Connor Winter after the pair were forced by the Covid-19 pandemic to return to the UK from Nepal, where they had been working with rural communities to reduce the damage caused there by plastic pollution. 'Greenbrick Workshops' use cutting edge technology to wash and shred waste plastic, then heat and mould this into bricks. The bricks are used to build affordable homes in some of the poorest countries in the world. The Project initially aimed to establish 1,000 workshops over 10 years, which it hoped would prevent around six million tonnes of carbon dioxide being released from plastic burning and during the production of clay bricks and cement. Potentially this would also allow for the recycling of around 800,000 tonnes of plastic that may otherwise end up in oceans - around 1% of global ocean plastic leakage. It will be fascinating to find out how far the Project has come over the last four years and to know where the plastic bottle tops we collect at Aquarius go!



PLEASE CAN MEMBERS BRING ANY PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS THEY HAVE COLLECTED TO THE OCTOBER MEETING SO THAT THE LADS CAN TAKE THEM BACK FOR PROCESSING RATHER THAN US HAVING TO TRANSPORT THEM TO FERNDOWN AS USUAL. Many thanks.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR SPEAKERS AT FUTURE MEETINGS:

These remain provisional, unless stated as confirmed.

5th November – Carl Grice to talk about Opal gems (confirmed)

3rd December – Christmas get together with refreshments and special guests the Ukele Group (confirmed)

7th January (2025) - David Kemp will tell us about his walk across the desert in Jordan to raise money for Julia's House (confirmed).

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

Our Ladies Group is at Corfe Castle Village Hall every 1st 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 or phone Sue Sedgley at 01929 289102



Thursday 10th October at 2pm
in the Town Hall, Corfe Castle
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The Purbeck Film Festival

The Purbeck Film Festival is thrilled to announce that the acclaimed theatre and film director Sir Sam Mendes will launch this year's festival with a special screening of his award-winning film, *1917*. Following the screening, Mendes will join BFI's Mark Cosgrove for an exclusive Q&A session, offering insights into the making of *1917* and his illustrious career.

Sam Mendes is best known for his work on *American Beauty*, *Skyfall*, *1917*, and more recently *Empire of Light*.

"I'm absolutely delighted to be able to lend my support to the brilliant Purbeck Film Festival this year. Film festivals like this are increasingly important for fostering a sense of community, and for keeping the cinema-going experience alive. I look forward to seeing you there!" said Sam Mendes.

Festival Chair, Andrea Etherington, highlighted the significance of Mendes' attendance:

"Having a filmmaker of Sam Mendes' calibre attend our festival is a tremendous honour.

"His participation not only elevates our festival but also provides a unique opportunity for our audience to gain a deeper understanding of his work and the film industry world.

"We are incredibly excited to welcome him and to share this experience with our community."

The screening will take place at the Mowlem Theatre, Swanage, on Friday, October 18. This year's festival promises a diverse, record-breaking lineup of 95 film screenings from 21 countries over two weeks.

Catering to every film enthusiast, this year's festival focuses on the environment and 'food on film' and concludes with a special 'Stunt Saturday' on November 2 - featuring five epic stunt films and four VIP stunt guests. The festival concludes November 3 with a short film competition, an exciting interactive evening where the audience and judges vote for awards.

Tickets for the exclusive screening of *1917* and the Q&A session with Sam Mendes go on sale from September 9th through the festival's website: www.purbeckfilm.com. A detailed film guide is available locally from mid-September and can be downloaded from the website.

About Purbeck Film Festival

The Purbeck Film Festival, founded in 1996, is dedicated to showcasing the best of UK and international cinema. With a diverse selection of films, exclusive screenings, and special events, the festival seeks to inspire, educate, and entertain film lovers of all ages.

Now one of the UK's largest coastal film festivals, it also embraces outdoor summer screenings at iconic locations such as Corfe Castle and Durlston Country Park. The festival prides itself on being a community resource, hosting screenings in over 30 rural venues such as village halls, churches, hotels, and community centres.



The Corfe Castle Town Trust
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Unforgettable Autumn and Winter Events at The Blue Pool

This autumn and winter, The Blue Pool promises a season of magical events. From a spooktacular Halloween half-term to the festive spirit of Christmas and the dazzling Illuminate 2025 light show, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Half-term Halloween Fun: 26 October – 31 October

Get ready for a hauntingly good time this half-term at The Blue Pool! Visitors can dive into Halloween-themed activities like petrifying pumpkin carving, arts and crafts, bushcraft sessions, and a spooky trail through the eerie woodland. Warm up with marshmallow toasting and delicious hot chocolates—no pre-booking required, just arrive and enjoy the fun.

Christmas Magic at The Blue Pool: 30 November – 23 December

Experience the magic of Christmas at The Blue Pool this festive season. Nestled in the enchanting woodland of the Nature Reserve, children can follow a festive trail leading to Santa's grotto. Meet Santa and receive a special gift before he heads back to Lapland for Christmas Eve. Early booking is highly recommended, as spaces are limited. Tickets can be secured on Eventbrite.

General admission is also available at the gate, allowing visitors to explore the Nature Reserve and take in the crisp winter air as the vibrant woodland shifts with the season. Afterwards, enjoy festive drinks on the terrace, beautifully illuminated by glowing festoon lights. For holiday shoppers, our gift shop features unique local items, perfect for finding special Christmas presents.

Illuminate 2025: A Dazzling Start to the New Year (9 January – 23 February)

Celebrate the New Year and The Blue Pool's 90th anniversary with the stunning Illuminate 2025 event. The Nature Reserve will be transformed into a magical wonderland, featuring over 1km of professionally lit trails, a breathtaking light show over the pool, and music to enjoy on the Tearoom terrace. Toast marshmallows while soaking in the atmosphere of this captivating event. Tickets will be available on Eventbrite starting October 2024—this is an event you won't want to miss.

About The Blue Pool

Located in the heart of Dorset, The Blue Pool Nature Reserve & Tearooms is a tranquil escape for nature lovers, families, and adventurers. With its picturesque landscapes and rich history, The Blue Pool is an ideal destination to experience the beauty of the outdoors year-round.

CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for OCTOBER 2024

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

1	October	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk on The Green Bricks Project - Corfe Castle Village Hall
3	October	Thursday	7.45 pm	Gardening Club Talk - Gardens of France, Fiona Forsyth Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	October	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	October	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud Community Lunch – Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	October	Saturday	7 pm	Double Act Elephant Drive in aid of new kitchen – Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	October	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	October	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud Community Lunch – Corfe Castle Village Hall
8	October	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Furzebrook Village Hall
10	October	Thursday	2 pm	A talk about The Ancient Customs of the Manor of Corfe Castle CC Town Hall
11	October	Friday	7.30 pm	Arts Reach performance of Vri – Corfe Castle Village Hall
11	October	Friday	7.30 pm	Barn Dance – Kimmeridge Village Hall in Etches Collection
12	October	Saturday	9 till 12 am	Flu clinic for over 65s – Corfe Castle Surgery.
12	October	Saturday	10.30 am	Local history walk around the village- meet at Town Hall
12	October	Saturday	2.30 pm	An afternoon with Karen \grant at St James church Kingston
12	October	Saturday	7 pm	Orlando Singers in St Georges church Langton Matravers
13	October	Friday	7.30 pm	Barn Dance – Kimmeridge Village Hall in Etches Collection
14	October	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
18	October	Friday	2 pm	Library talk – Swifts in Purbeck, by Richard Caldow.
19	October	Saturday	7 for 7.30 pm	Grand Fun Quiz night – Corfe Castle Village Hall
30	October	Wednesday	7 pm	Purbeck film festival show “Anatomy of a Fall” in St James Church Kingston.

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

5	November	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk about Opal gems – Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	November	Thursday	7.45 pm	Gardening club talk on Athelhampton – Corfe Castle Village Hall
10	November	Sunday	10.30 am	Remembrance Day service in St Edwards Corfe Castle and at the War Memorial
11	November	Monday	11.00	Two minute silence in the Square Corfe Castle
21 – 23	November	Thursday – Saturday	7.30 pm	Double Act production This Secret Isle – Corfe Castle Village Hall
22	November	Friday	7.30 pm	Barn Dance – Kimmeridge Village Hall in Etches Collection
23	November	Saturday	2.30 pm	Double Act This Secret Isle matinee – Corfe Castle Village Hall
29	November	Friday	2 pm	Library Talk - Populism and Fatalism - Gerry Stoker of Southampton University.
7	December	Saturday	5 pm	Arrival of Father Christmas and switch on the lights.

More Useful Phone Numbers

Power and electrical - Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks:
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0800 111999 (free phone, mobile phone charged as per the local provider rate)

Roads and highways - Highways England (including incidents A35, A37 and A31):

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0345 9881188 (calls are charged depending on the callers service provider and where there call is made).

Dorset Council out of hours Emergency Contact Number – 01929 556561

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

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Church of England

St Aldhelm's Benefice

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Benefice Office: Tuesday and Wednesday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Benefice Administrator: St George's Church, Langton Matravers

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

www.staldhelmpurbeck.wordpress.com

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Church Wardens in the Valley Churches

Corfe Castle: Penelope Smith 480109

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

Rev Richard White writes

Can it really be true that we now live in Corfe Castle village? It must be, because we've pinched ourselves again and again in recent weeks and haven't yet woken up!

We're Richard and Louise White, the new vicars, living in Corfe Rectory and working with the churches and communities in the 'St Aldhelm Benefice' - Corfe Castle, Church Knowle, Langton, Kingston, Worth, Kimmeridge,

Steeple, Tyneham and St Aldhelm's Chapel. And by the time this comes out we will have started work after our induction service with Bishop Stephen at St Edwards on 26th September.

We've been made so welcome and are really looking forward to getting to meet lots of you and hearing some of your stories. So to kick things off here's a little bit of ours.

We've moved from Hull. Richard as vicar of St John's Newland, and Louise as curate (trainee vicar) at Hull Minster, the city centre church.

Louise grew up in Poole. She trained and worked as a nurse in London and then a midwife in Southampton before moving to Merseyside to work with a Christian charity. Whilst there, she met and married Richard, and we worked together there for ten years, before moving to Bristol for Richard to train for ministry. Louise had a variety of roles over the years, sensing God was also calling her to be a vicar later in life and studying theology in Liverpool and Durham. She loves music, nature and baking.

Richard's early childhood was in South Africa and teenage years in Sussex. The first sixteen years of Richard as a 'Rev' were in Merseyside, including nine years at Liverpool Cathedral. We then spent three years in York where Richard was setting up two projects across the region focused on outreach among young adults and in deprived communities. For the past three years he has been vicar of St John's, a re-launch of the church.

We have two adult children. Laura is a science teacher in Dubai and Joe, recently graduated, is an IT analyst in York. They are both very pleased at the thought of visits to our new home!

Having worshipped and worked in separate parishes during Louise's five years in training we are looking forward to working together and relating to the same communities in this job-share. Frequent visits to Louise's extended family have often included stays in Purbeck which we know and love. We are still amazed that God has called us to such a beautiful place.

Of course, there is much more to tell but that will wait for when we get to hear some of your stories, over a coffee, out walking or waiting to pay in one of our lovely village shops.

We've got a lot to learn and will be grateful for you helping us in that as we find our place in the ongoing story of this wonderful place, and the timeless story of God's infinite love for his world, retold each week in worship here.

Bible Readings – October 2024

6 th October	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
13 th October	Twenty first Sunday after Trinity Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
20 th October	Twenty second Sunday after Trinity Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
27 th October	Twenty Third Sunday after Trinity Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

Services in October 2024

Sunday 6th October	20 th Sunday after Trinity
Corfe Castle 10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th October	21 st Sunday after Trinity
Steeple 09.30am	Holy Communion
Corfe Castle 10.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th October	22 nd Sunday after Trinity
Corfe Castle 10.30am	Harvest Festival
Harmans Cross 6 pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 27th October	23 rd Sunday after Trinity
Corfe Castle 10.30am	Holy Communion

Harvest Festival will be on 20th October.

Food donations will all go to the Swanage food bank

The Rev Anne Bond writes:

This is just to give The Reverends Richard and Louise White a very warm welcome to their new home in Corfe Castle at the Rectory, hoping they will be very happy in this beautiful, ancient village.

In the fulness of time, I look forward to helping them in any way they might find useful until my PTO License runs out at the end of March next year.

With love, Anne

St James's Kingston

Informal Service Sunday 13th October 11.30

The short informal service held monthly at St James's Kingston will have a **Harvest** theme this month. There will be Harvest Hymns and readings followed by our usual coffee and biscuits. Do join us if you wish!

St Aldhelm Christmas Tree Festival

Once again we are working towards this years Christmas tree festival which has been held at St George's Church in Langton Matravers since 2016. We would like to thank all those who have contributed over the years to make the event so successful. In these difficult times we realise spare money is harder to come by, but it is even harder for the charities we support, this year we will be donating all proceeds to East Dorset and New Forest Motor Neuron Disease Association and National Coastwatch Institution (Swanage) your help can be given in many ways firstly by sponsoring a tree and decorating it in any way you like, the cost of a tree is £25. Secondly if baking is your thing we need cakes to sell at the refreshment table, thirdly if you can sing or play any musical instrument how about performing at the festival to entertain our visitors, and finally just come along with your friends and soak up the atmosphere. The festival will be 30 November through till 2 December, more details can be found on our website <https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com/>

Sandy Garner

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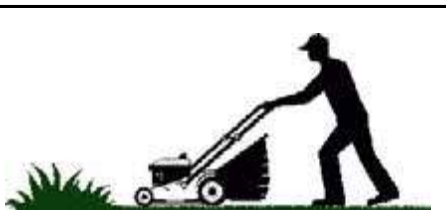
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The Corfe Castle Town Trust

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE

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What's On at Harmans Cross Village Hall

It's a very busy October at Harmans Cross with lots to look forward to:

Tuesday 8 October – Movie Night – Wicked Little Letters

A 1920s English seaside town bears witness to a farcical and occasionally sinister scandal in this riotous mystery comedy. Based on a stranger than fiction true story, WICKED LITTLE LETTERS follows two neighbours: deeply conservative local Edith Swan (Olivia Colman) and rowdy Irish migrant Rose Gooding (Jessie Buckley).

When Edith and fellow residents begin to receive wicked letters full of unintentionally hilarious profanities, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime. The anonymous letters prompt a national uproar, and a trial ensues. However, as the town's women led by Police Officer Gladys Moss begin to investigate the crime themselves, they suspect that something is amiss, and Rose may not be the culprit after all.

Doors and bar open at 7pm and admission remains just £5. See the trailer here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KZs9e-yj-k>

Saturday 12 October – Stalls at the Hall from 9.30am – Noon

Crafts, curios, coffee, cake and conversation - a lovely way to spend a Saturday morning. Free entry from 9.30am to 12 noon. To book a table, contact Kelly at bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk

Sunday 27 October – HXVH Wedding Fair 1-4pm

We have organised a wedding fair so please don't miss the opportunity to come along and view the Hall and speak to many of our wonderful local wedding suppliers. Contact Kelly for more information.

Sunday 27 October – Purbeck Film Festival showing of The Old Oak at 7.30pm

Tuesday 29 October – Purbeck Film Festival showing of The Empire of Light at 7.30pm

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 or on 07768 558341.

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

As the evenings draw in and there is a distinct chill in the air, our thoughts turn to plans for our gardens for the new year and taking stock of our success or otherwise this year. The unpredictable weather is a constant challenge and will inform our choice of plants in the future. Will you be redesigning any part of your plot, maybe growing more vegetables and fruits, raised beds, pergolas, reconsidering the position of plants that haven't been successful? We will continue to harvest the bounty from our labours and there are still bulbs to plant for the spring.

In September, we were delighted to welcome expert lepidopterist Dr. Martin Warren OBE who has been active in butterfly conservation for over 50 years. His wide-ranging talk included the best food plants for butterflies, moths and their caterpillars, including stinging nettles, ivy, scabious, honesty, long grass and of course buddleia. Caterpillars don't thrive in wet grass and this may be a cause of lower numbers this year.

It was interesting to learn that 50% of butterfly species are in decline but 50% are increasing in numbers.

We have many more moths in the UK compared to butterflies and they are responsible for a huge amount of unseen pollination. There are 3000+ butterfly monitors around the country.

Our programme for the rest of the year:

October 3rd. Fiona Forsyth will give us an illustrated talk about the wonderful 'Formal and Relaxed Gardens of France'.

November 7th, Estate Manager Owen Davies and Head Gardener Sophy Robertson will be with us for a talk on Athelhampton. It will be a fascinating evening and wonderful to hear about the challenges and development of these beautiful gardens.

December 5th Christmas Social.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GARDENS AND GARDENING AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN A FRIENDLY LOCAL GROUP, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH CHRIS ON 01929 480095 OR 07815 058880 OR cclarkecorfe@gmail.com. We love to welcome new members.

Meetings, with interesting talks and speakers, plant sales, seed swaps and social

events usually take place in the Village Hall, Corfe Castle, at 7.45 pm for coffee and starting the programme at 8pm. Non-members are welcome to join us for £3 if they are interested in a particular talk.

Chris Clarke



Citizens Advice East Dorset & Purbeck
Citizens Advice continues to be available for residents offering free, confidential and impartial advice. Advice can be accessed via email, telephone, or in-person at outreaches and at the Advice Bus.

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. 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-advice/advice-bus

Swanage Library Drop-in

This is now Tuesday at Swanage Library. at 10am-12pm. No appointment is needed.

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 2nd 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 to speak to an Adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline freephone on 0800 144 8848, 10am-4pm weekdays.

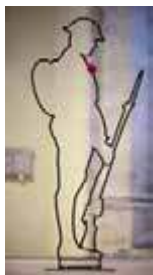


REMEMBRANCE 2024

On Remembrance Sunday, 10th November 2024, there will be two services:

At 1030 in St Edward, King and Martyr, in Corfe Castle and afterwards at the War Memorial in East Street.

At 1500 in St Mary's Church, Tyneham.



On Monday 11th November 2023 at 1100 there will be a 2-minute silence in The Square, Corfe Castle.

Bin Collections

The standard collection day is Wednesday.

	Recycling and Food	Rubbish and Food
October 2024	2, 16, 30	9, 23
November 2024	13, 27	6, 20

Stork Sighting

It has been reported that a stork has been sighted in Colletts Close at about 0700 on Saturday 31 August – see the picture.

It is believed to be a white stork, possibly from one of a number of centres re-introducing them to the UK.

It has also been seen in the castle and is discussed more in the National Trust article earlier in the magazine.

It has been pointed out that there are no known Happy Events expected in Colletts Close!!



PurbeckParkys (Parkinson's Support) Meetings

16 October Wednesday 2.30pm - 4.30pm PurbeckParkys (Parkinson's Support) Swanage Cricket Club BH19 1LG

20 November Wednesday 2.30pm - 4.30pm PurbeckParkys (Parkinson's Support) Swanage Cricket Club BH19 1LG

Save the Date!! PURBECK CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2024

Thursday 5th December – Saturday 7th December

Community Christmas Trees will be on display 10am – 6pm.

Sunday 8th Morning Worship at 10am and at 4pm a special remembrance service for loved ones -Lights of Love.

These events will be held once again at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 160 Victoria Avenue, Herston near Swanage .

If you wish to participate by decorating a tree or would like your music group included please contact Janet

(email - administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk or telephone 01929 427706 for a Booking Form).

St Aldhelm's Benefice are also holding a Christmas Tree Festival a week earlier and it would be possible to transfer your tree by prior arrangement

Harmony Rocks Choir

Saturday Afternoon 7th December 2024 - that is the date for our "Singing for Christmas" Concert this year. This will again take place at St James' Church Kingston 2pm to 4pm, followed by light refreshments. No tickets required as this is a free entry event just come along and enjoy the afternoon.

Our charity for this event is Dementia Friendly Purbeck (dementiafriendlypurbeck.org). They are raising funds for a second Admiral Nurse who is so needed in our community. For us to contribute to this we will be having a retiring collection and a raffle (where you can win a prize for yourself!).

Of course we will end the concert with our unique finale. If you haven't been to one of our Christmas concerts before you will have to attend to see what it is all about!

Film Night at St. James Church, Kingston **Wednesday, October 30th**

St. James Church is pleased to be showing Anatomy of a Fall as part of this years Purbeck Film Festival.

The film is a mystery thriller drama which won the Palme d'Or award at the 2023 Cannes Film Festival. Its described by critics as "a breathtaking masterpiece"

The architecture and ambience of St. James Church provides a stunning setting.

Refreshments will be available, including wine, hot drinks and ice cream. Please invite your friends and family.

Wednesday, October 30th, 7pm for 7.30pm start

St James Church, Kingston, BH20 5LL

£7.50 and £5.50 for students and under 25s

Bookings: purbeckfilm.com

Tel: 07443468850 for enquiries

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Kitchen Fires

During 2023, one third of the kitchen fires attended by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) were in the homes of people aged over 65 and living alone. To combat this alarming statistic, DWFRS is launching a new safety campaign, with a focus on preventing cooking-related incidents and making residents safer at home.

'Cook with Care' has four key themes to help reduce kitchen fires:

- **Prepare** - Before you start cooking, create a clear space to prepare your meals safely. Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob, and take care if you're wearing loose clothing.
- **Prevent** - Never put anything other than pots and pans on your cooker hob; even after you've finished cooking, the hob will remain hot for some time. Never put anything metal into the microwave. Saucepan handles left sticking out create a danger; there's a risk they could be caught, leading to the pans being knocked off the hob.
- **Focus** - Don't leave cooking unattended. Avoid cooking if you are tired, have been drinking alcohol or are taking medication that leaves you drowsy.

- **Stay Safe** - Keep the oven, hob and grill clean as a build-up of fat or grease can catch fire when hot. Switch off the oven and/or hob when you have finished cooking and take pans off the heat.

It's vital that we do all we can to protect our communities, especially those people who are perhaps more vulnerable because of their age or where they live. By highlighting some of the potential dangers in the kitchen, DWFRS hope to encourage safer cooking behaviours amongst those most at risk.

There is more information on the DWFRS website about safety in the home, www.dwfire.org.uk/safety-at-home and anyone with an older friend or relative who lives alone is asked to share this advice with them.

If you are concerned for someone's safety, you can contact the DWFRS Safe & Well team – call 0800 038 2323 or visit www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits

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Swalland Farm

The farm, now part of the Smedmore Estate, used to lie in Corfe Castle parish and belonged to the Abbess of Shaftesbury. It has been rebuilt where 'Chaldecots Farm' was situated according to Rosemary Maw (DNHAS 1981). She noted *'that there may have been continuous occupation in the area of this settlement from the earliest Iron Age to the 17th century'*. Rope Lake Head, lying on the coast, is the start of the old Saxon boundary and is also the current parish boundary between Corfe Castle and Kimmeridge. Maw thought that Swalland Farm was further to the east which made it lie inside Corfe Castle parish. Hutchins placed the property in Corfe Parish as well.

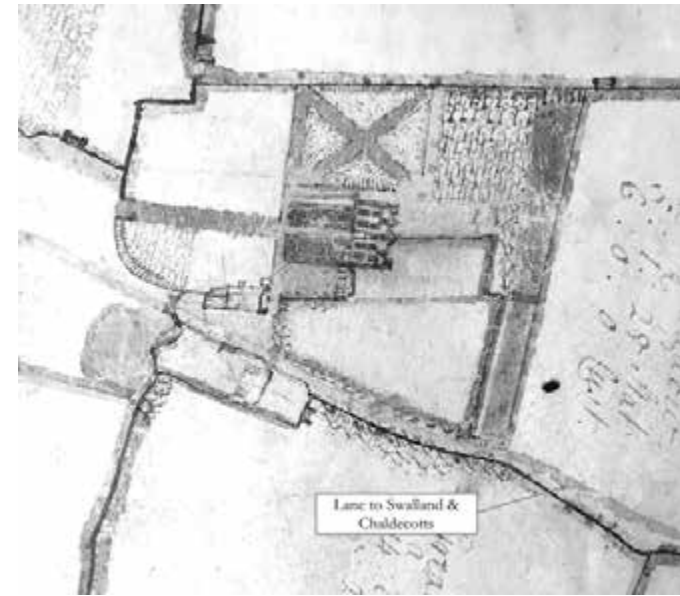


OS 1888 map from the National Library of Scotland.

In 1376 a wreck occurred off Kimmeridge Bay and Robert and John Swanlond are mentioned amongst a large list of those taking away items belonging to the ship called 'The Welfare' sailing from Dartmouth. It is likely the Swanlonds took their surnames from this place which A. D. Mills from 'Dorset Place Names' says means 'land of the herdsman/men'.

At the dissolution it passed to the crown and by the 1540s, it consisted of 3 cottages which were leased to George Chaldecot as he already owned the adjoining land called 'Chaldecots'. Maw concluded that the merging of the two farmsteads resulted in Chaldecots Farm becoming the present Swalland Farmhouse. The Chaldecots had farmed in Purbeck since the mid 1200s. The surname ceased to exist in 1641 when the property passed by marriage to the Thistlethwaites of Winterslow, Hampshire. In 1756, George Clavell purchased

Swalland Farm and Chaldecots for £3,150 and they became part of the Smedmore Estate.



Smedmore House in the 1740s.

During WWII, the land was requisitioned by the military to the SE of the farm, and this expanded to include Swalland Farm and Little Kimmeridge. According to the Rapid Coastal Zone Assessment Survey, this area became a tank firing range with deeply cut roadways and turning ovals.



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Wild Mushroom Risotto - Truffle oil & Parmesan shavings GF, V & VG by request

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DESSERTS

Traditional Christmas Pudding - A brandy custard VVG & GF by request

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Kimmeridge News

Kimmeridge Keilidhs

Our regular Barn Dances in the Village Hall started again on Friday 13th Sept – not unlucky at all – we had a great evening with lovely people dancing to lovely music! Our next dances are on Friday 11th October & Friday 22nd November 7:30 to 10:00 - Live music from Arish Mel with our callers who show you what to do. Come & join us for a fun evening! No Bar, so bring your own drinks & nibbles! Tickets on the door £7.50 for adults, £2.50 for children. All profits go to support Kimmeridge Village Hall & The Etches Collection.



Steve & Helen Earwicker

Dear Friends,

I see October as a month that bridges autumn and winter. It seems to be a doorway to the colder and shorter days. It is the month the clocks go back and strictly come dancing is in full swing.

With the clocks going back on the 27th of October, it tips us into the colder winter months. It is around this time that loneliness and isolation can really bite, and the onset of seasonal affective disorder (S.A.D.) rears its ugly head. It is often a hidden syndrome that sits in the shadows waiting to pounce or it can creep upon you unknowingly.

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

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

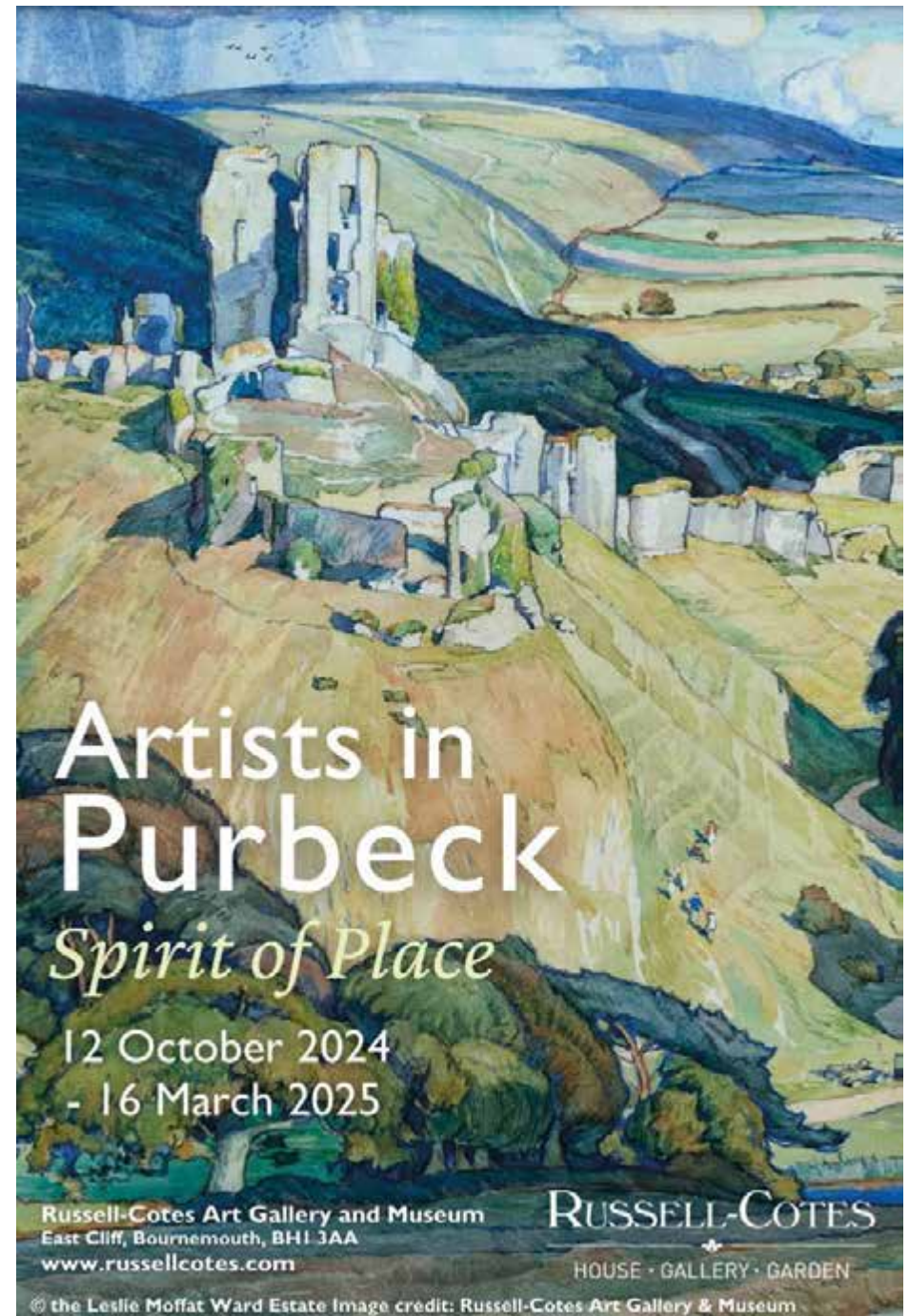
The challenge this October is that if you recognise any of these symptoms around this time of year in yourself, moreover you may observe these symptoms in friends and family. Let me encourage you to seek help and support.

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

A quote to ponder.

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The Rambling Gardener.

October is a beautiful autumn month with lovely autumn colours on the various trees. There may be bad gales, but the shorter days means lovely long evenings to enjoy with friends in front of a fire after eating a good meal. I have been having fun looking at old photos and thinking how lucky I am to have done and seen so many things when younger and stronger. I also remember galloping over the hills and using the horses when petrol was restricted. It was such fun driving our carthorse up the main road to feed the animals or using a pony to sweep hay to the hayrick. I was always happy to jump out of bed to get outside before school for chores, it never seemed to rain or be cold and snow was just so exciting. I was so lucky everything was fun to me - even school work.

In the garden I don't know quite what we should be doing as it is hard to predict what to do with the changing climate. This year I have had no Apricots or Pears; do I have to hand pollinate or were the pollinating insects not around? We have had less moths this year, and I would like all lights to be switched off by midnight as I think that it could be light pollution affecting the moths, not a lack of food for their caterpillars.

However, this month I will continue the autumn attempt to get rid of invading convolvulus and move self-seeded forget-me-nots to better locations. We should harvest pumpkins and dig any potatoes that are still in the ground – my potatoes keep in the garage in a dark, covered box until May each year, just rub off any shoots before use. Also plant garlic, shallots, onions and bought spring cabbage seedlings (my seeds did not come up). I hope to find bare rooted cabbage plants as they will not cost too much; individual pots are more expensive and their roots will have been cramped. Under cloches plant winter radish, both black (for harvesting all winter) and red (to finish by Christmas), broad beans, carrots, beetroot and winter cabbages or greens. Sow green manure like phacelia, clover or mustard in any bare earth to add nutrients to the soil over the winter.

On a nice day wrap up warm and go out with a pen and pad. Decide what plants should be a) divided, b) removed, c) protected, and note down jobs to do during the winter. I love the Purbeck stone we have here and during this winter I need to replace some rotten wood with stone or more wood, and I look forward to building another pond. We will leave the rotten wood on the soil to feed the wildlife and soil.

I love to show people my garden and to discuss gardening and cooking with garden produce so do contact me if you would like to come to Knitson. Tel: 01929 421681. Enjoy your gardening this month. Rachel

CHAPEL ON THE GREEN

(We at the congregational church have now had a name change, but remain a Congregational Church)

REPLAY OF THE 50'S

October has now arrived and the chill of winter is starting to raise its head, which got me thinking, we are the generation that can recall scraping the ice off the inside of the windows and your clothes were so cold they were stiff as if starched.

Remember those quick visits to the bathroom and diving back in bed to dress under the covers whilst our parents downstairs light the fire to spread some warmth with blankets, hot water bottles and hot food to keep us all warm. Sad to say due to decisions beyond our control the reality of that is about to return again and some of our neighbours will face very tough decisions, such as heat or eat and our mature bodies don't take the damp and cold, many will suffer this winter.

In Mathew 19 v19 Jesus commands us to love our neighbour as ourself, so how about checking up on your neighbour to see if they need anything, maybe share a bite of lunch, it'll make their day, as often they see no one for days and after working hard for a lifetime, a little care would be so appreciated. Christmas gifts can be warm clothing, such as scarves, gloves and hobbies to keep fingers warm and nimble.

1 John 4 v12 say's, if we show love to one another God is in us, in today's world the love of the many has cooled, which reflects the fact that this Chapel that was the life and soul of the village has today been relegated to a minor position in Corfe Castle.

This spring and summer have been hard, but rewarding at the Chapel on the Green, as we have tackled a very neglected garden, which is now ready to open for all of Corfe Castle people to enjoy. Next spring and summer, the garden will have tables out and chairs to rest where you can meet up with friends again, if that would be of interest to you in 2025. **R & D**

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Swanage Bandstand to Light Up with ‘Candles by the Sea’ as Lewis-Manning Hospice Care Hosts Third Annual Event

Lewis-Manning Hospice Care is excited to announce the return of their poignant event, ‘Candles by the Sea’, now in its third consecutive year in Swanage. This year’s event will take place on Saturday, 26th October from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at a new location: the Swanage Bandstand in Horsecliff Lane. Previously held on the beach, this change of venue promises to bring an even more intimate and community-focused atmosphere.



The entire community is invited to join in this heartwarming event, which offers a meaningful and unique opportunity to celebrate, remember, and reflect on loved ones. Attendees can dedicate a message on a candle that will be displayed around the Bandstand, creating a stunning and magical display.

Musical performances by The Wareham Town Band and The Dorset Police Male Voice Choir will add a reflective and moving ambiance to the evening, enhancing the sense of togetherness and support.

Lewis-Manning Hospice Care Events Fundraiser Anna DuRose shared her enthusiasm, saying, “We are delighted to bring our popular ‘Candles’ event back to Swanage for the third year running. This year, we are relocating to Swanage Bandstand, where we hope to create an even more intimate feeling of community spirit and provide a safe space for those wishing to celebrate and remember their loved ones. We hope the wonderful Purbeck community will come along to support their local hospice charity at this celebratory and reflective event.”

A suggested donation of £6 per candle will support Lewis-Manning’s Bereavement and Family Support services, allowing the hospice to continue providing vital care and support to those in the community.

Anna added, “We’d like to acknowledge our sponsors James Smith Funeral Directors and give special thanks to Wareham Town Band and The Dorset Police Male Voice Choir for supporting this event.

“Join us at Swanage Bandstand on 26th October for an evening of light, music, and shared remembrance as we come together as a community.”

Lewis-Manning Hospice Care will also be hosting ‘Candles on the Lake’ in Poole Park on 19th October and ‘Candles on the Green’ at Wimborne Minster on 16th November.

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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MONDAY			
Each	10.00-11.00am	Coffee Morning	Springwell Close
Each	2.30 - 4.30	Whist and tea	Springwell Close
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
1st	7pm	Double Act	C C Village Hall
2 nd	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Village Hall
TUESDAY			
Each	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 nd	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook VH; even CK
WEDNESDAY			
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	Youth Club	C C Village Hall
	6.45-8.00pm snrs		
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
Each	10.00 - 11.30am	Busy Bees	CC Primary School
3rd	11.30am	Probus Club	Mortons Manor
3rd	7 pm	CC Environment Gp	Mortons Manor
Each	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Yoga (439041)	Harmans Cross VH
Each	10.00 – 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall
FRIDAY			
Each	10am – 1pm	Pottery Classes	Furzebrook Studios
Each	8.30pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club
SATURDAY			
1st	10.30am	Village Coffee	C C Village Hall
SUNDAY			
Each	1.00pm	Bingo	Corfe Castle Club

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