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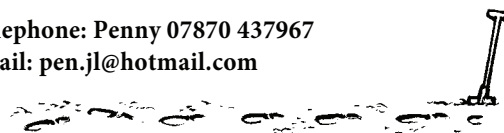
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Deadline for Next Issue

The editor, Angela Bell, appreciates the early submission of contributions but, for those cutting it fine, the deadline for the **August** issue is noon on **Thursday, 20 July** & it will be ready for collection on **Tuesday, 25 July**.

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 dubbeditor@staldhelm-purbeck.org or by post to The Editor, 2 The Steddings, Langton Matravers, BH19 3EU (☎427202).

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July 2023

Revd Nick writes:



Firstly, let me introduce myself... I'm Revd Nick Webb, an associate Priest here in the Purbeck Hills Benefice. I'd like to take this opportunity to talk about one of our worship opportunities within our churches which we call 'Walking Church'.

I'll begin by sharing some background to this initiative with you; Together with my wife Naomi and our three young boys we began Walking Church back in 2020 in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. Although the vision had been held for longer, it was during this difficult point for everyone that it seemed to make absolute sense to begin a fresh expression of church worship that could meet as a church community both outside, and whilst enjoying a walk. All ages can meet together to enjoy conversation, fresh air and exercise, reflection, prayer and often, some kind of outside craft activity, followed by time enjoying our picnic lunches together after the walk. Walking church offers a variation on this theme every time we meet - whatever the weather! The concept came from our family activities, as I noted that it was when we went out for family walks that we had our best moments of conversation, fun and least arguments! The children were easily entertained by the natural environment around us and I thought – surely this would be a great way of meeting as church community too.

We are lucky enough to live within the Purbeck hills and Jurassic coastline, so offering a variety of interesting places to walk isn't an issue! But, we do try to begin each walk from outside a church building within the benefice as a point to focus our act of worship at the beginning and the end. Our community has grown from a handful of people to well over 60 (though rarely all at once!) and we continue to welcome all (including dogs!) who want to join us. We have even had special celebrations at Easter and Christmas when we've enjoyed a treasure hunt, toasting marshmallows and teacakes over a firepit and time to reflect on our faith together.

The joy of meeting outside is the ease by which a wide variety of different people can join together, build community and share an act of informal reflective worship. It is a very simple concept, but one which easily accommodates an eclectic mix of ages and characters whilst being as deliberately inclusive as possible. We enjoy the walk and enjoy a picnic lunch together afterwards, and it is a genuinely lovely time.

If you would like to join us, we meet on the third Sunday of each month at 11am for an hour's walk followed by a bring your own picnic lunch. Details of which church we are beginning from is published here in The Dubber and on our church website. Alternatively you can contact our parish office for details too.

Many blessings,

Revd Nick

Nick Webb
Associate Priest
St Aldhelm's Benefice

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5pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	Worth
WEDNESDAY 5 JULY		
10am	Prayer & conversation	Langton
SUNDAY	9 JULY TRINITY 5	
8am	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
WEDNESDAY 12 JULY		
10am	Communion & conversation	Langton
SUNDAY	16 JULY TRINITY 6	
10am	Celtic Eucharist	Worth
10am	Morning Worship	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11am	Walking Church	Langton
6pm	Evening Prayer	HX
WEDNESDAY 19 JULY		
10am	Communion & conversation	Langton
SUNDAY	23 JULY TRINITY 7	
10am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Worth
10am	Holy Communion	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11.15am	Holy Communion	Kingston
WEDNESDAY 26 JULY		
10am	Prayer & conversation	Langton
SUNDAY	30 JULY TRINITY 8	
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Walking Church

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Last month's Dubber included the headline '1,000 WAYS TO SAVE ST NICHOLAS' and referred to the raffle for the beautiful painting of St Nicholas of Myra by Nicholas Hely Hutchinson. Initial uptake of tickets has been very promising as has interest in the Champagne Reception to be held on 14 October when the draw will take place. On a beautiful sunny day at the Worth Matravers fête nearly 100 raffle tickets from the limited print of 1,000 were sold. This is a great way to donate whilst at the same time having the possibility of winning an original painting by a well-known artist!

Meanwhile two further significant milestones have been reached, the appointment of contractors to carry out the work on the church roof and final confirmation from the Heritage Lottery Fund that all is in place for us to proceed with works when we are ready. After a comprehensive tendering process followed by an extraordinary meeting of the Parochial Church Council, Tudor Rose Masonry and Conservation of Weymouth have been appointed to carry out the work. It is anticipated that work will start in September this year and will continue for 8/9 months. During this period the church will have to close but services will continue to be held either in the Village Hall or at times, when the weather is suitable, at the Chapel.

We still need to raise approximately £55,000 to achieve our target. In addition to the painting raffle we continue to approach charitable organisations for support as well as running other charitable events. We are so nearly there, please help us by buying raffle tickets or making a donation - anything you can do to help save this magnificent 12th Century church would be greatly appreciated.

Hugh Cochrane

GENERAL NEWS

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL OFSTED REPORT

St George's School was visited by Ofsted in April. The Inspection Team found the school to be 'good' in all areas:

- Overall effectiveness Good
- The quality of education Good
- Behaviour and attitudes Good
- Personal development Good
- Leadership and management Good
- Early years provision Good

The inspectors explored what it is like for a pupil to attend the school. They commented:

Pupils are proud to be a member of St George's. The strong Christian values of love, truth, forgiveness and respect are brought to life in the school's work. Parents speak highly of the school, describing it as a school with 'an excellent ethos'.

Leaders have high ambition for all pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). They ensure everyone has the support they need. As a result, pupils are motivated to learn.

Pupils uphold the school values in all they do. They are calm, respectful and considerate of others. They know the school rules and behave well in lessons. Older pupils enjoy being role models for younger pupils at playtime. Pupils feel safe at school because staff help them if they have any concerns.

FOCUSING ON LEADERSHIP, THE INSPECTION TEAM NOTED:

Leaders, staff and governors have worked together to make rapid improvement since the previous inspection. The school community is complimentary about the drive of the headteacher. Staff say that recent changes are well thought through and have a positive impact on their workload. Pupils and parents say that the school is a welcoming place to be.

Leaders and governors have a shared vision. Governors provide relevant and constructive challenge for leaders and engage proactively with external challenge and support. This has helped to improve the quality of education.

Leaders have selected the precise content they want pupils to know in most subjects. They have sequenced knowledge so it builds on to wider ideas about the subject. Pupils can recall their learning in depth. For example, in mathematics, pupils find review questions useful. They talk confidently about prior learning and explain how their fractions learning has developed over time. In Reception, children develop their understanding of number and can create number sentences independently.

Pupils know the importance of the school's values. They encourage each other to be responsible. As a result, the school is a calm place to be. Pupils know what is expected of them and they rise to these expectations. This begins in the early years. For example, leaders teach children routines, such as lining up, through song and rhyme. Pupils love initiatives such as 'secret student' during assembly to reward a child who has behaved well. Pupils have designed postcards that members of the school community can send one another for positive behaviour and effort.

Leaders ensure the personal development curriculum has high importance as soon as children start in Reception. Children learn about right and wrong. Pupils create recipes to explain how to be mentally and physically healthy. Staff teach pupils the importance of quiet moments for reflection. Pupils know it is important to treat everyone with respect despite any differences. They benefit from trips and a wide array of clubs, such as choir, football and gymnastics. Pupils take pride in leadership roles, for example, as eco and school councillors.

This was a very encouraging and well deserved endorsement of the school. Ofsted recognised and praised the drive and leadership of headteacher, Katy Astle, and the hard work and support of all staff who work in the school.

Well done to everyone at St George's.

The full report can be found on the school's website: www.stgeorgeslangton.dorset.sch.uk and on the Ofsted website.

James Mercer, Vice Chair of Governors

CORFE CASTLE SURGERY

We have unfortunately said a goodbye to Sally, one of our Practice Nurses who has relocated to Italy. We had hoped that Sally would still be able to work with us remotely on a weekly basis but this has not been possible, however she will come and help out as often as she can whilst being back in the UK.

Therefore, we are looking to recruit a phlebotomist/HCA, so if you know anyone with the relevant experience that is looking for work in a wonderful team, please ask them to get in touch.

Emma and Jo are doing a fantastic job of keeping up

with the demand but this means that their clinics are being booked into at least 2 weeks in advance. This is a plea that if you cannot make an appointment time, please let us know as soon as possible because someone else may need an urgent appointment. Also please get here and be ready for your allotted time as at the time of writing this we have had five late arrivals out of 8 patients in one morning!

Due to donations made to the practice in the past we have just purchased a device called a Buzzy4shots this is to help the nurses to give pain free vaccinations to children, so thank you to all of those who have donated and hopefully the youngsters enjoy our new addition.

Kerry Norman, Practice Manager

PPG

Many may not know that Corfe Surgery is one of six surgeries within the Purbeck Primary Care Network. The GP Surgeries meet on a regular basis working together to provide to us with the best services possible in our local area under the guidance of a PCN Clinical Director and a PCN Business manager.

The PCN has reported that the Purbeck Practices have had excellent results in a recent patient access survey (more details at a later stage) but they have warned that the National picture for Primary care is not good with over 3500 GPs leaving the profession in the last twelve months with a 20% increase in GP workload, therefore making recruitment very difficult in all areas. We are indeed very lucky to be cared for by Dr Lepper and his excellent team in Corfe but it is important that we make best use of the whole surgery team not always expecting to see a doctor.

The PCN uses Facebook and its website as its main communication channels but is asking how best it can communicate with patients in our area - any ideas would be welcomed please (corfecastlesurgeryppg@gmail.com).

Within the PPG we are delighted to restart our Health talks, thanks to Professor Howard Thomas, a PPG member, who has arranged for Mr James Kersey to visit the Village Hall in June to talk about common eye problems and on 13 July at 7pm in the Village Hall we will be welcoming Professor Jonathan Brown, a Consultant Gastroenterologist who will be talking about screening for conditions that affect our digestive tract, gallbladder, liver, bile ducts and pancreas. This should be an interesting talk and all are welcome to attend.

The PPG will be meeting with the Surgery team in early July so please let us know if there is anything you would like us to raise.

Please enjoy this wonderful sunshine we are having, keeping safe with plenty of fluids and sunscreen.

Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair

NATIONAL TRUST

Starting any new job can be daunting, but when I began my role with the National Trust, I was straight in at the deep end! My job is to promote all the nature conservation work that the Trust, our partners and local residents are doing in Purbeck. Here are some highlights from my first three weeks:

WORTH BEING THERE

My very first day was bank holiday Monday (29 May) – and I was asked to help run the National Trust display at the Worth Matravers Village Fête! This was a happy coinci-

dence for me because I used to live in Worth and knew lots of people.

We were at the fête to chat about the Trust's plans for managing the land at Weston Farm – working with partners to build a more joined-up landscape across Purbeck where wildlife can spread and thrive. Of course, I had very few answers myself, but it was worth it because I learned lots by listening to my colleagues!

This was followed by a brief to promote the campsite at Weston Farm which is re-opening under the Trust's management at the end of July. I know the site well – I lived in Worth when the campsite was first opened and run by the farm.

The new campsite will be on a much smaller scale, with only 60 pitches. Campers can enjoy the rich wildlife of the landscape – which I remember well from when I used to walk my dog there. Skylarks sing from high above, swallows dart and dive, and brown hares dance in the fields. On summer evenings, the track down to Winspit is lit by twinkling glow-worms, and you often see ghostly barn owls swooping low over the grassland.

The campsite is open from 31 July to 27 August. Find out more here www.nationaltrust.org.uk/holidays/dorset/weston-farm-campsite.

SPRINGWATCH SPOTLIGHT ON PURBECK

My first week also coincided with the BBC's filming of Springwatch in Purbeck. Presenter, Megan McCubbin, travelled across the area, meeting some of the organisations who are working together to protect and enhance the incredible wildlife here.

They filmed the peregrine falcons at Corfe Castle, and did a feature about bats at Winspit – Purbeck is home to 15 of the 18 species of bat in the UK. Two other sections were filmed at the beach at Studland. One was about the sand dunes, where all six of the UK's native reptiles can be found. The other was about the seagrass meadows, a precious habitat which is home to rare seahorses.

So what was my role in all this? I had to take photos, write posts for our social media channels, and even join other staff on 'security' duty – making sure people didn't walk into view when filming was taking place! If you missed any of the Springwatch episodes, you can catch up on iPlayer.

I'm looking forward to learning more about the exciting nature conservation work that's happening here in Purbeck – I'll keep you informed.

Cathy Lewis, Senior Marketing & Communications Officer, the National Trust

KINGSTON

NEWS FROM KINGSTON

A very well attended and enjoyable Paws concert featuring three very talented singers was held at St James's on 3 June. Continuing the musical theme a visiting team of bell ringers rang a full peal on the morning of Saturday, 17 June which hopefully was enjoyed by everyone in the village.

On Sunday, 16 July from 2 - 4pm we are holding fundraising Afternoon Teas with music at St James' when the tower will be open to see the stunning views of Corfe Castle and the valley.

A date for your diary for August when Afternoon Teas and open tower will again be held on Sunday, 20 August from 2 - 4pm. Please come along and support us on these dates if you can. *Doreen Farr CCT secretary*

HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

We had a fabulous Barn Dance at the Hall recently, and it was wonderful to see all ages – from 6 to 76 (and older) – enjoying a lovely evening and dancing into the dark. We think that's one to be repeated so let us know if you agree.

IN THE MEANTIME, OUR NEXT MOVIE NIGHT IS:

Tuesday 11 July – *Ticket to Paradise*

Ticket to Paradise sends Julia Roberts and George Clooney to Bali as bickering divorcees on a mission to sabotage their daughter's betrothal to a local seaweed farmer. But whilst lounging around the swimming pools and flower beds of a luxury hotel, guzzling cocktails and cavorting with dolphins, is a flame of love being rekindled between them?

It may not be a surprise that there were no Oscar nominations for the film, but there's no denying the 'pulling power' of both Julia Roberts and George Clooney, and it makes for a lovely film with a fabulous backdrop..

Doors and bar open at 7pm, and the film starts at 7.30pm with admission still at the inflation-busting price of £5.

Our August Movie Night is on Tuesday 8 August and is *What's Love Got To Do With It*.

Another date for your diaries is Bank Holiday Monday 28 August for our annual and ever-amazing Harmans Cross Annual Fete and Show. We will have all the usual entertainment – live music, children's entertainment and games, bar, BBQ, a huge host of stalls and our Big Raffle which this year will be partnering with the amazing Dorset charity Mosaic which provides bereavement counselling and support to youngsters.

We are already looking for donations of books, jewellery, bags and bric-a-brac so if you are having a clear-out then please keep us in mind. Please contact David Hollister on 01929 480540 or 07785 595 240 between 9am and 3pm please to arrange for a drop off, or email on hvxh@davidhollister.co.uk. Thank you!

Thank you for reading and we look forward to seeing you soon.
Alison & the HXVH Committee

WORTH MATRAVERS

WORTH 2023 CHARITY FETE

We had a brilliant turn out and exceeded all previous fundraising records. Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a successful day including stallholders, visitors, contributors, organisers and of course, the weather! Proceeds will be split three ways between MyTime, The Church Roof Appeal and the Village Hall. Join us at the Village Hall on 6 July at 6.30pm to celebrate with the beneficiaries. Please bring your own refreshments. Do take a look at the photos on our website as a reminder of what a fun day it was worthmatravervillagehall.org

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WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

JUNE MEETING

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

DORSET COUNCIL

Cllr Brooks gave an update on current funding initiatives and consultations including the DC Library Strategy and re-

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cent amendments and reductions to car park charges.

CORRESPONDENCE

The PC had agreed in principle to support the early May Worth village event. In that respect a sum of £200 for the provision and erection etc. of the marquee was agreed

The PC considered a letter requesting a donation from the Citizens Advice local organisation based in Wareham. It was agreed as a one off grant to contribute £200 to that organisation to support its local Purbeck initiatives.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

The PC considered a quotation from Dorset Council of £496 plus VAT for a newly located vehicle Speed Indicator Device pole to be located close to the initial 30 mph sign approaching from Corfe Castle on the Valley road in HX. The PC asked if they could keep the existing post and have another one placed in the location suggested. Their view was that using the middle post approaching the garage from time to time would be very helpful in stopping the speeding up approaching the garage and the crest of the hill. Two HX Cllrs also volunteered to do the regular location changeover and be trained to do so by DC.

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

- P/FUL/2023/02301 Chapmans Pool Boat House Hillbottom Worth Matravers: Retain external decking area to boathouse. No Comment
- P/FUL/2023/02301 Chapmans Pool Boat House Hillbottom Worth Matravers: Retain external decking area to boathouse. No Comment
- P/FUL/2023/01926: Lynchetts Winspit Road Worth Matravers BH19 3LW Demolish existing dwelling and erect a replacement chalet bungalow, retain existing garage. No comments.
- P/NMA/2023/03061: Happy Cottage London Row Worth Matravers BH19 3LQ Proposal: Non material amendment to approved P/A P/HOU/2022/03286 Demolition of existing single storey outbuilding. Side extension and rebuilding of outbuilding with associated landscaping to realign part of the Western wall. Ongoing concern as to the scale and impact of this development largely two storey opposite many of the cottages in London Row and also that the development as currently being constructed extends beyond the boundary of the applicant onto unregistered land impacting on highway access to those properties..
- P/HOU/2023/03022: Downshay Farm Cottage Haycrafts Lane Harmans Cross BH19 3EB: Two storey side extension, demolish existing. No Objection

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

The PC noted ongoing problems of overhanging vegetation on Haycrafts lane and on the roads leading into Worth Matravers.. Currently, the increasing recreational bicycle traffic is steadily growing compounding this overhanging vegetation as a problem.

The PC asked if Dorset Highways was aware of and would now address current problems of overhanging vegetation on Haycrafts lane and on the roads leading into Worth Matravers. Currently the recreational and event bicycle traffic is steadily growing compounding this overhanging vegetation as a problem

The PC noted the contractor had repaired fences at the rear of WMCP. There were still outstanding hedges which needed cutting back.
Roger Khanna. Parish Clerk

PRIDDLE ALLOTMENTS OPEN DAY SUNDAY, 6 AUGUST 3PM-5PM

After the fantastic day we all enjoyed on the allotments last year, we are hoping that the weather will be kind and allow us to produce another busy and enjoyable afternoon - although some rain between now and August would be really helpful!

There will be the famous tea and cake tent, raffle tickets to buy, allotments to admire, the Woodland Trail to explore and people to chat to.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Elizabeth Earl



The Wilkswood Reggae Festival kicks off again from Friday to Sunday, 21 -23 July and this year will feature Horace Andy, Hollie Cook, Aba Shanti-I, Kiko Bun, Channel One Sound and over 40 acts over three stages.

The festival has been running on the same site at Wilkswood Farm in Langton since 2016 and has a modest 2,500 capacity, perfect for families with young children. There's a dedicated kid's zone with free activities and workshops and the main stage and soundsystem arena are both undercover so the music can carry on whatever the weather. With a main bar selling ice cold beers and cider, the Rum Shak serving tropical cocktails and plenty of street food stalls (including a Caribbean jerk barbecue stall), the festival offers three days of sweet, sweet reggae music and three days of camping in the beautiful Purbeck countryside.

As a big thank you from the organisers for your continued patience and understanding, all Langton Matravers residents are invited to attend the festival from noon on Thursday, 20 July FREE. You'll be able to enjoy a full day of music and entertainment, including much acclaimed Leeds soundsystem Iration Steppas, as well as experience the bars, food stalls and merchandise outlets. On top of this, all attendees from Langton will also be able to sign up for weekend tickets at a discounted rate.

All you need to do is turn up at the festival box office with proof of identity (driving licence, utility bill, etc) showing that you are a Langton resident and you will receive a day pass for the Thursday entertainment.

All information can be found at <https://wilkswoodreggae.com> or email tickets@wilkswoodreggae.com. *Paul Burrows*

LMLHPS

The Society has been having a busy time in the last couple of months. We re-opened the Museum at the Coach House, Langton Matravers, just behind the church (BH19 3HZ) on 1 April. Do please come and pay us a visit when you are next passing, or make a special plan to come! Custodians will be very pleased to welcome you, and the museum is open 10-12 and 2-4 every day except Sunday. There is an exciting new display about the role of radar in winning

the war, and also, on loan from the Swanage Pier Trust, a rare relic, the brass name letters from the 'KYARRA', sunk off this coast by a German U Boat in WW1. The Purbeck Stone museum exhibits now have some excellent interpretation boards and new lighting.

We held our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 18th May in Langton Village Hall, and this was well-attended. We said goodbye to our outgoing Chairman, David Selman, thanking him for many years of splendid service. Daryle Pearson was elected Chair, and other key officers were appointed. The museum is working towards Accreditation status, and there will be lots of work to do. It was agreed that we need to encourage people in the wider community to take an active role in exploring the history of the area, and make links with local schools and other organisations to help us to do this.

Does your house have a story to tell? We are interested in hearing from anyone who knows about a previous resident or event which happened in their current home in Langton. We are hoping to build up a 'library' of stories about the community of Langton in more recent history, from the 20th and even 21st centuries, and we need your help! Either call into the museum when it's open, or write a message on our website (address above).

Membership fees, payable in September, are £10 for an individual, £15 for a couple, with Life membership a bargain at £100. Please do consider joining us if you are not already a member. We are planning a couple of summer outings; guided walks in the area in August and early September, and a 'Show and Tell History Day', venue tbc. - watch our website for further details. We also intend to hold another series of talks leading up to Christmas: updates when plans are in place.

*Daryle Pearson & Mary Sparks,
Publicity & Communications*

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL JUNE MEETING

Dorset Cllr's report There has been a change in Cabinet portfolio holders: Cllr Brooks is at Adult Social Care, Noc Lacy-Clark at Highways and Gary Suttle is now Deputy Leader. There is a new round of the Household Support Fund, and Cllr Christie will post information about access to this and other useful funding opportunities on the LMPC website.

PLANNING MATTERS

- a) P/LBC/2023/02 Location: 27 the King's Arms High Street Langton Matravers BH19 3EU Proposal: Erect single storey extension and carry out minor internal alterations. No Objection
- b) P/HOU/2023/02912 (and LBC) Location: Langton Manor Farm House Langton Matravers Swanage BH19 3EU Proposal: Construct higher replacement roof to utility room and garage / studio with roof lights. Repair and insulation of Purbeck slate roofs. No Objection.
- d) P/LBC/2023/02914 Location: Langton Manor Farm House Langton Matravers BH19 3EU Proposal: Timber casement and sash window repairs and restoration. External wall below-ground tanking adjacent to highway. Limecrete floor installation to replace areas of modern concrete floors. Internal layout alterations. Reinstatement of historic bread oven arrangement. Corbel detail to Sitting Room/Snug. No Objection.
- e) P/TRC/2023/03121 Location: Rose Cottage Acton

Langton Matravers BH19 3LD Proposal:T1 Leylandii - Fell to ground level. Grind out stump. No Objection.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

a) **Footway outside church.** There had been several complaints from parishioners about its dangerous state. Cllr V-A had a site meeting with Ian Styring (DC) in May. DC are committed to replacing the c.10 m between the entrance to Durnford and the church wall, currently marked with 'Temporary footway' signs. To replace the rest, as far as St George's Close, LMPC will have to make a contribution, as it is currently below DC intervention levels.

b) **Wessex Water main replacement.** The main between Putlake and Three Acre Lane will be replaced in January 2024, meaning 8 weeks of 3-way traffic lights, and 2 weeks of road closure. Cllr V-A suggested the need for advice for traffic at the B3069 Corfe junction to deter use of the road, and a possible 1-way system at the site of the work. Cllr Brooks will look at plans at DC and report back, especially re: impact on Bus services.

c) **Traffic Accidents/incidents** on the High Street. We need your help! These are not always reported, and DC Highways may not be aware. Please do report any incidents to LMPC, including near misses, so a more accurate picture can be developed.

THREE NORTHS PLAQUE UPDATE

The historic moment will be recorded on a plaque at the site where the three norths converged in Langton Matravers on 2 November 2022. Watch out for details of the unveiling ceremony, and come and join the fun!

NEW CLERK

Sadly, Dr Jenny Marshall, has resigned: LMPC hope to appoint a new Clerk at the end of June.

Mary Sparks, Temporary Clerk

ST GEORGE'S FETE

Suddenly the Fête doesn't seem so far away. It's 12 August from 2 till 5pm.

As always, we are hoping that you will be able to come. It will be held in the Church and the surrounding grounds, with lots of stalls, food and things to drink.

If you have things you would like to donate for sale, we would be very grateful to have them. Cakes, jams, jewellery, scarves, plants, glass, china and books always sell well. We'd rather not have general bric a brac though, as it doesn't go so well and is always difficult to dispose of after the Fete.

If you do have things you would like us to have, you can either leave them at the back of the church (not in front of the wooden cupboard in the corner please) or ring me on 07767 090013.

Chris Meadows

NEWS FROM NOWHERE

THE RAMBLING GARDENER

July is the start of the children's holiday and we all hope for good weather here beside the sea for all the families. People drive for miles to enjoy time here, but I remember the end of July and early August sadly seems to rain. This is great for the garden, but no good for the holiday visitors.

It is a good time to sow some seeds such as black radish, cabbages and cauliflowers to grow through the winter, and also quick cropping Little Gem lettuce or oriental greens, especially if it rains. If you have room there are also green manure plants like rye, mustard, phacelia and clover that pro-

tect and enrich the ground, and may have beautiful flowers.

I think we should all eat more food that we have made fresh from things we have grown ourselves. Tonight's supper was greens from perennial kale, a little potato and some local organic bacon topped with some nasturtium flowers. It was followed by a whole apple and homegrown lemons grated with yogurt and raisins. Much of this can be grown on a balcony, or inside on a wall with the right lighting, it is time consuming but good health is worth working for and packaged food from the supermarket doesn't taste nearly the same!

Another good idea I would like to suggest is that you join up with neighbours to have joint meals sometimes, many households are smaller now. It is more fun to eat together and saves on energy and ingredients when several meals are cooked together. Our "supper club" is very relaxed, we cook together or each donate a bit of the meal and enjoy each other's different cooking styles and company each week.

One food that we all rely on is bread, but it has changed over the years. Many people cannot digest it and are intolerant to the gluten in bread. Traditionally wheat was grown for both the straw for thatching houses, feeding/bedding animals and the kernels of corn. With a population rise and processing of foods lead to high demand for wheat for bread making. The straw was not needed so wheat was crossed with rye and other grasses to halve the height of the wheat and increase its productivity. This changed the wheat DNA, and now I am unable to eat bread without falling asleep. Some people with wheat intolerance can eat bread made with old varieties of flour e.g., Einkorn, Emmer and Spelt.

Very dry weather at the end of May and in June has affected water levels, so do keep a mulch or cover around plants and be very careful with your water supply. This year putting sheep wool around many of my perennial plants and cutting excess foliage is doing a great job keeping the weeds down, keeping the ground moist, and stopping evaporation.

Have a good July and enjoy being outside. If you would like to visit, I am usually here so do come, visit the garden and have tea, but please call first (01929 421681). *Rachel*

THE ROUND

IN THE MIDST OF LIFE...

I have been meaning to write this piece for some time now but recent events in the village have prompted me to finally put pen to paper.

Over the last few months, we have lost quite a few of our friends in the village – some old, some not so old and some far too young. Recently, while walking, I took a moment to sit on the new stone seat that has been placed at Dancing Ledge in remembrance of Mia Pope.

Mia's Stone is a certain and poignant reminder of life's fragility and, as I sat there, I thought of those people in the village who had died more recently. The first name that came to mind was Steve Legg, who had worked so hard to make Putlake Farm a success but died at the beginning of the year after a hard-fought battle with cancer. How unfair life is that, after all that work, his life was cut short.

At the beginning of the spring, we wished Roger and Yvonne Free a fond farewell as they left Langton to live near their daughter in Henley. Roger had been a head teacher

before his retirement and, over the years, he had been a great help at St George's School listening to children read and helping those children with specific learning problems.

I was shocked to receive an early morning call from Roger a few weeks after his move to tell me that Yvonne had died. Roger was absolutely devastated. He obviously found it enormously difficult to come to terms with – not surprising really when you consider the amount of time they had been together. Sometime later when I heard that he had found it too hard to carry on, I was stunned but not surprised.

My own neighbour, Cif Turner, also died in the spring just after his ninetieth birthday. At his funeral, we heard about his life as an engineer, how he met his wife, Barbara, and his many interests. As funerals go, it was a warm and uplifting event - a real celebration of his life.

Roger, Yvonne and Cif were all nonagenarians who had led long and full lives. They had achieved their three score and ten with a little more added on for good measure.

Unfortunately, as Mia's Stone reminds us, some people are not afforded the privilege of a long and full life and when a young life is cut short, there is nothing anyone can say that relieves the heartbreak. Believe me, I know. Life can be so cruel and all you can do is decide to get up in the morning and keep plodding through.

It is with that thought in mind that my heart goes out to the family of Jack Gillespie – a young life cut far too short.

Angela

HAVE YOUR SAY

DEAR EDITOR,

I am writing to apologise for the noise and disruption caused by the construction work at Happy Cottage, Worth, which I know has caused considerable upset to some nearby residents and second-home owners.

For the 24 years my family have owned the property, the large garden outhouse has been falling down creating both an eyesore and a danger and, now that my grandchildren are regular visitors, I was keen to remedy the situation. As the Council will not allow replacement with a stand-alone dwelling, planning permission was obtained for it as an extension.

Work began in October with the expectation of it being over by now but unfortunately, it has been beset by problems, including discovering that the soil's high clay content required 4m foundations. The side of the gravelled area had to be shored up and this required machinery etc.

The public area beside our wall, which is unregistered land, was for decades an extremely overgrown, unsightly mudbank which only had room for one car to park. We cleared and gravelled this to allow the builders access, effectively doubling the area available for public parking.

I completely agree that the noise of stone cutting is horrible but, as locals know, natural stone is a requirement in our beautiful area. Unfortunately complaints have necessitated the submission of two small amendments which, ironically, could take officers up to 8 weeks to review and so the work's completion which we're all longing for is being further delayed.

Again, I offer my sincere apologies for the noise and assure neighbours that every effort is being made to finish the works asap.

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JULY 2023

4	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
4	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	HXVH
5	7pm	Swanage Town Band	Bandstand
6	10-11.30am	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
6	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
11	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
11	7.30pm	Film: <i>Ticket to Paradise</i>	HXVH
13	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
13	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
13	7pm	Talk by Gastroenterologist	CCVH
15-20 Aug	11-4.30pm	Purbeck Artists and Stallholders	WMVH
15	2.30pm	Swanage Town Band	Bandstand
16	2-4	Afternoon Teas & Tower Open	St James'
16	7.30pm	Artsreach: Paprika	LMVH
18	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
20	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
20	All Day	Free day at Reggae Fest for all Langton villagers	Wilkswood
21-23	Various	Reggae Festival	Wilkswood
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REGULAR EVENTS

Folk Dancing	Tues 7.30-9.45pm	LMVH
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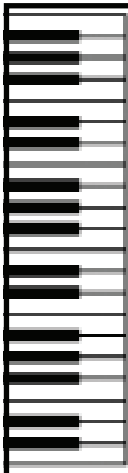
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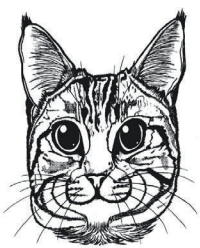
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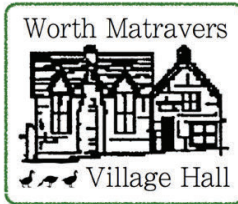


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