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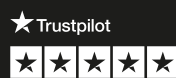
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Editorial

Spring is here, the weather is improving, and by the time you read this the clocks will have gone forward. Summer is just around the corner.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on the 19th of May at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to question Councillors, make suggestions or complaints, and generally become involved. Details are also on page 10 of this edition. They will be published again next month.

We will soon circulate the contribution envelopes with the CVN and ask that you return them with whatever you can afford. Each copy of the magazine currently costs around £14. Most of this is raised by advertising and contributions from organisations and societies. Nevertheless, last year, over £3500 came from individuals, so your individual contributions are much needed. Just as a reminder, nobody involved with the CVN is paid and all money raised goes towards the production of the magazine.

A Happy Easter to everyone, and our continued thanks for your support.

Stephen

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(There are more in the middle of the magazine)

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MARCH FOR CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Spring is here, and so is our latest Parish Council update! From local funding opportunities to important community consultations, we've got all the latest news to keep you informed and involved. Read on to find out what's happening in our parish and how you can have your say.

Annual Parish Meeting – Have Your Say! Mark your calendars! The Annual Parish Meeting is set for Monday, 19th May, from 6:30 PM at the Village Hall, and we'd love to see you there! This is a fantastic opportunity to meet local groups, connect with fellow residents, and most importantly, share your thoughts on what you'd like to see happen in the parish next year.

Enjoy a warm welcome with tea, coffee, and biscuits while exploring community stalls from Double Act, Corfe Castle Library, Guide Dogs, Citizens Advice, and Dorset Adventure Park to name just a few. To kick things off in style, the School Choir will be opening the event with a special performance!

Your voice matters, this is your chance to let the Parish Council know what's important to you. Whether it's local projects, improvements, or new initiatives, your ideas can help shape the future of Corfe Castle Parish. Come along, get involved, and make a difference!

Highways & Pavements: The Parish Council continues to advocate for essential road and pavement repairs, understanding that these are major concerns for our community. As we push for action, your involvement remains crucial! This month, alongside sending us photos, we're asking residents with dash cams to help. If you're driving and encounter any of the following situations, please consider sharing the footage with us:

- Meeting a vehicle coming from the opposite direction on the wrong side of the road whilst over taking parked cars.
- Waiting for a wheelchair, pushchair, or pedestrians to be safely pushed or walk, in the road passing parked cars.

These types of footage provide valuable evidence, especially when it comes to demonstrating safety risks, particularly in situations where emergency vehicles could struggle to pass. By sharing your dash cam footage, you'll help strengthen our case for improvements and show that safety should be a top priority. Please send any relevant footage to the Clerk. Your contribution plays a vital role in ensuring our parish is safe and accessible for everyone. Thank you for your continued support! If you can't email footage, please call the Clerk on 01202 670105.

Corfe Castle Charity – Support Available: Did you know that Corfe Castle Charity provides financial aid to residents in need? Whether it's help with heating costs, general hardship, education expenses, or medical needs, to name but a few examples, the charity is here to support the community. If you or someone you know could benefit, don't hesitate to apply. For confidential assistance, please contact Mandy at CCcharity1602@outlook.com. Your details will be handled with the utmost sensitivity.

Dorset Council Updates: Cllr Wilson shared several key developments:

- Dorset Council's budget for 2025-26 has been released, showing how public funds will be spent. For more detail go to <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/news/council-approves-a-balanced-budget-set-against-increased-national-pressures>
- Dorset Council is currently running two public consultations: 1 Dorset Open Land (2) PSPO, which aims to extend controls on the lighting of fires on open land, particularly in areas of open health land. 2 Dorset Beaches (Studland) PSPO, which aims to extend the control of camping on beaches to Studland Beach. Both consultations close on 20th April 2025, and everyone is encouraged to have their say. To have your say on the Dorset Open Land consultation please visit <https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/c-e/olpspo> To have your say on the Dorset Beaches (Studland) PSPO please visit <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/news/views-sought-on-new-measures-to-prevent-wildfires-and-unauthorised-beach-camping>

Traffic Management: The council decided against commissioning a traffic survey for a possible new Speed Indicator Device location, in line with the advice received from Dorset Council Road Safety team.

Pavement Repairs Update: A working group has been formed to assess the pavement repair needs within our community, beginning with East Street and The Square. While this does not mean repairs will start at once, it is an ongoing project that the Parish Council is undertaking to advocate for higher-quality materials. The goal is to encourage Dorset Council to use replacement stone rather than cement or tarmac when repairing the pavements, ensuring a more durable and aesthetically pleasing result that aligns with the character of our parish.

Strategic Action Plan: The council's new action plan has been approved and will be reviewed quarterly. The new document will be launched during the Annual Public Meeting on May 19th.

Kingston Salt Bin Relocation: The Kingston Salt Bin will soon be relocated to a more practical and accessible location, directly opposite its current spot, next to the

general waste bin that is currently in place. This move should make it easier for residents to access when needed.

Get Involved! Your input matters! Whether it's sharing concerns, attending meetings, or participating in consultations, your involvement helps shape the future of Corfe Castle Parish. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates, and don't hesitate to get in touch with any queries or suggestions.

Next Council Meeting: Monday 14th April 2025, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public session, so please come and join us and have your say.

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

Telephone: 01305 221040

To report a pothole

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

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

To report a problem on a road or pavement

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

Telephone 01305 221020

To request a highways gully clear

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

To request a road sweep on a highway near you.

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

Telephone 01305 221020

CORFE CASTLE PARISH MEETING

19 MAY

PLACE OF THE EVENT
Village Hall



TIME OF THE EVENT
6.30pm

WWW.CORFECASTLEPARISHCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

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Environmental Group Update



Here comes Spring, and with it we are launching a new series of events! What we have confirmed dates for so far are:

Thursday 17th April at Mortons Manor Hotel at 7pm

Richard Caldwell of the Swanage and Purbeck Swift Group is coming to talk to us about swifts and how we might help stop or reverse the decline in the numbers of these summer visitors by providing suitable new nesting sites. The Swift Group has already installed swift boxes in St Nicholas Church Tower in Worth Matravers in anticipation of these birds arriving in early May, and it would be great to do something similar in Corfe Castle and Kingston ready for them in 2026.

Wednesday 7th May meet at West Street Car Park at 8pm

Join us and the National Trust as we head to Corfe Common to see (hear!) bats! The National Trust will bring their audible bat detectors and use these not only to locate the bats but also hopefully to identify what species they are. We are also going to try to borrow a thermal imaging device so we can actually visually track the bats as they fly past us – great fun!

Friday 6th June meet at Corfe Castle Village Square at 7pm

As a follow up to Richard's April talk, we will be hosting a swift spotting walk around Corfe Castle village led by both Richard and Julie Hatcher of the Swift Group, and as part of this will investigate if we can identify any suitable sites for swift nest boxes.

Events still in the planning stage:

Late May – a plant survey of the “wild” bank on the right hand side of God's Acre to compare with our 2023 survey.

June / July – walk and picnic on the Common

October – fungi spotting walk. **November** – hedge / tree planting session(s).

All events are free and everyone is welcome!

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

Facebook: “Corfe Castle Environmental Group”

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

News from the Castle



National Trust

Happy Easter

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter. We're looking forward to the castle buzzing with families enjoying our Easter egg hunt and playing spring games in the Outer Bailey. If the weather stays dry, we're hoping to open North Field (the field opposite our Welcome Centre) as an overflow car park to relieve some pressure on the village. Fingers crossed!

Mysterious letters and numbers high within the Keep.

The Kings' View platform not only offers us new external vistas but also close-ups of the walls and architecture of the Keep and South Annex. We have noticed some mysterious carvings in the stone beside the Kings' appearance door (see photo). Could you help us decipher them? We wonder if they might be numbers and letters (18LL?), but they aren't uniform. Could they represent a date or initials perhaps? If you have any thoughts or ideas, please email us at: corfecastle@nationaltrust.org.uk



2nd Tower conservation works



As you are aware, we are continuing with conservation works at the castle, currently focusing on the walls and tumbles. We recently removed vegetation covering the 2nd tower, uncovering significant ivy growth within the structure. The roots have pushed stones and parts of the wall out of alignment, necessitating the removal of sections of the tower to clear the roots before repositioning the stones back to their original place. Due to the tower's location and angle on the mound, a scaffolding rig needs to be built to support the stones while they are being

lifted, which you will see if you regularly use the Woodland Walk.



Nature updates from the National Trust

Nature's chorus on the common

Now's the time to get out onto the commons and listen to nature's symphony. The dawn chorus is performed by birds looking for love, and to defend their patch. It starts at sunrise, and the loudest singers are the males.

Thrushes, blackbirds and robins are among the first to rise, then others gradually join in – wrens, chiffchaffs, blackcaps and willow warblers. On the common, you might also be lucky enough to hear a yellowhammer, linnet or stonechat. If you're not an early riser, remember there's the dusk chorus too. It might not be quite so loud, but guaranteed to soothe your soul!



Linnet, © Pete Christie

Beaver fever!

In March, we released two pairs of beavers into Little Sea, Studland. Purbeck was the first place in England to be granted a government licence for a 'wild' beaver release like this – and the story attracted the attention of national TV, radio and newspapers.



Beaver taking its first steps into Little Sea, © Beaver Trust

The new beavers now join the family that arrived there in 2024 by unknown means – so hopefully we'll have the start of a viable population. By creating sunny glades, new water channels and deep pools, the beavers will enhance the habitat for lots of other species, especially dragonflies, wetland birds, amphibians, bats and water voles.

Beavers are a native species and were present across the country – but were hunted to extinction in the UK around 400 years ago. So we are thrilled to welcome them back! You can read more here:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/studland-bay/re-introducing-beavers-to-studland

If you have any queries about wildlife or how we are looking after the Corfe Commons and Purbeck Heaths, email us on purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk

Cathy Lewis, the National Trust

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Church Knowle Parish Council

The March meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council took place in the Church Knowle Village Hall on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 6:30pm. It was attended by six members of the Council (Cllr Burt in the chair), four members of the public and the Dorset ward councillor Ben Wilson.

The main items of interest in the meeting were:

Damage to the Tracks along the top of the Church Knowle Hills by Off-Road Vehicles

There was an extensive discussion with a presentation of research to date into this problem and the interested bodies and authorities who are monitoring this. The Parish Council fully supports all actions to stop this damage and misuse of these Rights of Way.

It appears that there is a perception among off road enthusiasts that this area is a legitimate public arena. It is not. The public have the right to pass along these tracks, they are Unsurfaced Rights of Way, but not to leave the track and trespass on adjoining land. This is further reinforced by the protected areas, monuments and nesting areas on this adjoining land. The penalties for trespass onto it and causing damage are severe.

In order to notify off road enthusiasts of the status of the area and the prohibitions against damage and trespass, signage at key points is proposed. This is a preliminary to action being taken by the Police and environmental agencies who are now monitoring the site.

Tree Work at Cotness Lakes

A question about the tree work at the Cotness Lakes was asked by a member of the public. The parish council is satisfied that this is now being done in co-ordination with the proper authorities and there are no outstanding concerns.

The Neighbourhood Plan

This is progressing again under the new chair of the Steering Committee, Mrs Pippa Edwards and there will be a parish wide housing needs survey distributed to every household soon.

Report from Dorset Councillor

Dorset Council has published a breakdown of its £417m budget. This can be seen on the Parish Council website under Information→Notices.

There is a public consultation about Public Space Protection Orders for Studland Beach and Open Heathland to prevent camping and wildfires.

Natural England are undertaking a deer drone survey to assess the extent of the wild deer population and measures to control this.

The Corfe River

Even though Wessex Water have had their capital budget cut they are committed to providing the additional storage at the local treatment works required to prevent the sewage overspill into the river. There will be a tour of one of these treatment works in April.

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.

The meeting finished at 7:53 pm. The next meeting of the Church Knowle Parish Council will be at the Furzebrook Village Hall at 6:30 on 8th April 2025.



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Our new housing survey goes live for a month from 2nd April. This is your chance to have a real say as a community on how future development may look in the Parish of Church Knowle. It is really important that as many of you as possible tell us what housing is needed, for whom, where and what it should look like. We hope this survey will inform thinking and allow us to take control of our future.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE THERE WITH A GENUINE LOCAL CONNECTION WHO WANT TO RETURN TO, OR MOVE WITHIN THIS PARISH, BUT CANNOT AFFORD TO?

By anticipating & choosing what works best for Church Knowle Parish, we may be able to avoid unsuitable development being imposed upon us. We can also help to achieve our overriding aim of carefully conserving our uniquely beautiful and highly valued environment. By making it easier for genuinely local residents (past or present) and family members or local employees/service providers who work in the area for more than 16 hours a week to realise a long-held wish to live here, we may help to ensure the long-term sustainability of a community which relies on a vibrant mix of age groups, incomes and skills sets.



OUR NEW HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY GOES LIVE ON 2ND APRIL
The survey will be online and we will be delivering a QR coded leaflet to each household & other stakeholders, to enable access to it. Printed copies and help in completing the forms will also be available. It should only take 5-10 minutes.

We rely on you to spread the word amongst your family, friends and employees – anyone you know, regardless of where they currently live, who has a local connection to the Parish, through residency, family or work.

To contact the Steering Group, please email: hurchknowlenp@gmail.com
Or call your local Steering Group member as follows:

- Furzebrook – Carl (07872 606027) or Pippa (07799 734923),
- Creech – Tom (07720 848718)
- Church Knowle – Niki (07777 698342), Debbie (07879 473693),
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- 19.00 Entertainment from DoubleAct and 'Big Bake' judging
- 19.30 A ticketed fish & chip supper – SEE BELOW!
- 20.30 Entertainment and 'Big Bake' prizegiving
- 20.45-2100 Proclamation, Beacon lighting and singing of hymn

FISH & CHIPS! We will pay tribute to the fisherman that braved the dangerous seas, along with the farmers and Land Girls that farmed the fields (Fish and Chips was one of the very few foods not rationed by Prime Minister Churchill during the dark days of WWII). *300 portions of fish & chips will be available in exchange for free tickets which can be collected at Coffee Mornings, Soup & Pud lunches, Aquarius, Probus meetings and at Corfe Castle Club in April and maybe early May. There is a strict limit of 300 and maximum of 5 tickets per household (all adult portions, so sharing is possible). Once the tickets have gone, that's it, but you can still bring along a picnic if you are unlucky. Serving will be by ticket number groups to avoid a stampede.*

Enter the 'BIG BAKE' competition Celebrate Britain's women's incredible effort during WWII by making the **Official Women's Institute VE Day 2025 Orange and Ginger Cake**. Recipe on the VE80 website: <https://ve80.com> This is a simple and classic bake and is made using the Rubbing In Method not often seen these days. Just bring along your entry on the night.

PLEASE NOTE: All cakes will be given to the Aquarius refreshment stall, and available to sample for a suggested donation, after judging.

We encourage representatives from local organisations to be involved. If you have not already been contacted please email CCVE80@gmail.com to register interest in this community event!



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Corfe Castle CE Primary School & Pre-School



By the time you read this, we would have broken up for the Easter Holiday and our children would have had their Easter Service and experience day. We are so fortunate and blessed to have clergy, such as Richard and Louise, and Jo Levasier (All Saint's, Swanage) who work with us to ensure our children continue to engage positively with Christian events across the course of the year.

This year, Jo led a team that provided a morning enabling children to Experience Easter as six interactive stations that explored the Easter narrative and unpacked the key themes further.

- Future Hopes** – The story of Palm Sunday
- Servant King** – Jesus washes the Disciples' Feet
- Remember Me** – The Last Supper.
- Alone** – The Garden of Gethsemane.
- The Cross** – Symbol of Hope.
- Resurrection** – New Life.

Reaching out to our community - PTFA

As you have may seen over the past years, our PTFA has worked tirelessly to provide some amazing opportunities and fundraising events to ensure that we can continue to provide for our children. Support from the PTFA has included: DT cooking equipment, a bookcase for UKS2, art pens and resources, electronic dictionaries for UKS2, a coach for the EYFS/KS1 trip to Shire Hall, Dorchester, a water tray for the EYFS provision and resources for the outdoors EYFS construction area.

The PTFA are looking for more 'friends' who would be willing to attend meetings, engage and support in organising and being involved further with the school. If this is you, then please contact the school office and we will forward information to the PTFA.

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 and Pre-School.



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 Sunday: All day 12.00 - 7.00pm

Weekly Events

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

Forthcoming Events

Sat 12 April from 5.30pm—
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 Sat 26th April—
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News from The Castle

Happy April Fools Day! Isn't this year flying by, we can't believe it's April already! We have loads prepared to keep you & your little ones entertained this month, especially over the Easter holidays. See below & get those dates in the diary.

Easter Holidays 7th-21st April

Who can believe the Easter Holidays are upon us! To celebrate we will be offering a £5 kids meal deal including a main & pudding. Choose from a yummy selection of delicious, well thought kids meals to keep your little ones happy!

The Castle Inn Easter Fun Trail 20th & 21st April

Join us for our special Easter Fun Trail on Easter Sunday & Monday! The Easter bunny has been busy getting his special trail ready for lots of exploring & finding prizes. Let the kids go wild in our huge family friendly garden, and soak up the fun. Who knows, you may even spot the Easter bunny himself!

St George's Day 23rd April

We'll be celebrating this day with delicious, traditional English specials, including a scrummy pie & crumble meal deal for £16.95! The pub will be decorated in fantastic St George style, and celebrated in true Castle Inn style. Bookings being taken now!

From everyone at the Castle Inn, we wish you a beautiful Easter.



Still Looking Forward!

Our next meeting is Monday April 7th at 7pm in the Village Hall, when we will have a first read-through of the November Pantomime production of 'Alice in Cuckoo Land' by Peter Nuttall. 'Quizines' will also be available at £1 each.



At our recent AGM we were pleased to present a donation of £1,000 to Heather Penton, for Pancreatic Cancer UK, in memory of the late Maryrose Bray and Gerald Ward. In other business the committee and officers were re-elected unopposed.

May will be a busy month for us, with a playlet in the Castle for VE80 on May 8th, a stall at the Parish Meeting on May 19th at

6.30pm, a mini-panto in the Castle on May 26th, and casting for 'Alice' on May 18th and 26th. Look out for more details in the next CVN.

Preparations are progressing for the famed Double Act Murder Mystery Walks in July and August too!

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!



News from the Library

We have two events this month! Richard Caldwell (remember the talk about Corfe's swifts last year?) returns to talk to us about the plight of the Purbeck puffins on Friday 11th April. The following day Barry is running a **Quiz Night** to raise funds for the library and the resurfacing of the village school playground.



The Plight of the Purbeck Puffins

Everyone loves a puffin, but this charismatic species is “vulnerable to extinction” according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. The puffin population in the UK has declined by c25% since 2000. In Dorset, puffin numbers have fallen even more dramatically and over many decades. We have only three pairs left in Purbeck and perhaps one pair on Portland. These are special birds - the only puffins breeding on the English coast between the Isles of Scilly and Yorkshire.

The reason for puffins' decline in Dorset is unknown but failure to breed successfully is a likely cause. Is that true though, and if so, why? Following in the footsteps of the late Trev Haysom, Richard Caldwell, with help from the National Trust and the Dorset Wildlife Trust and a team of volunteers has been studying the Purbeck puffins since 2023 to try to get to the bottom of the mystery of Purbeck's declining puffins.

If you want to learn more about puffins, come along to the Library in Corfe Castle at 2.00pm on Friday 11th April to listen to Richard present a host of interesting facts about puffins and the results of all the work that is being done to try to find the reason for the decline of Dorset's puffins.

The Plight of the Purbeck Puffins

By Richard Caldwell

Friday April 11th 2025 2.00 p.m. at the Library

Admission is free and open to all

There a Quiz Night coming!

The Charity Quiz Night takes place on **Saturday 12th April** in the Village Hall. Proceeds will be split evenly between Corfe Castle Community Library and the village school to help fund the resurfacing of their playground.

There will be a bar. Tickets are £5 and are available from the library, from the Village Stores or email reservation to CorfeCastleLibrary@gmail.com. See the poster for this event elsewhere in this magazine for more details.

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 into the library and have a chat (or even quietly browse through the bookshelves!)

Normal Library Opening Hours

Monday 3.00 - 5.00 p.m.

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Charity Quiz Night

For Corfe Castle Community Library and the Village School's Playground

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

6.30pm for 7.00pm Start

Quiz Master Barry Stocks

Tickets £5

Bar

Raffle Prizes

Tables of a maximum of six people or roll up and we'll make you up into a team (if you'd like us to!).

Tickets will be available from the Library, the Village Stores and via email at CorfeCastleLibrary@gmail.com from March 20th



March 4th - Following the AGM there were team pancake races, a draw for a voucher for Holme Gardens, a sweets and chocolate quiz and yummy cakes from the Village Bakery.

Future Programme of Speakers

1st April – Mary Van Coller will be talking about her book ‘Downstream Dorset, River tales and Local History’

6th May - ‘50 Years in Television’ by Roy Norton

4th June – ‘Ooh Matron’ a History of Carry On by Steve Dimmer

1st July – Historical Murders ‘The Murder of Sydney Spicer’ by Paul Stickler

5th August - BBQ

September – ‘The Amazing Life of Marie Curie’

Regular Groups

Walkers - 3rd Monday at various locations

Strollers – 2nd Tuesday

Aquarius Book Group – 3pm every 6 weeks

Tertius Book Group – 2nd Monday in members homes

Lunch Club – 4th Thursday at 12.30 in various locations

We are a friendly group so please come along and join us on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 2pm for an interesting talk followed by a cuppa and a chat.

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Corfe Castle Surgery

As I sit in the warm March sunshine, we can all feel spring is finally on its way, which means Easter isn't too far away either.

Our opening hours over the easter break are;

Thursday 17th April Surgery open **8.30am-6.30pm**

Thursday 17th April Dispensary open **8.30am- 1.00pm**

Friday 18th April Surgery and Dispensary **CLOSED**

Monday 21st April Surgery and Dispensary **CLOSED**

Tuesday 22nd April Surgery and Dispensary open **8.30am- 6.30pm**

For any non-life-threatening medical issues or for medication during the easter break, please call 111 or visit a local pharmacy. For life threatening problems call 999.

In other news, due to time pressures in the reception/admin area we are reducing the number of calls we make to patients and trialling a new system where we will send you a text message with a time and date for routine appointments. If this appointment is not convenient, please call us on 01929 480441.

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Tickets are now live and bookable for PAW's Concerts and Other Events programme. We're delighted to open the Festival with multiple award winning ensemble, Apollo's Cabinet, exploring the world of 18th century actress, soprano and London stage star Kitty Clive. Join us from May 30 to June 1 for a magical festival weekend celebrating extraordinary music, featuring Stile Antico's tribute to Renaissance composer Palestrina, transporting you to the sacred sounds of the past. Delight in Saraband & The Opera Company's elegant French cantatas from the salons of Rameau and be captivated by 'Cubaroque,' a unique fusion of early English and modern South American music, featuring acclaimed tenor Nicholas Mulroy alongside lutenists Elizabeth Kenny and Toby Carr. And that's not all - buy a mini-festival pass for £95 and gain entry to all five concerts over the weekend saving £15.

For more information on the full programme and to book tickets please go to www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk

Concerts and other Events Programme:

Saturday 24 May, 6pm – Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham

Concert: *Apollo's Cabinet* – a fascinating exploration of 18th-century baroque theatre music.

Sunday 25 May, 12 noon – Church of St Peter, Church Knowle

Concert: *Ayres Extemporae & Hannah Ely, 'Bach and His Roots'* – a journey through the influences that shaped Bach, featuring music by Schein, Buxtehude, and Erlebach.

Wednesday 28 May, 10.30am - 11.30am - The Mowlem, Swanage

Storytelling workshop for children (4 - 8 years) with travel writer Nick Jubber

Mini-Festival Weekend

Friday 30 May, 6pm – Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham

Concert: *Stile Antico, 'Palestrina 500'* – a tribute to Renaissance composer Palestrina, marking 500 years since his birth.

Saturday 31 May, 10:30am-12:30pm - United Reform Church, Wareham
Workshop for Singers – a fantastic opportunity for singers of all levels, led by members of Stile Antico.

Saturday 31 May, 2pm - Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham

Concert and Talk: a talk on Handel's Art Collection followed by a 2:30pm concert with *Augelletti Ensemble* (BBC New Generation Baroque Ensemble) & *Alexander Chance*.

Saturday 31 May, 5:30pm - Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham

Concert: *Saraband & The Opera Company* (*Samuel Boden, Hilary Cronin & Emily Gray*), *'Love After the Storm'* – French cantatas from the salons of Rameau and his contemporaries.

Saturday 31 May, 9:30pm - Priory Church of Lady St Mary, Wareham

Concert: *Ensemble Gamut & Aino Peltomaa* – a musical exploration of Finnish mythology mixing medieval sounds with electronics.

Sunday 1 June, 2pm - St Edward, King & Martyr, Corfe Castle

Concert: *Toby Carr, Elizabeth Kenny & Nicholas Mulroy, 'Cubaroque'* – a fusion of early English and modern South-American sounds.

Monday 2 June, 7.30pm - Royal British Legion, Swanage

Poetry open mic night with Martin Hobdell.

Wednesday 4 June, 6pm – 7pm - The Mowlem, Swanage

Writing workshop for adults with travel writer Nick Jubber.

Thursday 5 June, 10.15am - Encombe House

Coffee concert.

Friday 6 June, 7pm - The Mowlem, Swanage

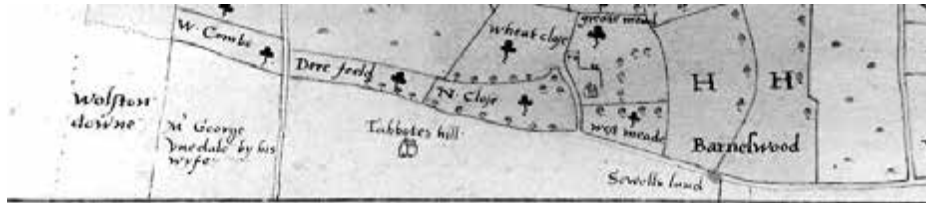
Talk: An atmospheric feast of magical tales with travel writer Nick Jubber and folk musician, actor, and storyteller Tim Laycock.

Saturday 7 June, 4pm – Careys Secret Garden, Wareham

Concert: *The Echoing Air & Music for Awhile - 'The Fairy Queen'* – a picnic performance of Henry Purcell's semi-opera featuring local primary school students.

Tabbit's Hill Farm, West Woolgarston

At the most westerly end of Woolgarston, lies a hotchpotch of fields which includes Tabbit's Hill Farm. The first mention of 'Tappette Hayes in *Wulgarston*' is in a survey of 1572 for the Manor of Eastington. One William Gover held the farm then and it descended to George Gover and then Thomas Gover. By 1586, 'Tabbot's Hill' is shown on Treswell's map (the farm is not shown in the correct place plus the lane only seems to go to Westwood Farm).



Ralph Treswell's map of 1586 showing 'Tabbot's hill' with 'Sewell's Land' close to Barneswood.

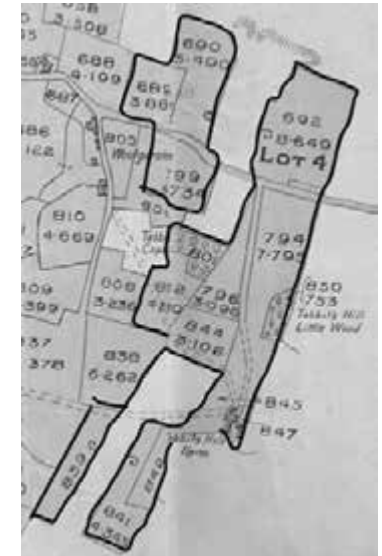
In 1614, Robert Culliford of Encombe and his wife, Margaret, sold part of 'Tappetts Hill' to David Grove of Eastington for £260 (about £35,000 in today's money). The Groves continued to hold the farm tenancy well into the late 18th century and it then passed to Mr Henry Mate of Bere Regis and was called 'Tabbets Hill'. Mr Mate acquired the land on marriage to Honor Grove, the sister of David Grove (a grandson of the David Grove of Eastington).

'Sewells Land' appears on the Treswell map. On a late 17th century deed, the surname is spelt Seward alias Sewell meaning that two surnames had been used. There could be various reasons for that for example a mother's re-marriage or an inheritance from a female relative. Anyway, in 1603, the land that Thomas and Margaret Seward had inherited was purchased by George Bullocke. Part of this land is now held by the Corfe Castle Charities. Come the 19th century four owners held these lands – John Hales Calcraft, the Corfe Castle Charities, the Earl of Ilchester and Elizabeth Spencer. Calcraft leased some of the fields here from the Earl of Ilchester for Brenscombe Farm.

Captain Guy Marston sold off Tabbit's Hill Farm in 1919. By then, the farm comprised 56a. 2r. 28p., a farmhouse with 4 bedrooms, stabling for 6 horses, a barn, granary, pig styes and stalls for 10 cows with a calving house.



An annotated Tithe Map of 1844: The dark outline represents the fields leased from Ilchester to use with Brenscombe Farm. The Charities land lies within the dotted outlines



A rough outline of the sale of LOT 4, Tabbit's Hill Farm, in 1919

Louise Haywood

Corfe Castle Community Land Trust

The Trust is looking to appoint a Secretary to administer the running of the Trust to:

- To prepare agendas and take and record minutes of Board meetings.
- To prepare for the AGM.
- To maintain membership and other registers.
- To make annual returns to the FCA.
- To manage correspondence and ensure all Board members have up to date information.
- To ensure that the CLT runs smoothly according to its Rules.

Meetings are generally short and last about an hour and are held either monthly or two monthly. It would be helpful if you have been involved with a charitable organisation before, but training will be given.

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Corfe Castle Village Hall

general news:

Thanks to all those who attended the March VH Coffee Morning. £127.73 was raised for Village Hall funds.

The March 100 club draw was made at the Coffee Morning. The first prize of £20 was won by member 15, with member 17 getting second prize £10 and member 70 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.**

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regular weekly events:

Monday mornings	Purbeck Dance
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

regular monthly events:

1st Saturday morning	VH Coffee Morning
1st Saturday lunchtime	Soup 'n Pud
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)

Fund-raising news

Many of you will have supported Baz's recent fund-raising quiz night in aid of Julia's House. You will be delighted to hear that over £1900 was raised for this excellent charity.

Work on our own fund-raising for the kitchen refurbishment continues. The Tapas event in February raised over £900. Many thanks to the Soup 'n Pud team for putting on such a fabulous event, and to all those who attended.

Trustees are very grateful for the recent offer of very substantial donation from Corfe Castle Charity. We now have over 40% of the amount needed. Trustees are currently working on a bid for National Lottery support.

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12.30 - 1.45pm



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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.

We now know the final amount that we raised towards the Village Hall Kitchen Improvement Fund at our Tapas Lunch last month – **an amazing £920!!** So it is a huge thank you to all that came to support us and helped us on the day. Also we wish to thank those that donated money, food or made a contribution towards the menu. It was brilliant. We have had so many comments from those attending, saying what a great event it was and how very tasty the Spanish food and drink was. Our 'Tombottleola' raised £88 towards the total. So thanks must go to those that contributed wine as well as empty bottles. Our recycling bin looked super healthy the following week!! Folk also seemed to enjoy the fun table top quiz between courses and several people signed up for the Silent Auction items on display. If you haven't already done so there is still time to put in a bid!

We had our usual good turn-out for the March Soup 'n Pud and everyone enjoyed the tasty fare. Thanks are once again due to our willing volunteers and Dragon's Bakery for their bread rolls.

We are now preparing for April's Soup 'n Pud when we will be looking forward to Easter. In May we will have a VE80 themed lunch which will commemorate the 'make do and mend' and 'dig for Britain' era of very much home grown and simple fare! Feel free to dress accordingly if you want.

As from the beginning of March we are no longer supported by Dorset Council so we really value donations towards our Saturday lunches both in money and kind but most of all we look forward to welcoming lots of you at our simple but delicious meal. It is great to see the local camaraderie engendered over a good Soup and Pud!

WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT A TRY?

CORFE VALLEY NEWS

CALENDAR for APRIL 2025

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

1	April	Tuesday	2 pm	Aquarius – Mary van Coller talking about her book - Corfe Castle Village Hall
3	April	Thursday	7.45 pm	Gardening Club talk by Bridget Kitley – Identify/Propagate/Divide – Corfe VH
5	April	Saturday	10.15 am	Village Coffee Morning Corfe Castle Village Hall
5	April	Saturday	12.30 – 1.45 pm	Soup and Pud Community Lunch Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	April	Monday	7 pm	Double Act meeting Corfe Castle Village Hall
8	April	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Furzebrook Village Hall
11	April	Friday	2 pm	Talk on The Plight of the Purbeck Puffins – Community Library
11	April	Friday	7.30 pm	Kimmeridge Barn Dance Kimmeridge Village Hall
11	April	Friday	7.30 pm	Local Singers Concert Worth Matravers Villag Hall
12	April	Saturday	6.30 pm	Charity Quiz Night Corfe Castle Village Hall
12	April	Thursday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Environment Group Talk on Swifts – Mortons Manor Hotel
14	April	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting Corfe Castle Village Hall

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

4	May	Sunday	2.30 pm	Karen Grant VE Day concert – St James Church Kingston.
6	May	Tuesday	2 pm	50 Years in Television’ by Roy Norton – Corfe Castle Village Hall
7	May	Wednesday	8 pm	CC Environment Group Walk on the Common - meet at West Street Car Park
8	May	Thursday	pm	Victory in Europe 80 years on – In the Castle – Beacon Lighting 8.45 pm
12	May	Monday	7 pm	Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
13	May	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Church Knowle Parish Council meeting – Church Knowle Village Hall
16	May	Friday	5pm	Church Knowle Village Hall AGM Church Knowle Village Hall
17	May	Saturday	10 am – 1 pm	Valuation Opportunity – St Edwards church
19	May	Monday	6.30 pm	Corfe Castle Annual Parish Meeting – Corfe Castle Village Hall
24 May – 8 June				Purbeck Art Weeks
9	July	Saturday	2.30pm – 5 pm	Steeple Manor Gardens open

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Revd Richard writes

Eighty years ago, on 9th April 1945, less than a month before VE day, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran Pastor was murdered by the Nazi police in Flossenburg concentration camp. He had been a leading light in the "Confessing Church", a movement which opposed Nazism. Bonhoeffer, who had been banned from teaching, and harassed by the Nazis was on an international lecture tour when war broke out. He bravely returned to Germany where he continued to speak

out against the evils of Hitler's regime, living out his conviction that, "*Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act*". As a result he was arrested in 1943 and imprisoned until his execution.

Bonhoeffer's writings have had a profound impact over the past eighty years and continue to inspire and challenge as he offers radical and uncompromising perspectives on following the example and teachings of Jesus and living together in community. In fact a new film of his life has just come out. Hopefully it will appear soon in a cinema near us.

He wrote provocatively that "*The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community but the person who loves those around them will create community*". In other words our ideals of living in easy-to-maintain harmony with all can cause us to reject the reality of those around us who, let's be honest, are just as mixed up and messed up and irritating as we ourselves are! For Bonhoeffer, the foundation for caring for one another is that "*God loves human beings. God loves the world. Not an ideal human, but human beings as they are; not an ideal world, but the real world*"

As Easter approaches, it reminds us of the cost of that love at the cross and the triumph of that love at the empty tomb. I want it to take root ever more deeply in my heart and mind so that I have a deeper sense and experience of the love God has for the real world, the real me and the real you.

Bible Readings – April 2025

Sunday 6th April	Fifth Sunday in Lent Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
Sunday 13th April	Palm Sunday Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49
Tuesday 15th April	Tuesday in Holy week 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36
Wednesday 16th April	Wednesday in Holy week Hebrews 12:1-3

John 13:21-32

Thursday 17th April

Maundy Thursday

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday 18th April

Good Friday

Hebrews 10:16-25
or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Sunday 20th April

Easter Sunday

1 Corinthians 15:19-26
or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18
or Luke 24:1-12

Sunday 27th April

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Services in April 2025

Sunday 6th April

*Corfe Castle – 10.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th April (Palm Sunday)

*Corfe Castle - 10.30 am Holy Communion
Kingston - 11.30am All age Palm procession (with a donkey!)

Tuesday 15th April

Church Knowle – 3 pm Holy week service

Wednesday 16th April

Kimmeridge – 3 pm Holy week service (plus cream tea at Clavells)

Thursday 17th April -Maundy Thursday

Corfe Castle – 6.30 pm Holy Communion

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

Corfe Castle - 10.30 am Good Friday service

Sunday 20th April – Easter Sunday

Steeple - 9.30 am
Corfe Castle - 11 am
Harmans Cross – 6 pm

Easter communion
Easter communion
Easter service

Sunday 27th April

Corfe Castle – 10.30 am
Kingston – 11.30 am

Morning Worship
Holy Communion

** St Edwards Corfe has temporarily relocated Sunday morning services to the 'Chapel on the Green' and will return to St Edward's building by the week leading up to Easter, or earlier if the weather is consistently warm. We are very grateful for the use of the Chapel.*

St. Edward King & Martyr Parish Church Corfe Castle

Electoral Roll

Every Sixth Year, instead of a revision, a completely new Roll has to be compiled. 2025 is a sixth year.

This notice is simply to alert anyone **not** already on the Roll but who might wish to be added to the Roll this year to contact me for a form. Remember that you need to be on the Roll should you wish to vote at the forthcoming APCM.

I will be sending new forms to everyone currently on the Roll in time for the new Roll to be completed before the APCM and forms must be in by the deadline of **19th April**.

After sending out forms I will put a box in the church for completed forms or you may drop them in to me at home.

Any queries please contact me on 480925.

Joy Carter

St Edwards Church - Easter Flowers

We will be decorating the church for Easter Flowers on Saturday 19th April. All contributions of Greenery, Spring Flowers and help would be very welcome. You do not need to be an expert flower arranger. Bribery offered in the shape of Coffee & Chocolate Biscuits.

For more information, please contact me on 480852

Thank You

Jill Revans

A date for your diaries!

We will be holding a **Valuations Opportunity** for your valuables in St Edward's Church, Corfe Castle, **from 10 am until 1pm on Saturday 17th May**.

Local Antiques Expert and Valuer, Max Beaumont, has kindly offered to host a valuation morning in aid of St Edward's funds.

Look out your potential treasures and bring them along. You never know what may be discovered!

A small donation of £5 per item is suggested.

If you have an item of furniture, simply bring along a photograph and the team can help.

Refreshments available.

World Day of Prayer – update and thank you

On Friday 7th March about 45 people gathered at St George's Church, Langton Matravers, to join in the global wave of prayer that took place right around the World. We had two new choruses that had been especially written for the service and were able to discover much about the way of life and current issues which face people who live in the Cook Islands, as this was where the service had been planned. Thank you to Revd Lindy Cameron who welcomed us all and Richard Earl, who accompanied us on the beautiful grand piano at the Church.



Thank you to all who supported this ecumenical event and especially those who took part in leading it. We had representatives from at least 10 different local churches this year and we were made very welcome afterwards with coffee and cakes with a tropical/pacific flavour. I am pleased to say, thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to send just over £200 (including gift aid) to the various World Day of Prayer charities. Some of these include welfare and aid in countries such as Zambia, Paraguay, Burundi and international charities such as Samaritan's Purse and The Bible Society. Next year the service is being prepared by Christian believers in Nigeria.



A relaunch of the Friends of St Edward's

The historic church of St Edward King & Martyr stands proudly in the centre of Corfe Castle.

It is a place of worship for many but also an important symbol for others who may chose to visit or commemorate life events there.

Sadly, the church itself is in need of love and support as the building requires ongoing renovation and repair. Most recently, the heating system has broken down and needs replacing.

In 2005 the Friends of Corfe Castle was launched by the much-missed Eileen van Lelyveld, encouraging people to donate £1 a month to help towards the upkeep of the church.

A Friends of St Edward's book was established for people to mark special days they wished to be commemorated such as Christenings, Weddings or visits to the village. This book is on display in the church and is opened each morning to show the entries for that day. Over the years it has become a Social History of the life of the church.

We are now looking to relaunch this scheme to encourage more people to join, it is open to everyone, you do not have to be a member of the church. Just pick up a leaflet beside the Friends' Book in the church or telephone Joy Carter on 01929 480925 to find out how to donate.

Of course, you don't have to mark a special occasion when becoming a Friend, your donation is just as welcome! The funds collected in this scheme will be used entirely for the church.

If you are already a Friend, then thank you for your continued support. We will be hold a special service on June 22nd to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Friends of St Edward's, more details will follow next month but do put the date in your diary.

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Bag a Bargain in St Edward's Church, Corfe Castle

Friday April 4th, Saturday April 5th
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10am to 4pm



Come and choose from bric a brac and books

Bring a bag and fill it with goodies for only £3!!

Bags will also be available to buy empty for £3 and fill with as much as you can!

All money raised will go towards the fundraising for the new heating system 😊

Sir Mark Rylance becomes the Patron of Planet Purbeck

ACCLAIMED actor Sir Mark Rylance has become the Patron of Planet Purbeck in a major boost for the growing community group.

The Oscar-winning star of stage and screen – best-known recently for his brilliant portrayal of scheming Thomas Cromwell in TV’s Wolf Hall – said he was “honoured” to accept the position.

And Planet Purbeck said it was “beyond thrilled” to have the support of such a significant figurehead.

Sir Mark, a dedicated environmentalist who regards Purbeck as his home, is a firm believer in the “bonding” power of local communities to influence an uncertain future.

He considers Planet Purbeck to be a prime example. And he shares its vision of protecting and enhancing the area’s glorious natural resources, involving residents in conservation projects and doing what it can to alleviate climate change.

Sir Mark said: “I’m honoured to become the Patron of Planet Purbeck. When I was asked to do so, I had no hesitation in accepting.

“I note wise advice, as the international scene becomes so volatile, that forming stronger bonds amongst ourselves in local communities is the best way to prepare for all possible futures.

“Working together as a community to appreciate and improve our relationship with our small portion of earth, water, air and fire and all our fellow plant and animal communities is the best insurance we can procure for the future.”

When acting commitments allow, Sir Mark hopes to actively support Planet Purbeck beyond his patronage and is currently formulating possibilities.

He said: “I have been aware for some time of the group’s determined work in conservation and ecology, which is dear to my heart.

“And it seems to me that in recent times they have stepped up a gear by becoming directly involved in some fantastic local projects such as the Swanage Streams Partnership to revitalise the Swan Brook and efforts to introduce



Sir Mark Rylance

Purbeck’s natural wonders to more schoolchildren via the Purbeck Goes Wild initiative. It will be a pleasure for me to see how these programmes progress.”

Planet Purbeck’s chair Doug Skinner said: “I am beyond thrilled that Sir Mark has become our Patron.

“It is so important for Planet Purbeck, at this stage in its development, in terms of raising awareness and attracting additional support.

“An endorsement from such a renowned figure is both a big thankyou to all those who have worked tirelessly to get us where we are and massive encouragement for us to push further with our aims.

“We have a large programme of activities planned and we are hugely grateful for Sir Mark’s support.” - ** See planetpurbeck.org for upcoming events.



Doug Skinner

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Notices and Thanks

Corfe Castle Gardening Club.

On 6th March we had a great audience for the fascinating, entertaining and informative talk from Mike Horton from East Dorset Beekeepers on keeping bees, their importance, roles within the hive and planting to encourage bees in our gardens. He brought some of his bee produce for sale and his honey and candles were soon snapped up by members. along with some of his bee produce for sale.

We hope the Spring sunshine is raising your spirits after the dismal winter and you are enjoying getting your hands into the warming soil and planting, dividing and sewing for the year ahead. Our talk this month should be especially interesting and useful as on 3rd April **Bridget Kitley, an experienced landscaping, garden and herb consultant from Sherborne will give us a talk called Identify/Propagate/Divide.** This is not to be missed and we look forward to learning lots of tips. Visitors are welcome for the small donation of £3.

More information for May and news about visits will be circulated to members shortly.

If you are interested in Gardens and Gardening and would like to join a friendly local group, please get in touch with Chris on 10929 480095 or 07815 058880, 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
For the Committee.

PurbeckParkys.

PurbeckParkys, a support group for families living with Parkinson's, meets on the third Wednesday of each month, 2.30 - 4.30 at the Swanage Cricket Club BH19 1LG

For more details contact the co-ordinator:

david.gynes@parkinsons-uk.goassemble.com

Singers for VE Day 80th Anniversary in the Castle

The arrangements for May 8th have been tweaked. The lighting of the beacon and singing of '*I Vow To Thee My Country*' will now be at **9.00pm**.

If you are looking forward to joining the 'Choir' to lead the singing of the hymn, please let me know, so that I have an idea of numbers for the organisers. Hopefully you will also be able to join the run-through at 7pm in the Church the day before. And there will be the opportunity during the evening of May 8th to join in singing war-time songs. Please see more details in the CVN about other arrangements for the event.

David Kemp, 480007, davimukem@aol.com

Sunday 4th May 2.30pm St James's Church, Kingston

You are invited to a fundraising concert with Karen Grant – with tributes to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day

Free entry with retiring collection for Veterans Society and St James' Church, Kingston. Refreshments will be available

Any Questions?



"Sharing Faith in a Secular Culture."

A presentation by Dr Paul Weston,
Fellow at Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

Tuesday 13th May, at All Saints' Church, Swanage, BH19 1NA

Doors open at 6.30 pm coffee/tea presentation from 7.00 pm

Do come – everyone welcome



Corfe Crafters

Wednesday 9.00am to 12 midday

Contact Cheryl - 07745242511



STEPS FOR STAN

It's been a few years since any news of Stan has been sent out. Stan will become a teenager (aaargh!) in July! He attends The Victoria Education Centre in Poole, travelling in a taxi with his beloved driver Jamie, playing music full blast! He is still thoroughly enjoying life - always smiling and extremely loving.

By the time you read this Stan will have had surgery on his legs at Southampton hospital.. This was to lengthen the muscles in his calves and hamstrings. The aim of this surgery is to enable Stan to stand up straighter so we can continue with standing transfers and hold off the need for using a hoist.

As Stan has grown his muscles haven't, as he doesn't use them much, which has resulted in them getting tighter. Being on his tiptoes has increased as well as limiting how much he can straighten at his knees and hips. He will be in double leg casts with braces that force his legs out straight for six weeks. Physiotherapy started the day after his operation and will need to continue every day at school and at home, along with being in his standing frame.

With all this going on we will be looking at doing some fundraising again with Just4Children to help with extra physio we need to do outside of school. When he is out of casts we want to get him a wheelchair that is better suited for him than his standard nhs one, together with an off-road wheel for rough ground. So keep a look out for fund raising events - and for Stan and say hello!

<https://just4children.org/stepsforstan/>

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Test your Culinary Competence with **QUIZINE**, and help the Village Hall! Pick up a **QUIZINE** Quiz, for £1 each, from **Seasons Green**, **The Sweet Shop**, **The Village Stores**, or the **Community Library**. Look for the gold cans! **QUIZINE** will also be on sale at the Double Act meeting on April 7th (7pm in the Village Hall) and at the April Village Hall Coffee Morning and at Soup 'n Pud on April 5th, all in the Village Hall. Or you can buy a **QUIZINE** (or more than one) direct from David Kemp (480007, davimukem@aol.com).

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Towards a New Model of Day Opportunities - Consultation goes live

A three-month consultation on a new way of delivering day opportunities across Dorset has gone live today (11 March).

The Hub and Spoke Day Opportunities Model consultation, which will run until 9 June, looks at changing the way that Dorset delivers day services by providing a network of core hubs in each area of the county that will support activities within local communities, reducing the need for people to travel, sometimes considerable distances, to reach daily activities and support that will instead now be provided within villages and towns.

The “spokes” represent the vast range of different organisations, charities, churches, projects and activities that already take place across the county by our providers and micro-providers, including walking groups, swimming, volunteering, gardening, performing arts, lunch clubs and knit and natter groups. They will be supported by the work of the hubs in connecting people and providing support and advice to strengthen their offer.

There will also be several specialist services, which may be based in either the hubs or in the community that will support people with speech and language therapy, specialist equipment and facilities, hoists and sensory rooms.

The consultation follows extensive engagement in 2021 and 2023 about what people wanted from their day opportunities where people told us that they wanted to have choice in the things that they can do with their day, were keen to be able to do activities in the evenings and weekends and wanted to try new hobbies with support outside of the traditional day centres environment.

Councillor Steve Robinson, Cabinet Portfolio lead for Adult Social Care, said the proposals would give people greater choice and opportunity, moving beyond existing and traditional provision, whilst still providing bespoke support services for those with more complex needs.

“This consultation is a key strand within our vision of Communities For All. It aims to provide a large variety of choices to everyone who finds themselves in need of support whilst also reducing travel and helping local charities and groups provide the services that are needed in each community.

“We want to help every town and village have its own local offer, tailored to its local needs and aim to reduce the need for sometimes old and draughty buildings that are no longer fit for purpose.

“Through our Stakeholder Advisory Group we have been talking to the voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors around the design, development and delivery of new services as a key part of our future model.

We are committed to continuing those conversations in the coming months, whilst placing existing users and their carers at the core of our consultations.

“We want to see more organisations, projects and services offering the option to access sessions and activities through direct payments or individual service funds, which will enable people to have more choice, freedom and flexibility to choose their activities and support.”

The consultation will involve face to face meetings across the county, as well as a series of online sessions with the first event taking place today at Stour Connect in Sturminster Newton.



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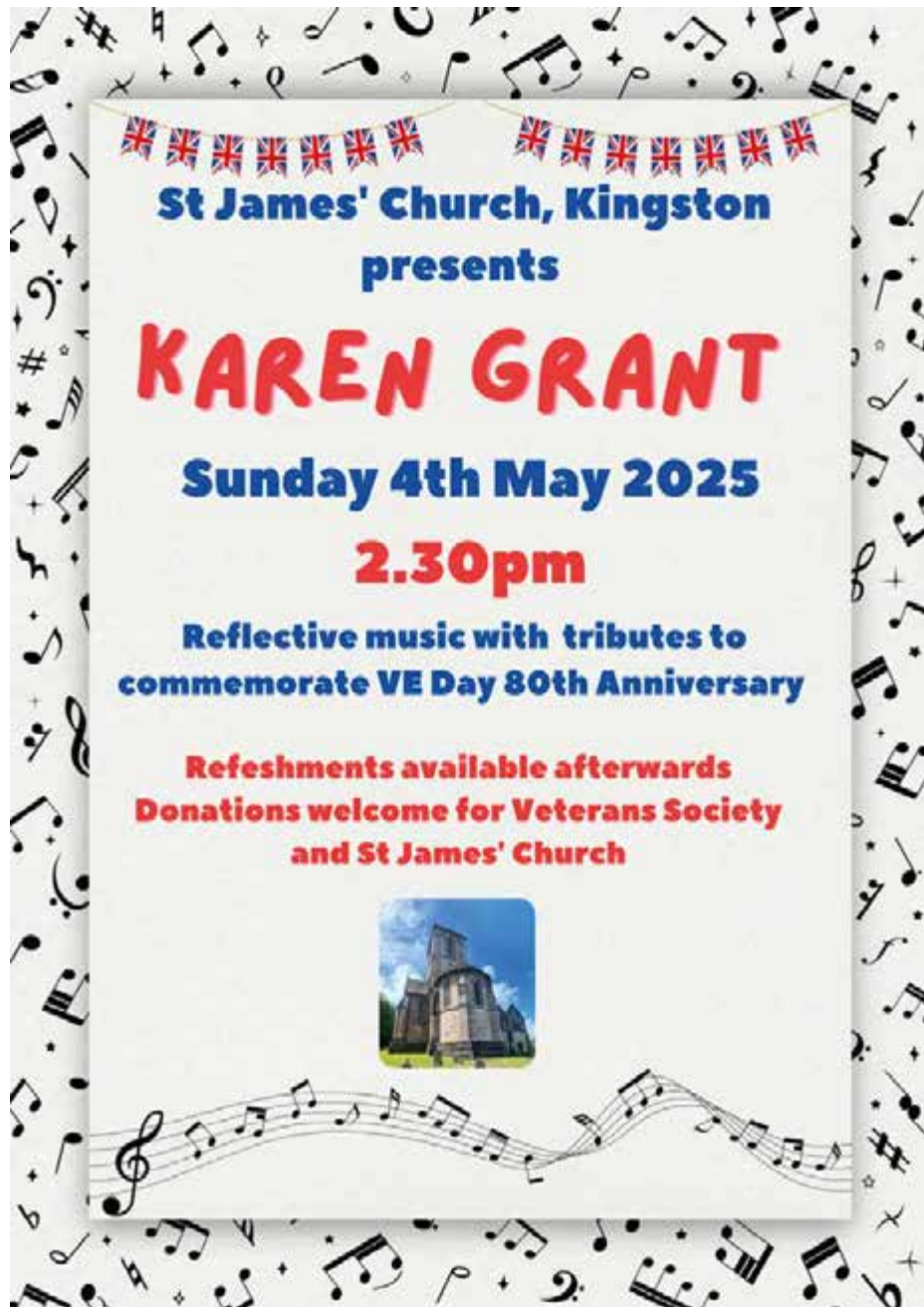
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Forthcoming Events at Sandy Hill Arts

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6 April: Medieval tile making demonstration and discussion with Diana Hall 2-4pm. Free. No booking required.

9 April: Blacksmithing for children age 7-16 £30 for a one hour session

12 April: Arty Bazaar- over 20 fabulous stalls from local makers, live music and food. 12-4pm Free

14-18 April: 4-day traditional signwriting course with expert Terry Smith. Create your own vintage sign and learn the basic techniques of the craft. 9-5pm for four days £450 (includes materials)

19 April: Mindful calligraphy workshop 11-1pm £25

26 April: ' Resonant Isle- an immersive sound and light installation performance around the site exploring the Purbeck coast and its relationship with stone. 7.30-10,30pm. Free. Suitable for all ages. No booking required

For more information and to book tickets go to www.sandyhillarts.co.uk

Resonant Isle: Sound, Light, Sea and Stone – 26th April

Sandy Hill Arts is delighted to have secured a grant from the Dorset Community Foundation to put on a fantastic performance event that is free and suitable for children and adults alike.

The Isle of Purbeck and its inhabitants are shaped by stone: its buildings, coastline, people and activities are built from this unique material. This installation will explore the relationship between people and stone, asking us to reflect on what it means to be living surrounded by this ancient rock.

Join **Ezra Gray and Giles W Bennett** as they explore the rugged and raw landscape of the Isle of Purbeck using light, sound and materials collected from the local area. As dusk turns to night, listen and watch an outdoor immersive sound and light installation which uses the local area as its medium. The artists will be using field recordings, experimental digital and analogue projections and live immersive performance to delve into this unique landscape.

26th April 7.30 -10.30 pm – Free - Suitable for adults and children

Ezra and Giles will also be running free workshops for local children in conjunction with the local primary and secondary schools.

Find out more about this event and all the courses/ classes/ music and arts events that take place in the heart of Corfe Castle at Sandy Hill Arts via our website - www.sandyhillarts.co.uk

The Rambling Gardener

April is a lovely month with the deciduous plants growing fresh leaves; if it is cold many will emerge dark red and others a mixture of bright greens. Every plant, whether a tiny alpine or a large tree, leafs up at a different speed; nature is so beautiful, just take time to look. If you say "April" to me I think of April showers, Easter bunnies, children's Easter egg hunts, and warmer days. As a church goer I should think first of Christ's crucifixion and his rising on the third day, and as a gardener I will be praying for April showers to feed the plants as with the lovely sunny days in March and little rain for much of the month the ground could be dry.

Please avoid killing anything, nature can look after life better than we can. Like aphids, which are pests, but birds need aphids to feed their young. I keep some small ducks and hens, the small fluffy legged bantams do little damage to my plants and keep the slugs and snails at bay. A few slugs are needed to clean up algae on paths and eat unhealthy plants, and it is great having fresh eggs. A fresh egg cooked with a little butter and garlic is an enjoyable breakfast.

It is wonderful to read the Woodland Trust review for last year and see how many people are supporting their work to get protection for old trees and managing the trees to be safe and live longer. Layering the trees usually makes them put out new shoots that last for many years, and in wet years plants put on a lot of growth that they can't support in dry years so long-lived plants like trees and bushes benefit from hard pruning. Some trees need pruning at specific times of year, so do check before you cut, and if it is a big tree then get in a trained tree surgeon who knows what to do safely.

If you have less birds than usual it may be because a garden near you has had a makeover. If you are planning a makeover save money, work with nature, and take time to alter the garden. This year I must replace some rotten timbers in the garden. I will use old Purbeck stone at ground level, with wood above. The rotten wood will be stacked where it can be left for wildlife and rot down to feed the soil over the years.

It is best to turn the soil as little as possible, but last year the convolvulus swamped some plants so before the ground gets hard try and dry fork out any roots you can find - their roots are yellow, so easy to see. I have trouble from ground elder which spreads from the smallest bit of root so I don't put it on the compost heap, but I burn it. If you have a council green waste bin it can go in

that as they make their composts much hotter than a home garden compost which does kill the ground elder.

April is a busy time in the vegetable garden. All hardy seeds can be sown, put in more seeds than required as spares, but don't overcrowd them. Peas, broad beans, spring onions, broccoli, beetroot and cabbage can be started off, but it is best to plant in sheltered areas until May. Courgettes, winter squash, peppers, cucumbers tomatoes (blight resistant if possible) can all be brought on inside at 20°C when started and then slowly harden off. Do try something new each year as a few different things can be interesting. Do make nettle soup and then wild garlic soup, both are very tasty, cheap and easy to collect in spring.

Have a good April, enjoy all the things in your garden.

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Kimmeridge News

Kimmeridge Coastguard Rescue Team

On 28th March Kimmeridge Coastguard Team had the chance to say a very special thank you to two past members of the team. Steve Baker had been in the team for 30 years and was our Station Officer for many years. Martin Coward was deputy Station Officer and with Ian Welsh led us through Covid with great skill. After the speeches and presentations we all tucked into a feast of homemade chilli & homemade bread made by members of the team



Kimmeridge Keilidh

Our next barn dance in the Village Hall is on Friday 11th April - 7:30 to 10:00 - Live music from Arish Mel with Sue Perigo calling. 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. For those who can't wait until then, we are playing at Church Knowle VH on 4th April – but you'll need to book tickets for that one!

Steve & Helen Earwicker

CONCERT AT WORTH MATRAVERS

Local singers and musicians will be performing in a charity fund raising concert at the Worth Matravers Village Hall on Friday April 11.

The concert 'Musical Mirth @ Worth' is being organised by local Swanage singer Suzanne Bunyar, and her husband Bob, along with other friends. It will be raising money for the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and the Swanage Railway's T9 locomotive appeal, 'Project 120', with profit from the ticket sales being split between the two funds.

The Dorset & Swanage Air Ambulance is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and one of its local fund raisers, Daphne Saville, will be running a raffle at the concert to help with fund raising. Last year the Air Ambulance carried out 2,909 missions at an average cost of £3,500 per flight with a daily running cost of £27,400.



The Swanage Railway's T9 Class locomotive number 30120 is on long term loan to the railway from the National Railway Museum collection. It was built in 1899 for the London and South Western Railway and arrived at Swanage in 2017. Currently the locomotive is at workshops near Lydney in Gloucestershire being assessed to return it to running order, which it is hoped can be done for its 130th birthday in 2029.

Those taking part in the concert will be singers Suzanne Bunyar, Ali and Tim Arnold with pianist Hazel Kennett and other guest performers. The concert will feature a selection of music including: nostalgia; songs from the shows; a little light opera and other musical genres.



Suzanne has had a lifelong love of singing and performing, having sung in numerous choirs and musical groups for over fifty years, including being a member of the Bath Gilbert and Sullivan Society for over 25 years, performing in both concerts and fully staged productions. She often takes part in charity events and currently sings with Harmony Rocks choir which is based at Harmans Cross Village Hall. One of Suzanne's musical claims to fame is to have sung on stage

with Keith Potger from the Australian band 'The Seekers', when they sang one of the group's biggest hits, 'A World of Our Own' together on stage.

Ali and Tim Arnold live in Worth Matravers. Ali has always enjoyed musical theatre and has been a member of three amateur operatic societies in Hampshire and Cambridge performing in numerous shows including: Half a Sixpence, Showboat, Oliver, Hello Dolly, and taking the lead role of Ado Annie in Oklahoma. Her husband Tim is an accomplished musician and a baritone with the Bournemouth Symphony Chorus, of which he has been a member for 10 years. He is also the Chair of Trustees for Purbeck Youth Music.

Hazel Kennett won a scholarship at the age 12 to the Royal Academy of Music Saturday morning school and subsequently attended full time from the age of eighteen, to be taught piano by Freddie Jackson. She became a peripatetic piano teacher when she left, and she has also coached private pupils. Since 2016 she has been the accompanist for the Harmony Rocks Choir, and she is also a practice pianist and choir member of the Belvedere Singers in Swanage.

Tickets for the show, which starts at 7.30pm, are now on sale. These can be purchased online at



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CHAPEL ON THE GREEN

Finding hope in the Resurrection: A message for Easter

As April arrives, bringing with it the signs of spring, we are reminded of the beauty of new life and new beginnings. The flowers bloom, the trees begin to bud, and the world feels like it's waking up from a long, cold winter. But for Christians, this month holds an even deeper meaning. It's a time to reflect on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ—a moment that changed the course of history and offers hope to all who are willing to receive it.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of the Christian faith. Christians believe that Jesus, the Son of God, was crucified, died for the sins of humanity, and three days later, rose from the dead. It's not just a historical fact; it's the heartbeat of the Christian message.

For those who may not yet believe, the Resurrection may sound like an ancient story or a myth. But it is so much more than that. It's a message of hope, and a fresh start. No matter where you are in life—whether you're struggling, searching, or feeling disconnected from faith—there is an invitation to find peace and purpose.

We believe that Jesus came, not just to teach about love and kindness but to offer a way for people to be reconciled with God. Through His death and Resurrection, the barrier of sin that separated humanity from God was broken down. It means that no matter what you've done, no matter where you've been, there is a way for you to begin again.

The beauty of the Resurrection is that it's not just about what happened thousands of years ago. It's about what can happen today. Jesus offers a relationship, not a religion. He doesn't want your perfection; He wants your heart.

You might be asking, "What does this have to do with me?" The answer is everything. If you're facing a tough season—whether it's personal struggles, confusion, or a sense of emptiness—there is hope. Jesus didn't just come for those who "have it all together." He came for the broken-hearted, the lost, the confused, and the ones who feel far from God. He offers the hope of a fresh start, the promise of a new life and the assurance that no one is too far gone to be reached by God's love. God's love and grace are stronger, and they can offer you a sense of peace and purpose beyond anything this world can provide.

As the world around us springs back to life, remember that there is an invitation to experience the same kind of renewal and transformation in your own life.

Whether you believe in Jesus or not, the message of Easter invites us all to think about life, death, and what happens beyond this world. It's an invitation to find hope, joy, and meaning in something greater than ourselves. No matter where you are in your journey, we encourage you to consider the message of the resurrection. It may be the most life-changing decision you'll ever make.

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Here are some dates for your diaries for forthcoming events at HXVH.

HXVH AGM and Wine & Cheese Evening – Friday 11 April

All Harmans Cross residents are welcome to our Annual General Meeting, which starts at 6.30pm. The meeting is then followed by a very sociable cheese and wine pairing event, curated again by Alison and her committee colleagues. Please confirm attendance in advance to Kathy Furlong by email at secretary@harmanscrosshall.co.uk. We are politely suggesting a donation of £7.50 per head for the cheese & wine event (or just £4 for those enjoying just soft drinks).

MOVIE NIGHTS

We have no Movie Night in April – sorry

Tuesday 13 May – THELMA

Thelma Post, a feisty 93-year-old grandmother who gets conned by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson, sets out on a treacherous quest across Los Angeles, accompanied by an aging friend and his motorized scooter, to reclaim what was taken from her. June Squibb, herself 94, plays the lead role. She is not a fount of wisdom or some sort of wacky old lady, and she certainly makes some questionable choices during her action-packed journey (think Mission Impossible on a motorized scooter – seriously!!). But her refusal to give up her independence or be a victim ultimately makes her as heroic as any action movie star, and an inspiration (of a sort) to us all.

Doors and bar open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm.

THE GREAT HXVH BARN DANCE – Saturday 24 May – 6-10pm

We have the Black Sheep Band joining us again for a fabulous, fun-filled family evening. We will be operating the bar, and our friends from Coastal Crust Pizza will also be with us. Tickets available from the Special Events page of our website at www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk. Adults £10 in advance and children 4-17 just £4. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Coffee Junction – alternate Thursday mornings 10.30-12.30

Come along for coffee (or tea) and a chat between 10.30 and 12.30. April 3 and 17 and May 1, 15 and 29. Let's make the world a happier and less lonely place if we can. Anyone and everyone welcome.

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- **Shotokan Karate** – www.warehamskc.co.uk

TUESDAY

- **Short Mat Bowls @ 14:00** –
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- **Pilates** – Alex Moore telephone 07536103364
almoore1@live.co.uk

WEDNESDAY

- **Say so Drama 10:30 – 12.00** Adults with learning difficulties
- Emma 07725942609
- **Yoga** - Pam Steele – 01929 556714
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THURSDAY

- **Shotokan Karate** www.warehamskc.co.uk

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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
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Each	10.30-noon	Parent & Child	C C Village Hall
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Each	9.00am-12.00	Corfe Crafters	C.C. Village Hall
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	6.45-8.00pm snrs		
Each	8.30	Poker	Corfe Castle Club
THURSDAY			
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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.com	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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