

# The Dubber

March 2024



## Good Friday

St George's Langton Matravers

29 March at 2pm

## An Hour at the Cross

Contemplative words and music

All welcome

## EASTER SERVICES

### FRIDAY 29 MARCH GOOD FRIDAY

2pm

Hour at the Cross

Langton

### SUNDAY 31 MARCH EASTER DAY

6am

Dawn Communion

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9.30am

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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 April issue is noon on **Thursday, 21 March** & it will be ready for collection on **Tuesday, 26 March**.

### 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](mailto: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 Andrew**

#### **Now the green blade riseth**

A century ago, the great journalist and Catholic provocateur G.K.Chesterton wrote a wonderful essay entitled 'The Priest of Spring' in which he considered the integration of the Christian seasons with the natural year – and referred to the “armies of the intellect who will fight to the end on whether Easter is to be congratulated on fitting in with the spring or the spring on fitting in with Easter”.



It's a familiar theme, often replayed in the media at this time of year – if (to my mind) a fairly pointless one. For the authenticity of the Christian celebration of Easter does not pivot on its historical priority to pagan or other celebrations of the natural year, but rather on its - far bolder - claim to fulfil them.

The Biblical account of resurrection is not that Easter merely recapitulates a universal theme, but that it marks an entirely new creative act, pointing to nature's ultimate liberation from the cycle of growth and decay. We can believe it or not, but the New Testament appears to claim nothing less, St Paul concluding that: 'if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation'.

The eggs and lambs and green blades that now rise to greet the spring are no less joyous in that light, but – I suggest – even more so, and I pray you will share in their praise.

Andrew Ramsbury

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The **Stations of the Cross** or the **Way of the Cross** refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and is usually accompanied by prayers at each one.

We are holding a service using these images painted by local artist Alan Hudson

on **Sunday Evening March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

**At 5pm**

**in**

**Worth Matravers Village Hall.**

All are most welcome.

## SERVICE TIMES IN THE PARISHES

### WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

**10am** Prayer in the Morning Langton

### SUNDAY 3 MARCH LENT 3

**10am** Breakfast Church Langton

**10.30am** Holy Communion Corfe

**5pm** Celtic Evening Prayer WMVH

### WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH

**10am** Communion Langton

### SUNDAY 10 MARCH LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY

**8am** Holy Communion (BCP) Cobblers Cottage

**9.30am** Holy Communion Steeple

**10am** Holy Communion Langton

**10.30am** Morning Prayer Corfe

**11.15am** Informal Worship Kingston

**6pm** Evensong Langton

### WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH

**10am** Prayer in the Morning Langton

### SUNDAY 17 MARCH LENT 5

**10am** Celtic Eucharist WMVH

**10am** Morning Worship Langton

**10.30am** Holy Communion Corfe

**11am** Walking Church TBC

**6pm** Evening Prayer HXVH

### WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH

**10am** Communion Langton

### SUNDAY 24 MARCH PALM SUNDAY

**10.30am** Holy Communion Corfe

**11.15am** Holy Communion Kingston

**6pm** The Cross of Christ Langton

### WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH

**10am** Prayer in the Morning Langton

**3pm** Holy Communion Kimmeridge

### THURSDAY 28 MARCH MAUNDY THURSDAY

**6.30pm** Holy Communion Corfe

### FRIDAY 29 MARCH GOOD FRIDAY

**2pm** Hour at the Cross Langton

### SUNDAY 31 MARCH EASTER DAY

**6am** Dawn Communion St Aldhelm's

**9.30am** Holy Communion Steeple

**10am** Family Communion Langton

**10.30am** Easter Communion Corfe

### WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

**10am** Communion Langton



## Harmans Cross Village Hall Church Service

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6pm**

As we prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter, we are including part of

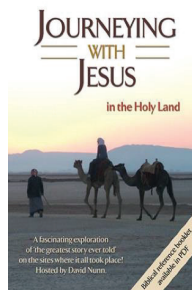
### 'JOURNEYING WITH JESUS'

This is one of a series of eight films that our very own David Nunn has made in the lands of the Bible.

**6.00 - 6.30 Film**

**6.30 - 6.50 Refreshments**

**6.50 - 7.15 Service**



David's film sweeps us inexorably through the momentous events of Holy Week and on to the triumphs of the Resurrection appearances. The events leap dramatically from the page as we visualize them in their original setting.

**Informal, friendly service - everyone welcome!**

## Walking Church

**11am Sunday, 17 March**

**Start TBA**



## GOOD FRIDAY

**T**here will be a quiet hour of music and readings to mark Good Friday on Friday, 29 March at 2pm at St George's Church, Langton Matravers. This is a time of contemplation whilst revisiting the last hours with Jesus before his crucifixion. It is a chance for preparation and reflection before the celebrations of Easter. In the busy chaos of life today, it is a very meaningful service. All are very welcome. Any more details: contact Becca 07553877947. *Becca Charron*

## FLOWERS AT WORTH

**I**'m so sorry but due to the building works at St Nicholas's Church, we will not be doing Easter flowers and so therefore will not be buying the Easter lilies in remembrance of loved ones. I am so sorry about this but we look forward to decorating the church with flowers in good time to celebrate the reopening of the church. Happy Easter.

*Emma Oreilly, Church Flowers*

## ST NICHOLAS

**A**fter the good news announced in January's *Dubber*, the new year started with the wretched news that all the rafters at St Nicholas of Myra are going to have to be replaced. Worth Matravers villagers may have noticed the lack of activity on site during January/February whilst Tudor Rose, our contractors, sourced materials and worked on revised costs. Meanwhile, our architects set wheels in motion to obtain the relevant permissions from the Diocesan office in Salisbury which included a meeting with Historic England, the Diocesan Advisory Committee and our architects. Unfortunately, these delays and the cost of replacement rafters mean additional costs, having already raised over £1/2 million to achieve our original target this has come as a considerable setback and we now find that we need to raise an additional £70,000 to complete the project. We had always been warned that somewhere along the way we could well encounter a setback and here it is!

But the news is not all bad, within a few days of hearing about the rafters we were advised that, through our association with the National Churches Trust, we have received another grant of £10,000. We also received the news that St Nicholas had been nominated as the National Churches Trust Church of the Week, a bit of good publicity and hopefully further donations.

So how much longer will there be silence at St Nicholas? By the time you read this work should have recommenced as our original specification included the replacement of eight rafters and these are now on site waiting to be fitted. We have also been advised by the Diocese that our original Faculty has now been amended to include the additional work required which should ensure that the roof will be safe for the next 150 years.

Fundraising has started again with applications to various charitable organisations and a number of other activities and, as always, we welcome donations which can be made to: PCC of St Aldhelm, Purbeck

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**Hugh Cochrane**

**8 The Dubber**

## CORFE CASTLE SURGERY

**I**apologise that I haven't updated you recently, but we have had a few staff changes that I want to tell you about.

Firstly, we have said our goodbyes to Mel from reception who left us at the end of last year, Mel will be missed by us all and we wish her all the luck in the future.

We are still in the process of recruitment so watch out for a new face on reception soon.

We have also said a temporary goodbye to Jo, one of our practice nurses who has started her maternity leave and we cannot wait for baby snuggles soon.

Before Jo went on leave, we welcomed not one but two staff into the nursing team. We have Alison, a practice nurse who is with us almost full time to cover and we also welcome Sue a phlebotomist who will be working with us every week.

Dr Daniel Lane has been with us for a few months now and has settled in well here at the practice, he is really pleased to be part of our team.

I'm sure that you will welcome all of the new staff in the usual way and I will keep you updated on any future changes.

*Kerry Norman, Practice Manager*

## CORFE PPG

**W**ith the lighter evenings and spring flowers coming into bloom it is good to feel that warmer days are coming and we can get out and appreciate our beautiful Purbeck countryside and generally feel better in the sunshine.

I am very grateful to those who have kindly contacted the PPG through our email address [corfecastlesurgeryppg@gmail.com](mailto:corfecastlesurgeryppg@gmail.com) giving me an opportunity to make contact with those offering help or seeking support.

Nationally and locally, there is now a great emphasis on 'Medicines Management' and many of us in the Corfe Surgery will be receiving a medicine review from the Pharmacist now attached to our surgery. Reducing waste will be one aim by avoiding stock piles of medicines particularly now when some drugs are in short supply. We are fortunate to have our own surgery Pharmacy team who work hard to make sure that we get our prescribed medicines but these are challenging times for them.

My PPG colleague has prepared a Medicines management poster which will be displayed in the surgery as a reminder for us all to only order what we need and reduce waste whenever we can.

We are also working on a new Health talks programme for later in the year so please look out for details and do get in touch if the PPG can be of help. *Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair*

## PAW FESTIVAL 27 MAY – 11 JUNE

**A**t the end of May, our artists will be opening their studios across beautiful Purbeck, and people of all ages from the community will be involved through workshops and arts projects. Our collective exhibition will be hosted, as usual, in Rollington Barn with café and demonstrations.

Now is the time to book your tickets for our events. We are proud to be opening the Festival with THE GESUALDO SIX, an award-winning vocal ensemble performing some of the finest renaissance consort works. VOICE, an exciting Trio of singers, offer an original piece of concert-theatre exploring the world of 12th century nun Hildegard von Bingen – composer and visionary. As part of our Portraiture

Celebration with The Mowlem, PAW President PHILIP JACKSON will give his unique insights into portraiture in public sculpture, TENEBRAE are back with an unbeatable programme of music by William Byrd, and we end with an exploration of 17th century songs of women's abandonment with HELEN CHARLSTON and TOBY CARR - voice and theorbo. For more information and to book your tickets please go to [www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk)

#### EVENTS PROGRAMME 2023

- **Sunday 28 May, Wareham** - THE GESUALDO SIX: BUSHES AND BRIARS
- **Saturday 3 June, Kingston** - VOICE: HILDEGARD TRANSFIGURED
- **Thursday 8 June, Swanage** - TALK BY PHILIP JACKSON CVO DL MA FRBS The Trials and Tribulations of doing Portraiture in Public Sculpture
- **Friday 9 June, Wareham** - BYRD AT 400: TENEBRAE
- **Saturday 10 June, Corfe Castle** - BATTLE CRY: SHE SPEAKS Helen Charlston and Toby Carr.

*Charlotte Heath*

#### UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST

We'd like to thank everyone who attended our recent update meetings at Worth Village Hall. There were lots of questions and discussions, but the atmosphere was very positive. The main points were:

##### HELPING NATURE RECOVER

We're managing Weston Farm for its nature and landscape value, without the use of chemicals or regular ploughing.

Several fields are being grazed by cattle from Phil Samways. Grazing by a small number of animals is key to nature recovery, creating the conditions for wildflowers to grow which then attract insects, birds and bats.

Yellow rattle has been planted in several fields. Known as the 'meadow maker', yellow rattle suppresses the growth of grass which then allows wildflowers to thrive. Look out for the yellow blooms in late spring!

We'll be introducing pigs to graze the former arable fields (specialist fencing has been erected). They eat tough vegetation and break up the ground, again helping increase biodiversity.

All our nature recovery projects are being carefully monitored - we're always looking for volunteers to help with wildlife surveys.

You can enjoy a different view of Worth when we open a new footpath this summer. It will run from Bonvils Road, straight up the hill and down to meet the coast path.

##### BUILDINGS AND CAMPSITE

Plans are being drawn up to convert the former dairy buildings into Trust offices.

It's still our vision to convert Granary Cottage into a fully-accessible holiday cottage, perfect for wheelchair users. There aren't any plans yet for the other agricultural buildings.

The campsite will open this year on weekends from 14 June to 23 July (10 pitches only), then seven-days a week throughout July and August (50 pitches). The campsite is being marketed as a quiet, nature-rich place for walkers and families.

The campervan site at the farm is open with pitches for five vehicles. Email us if you have any questions on [purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk).

*Cathy Lewis, the National Trust*

#### HARMANS CROSS

#### HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

##### HXVH PLAYGROUND

We start with the news that we have opened our new play equipment for younger children. Huge thanks for the support we have received from Perenco and Worth Matravers Parish Council and it's a wonderful addition to the playground.

##### BOOKING THE HALL

A reminder to anyone interested in booking the Hall that our new Bookings Guru is Kelly King. There's loads of information available on the 'Make a Booking' section of our website and you can check availability using the online calendar which is always kept up to date. Kelly can be contacted on either 07384 848 419 or email at [bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk).

- **Movie Nights** - doors and bar open at 7pm, admission just £5. We are saving paper, ink and printing costs by just noting dates of Movie Nights going forward, but reviews and trailers can still be found on the Movie Nights section of our website.
- **Tuesday 12 March** - *Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning*
- **Tuesday 9 April** - *My Sailor, My Love*.
- **Thursday 7 and 21 March** = Coffee Junction - in the small meeting room from 10.30am
- **Thursday 4 and 18 April** - Coffee Junction - in the small meeting room from 10.30am
- **Sunday 17 March and Sunday 21 April**, HXVH Church - 3rd Sunday at 6pm

*Alison and the HXVH Committee*

#### WORTH MATRAVERS

#### WORTH FILM CLUB

Our next screening will be *Godland* on Wednesday the 20 March.

Harshness is transformed into beauty and then terror by this extraordinary film from Icelandic director Hlynur Pálmason about a 19th-century Danish pastor sent on a perilous quest to establish a new church on Iceland's remote south-eastern coast. The deeper he steps into the unforgiving landscape, the more he strays from his purpose, the mission and morality. Taking inspiration from both nature and period photography, *Godland* provides an arresting journey into the unknown.

We are also very pleased to be able to preambule the main event with a special fifteen-minute film from Colin Nunn, *Millennium Bells*. Recently remastered and edited by Tim Arnold, it follows the 1996 installation of the new bells into our local church of St Nicholas. We hope you will all enjoy watching some familiar faces working to remove the old bells, visit the foundry and install the new peal of six in time for the millennium.

Please join us for a drink at 6.30pm and the film will begin as 7pm.

To avoid disappointment at the door, book early online: [www.worthmatraversvillagehall.org](http://www.worthmatraversvillagehall.org).

*Claude Bonfanti*

#### WORTH VILLAGE HALL AGM

Please join the Village Hall Trustees for drinks on Thursday, 11 April at 6.30pm followed by the AGM starting at 7pm. You will find this meeting informative about all mat-

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ters relating to the Village Hall and local events. Bring along any questions and suggestions.

### **EASTER POP-UP FLOWER STALL WORTH BUS SHELTER**

Over the Easter weekend bunches of Spring flowers will be for sale in aid of Swanage Food Bank. We will be making up the bunches in Worth Village Hall on Thursday, 28 March and welcome any flowers or foliage to use for them. Please drop off in the Village Hall garden or ring Yvonne on 01929 439946. Thank you!

### **ANY SPARE GARDEN PLANTS OR SEEDLINGS?**

We can use them for the Worth Charity Fête in May. Please contact Yvonne on 01929 439946 for details. Thank you from the Plant Stall Team.

### **WORTH CHARITY FETE**

This will be held in the Village on Bank Holiday Monday, 29 May. We very much welcome your help and support. There will be a variety of opportunities to get involved. Please contact us at [events@worthmatraversvillagehall.org](mailto:events@worthmatraversvillagehall.org) for more information.

*The Village Events Team*

## **WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY MEETING**

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

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**

The Chair of the Harmans Cross village hall had specifically attended to thank the PC for their financial support for the new recently completed small children's and toddlers equipment in their playground. This compliments the existing equipment largely used by older children. The two pieces of now redundant adult exercise equipment removed to make this playground area available were to be advertised for a new ownership and use elsewhere.

There were a number of members of the public present mainly concerned with the impact of the P/VOC/2023/07322 Primrose Hill Farm on Haycrafts Lane. This was a proposal for Variation of Condition 1 to application 6/1984/0037-Removal of agricultural occupancy condition

A full and very detailed planning impact report had been provided to residents and the PC by a professional local resident setting out the planning background and appropriate policies which should be used by DC Planners in considering this unwanted application in the AONB. It was clear that the removal of this condition would affect and remove this agricultural land from the existing local operational farm area not least as the removal of this condition would be likely to increase the land value by up to 40% well beyond any local or downsizing farming interest from the general area.

Concern was expressed at the Minerals Planning applications off Haycrafts Lane Planning Applications P/FUL/2023/07355 & P/VOC/2023/07502. These had been received on the date of this meeting. The Clerk would seek an extension of time for comment so that next PC meeting on the 6 March could consider them and respond as appropriate to them

### **CLERKS REPORT**

Cllrs noted the Actions and Clerks update on matters arising during December to January 2024. The calendar and venues of PC meetings to be held at alternatively at Worth and Harmans Cross village Halls in 2024 was noted.

Parish Council Elections will shortly be held in May 2024 for the future Municipal years 2024-2029. It was hoped that all existing Cllrs with their investment and local knowledge would put their names forward for these elections. The timetable for the process was outlined with Nomination documents already circulated by the Clerk by email.

The Clerk confirmed that Proposers and Seconders could be the same for any Councillor nomination. These 2024 Cllr nomination papers for completion would be available for the next PC meeting on 6 March 2024 and the Clerk would arrange to deliver the completed forms to the local DC Purbeck offices thereafter.

The Clerk also confirmed that there was no requirement, if there were no changes, to re-register existing Cllr Declarations of Interest as these were already lodged at DC and on the PC web site.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The PC noted the details of a 'Thank You' plaque being erected in appreciation for the financial support from the Parish Council for the recently substantially completed Harmans Cross Play area works

### **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

In response to the Chairman's question the Clerk reported back that he had contacted DC footpath managers regarding the two broken off /fallen footpath signs on the Kingston approach by Roman Barn and the approaches from Langton Matravers immediately within the Worth village area. He had been informed by them that these should be repaired soon

### **PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS**

- 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. The PC agreed a detailed response objecting to this proposal. The PC had now had the opportunity at its meeting on the 6 February to consider in detail the Applicants Statement of Case and the additional 15 page Planning impact document supplied to the PC and the Planning Authority containing and substantiating detailed views of objectors. This requests DC as the Planning Authority to consider the information supplied by objectors that there are a series of existing and applicable planning policies which do support the imposition and retention of Agricultural Occupancy restrictions in the Purbeck and the wider Dorset areas. It is concerned that the smallholding known as Primrose Hill Farm will become unavailable especially to other agricultural workers seeking to downsize their larger existing farms. If this Agricultural Occupancy restriction is removed the property, due to the immediate and directly consequential 40% property value increase, will in future be unaffordable to meet the future needs for dwellings for agricultural farm workers in the locality. Worth Matravers Parish Council therefore supports local residents concerns by objecting to this planning application.
- P/FUL/2024/00063 Abbascombe Poultry Farm Worth Matravers Swanage BH19 3LF. Replace former workshop with dwelling and associated parking and access. There was still considerable confusion as to what was proposed and what was



in the process of being built with or without current planning consent

- P/FUL/2023/07534 Glencree South Instow Harmans Cross Swanage BH19 3DS Sever garden and erect split level dwelling and garage. Form access

The PC had made representations on behalf of local residents with their feedback that the applicant has made amendments addressing most of their concerns. It was noted as in other applications that full dimensions especially of roofing and its proposed height were not detailed enough for future monitoring

Concerns had also been expressed at the total site clearance of all the previous substantial vegetation trees and bushes on the site. There was little the PC could do as these matters were not within the HX protected area. Similarly concerns about the collection on site of debris and other materials which were being brought on to this site were piled up and burnt away.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The proposal for a replacement Duck House for Worth village was noted and agreed in principle subject to the Duck keeper's agreement. The detailed costing and description with photographs of this proposal would be available for agreement to this expenditure at the March PC meeting

The fencing replacement for the Worth Matravers children's playground was discussed with a view to raising a proposal for agreement. The current very high fence was not considered necessary not least as any footpaths should be directed well away uphill from the new fence. A replacement 8-foot high wire fence green powder coated would be applicable. Costs and details would be sought for the next meeting.

Concerns were expressed by Cllrs about the format and execution of the Virtual meeting recorded for January 2024. With Xmas so close to any scheduled 2 January actual date many Cllrs did not have the opportunity they felt to properly consider proposals tabled and agreed without general discussion in a virtual meeting. It was appreciated that there had been Council business especially on financial matters and the PC date of 2 January made any actual meeting impossible. A request was made that a later January meeting date should be considered for 2025.

The next PC meeting will be at Worth Matravers VH 5 March 2024. Contact details p5.

*Roger Khanna, Parish Clerk*

## **Kingston Village**

...get together

**in Scott Arms  
on Thurs 29 Feb at 6pm**

All residents gathering to catch up  
and see what we might be able to  
plan for the upcoming year  
Contact John on 07711 715352

## **LANGTON MATRAVERS LOCAL HISTORY & PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

**The committee have been very busy** working on updating our constitution, following advice from the Dorset Museums Advisor, Vicky de Wit, and the Charity Commission. Membership is slowly growing: please consider joining us if you aren't already a member (see website for further details: [www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org](http://www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org))

#### **THE LAST 2 TALKS FOR THIS SEASON ARE:**

- **29 February 2024:** "Purbeck and the English Civil War in Dorset, 1642 - 1646" (note enhanced title!), by Anthony Moore. Mr Moore explains: "Purbeck, with its two fortified sites of Wareham and Corfe, was strategically important to both sides in the English Civil War for control of the coast, ports and economic resources of the area. The talk puts local events in Purbeck in the context of what was happening in Dorset and nationally. It will identify local leaders and families on both sides and explain their motivation and roles. It will then go on to describe the key events and outcomes and how they related to the ebb and flow of the war across Dorset and the rest of the kingdom. The English Civil War was a very bloody conflict and killed more people per capita than the Great War (1914 -1918) and inevitably left its scars on every community including Purbeck."
- **Thursday 21 March 2024:** 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.

#### **THE MUSEUM**

The Museum will re-open on April 1st, featuring in the 'Local History' room a display to commemorate the D-Day Anniversary in June. There will be the Radar exhibit, and documents and artefacts which show a little about what life was like for Langton people in WWII, including gas masks and an ARP warden's tin hat, as worn by Bill Pertwee in 'Dad's Army'. We are planning to display some of the extensive collection of blacksmith-made artefacts (locks, farm tools etc) in late June/July, with demonstrations by a local blacksmith outside the Museum, and hope to encourage school parties to attend: see website and posters for details of dates nearer the time. August/September is earmarked for a Textiles exhibition.

We are still 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.

*Daryle Pearson & Mary Sparks, LMLHPS*

## **GOODBYE FROM THE OLD RECTORY**

**A**fter months of refurbishment last year, and hard work from the staff to create a full and happy home, we were devastated to learn, on 3 January, that Hantona Ltd were going to cease trading, leading to the closure of three residential care homes.

The Old Rectory has been a residential home in Langton Matravers for many years. Some of the residents have

enjoyed taking part in the activities of the village; attending church services, looking around the museum, visiting the craft fair and the fête.

None of the residents wanted to move but they have been supported to find appropriate new homes, unfortunately not all in the local area.

As one resident said: "I felt loved."

On behalf of all the staff, we thank you for your support over the years, and we wish everyone from our Old Rectory family, the best in their new situation. *Janet Robinson*

### **THIS NOTE WAS LEFT PINNED TO THE OLD RECTORY DOOR**

"It has truly been an honour and a privilege to support the people who have lived at the Old Rectory, we are deeply saddened this has come to an end. We thank you from the bottom of our broken hearts, all residents, families, staff, professionals, and the wonderful community of Langton Matravers for all the support and well wishes during such a difficult end to a loving, caring, home. We wish everyone a healthy and happy future."



### **SPEED WATCH TEAM**

**B**y now, most readers will know that 20 mph has been approved through the centre of the village for implementation in the April-June period.

Then it will be important for the Langton Speed Watch team to deploy at least once per week while drivers get used to the new speed limit.

We desperately need to increase the current team of six. If you can spare an hour or so a week, why not come along on Friday, 1 March at the entrance to the school field, to see the team in action and decide if you could help? If you are unable to attend on 1 March but would like to get involved, please contact: Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle, [vaughanarbuckle@gmail.com](mailto:vaughanarbuckle@gmail.com); 07533 208833.

### **ARTSREACH SHOW DRIFTERS**

**S**ound artist, nature beatboxer and composer, Jason Singh, performs his live soundtrack to John Grierson's monumental silent documentary film *Drifters* on Sunday, 17 March at 7.30pm.

Premiering alongside *Battleship Potemkin* in 1929, *Drifters* follows North Sea herring trawler men through their dramatic daily routines as well as the industry's struggles between tradition, modernity, and nature.

Originally commissioned by BFI, Jason's critically acclaimed and totally unique solo score combines live vocal sound effects, beatboxing techniques and live sampling to create a thrilling cinematic experience.

Opening each performance, landscape writer, Sarah Acton presents a newly commissioned piece featuring poetry, field recordings, local musicians and stories of the fishing communities of the South West. Accompanied by atmospheric visuals by community environment charity Common Ground.

**12 The Dubber**

Please note that tickets may not be available from Trev's Deli, but will be available from Keith or Collette.

*Keith Coombs*

### **LANGTON MATRAVER PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY MEETING**

**M**any years ago the community started lobbying for a 20mph speed limit through the Parish. Four to five years ago the Parish Council became involved and as of 31 January 2023 Dorset Council approved the application and Langton Matravers became the first village in the Dorset Council area to be granted a 20mph speed limit. We have all worked hard to achieve this goal and consistently navigated our way through conditions set out by Dorset Council. This has cost the Parish Council a lot of time and money but we achieved the desired outcome. This Council and the Parish owes a debt of gratitude to all the work, not just by Council members, but by the unflagging support of the volunteers, of the community speed watch team, and letters of support from residents. However, there is one person who's determination, energy, enthusiasm, and constant communication has been the driving force behind our bid. An official vote of thanks to Cllr Ian Vaughan-Arbuckle as a token of our appreciation.

**Local Activity Providers:** Before the main monthly Parish Council meeting, 4 local activity providers and the National Trust came to explain how the providers run their business in and around Langton Matravers. The activity providers were Brenscombe Outdoor Centre, Cumulus Outdoors, Key School & Land and Wave.

Tom from the National Trust stated the National Trust feel it is important to ensure the countryside around us is open and accessible to all. All Activity providers that use National Trust land, such as Dancing Ledge are licensed and agree / sign a agreement to work within an expected code of conduct.

After the activity providers had introduced themselves, Councillors and residents had the opportunity to ask questions. The main concerns raised were Highways issues and specifically coaches, and access to the area for residents.

In regards to Highways three of the four activity providers all use the same coach company and all work in the same way: The coach will come into the village to drop off the children. The coach then drives to Swanage to park up. There will be an approximate collection time arranged with the coach company, but this is only used as guidance, the coach WILL NOT turn up at the estimated collection time and sit and wait. When the group are on their way back from the activity, an instructor will call the coach driver directly to let them know they are on route and nearly ready for collection. At this point the coach will leave Swanage and drive to the designated pick up point in Langton Matravers, which is the designated bus stop area. If the children are not at the bus stop when the coach arrives, or vice versa, there is usually only a minute or two wait.

In regards to residents access to the area, it was asked if a timetable showing when the providers would be in the area could be available for residents, so that they can plan their day, if they so choose to visit the area when they know there will be no activity providers using the area. Tom from the National Trust was confident this could happen and would look into it. It was noted no activity provider is licensed to use the Seacombe area.

**Highways issues around the parish:** The Parish Council have no power to fix Highways issues. We have no greater power with Dorset Council than residents, in fact residents in their numbers have greater power over Dorset Council than the Parish Council. If you spot an issue on the Highways please report it directly to Dorset Council via their portal. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement>.

#### 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: Full support. Impressed with the design and materials. Thanked the applicants for doing the pre ap, plus coming to council to explain.
- Application No: P/CLE/2024/00082. Location: The Ship Inn Langton Matravers BH19 3EU. Proposal: Continued Residential use. Comment: Objection on the grounds of the lack of previous planning development plans and time taken for this application. The lack of marketing of the property when first on the open market was discussed, including no sale board was ever placed.
- Application No: P/VOC/2023/07522, P/VOC/2023/07502 & P/FUL/2023/07355, Location: Downs Quarry, Kingston Road, Langton Matravers, Swanage BH19 3JP, Proposal: Extraction of Viviparus and Burr Limestones and restoration to deciduous native woodland (with variation of condition 20 of 6/2021/0167 to extend the restoration end date to facilitate access to the northern extension area).

Comment: Langton Matravers Parish Council support these applications as LMPC support the historic local trade.

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

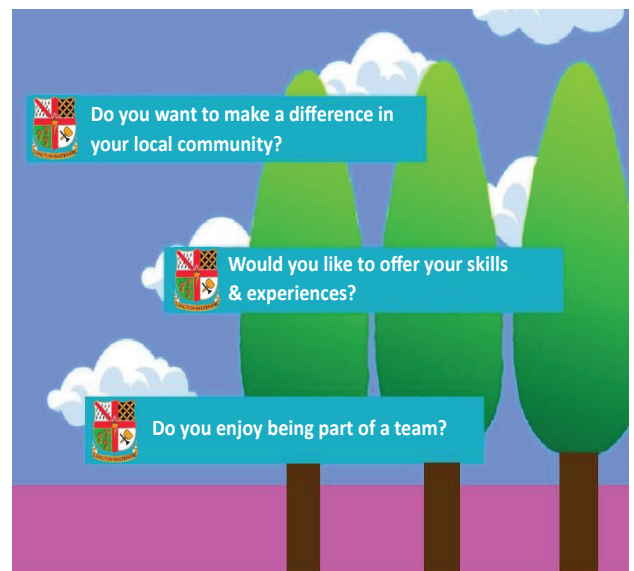
**Life as a Councillor:** Do you want to know more about "Life as a Councillor"? Langton Matravers Parish Council are holding two drop in session, where you can talk freely and openly to an existing Councillor. The Clerk will also be available to guide you through filling in your nomination paper.

The first drop in session is being held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 12 March 2024 from 2pm until 3pm. The second drop in session is being held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14 March 2024 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 14 March 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](mailto:clerk@langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk), Telephone: 01929 425100, Write: 1A High Street, Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3HA, Website: [www.langtonmatravers-pc.org](http://www.langtonmatravers-pc.org)

*Michelle Harrington*



### Join Langton Matravers Parish Council

By standing for election on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

If you care about where you live and are

Passionate about your community,

**WE NEED YOU**

To find out more contact the Clerk: Michelle Harrington

Email: [Clerk@langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk)

Call: 01929 425100

#### NEWS FROM NOWHERE

#### THE RAMBLING GARDENER

With longer days, spring is on the way, yeah! I have blue crocus, large pink Cameilla, multi coloured Tulips, lots of different Daffodils and yellow Hypericum Rolacy what else do you have? There, is change every day in March, and no one knows what we will get, hot, cold, gales or still, snow and/or ice, but with the longer days some plants will start growing while others will depend on temperature. Deciduous plants coming into leaf in many differing shades of green. The mixture of colours changing as the leaves reach maturity, fascinating to watch, (the leaves turn red/yellow if to cold or to dry), yet more variation.

Birds are looking their best in beautiful colours for courting, singing for their mates or to proclaim their territory. There are a lot of different species in my garden, 12 come to the bird table and as many can be seen on the wing. I open the window early in the morning and listen to the clear notes of the song thrush. Or, download bird sound app to learn bird song/singers.

Whatever the weather enjoy it, and if you only have a patio or a house you can still grow food on a patio in pots. Even strawberries and tomatoes like hanging baskets in the house, so buy a day light bulb (for better cropping) and to also grow salad crops inside.

When growing plants some animals eat/destroy them is very discouraging. Sticks will keep of pigeons off, prickly Holly stops cats and dogs, aphids are best squashed with fingers, washed off or apply organic sprays. If left sometimes nature sorts aphid problems. I keep a few small hens and ducks who work over all the garden eating slugs, snails and



green food, my bonus is my very tasty eggs. Planting salvias next to roses discourage black spots, so think about planting some next to your roses, it will save time in the summer. Remember to take time to just enjoy the outdoors.

March is the time for planting nearly all seeds, there are too many to mention. I just suggest, lettuce, radish, peas, carrots, cabbages, roots, (winter squash and peppers need to be sown in heat of 180-250), do try something you have not grown before. Order any seeds/plants you need, checking they are plants that will put up with adverse weather. If buying dormant plants without soil (bare rooted), it can stop buying in diseases from other gardens.

It is good to grow food from seed but many things take years to grow. Being able to pick food straight from the garden is good for mind and body, growing lots of fruits is easy. Most fruit trees have now been bred to be smaller, so they crop quicker. Apples for example are first grafted onto dwarf rootstock then different 2 to 3 varieties can be grafted on to one tree. In choosing apples that ripen in different months, fresh apples can span several months. The fruit will have to be picked and stored in a cool place for eating when ripe. Yes, it does take time but is so rewarding. Lots of other fruits that have been grafted on to dwarf rootstock and are worth growing, look them up.

Please divert house/shed water pipes to fill containers or water subsoils deeply, save while we can. We might have another dry summer, so be mindful with water. Spain already has severe water shortages in some areas, and it is only early February (at time of writing)!

Enjoy this year, look forward to a good summer and ask if you want me to give you suggestions for your garden. I love showing people around my garden just email [rjehelfer@gmail.com](mailto:rjehelfer@gmail.com).

Rachel

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### DEAR DUBBER

*The shop is closing because of the lack of support from the villagers. I am upset and more than a little angry. I depend such a lot on being able to buy my basics, and lovely cakes too. This is the final shop in the village that would supply us. Rick and Zoe have done all they can to serve us and I use it almost daily. I don't know how I shall manage. There is a lack of a community in the village now. I don't drive and I will lose my independence even more.*

*The customers who only buy a paper with a "coupon" will now have to drive to another supplier or pay for delivery.*

*I will continue to support Rick and Zoe and use the pub in spite of efforts by some to see that closed as well.*

JASMINE CATTLE

## Wild Goose

(Worth Matravers Celtic Spirituality Group)

**Invite you to a Lent lunch**

**at Worth Village Hall**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Soup and bread and Cheese will be served from 1-2.30pm**

**Donations please in aid of**

**"Food for Thought"**

**and**

**"Refugee Action"**

Please contact Liz Hoad on 07841014506 by 1<sup>st</sup> March if you are coming along



**Rachel Helfer**

invites any of the friends who read her Dubber column or have enjoyed visits to her garden over the years to...

**Open House from 2-6pm at  
Knitson Old Farmhouse  
Saturday, 23 March**

In celebration of a very significant birthday  
a few days later!

Please no Gifts.

Refreshments available.

More info contact Becca 07553877947

**Charity Pop-Up Flower Stall**  
**Worth Matravers Bus Shelter**

**Easter Weekend**

**29<sup>th</sup> March-1<sup>st</sup> April**



Hand tied bunches of Spring Flowers.

Donations to Swanage Food Bank. Cash Only



## Wareham & Purbeck YFC Vintage Ploughing Committee



48th Annual Ploughing  
Match Sunday, 17 March  
9am onwards

at Manor Farm, Watery Lane,  
Studland, BH19 3AT.

(Turn right at the cross roads  
in the village by the shop)

Free Entry Hot Food available, Raffle,  
Vintage & Modern Tractors  
Money raised to go to The Dorset  
Cancer Centre at Poole Hospital

If you would like to make a donation,  
give a raffle prize and have an advert  
in our programme please  
get in contact with me.

If you require any further information  
please do not hesitate to contact  
Helen on 01929 481562.  
Email [helenselby@outlook.com](mailto:helenselby@outlook.com)

## Purbeck and the English Civil War in Dorset, 1642 -46



THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2024  
7.30pm

Langton Matravers Village Hall

Speaker: Anthony Moore, BA (Hons) History

**SOUND UK**

ATMOSPHERIC DOUBLE  
BILL OF FILM + LIVE  
MUSIC AND SPOKEN WORD

JASON SINGH  
SARAH ACTON

**THE FLEET DRIFTERS**  
(1929) LIVE  
+ SEINERS (PREMIERE)

"SO POWERFUL AND SO  
BEAUTIFULLY DONE."  
- MARK KERMODE  
THE OBSERVER

**LANGTON MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL**  
Sunday 17 March, 7:30pm | £12, £5 (u18s), £30 (family)  
from Keith: 01929 423834 / Collette: 01929 422832  
in person from **Trev's Deli in The Kings Arms** or online at [artsreach.co.uk](http://artsreach.co.uk)  
Local Ales and Wines plus Tea/Coffee & Cake Available! Supported by Dorset Council & Arts Council England

**Purbeck arts choir**

**PUCCINI**  
*MESSA DI GLORIA*  
with HANDEL | MOZART | ROSSINI | BIZET

Saturday 23rd March  
at 6.30pm  
St Mary's Church,  
Swanage  
conductor: David Fawcett

Tickets: £12 in advance from Corbens or tel. 01929 481419  
[www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk](http://www.purbeckartschoir.org.uk)

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## REGULAR EVENTS

|                   |                                      |                   |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Table Tennis      | Mon 7-9pm                            | LMVH              |
| Folk Dancing      | Tues 7.30-9.45pm                     | LMVH              |
| Langton PO        | Tues 9-12pm                          | Putlake Tea Rooms |
| Community Library | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon mornings.10-12pm | LMVH              |
| Harmans Cross PO  | Thurs 9.30-11.30                     | HXVH              |
| Short Mat Bowls   | Friday 7-9pm                         | LMVH              |

Don't Miss  
*Mission Impossible:  
 Dead Reckoning*  
 7pm Tuesday 12 March  
 HXVH

## Swanage Painting Club

invite you to a Coffee Morning  
 & Mini Exhibition of Paintings

On Thursday 7 March 2024 10-noon



Entrance is free and all welcome.

Tea / Coffee and Cakes on sale  
 At The Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone  
 Road, Swanage BH19 1AH

An opportunity to see Club members at  
 work and to join the club

For more information about joining our  
 club contact our secretary  
[jwilby1111@gmail.com](mailto:jwilby1111@gmail.com)

## Stalls in the Hall

Saturday 6 April  
 9.30am - noon  
 Harmans Cross Village Hall  
 Stall Enquiries to 07384 848419

## FEBRUARY 2024

|    |              |                                           |              |
|----|--------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 27 | 9-12pm       | Post Office                               | Putlake Cafe |
| 29 | 9.30-11.30am | Post Office                               | HXVH         |
| 29 | 6pm          | Kingston Village get together             | Scott Arms   |
| 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 |
| 5      | 9-12pm       | Post Office                                                  | Putlake Cafe             |
| 5      | 1-2.30pm     | WMCSG Lent Lunch                                             | WMVH                     |
| 5      | 7.30pm       | WMPC Meeting                                                 | HXVH                     |
| 7      | 10 - 11.30   | Coffee Pot                                                   | St George's Ch           |
| 7      | 10-noon      | Swanage Painting Club- Coffee Morning and mini-exhibition    | Catholic Hall            |
| 7      | 10.30-noon   | Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)                     | HXVH                     |
| 8      | 7pm          | LMPC Meeting                                                 | LMVH                     |
| 12     | 9-12pm       | Post Office                                                  | Putlake Cafe             |
| 12     | 2-3pm        | 'Life as a Councillor' Session                               | LMVH                     |
| 12     | 7.30pm       | Film: <i>Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning</i>              | HXVH                     |
| 14     | 9.30-11.30am | Post Office                                                  | HXVH                     |
| 14     | 5.30-6.30pm  | 'Life as a Councillor' Session                               | LMVH                     |
| 14     | 7pm          | LMPC Meeting                                                 | LMVH                     |
| 17     | 9am          | Ploughing Match                                              | BH19 3AT                 |
| 19     | 9-12pm       | Post Office                                                  | Putlake Cafe             |
| 20     | 7pm          | WFC: <i>Godland</i>                                          | WMVH                     |
| 21     | 10.30-noon   | Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)                     | HXVH                     |
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| 26     | 9-12pm       | Post Office                                                  | Putlake Cafe             |
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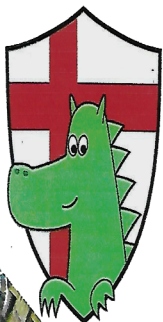
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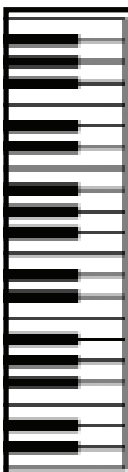
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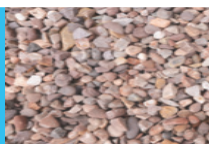
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