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Editorial

Once again, thank you to the festivities committee who are putting up the lights around the village. The switch on and arrival of Santa will be on the 7th of December at 5 pm. This year the arrival of Santa will be a private ticketed event in the Castle. Please see the festivities page inside the magazine for details.

The traditional Remembrance celebrations will take place this month. The main service will be in St Edwards on Sunday 10th November at 1030 and will be followed by a ceremony at the War Memorial in East Street. There will also be a short ceremony in the Square at 11pm on the 11th November – the time and day the guns stopped firing in 1918 and the western front fell quiet. The names of all those local men who perished in both world wars will be read out. Both events are organised by the local branch of Royal British Legion.

Once again congratulations to the Surgery who ran a very successful flu vaccination programme. If you haven't had yours, the surgery is planning another walk in session on 9th November.

	Stephen		
Some useful Telephone Numbers			
(There are more in the middle of the m	agazine)		
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"The cover picture is a sketch of St Edwards, by Ken Williams; it includes Tommy as a reminder that Remembrance will take place this month."

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Studland Ferry Fare Increase Proposal: An independent Inspector has been appointed to hold the public inquiry. This will commence at 10am on Tuesday 10 December 2024 at: Studland Village Hall, Heathgreen Road, Studland, BH19 3BX,

Sale of properties by the National Trust: The NT reported that they have put 112 East Street and 48a West Street on the market for sale to raise money to pay for repairs to the Castle and other village properties. Both houses are currently vacant. The Trust is unable to put a condition on the sale which restricts purchase to non-second homeowners. The Trust was asked if there were options such as a national appeal as the castle is so well known. The Trust centrally has decided that the funds have to be generated locally, and some substantial grants had been secured - the sales would provide the balance.

Concerns about the loss of rented accommodation in the village were raised and the issue will be on the next Council agenda.

Conclusion of Audit: BDO LLP have completed their review of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the years ending 31st March 2024, and made no recommendations. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit is published on the CCPC website.

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:

Note this application is not for permission to build homes as this permission was granted in 1987. Application No: P/LBC/2024/04924; Location: 25 East Street, Corfe Castle; Proposal: Alterations including the removal of three outbuildings, forming a new opening in roadside boundary wall and removal of a detached stone outbuilding. To facilitate the erection of four dwellings and one flat with associated access and garaging (6/1987/0504). Comment Corfe Castle Parish Council object due to conflicting documentation. (The Block plan shows the removal of the entire length of wall along Station Road, which does not match the application details.)

Application No: P/LBC/2024/05424; **Location**: 22 West Street, Corfe Castle **Proposal**: Replace modern front door; **Comment**: No objection. The proposed works will not have a detrimental effect on the listed building. However, Corfe Castle Parish Council requests that the front door match in colour the rest of the exterior woodwork.

Application No: P/LBC/2024/04745; **Location**: Jubilee House, East Street, Corfe Castle; **Proposal**: Install a sprinkler System; **Comment**: Corfe Castle Parish Council has no objection to the proposed works. This is based on the fact that the

works align with a safety recommendation from the fire service and that similar work, including the installation of fire alarm wiring and alarms, has already been completed without significant impact on the building's fabric.

The submitted design and heritage statement further confirms that the original timbers will not be affected, and the works will only impact modern ceilings. As such, the Council supports the proposal unless the conservation officer raises any concerns or provides a different view.

Application No: P/HOU/2024/05655 & P/LBC/2024/05656; **Location**: Cats Eye Cottage Norden Roundabout to Gallows Hill Norden BH20 5DT; **Proposal**: External works - Remove porch and replace window. Replace redundant door with new window. Refurbish and increase height of chimneys, re-tile existing slate roof, fenestration alterations and install new French drains and new foul drains to existing sewage treatment plant.

Internal works- Internal Alterations. Remove existing ground floor and replace. New Gas Boiler, internal walls and ceiling zones of single storey rear extension to be over clad. New wood burner installed. Replace staircase and alter the existing ceiling. Replace existing ground floor bathroom with kitchen including new French doors. WC and shower room to be added to ground floor extension. Convert smallest bedroom into a bathroom. **Comment**: Corfe Castle Parish Council have no objections as the plans will bring a currently uninhabited historic building back into use. There is a huge amount of work being undertaken, in a sympathetic manner and with great regard to traditional methods and materials. The only point of concern is the removal of the thatched porch, which is specifically mentioned in the Listing, however Corfe Castle Parish Council is happy to leave this to the Conservation Officer.

Application No: P/HOU/2024/05428; **Location**: Scowles Gate Kingston Wareham BH20 5LG; **Proposal**: Erect new two-storey side extension to incorporate kitchen and upstairs bedroom and a new entrance porch; **Comment**: Corfe Castle Parish Council have no objection.

New licence applications; **Location**: Steam Train Cafe, Corfe Castle Station; **Comment**: Corfe Castle Parish Council support the application as submitted

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 11th November 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.

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Church Knowle Parish Council - October Meeting

The October meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Furzebrook Village Hall on Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 6:30pm. It was attended by seven 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

As statement from the Blue Pool was read confirming that the rope bridge was fully insured and that the risk assessments had been prepared in consultation with Dorset Council. The Blue Pool was now submitting Environmental Impact Assessments for any developments planned by the business. The Parish Council stressed the need for these.

Mr Elliott said that the proper operation of the planning system relied on applications being submitted and permissions sought before work commenced. Retrospective planning could not be supported. He further said that the Blue Pool is classified as a low impact tourist attraction subject to many environment constraints and considerations including SSSI and there will be a commercial tendency towards over development that must be resisted.

A letter from Mr Ben Edwards was read stating his principled objection to retrospective planning applications and supporting the Parish Council's stand against these.

Mr Bailey asked about the safety barriers at the Furzebrook road over rail bridge. Cllr Gilbert (Highways) said that the Dorset Council engineers had undertaken to do a site inspection and that in his researches British Rail engineers had said that the barriers do not meet the current regulations and that they would not consider it safe.

Planning

P/TRC/2024/05286 – Fell Cypress trees at Denorah - The application has been passed and the Parish Council has no objection.

Highways

A road map was sent to Dorset Highways showing the proposed locations of deer warning signs.

The progress of the agreed speed limits in the parish will pursued with Dorset Highways.

Wessex Water and the Corfe River.

A liaison group of parishes bordering the Corfe River has been formed to stop the discharge of untreated sewage into the Corfe River. A report from Ofwat/Wessex Water said that the last year had been exceptionally wet and 65 discharges into the river had been recorded. The Council is of the opinion that this an appalling environmental abuse of a small countryside stream in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and will be petitioning Wessex Water to undertake the engineering work and put in place the management required to stop this.

The Playing Field

There will be a working group to treat the woodwork with preservative as recommended in the latest inspection. The Council resolved not to move the play equipment as requested by a parishioner.

The Neighbourhood Plan.

This has received another tranche of grant, is progressing and will be undertaking a housing needs survey in the near future.

The meeting finished at 7:46 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Church Knowle Village Hall at 6:30 on 12th November 2024.



Drops in the Ocean, Leaves on a Tree

When it comes to what individuals can do about climate change, some will think their personal efforts are meaningless. But remember, the ocean is made of lots of drops of water, and a tree relies on every leaf. No action to reduce one's environmental footprint is valueless. The more actions and the more folk doing them, the better. Here are some reminders of small things which can help you as well as the planet.

Use a steamer to cook spuds below and veg. above: you only need one ring.

Only fill the kettle with enough water for your mug of tea/coffee. It's quicker, cheaper, and reduces lime-scale deposits.

Water your houseplants with rainwater from a water butt or bucket rather than tap water. It's cheaper for you, and better for the houseplants.

As nights draw in and temperatures fall, draw the curtains and close the blinds to reduce heat loss through the windows. You may need lights on more, but they use less energy than heating – especially if they are LEDs.

Don't forget to turn the tap off after wetting your toothbrush, to save a little bit of water every time.

Lastly (for this issue!), when you have decided to get rid of anything, use the household waste bin as only the last resort. There are plenty of other options to try first – re-use or repair; think of a new use for it; put it on Freecycle; sell it on Gumtree, Facebook Marketplace, or some such; take it to a Charity Shop; offer it to the Village Hall Coffee Morning, or offer it for re-use at one of the Household Recycling Centres; or it might be compostable.

David (for the CCPCEG – Helen, Richard, Luke, Tom)



National Trust Castle News

New lights at the castle!

Our old lighting system for illuminating the castle at night is now over 10 years old and getting very temperamental! This is proving difficult for when we want to light the castle for local and charitable events. However, we have a new LED system

being installed this week which will be much more efficient and reliable, it will also allow us to change the colours more easily.

Making accessibility a priority at the castle



For visitors who may struggle with the walk, we have a new Zest mobility scooter for round trips from Castle View to the castle entrance. The scooter will also go a short distance within the castle and from there we have walking poles to help with the climb. Hire is free and we can provide basic training. Pre-booking is recommended to guarantee availability by calling: 01929 477320

Murder at the castle: live podcast event

Prepare for a spine-tingling Halloween evening as we dim the lights and dive into the latest episode of the National Trust's podcast, Murder in The Castle. This haunting tale reveals the ghostly secrets surrounding a murder from long ago at Corfe Castle. Join us at a special Halloween-themed Q&A with the creators, including presenter James Grasby, author Anna Groves (Britain's Ghosts), and sound designer Jesus Gomez. Hear their behind-the-scenes secrets on crafting these ghostly stories.

The event is at Castle View on Wednesday 30 October, 5-7pm. Tickets are free but please register through the website via our events page. We hope to see you there.





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National Trust Nature updates

Purbeck youngsters go wild!

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'Purbeck Goes Wild', led by Planet Purbeck and the National Trust, involves some 20 organisations and Purbeck's 10 schools. It offers a programme of countryside-based school visits and family activities, together with career pathways for young people interested in working in nature conservation or outdoor activities.



If you could help as a volunteer, please email Jill.Bailey@nationaltrust.org.uk, or look on the Planet Purbeck website.

Robot tackles tough slopes

Don't be alarmed to see a robot at work on the mound at Corfe Castle! We are using a remote-controlled roboflail to get to inaccessible areas of the mound and cut back tussocky grass, bramble patches and small

Children on nature trail, by Cathy Lewis

shrubs. The roboflail will work in tandem with the sheep, which, hardy as they are, won't graze on this tough vegetation.

As a Scheduled Monument, we have to prevent the growth of trees and shrubs on the mound because of the threat to the archaeology. The roboflail will also be used on other areas of the common over the next few weeks.

Recreating our ancient wood pastures

Did you know that wood pasture is one of the most biodiverse habitats in the country? It is made up of a mosaic of grassland, bare ground, scrub, hedges and mature trees, each habitat type supporting different species.

We've begun a project to create 380ha (940 acres) of wood pasture across the Trust's land in Purbeck. The first stage is rotavating selected small plots of land to create bare ground where trees can regenerate or seeds can be planted.

This includes sites in the grassland around Corfe Castle. Look out for opportunities where you can join us for seed planting events.

Flood management scheme for Swanage The National Trust has been awarded a grant to improve flood resilience in Swanage. The project focuses on six sites, located at the headwaters of tributaries that feed into the Swan Brook (the river that meets the sea in Swanage).

Beginning in 2025, we will be slowing the flow of water as it runs off the hillsides using techniques such as low earth bunds and leaky dams (similar to those on East Common in



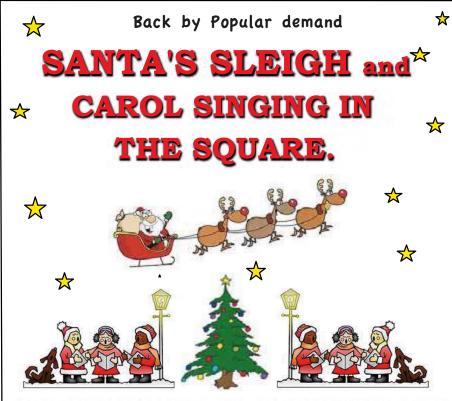
Robin enjoying a hedgerow feast, by Paul Wright

Corfe). Find out more at a public meeting on Tuesday 26 Nov, 7.30pm, at the Swanage School.



Leaky dam on Corfe Common, by Gen Crisford

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FRI.20TH AND SAT.21st DECEMBER.

Friday 20th. 5 pm - 7 pm. Santa's Sleigh will start at Halves Cottages, then East Street and the side roads. Saturday 21st. 5 pm Santa's Sleigh will start at West Street turning circle and progress to the square.

Sat. 6.15 pm - 7pm. Join us for carol singing in the square. Mulled wine and mince pies. Proceeds to Corfe Castle and Swanage and Purbeck Rotary good causes.







Corfe Castle Surgery

Firstly, I would like to say a big THANKYOU to our patients and volunteers who attended the flu clinic on Saturday 12th October. Maggie, Sally and Angela did a fantastic job keeping the flow of patients into the corridor at a constant pace. We opened the doors early and carried on for 30 minutes after the invited time and got everyone vaccinated, so thank you for your patience.

We are hoping to hold a second Saturday clinic on 9th November from 9am until 12 noon. Text invites will be sent out.

Please contact reception on 01929 480441 if you could not attend the last clinic and would like to book in. This includes all children aged 2 and 3 years, over 18 years in an 'at risk' group and over 65 years.

Please contact us with any queries.

Kerry Norman Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

It was a great pleasure to support the surgery team at the Flu Clinic on 12th October. Sally, Angela and I enjoyed meeting over 400 surgery patients and hearing the many positive comments about our Surgery and its team.

There was a very nice friendly atmosphere, and the Clinicians did an amazing job vaccinating so many without even taking a break, so thank you to the whole team for a great job.

Also thank you to all patients who chose to have their 'jabs 'at the surgery where the team has direct access to our medical records so the flu immunisation can be added to our patient records more quickly and the surgery can ensure continuity of care for us all both and advise us of any other vaccinations we are entitled to.

It also means that the small payment the Practice receives from the NHS every time a vaccination is given is essential to the practice finances enabling them to reinvest in our local GP services.

On Saturday some asked me about Covid vaccinations which are available at Wareham Hospital on Mondays and Wednesdays . Appointments can be booked online but 'walk-ins' are also being accepted for over 65 year olds or those who are considered to be clinically vulnerable. Swanage Hospital will also be holding walk-in Covid sessions on 6th November and 4th December .

Please do contact the PPG by email if we can be of assistance <u>corfecastleppg@gmail.com</u> Kind regards, Maggie Hardy PPG Chair

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Corfe Castle CE Primary School & Pre-School



What a fantastic start to the academic year! Our pre-school staff and children have settled well into their new surroundings and are engaging in all aspects of their learning and development.

We are very fortunate that Melissa Viney continues to be our Pre-School Leader to support our local families.

Since my last note here, we have carried out our first whole-school harvest festival which included our pre-school children. It was

wonderful to have so many parents and carers there too, supporting the children and the school to engage with its Christian Distinctiveness. Reverend Louise White kindly joined us for the service to share the message of harvest and bless the children and families. We are very fortunate, too, to be welcoming Reverend Louise onto our governing body to support the school and further developing its Christian ethos and vision.

On Sunday 20th October, the school choir joined the church choir to celebrate harvest with the Corfe congregation. Other than singing the rousing hymns, the children sang John Rutter's 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. It is always wonderful and a blessing to be able to join in with community events – thank you to the children and families that continue to support these links outside of the school day.

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.

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'This Secret Isle'...

... really is a production not to miss! Peter Smith's ingenious play weaves many local incidents and places into the well-constructed war-time plot. There's love interest, a bit of song and dance, some new faces joining the cast, a good slice of drama and suspense – it is certainly a play for everyone to enjoy. Tickets are selling fast, so don't delay! The performances are at 7.30pm on November 21st, 22nd and 23rd, with a matinee at 2.30pm on the 23rd. Tickets are £10 (children £5, under-5s free), from Corfe Castle Village Stores or <u>www.ticketsource.co.uk/double-act-drama-group</u>. Full details are to be found on our poster elsewhere in this CVN issue!

We always give departing audiences the chance to donate to a locally relevant charity. This year, two people closely associated with Double Act have been suffering from Pancreatic Cancer, so Pancreatic Cancer UK will be our chosen charity this year. The two folk are Maryrose Bray, who was a key member of Double Act from the word 'go', and Gerald Ward (better known as one of 'Ball & Socket') who provided excellent musical accompaniment for 'Dame Agatha's Greatest Case' in 2009. Sadly, Maryrose died in October. Our thoughts are with both, and their families.

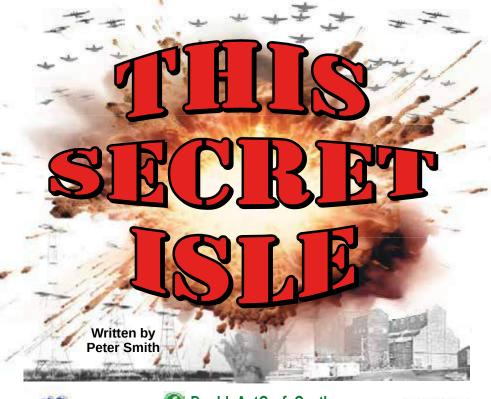
We apologise for the cancellation of the Elephant Drive. Look out for a social event in the New Year instead, probably *not* featuring elephants!

We welcome new members in any capacity. Full adult membership is £20/yr, but if you prefer to help for just a small part of the year, such as front-of-house for the main production, or just want to support Double Act, you can become a Friend of Double Act for just £5. See below for contact details.

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 New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome!



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21st, 22nd & 23rd Nov 2024 at 7.30pm Matinee 23rd at 2.30pm

Adults £10 / Children £5 (under 5s free) Tickets from Corfe Castle Village Stores & www.ticketsource.co.uk/double-act-drama-group 10% reductions for groups of 10 & over



Corfe Community Kitchen Soup 'n Pud A choice of Soups and a Roll Followed by Puds with Custard Corfe Castle Village Hall Saturday November 2nd 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.

Once again there was an excellent attendance at our October lunch from both regulars and new people. This supports the idea that September was just a blip with a lot of folk taking a well earned autumn holiday. All our soups and puddings were much appreciated. The Bean Soup was made using up tins of beans kindly donated by a villager and the delicious Dorset Apple Tray Bake was enhanced by apples supplied by another local person. Once again we are following our objective of using up food that might otherwise go to waste. We are always happy to receive tins, or fruit and veg from your gardens and allotments that are excess to requirement. The only thing we ask is that if things have been previously frozen we can't refreeze them to store so please avoid giving us those.

Can you believe that November is when we started this project 2 years ago?! It has gone from strength to strength, with so many people enjoying both the food and the camaraderie. It is very encouraging that so many find it a valuable addition to village life and find comfort from the food and friendship.

We are continuing a seasonal theme in November with a pumpkin tart and our soups will be ones that you will have tasted and enjoyed before. We cater for vegetarians and food allergies but if you do have a serious allergy please let us know beforehand so that we can adjust our menus to fit.

As usual we thank all our lovely volunteers for their help and Dragons Bakery for the bread rolls. We would love to see other 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**

note!

The arrival of Father Christmas through the square will be followed by the distribution of gifts at a magical PRIVATE TICKETED event inside the Castle Please

- This event will only be advertised 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 after the half term break.
- If you require tickets, for local child(ren) who attend school elsewhere or you live in the village and have child visitors, please email ccfestivities@gmail.com with your name, address, number of tickets and age of children. Only if you do not have email, and cannot ask someone to email on your behalf, please phone 07584 079401.

WE ARE ALSO STILL 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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OUR NOVEMBER DEALS

Monday – Friday, 12pm – 5pm

Homemade Pie and Chips / Traditional Fish and Chips with a FREE dessert

Weekend Breakfast

Every weekend in November (Saturday and Sunday) we will be serving breakfast from 10am – 12pm.

Sunday Evening Roast

Buy one get one free on our roast dinners every Sunday evening from 6 – 8pm in November. Advance bookings only.

Wednesday Steak Night

X2 Rib Eye steaks, Koffmann's chips, homemade onion rings, watercress, peppercorn sauce and a bottle of wine. ALL for £50! Available every Wednesday through November.



News from the Library

Our November Talk



This month our talk will be a political one; It sees the return of popular speaker Gerry Stoker.

Populism and Fatalism: Two Threats to Democracy?

By Professor Gerry Stoker of Southampton University. Friday November 29th at 2.00pm in the Village Hall

We need your 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.

You can help ensure we, as a village, can continue to keep our library open by volunteering from as little as 3 hours a month. Ask at the library or email corfecastlelibrary@gmail.com for more information.

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.



<u>1stOctober</u> - Connor Winter told an inspirational story of how he and his friend Ben Gibbons are attempting to change the way plastics are recycled in the UK and abroad. They started with a second-hand Hovis lorry at High Mead Farm in Ferndown, then moved to an industrial unit in Christchurch and are now attempting to acquire a unit 10 times the size. Their original concept of making plastic bricks (which looked like large Lego bricks and gave them the name of their company, Green Bricks) was not working due to the thermal qualities of the plastic not being compatible with heat conductivity. Connor, being a carpenter, turned to the idea of producing recycled plastic planks as an excellent product that can be used like wood and can last for over 100 years without any need for maintenance. They don't rot, they don't splinter and they don't need maintenance!

Currently they are making garden furniture. With their larger factory they are looking to upscale the production of planks in order to bring down the price to compete with wood products. Their new company name is Circular11, so look out for it. [Circular11 – so-called because they believe that **circular**



economy is the key to the 11th Sustainable Development Goal adopted by the United Nations.]

Connor recommended we read: Plastic Paradox by Dr Chris DeArmitt FRSC FIMMM Free copy available on line, <u>https://plasticsparadox.com/download-ebooks/</u>

 5^{th} November – Carl Grice will be giving a talk about Opals. Carl is an Opal miner and processes opals, turning them into jewellery that he sells online. It will be fascinating to hear about gems that were once more prized than diamonds and have a fascinating and unusual structure.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR SPEAKERS AT FUTURE MEETINGS:

These remain provisional, unless stated as 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: <u>2008aquariusladies@gmail.com</u> or phone Sue Sedgley at 01929 289102

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the October VH Coffee Morning. £228.81 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The 100 club draw is made at the Coffee Morning. In October the first prize of £20 was won by member 78. with member 29 getting second prize £10 and member 43 winning the third prize £5. If you would like to join the many villagers who support their local village hall in this way please contact Penny Barker on 01929 481477.

The village hall offers a large amount of secure storage space. For news on future availablitity please contact Judith on 01929 480216.

regular weekly events:

Monday mornings Purbeck Dance Monday evenings Double Act Monday evenings Purbeck Chess Toddlers **Tuesday mornings Tuesday mornings** Yoga Tuesday evenings Martial Arts Tuesday evenings Badminton Wednesday mornings Corfe Crafters Pilates Wednesday mornings Wednesday afternoons U3A Pickleball Wednesday evenings Youth Club Silver Swans adult ballet Thursday mornings Cubs Thursday evenings Alcoholics Anonymous Thursday evenings Pilates Friday mornings regular monthly events: VH Coffee Morning 1st Saturday morning 1st Sunday all day 1st Tuesday afternoon Aquarius

1st Thursday evening 2nd Monday evening 3rd Wednesday morning

Cameo Antiques Fair Gardening Club Parish Council Carers' Support (P Jones)

AV system and Hearing Loop

Trustees are very grateful for the hard work put in by Peter Smith and David Watson in addressing the issues with the AV system and hearing loop. The installers of the system withdrew their support, having failed to rectify problems. The expertise and dogged persistence shown by Peter and David have now succeeded in tracing the faults and rectifying them.

The system is now up and running!

Work on Chair store

Readers of the CVN will know that construction work on the chair store was planned for a week in August. Users of the hall will know that it hasn't yet happened. Unfortunately the builder who had agreed to carry out much of this work suddenly found that he could not do so. Some preliminary electrical work has taken place and Trustees are looking into alternatives for the construction work done if the original builder cannot do it soon.

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

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Rews from The Castle

November, here we are, and whilst we start preparing for the Christmas season ahead, we have also been working hard to ensure a fun filled month. Take a look below on what we have on offer for you.

Monday is Pie & Pint Night

This popular evening is back for a limited time only! Offering a variety of delicious pies served with chips and peas along with a pint or glass of your favourite beverage for only ± 11.95 ! This night tends to fill up fast, therefore we would highly recommend booking your table.

Western Night – Saturday 16th November

Get your western boots out & cowboy hats for a rootin' tootin' evening here at The Castle Inn. The pub will be decorated in true western style, we'll be offering western themed dishes and the staff in full fancy dress! Book your table now for a fun-filled evening.

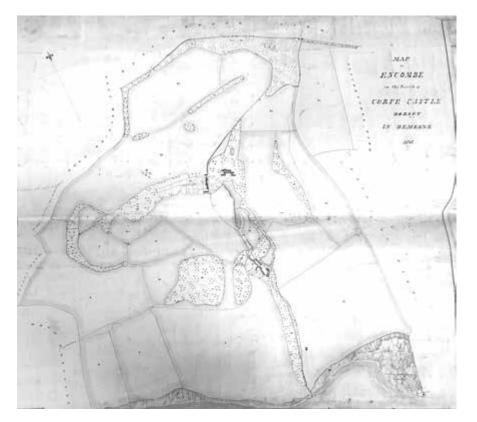
The Castle Inn Christmas Menu

You may have already started thinking about your Christmas party for this year, or your family Christmas meal. Why not consider us for this joyous occasion! Our chefs have been working hard behind the scenes to create a beautiful menu filled with your festive favourites. Our menu is now available online or pop in and pick up a leaflet.

From everyone at The Castle Inn, wishing you all well.

Encombe

A Saxon charter records that King Edred granted to the Thegn Wihtsige 16 hides (1,920 acres) of land at Corfe and Blashenwell in about A.D. 955. This charter lists the boundaries which start at the sea, going onto a dyke and then up to Swyre Head. It mentions various landmarks, most of which are long gone, and then circles round to finish at *'Shortmannes Pol'* (assumed to be Chapman's Pool). Part of those 16 hides will have belonged to Encombe which in 1841 had just over 739 acres.



The Encombe Estate in 1841.

The estate passed to the Abbess of Shaftesbury and is likely to have been surveyed under her manor of Kingston in the Domesday Book. An Assize Roll of 1244 mentions '*Henecumbe*' which lead to the not unreasonable conclusion that it was named after the valley of the hens, but Hen or Enn could have been a person's name. At the dissolution of the Abbey in 1539, the land passed to John, Lord Zouche, who transferred it in 1540 to Sir Thomas Arundel. Arundell was beheaded in 1552 for planning to overthrow the government and the property passed to the crown. Some of his property was restored to his widow but possibly not Encombe as it was then granted to John Bourchier before being sold to Robert Culliford and his heirs. It was considered one of the best farms in Purbeck and as a result was called 'Golden Bowl'.

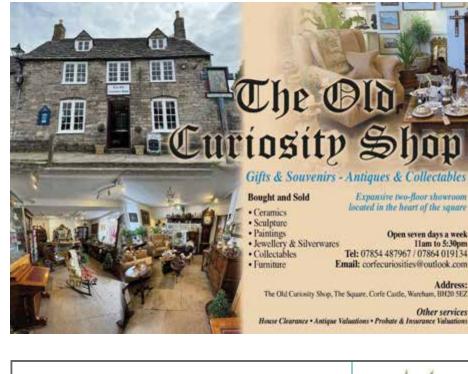
An MS in the British Library lists the lands owned by John Culliford of Encombe, gentleman, when he died in 1598. His pregnant wife was left all his property which included the manor and farm of Encombe, along with other lands, held from the crown by payment of the 40th part of a knight's fee. This 'fee' was usually paid by giving land of about 120 acres in the manor to support the cost of a knight to fight in a war. This was a form of taxation. It also meant that if a male heir was under the age of 21 then the lord of the manor (this being the king) was entitled to take control of the estate until the heir reached his majority. In 1215, the Magna Carta had set the price of funding a knight at 100s. but as time went on, and estates were divvied up amongst the family, it became fractions of this fee. By 1599, knights were becoming increasingly obsolete in war, so this payment on the Culliford estate was purely a tax.

The Cullifords held Encombe during the Civil War, but supported the losing side and it was temporarily removed from them by Parliament in 1647. They recovered their property but eventually the manor and farm had to be sold to pay off debts and in 1734, it was sold to George Pitt of Stratfield Saye who passed it to his son, John. John pulled the house down and erected the current building. Debt reared its ugly head again and his son, William Morton Pitt, was forced to sell the estate in 1806 to John Scott (later Lord Eldon) for the sum of £56,000.

The house had a serious fire in 1812 and various improvements were made then; the northern façade was remodelled in about 1870 when the entrance was transferred to the north side. The driveway originally had passed on the western side (see the map).

For nearly 200 years, it remained with the Scott family, and in 2002, for only the 5^{th} time, it was put up for sale and sold for £15 million. It has since been sold again.

Louise Haywood





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CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for NOVEMBER 2024

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

2	November	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning - Corfe Castle Village Hall
2	November	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud Community Lunch – Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	November	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius talk about Opal gems – Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	November	Thursday	7.45 pm	Gardening Club Talk - Athelhampton - Corfe Castle Village Hall
9	November	Saturday	9 till 12 am	Flu vaccination clinic – Corfe Castle Surgery.
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
11	November	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
12	November	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle Village Hall
21 - 2	23 November	Thursday – Sa	aturday 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.
30 No	v – 2 December	Saturday – Me	onday 10am – 5 pm	St Georges Langton Christmas tree festival.

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

2	December	Monday	6.30 pm eyes down 7 pm	Kimmeridge Bingo – Kimmeridge Village Hall
3	December	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius Christmas get together
5 - 7	December	Thursday – S	aturday 10am – 6 pm	Purbeck Christmas tree festival – Emmanual Baptist Church Swanage
5	December	Thursday		Gardening Club Christmas social
7	December	Saturday	5 pm	Arrival of Father Christmas and switch on the lights.
7	December	Saturday	2-4 pm	St James Kingston Harmony Rocks choir – Singing for Christmas
7	December	Saturday	7 pm	Wareham Choral Society Christmas concert – Lady St Mary Wareham
20 - 2	1 December	Friday – Satu	rday 5 pm	Santas sleigh ride around the village.
21	December	Saturday	7 pm	Carol singing in the Square
7	January 2025	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius – David Kemp talks about his Far East Walk – Corfe Castle Village Hall
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More Useful Phone Numbers

Power and electrical - Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks: 0800 0727282 (free phone land line) or 0345 072 1905 (free phone mobile contracts or local rate for pay as you go) Western Power Distribution: 0800 365900 (free phone land line and mobiles)

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Gas - Transco - Gas Emergency: 0800 111999 (free phone, mobile phone charged as per the local provider rate)

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

0300 1235000 (local call rate or 3p - 40p per minute from a mobile dependant on the provider)

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

01305 221000 (10p per minute from a land line or 3p - 40p per minute from a mobile dependent upon the provider)

Flooding - Environment Agency - Flood Line:

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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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

St Aldhelm Benefice

Church Wardens in the Valley Churches

Corfe Castle: Penelope Smith 480109 John Lindsay 481498

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

Rev Louise White writes

Give us today our daily bread

When we pray the Lord's prayer, we pray the line, "Give us today our daily bread". I thought that it would be a good time, as we have just celebrated harvest, to think a bit about "our daily bread".

Harvest is a time of giving thanks, when Christians thank God for the wonderful world that we live in, and particularly for the food that has been produced through the crops which have been gathered in during this year's harvest. Including the grains which make our bread.

As we watch the hedgerows grow colourful with their abundant berries and see our apple trees laden with fruit, and the birds happily demolishing all of the ripe berries and fruit, it is good to take the opportunity to give thanks for this cycle of growth and fruitfulness that we see all around us, and which happens each year producing the food we need to eat. To give thanks for the food, "our daily bread", which we are able to eat and enjoy each day. And as we thank God for our daily bread, our daily food to eat, we also turn to think about those whose harvests have failed and who have not got the food that they or their families need for this day. Those whose land has been flooded so that the crops have failed, or where there is persistent drought so that nothing has been able to grow on the land, or those whose land has been ravaged by war.

So at this time, of rejoicing in and giving thanks for our harvest, let's thank God for all that He has given to us today, for our daily bread, and let's be mindful of, and pray for, those across the world who struggle each day to get enough for themselves or for their children, for their daily bread.

	Bible Readings – November 2024
3 rd November	Twenty fourth Sunday after Trinity
	Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34
10 th November	Twenty fifth Sunday after Trinity
	Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44
17 th November	Twenty sixth Sunday after Trinity
	Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25 Mark 13:1-8
24th November	Last Sunday after Trinity – Christ the King
	Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

1st December

First Sunday of Advent

Psalm 25:1-9 Luke 21:25-36

Services in November 2024

Morning Prayer at St Ewards every Wednesday at 8.30am.

3rd November Corfe Castle 10.30am 10th November 25 Corfe Castle 10.30am Kingston 10.45am

17th November

Corfe Castle 10.30am Walking Church 11.00 am Harmans Cross 6 pm

Tyneham/Steeple 3pm

24th November

Corfe Castle 10.30am Kingston 11.30 24th Sunday after Trinity - All Saints

Holy Communion

25th Sunday after Trinity - Remembrance

Morning Prayer/Remembrance

Remembrance

26th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Evening Prayer

Last Sunday after Trinity

Morning Prayer Holy Communion

St Aldhelm Christmas Tree Festival

Every year since 2016 we have held a Christmas tree festival at St George's Church Langton Matravers this is a community event which has already raised over eight thousand pounds for local charities chosen by us, We are a totally independent not for profit festival and every penny received at the event will be donated this year to East Dorset and New Forest Motor Neurone Disease Association and National Coastwatch Institution (Swanage). Visitors will be able to wander around the church through a magical display off over thirtyfive Christmas trees individually decorated by local organisations with one tree that children can add to with decorations made at the craft table. Admission is free and refreshments, including scrumptious cakes will be available to purchase whilst enjoying a great line-up of musical performances from local acts including U3A Ukulele Group, Ratties Acoustic Club, Karen Grant, the Mayday Singers, the Swanage Recorder Ensemble and many more, the full program will be available on our website and facebook pages nearer the time. The event will take place between 30th November and 2nd December from 10am till 5pm. https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com

Sandy Garner



From Darkness to Light Advent at Kingston St James's Church 6.0pm Sunday 1st December A service of seasonal music and readings. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Do join us!





Unique Handmade Gifts Friday 6th December 10am - 4pm Saturday 7th December 10am - 4pm

The Dove House Barn, Grange Road, Creech, Dorset BH20 5AL Jane Elmer-Smith – Ceramics, Aline Johnson – Textiles & Glassware Christmas f

KINGSTON COUNTRY COURTYARD Christmas at Kingston

Winter is coming and we are ready to celebrate in style with YOU!

Festive Events

Building on the success of recent years we are back for Christmas events. Celebrate with family, friends or colleagues with our resident DJ or live music acts. Bring your party vibes as we celebrate together!

Friday 29th November Friday 6th December Saturday 7th December Friday 13th December Saturday 14th December



New for this year!

tamily teasting

Join us on Sunday 8th or Sunday 15th December for a family style feasting extravaganza. The Winter Wonderland Feast is just £20pp for an all inclusive grazing feast with the most delicious meal. Discounts for children. All details on our website or get in touch.

Locals Lunch

Delighted to announce the return of our popular Locals Lunch - join us on Thursday lunchtimes to have 2 courses for £15 or 3 courses for £20 booking essential, passcode - I'm a LOCAL! CONTACT US: 01929 481066 ENQUIRIES@KINGSTONCOUNTRYCOURTYARD.COM







Join us on the 15th of November 2024 for a butchery master class. £45.00pp Includes a talk & demo from the wonderful Lytchett Venison & a 7 course tasting menu Contact us to book your place

01929481066 enquiries@kingstoncountrycourtyard.com



What's On at Harmans Cross Village Hall

Here are some dates for your diaries from late October through to early December of events at Harmans Cross:

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 at <u>bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk</u> or on 07384 848 419

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

Thursday 31 October 10.30 - 12.30 - Coffee Junction

Tuesday 12 November – Movie Night – Bob Marley: One Love A biopic of the life of the amazing Bob Marley. Doors and bar open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Just £5 on the door.

Thursday 14 November 10.30 - 12.30 - Coffee Junction

Sunday 17 November at 6pm – Church Service

Thursday 28 November 10.30 - 12.30 - Coffee Junction

Saturday 30 November – 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 <u>bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk</u> or on 07384 848 419

Tuesday 10 December – Movie Night – Wonka

The latest re-working of Roald Dahl's epic children's story is a perfect prelude to Christmas. Doors and bar open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Just £5 on the door.

Alison and the HXVH Committee



The Corfe Castle Town Trust

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE

The Museum is very happy to take any objects that relate to the village & surrounding area. We are also looking for photos of the village and its people (they can be scanned and returned to you). We can then build up an archive for future generations and put on a display for you.

> Contact: Louise Tel: 01929-481375 Email: mlouisehaywood@gmail.com

Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

I seem to be writing about the unpredictable weather every month now and this one has been no exception. The garden still has some colour, but the weather has certainly taken its toll.

Leaf colour has also been very unpredictable and as a painter this has certainly been a disappointment.

However, in October we were delighted to be transported to the beautiful 'Formal and Relaxed Gardens of France by our own Fiona Forsyth in her wonderful photographs and experiences from family holidays. She brought the formal Gardens of Versailles, with ornate fountains and over 2,000 sculptures, to life and recommended a buggy to see the gardens at their best in the heat of summer. She also showed us the beautiful, relaxed gardens of Claude Money at Giverny, a garden lovers garden with its superb floral vistas and the famous water lily lakes created by diverting a local stream, Fiona's favourite of the two gardens.

Our programme for the rest of the year:

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. More information will be sent out to members by e-mail.

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 <u>www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk/get-advice/advice-bus</u>

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 <u>www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk</u> to speak to an Adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline freephone on 0800 144 8848, 10am-4pm weekdays.

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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	
November 2024	13, 27	6, 20	

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 - <u>administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk</u> 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.

Maryrose Bray 19/12/1922 - 13/10/2024

A few minutes before 11pm on Sunday 13th October, one of Corfe's longest residents slipped away peacefully, at home with her daughter. Tara, by her bedside. Maryrose grew up in Purbeck in the 1920s but moved away during WW2. In 1978, newly widowed, she returned to the place where she knew she belonged. She embraced village life with inexhaustible energy and immense enthusiasm, a hugely sociable person, full of ideas and a great sense of fun. She threw herself into the activities that create Corfe's very precious community spirit: Christmas Festivities, Drama Groups, Village Coffee Mornings, Church Fete-and-Galas, Church Choirs, Parish Councils and many more ... over the years, she did them all. She was a kind and caring neighbour, ever ready to listen or lend a hand; when a person came to her door, they would always be invited in. Her willingness to get involved brought her countless friendships and close acquaintances which she treasured. In her final years, it delighted her that her wonderful team of carers were all locals, friends whose steadfast kindness and unwavering devotion enabled her to stay in Corfe until the end. Farewell Maryrose. Safe journey.

A memorial service will be held at St Edward's church on Friday, 15th November, at 2pm and afterwards in the Village Hall.

HARMONY ROCKS CHOIR

Not long to go now until our " Singing for Christmas" concert at St. James' Church Kingston on the Saturday afternoon of 7th December from 2 to 4pm. This is a non ticketed free entry event. There will be a raffle where you can win a prize for yourself (raffle tickets will be available on the door) followed by delicious light refreshments.

We hope you enjoy this musical afternoon and will help us raise funds for Dementia Friendly Purbeck (<u>dementiafriendlypurbeck.org</u>) by contributing to the raffle and our retiring collection. Dementia has touched so many of our lives and a second Admiral nurse for our community will be invaluable. For those who don't know, St James' Church is accessible by the No40 bus or by car with parking available nearby at Houns Tout car park.

Do come along and join in our festive celebrations (by the way - we have retrieved all the snowballs - just saying!). Tel: 07443468850 for enquiries

David's Trek to ?????? ??? for Julia's House

Nov 2-10, 2024

You will be aware that the situation in the Middle East has become rather volatile. The Petra Trek organisers have rightly decided to re-locate the Trek, and it will now be in **Cambodia**, finishing at the monumental **Angkor Wat** temple complex near **Siem Reap**.

My fundraising for Julia's House continues, as the target has now gone up a bit! So, if you've been thinking of donating but haven't got round to it yet, you can still do so!

Any contributions are very welcome. My on-line donations page is <u>www.justgiving.com/page/david-kemp-1694853078368</u>. I can accept cheques, cash, or I can supply my bank details if you'd prefer to support **Julia's House** that way, or you can pay into <u>www.juliashouse.org/donate</u> - please use 'David *Kemp Cambodia'* as reference.

You might prefer to use the QR code:



Julia's House Children's Hospice is very grateful for your

support!

David Kemp, 7 Colletts Close, Corfe Castle, 01929 480007 <u>davimukem@aol.com</u>

Karen Grant's Concert

Our grateful thanks to all who attended Karen Grant's lovely concert, in mid-October. We had a wonderful choice of music and profound moving lyrics. Thank you to all who supported the event and provided the refreshments. It was well attended and raised $\pounds 300$. This was shared between the Church and Dorset Breastcare. A special 'thank you ' to Karen for making it such a special event.

Judy Forgan and Doreen Farr

Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival 5th - 7th December 2024

This year the Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival will be held on Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December from 10am-6pm each day, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 160 Victoria Avenue, Swanage. There is also a Remembrance Service called 'Lights of Love' at 4pm on Sunday 8th December.

There will be a warm welcome and everyone can wander through the trees, enjoy seasonal refreshments, listen to local talented musicians and singers with activities for children of all ages, and stories in the stable for the younger children. There is no entrance fee but any donations will go to local charities.



Some of the Christmas Trees at Swanage Emmanuel Baptist Church

This year we are supporting Dorset Air Ambulance and also raising money for another Admiral Nurse for Dementia Care.

If you would like to book a tree for your group or organisation, the closing date for is Monday 11th November and you should request a sponsor form from Janet Norley at <u>administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk</u> or leave a message with your details on the church answerphone 01929 427706.

Once again we will have a Tree of

Remembrance outside of Emmanuel Baptist Church on which people can put named ribbons of loved ones they wish to remember at Christmastime.

There is also the St Aldhelm's Christmas Tree Festival at St George's Church in Langton Matravers, beginning on 30th November until 2nd December. For further details contact Sandy Garner on 01929 424431 or email sandy@gizimodo.co.uk

https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com

May these events bring us all joy as we celebrate the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

Judy Forgan and Janet Norley

Rotary Charity Christmas Mail 2024

We can deliver your Christmas greetings to local friends and family for only 50p per card!

Collection Dates: December 2nd- 14th Norden Farm Shop Studland Stores Salt Pig Café @ Putlake Swanage Information Centre

December 6th-14th 10am-4pm (closed 8th)

Rotary Pop-Up Shop 12 Station Road Swanage

All post will be delivered after December 16th

Any queries to Ali.arnold@worthmytravels.co.uk

PurbeckParkys (Parkinson's Support) Meetings

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



Corfe Crafters

Corfe Castle Village Hall Wednesday 9.00am to 12 midday Contact Cheryl - 07745242511



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Pioneer View

Dear friends,

This month's Pioneer view finds me in a reflective mood. So, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of these reflections from this past year.

This year I feel the Growing Compassionate Communities charity has really found its feet and its place in the world.

It seems to have discovered its identity and purpose in engaging with its vision in terms of its journey:

So, what's our vision and purpose growing compassionate communities?

A compassionate community may be described as a community that identifies and seeks to be inclusive through engaging and reintegrating vulnerable and marginalised groups that reside in the local community.

Growing compassionate communities is primarily about a community working towards inclusiveness of all diverse groups and peoples. This concept seeks to grow communities that are compassionate and that seek to include groups on the margins of the community by becoming sensitive to their needs and journey.

On reflection we seem to have made significant progress in engaging with this vision as well as seeing and growing hope. In a nutshell we seem to be beginning to make a difference in both the many communities' and people we seek to travel with.

In the light of this I would like to revisit our philosophy that underpins our journey in the form of a powerful narrative.

"A young girl was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had been washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up and throw it back into the ocean. People watched her with amusement. ... Inspired, by the little girl's actions they joined the little girl in throwing starfish back into the sea.

This little girl made a difference to each starfish she threw back into the ocean.

Looking ahead we still have a few more starfish to throw back into the ocean.

Go well

Peter

Chair: Growing compassionate communities



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ROAST LEG OF DORSET PORK | 19.5

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

TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY BREAST | 19.5

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

TRIO OF ROASTS | 24

Beef, Turkey and Pork with all of the trimmings.

BEETROOT WELLINGTON (V) (VG on request) | 19.5

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

CHILDREN'S ROASTS (BEEF, TURKEY, OR PORK) | 11.5 (Under 12s)

SIDES Cauliflower Cheese | 5 Pigs in Blankets | 5

DESSERTS

APPLE & MIXED FRUIT CRUMBLE (GF) (VG by request) | 9 With vanilla ice cream RASPBERRY & PISTACHIO SEMIFREDDO | 9 With strawberry & Champagne sorbet STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING CHEESECAKE | 9.5 With vanilla ice cream CHOCOLATE & ORANGE SPONGE PUDDING (VG by request) | 9.5 With vanilla ice cream

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MAIN COURSES

Traditional Turkey - Cranberry & hazelnut stuffing, pigs in blanket, roast potatoes, cranberry sauce & roast Jus GF by request

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DESSERTS

Traditional Christmas Pudding - A brandy custard VVG & GF by request Apple Tarte Tatin - Black vanilla bean ice cream V Lemon & Elderflower Posset - Handmade shortbread V GF by request Belgium Chocolate Cheesecake - A strawberry & champagne sorbet VVG English Cheeses & Biscuits - House chutney, celery & grapes (£3 supplement) V GF by request

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Kimmeridge News

Bingo – Monday 2nd December!

Eyes down for the Purbeck-wide famous Kimmeridge Christmas Prize Bingo no expense spared here - you get reusable cards to play on, house and line prizes, two raffles and not forgetting the pièce de résistance - our very own Patrick Ward calling in his finest designer gear!

You don't need to be a bingo fan, just a fan of having a great evening of laughter with the possibility of going home with something you never knew you needed. Teas/Coffees/Squash available in the break, if you want anything stronger then BYO

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

What better way to spend a cold December Monday evening?????? Bring your own refreshments for whilst playing. Tea and Coffee is free in the break.

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

Doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7.00pm! Monday 2nd December

Kimmeridge Keilidhs

Our next barn dance is on Friday 22nd November 7:30 to 10:00 - Live music from Arish Mel with Teresa Williams calling who will 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

Eyes to the Skies

Well autumn has certainly come around quickly and we seem to have slipped right back into the rainy season.

My tollgate bird feeders are already busy with plenty of gold finches and tits squabbling with the many sparrows for feeding rights .The ground underneath is attracting robins , dunnocks , chaffinches ,wood pigeon and today (14/10) eleven collard doves , such a beautiful delicate bird .

I have been lucky enough to have three different great spotted woodpeckers , most probably from the same family group .

First was the male who has a red nape (back of the head) then the female who has no red on her head and lastly the juvenile who has a red crown (top of the head) to visit the peanuts and are a fantastic sight on the feeders.

Down in the bay we have been lucky enough to spot some migrants with common sandpiper and wheatear refilling before their long journey south . Ringed plover and Bar tailed godwit have both been seen in stink corner with the oystercatchers ,which bought lots of smiling as these were new to the bay list .

Happy birdwatching

Rose and Pat



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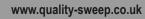
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REMEMBRANCE

The closest I have ever come to living through a war is seeing it on the Television. I was born just before the 2^{nd} World War ended in 1945.

Each of us have different thoughts on Remembrance Day. Some have memories of the Active Service of those they have loved and lost, and some have memories of civilian life during war time. It's not just a reminder of those who died in the first and second World Wars, important as they were. It's also a reminder of other conflicts that our armed Services have been in. Remembrance Day gives us an opportunity to say a 'thankyou' for the sacrifice that so many made that we, in the UK can enjoy peace. It's a day set aside to those that have given their lives for the freedom of others. Sadly, for many, the day will pass without them giving any thought to the real meaning of the day. It brings us back to the reality of what actually happened. We see the dedication of those who fought and died.

The Red poppy is a symbol of Remembrance Sunday and reminds us of the lives lost and the hardship endured in the pursuit of peace and freedom.

The Bible is also a Book of Memories too. In the Bible we can recall God's goodness to His people starting with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Old Testament. In the New Testament we remember God sending His own Son, Jesus into the World to bring mankind back into a right relationship with God leading to the ultimate Sacrifice that Christ made on our behalf on the Cross. It is more than remembering the life of a good man. We are reminded how God wants us to live. The rules that God has given us for living are not rules to stop our enjoyment of life, they are given as Jesus said, so that we may have life in abundance.

Jesus gave us two great rules to govern life..... The first one is to 'love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind' Matt. 22:37. The second was to 'Love your neighbour as yourself' Mat. 22:39. Let us go from our Remembrance Day Services resolved to make these Commands, the goal of our lives. Throughout the Bible, God's people are instructed to stop and recall what He did for them.

Let us Pray......Dear Lord, we call out to you from a World that is torn apart by War. Our hearts break as we watch what is unfolding. We pray for all those families in Israel who are suffering because their children, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters were killed or kidnapped by Hamas. We pray for all the families in Gaza who are suffering because children, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters were killed by bombs from Israel. We pray for others in war torn countries of the World who are suffering.... Amen

Our World is broken because of Sin, wars, hunger, famine and dangers of every kind, yet there is hope. Hope in Christ for forgiveness for our sins and the promise of eternal life when we repent and turn to Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Psalm 105:1-8 reminds us that we should remember the Wonders God has performed, just as we remember the bravery of those who fought for our freedom.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS	
SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICES	CHURCH SECRETARY
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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES	07908 807 115
Fortnightly on 3 rd & 17 th	
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The Rambling Gardener

The days keep getting shorter, but if it is not raining the sunsets are beautiful to watch, especially sitting inside spoiling oneself to a big tea and telling oneself that lots of food is needed to keep warm! Make November an enjoyable month to unwind and dream of all the good things that will happen. It is good to tuck up with a book, listen to music or watch TV and enjoy slowing down. I hope to finish weaving a shawl and spinning and knitting a big heavy sweater for a Christmas present. I enjoy making both Christmas cards and presents with things that I have in the garden and house.

Natural decorations for Christmas need collecting now as the weather may hurt things in the next month. You can use seedheads of honesty and love-in-themist, the white plumes of pampus grass and other grasses, pine cones, and berries like rosehips. Old man's beard from hedgerows is beautiful and you can spray it with hair spray to hold the fine seed-heads. Just see what you can find and then have fun creating things in December - I will be making wreaths and swags in December and would love to have company if anyone wishes to join me.

November garden jobs: Harvest the last squash and any apples that are ready to pick and then keep them in a cool place until completely ripe. Collect fallen leaves to make into leaf mold for re-potting your plants as they feed though their roots and enjoy having leaf mold as most of their potting mixture - bought compost costs £s and is sterilized which kills the microorganisms that are so important. The soil is a bit cold to sow seeds outside, but bulbs like tulips, and the Garlic and onion sets, should be planted now. Tender plants need to be protected from frost with compost or sheeps' wool. You can sow peas, mustard and cress inside for fresh salad greens; germinate on kichen paper in small trays and cut the crop when small for salads.

If you haven't grown cabbage this year then buy red or green cabbages for eating or pickling as it is such a versatile winter vegetable. Green cabbages are best cut finely and cooked in a little milk with salt and pepper, the red cabbage tastes wonderful cooked with raisins, black treacle, salt and pepper - if you would like to add some bits of bacon, a sausage or a wedge of cheese then it makes up a whole meal.

If you have any questions about the subjects in this article please do contact me by phone: 01929 421681 or by e-mail: rjehelfer@gmail.com Rachel



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	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	
MONDAY				
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^{nd}	7pm	CC Parish Council	C C Village Hall	
TUESDAY				
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_{nd}	7.30pm	CK parish Council	Odd months Furzebrook	
	X 7		VH; even CK	
WEDNESDA		Community Day	The Des Caboal	
Each Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School	
Each	9.30am- noon 9.00am-12.00	Intermediate yoga Corfe Crafters	Kimmeridge 477169 C.C. Village Hall	
Lacii	5.30- 6.45pm jnrs	Corre Craners		
Term time,	6.45-8.00pm snrs	Youth Club	C C Village Hall	
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club	
THURSDAY				
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	www.purbeckyoga.	Harmans Cross VH	
Each	10.00 - 1.0 pm	Pottery Class	Furzebrook Studios	
Alternate	7.30pm	Bingo	C C Village Hall	
FRIDAY				
Each	8.50am - 2.50pm	Community Pre	The Pre School	
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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