

The Dubber

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The Wassail King, Cllr Pete Christie, presided over this year's Langton Wassail in January. With the help of many children and villagers, the evil spirits were driven out of the community orchard and the apple trees were fed with toast and anointed with cider to ensure a bumper apple harvest next autumn.



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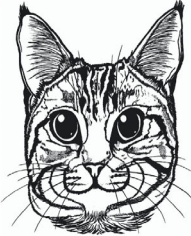
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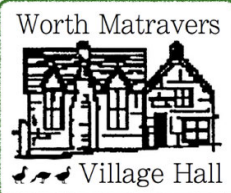
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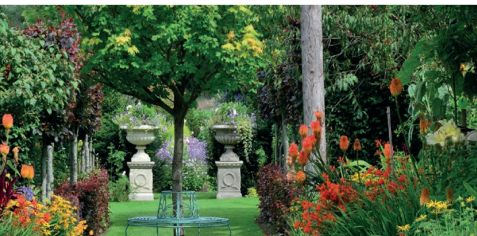


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From the Editor

*How wonderful it is that **The Oldie** is bringing one of its legendary Literary Lunches to Purbeck in March. The fact that the Lunch will raise funds for St Nicholas' roof is an additional bonus. These **Oldie** Lunches are most enjoyable occasions - well worth the price of the ticket. I've booked mine already!*



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 **March** issue is noon on **Thursday, 16 February** & it will be ready for collection on **Tuesday, 21 February**.

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 (☎427202).

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RECTORY REFLECTIONS

February 2023

Disfigured Beauty and Good Shepherds

Behind All Saints' church in my previous parish of Harrow Weald, two acres of ash and oak woodland formed the natural succession on the site of the old vicarage garden. The woodland was only a few hundred yards from a busy London arterial road, but for the children who visited the Forest School established within the woods, it was a place of magic and surprise. A kitchen area and a mud-kitchen had been created, tarpaulins erected and an outdoor classroom shaped beneath the canopy of the trees. It was a beautiful alluring space.

A few days before I was set to leave London for Purbeck, I received an urgent phone call "Come quickly, the Forest School is on fire". And so it was.

By the time I arrived all that remained was a pile of smoking charcoal, scorched canvas and melted plastic. Sinister charred remains of the story-telling puppets were scattered grotesquely across the site. It had taken the fire brigade two hours to extinguish the blaze.

Suspicion fell on a group of young people seen in the vicinity earlier in the day. Maybe young people who had enjoyed the Forest School experience in the past?

I was very angry and profoundly disappointed. If this is what happens when you invest time, resources and energy to support the needs of young people in the local community, why bother?

"I am the good shepherd" John narrates (John 10:11-18) as Jesus' self-identification. 'Good' however, may not be the most appropriate translation from the Greek in this context. 'Beautiful' may be a more appropriate description.

A good shepherd may hint of moralising, keeping rules. But a beautiful shepherd is one you would want to be with. Not necessarily beautiful in terms of appearance, but rather in his full humanity. The beautiful shepherd does not run away when danger looms. He does not become disillusioned, however trying and disheartening the circumstances. He confronts danger, disappointment and betrayal by taking it on himself; facing it down on behalf of others. Ultimately, he will give his own life for the wellbeing of those in his care. The beautiful shepherd can be trusted, however profound the presenting danger. He is not concerned for his own reputation or wellbeing. He is there for the good of others.

Anger, bitterness, self-serving political and personal agendas, all the forces that compete and rage to oppress and stifle and spoil and destroy and seek to deny all of us the opportunity to be fully human, would claim the life of the beautiful shepherd. Yet, he took these agendas upon himself, knowing they would kill him. His beauty and promise disfigured and destroyed.

Then resurrection - the most beautiful denouement; beyond all imaginings. Life not death having the final word. Life which extends the embrace of forgiveness and the always creative possibilities of new beginnings, surpassing lingering agendas of bitterness, anger or revenge.

If the perpetrators of the Forest School destruction are ever identified, it is right that they be appropriately punished. The Christian story encompasses justice. Turning the other cheek never implies "there, there, it doesn't matter". But resurrection embodies new opportunities, fresh beginnings.

The antidote to destruction and negativity is life, beauty and creative surprise. The Forest School has been rebuilt and is flourishing. Children are still be welcomed and invited to enjoy the imaginative life enhancing opportunities of the outdoor classroom.

Through the life, death and resurrection of the good, the beautiful shepherd, life wins over death; love over anger; beauty over ugliness and tenacious perseverance - in pursuit of the wellbeing of others - over cynicism and disillusion. We are invited to embrace and be embraced by the story of the good shepherd. It is a beautiful and resilient story, a transformative narrative of hope that refuses to be suppressed.



James Mercer

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SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 3RD BEFORE LENT

10am	Late Breakfast Church	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
5pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	Worth

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2ND BEFORE LENT

10am	Holy Communion BCP	Worth
9.30am	Holy Communion	Steeple
10am	Holy Communion	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11.15am	Informal Worship	Kingston
6pm	Evensong	Langton

SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY NEXT BEFORE LENT

10am	Celtic Eucharist	Worth
10am	Morning Worship	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11am	Walking Church	Langton
6pm	Evening Prayer	HX

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY FIRST IN LENT

10am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Worth
10am	Holy Communion	Langton
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10am	Communion, contemplation & conversation	Langton
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CHANGES IN SERVICE TIMES

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The Late Breakfast

Meet up on the first Sunday of the month at St George's Church, Langton Matravers.

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SWANAGE FOOD BANK

Throughout the year, the community of Worth and Langton have been very generous to the Swanage Food Bank. It has been very much appreciated in these uncertain and difficult times.

Over the Christmas period the people of Worth raised over £1,000 from donations given at the Film Club, Carols on the Green held in the church and Yvonne's neck warmers sold from the bus shelter. Thank you so much.

All tinned and dried food are needed but especially all tinned meats and tinned meats with sauces also noodles.

Unfortunately, the Food Bank is not able to take nappies or sanitary products.

There are collecting boxes at the back of Worth and Langton Churches. With grateful thanks. *Liz Hoad*

LITERARY LUNCH IN AID OF ST NICHOLAS

This will be a unique occasion in aid of a most worthwhile cause - the St Nicholas of Myra Church Roof Appeal. As advised last month, *The Oldie* magazine is hosting one of its famous literary lunches at Kingston Country Courtyard on Tuesday, 14 March. They are donating the profits and sponsorship fee from Noble Caledonia to the Appeal.

The event will start with the opportunity to meet the guest speakers (and buy their books) at noon followed by lunch at 1pm. The three authors will speak for ten minutes at 2.30pm. The price is £60 per head for a three-course lunch with wine and coffee.

To book tickets please email reservations@theoldie.co.uk or call Katherine on 01225 427311. For further details of the event please see the advertisement in this month's Dubber.

We are delighted that the following authors will attend:

Sacha Swire, the daughter of (and married to) former Government ministers, will speak about *Diary of an MP's Wife* which provides a fascinating and juicy insight to the private lives of many leading members of government from David Cameron to Boris Johnson.

Andrew Lownie, has written biographies on many leading personalities, his book *Traitor King: The Scandalous Exile of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor* provides a gripping tale of the Windsors after the Abdication.

Harry Mount, the Editor of *The Oldie*, has an extensive career as a writer for many of our leading newspapers. In his earlier career he wrote in the Spectator about the demise of the Cambridge Latin Course, his recently published book *Et Tu, Brute?* The Best Latin Lines Ever, written with John Davie, is a light-hearted look at how ancient Latin can help us live better in the present.

The event promises to provide an entertaining and contrasting selection of subjects. *Hugh Cochrane*

WALKING IN DORSET

This website (<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/dorset>) has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult

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to find. Walking in Dorset (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.'

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking! *John Harris*

CORFE CASTLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

TALK BY MARGARET GREEN ANIMAL RESCUE

Many of us are aware of the work of the Margaret Green Animal Rescue centres, especially the one nearby in Church Knowle. Some of you may have visited, taken part in their dog shows or even offered homes to cats or dogs from their local centres. They run rehoming services for dogs, cats, small animals and even farm animals as well as holiday kennels and cattery.

There will be an opportunity to hear more about their work and some exciting plans for the future from Nigel Mason (Chief Executive).

The talk is free and open to everyone on Friday, 20 January 2023 at 2pm in Corfe Castle Village Hall.

It will be preceded by our Annual General Meeting which will be very short (10 minutes maximum). Come in out of the cold for a free Cuppa and a Biscuit!

We will be offering a free hot drink and biscuits for anyone who would like to come in to warm up and have a chat in the library. Please drop in (whether you are after books or not!). Wednesday 10-12 and Saturday 10-12 Every Week.

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This year there is a new Volunteer Collector in the Purbeck area, my husband Richard, so it is now easier to donate any surplus or duplicate tools which you may have gathered over the years. TWAM are always in need of the following: -

- Agricultural/gardening tools - Fork, spade, hoe, hand fork/trowel, lopper, secateurs, handshears
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- Sewing machines - manual, electric, treadle and industrial machines
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- Fully working IT equipment – desktop computers laptops running minimum of Microsoft Windows 7, tablets, networking switch routers, cables (not printers or scanners)
- Bibles - in modern English

We are able to collect your donations of any surplus equipment listed above if you email Richard to arrange a suitable time. We cannot take broken tools, or any with woodworm, but old metal tools can be sharpened and surface rust removed. Please have a look at the TWAM website for more detailed lists and discover how these items will provide a future and transform lives in struggling African communities.

Local collector – email:- richardf@twam.uk Main website - twam.uk

Hopefully as you spring clean or reorganise sheds and garages to accommodate any new acquisitions, you will find plenty of items that can be well used abroad, rather than gathering dust locally. If you know somebody who is downsizing or moving into a flat, please pass on our details. Keep an eye open for TWAM lists on local noticeboards

Thank you in anticipation for your support. *Judy Forgan*

DORSET'S DIGITAL CHAMPIONS CAN HELP

People who received a device for Christmas and are unsure how to use it are being urged to call on Dorset's volunteer digital champions for help.

Dorset Council has a team of volunteers who provide both face-to-face and over-the-phone support to anyone who needs help with technical issues – including how to use and set up a new tablet, smartphone or laptop.

The volunteer digital champions run advice sessions at libraries and community centres across the county.

And between 10am and noon every weekday, residents can also get help over the phone by calling the Dorset Digital Hotline on 01305 221048.

Dorset Council's portfolio holder for Customer Services, Cllr Laura Beddow, said: "Being digital and getting online can make people's lives so much easier.

"We would urge anyone who needs help getting to grips with using their new smartphone, tablet or laptop to visit one of our digital advice sessions or call the Digital Hotline.

"Our volunteer digital champions are incredibly kind, helpful and patient and their advice is helping thousands of Dorset residents."

In Dorset, 11% of residents are completely offline and another 20% lack all the essential digital skills needed to get online.

For some people that means although they like their new Christmas gadget, they just do not know how to make the most use of it.

Digital champion, Julie Saunders, said: "If you have received a new device for Christmas or even if you are using an

old one, the digital champions are here to help.

"We all need help using a computer or device at times so don't be afraid to ask.

"Whether you want to learn something new, check that everything is working as it should or even because you are frustrated because the computer just says 'no!' call or come and see us - we can't promise to solve every problem, but we'll have a very good try."

To find out where face-to-face digital advice sessions are held go to www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/volunteer-digital-champions or call the Digital Hotline on 01305 221048 (Mon to Fri, 10am to noon) for more information and to book. Catherine Sha

CORFE CASTLE SURGERY PPG

As I write, we are halfway through the start of a new year and whilst Covid hasn't gone away we are learning to live with it and services are gradually being re-introduced. The face-to-face consultations we were used to pre-covid are now back and have been well received but we all have a responsibility to ensure that we identify any respiratory symptoms with the receptionist and wear a mask or face covering to protect both staff and other patients.

Over 100,000 covid vaccinations have been given over the last two years at the Wareham Hospital Vaccination Centre and it is hoped that boosters will again be available locally to those eligible in Spring and Autumn. I will be joining the team again and look forward to meeting our Surgery patients.

We will be holding a PPG meeting with the Surgery in February so please let us know if there are any issues you would like us to raise at this time.

(corfecastlesurgery ppg@gmail.com). The Surgery would also welcome any feedback on the new website recently prepared and introduced (thank you for all the hard work this entailed).

The PPG will be aiming to increase its membership in future months and would welcome enquiries from anyone interested in joining us. *Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair*



Langton Matravers Village Hall Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 23 February
2023 7pm**

**Please come along
New ideas and events
welcome**

WORTH FILM CLUB

Our next screening on Wednesday, 15 February will be *Emily the Criminal*, a recently released film. Having attended an expensive art school, Emily graduates with a mountain of debt. She feels trapped and she gradually chooses a life of crime. The film is a thriller, fuelled by its protagonist's volcanic anger at her own downward mobility. Aubrey Plaza (Emily) gives a genuinely electrifying central performance.

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Claude Bonfanti

NEWS FROM WORTH MATRAVERS

The 2022 Carols on the Green was held in our Church and attracted more people than ever from the village and beyond. With live music and mulled wine to lubricate us, we created a very merry throng. We are very pleased to report that the event generated a total of £536 for the Swanage Food Bank.

During the build up to Christmas, other donations to the Food bank included £420 from the Film Club and £100 was raised by one of our enterprising locals who crocheted and sold neck warmers in the local bus shelter. All in all, Christmas was a successful fundraising time which helped provide essential food items to people in need. A big thank you to everyone who so generously contributed.

Looking forward, we have another series of events planned this year including our Village Hall AGM on 11 April, a Picnic on the Green on Monday, 8 May to celebrate the King's Coronation, and our Fête is due to be held on Monday, 29 May. More information in due course.

The Village Events Team

WESTON FARM

It's been nine months since the Trust acquired Weston Farm in Worth Matravers – and I thought it would be good to give an update of where we are.

The Trust purchased the Farm primarily for the land, thus continuing a process of acquisition along the coast that started nearly 60 years ago with Brownsea Island. Various acquisitions, including the Bankes Estate, have left us with a substantial coastal estate. The Trust owns around 800 miles of coastline in the UK (excluding Scotland). Weston Farm is another part of the jigsaw secured forever, for everyone.

As with everywhere in south Purbeck, Weston's history can be read within the lumps, bumps and buildings across the landscape. Formerly two farmsteads, the mix of field types, agricultural buildings, strip lynchets and faint markers of older systems, quarries and access tracks... as well as various ownerships, tenancies and tensions... well it's all south Purbeck wrapped up in a few hundred acres. Weston was originally a manor in its own right, have fun exploring online or down the library to find out more about this strange section of Purbeck.

Our first year has been spent assessing the natural and cultural value of the site. The buildings have been time consuming to assess, taking until now to complete. Our initial wildlife surveys of the land have given us a base line for what

happens next. Yellowhammers, corn buntings, black redstarts... and so many hares.

Our plans for nature are currently to manage the coastal slopes as per the fields to the east, continuing the existing practice. Where the fields have recently been under the plough, we're going to be patient and see what happens next. Ultimately, they need to produce more nature and store more carbon, how we do that (and how much they are grazed) depends on how the soils respond to some rest.

For the buildings – well, now we have a detailed historic report we can think through what we can do next. We are thinking about how we can create some affordable small business units, and probably one or two new holiday cottages. We want to reinstate the campsite (formerly Weston Dairy Campsite) – the details of which we are going through at the moment.

We are an organisation that was set up to secure land for the recreational access of everyone, so we need to consider what additional access may make sense across this landscape for visitors who are already here. We have, for instance, put in a permissive path in the field adjacent to the coast path – a section which gets really slippery in winter.

The quarries and caves at Winspit are obviously important to keep open to the public as they are such an important part of Purbeck's history (and probably most people's only experience of Purbeck as an industrial landscape, rather than a wild space shaped by nature). Ultimately, we'll have to be guided by quarry safety reports and bat experts (as we are across the coastal quarries).

So – we have clear plans for the land and are developing plans for the buildings. We'll share more information here when we have it. In the meantime, enjoy spring when it arrives and go see some hares. They are marvellous animals!

Tom Clarke, Senior Volunteering & Community Manager, National Trust

SUSTAINABLE WORTH

In January, Sustainable Worth hosted a very informative meeting with Dorset Council's Recycling Team.

Just a few new facts ...

A full rubbish lorry (1-1.5 days rounds) costs us £1,200 (£120/tonne)! 32% of that could have been in our recycling bins.

Recycling costs much less, usually £10-£50/tonne depending on the material and can even be profitable for the Council, although the amount varies considerably. Glass recycling often costs nothing and metal cans may be valuable. Dorset's recycled materials contain a high rate of 28% paper...our older population still read newspapers rather than getting news online!

Leaflets which explain in detail what may be recycled can be collected from St Nicholas Church Porch.

The possibilities for recycling have increased hugely over the last few years. We can all help by taking care over what we buy and recycle, but the main responsibility now lies with manufacturers and the government to make our waste more easily recyclable. kathy.hollidge@gmail.com.

Kathy Hollidge

LM LOCAL HISTORY & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

LMHPS is pleased to report that it is back in action! The Stone Museum in St George's Close will re-open on 1 April.

We start our programme for the year by welcoming you all to three talks, in January, February and March, all at Langton Matravers Village Hall:

- **Thursday, 26 January** - Ben Buxton Talks On The Mysteries Of Creech Barrow.
- **Thursday, 16 February** - Nick Reed Talks On The East Indiaman Wrecks Of The Dorset Coast, including the 'Earl of Abergavenny' and the 'Halsewell'.
- **Thursday, 23 March** - Mary Sparks Talks On The Sale Of Worth Matravers in 1919, followed by A Short History Of Worth Village School. Doors will open from 7pm, talks begin at 7.30pm. £3 members, £4 non-members. You can join the Society or renew your membership on the door!
- **On Tuesday, 28 February** at 10.30am. there will be an open meeting for Museum custodians and 'interested others' in the Events room at Langton Village Hall. All are welcome to attend: do come along to find out more about the Society, about volunteering and getting involved. Refreshments will be served. Put the date in your diary now, and we look forward to seeing you there.

*Mary Sparks, Daryle Pearson,
Publicity & Communications for LMLHPS*

LANGTON MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL

Happy New Year from all at Langton Village Hall.

We are pleased to announce the following regular events in the Village Hall

- **Monday Evenings** - 7-9 pm. Table Tennis All Welcome.
- For More Information Contact Collette on 01929 422832
- **Tuesday Evenings** - 7.30-9.45. Country Dancing. Contact Mike On 01929 421913 Email: mhwalslaw@talktalk.net
- **Friday Evenings** - 7-9 pm. Short mat bowls. Please Contact Beryl On 01929 425226 Or Peter On 01929 427328
- **Tuesday Mornings** 9-12 am. Pilates with Johanna. Contact Johanna for more details 07920 421783
- **2nd and 4th Wednesday morning. 10-12pm.** Community Library in the Memorial Room - We have a good selection of books, Dvds and puzzles to borrow and there is always a welcome cuppa and biscuits waiting for you. All Welcome.
- **AGM** - Langton Matravers Village Hall AGM. Thursday, 23 Feb - 7pm. All Welcome

ARTSREACH

Following on from last year's very successful Artsreach Events, Langton Village Hall is pleased to announce that the following acts will be appearing:

- **Sunday, 12 Feb - 7.30pm.** Janice Burns & Jon Doran

These rising folk stars, Janice Burns & Jon Doran are an Anglo-Scottish duo who came together after discovering a shared love of traditional music. They find their songs in ar-

chives that span the depths of our history. Their compelling storytelling comes alive through tight vocal harmonies and sensitive interplay between mandolin, bouzouki, and guitar.

- **Saturday, 4 March - 7.30. pm.** - Latchepen

Latchepen are born out of a collective admiration of Django Reinhardt and anything that swings. Acoustic by nature, Latchepen perform jazz on strings, with influences ranging from Romani music through to bebop. They regularly play at Ronnie Scotts, and tour all over the UK playing arts venues and village halls as well as all over the world at festivals such as the Django Reinhardt festival, Turin Jazz Festival and March Manouche (UK).

Tickets for sale from Trevs Deli, Kings Arms, Langton Matravers, Keith Coombes 01929 423834 or via Artsreach website - www.artsreach.co.uk

For hire

Our beautiful Village hall is available for hire. We also have two smaller rooms, the Events Room and the Memorial Room which can also be hired. We have a brand new kitchen complete with fridge, dishwasher, large cooker and a warming cabinet and a good supply of crockery, glasses and cutlery.

For more details please contact either Daryle - 07786 433442 or Collette 01929 422832 - or visit the website www.langtonvillagehall.co.uk

FUNDRAISER

I'm putting on a fundraiser gig in Aid for the Eilidh MacLeod Trust on 18 March at St George's Church with Glenn And The Creeks and a 15 piece orchestra called Westbourne Strings.

Eilidh was a victim of the Manchester Arena bombing in 2018 and a trust was set up to provide financial support for young musicians.

Doors open 7.30 music starts 8pm. Entry £10 or in advance on 07815134534

Tea and coffee n cakes available. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=11PORSdOVqo>

Glenn Ross

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY MEETING

Present: Cllr P. Christie in the chair, D. Pearson, P. Loudoun, I. Vaughan-Arbuckle, P. Golob & M. Sutton.

NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Tom Clarke reported that the National Trust has a continued relationship with the activity providers at Spyway Car Park and is negotiating a changing solution for the participants; and that the toilet will be returned from April to October. The National Trust are looking at setting up a working group to look at visitors, nature and economics (re: sustainable landscapes) in south Purbeck. The reintroduction of choughs into South Dorset is still ongoing and looks promising.

PLANNING MATTERS

- Application no: P/HOU/2022/07435. Location: Englishcombe East Drove Langton Matravers, BH19 3HF. Proposal: Erect rear extension. Install new roof on house with gable ends. Demolish existing garage. NO OBJECTION.

PLAYGROUND

It was noted that although remedial repair works have been done at the playground, new turf and rubber matting has yet to be laid on the mound. The clerk is to follow this

up.

SPYWAY DEVELOPMENT

It is understood that six sets of keys have been allocated for the houses at Spyway. The clerk is to investigate how many of these houses have allocated to local people.

PARISH SURGERY

Cllr Sutton proposed a parish surgery (the full report for which can be found on the website). It was agreed that this was a good idea in principal but that more work needed to be done.

HIGHWAYS REPORT

As part of the village's 20mph bid, there are currently monitors at the top and end of the village, because Highways want to know the average speed of vehicles in these areas. There has been the theft of a SID (Speed Indicating Device) (like the one in the village) locally, and parishioners are asked to remain vigilant and to report anything out of the ordinary to the Parish Clerk or parish councillors. The lines on the B0169 have been worn away. This has been brought to the attention of Highways who are to conduct a survey.

OLD MALTHOUSE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

Prior to the Langton Matravers Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, 9 Feb 2023, Parishioners are invited to attend a brief introduction by Marcus Clarke of the SATAO Group (owners of The Old Malthouse Site) regarding his wish to involve the community in the choice and scale of housing that we would like for this site.

This consultation is not part of the Parish Council meeting, and will be convened in the Village Hall between 6.30pm – 6.55pm (prompt). Should there be sufficient interest indicated by Parishioners, a separate Public Meeting would follow at the earliest opportunity.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 9 February in the Village Hall.

Jenny Marshall, Parish Clerk

HARMANS CROSS

HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

We had a fabulous evening with a big crowd enjoying Tom Cruise in *Top Gun Maverick* at our most recent Movie Night, and we have a couple of brilliant films lined up:

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

Other dates for your diary here at the Hall include:

- **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 February 9 and 23, and March 9 and 23.

And finally, the HXVM AGM is scheduled for Friday, 21 April, and we will be repeating last year's hugely enjoyable cheese and wine pairing & tasting after the main business is (rapidly) concluded!

Alison & the HXVH Committee

12 The Dubber

THE ROUND

I MADE IT TO A HUNDRED!

First to rooms in Palafox in The Hyde; then for two years to the flat in The 'old' Rectory; finally, on 1 February 1949, to Braeside which has now been my family home seventy-four years...and all this because Frank became a teacher in St George's School.

Frank died in 2010 since which time I have become used to living on my own, albeit with the support of family, neighbours, and friends to whom I am very grateful.

As time went by I began more and more to set my sights on the challenge of reaching a century and receiving a card from The Queen. Sadly she died too soon, but I made my hundredth birthday six weeks ago and now have greetings from King Charles and Camilla displayed in my front room.

Very few people have lived for so long as I in Langton and reached such a significant age, and I look back on my birthday with a degree of pride and a great deal of pleasure.

I was amazed that so many people called in to see me on the day itself, bringing cards and gifts, and even a ukulele to accompany a chorus of Happy Birthday from the road outside. Braeside seemed to be full throughout the day and I would like to thank everyone who through their kindness made my hundredth birthday so special.

Who knows what the future will bring? I very much hope to live out my remaining time in the house and village that have been my home for so long but, truth to tell, age has slowed me and my active mobility is something of the past so I don't go very far these days. Like for so many elderly people living on their own, therefore, days tend to be long so, after all the excitement of my birthday, I really would welcome brief visits from those of you who just happen to be passing to keep me in touch with some of the Langton gossip! I won't be far away!

With my thanks and best wishes, Doreen Selman

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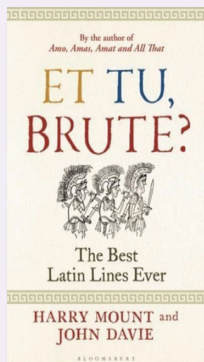
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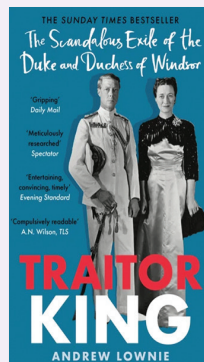
12pm: Pay bar and book-signings; **1pm:** three-course lunch including wine

The Oldie will donate all the profits and sponsorship money to the roof appeal.
If all 120 tickets are sold, we will raise over £3,000 for the church roof.



Harry Mount

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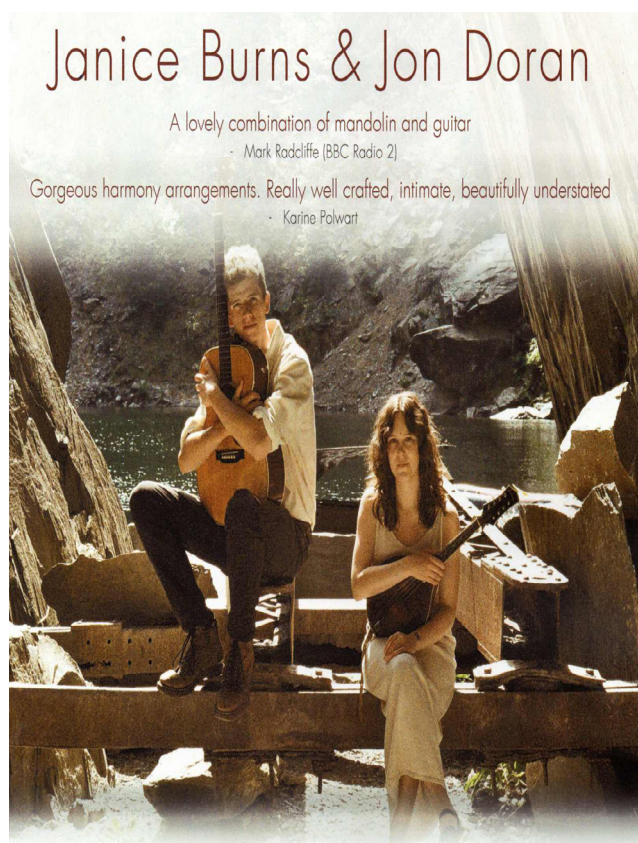
Sasha Swire

on *Diary of an MP's Wife*
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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



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Don't miss

The Duke
at HXVH
Tuesday, 14 February
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JANUARY 2023

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	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
7	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	HXVH
9	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
9	6-6.55pm	Meeting about Old Malthouse Site	LMVH
9	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
12	7.30pm	Artsreach: Janice Burns & Jon Doran	LMVH
13	7pm	CCPC Meeting	CCVH
14	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
14	7.30pm	Film: <i>The Duke</i>	HXVH
15	7.30pm	WMFC: <i>Emily the Criminal</i>	WMVH
16	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
16	7.30pm	LMLHPS: Talk on East Indiaman Wrecks on Dorset Coast	LMVH
18	9.30 - noon	Stalls in the Hall	HXVH
21	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
23	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
23	7pm	AGM: Langton Village Hall	LMVH
28	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe

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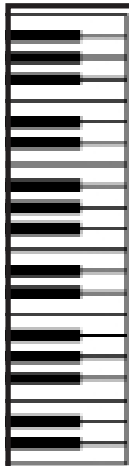
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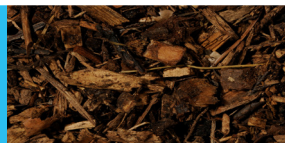
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