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From the Editor

Well, we've already had a stormy and chilly start to the new year and I hope everyone has been keeping dry and warm.

You will always get a warm welcome at Coffee pot which is on 1 February this month or alternatively drop in at the Community Library which is 12 February this month and continuing on the 2nd Monday in the future. There are plans afoot to have a book club and board games, etc on the go as well, so do go along and pitch your ideas. I'm already in training for the Scrabble challenge!

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 **February** issue is noon on **Thursday, 15 February** & it will be ready for collection on **Tuesday, 20 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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Letter from Bishop Stephen

It won't have escaped many of us that this year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. This may feel like an uncomfortable union.

Whilst we know that Valentine's Day is Saint Valentine's Day, the commercial reality of this occasion means that it has become a day of heart-shaped balloons and chocolates, red roses and looking your best for that romantic meal for two. This doesn't sit easily with the sombre, penitential tone of Ash Wednesday when flowers are removed from our churches, and we are brought face to face with our imperfections; our daily ability to turn from God. As a gritty cross of ash is marked on our forehead we are told.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

This stark, deeply humbling, yet powerful moment sets the tone for the season of Lent when we are called to step into the wilderness with Christ and therefore into a time of prayer, self-reflection, repentance and self-denial. Yet, nothing about Ash Wednesday or Lent is about dwelling in self-loathing or indeed an unforgiveness of ourselves for the times when we have turned from God. On the contrary, it is a time when we are re-directed and re-centred on our absolute need for God – for God's forgiveness, for God's grace, for God's saving love made know to us through Jesus.

Maybe then Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday are not poles apart after all. For it is in the wilderness of Lent, and indeed in the events of Holy Week that follow, that we see face to face the depths of God's love. A love that isn't expressed in fine dining or red roses, but the bread and wine of the Last Supper, the blood of Christ shed on the cross and the joy of the open tomb on Easter morning.

Bishop Stephen

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WEDNESDAY

14 FEBRUARY

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WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY

10am Prayer in the Morning Langton

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2ND BEFORE LENT

10am Breakfast Church LMVH

10.30am Holy Communion Corfe

5pm Celtic Evening Prayer WMVH

WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY

10am Prayer in the Morning Langton

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY TRANSFIGURATION

8am Holy Communion (BCP) WMVH

9.30am Holy Communion Steeple

10am Holy Communion Langton

10.30am Morning Worship Corfe

11.15am Informal Workshop Kingston

6pm Evensong Langton

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY ASH WEDS

10am Communion Langton

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY LENT

10am Celtic Eucharist WMVH

10am Morning Worship Langton

10.30am Holy Communion Corfe

11am Walking Church TBA

6pm Evening Prayer HX

WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY

10am Communion Langton

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY LENT 2

10am Celtic Morning Prayer WMVH

10am Holy Communion Langton

10.30am Holy Communion Corfe

11.15am Holy Communion Kingston

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

10am Prayer in the Morning Langton

The Coffee Pot

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

St George's Church

10-11.30am Thursday, 1 February

Good company & chat.

All welcome!



SWANAGE FOOD BANK

A very big thank you to the very generous donations and fundraising that so many of you contributed to for the Swanage Food Bank at Christmas and especially to the volunteers led by Yvonne Spencer who made and sold neck warmers, Christmas wreaths and posies from Worth village bus shelter. Donations raised from Carols in Worth Village hall and other very generous individual donations.

I am including a message that I have received from Pauline Verber from Swanage Food Bank.

Donations from Food can be left at the back of Langton Church or at Cobblers Cottage opposite Worth tea rooms.

Happy New Year to you all at St George's and Worth who have donated so generously to SFB at Christmas and throughout the year.

Our present needs are:

- Long grain rice and microwave savoury rice
- Pasta sauces (jars)
- Tins of tuna and other fish
- Tins of meat e.g. corned beef/spam/ham
- Tins of meat e.g. chicken in white sauce, minced beef in gravy, stewed steak, Irish stew
- Pepper and salt
- Savoury crackers and snacks
- Desserts e.g. Angel Delight (instant whips) sponge puddings, tinned fruit, tinned rice puddings.
- Loo rolls and toiletries (no nappies or other baby items please)
- Household items such as washing detergent or pods, washing up liquid

Liz Hoad

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

'I beg you, bear with one another in love'

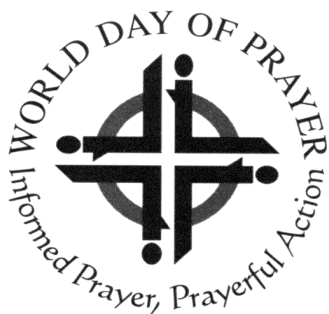
The World Day of Prayer is 11am On Friday, 1 March at St Mark's Church, Herston.

The Christian Women of Palestine are calling us to connect with the land from where Jesus came; where he was born, ministered and died – and from where our faith began. Despite living in an area of the world where there is ongoing conflict and the future is very uncertain, the women of Palestine are sharing in love, a reminder that they are still there, and they want to give hope to everyone. The theme of the service 2024 'Bear with one another in love' seems very appropriate for these women who will not give up sharing the love of Jesus Christ. World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear about their hopes, concerns, reconciliation work and prayers in the Middle East.

This was all meticulously prepared, translated, printed and distributed long before the current conflict which started after the massacre by Hamas in Israel in October.

The WDP is celebrated on this day in over 146 countries. It begins in Samoa, then prayer in native languages travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing some 38 hours later.

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Please save the date and join us at 11am that day at St Mark's Church, Herston.

All are very welcome as the event is for both men and women and you have the option to stay also for a light lunch, if you choose. Additional parking is available that day at the Baptist Church across the main road.

Judy Forgan

TWAM

I would like take this opportunity to update people about TWAM – TOOLS WITH A MISSION. There have been several generous donations of surplus garden tools, electrical tools, mechanical items, a compressor, at least seven sewing machines and three knitting machines, carpentry tools, welding equipment, and some haberdashery supplies. The charity collects from us on a regular basis to take donated items to Rugby or Ipswich, where they are checked, refurbished, combined with donated goods from across the UK, put into full kits, ready to start the journey to Africa. A big thank you to all who have contributed recently.

There is an on-going need so we are always pleased to hear from you with offers of usable tools of all types, which can be transported to Malawi, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and DR Congo. These refurbished tool kits help to transform rural communities through running skills centres, training and the provision of tools. This year already a container has also been taken to Malawi for distribution. If you look on the website www.twam.uk you can easily check which items can be donated. There is also a need for Fully working IT equipment (running a minimum of Microsoft Windows 7), such as desktop computers, laptops, tablets, networking switches and routers, (but not printers or scanners). Also Bibles - in a modern English version are appreciated.

Please contact your local collector via email:- richardf@twam.uk or by phone on 07590 903922 to arrange a convenient time.

Thank you once again for recent contributions and please feel free to pass on TWAM details if you know somebody locally who is trying to downsize or no longer needs various equipment. If you would like a talk at your Church or group, or an informative temporary display, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Judy & Richard Forgan

CORFE SURGERY

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

At the end of last year, my husband and I were fortunate to visit friends in New Zealand and had a wonderful trip but I did need to visit a GP Surgery for a minor ailment.

I was very impressed with the care I received -open access, prompt and efficient, even as a visitor, but of course at a cost for both the local population and me.

It made me reflect on the excellent service and care we receive from our own Corfe Surgery Team which we sometimes take for granted and don't always appreciate.

A poster in the Corfe Surgery reception area shows a diagram of the 'GP Practice Iceberg'. Please have a look at it if you are in the surgery.

As patients we see the tip of the iceberg (highlighted in just one third of the diagrammatic iceberg) - face to face appointments, busy phone lines and sometimes remote GP contact but the work actually being carried out in support of us, as patients, by the surgery Team is phenomenal (two thirds in the iceberg diagram)

There are too many headings to mention here in total

but include; Medicine reviews and prescriptions, reviewing results, home visits, referrals to other agencies, vaccinations and immunisations, training, HR and staff management, Community engagement, managing targets and working with the PPG, remembering that 90% of NHS contacts happen in Primary care.

As we begin a New Year may I thank the Corfe Surgery Team for the high quality care we have received, hoping that 2024 is an easier year for the team with fewer pressures and successful recruitment.

Our PPG role is to ensure that by meeting together with health professionals patients are given a 'voice' within the GP Practice, to help patients take more responsibility for their own health, contribute to the continuous improvement of services and quality of care at the Practice and foster improved communications between the Practice and its patients -please do contact us if you wish us to raise any issues on your behalf or have any suggestions to make. corfecastlesurgeryppg@gmail.com. Sending every best wish for 2024.

Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair

HARMONY ROCKS CHOIR

Happy New Year! It's never too late to send happy greetings just as it is never too late to say a great big 'Thankyou' to all those who attended our Singing for Christmas Concert at St James' Church, Kingston in December last year. You helped us raise £250 for our chosen charity Swanage Community Garden and the same amount for St James' Church. It was a great fun event with joyous seasonal music, raffle, party finale followed by light refreshments and mulled wine.

Our next performance is our summer Songs and Scones event with a mix of light hearted songs followed by a cream tea on 17 July at Emmanuel Church, Victoria Avenue Swanage. Ticket price and availability to be advised later in the year.

Warmer days will soon be here - see you soon.

Anne Elford

NATIONAL TRUST

ANNUAL SEABIRD SURVEY

We know there are some keen birders in the Dubber's catchment area, so we thought you'd be interested in the recently published seabird survey for 2023. This is put together in collaboration with the National Trust, Durlston Country Park and Birds of Poole Harbour.

This annual report is taken from counts between Old Harry Rocks and St Aldhelm's Head, a stretch of coastline which is incredibly important for breeding sea birds. These surveys have been taking place since the mid-1960s. Seabirds breeding on the Purbeck coast include fulmar, cormorant, shag, herring gull, great black-backed gull, kittiwake, guillemot, razorbill and puffin.

The findings include:

- The guillemot population remains the largest, with over 1,100 counted on the breeding ledges.
- The puffin population is the smallest with no birds observed during the survey (although up to eight were reported on different occasions and three pairs may be breeding).
- The herring gull has shown a continuous decline (maybe surprising when you're trying to enjoy your chips at Swanage quay!)

- The great black-backed gull population reached its lowest level since recording began.
- Kittiwakes are likely to become extinct in Purbeck, but fulmar populations are on the increase.
- You can get involved in seabird counts by contacting the British Trust for Ornithology www.bto.org.

PUFFINS IN PERIL!

Research has begun into why the puffin population at Dancing Ledge has declined so drastically. Two possible causes have been identified – lack of food and predation on the eggs/chicks by rats. We are investigating further into how we can minimise the impact from rats, including reducing the amount of rubbish and left-over food discarded by people which could be encouraging them. We'll keep you updated on developments. *Cathy Lewis, National Trust*

DOUBLE ACT

There is an active amateur dramatic group in Corfe Castle called Double Act. We usually put on our main production from Thursday to Saturday in late November in Corfe Castle Village Hall, but also hold other events throughout the year. This year we have a Coffee Morning on 10 February, our AGM followed by a Fun Workshop on 'How To Learn Lines!' on 18 March, and we are collaborating with Treehouse Theatre to put on a short play as one of The Shaftesbury Tales on 11 & 12 July. Our main production is an explosive war-time thriller set in Purbeck called *This Secret Isle* written by Peter Smith of Double Act.

We are always looking for new members, and of course we always welcome audiences!

David Kemp

WORTH MATRAVERS

WORTH FILM CLUB

Thank you very much for your support throughout 2023, which enabled us to give a £550 cheque to the Swanage Food Bank for Christmas.

Our next screening on Wednesday, 21 February will be *Babette's Feast*, directed by Gabriel Axel.

The film is based on a short story by Danish author Karen Blixen, whose memoir provided the basis for the Oscar winning *Out of Africa*. In 19th-century rural Denmark, spinster sisters Filippa (Bodil Kjer) and Martine (Birgitte Federspiel) are honouring the memory of their late father, a stern preacher, by doing good works and hosting prayer groups, having long since rejected the pleasures of love, marriage and children. Until one day, Filippa's former suitor sends a Parisian refugee named Babette to serve as the family cook.

A strangely moving tale about talents used and unused, it's an extraordinary film, meticulous in detail yet not overpowering in its presentation of them. Sensitive, funny, hopeful, and ultimately joyous, you'll be left with plenty of food for thought.

Wine will be served from 7pm and the film will begin at 7.30pm.

Claude Bonfanti

CHARITABLE GIVING

We want to send out a massive thank you to people who generously supported our fund-raising activities in December and across 2023. A special message of appreciation is due to organisers and everyone who was involved.

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The 2023 Christmas Carols event raised £217 for the Swanage Food Bank. Bus Shelter Charity Sales have raised £250 since September for the Swanage Food Bank. The 2023 Film Club also donated £550 to this worthy cause. Locals generated a significant £755 for the MyTime Christmas appeal, which provided 25 young Dorset carers with a Christmas Goody Bag. We can't thank you enough.

The Village Events Team

WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

JANUARY MEETING (VIRTUAL)

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

HIGHWAY MATTERS

The PC noted the recent Dorset Highways Temporary Traffic Management Orders

To close Pikes lane in 2024 to enable Openreach safe access to install 60 metres of ducting in the carriageway. All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along Pikes Lane, Worth Matravers between both junctions with C135 (in both directions), a distance of approximately 60 metres. It will come into operation on 16 January 2024 and it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 20 January 2024.

To close B3069 Coombe Hill Langton Matravers. All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along B3069 Coombe Hill, Langton Matravers between Steppes and Serrells Mead (in both directions), a distance of approximately 200 metres.. It will come into operation on 8 January 2024 and it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 8 March 2024. This Order will enable Wessex Water safe access to replace a water main.

To close Renscombe road WM to lay ducting and install related infrastructure. All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along Renscombe Road, Worth Matravers between the access leading to Renscombe Outdoor Adventure Centre and Renscombe Farm (in both directions), a distance of approximately 140 metres. It will come into operation on 29 January 2024 and remain in force for five days, however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 30 January 2024.

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

- P/FUL/2023/06804 Weston Barns, Weston Road Worth Matravers Swanage BH193LJ Conversion and change of use of existing agricultural buildings to form two dwellings, with associated landscaping and parking (partial demolition of central barn). The PC considered this PA as received on 4 December as a very late notice for PC discussion and decision Minute 3223. The PC noted the DC officers 'not in favour' pre application advice so further consideration was necessary. Subsequently the PC received and supports resident concerns that the existing barn located in the centre of the plot is so intrusive. This proposal to retain even part of this barn should be deleted as this would affect the setting of and over two listed buildings as well as dominating the site itself. A comprehensive barn removal would be more aesthetically pleasing to the landscape and the view of the entire plot from the village of Worth and the Weston Road. The proposal for solar panels would be a significant feature visible

for some distance in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Screening should be substantive and permanent, of compatible stone construction, with sufficient height to overcome overlook of adjacent property.

- P/VOC/2023/07040: Moonfleet, Winspit Road Worth Matravers BH19 3LW. Erect a two storey front and side extension, single storey rear extension, garden room and alteration to access (without compliance to condition 1 of planning permission). The Parish Council makes no objection in principle to this planning application. It noted that many of the other local residents on this estate had their building works done over the years, without serious highway or environmental planning issues being raised. It seeks a planning condition controlling traffic movement and parking for essential temporary loading /unloading contractor's site access vehicles to the Moonfleet site. Use for these purposes should be directed to the straight tarmac section of Winspit road down towards the Water Works. The PC seeks, by planning condition, that there is no general use of the middle track of Winspit Road as a prescribed/ designated construction traffic diversion. Refuse vehicles, delivery couriers and multiple supermarket home delivery vehicles that currently use the track with minimal disruption using the unmade middle track will however continue.
- P/VOC/2023/07322 Primrose Hill Farm Haycrafts Lane Harmans Cross Dorset BH19 3EE Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 to application 6/1984/0037 Erect chalet bungalow. Removal of agricultural occupancy condition. No objection

The next PC meeting will be at HXVH 6 February 2024.

Contact: 439044 worthmatraversparishclerk@gmail.com.

Roger Khanna, Parish Clerk

LANGTON MATRAVERS

LM LOCAL HISTORY & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

We were all very sad to learn of the passing of Jim Bradford, a founder member of the Society, who over the years gave so much to Langton Matravers. With Reg Saville and others, he was instrumental in the Society's foundation and in the setting up of the Museum. He has left a wonderful legacy, for which we are all very grateful.

Our second afternoon talk, on the Sale of Worth Matravers, proved popular, so we are already making plans for more afternoon talks next season: watch this space for dates and topics.

The last two talks for this season are:

- **29 February:** Purbeck during the Civil War, by Anthony Moore: see posters and the website for further details nearer the time.
- **Thursday 21 March:** Life, Death and Feasting: 7000 years of Occupation at Football Field, Worth Matravers, by Lilian Ladle.

Both talks are in Langton Village Hall at 7.30 (doors open 7pm.).

We look forward to seeing you at these events. You don't have to be a member to attend, though we welcome new members. It's only £10 per year for single membership, £15 for joint members, and you can find further

details and an application form on the website at www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org

The Museum will re-open on 1 April, featuring in the 'Local History' room displays on Radar and WWII in time for the D-Day Anniversary in June. We also have plans to launch small displays on a rolling basis: April/May will feature (limited) 'Domestic Interiors'. In June/July we hope to feature some of the extensive collection of blacksmith-made artefacts (locks, farm tools etc), and in August/September we will be giving some of the wonderful collection of Textiles an airing.

We are looking for temporary dry storage space for some of our collection: if you think that you might be able to help, please get in touch through the website contact form, or speak to Daryle or me.

The 'Dorset Diggers', a community archaeology group, have been in touch, and we are planning to work with them on a project in the local area: members of the Society will have the opportunity to get involved and take an active role in exploring our local heritage. We hope to see you at February's talk. www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org

Daryle Pearson & Mary Sparks, LMLHPS

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Your Speed Watch Team (SWT) urgently requires reinforcements. If you can spare one or two hours a month, your help would be very much appreciated.

The village SWT are holding a 'Come and See' session on Friday, 1 March from midday to 12.45 pm at the entrance to the School Playing Field.

You would be most welcome to observe the team in action and to ask questions about the way the team operates without any obligation to join.

Any questions please contact Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle (07533 208833) or by email vaughanarbuckle@gmail.com

LMVH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023/2024

At the 2023 AGM, the committee was elected as follows: James Mercer, Chairman: Steve Hutchings, Vice Chairman: Collette Drayson, Secretary. Committee members: Keith Coombes – Artsreach Coordinator, Daryle Pearson (Bookings Secretary), Gail Mercer, Maggie Sutton

Margaret Ibbs stood down as Treasurer after 30 years of sterling service. In October David Hitchcock took over the role.

Thank you to the Committee for all your support and contributions during the year, especially to Margaret in her long and faithful role as an exemplary treasurer.

The refurbishment of the kitchen continues to be well received by users of the Hall who regularly comment favourably on the upgraded facilities.

The refurbishment of the wood-block flooring and the redecoration of the former 'Snooker Room' and Memorial Room/Library and entrance lobby also continues to be well received. (The Short Mat Bowls group have apparently adjusted successfully to the challenge of their balls navigating a different course across the wood-block floor!).

Bookings have increased and have just begun to move beyond the pre-Covid level. This has kept cashflow and reserves in positive territory.

Harris' electricians and team set up the village Christmas lights. The LMVH Committee expresses its thanks. The joint church/LMVH event attracted a good crowd and carols were

sung enthusiastically.

Artsreach events have continued to draw in audiences from beyond the village. These events are very well received. The Committee is grateful to Keith Coombes for his creativity in coordinating high quality Artsreach programmes.

The spring Rummage Sale proved popular and will be repeated. The Early Christmas Craft Fair was a success with twenty-two stalls (up five on 2022) being manned by local crafts people. Thanks to Gail Mercer for organising this very successful event. The event drew a large crowd. All the cake was consumed.

Table tennis, short mat bowls, country dancing, pilates are hosted weekly in the hall and baby massage is held weekly in the events room.

The Purbeck Folk Club made a welcome return and the History Society hosted a variety of talks and presentations on subjects of local interest.

The community library has continued to run on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. It has been running for seven years and numbers of attendees have fallen. It now will be run once a month on the second Monday morning of the month.

In addition, amongst others the Hall has hosted funeral receptions, wedding food preparation (using the new kitchen), children's parties, Parish Council meetings and wassailing celebrations. Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help in the kitchen and with making cakes, etc, at various events

Ongoing update and maintenance of the Hall has included repairs to exterior stonework and replacement of damaged tiles. An upgrade of the projection system, with money which was very kindly presented to the village hall by the Arthouse Cinema Club, has been replaced and is now easier for hirers to use. The Committee is grateful to Daryle Pearson and Chris Kwantes for processing this project.

The Committee is currently undertaking a review of the Village Hall constitution to ensure it meets the current requirements of the trustees and user groups. The Committee is grateful to Steve Hutchings for his forensic work on this task.

James Mercer

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

JANUARY MEETING

OLD MALTHOUSE BUILDING SITE

During the Public participation session of the January Parish Council meeting, a member of public raised several issues regarding; site safety; safety within Old Malthouse lane and the junction to the High Street and respect and communication from the developers and site contractors. In response to the concerns raised, Cllr Vaughan-Arbuckle stated he had recently had a meeting with senior directors of Harbourview Construction Ltd. During the meeting they admitted that to date Harbourview has not been very good on securing the site, or having a banksman present for deliveries or dealing with the drainage issues but undertook to ensure improvements in 2024. It was stated approval has now been granted for phase one and work will commence shortly. The new site manager is John Dunworth and his phone number is 07775 741588 residents are welcome to call John if they have an issue.

NATIONAL TRUST

On 8 February from 6.30pm in the Village Hall the Outdoor Pursuits Activity providers that work in the local

area are coming to give a quick presentation explaining how they run an activity session in the area. If you are interested in how the providers work, and how they try to ensure the residents of Langton Matravers are not affected by their business, please join us. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, or to make providers aware of issues you feel they should be taking in to account.

VILLAGE SHOP

Zoe Wells from the Kings Arms & Trevor's Deli, came to the Council meeting and read out a heart-felt statement written by herself and Ricky. It is with great sadness the Shop has to close due to the current unpredictable financial pressures small businesses like the shop find themselves under, and the Council would like to thank Zoe & Ricky for setting up the shop, when the main Village Store closed down during Covid. Thanks also to Zoe for attending the Council meeting, we appreciate it was not easy for you. The Parish Council is going to set up a working group to look at ways in which we may be able to address how residents especially those who are unable to drive are still able to buy the basic necessities locally, especially during the Wessex Water works. If you would like to join the group, please contact the Clerk.

- Planning Matters: Application No. P/FUL/2023/07409, Location: Englishcombe East Drove Langton Matravers BH19 3HF; Proposal: Demolish existing bungalow and erect new dwelling Comment: It was agreed to ask for an extension until 9 February as the notice arrived after the Parish Council agenda was set. It was agreed if an extension was not granted to hold an extra ordinary meeting.

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

LIFE AS A COUNCILLOR

Do you want to know more about "Life as a Councillor"? Langton Matravers Parish Council are holding two drop in session, where you can talk freely and opening to an existing Councillor. The Clerk will also be available to guide you through filling in your nomination paper.

The first drop in session is being held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 12 March from 2pm until 3pm. The second drop in session is being held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 14 March from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Shortly followed by the monthly Council meeting, so why not stay and see what it is all about.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 8 February 2024 in the Langton Matravers Village Hall. During the meeting there is a public session, so please come and join us to have your say.

Parish Council Contact Details: (Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors) Clerk: Michelle Harrington, Email: clerk@langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk, Telephone: 01929 425100, Write: 1A High Street, Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3HA, Website: www.langtonmatravers-pc.org.

Michelle Harrington

HARMANS CROSS

CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE CROSS ROADS

We would like to thank Worth Parish Council, Harmans Cross Village Hall team and Mrs M Perry for the electric supply for the Christmas tree at the Cross Roads in Harmans Cross all your hard work is much appreciated and especially enjoyed by our Grand Children.

Mr & Mrs M Selby

WHAT'S ON AT HXVH

For those of you reading this early, we have our first Stalls at the Hall before the end of January:

Stalls at the Hall – Saturday 27 January 9.30-Noon

Join us at the Hall for local produce, crafts, curios, conversation, cake and coffee (and tea!!). Free entry and free parking with doors open from 9.30am. For anyone interested in taking a table (just £5), please contact our new Bookings Guru, Kelly King on either 07384 848 419 or email at bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk. Doors open at 8.15am for tables set up.

Movie Night – Tuesday 13 February – Oppenheimer

The biopic of Oppenheimer was one of the major blockbusters of 2023.

There are two basic storylines, and the film shifts back and forth between them. "Fission" is shot in colour and follows Oppenheimer (Cillian Murphy) through his early years as a graduate student and college professor; his leadership of the Manhattan Project culminating with the Trinity Test; his simultaneous triumph and torment in the wake of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and the eventual loss of his security clearance thanks in large part to early Communist connections and his outspoken opposition to developing a hydrogen bomb.

"Fusion" is shot in IMAX black-and-white analogue photography and follows the 1959 Senate confirmation hearing of Lewis Strauss (Robert Downey Jr.), former chair of the Atomic Energy Commission who—as the film gradually reveals—played a critical role in stripping away Oppenheimer's security clearance five years earlier, angering many in the physics community. The black mark against Oppenheimer's name wasn't fully cleared until December 2022.

It is a long film – 3 hours and 1 minute!! But well worth it and we will have our usual intermission.

Doors and bar open at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm as always, and entry on the night remains just £5.

Future dates for your diaries

**Coffee Junction – Thursday 8 and 22 Feb from 10.30am
HXVH Church – Sunday 18 Feb at 6pm**

Movie Night – Tuesday 12 March – Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning.

Alison & the HXVH Committee

NEWS FROM NOWHERE

RAMBLINGS OF A LOCAL GARDENER

In February the weather is very unpredictable and with the changing weather patterns we have to expect everything gales, snow, frost, rain, fog and hopefully some sun -everything! With the lengthening days, there will be more signs of spring each day and I find it interesting seeing which plants are coming up and are healthy, do they need moving dividing or throwing away. Does the garden have gaps that need filling then I have to find seeds or order more

plants. It is fun looking up for new plants that will take whatever weather we get.

Looking at the RHS magazine I see there are a lot of shrubs and small trees of all sizes that would be happy in the ground or in a pot. I was very interested in the nut trees that are successfully growing in Devon and should grow well in Dorset. They recommended pecan nuts 'Carson No 3' or 'Lucas'. Nuts are rich in proteins, vitamins and fibre and are expensive to buy. May I also suggest white walnut, cob nuts and hickory nuts, I have ordered some of these, and a selection of apple trees so I can have fresh apples for 10 months of the year.

Broad beans, early peas and onion sets need sowing on good days, on wet days sow lettuce and other tender plants to put in (when warmer), wherever you have gaps. I put up bird feeders where I can see them from inside the house there is lots to watch all day, blue tits, great tits, blackbirds, dunnocks and lots of house sparrow's despite of a daily visit from a sparrow hawk! I even have woodpeckers, nuthatch and goldfinches some days. In the sky I watch many seagulls, crows, magpies, hawks. Great time wasters, and relaxing.

Don't make your garden too tidy as doing less is often better for wildlife. Plant bulbs in grass and only mow when the leaves die and/or leave mower fairly high. Clover copes well in dry and damp times it feeds the soil, stays short, gives nectar for bee's moths and butterflies, and pigeons will eat clover. One of my blight resident potatoes was covered with nasturtiums all summer and when I dug it up in November, I got 14lb! I was expecting very little.

Other ideas: Put in some grow lights, (use silver foil to reflect/maximise light) to grow food inside in the winter. Install big water tanks and dig over excess flow ponds to prevent water runoff which depletes the nutritional soils, and fills the stream/rivers lower down the system. I am happy to give suggestions by coming to your garden or patio in Purbeck. 01929 421681.

Rachel



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Langton PO	Tues 9-12pm	Putlake Tea Rooms
Community Library	2 nd Mon mornings. 10-12pm	LMVH
Harmans Cross PO	Thurs 9.30-11.30	HXVH
Short Mat Bowls	Friday 7-9pm	LMVH

Don't Miss

Oppenheimer

7pm Tuesday 13 February

HXVH

JANUARY 2024

27 9.30-noon Stalls in the Hall HXVH

FEBRUARY 2024

1	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
1	10 - 11.30	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
6	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
6	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	HXVH
8	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
8	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
12	10-12	Community Library	LMVH
13	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
13	7.30pm	Film: <i>Oppenheimer</i>	HXVH
15	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
20	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
21	7pm	WFC: <i>Babette's Feast</i>	WMVH
21	7pm	LMVH AGM	LMVH
22	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
23	6.30pm	St Edwards Quiz Night	CCVH
27	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
29	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
29	7.30pm	LMLHPS Talk: Purbeck during the Civil War	LMVH

MARCH 2024

1	11am	World Day of Prayer	St Mark's Ch
1	12.45pm	'Come & See' Speed Watch Team Session	Entrance to School Field

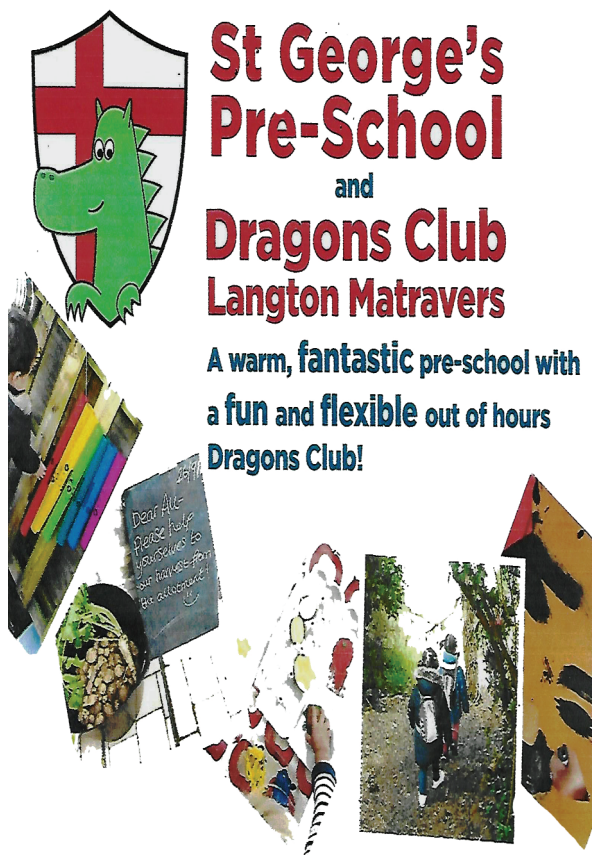
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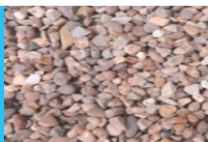
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