

The Dubber

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**The war will end.
The leaders will shake hands.
The old woman will keep waiting
for her martyred son.
That girl will wait
for her beloved husband.
And those children will wait
for their hero father.
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But I saw who paid the price.**



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From the Editor

Oh, my goodness, what a mess we are in! We are the laughing stock of Europe... with a crashed economy, parliamentary chaos and no leader, once again. I earnestly hope that my prayers for a wise, ethical, honourable leader can be answered. This country just can't take another shambles.

Angela

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Deadline for Next Issue

The editor, Angela Bell, appreciates the early submission of contributions but, for those cutting it fine, the deadline for the **December** issue is noon on **Thursday, 17 November** & it will be ready for collection on **Tuesday, 22 November**.

Contributions & Notifications

The editor welcomes news contributions and letters as well as notifications of events within the Parishes for the **What's On** section and, space permitting, for free 'one off' box adverts which are included at the Editor's discretion. These can be submitted online to ed@thedubber.co.uk or by post to The Editor, 2 The Steddings, Langton Matravers, BH19 3EU (☎427822).

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November 2022

Elizabeth - our gracious queen



Reflecting on the death of the Queen, Justin
Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, wrote:

*'Her clarity of thinking, capacity for careful
listening, inquiring mind, humour, remarkable memory and
extraordinary kindness invariably left me conscious of the blessing
that she has been to us all.'*

*The Queen's humour was revealed memorably in her extraor-
dinary participation in the James Bond and the Paddington Bear
comedy sketches for the opening of the London Olympics in 2012
and the Platinum Jubilee, of 2022.*

*The screenwriter and novelist, Frank Cottrell-Boyce, was in-
volved in script-writing both films and he has described how there
was no intention for the Queen to appear in the first one:*

*'The producer went to what she thought would be a routine
meeting at the palace to ask what the Queen would be wearing
so that our actress could dress like her. It was the Queen's dresser
who said: "Oh, she wants to be in it." The way director Danny
Boyle timed that turn of the head – that great reveal, "my God,
it's really her" — means that 10 years on, it's one of her defining
moments'.* *

*A similar moment occurred in the film of Paddington Bear
having tea with the Queen at Buckingham Palace. In response
to Paddington producing a marmalade sandwich, she produced
one to match it, from her handbag. Cottrell-Boyce mentions that
Jesus's parable in Matthew chapter 25 informed his script:*

*34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come,
you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared
for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry
and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something
to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked
and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I
was in prison and you visited me.'*

*Cottrell-Boyce observes that Paddington is an evacuee, a ref-
ugee, one-time prisoner, pretty much every category of need that
is mentioned in Matthew 25. Here, he is being welcomed by the
Queen with tea and good manners.*

*This was a strong and deliberate exemplification of a set of
values not contested in the corridors of power.*

*To have these values of generosity and gentle acceptance
expressed so joyfully by the Queen, at such a moment, was an
enactment of gracious heart warming welcome.*

* Guardian, 11 September 2022

James

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4pm	All Souls' Service	Langton
SUNDAY	6 NOVEMBER - ADVENT 3	
10am	Late Breakfast Church	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
3pm	Remembrance of Loved Ones	Corfe
5pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	Worth
SUNDAY	13 NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
10.30am	Remembrance	Corfe
10.50am	Remembrance	Worth
10.50am	Remembrance	Kingston
10.50am	Remembrance	Langton
11.15am	Remembrance	Tyneham
6pm	Evensong	Langton
SUNDAY	20 NOVEMBER - CHRIST THE KING	
10am	Celtic Eucharist	Worth
10am	Morning Worship	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11am	Walking Church	TBC
6pm	Evening Prayer	HX
SUNDAY	27 NOVEMBER - ADVENT	
8am	Holy Communion BCP	Worth
10am	Holy Communion	Langton
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How's it going? A frequently asked question the answer to which might be – we're making steady progress, with luck we could even be ready to start work next summer. So, what's been going on and why does nothing currently appear to be happening?

Thanks to the efforts of many of you the Roof Appeal has received funds from a wide variety of different sources during the past few months. Donations have been received from the fête, open gardens, concerts, private contributions and other sources. Additionally, we have received sizeable grants from Dorset Historic Churches Trust and the Erskine Mutton Trust Fund, a diocesan charitable fund for the benefit of Dorset churches.

Behind the scenes the Project Team have been working on making the church safe so that it can remain open for worship and visitors, new fencing is in place and a safety structure has been built in the porch. We have now been granted all relevant permissions so that work can proceed once funds are available. As a Grade 1 listed building we have had to obtain the approval of the various organisations that govern historic buildings. Council planning permission has been granted for the removal of the chimney and two bat surveys have been carried out which indicated that there had been bats in the belfry but fortunately not in the roof.

We are now at a point where we cannot move the project forward without further funds. The coming months could be exciting and critical in determining when we can start work. Ideally, with the current escalation in the cost of building materials, we would like to start work next summer but much depends on the outcome of our application for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund which is currently nearing completion; if all goes well, we should know the outcome in early 2023 – keep fingers crossed for a welcome New Year's present! On its own such a grant would not give us sufficient funds to complete the job so applications will also be made to various charitable organisations and other fundraising activities will continue.

In late September the Parochial Church Council had an Extra Ordinary meeting with the Archdeacon, his advice and guidance has been invaluable in opening up a number of possible new avenues for obtaining funds, these are now being actively pursued by the PCC and Project Team.

As always with any project of this size support, both financial and volunteer help, is always welcome. If you feel able to support this wonderful project to help with the restoration of one of Dorset's most historic buildings please contact the Benefice office at office@purbeckbenefice.plus.com

Hugh Cochrane

KNEELERS AT ST NICHOLAS

During the Planet Purbeck Festival in September, we held an interpreted display of the Church's kneelers at St Nicholas'. Due to popular interest the exhibition is being continued until December, so do pop in and have a look.

There are one hundred kneelers or has-



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socks, made relatively recently between 1970-1996, predominantly during the 1980s. They are all individually designed and hand-made creating a fascinating local art and craft collection, illustrating local history, livelihoods, landscape, nature and community.

What do they depict and who made each initialled one? That's easy to decide in some cases and not so easy for others. We have learnt much more, but maybe you can help? If you can add to or correct what we have found out just leave details in the notebook in the Church or give Liz Hoad a ring, 01929 439380.

Kathy Hollidge

GENERAL NEWS

NEW PERMANENT HEADTEACHER

The Governors of St George's CE VA Primary School in Langton Matravers are delighted to confirm the appointment of Katy Astle as Headteacher, following the last academic year through which she led the school as Acting Headteacher.

Mrs Astle lives in Swanage with her husband, young son and dog and joined St George's in April 2021 as Deputy Headteacher and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo). She quickly assumed the role of Acting Headteacher at the start of the last academic year in the absence of the former Head, and has led the school with great skill, wisdom and calmness since.

Ofsted visited St George's in July this year and noted that "the acting headteacher is having a positive impact". They went on to say that "pupils enjoy attending this small, inclusive school. Everyone knows each other. This helps create a strong family feel and sense of togetherness."

This came as no surprise to Governors, staff, pupils and parents, who are all delighted with Mrs Astle's appointment, and we look forward to supporting her as she leads St George's School to be the best village primary school in Swanage.

Richard Purchase

BURNGATE PURBECK STONE CENTRE

Burngate was set up as a not-for-profit charitable educational trust that supports the sharing of skills and the advancement of knowledge and culture associated with Purbeck Stone which is at the heart of the landscape, economy and history of the Isle of Purbeck.

Burngate belongs to Purbeck and our ambition is to ensure that the local community, students, professionals and visitors to Purbeck are offered opportunities to get a better understanding of Purbeck stone and the landscape around them through hands-on courses, events, and other related educational activities.

We specialise in teaching stone working skills including relief carving, letter cutting and stone masonry to everyone from complete beginner and families through to those with years of experience.

We're also keen to do more to champion, support and communicate Purbeck's contemporary stone industry and heritage craft skills in the years ahead.

Burngate Open Day on Saturday, 19 November why not come along, have a look around and join us for a cuppa to find out more about Burngate.

- **Volunteers** - We are looking for volunteers to help us run the centre on a day to day basis, supporting the courses as well as maintaining the site and

grounds; so if you have spare time, we would love to hear from you.

- **Trustees** - We are at an exciting stage of development and would love to hear from anyone with business skills and time to help us develop, including, but not limited to PR, Funding Applications, Social Media, Finance, Business Planning etc.
- **Courses** - Come and have a look around, find out about our courses and maybe book a course or purchase a Gift Voucher

We have ambitious plans for Burngate but we do need some help. We are looking for Volunteers and Trustees to help us to realise our plans. It's a great way to get involved with the local community, meet new people, learn new skills and be in a creative space with people who are passionate about the area and Purbeck stone. Why not join us?

Find out more at <https://burngatestonecentre.co.uk/support-us/> or better still come and visit on 19 November, the kettle will be on!

David Wise, Centre Manager

ADVENT IN PURBECK

With the Christmas season not far away and preparations still to be made we can offer a warm welcome and time to relax with a cup of coffee and a piece of cake (at very reasonable prices) whilst allowing you to meander through a wonderland of Christmas trees decorated by local organisations and a chance to listen to local talented musicians and singers.

This year there are two opportunities available, From the 3-5 December there is the St Aldhelm's Benefice Christmas tree festival at St George's Church. Langton Matravers, doors will be open between 10am and 5pm. More information can be found on www.facebook.com/groups/staldhelmchristmastreefestival. All proceeds from this event will be donated to Mosaic and the National Coastwatch Institution.

Then from 8-10 December it is the Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage; this event will also include activities for children of all ages, and stories in the stable for the younger children. Donations from this event will be shared between Swanage Lifeboat and Swanage Food Bank.

Other events taking place are Sunday, 4 December an Advent celebration at St James' Church Kingston at 6pm, this will be an evening of readings, poems and seasonal songs, the evening will end with mince pies and mulled wine, Sunday 11 December at Emmanuel Baptist Church at 4pm the Lights of Love, Remembrance Service.

Admission is free to all these events and we hope you will find the time to come along.

There are still a few spaces available for sponsored trees at both festivals, forms are available at <https://staldhelm-purbeck.org/christmas-tree-festival> for Langton or Janet Norley mailto: administrator@emmanuelbc.org.uk (01929 427706 church answerphone) for Swanage.

Colin Garner

CORFE CASTLE SURGERY

Just a quick update on Surgery life! It is still a requirement to wear a face mask/covering in the Practice so please be prepared before attending any appointments.

We are still working on the contents of our website, but we are very close to having it up and running so I will keep you updated.

The Covid Vaccination Hub at Wareham Hospital are still contacting patients when your autumn booster is due. Any problems with appointment times offered need to be referred to them on 01929 557559. This phone line is not always manned so leave a message if necessary.

This month's Cancer information from the GP's is again on bowel cancer, even though we published an article on this topic back in the summer the level of non-participation in community screening is a real cause for concern.

Bowel cancer is the fourth most common type of cancer, accounting for around 11% of all cancers. The survival is directly linked to how early the disease is caught.

One way of picking up bowel cancer before people develop symptoms is through community screening. Bowel cancer screening is done in the form of a stool test called a FIT test (Faecal Immunochemical Test). It looks for tiny traces of blood in the stool. You do the test at home. The kit contains instructions of what to do and includes a prepaid envelope to send the sample to the hospital.

People aged over 74, can also request a screening kit every 2 years by contacting the bowel cancer screening programme on 0800 707 6060. You need to be registered with a GP to receive your screening invitations.

Through this screening, even locally we have picked up cases of early bowel cancer. However, we currently have nearly 150 patients registered at Corfe Castle Surgery that have not responded to their bowel screening invitations.

While nobody likes dealing with poo or thinking about cancer could I strongly urge anyone who is overdue or who has previously not responded to a screening invitation to reconsider. If you call 0800 707 6060 or contact the surgery we can help you rearrange your test.

For any other queries Cancer Research UK has excellent information on bowel cancer.

Kerry Norman, Practice Manager

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

By the time this is read the Corfe Castle surgery will have held two flu vaccination sessions - the first, held on 24 September, was very successful with 320 vaccines given. I am sure the second will be equally successful as the feedback from the first has been so positive with many praising Dr Lepper and his team for a well organised visit to the surgery. I would like to thank my PPG colleagues for their help and assistance with the 'marshalling' for the sessions which support the smooth passage of us all through the surgery.

I am continuing to support the Covid vaccination team at Wareham Hospital and have been delighted to meet many from our Surgery community who have only good things to say about the service we are lucky enough to receive. If, however, anyone would like the PPG to raise a particular issue with the Surgery that you think we can help with we can be contacted by email: corfecastleppg@gmail.com

The Surgery continues to work really hard for us all whilst also facing their own issues with inability to recruit GP support for Dr Lepper and the GP team, as well as staff illness due to Covid and other bugs, so on behalf of the PPG I send them all every best wish and a big THANK YOU.

Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair

A SURE REFUGE

The Purbeck Arts Choir's November concert is at 6.30pm Saturday 26 November, St Mary's Church,

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Swanage. It will be celebrating both the 150th anniversary of Ralph Vaughan Williams and the opportunity to present David Fawcett's cantata 'A sure refuge' to a local audience.

With over 60 choir members, soloists, orchestra and organ plus the Purbeck Youth Choir and St Mary's Junior Choir this is going to be a very special occasion. Refreshments will be available during the interval (for a small charge) and there will be a retiring collection for the Refugee Council.

Tickets are only £10 for adults – U18s free and are available in advance from Corbens or Liz Roberts 01929 481419.

Sue Fisher

PLANET PURBECK

Community group, Planet Purbeck, has released two beautifully-made original short films celebrating the coastline and landscape of our glorious area.

Both were premiered at the recent Planet Purbeck Festival. They were produced by BBC wildlife filmmaker Sue Western, guaranteeing top-notch quality.

The first, which can be viewed at [youtube.com/watch?v=wsVdcigUnPI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsVdcigUnPI), focuses on Studland Bay, in particular the efforts being made to move ahead sustainably whilst meeting the needs of both beachgoers and boating enthusiasts – to “play and protect” at the same time.

It includes superb underwater shots of seahorses, cuttlefish and Studland's seagrass meadow.

Neil Garrick-Maidment, of the Seahorse Trust, describes the scene as “like swimming through a beautiful forest”.

And Sara Parker, of the Studland Bay Marine Partnership, demonstrates the eco-moorings that will be offered to boaters so their anchors will not tear up seagrass, which is vital for marine life and carbon absorption.

The second film, which can be viewed at [youtube.com/watch?v=H8Pnv1sNm_8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8Pnv1sNm_8), features four Purbeck farmers who are determined to produce beef and milk commercially while using greener ways of raising and nurturing their livestock.

Jake Hancock, who tends cattle grazing on Hartland Moor, says: “A lot of ideas are going into the mix now including regenerative agriculture, organic farming and rewilding.”

The film, which includes stunning shots of Purbeck's scenery, also features Church Knowle sheep farmers Cath Best and Jack Goldsack, who raise beef cattle in Ailwood, outside Swanage.

Both are experimenting with alternative livestock feed such as clover and chicory to combat threats from global warming and drought. And Cath says: “We're going to need to work with nature much more.”

Planet Purbeck's Rob Waitt said: “First and foremost we want people to simply enjoy the films, which we're very proud of. Just seeing Purbeck on screen and learning about exciting and progressive plans for the future will make us all realise how lucky we are to live here.

“That said, it's important we protect and enhance what we've got. There are numerous threats to face, from the new Government's worrying review of Environmental Land Management Schemes, which have been developed for years to enable farmers to recover nature on their land, to the supertrawlers that plunder huge quantities of fish from our coastline.

“We would urge anyone inspired by our films to take action against these threats by joining local groups and writing to their MP.”

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A third film well received at the Festival details the ground-breaking creation of the Purbeck Heath's “super” National Nature Reserve – the 3,000-hectare home to 5,000 species of wildlife, which may soon include beavers.

It includes spectacular drone shots and a wealth of information about the multi-organisation project's rewilding programme. You can view it at [youtube.com/watch?v=fwOTbroHY4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fwOTbroHY4).

Chris Hockley

HARMANS CROSS

ONE OF OUR PIGEONS IS MISSING

Would the person, believed to be local, who removed a decoy pigeon from its display case at Harmans Cross station during September please return it to the station.

The pigeons, one of which was animated, have created much interest and amusement for passengers at, and passing through the station and the display is now incomplete and inoperable. Thank you.

David Castle, Harmans Cross Station team.

HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

The funds raised from the summer fête have already been put to very good use at the Hall. Aside from the donation we made to local charity Will Does, we now have 68 solar panels on the roof of the hall – 32 soaking up the morning sun facing east and a further 36 on the rear west-facing roof. We have also completed fencing off the children's play area, and we can now start to investigate options for more play equipment for younger children.

The Hall remains very busy with all our regular groups:

- Yoga with Cathy: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Pins and Needles on Monday afternoon
- A wide variety of U3A groups through the week – see the website for more details
- Harmony Rocks Choir on Wednesday
- Children's Martial Arts on Wednesday evening
- Life drawing classes on Thursday

For anyone wanting to get involved, please go to the What's On page on the website and you will be able to find links to the various groups from there.

STALLS IN THE HALL

A perfect opportunity for some early Christmas shopping on Saturday, 26 November, with a wide variety of lovely craft and produce stalls in the Hall. Plus cake, conversation and coffee (or tea!) – what a nice way to spend a Saturday morning. Doors open at 9.30pm until 12.

For anyone interested in taking a table (just £5), please contact David Hollister on 07384 848 419.

MOVIE NIGHTS

TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER - ELVIS

There can't be many of us who don't know Elvis and love his music, and the performance of Austin Butler as the man himself is sensational – particularly the on-stage performance scenes. But there's more to the film than that. Tom Hanks plays Colonel Tom Parker, Presley's controlling manager who took 50% of the profits whilst usurping first Elvis's much-mourned mother, Gladys, and then his idolised wife, Priscilla, in the inner circle of trust, casting himself as Presley's closest confidant and making him a star even while strangling his artistic ambition. Have a watch of the trailer on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBDL-RvjHVOY>

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER – DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA

The much-anticipated return to the big screen of *Downton Abbey* reunites the beloved cast as they go on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the Dowager Countess' newly inherited villa. Why not watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wN0Sp-mq610Q>

The doors and bar open at 7pm for our Movie Nights, with the film starting at 7.30pm and admission is just £5 on the door.

Finally, a few more dates for your diaries for other community events at the Hall:

- **Sunday 20 November** – Church service commencing at 6pm
- **Tuesday 06 December** – Worth Matravers Parish Council Meeting, commencing at 7.30pm
- **Saturday 17 December** - Harmony Rocks Choir Concert
- **Sunday 18 December** - Christmas Play followed by Carol Service, from 5pm

Alison and the HXVH Committee

LANGTON MATRAVERS

AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

Unfortunately, the latest news on the development of the affordable homes at Spyway Orchard is that the expected occupation date has again slipped and is now into January 2023.

This is due to a time frame of approximately three months for the works required to replace the retaining wall.

Martin Kirby, Councillor LMPC

NEWS FROM THE OLD RECTORY

On Monday, 19 September, we joined together in the lounge to watch the beautiful service for our late Queen Elizabeth II. The day was filled with tea, cake, memories, and emotion.

On a pre-planned trip to London on the 24 September, I laid flowers for the Queen at Westminster Abbey on behalf of everyone at The Old Rectory.

The city was filled with pictures and tributes to the queen, it was a wonderful sight at such a sad time for our nation.

We are looking forward to many season themed activities this month, pumpkin carving, Christmas bunting making and pantomime preparations.

The house will be a Christmas wonderland before we know it.

Sally Lowry, Deputy Manager

ALLOTMENT OPEN DAY

The Allotment Open Day which was held in August was a great success, and many thanks go to everyone who attended and helped to make it such an enjoyable afternoon. The sun shone, the tea flowed, cakes were consumed in vast quantities, vegetables sold and there was even time for a bit of horticultural chat!

We were pleased to welcome Neil Birrell, the regional representative of the National Allotment Society, who was keen to share his expertise with allotment holders and gardeners alike.

Chris Spilling organised a most interesting and informative trail around the woodland area where he introduced insects and other wildlife found in the location to both chil-

dren and adults.

Bob Walters and some of the team from the Swanage Greengage Community Garden scheme were selling flower and vegetable plants that had been grown by their members.

We would also like to thank the generous donors of our raffle prizes (City Cruises, Sculpture in the Park, Abbotsbury swannery, Holme for Gardens, Curtis Butchers).

Over the course of the afternoon we raised a wonderful £764.92!

Among other things, this will help us to maintain the rabbit proof fencing, the shared shed and compost toilet area and to fuel the lawn mowers.

If you are interested in becoming an allotment owner, please contact Dr J Marshall (Parish Clerk for Langton Matravers, at langtonmatravers@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Elizabeth Earl

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

OCTOBER MEETING

Present: Chairman Cllr W. Knight in the chair, Vice-Chairman Cllr P Christie, Cllrs D. Pearson, P. Loudoun, M. Sutton, I. Vaughan-Arbuckle

NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Short-term repair work to Durnford Drove is to begin shortly with the aim of being finished by the end of November. There is a long-plan nature reserve project to get the area from Durlson Castle through to Weston Farm and possibly beyond recognised as a super National Nature Reserve (NNR). Bird surveys have been conducted in the Purbeck area. Of particular note is the large number of Skylarks: 386 pairs over an area of 650 ha. The National Trust is working with tenants on High Nature Status Plans with a priority on habitats.

DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT FROM CLLR CHERRY BROOKS

Local Plan – the overview cabinet has agreed for a delay in the local plan until 2025. Meanwhile, the Purbeck Plan is going through review and will hold sway until the Dorset Plan comes into place.

20 mph – It was reported in the Dorset Echo that every village in Dorset is to get a 20 mph zone. However, this is not true, and the case needs to go back to council.

HIGHWAYS REPORT

Following on from the above, the case for a 20 mph zone in Langton Matravers is exceedingly strong. The Parish Council has been doing a lot of hard work to support our case.

PLANNING & TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

- P/HOU/2022/04470 New Barn Farm House Knitson to Valley Road Knitson Corfe Castle Dorset BH19 3DX. Proposal: Erect rear extension and build new two storey side / rear extension. No objection.
- P/HOU/2021/03957 Coleman Cottage, Old Malt House Lane, Langton Matravers, BH19 3JA. Proposal: Further to your objection received to the above application the scheme has been revised and no longer includes increasing the wall height and the store has been repositioned from the tree, which the tree officer has now raised no objection to. No objection.
- P/TRC/2022/05743 Garfield Cottage, Garfield Lane, Langton Matravers. Proposal: T1 Lime - Pollard to previous pollard points, approx. 25ft above ground

level. T2 Lime - Reduce entire crown by 3m retaining the natural flowing branch line. Remove major dead wood, crossing and rubbing branches. T3 Lime - Reduce entire crown by 3m retaining the natural flowing branch line. Remove major dead wood, crossing and rubbing branches. No objection.

For full details of the meeting please see the Draft Minutes online at langtonmatravers-pc.org or in the Parish Noticeboards.

The next full meeting of the Council will be on 10 November in the Village Hall. This will be an open meeting with a Public Discussion Period and general permitted attendance.

Jenny Marshall, Parish Clerk

WORTH MATRAVERS

NATIONAL TRUST & WESTON FARM

David Clarke and Tom Brown from the National Trust will be in the Village Hall on Monday 14 November at 7pm to provide us with an update on progress and planned developments for Weston Farm. There will also be a chance to discuss options for the community space which is the field sited opposite the Farm. Bring any questions.

Village Events Team

WORTH FILM CLUB

Our next screening on Wednesday 16 November will be *Everybody's Fine*, a bittersweet film from Giuseppe Tornatore of *Cinema Paradiso* fame.

Mateo (Marcello Mastroianni) is a Sicilian retired patriarch. His fondest wish is to have his brood around his dinner table once again but his children are too involved in their own lives and can't spare the time to return home. He decides to embark on a poignant quest to reunite his family, setting off on an impromptu road trip to reunite with each of his grown children. Over the course of his travels across the country, where he is met largely with resistance and distance, he is humbled by the truth of his children's lives without appearing to grasp the destructive nature of his proud love.

As lyrical as *Cinema Paradiso*, and also concerned with aging, memory and irrevocable change, it's a delicate, moving film.

Please join us for a drink at 7pm and the film will begin at 7.30pm. To avoid disappointment at the door, book early online: www.worthmatravervillagehall.org. Tickets are £5.

Claude Bonfanti

SUSTAINABLE WORTH

In October David Brown, National Trust Ecologist and Land Manager led 18 of us on a fascinating guided walk round Weston Farm explaining the changes in management over the last year or so and the resulting effects on wildlife. The farm is now being managed with two main principles in mind, increased benefit for wildlife and increased carbon capture in the soil to contribute towards the National Trust's target of Zero Carbon by 2030. Silage will still be cut over the next year or so to reduce the soil fertility to its natural levels and the land will still be grazed with cattle but at a low stocking rate. Farming and nature don't necessarily have to be at loggerheads.

Baseline counts for wildlife have been done with, for instance, 60 pairs of Skylarks and 2 breeding pairs of (now

rare) Corn Buntings. As many of you will have seen, these fields are a wonderful site for Hares and Glow-worms and there is also an exciting imminent local project to bring back Choughs to our cliffs.

Sustainable Worth are working with the NT to set up a team to help with wildlife counts. You don't need to be an expert, although that would obviously help, just enjoy the occasional outing to a fabulous corner of Purbeck with a useful purpose.

Kathy Hollidge

WORTH CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Come and join us in Worth for Carols on the Green by the Christmas tree on Thursday, 22 December, starting at 5pm.

We'll be keeping warm with mulled wine and festive nibbles and hope to have a few local musicians keeping us in tune - all instruments welcome! If it rains, we will 'raise the roof' in the village hall. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Swanage Food Bank.

We look forward to seeing you! *Village Events Team*

WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER MEETING

Present, Chairman Cllr J Burden Vice Chairman Cllr I Bugler Cllrs J Hooper C Melville, T Peacock, C Vosper, L Hemmings

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that the WM Playground contractor had returned and removed the toy carriage which had become unstable and displaced elsewhere in the playground. He had undertaken to review and act on the recommendations in the report on the equipment.

The Clerk reported that the resident proposal for an additional tree on Worth Village Green for remembrance of QE 2 had been withdrawn. The promoter would be liaising with the NT to see where on Weston Farm land it could be provided.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

The PC considered the representations made in the Public Discussion period by the owner resident in Harmans Cross of the very large and long Link Rider Coach in relation to his periodic use of the layby on the Valley road. This had given rise to complaints from residents on both sides of the road regarding a reduction in adequate visibility for motorists entering the Valley road at this junction. The PC was advised by the Clerk that this Bus stop in HX lay by adjacent to Valley Road, Haycrafts lane and Tibbs Hill lane crossroads should not be used for parking or lay-up purposes at any time. It should not be used other than for the prescribed passenger access purposes and that the reason given by the operator of necessity to park up there due to reaching a Driver Hours maximum was not acceptable as a defence against FPN enforcement. The PC was aware of the legal requirements for stopping on a bus stop and the requirement for the operator to have an operational centre for off street parking purposes. It was agreed to keep the issue under review and, should problems continue, to seek enforcement on any vehicle parked up for a period in this lay bye.

DC Cllr Brooks confirmed in a report back prior to this meeting that side verging for footway in Harmans Cross / A351 is now with the appropriate team to program. A design solution is still being looked at and she will report back.

The local WM HX Cllr reported back that a Dorset

Council road sweeper had very recently been along this section of the A351

Ongoing concerns were raised about the impact especially at peak holiday periods and recent Special Events like the Pumpkin Festival of on street parking on the double yellow lines adjacent to the Square and Compass pub. These should be flagged up for attention especially at weekends and public holidays to DC enforcement teams. It was felt that the use of official large heavy Highway Maxi Cones on the carriageway by the pub as used on major highway works would be a legitimate way of deterring obstructive parking and the purchase of a number of these heavy cones may be of assistance. Further liaison with the Square and Compass could take place for next season or special events.

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

Application No: P/HOU/2022/05894 Proposal: Removal of rooflights and installation of roof dormer 2 Coastguard Cottages Bonvils Road Worth Matravers Swanage BH19 3LS

Worth Matravers Parish Council considered this application at their meeting on the 4 October. The PC resolved they had no objection indeed considered the hip roof to be a considerable improvement on the previous flat roof proposal

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Cllr Vosper as the representative of the PC on the WM Village Hall fed back concerns and issues arising from their recent meeting. It was agreed the PC contractor would clear the overgrowing roadside vegetation at the junction of Pikes Lane and it was hoped the comprehensive relaying of the footway by DC Highways outside the village Hall would commence shortly. The next meeting is on 1 November.

Roger Khanna, Parish Clerk

KINGSTON

CORFE CASTLE PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER MEETING

Cost of Living Crisis – For free, independent, and Confidential advice on cost-of-living help available to you, contact citizens advice either by calling 0800 144 8848 or by visiting www.citizensadvice.org.uk. You could also try the Dorset Council page <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/cost-of-living-help> which will sign-post you to web-pages with advice and tips.

Free School Meals – There's a lot to think about now the children are back at school, so families on qualifying benefits are reminded to check if their child or children could receive a free school meal. This could save families up to £450 per year per child and their school could get extra government funding, known as the Pupil Premium, to boost their education. It is easy to find out if your children qualify for free school meals. Complete the confidential checker at dorset-council.gov.uk/free-school-meals or telephone 01305 221090.

Verge Cutting – Dorset Council's policy of not cutting some roadside verges for ecological reasons will not change. A quote recently issued by a spokesperson said "In order to maintain the highways for users and improve biodiversity in verges, all roadside verges are cut at least once a year – this cut is scheduled for late summer and is currently happening across the Dorset Council area. In some places, where tall verges are dangerous for road users, we cut more regularly, and safety remains our top priority."

Purbeck Local Plan - The Purbeck Local Plan examina-

tion continues. A further hearing session was held in July after which the Inspector recently wrote to Dorset council requesting some more information on nutrient pollution in Poole Harbour and on the timetable for the Dorset Council Local Plan. Dorset Council has responded to the Inspector and further details can be found on the Dorset Council website.

Road Closure West Street – Please see last month's CVN for full details. Dorset Council plan to close West Street Corfe Castle on 1 November, 2022. The road will be closed between the hours of 9 and 4pm. The area is to be resurfaced is from The Square to Hollands Close

Feasibility Study Kingston Hill – The Parish Council were asked to carry out a feasibility study regarding a new foot path being created to run along Kingston Hill. After investigation the Parish Council concluded that a new foot path would be too dangerous. However, we have identified two potential foot paths serving the requirement. The first foot path identified runs between Corfe Common, and West Street Kingston via West Lynch. There is a stile on this foot path, which is not dog friendly. The Parish Council have requested Dorset Council, who look after public rights of way and stiles along such routes, to consider changing the stile. Foot path two is an old foot path which used to run between Lynch Farm and the back of St James' Church, however this foot path fell into disuse many years ago.

Gods Acre Rules and Regulations – After an extended public consultation period Council considered feedback received and voted to endorse the proposed new rules and regulations for the Cemetery. The Clerk, Caretaker and Gods Acre Working Group will now work to ensure the new rules are followed.

Planning Application & Treework Application update: The following applications has been received by Corfe Castle Parish Council, for full details including proposed works please see the Dorset Council website:

- 6/2020/0321_1 – Swanworth Quarry. Corfe Castle Parish Council have submitted a comment of No objection provided there is substantial mitigation for the Parish.
- P/ADV/2022/04493 – The Castle Inn, East Street, Corfe Castle BH20 5EE. Recommendation: No objection to the new signs, but object to the change of colour of the front of the building and check whether this needs Listed building consent
- P/HOU/2022/04977 – Greensands Little, Corfe Castle Dorset BH20 5JE. Recommendation: No objection.
- P/HOU/2022/04838– 91 East Street Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EE. Recommendation: No objection but check whether the removal of three trees is necessary.
- P/LBC/2022/04701 – 92 East Street, Corfe Castle. BH20 5EQ. Recommendation: No objection.
- P/HOU/2022/05655– Far End Higher Filbank Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EX. Recommendation: No objection.
- P/HOU/2022/03027– 121 East Street Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EG. Recommendation: No objection.

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

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difference to the quality of life of local people and how local issues are dealt with. Council's need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve.

In May 2024 Dorset will be holding the next local elections where your Parish Councillors will be elected. If you want to make a difference to your community, why not think about standing? You will need to start becoming aware of issues in your local area; what your local council is doing about these issues; come to a couple of our meetings, watch what it is all about, and if you feel you could make a difference think about standing.

Next Council Meeting – Monday, 14 November 2022, at 7pm in the Corfe Castle Village Hall, Bill Carter Room. To start the meeting is a public half hour, so please come and join us and have your say. Contact details p5.

Michelle Harrington, Parish Clerk

NEWS FROM NOWHERE

RAMBLINGS OF A LOCAL GARDENER

It is astonishing that in mid-October, despite quite a bit of rain, the soil was still too hard to put in stakes for holding up my dahlias. Later when digging a hole for a gate-post the soil was visibly dry three foot down. This year I am emptying my water-butts into the soil as soon as rain arrives, trying to get the moisture deeper.

I was thinking about jobs that I had to do when I was young. In the morning we had to clean out the dirty straw from the cow byres before washing the udders and milking them while sitting on a 3-legged stool. Then we would feed them good meadow hay cut out of the hay ricks with a sharp two-handed knife which was 3 foot long. I enjoyed doing this on cold days in November, but it was not so nice in the summer heat and someone had to do it seven days a week every day of the year.

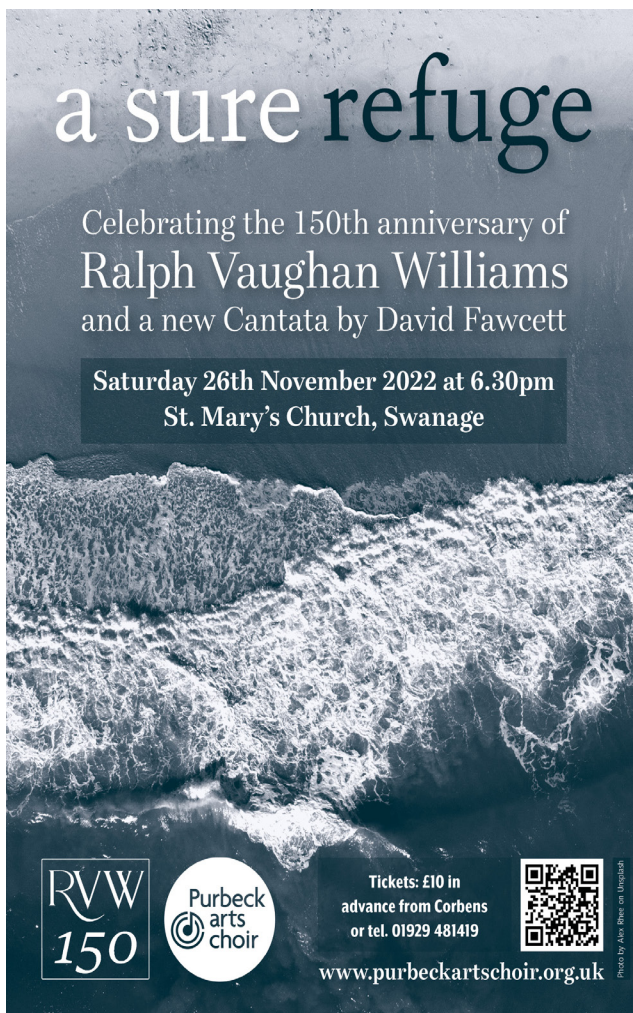
If I did have time away from the farm, I visited posh relatives in London and learned how other people lived. In the early 1950s, they loved to hear my stories of working with horses because we had no fuel so we used them to move everything. Then the scrapes I had with the early tractors which would get stuck in mud in wet weather so I would use the horse to pull the tractor out!

Back to now, I plan to sow onion sets, broad beans and winter lettuce to crop in early spring and a few boxes of peas, rocket and lettuce on the window sill. Then I can harvest them easily during cold winter months.

Here are other jobs for November: planting Daffodils, Tulips, and Crocus. Mulching everything, with extra mulch (as frost protection) on any slightly tender plants like the dahlias. I only dig up the very special varieties to make certain they are not killed in a cold snap. All evergreens should be trimmed back and roses need to be shortened by half, the climbers just having the side shoots cut back. Hardy fuchsias need everything cut back a little - taking out some of the old wood to the ground. Prune all early flowering clematis for better flowers next year. Cabbages and kales all need strong supports. Harvest and store any late squash.

We have been collecting seed heads for making wreaths and table decorations for Christmas in December. I am also dividing the perennials plants and would love to give them away instead of putting the spare on the compost heap. So, if you would like any, please do ring me on 01929 421681.

Rachel



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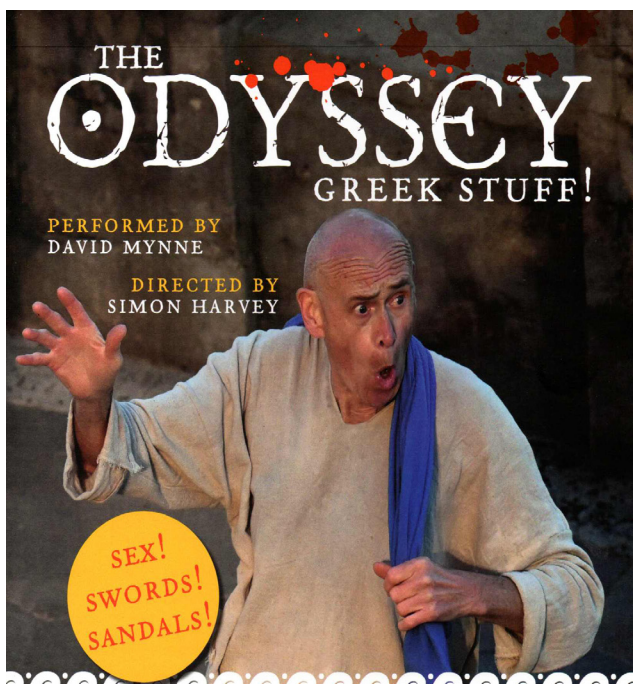
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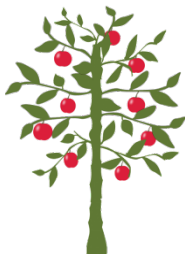
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Langton Wassail 2023
Tuesday 17 January



Village Hall (events room) meet from 3.15pm for crown, instrument
making and facepainting

Gather at Kings Arms – Procession will leave at 5pm for Community
Orchard

Return to the Kings Arms for
Music- Food-Drink and Merrymaking

Further details to follow



REGULAR EVENTS

Folk Dancing	Tues 7.30-9.45pm	LMVH
Langton PO	Tues 9-12pm	Putlake Tea Rooms
Community Library	2nd & 4th Weds	LMVH
Harmans Cross PO	Thurs 9.30-11.30	HXVH



LANGTON MATRAVERS SCOUT & GUIDE HQ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Invite you to the
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NOVEMBER 2022

1	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
1	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	HXVH
3	10-11.30am	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
3	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
5	11-2pm	Christmas Fair	LMVH
8	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
8	7.30pm	Film: <i>Elvis</i>	HXVH
10	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
10	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
13	7.30pm	Artsreach: The Odyssey	LMVH
14	7pm	CCPC Meeting	CCVH
14	7pm	NT update on Weston Farm	WMVH
15	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
16	7.30pm	WMFC: <i>Everybody's Fine</i>	WMVH
17	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
19	?	Burngate Open Day	Burngate
22	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
23	7.45	Scout & Guide AGM	Scout Hut
24	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
26	9.30-12pm	Stalls in the Hall	HXVH
26	6.30pm	A Sure Refuge: Purbeck Arts Choir	St Mary's
29	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
30	7.30pm	Swanage Town Band in Concert	Methodist Ch

DECEMBER 2022

1-12	?	PASH stalls	WMVH
1	6pm	Langton Light Up	St George's Ch
2	7.30pm	Karen G's Xmas Show	Mowlem
3-5	10-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	St George's Ch

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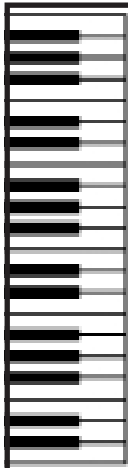


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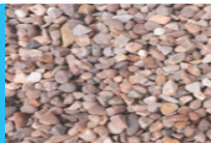
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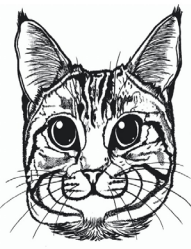
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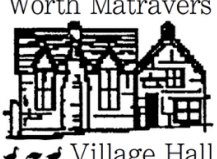


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