

The Dubber

January 2023



Langton Matravers



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Tuesday 17th January



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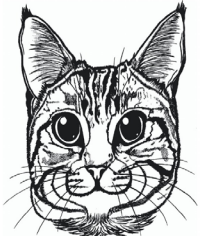


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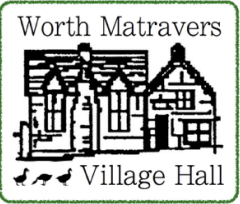
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Deadline for Next Issue

The editor, Angela Bell, appreciates the early submission of contributions but, for those cutting it fine, the deadline for the **February** issue is noon on **Thursday, 19 January** & it will be ready for collection on **Tuesday, 24 January**.

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).

How to Format Submissions

Preferably, all emailed *Dubber* submissions should be sent as **12 point Times New Roman** (or Minion Pro, if you have it) **plain type** (i.e. no bold, italic or underlining) **aligned left with single line spacing**.

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January 2023

A Healthy Church Needs a Healthy Planet



There was a flurry of critical interest in the 2021 census returns in which 46.2% of people identified themselves as Christians, compared with 59.3% of the population in the 2011 census; a 13 percentage point drop in a decade. Christianity has become a minority religion in England and Wales, with a significant rise in people identifying as of no particular faith at all.

To become over focused on this, I suggest, risks asking the wrong questions. As historian and writer Diana Butler Bass reflects, the future of Christianity matters little if we carelessly contribute to humanity's extinction through war or environmental disaster. We may attempt to bring new members to church and write the best theologies ever; yet none of it will matter at all if humanity and planet earth is meanwhile engulfed by existential crisis. The question: "What is the future of Christianity?" (in the UK and elsewhere) must be held in relation to other questions. The most significant of those questions being: "What is the future of humankind?"*

That is surely the question of our time. All other questions pale by comparison and distract us from hearing the voices of God, the earth and other creatures, with the kind of rigour and compassion necessary for human and ecological flourishing. The question about the future of Christianity is surely: "What must Christians do to serve all creation, when the future of life on planet earth is facing an ever-growing real-time threat from climate change and our exploitation and consumption of earth's finite resources?"

Isaiah 65:17-25 speaks of a world we desire, that we long for; a world where children grow up and live to old age; where people have food and houses and enjoyable work; where animals and plants and human beings live together on the earth in harmony, where none "shall hurt or destroy".

In the midst of painting this picture of life glimpsed only in our wildest dreams, Isaiah portrays God as saying, "Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear." "While they are yet speaking". For the church to have purpose in our time, we must speak of and act out our deepest desire to work, with others, towards an urgent realisation of Isaiah's prophetically articulated world.

*Diana Butler Bass is an American historian of Christianity

James

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Mayday Singers

winter celebration **Sunday** **8th**

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10am	Benefice Communion	Kingston
SUNDAY	15 JANUARY	
8am	Holy Communion BCP	Worth
9.30am	Holy Communion	Steeple
10am	Holy Communion	Langton
10.30am	Morning Worship	Corfe
11.15am	Informal Worship	Kingston
6pm	Evensong	Langton
SUNDAY	22 JANUARY	
10am	Celtic Communion	Worth
10am	Morning Worship	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11am	Walking Church	Kingston
6pm	Evening Prayer	HX
SUNDAY	29 JANUARY	
8am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Worth
9am	Holy Communion	Kimmeridge
10am	Holy Communion	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11.15am	Holy Communion	Kingston
EVERY WEDNESDAY		
10am	Communion, contemplation & conversation	Langton

CHANGES IN SERVICE TIMES

There is predominantly the same pattern of services each month but there are changes for festivals; please check the weekly notice sheets within the church or in the church porch.

Walking Church

11am Sunday, 22 January

Start Kingston

The Coffee Pot

Meet for real coffee & cake on the first Thursday of each month

St George's Church

10-11.30am

Thursday, 5 January

Good company & chat

All welcome!



Christmas Tree Festival at St George's Church



Magical, Spiritual, Peaceful or just Beautiful; however you wish to describe the Christmas Tree Festival held at St George's Church, what is most important is that it was a success. With a record number of trees on display and well over a thousand people coming through the doors over the three day event, we managed to raise £1510 which has been donated to Mosaic and the National Coastwatch Institution (Swanage). We would like to thank all who sponsored and decorated the trees as well as those who helped and donated to the Festival, also huge thanks to the performers who gave their time free of charge to entertain the visitors.

Colin Garner



Photos clockwise from top left: The Trees are lit; Mayday Singers; Liv and Reuben; Martha.

COFFEE POT

A Happy New year to all our friends who join us for coffee pot on the first Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome. We thought an update was essential at this time.

In case you were unaware, the donations you make towards coffee and snacks all go to the charity Interserve Great Britain and Ireland. To clarify who this charity serves. It aims towards an end to Trafficking and Exploitation Globally, we send our donations to Nepal, mainly because, in the first instance, Brian Boreham introduced us to Yagya and Sally Singh who live and serve in Nepal. The charity is attempting to ensure that the poor rural families have a small income so they are not tempted to send their children abroad for work, work which often turns into child slavery and prostitution. Our latest donation to the charity was £400 raised by all of you.

We look forward to a successful 2023 and an upturn in fortunes for families and businesses generally. Sincere good wishes.

Coffee Pot Team

CHRISTMAS COVER COMPETITION



In December, Chris Meadows and I went up to St George's School to present book tokens to those pupils who been successful in the Christmas Cover Competition. One picture was selected from each year and then an overall winner was used for the Christmas Cover.

Chris, who judged the competition, told the children that the amount of artistic talent had made the choice very difficult this year and their artwork was to be 'highly commended'.

Angela Bell

STARS FOR UKRAINE

Iam delighted to be able to tell you that the Stars, with a little help from the Angels, have raised £7,750 up to 10 December. All this money has been donated to the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal. I have now stopped making them but there are a few still available at The Sweet Shop, Corfe Castle. Twenty of the Stars have been given to The Volunteer Centre Dorset, who in conjunction with Dorset Together are providing Gifts & Christmas Hampers for Ukrainian Refugees in Dorset. I would like to thank the people who in many

ways, from designing the original poster onwards, have made this amazing sum of money possible. *Tessa Somerville*

THANKS TO STARS FOR UKRAINE

Throughout the past ten months, Tessa has spent many hours making her lovely Blue & Yellow Leaded Glass Stars (& Angels as Christmas approached). Tessa has tirelessly given her time & skill to this effort including having a stall at Holme For Gardens on several occasions where she raised over £1,000. The Stars have travelled to many countries in Europe & beyond. What an amazing achievement Tessa. Congratulations. *Jenny Pink*

CITIZENS ADVICE HELP WINTER WORRIES

Residents are reminded that free support and help is available this winter if worried about debt and paying bills.

COST OF LIVING AND DEBT

The cost of living crisis is an ongoing concern and this combined with worrying about paying post-Christmas bills can cause additional worry and stress.

If, like many, you have debts and find you can't afford to reduce these after paying your priority bills and essentials, seek advice as soon as possible. Don't feel you have to manage your situation alone. Our debt advice is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

We also hold free Income Maximisation advice sessions by appointment at locations across Dorset. Specialist advisers are able to advise on a range of money-related topics with the aim of helping people to budget and manage finances more confidently.

ENERGY

The ongoing increase in energy costs has resulted in many people feeling anxious and worried about paying energy bills. Citizens Advice have a team of energy advisers who can help if you are struggling with energy bills or your supplier. We can offer advice and check to see if you are eligible for extra income or benefits. We can also offer energy saving tips and advice.

If you would like to speak to an energy adviser, call the Energy Line on 01929 775500, leave a message and someone will return your call. Or email: energy@edpcitizensadvice.org.uk

CRISIS SUPPORT BUS

Citizens Advice in East Dorset & Purbeck is currently raising funds for a Crisis Support Bus which will provide vulnerable residents with access to free advice and support. The cost of living crisis has meant that many more people are in need of advice with some unable to access current services due to rural isolation, restricted mobility, cost of fuel or limited access to public transport. The mobile advice unit will deliver a service to rural areas in and around Purbeck & East Dorset, for those who cannot easily access outreaches, local libraries or are digitally excluded. It is anticipated that the bus will be ready for service early 2023.

Donations to the Crisis Support Bus can be made on Aviva's Community Fund page www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/cost-of-living-crisis-support-bus Aviva will match fund the amount raised.

For more information about Citizens Advice services visit www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk or to speak to an adviser, call the Dorset Adviceline Freephone on 0800 144 8848, 10am-4pm weekdays.

Sian Smith, CA Coms Officer

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Following numerous requests, we are pleased to announce, that as of 1 January, we will be re-introducing the face to face sit and wait service that we provided pre-COVID. For new patients that will not have used this option, the sit and wait clinic runs every weekday morning between 8.30-10.30 and is designed for more pressing medical problems that require same day assessment/treatment from a GP. Patients attend the surgery before 10.30am and are added to the clinic list and seen by the GP in a first come first served basis. Please be aware we are unable to specify which GP you will see that morning. The waiting room may also become quite busy so please be prepared that you may be asked to wait in your car.

You will still be required to wear a face covering or mask and if you have any respiratory symptoms you will need to advise the reception team at booking in and wait in your car.

We anticipate that the car park will be busier again so the need to use the pay and display will be higher, be prepared and bring some change or download the Just Park app beforehand.

The internal dispensary window will remain closed and we will continue to use the outside window, so please be careful of any extra cars whilst waiting and queue around the path.

Finally, as of January we will not be providing the telephone triage service so you will need to attend the surgery if you need to speak to a GP the same day or book a future dated routine appointment.

And a quick update on the website; we are live! Please visit www.corfecastlesurgery.co.uk and any feedback would be appreciated. Happy New Year!

Kerry Norman, Practice Manager

CORFE SURGERY PPG

We hope you have all had a very Happy Christmas and managed to stay well with all the flu and other bugs that are still around. Thankfully our surgery ran the very efficient flu vaccination clinics and this will surely have helped to stave off the worst.

Nationally, because of the significant pressure on Primary Care, many PPG's are finding that practices have little spare time for PPG meetings; we are no exception in

Corfe but please be reassured that we liaise closely with the Surgery so can raise any issues patients may have.

Last month, I said I would highlight some of the new services in Purbeck. We recently heard at the Wareham Friends AGM that Purbeck has been chosen to take part in a national End of life care 'project' This project builds on and develops the wonderful service already provided by the Community Support Workers (the girls in yellow). The CSW's are members of the Integrated team covering the whole of Purbeck providing hands-on care and support to the patient and equally importantly to the relatives when patients wish to die at home.

We would like to wish all the patients and particularly Doctor Lepper and all his team a Very Happy and Healthy New Year.

PPG

Happy New Year

LANGTON MATRAVERS

ROGER & YVONNE FREE

Roger and Yvonne send their best wishes to all their friends in Purbeck and have supplied me with their new contact details. If anyone would like these, please email me (ed@thedubber.co.uk), I will send them to you. *Angela Bell*

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER MEETING

NATIONAL TRUST REPORT ON CARBON CAPTURE

Adam Evans gave an informative report on how the National Trust, nationally, aims to be carbon neutral by 2030, aiming to reduce carbon emissions locally by 5% every year until 2030. Within Purbeck, this will be done through: nature enhancement to promote carbon absorption; making the most of embodied carbon; and using local suppliers where possible. Local projects in development include: Knoll Beach café switching from LPG to electric; Corfe Castle Tea Room to have an air pump heat system installed; the Old Mill to be reinstated in Corfe Castle and attached to hydroelectric; and more efficient heating and double-glazing installed at the NT shop in Corfe Castle. Central Nation Trust has a programme that they are rolling out to install EV charging points at their properties, prioritizing the main sites which get a lot of visitors in one place (e.g. Kingston Lacy will have 10 installed next year). They are also actively investigating new and upcoming technology, such as an insulating film for single-glazed windows that is possibly appropriate for Grade 2 listed buildings. Cllr Christie asked Mr Evans to keep the council informed of developments on this, as it could potentially benefit parishioners in Langton Matravers.

DORSET COUNCIL REPORT

Dorset Councillor Cherry Brooks gave a detailed report on Dorset Council including: local government reorganisation has made savings of £77 million, whilst maintaining a commitment not to cut frontline services; free parking on different days in different areas in the lead up to Christmas; Christmas bin collection - check on Dorset Council's Insight page on the website; Library Consultation - has entered the second phase; Planning Application turn around - Land Registry searches are back to normal and planning applications can be dealt with within the 10-working day parameter; Gritting - on standby for snow; Ukrainian Response now integrated as a council service.

PLANNING MATTERS

- Application No: P/HOU/2022/06964, Location: Barn Cottages, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HX. Proposal: Conservatory extension. No objection.
- Application No: P/HOU/2022/07030, Location: Robins Nest, Toms Field Rd, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HN. Proposal: Convert attached garage to accommodation adding three roof lights, raise patio, alterations to windows and doors and widen existing dropped kerb. No objection.

PLAYGROUND

New turf has been laid and rubberised grass mats installed to prevent erosion on the grass mound next to the slide.

HIGHWAYS REPORT

As part of the village's bid for 20 mph, two extra speed checks are to be conducted in Langton Matravers to cover

the extremities of the village. The result of the bid should be received in January 2023. The Parish Council is also to do unofficial monitoring of the speed on the B3069, in response to a request by Worth Matravers Parish Council.

NEW COUNCILLORS REQUIRED

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU! We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who might be prepared to serve as a Councillor. It is a varied and interesting role, with a chance to help to shape your community for the future: training can be given. Please contact the Clerk, details p5.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations are in order for local parishioner Do-reen Selman, who will celebrate her 100th birthday in December.

DEADLINE FOR PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

The deadline for Langton Matravers Parish Council Grants is 31 December. All proposals will be considered at the February Parish Council meeting.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 12 January at 7pm in the village Hall.

The Council would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year. *Jenny Marshall, Parish Clerk*

HARMANS CROSS

HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

Happy New Year from all of us at Harmans Cross Village Hall, and we hope you enjoyed a peaceful and lovely Christmas. Here are some dates for your diary for forthcoming events.

MOVIE NIGHTS

- Tuesday 10 January *Top Gun: Maverick*
 - Tuesday 14 February *The Duke*
 - Tuesday 14 March Fisherman's Friends: *One and All*
- Doors and bar open at 7pm and entry just £5.

STALLS AT THE HALL

- Saturday 18 February
- Saturday 25 March

To book a table please contact David Hollister at hxvh@btconnect.com or call on 07384 848419

COFFEE JUNCTION

We welcome everyone to Coffee Junction every other Thursday morning from 10.30am in the small meeting room, HXVH. A chance to chat to other local residents sponsored by St Aldhelm's Parish (the new parish covering Langton, Worth and Kingston churches and Harmans Cross). Next dates are January 12 and 26, and February 9 and 23.

Once again, happy New Year and we hope to see you in Harmans Cross soon. *Alison & the HXVH Committee*

WORTH MATRAVERS

LITERARY LUNCH IN AID OF ROOF APPEAL

Save the date! A unique occasion is to be held at Kingston Country Courtyard on Tuesday, 14 March, a Literary Lunch with three leading authors. This event, which is kindly being sponsored by Noble Caledonia, the cruise line, is being organised in support of the St Nicholas of Myra Roof Appeal.

Amongst the speakers will be Sacha Swire, who will be speaking about her memoir *Diary of an MP's Wife* and Harry Mount speaking about *Et Tu, Brute, the Greatest Latin Lines Ever*.

Further details including reservation information will be included in February's *Dubber*. *Hugh Cochrane*

SUSTAINABLE WORTH

On a beautiful, bright December morning, 23 of us celebrated Queen Elizabeth's reign by planting a Wild Service Tree at Front Field, Weston Farm. Luckily, we got it into the ground just before the cold snap.

On Thursday, 12 January 7pm for 7.30pm at Worth Village Hall, there will be an Open Meeting featuring an illustrated talk by The Dorset Council Recycling Team on 'Waste Management'.

Of course, we now realise that there is no 'away' that we can throw our waste! Come and hear where Dorset's waste goes after collection, including how it is recycled and composted. It's not always clear to know exactly what can be recycled and this will be a great opportunity to ask any questions you have about recycling and waste management in general. *Kathy Hollidge*

WORTH FILM CLUB

Our next screening on Wednesday, 18 January will be *Pig*, a quiet, unforced and delicate thriller that allows Nicolas Cage to burrow more deeply into his talent than he has in years.

Living alone deep within a Pacific Northwest forest, Rob hunts for truffles, then sells them. But after his only companion, a beloved truffle hunting sow, is carried off in the middle of the night, wrath takes root — along with a more personal reckoning which addresses long standing trauma.

Like the truffles that kick off the story, this film's tragicomic playfulness is a rare treat not to be missed.

Please join us for a drink at 7pm and the film will begin at 7.30pm.

Avoid disappointment at the door by booking early online: www.worthmatravervillagehall.org

Tickets are £5.

Claude Bonfanti

WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

DECEMBER MEETING

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

The PC received representations from neighbours in South Instow HX of the proposed planning application for an April Cottage area new development. They were concerned at especially the rear large glass façade and balcony viewing platforms overlooking their rear areas. They considered there were little or no adequate screening proposals

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7.30pm

from this essentially very large glass façade. It would have too much impact on their property from these glass facade areas and this development was not in scale or size appropriate for the area.

A Worth resident raised issues and concerns about development proposals in Worth village especially the NT possible proposals for a new extended camping site at Weston farm for up to 60/120 days a year. He felt any extension should require a new access to the rear.

A HX resident with a number of co-signatures has supplied photographic details of extensive current on-street parking by contractors vehicles and mobile caravan homes at the junction of the A351 and Tabbits Hill lane. It was agreed this was unsatisfactory and potentially obstructive to the free flow of traffic off and from the A351 into Tabbits Hill lane. This would be referred on to Dorset Council as the Highways/ Traffic Authority for further investigation and action.

CORRESPONDENCE

WMPC agreed a request for a Xmas tree provision donations of £115 to each of HXVH & WMVH.

The PC noted an update & progress on WMPC facilitating additional small children's play facilities in HX. The Grant application for the proposals for new children's equipment at HX Open Space, which it had been agreed in principle at the last meeting to make a donation towards the approximate cost estimate of £20,000, had not been successful.

The Clerk reported back from the HXVH MC that there was outstanding HX Open Space infrastructure issues of flooding and external power supply issues which needed a permanent safe and satisfactory solution.

These were provisionally estimated at up to £10,000 in total. It was agreed in the light of the next meeting being in February 2023 that these if advanced sufficiently could if necessary be financially progressed by a Chairman's Action.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Parking and Obstruction concerns on the A351/Tabbits Hill Lane junction were noted. The Clerk had referred these as highway issues through the local Dorset Cllr Brooks for the attention of Dorset Council as Highway and Traffic Authority.

Cllrs noted the abandoned car on the layby on the Kingston to Langton road had now, after some many weeks, been removed.

Langton Matravers Cllr Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle (Organiser of Langton Matravers Speed Watch Team) had agreed he would arrange to carry out a speed survey up in Langton towards the Stone Centre entrance.

The PC noted that action as promised by Dorset Highways was continuing to replace and secure the kerb line visibility with bollards opposite the Compact Farm entrance.

- **PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATION**

- P/FUL/2022/06688: Valley Lodge Valley Road Harman's Cross Wareham BH20 5HU. Demolish existing dwelling and erect replacement dwelling with Solar PU. The PC noted the existing site was well enclosed into the boundary towards the A351. The PC had concerns about the size and scale of these proposals and the difficulty of vehicle access. The PC considered the proposed scheme would be overdevelopment and not have satisfactory internal access and external manoeuvring space and should be refused planning consent Recommend Refusal.
- P/HOU/2022/06438: Knoll down Valley Road Har-

man's Cross Dorset BH20 5HU first consulted on at 21/10/2022. Erect single storey rear extension. No further observations

- P/FUL/2022/06807: Full Planning Application: April Cottage South Instow Harman's Cross Swanage BH19 3DS: Sever plot and erect a 4 bedroom detached house. Cllrs were very concerned about this application and its effects on the immediate surrounding area especially on the likely substantial effect on very significant 100+ year old tree and light impact from the size and scale of the rear facades. There was substantial concern that this very large and imposing 150-year-old protected tree in the rear garden, possibly the most imposing in HX area, would not survive the development process applied for as its canopy and groundcover area is so substantial. There was concern that the plans supplied especially on location of the new development were not consistent in terms of the proposed building locations.
- The design with so much imposing and unscreened glass balcony areas was such as to make a substantial adverse visual and light pollution impact on the surrounding area and property to the immediate rear of the proposed development. Recommend Refusal and a consistent redesign of this application.
- P/HOU/2022/07295 Woodyhyde Farm, The High Barn Access Road To Woodyhyde. Dorset BH20 5HT. Erect single storey rear extension and internal alterations. No Objections

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

The PC noted concerns about the loss of the roofing material on the bus shelter at HX by Haycrafts lane. It was agreed to instruct the Clerk to liaise with the local WM contractor to repair and rectify this roofing repair. In view of the time to the next meeting in February, it was agreed to the Clerk and Vice Chairman liaising to effect a repair.

Continuing concern was expressed about holiday lettings, One recent occupant set off many intrusive fireworks well after Guy Fawkes Night and the owner had subsequently apologised for this impact on adjoining residents. One local firm renting properties in WM was Dorset Central Holidays in Corfe Castle who had many managed properties of this sort. They would be contacted with these concerns.

Cllr Vosper requested that the PC considered some financial support to the Langton Matravers St George's Pre-school. It was noted that as few if any Worth residents' children had attended this facility in the recent past. It would be necessary to obtain a justification in terms of WM resident's children making use of the Pre School facility for any financial support from this PC to be considered.

It was agreed to instruct the Clerk to purchase the required number of large Maxi Cones to deter and protect the roadway outside the Square and Compass from obstructive parking at peak parking demand periods.

Roger Khanna, Parish Clerk

Happy New Year

SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY

Langton Planet Action invites members of the Community if they would like to please share their energy and money saving tips with us all via The Dubber so that we can benefit during this difficult time.

Here are a few to get us started:

- Keep a vacuum flask next to the kettle for surplus hot water; really useful for washing up or pasta/rice
- Wear lots of layers of clothing which traps warm air effectively, woolly hat and fingerless gloves
- Thick curtains and draft excluder for drafty windows and doors
- Use Blue Tack to plug gaps/ draughts; very cheap and pliable
- Maximize oven usage and batch cook
- Use energy efficient slow cookers and microwaves
- Wash up all in one go or when you have enough to wash for one bowlful or use half a bowlful
- Keep a blanket near the sofa to wrap up when sitting down. Take care not to trip when getting up though!
- Keep busy; cleaning, dancing, gardening etc
- Go to a warm space café/library etc
- Use grey water or rainwater, if safe, to carry for flushing the toilet, car washing, watering etc
- Fit a water diverter: please email me for further information on this one
- Keep a 2 litre bottle next to the kitchen sink to save cold water otherwise wasted by running the tap

We hope these tips will supplement any Government Energy Saving Advice.

If you would like to contribute an idea, please email Julie at: jibaker@btinternet.com

Contributions will be anonymous unless otherwise requested and will be published in *The Dubber* where possible.

We look forward to learning some really good ideas!

Julie Baker

NEWS FROM NOWHERE

THE RAMBLING GARDENER

Wishing you a good 2023, and may your new year wishes come true. I must not tell anyone my wish, but I do hope by the end of 23 I don't have to buy anything wrapped in man-made material that is going to hurt the environment.

What incredible events Purbeck put on in December; people cooked good food for coffee mornings, many people sang for us inside and out, others arranged walks and did plays. A thank you goes to every one of them that put in their time and money.

The sudden freeze in December took me by surprise; I had hoped for some cold weather to keep things healthy, but was not expecting a week of freezing weather. Plants can acclimatise to cold if it comes slowly, but that freezing weather was a shock to many species.

In 1963 at the end of December we had freezing snow with an east wind that blew the snow into drifts. It filled the road to the east and did not thaw out until the end of March. At the farm we had to dig out a 23-foot drift to get out of the farm. To avoid throwing away all our cows' milk we took churns of milk down the fields to Swanage and then along

the cleared main road to a milk collection point in Corfe as the milk tankers were unable to get to the farms. Also, our water supply froze up, and for more than a month our family, including three children under six and a baby born in early January, had only 10 gallons a day of usable water. I wonder what 2023 will bring us.

In January there are important jobs to do on good days outside in a green house, porch or garage such as mixing compost for potting, sowing early plants like love-in-a-mist, hollyhocks, foxgloves and many early vegetables, or removing any dead leaves on plants to decrease the build-up of infective agents like rust spots.

A very important job is sitting in a warm room dreaming and planning for the coming year and looking through seed and plant catalogues. Look out of your windows and see where winter flowering plants or interesting foliage are needed for the next winter, and talk to neighbours if that is where your windows look. There are many plants, from the 2" high alpine saxifrage to trees like the little *prunus autumnalis*, that can flower much of the winter. Think especially about planting bulbs to give colour all year in beds, pots and hanging baskets both inside the house and out. Having plants to look after will keep you challenged, happy and healthy.

Sowing seeds is the cheapest way to keep a garden full although it is tempting to buy plants that someone else has started and one can get almost instant vegetables and foliage or flowers. If you order in January, you will have a better selection, but any bare-rooted trees, shrubs, and plants can be ordered up to April.

I hope that you have had a wonderful festive season and that you are looking forward to the coming year. *Rachel*

Replacement Dubber Distributor needed

Judy Robson needs to stop doing her round and we need to find a replacement. The round is from the top of Haycrafts Lane down to Dunshay Manor, which can be done using a car. If you would like to take this on for us, we would be extremely grateful. Please let me know by email or phone 07767 090013 if you can.

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in particular for a trustee with a background
in HR and health and safety.

Further details and a trustee information pack
can be obtained from

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REGULAR EVENTS

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

communityspeedwatch VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Can you spare an hour a month to help make Langton Matravers a safer and more pleasant place to live?

If so, please contact Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle 01929 426956 or email vaughanarbuckle@gmail.com to join the Langton Community Speed Watch or to get more information. Thank you!



Langton Matravers



Come join the Jolly Wassail

Tuesday 17th January



Face-painting/Crown and instrument making

at the Village Hall from 3.15pm



Gather at The Kings Arms from 4.30pm

Procession to the Community Orchard will leave at 5pm

Bring percussion instruments/pots and pans/a torch



Return to The Kings Arms for food, music and merriment!

£4 Childrens hot meal/drink

£8 Adults hot meal/drink



DECEMBER 2022

29	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
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JANUARY 2023

3	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
5	10-11.30am	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
5	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
8	4pm	Mayday Singers	St George's CH
9	7pm	CCPC Meeting	CCVH
10	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
10	7.30pm	Film: <i>Top Gun: Maverick</i>	HXVH
12	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
12	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
12	7pm	Illustrated Talk: Dorset Recycling Team	WMVH
17	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
17	3.15pm	Wassail	LMVH
18	7.30pm	WMFC: Pig	WMVH
19	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
24	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
26	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
28	7pm	Barn Dance	Leeson House
31	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe

FEBRUARY 2023

2	10-11.30am	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
2	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
7	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	HXVH

Langton's Post Office

The Post Office has organized a 'Flying Postmaster' to come to Putlake Tea Room at Langton on Tuesday mornings between 9-12, so please use it – otherwise we lose it.

Ian Bugler

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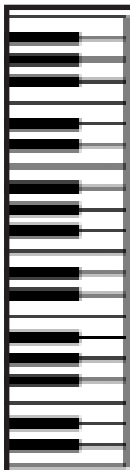
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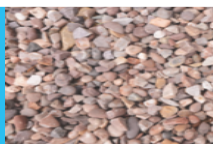
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