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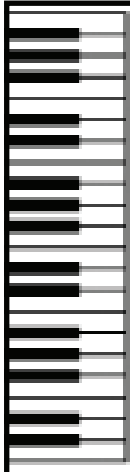
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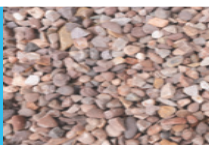
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*The Christmas issue of **The Dubber** is always printed early so please be sure to get your submissions in by 16 November.*

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

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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November 2023

Bishop Karen's November Letter

*Praying for the People God
Knows We Need*



This autumn it has been a joy to institute and licence a record number of clergy to new posts and as well as being the beginning of new ministry for individuals, communities and parishes, these services represent the culmination of months of careful work. The appointment of clergy is one of the most important tasks of being a bishop, overseeing the right person appointed to the right place, not only fulfils the vocation of parish and priest, but also ensures faithful ministry now and in the future.

Sometimes the departure of a parish priest is sudden, sometimes it is planned whatever, the period of vacancy ensures time is taken to review the needs of a particular place or places, of a particular church or churches, to make sure that the defined task is realistic and forward looking. This can involve vision days and consultations with Patrons and other interested parties. The role needs to be accurately defined and the drawing up of a profile and advert a careful process, bearing in mind that some weeks well over forty church leadership posts are advertised nationally in the Church Times.

The recruitment and appointment process, co-ordinated by the archdeacon and our local office, involves careful managing, as applications arrive, shortlisting takes place and interviews and visits are organised. Patrons, parish representatives all participate in what is ultimately and most importantly a task of prayerful discernment as references are sought and read, candidates welcomed, and a day of interviews held. Presentations are made, homilies preached, and the local school visited. Then following appointment all the necessary checks are made before an announcement and plans for moving take shape, including the preparation of the house and organisation of the licensing service itself.

As often is the case much, hard work proceeds a joyful celebration. Prayer is essential, and so often the temptation is to ask for the person we all think we want, when rather than trusting that God will provide the person God knows we need. I am forever thankful for all those who at the end of these processes come to the diocese to serve the church faithfully as priests. We welcome those who have arrived recently and continue to pray for parishes in, or soon to be in, vacancy.

Bishop Karen

All Souls' Service



St George's Langton

Thursday, 2 November 7pm

A service of reflection, with opportunity
to light a candle and remember those
we love but see no longer,
whether the loss is recent or long ago

Please submit the name of the person you wish to
remember to the Parish office 07506 877410

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St George's, St James' or St Nicholas.

If you cannot join us, we will light the candle for you

More information: Becca Charron 07553877947 or
Chris Meadows 01929 426544



All Welcome



Advent at Kingston

St James' Church

Sunday 3rd December

6.00pm

A service of seasonal readings, music
and hymns, followed by mulled wine and
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Do join us!



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SERVICE TIMES IN THE PARISHES

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER

7pm All Souls' Service Langton

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 4 BEFORE ADVENT

10am Breakfast Church Langton

10.30am Holy Communion/All Souls' Corfe

5pm Celtic Evening Prayer WMVH

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER

10am Communion Langton

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

10am Remembrance Langton

10.30am Remembrance Corfe

10.45am Remembrance Kingston

10.50am Remembrance WMVH

3pm Remembrance Tyneham

6pm Evensong Langton

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

10am Prayer in the Morning Langton

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2 BEFORE ADVENT

10am Celtic Communion WMVH

10am Morning Worship Langton

10.30am Morning Prayer Corfe

11am Walking Church TBA

6pm Evening Prayer HXVH

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

10am Communion Langton

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 1 BEFORE ADVENT

10am Celtic Morning Prayer WMVH

10am Holy Communion Langton

10.30am Holy Communion Corfe

11.15am Holy Communion Kingston

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

10am Prayer in the Morning Langton

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER

6pm Langton Lights Langton



Langton Village Hall
& St George's Church

Light Up Langton
Langton Lights switch on
6pm

Thursday, 30 November

Everyone Welcome

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

This year's service will be on Thursday, 2 November at 7pm at St George's. For those of us who have lost loved ones, whether recently or long ago, this is a simple and reflective service, giving us space to remember them and place candles in their memory. We welcome anyone and everyone who wants to remember. If you can't be there in person, we will light a candle for you. (Details p *Chris Meadows*)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

I'm writing this shortly after the disaster in the Anglican Hospital in Northern Gaza and before the expected push by Israeli forces into the region. What horrors are about to unfold? In Ukraine, a summer of supreme effort and thousands of deaths on either side seem as fruitless as our efforts on the Somme, where the British Army lost the highest number of their troops ever. Never was it more important to stop and think with gratitude of the sacrifices of the past and also to pray about tomorrow, when one rash decision could lead to a much greater conflagration. This year's Service of Remembrance will be in Church at St George's, so we don't have to worry about the weather, starting at ten o'clock and we welcome everyone in the village to come. It will be followed by the laying of a wreath at the war memorial outside, particularly remembering those who died after the wars they fought in had ended and who are probably not honoured on any war memorial. *Chris Meadows*

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

A Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at St George's Church on 22 December at 6pm.

Although Christmas seems a long way off, it is not many weeks until the choir begins to rehearse for this traditional service, one which attracts a congregation of well over 100 people each year from the village and beyond.

More details will appear in the next edition of The Dubber but the first of four Friday rehearsals is on 24 November from 6pm to 7.30pm in St George's School Hall (where it's warmer than the church!). We usually bring together about 25 singers to form an excellent, balanced choir covering the four vocal parts. If you have even a limited experience of choral singing and would like to join us you would be most welcome to give us a try! Contact Richard on 07719 817301. *Richard Earl*

DON'T EXPECT TINSEL!

The customary Advent Service from 'Darkness to Light' will be held at St James's Kingston on 3 December at 6pm. This service marks the beginning of the period of preparation for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. It is an important time to pause and think about what Christmas should be about. The traditional Advent readings and music used, reflect this season before the onset of Christmas carols and all the glamour that has become Christmas... so don't expect tinsel! It is a chance for us to step back from all the madness that Christmas has become to most of us, and think about what it is truly about: new beginnings, family and hope.

If you would like to help with mulled wine, mince pies, lighting candles, please let me know, or please just come, pause and listen to the message of hope and anticipation.

Becca Charron

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

With just a few weeks to go before we hit the final month of this year, no doubt it will be a busy time for most of us, but there will be times to switch off from the hustle and bustle a time to relax and enjoy some peaceful moments. Why not spend some of those moments at the St Aldhelm Christmas tree festival? This is now the seventh year that Sandy and I have run this event with the sole aim of raising funds for worthwhile charities that are not widely known. This year we have chosen Mosaic and East Dorset and New Forest Motor Neuron Disease Association. We raise money by the sale of refreshments and donations given at the event; last year we sold almost £700 worth of tea and cake therefore we are looking for anyone who can donate cakes for the event.

We have a great line-up of music for this year including U3A Ukulele Group, Ratties Acoustic Club, the Mayday Singers, the Swanage Recorder Group and many more, the full program will be available on our website and Facebook pages nearer the time.

As usual there will be around thirty trees all individually decorated so do come along and support us at St George's Church, Langton Matravers entry is free we open from 10am till 5pm 2-4 December. If you wish to help out in any way, please contact Sandy 01929 424431 <https://staldhelmxmas-trefestival.wordpress.com>.

Colin Garner

WHERE AM I (JUST OUTSIDE OF PURBECK)



Where is this unusual sight?

Chris Meadows

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA

It was a full house for the Champagne Reception and raffle draw at Worth Matravers Village Hall on Saturday, 14 October. After several months of selling tickets the Nicholas Hely Hutchinson painting of the Church is finally on its way to its new owners. Enormous thanks to Nicholas for donating the painting, to Charles O'Reilly for 'marketing' the raffle and event and to his wife, Emma, for organising the food and flowers for the reception. To date the painting has contributed nearly £20,000 to the Roof Appeal, limited edition signed prints are still available at £200 framed or £150 unframed, if interested please apply to Charles O'Reilly at: bladoncharles@gmail.com

Meanwhile, the Church is disappearing under scaffolding, it's taken four weeks to date and it will be another week before the temporary roof is on and work can start on stripping the roof. Whilst the scaffolders have been busy the contractors have taken out the old heating system and removed

the chimney, all part of the project.

We regret that we had to close the lower churchyard during the past month but it became necessary to allow the scaffolders to get on with their work in a safe environment. Access will be allowed again once the scaffolding is completed and work starts on the roof and most importantly for our Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial on Sunday, 12 November.

Hugh Cochrane

WOMEN OF NOTE

PURBECK ARTS CHOIR CONCERT 25 NOVEMBER

The Purbeck Arts Choir has something a little different planned for this year's Winter Concert on 25 November which is at 6.30pm at St Mary's Church, Swanage. We are celebrating 200 years of female composers and are thrilled that the wonderfully talented Grace Lovelass will be joining us as our Mezzo-Soprano!

As well as music by Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, Clara Schumann, Cecilia McDowell (A Prayer of St Columba) and Eleanor Daley's Requiem, we will be singing some of the movements from Helen Osterflew's Requiem which we were delighted to premiere in the UK in 2017.

Our MD, David Fawcett will be keeping us all in order with Simon Lole on organ and piano and we will be joined by the younger voices of St Mary's Church and School choirs.

TICKETS ARE ONLY £10 in advance - from Corbens, Choir members or Liz Roberts 01929 481419 – or £12 on the door. U18s and students are free.

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Liz Roberts

WESTON FARM GOES WILD!

We ran two guided walks in September at Weston Farm, Worth Matravers, as part of the Planet Purbeck Festival. Both were fully booked, with almost 60 people attending. Our ranger, Ben Cooke, led the groups from the farm, along Bonvils Road, then straight on up the valley to a spectacular coastal viewpoint. Previously closed to the public, we are currently working to make this route a permissive footpath.

Ben outlined the plans to let nature recover on the farm, including avoiding the use of chemicals and introducing a variety of grazing animals to create a mosaic of grassland, scrub and wood pasture. If you're a member of a group that would be interested in having a similar guided walk, please contact us on purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk.

SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL

As the next phase of nature recovery at Weston Farm, we have sown some of the fields with yellow rattle. Also, known as 'the meadow maker' or 'nature's lawnmower', yellow rattle is considered to be the most important plant for creating wildflower meadows.

A semi-parasitic plant, its roots draw water and nutrients from coarse grasses. This weakens the grass and allows wildflowers to grow through. The flowers then attract a diversity of butterflies and other insects. Look out for the yellow rattle coming into flower next May.

FINGERS CROSSED FOR PURBECK NATURE FUNDING BID

Forty landowners, farmers and organisations have come together in a bid for Government funding to help nature across Purbeck. The consortium, led by the Dorset Area of

Outstanding Natural Beauty, is looking for Landscape Recovery funding for an area of over 8,000ha. This includes the Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve and a continuous coastal stretch from Durlston Country Park to Kimmeridge.

Landscape Recovery offers farmers and land managers the opportunity to work together across large areas for the benefit of nature. The Government will fund 25 projects across the country – the successful projects being announced in December.

David Brown of the National Trust, one of the partners in the bid, said: "Purbeck really is leading the way in partnership working for nature – so much positive action is already taking place, and much more is being planned. By working hand in hand with farmers who manage in nature-friendly ways we can restore nature across the whole landscape and put it at the heart of a sustainable local economy."

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

PURBECK CONNECT UKRAINE (PCU) – PLEA FOR HELP AND FUNDS

In March 2022, following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, PCU was formed as a voluntary organisation to help Ukrainian refugees settle in the local area, as part of the charity Swanage Action for Refugees. There are now about 30 Ukrainian families in the wider Purbeck area, from Lulworth to Studland, who have been welcomed by local Host families.

In the past year, PCU's work has included:

- Linking up Ukrainian refugees with hosts in Purbeck
- Assisting with applications for visas, benefits, school applications
- Referring guests to services, e.g. the Foodbank, Job Centre and CAB
- Establishing links with other Ukrainian refugee groups in Dorset
- Providing essential information to our Ukrainian guests
- Supplying clothing, bicycles, phones, laptops, bedding and household goods
- Providing transport to essential appointments and medical visits
- Arranging social activities & events
- Enabling our Ukrainian friends to prepare a Ukrainian dinner for their hosts and volunteers
- Assisting with relocation to new accommodation at the end of the hosting period
- Providing regular English lessons for adults, and a Saturday school for Ukrainian children

This autumn, as the war continues, we are still in need of more host families to help more Ukrainians moving to Purbeck. Many manage to work once settled, but they have lost so much and are still in great need. We have seen some lovely friendships develop and there is such gratitude from those who have received help from PCU.

Also, we urgently require more funds to meet the ongoing needs and to be able to offer essential support as necessary.

Please consider whether you could help in some way; perhaps you could hold a Coffee Morning or organise a raffle, hold a concert, sports or social event, or may be simply make a personal donation. If you belong to a group, perhaps you could ask if they also could give a donation to PCU to

ensure this vital work can continue, for as long as it takes.

For further information on hosting, fundraising, or becoming a volunteer please contact the charity by email – purbeckconnectukraine@gmail.com

Donations can be made to: Swanage Action for Refugees
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A huge thank-you to all who have contributed during the last 18 months. It has made a big difference; we could not have achieved any of this without you. *Judy Forgan*

CORFE CASTLE SURGERY

We have just held our second walk-in flu clinic of the season and had another great response from those invited. If you haven't had your vaccine yet, please get in touch with the reception team and we will aim to book you in as soon as possible. Thank you to our Patient Participation Group and extra volunteers that assisted with marshalling and tea making, we couldn't do it without you!

Reminder that Covid vaccination clinics are to be held at Wareham Hospital again for the booster, but the Surgery are not involved in the booking of these so please contact NHS 119 or go online at nhs.uk.

We are looking forward to welcoming a new GP in November. Dr Daniel Lane will be working with us two days a week on Tuesdays and Fridays, and I am sure you will all give him a warm welcome when you see him in clinic.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to The Three Parish Fete committee and The Friends of Corfe Castle Surgery who have both made donations to the Surgery recently and these funds have bought us a new state of the art defibrillator and extra equipment for the trainee GPs that Dr Lepper teaches. We are very grateful for our wonderful community.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries.

Kerry Norman, Practice Manager

PPG

Members of the Patient Participation Group have been pleased to support the recent Flu vaccination sessions held at the Surgery in September and October when in total over 600 attended.

I personally supported the first session and in my 'front door' role, I took the opportunity to introduce myself as PPG Chair where I heard so many positive comments about our Surgery.

This session was really busy with queues forming from 0830 for the 0900 start- thankfully the weather was fine and we all tried to keep the session moving. I would like to congratulate the whole Surgery team for their hard work but in particular the Clinical staff who also dealt with two medical emergencies during the morning session which obviously caused some delay but they still managed to vaccinate over 400 people.

My thanks also to all who came that morning for your patience in what became an almost 'social' event.

Our next PPG meeting is planned for early December; please do get in touch if there is anything you would like to raise with the Surgery or any questions you may have about the provision of local services. With my dual role as Chair of Friends of Wareham Hospital, I am still involved in wider local health meetings where I remain committed to the provision of services for us all in Purbeck. Recently I was asked

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to join a Zoom meeting with PPG colleagues in Suffolk and North East Essex and tell them about our successful programme of Health talks and about our Surgery - a privilege! We hope to continue our Health Talks programme in the New Year. Contact Maggie Hardy PPG Chair (corfecastle-surgeryppg@gmail.com).

HARMONY ROCKS CHOIR

We hope you noticed our announcement in last month's *Dubber* but, just in case you missed it, Harmony Rocks Choir will be performing their Singing for Christmas concert at St James' Church on Saturday Afternoon 16 December from 2 - 3pm. This is a Free Entry event with a Raffle and Retiring Collection in support of the Greengage Community Garden and St James' Church.

Our songs will celebrate the beauty, tradition and fun of the festive season to give you a relaxing afternoon in the lovely surroundings of St James' Church. There is plenty of audience space in the church to bring along a group of family and friends and light refreshments will be available after the concert.

Take a break from those festive preparations to relax and enjoy an afternoon of seasonal songs with us. See you there!

Anne Elford

WHERE AM I ANSWER

Driving from Wool to Wareham, the cannon is on a ridge beside the road just before you get to the speed camera on the A352. About a mile before the turning to Holme Nursery.

Chris Meadows

HARMANS CROSS

HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

Another busy month at the Hall, but firstly just a very last minute call for some end of October events that you might still manage to catch.

PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL

HXXVH is a venue for two films shown by the PFF team. On Sunday 29 October, we are showing *The Banshees of Inisherin* and on Thursday 2 November, we are showing *Al-lelujah*. Doors and bar open at 7pm as usual with the film showing at 7.30pm. Tickets for PFF films at £7 (or £5.50 for students and under 25s) and are available to book online at the PFF website or on the door.

Movie Night – Tuesday 14 November – *The Wolf and the Lion*

After her grandfather's death, 20-year-old Alma decides to go back to her childhood home -- a little island in the heart of a majestic forest. While there, she rescues two helpless cubs: a wolf and a lion. They forge an inseparable bond, but their world soon collapses when a forest ranger discovers the animals and takes them away. The two cubs must now embark on a treacherous journey across the wilderness to reunite with each other and Alma.

For me the best part of *The Wolf and the Lion* is the remarkable footage of the animals. This is not CGI. This is a real-life wolf and a real-life lion who are, the end credit sequence assures us, real-life best friends. I'm a genuine softie for films like this, so I was always going to love it ... and I did.

Stalls at the Hall – Saturday 25 November

A Saturday morning to browse crafts, gifts, curios and

homemade produce, as well as coffee, cake and conversation. Open 9.30-12 noon with free entry and free parking. Anyone interested in having a table (just £5) then please call David Hollister on 07384 848 419

Other November dates, and future dates for your diaries

Thursday 2 November – Coffee Junction from 10.30am

Thursday 16 November – Coffee Junction from 10.30am

Sunday 19 November – HXVH Church at 6pm

Tuesday 12 December – Movie Night – *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*

Friday 15 December – Live Music – The Churchfitters Christmas Show

Information on all of the above is on our website at www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk

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

WORTH MATRAVERS



PURBECK ARTISTS AND STALLHOLDERS

Put PASH dates in your Christmas diary shopping list.

We will be at Worth Matravers Village Hall from 2-10 December at 11-4pm daily. Our team always have a range of locally made items for sale...wood, stone, silver, ceramics, local produce and more.

We will be featuring some Pam Bailey artwork for sale towards the Church roof repairs, books by author Audrey Pembroke set in Purbeck historic quarrying times and quirky wooden signs by Tom Everall.
Diana Quinn

PLANTS WANTED

We have started potting up plants for the Plant Stall at next May's Worth Charity Fête. We welcome any garden plants to add to our stock. We can split up large clumps or grow on any spare seedlings you have.

Please ring Yvonne 01929 439946 or email yspencer869@hotmail.co.uk for details - we can collect. Many thanks.

Plant Stall Team

WORTH FILM CLUB

Our next screening on Wednesday 15 November will be *Coda*. It tells the story of a hearing girl, Ruby, with a deaf family. The drama centres around her efforts to develop a life of her own, to break away from her family without breaking with it, even as she recognises that her independent activities and her extended absence may threaten her family's livelihood.

The plot of *CODA* treads familiar ground, veering close to the tried-and-true formula of other coming-of-age classics like *Billy Elliot*. But there's no shame in a formula done well, and *CODA* does more than well. Thanks to excellent performances and sharp writing, *CODA* rises above any possibility of triteness to become a moving and deeply heartwarming film. It received the best film award at the 2022 Oscars and the best supporting actress for Troy Kotsur, the first for a deaf actress. Please join us for a drink at 7pm and the film will begin as 7.30pm. To avoid disappointment at the door, book early online: www.worthmatravervillagehall.org

Tickets are £5.

Claude Bonfanti

WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

OCTOBER MEETING

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

Declaration of Interest. Cllrs J Burden, I Bugler 8b

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

25 residents were in attendance and many individually raised a range of local concerns about and objections to a proposed development at Glencree in South Instow in Harman's Cross. These included individual and collective property issues of impact, overshadowing, drainage, advance site clearance of trees, hedges, and vegetation, biodiversity requirements and a contravention of the Wildlife Act of 1981 by removal on the development of native species. There were also concerns, on this limited width road, of the effects and impact of construction traffic.

DORSET COUNCIL

Cllr Brooks gave an update on current and other Dorset Council initiatives including -. The decade long Dorset volunteer digital champion service, which has helped on IT issues around 15,000 people and a further 3,500 over the phone

Work continues to preserve more roads using a preventative cost-effective treatment for worn, but not structurally failing, roads. This seals the road, improves the texture and prevents water ingress.

A recent consultation was on a dog-related Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) across the Dorset Council area. 4,221 responses were received. 80% of responses were from local residents, 62% of responses came from dog owners. Councillors will make the final decision about whether dogs should be kept on leads in certain areas, permitted into cemetery graveyards, public gardens and sports pitches or on specific beaches across Dorset. This order will come into effect on 1 January 2024.

82% of children in Dorset in the age range 8 to 17 who had been taken into care felt that their life had got better since coming into care.

She advised that if your child due to start from primary to secondary school, or middle to upper school in September 2024 you need to apply a place at their preferred school by Tuesday 31 October.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cllrs having reviewed the costs and issues raised on a re-siting of the dog waste bin Worth village decided to take no further action.

Cllrs noted the Annual Inspection Reports for the Harman's Cross & West Burton play facilities. It was agreed the Clerk would liaise with the PC Grounds and Minor maintenance contractors to deal with the issues raised. The PC reviewed the DC grant conditions in respect of a Public electric vehicle charging site in Worth Matravers car park. These require local properties close to the facility to have no off street parking. This could not apply in Worth village so the car park charging scheme could not be proceeded with.

The PC noted with concern the scale of the recent major tree work removal at Glencree in South Instow. Advice was that being in an established garden at the time and outside the area HX TPO these did not need consent.

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

Notification of Appeal Reference: APP/D1265/Y/23/3322536 &/D1265/D/23/3322534Worth Cot-

tage Worth Matravers Dorset BH19 3LQ : Erect rear extension to provide garden room and bedroom. Cllrs agreed to the Clerks report supporting with an Objection to the forthcoming Public Inquiry the DC Planning officers' original refusal of these planning and listed building applications. The full objection report as sent to the Planning Inspectorate is available on application by e mail to the Parish Clerk.

- P/FUL/2023/05058 Glen Cree South Instow Harman's Cross BH19 3DS Sever plot and erect split level dwelling and garage with associated access Decision- Objection

The PC agreed the detailed report of objection from the Clerk as amended and updated following the residents' presentation in the Public Discussion period and on Cllrs discussions on the Agenda item thereafter. The PC supported in their objection local resident reasonable concerns on impact, overshadowing biodiversity and drainage issues as raised by immediate and other neighbours.

The proposed development is for a three storey dwelling in an elevated position within the South Instow development area. This specific proposal, when another with less impact and harm may be acceptable, is out of character of other houses, mainly bungalows and chalet-style houses

The PC also noted in its objection report concerns that, in advance of this application, the developer had already felled a 25 m section of 4-6 m high hedgerow, a large over 15m tall eucalyptus, a conifer and magnolia and many very large shrubs to prepare the then cleared plot. The 2022 DC planning pre-application advice stated: 'As much of the existing landscape should be retained as possible or reinforced.' The WMPC noted how the developer, had contrary to this advice totally cleared all the site in September 2023.

They had also stated in their August planning application that there are no bio-diversity issues and no "mature, urban, veteran and notable trees", "hedgerows" and no "mature or overgrown gardens" affected by their development proposal.

The PC would wish additionally that as part of the consideration of this or any future planning application that the local land drainage and run off issues are independently considered. Any requirements for attenuation and storage and any consequent potential harm from run off to neighbours needs to be carefully, independently, and professionally considered by DC within their responsibility for land drainage.

The full Parish Council Objection report is available on the Dorset Planning web site or on application by e mail to the Parish Clerk

DC Cllr Cherry Brooks advised the meeting that the Government and DC County wide planning policy also required a 5-year housing land supply which the County did not currently have. This, in principle, supported the presumption in favour of development. In view of all the detailed resident objections to this proposal she would seek to have this application called in to the DC Planning Committee for decision by elected Cllrs rather than Council Officers

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Cllr Vosper raised from her recent meeting at the village hall with Worth Matravers residents a range of issues including the location for future PC meetings. It was agreed that subject to the committee room facilities being available the next PC meeting in November will be held in that facility and will be held alternatively at WM and HX village halls, going back to pre-Covid PC meetings. It was agreed as part of the advance delivery of salt the PC would seek a one tonne pallet of salt bags for location at Compact farm where the

winter maintenance function was to be managed from. A new Salt (Grit) bin had been purchased by the PC and this would also be filled by DC once it was permanently located in Haycrafts Lane. The PC noted that, as it is now Autumn, tree works and hedge trimming including the HX car park boundary and PC land would shortly be commenced by the Parish Contractor.

Roger Khanna, Parish Clerk

LANGTON MATRAVERS

LM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

If you were on holiday, or otherwise engaged on Sunday, 16 August, you missed the Allotment Open Day, and you missed a treat!

The weather had been a bit doubtful; there was even a possibility we would have to revert to Plan B - but no, the sun shone and it was a beautiful afternoon.

We are so grateful to everyone for coming and supporting the Open Day. It was very well attended by both locals and visitors and we almost ran out of cakes! It has been noted that we need to bake more next year!

We were especially pleased to see lots of people having a good look round the all allotment plots, and chatting to plot holders.

Thanks must go to Lulworth Castle, City Cruises, Athelhampton House, Abbotsbury Swannery, Holme for Gardens, Sculpture by the Lakes, Swanage Railway, Curtis the Butchers of Wareham, Penny Cleaver (Local honey) for so generously providing the Raffle prizes.

Currently there are some Taster Plot allotments available which are smaller, and a good way to give Growing Your Own a try before taking on a larger plot. If you are interested, please contact Elaine at elaineinglis027@gmail.com, or, to go on the waiting list for a larger plot, contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk. 01929 425100.

Elizabeth Earl

LM LOCAL HISTORY & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The Museum is now closed for the winter, and we've already started our series of talks, beginning with Phil Judkins' fascinating account of the extraordinary people, places and equipment involved in the deception of the Germans before D-Day.

Other talks for Autumn-Winter, all at 7.30 (doors open 7pm.) in Langton Village Hall, are:

- **Thursday, 26 October:** The History of Swanage Pier, by Nick Reed.
- **Thursday, 30 November:** The Mortar Wreck - a 13th Century Ship, by Tom Cousins.
- **Thursday, 7 December:** Society's Christmas event, including light-hearted entertainment (more details later).
- **Thursday 29 February 2024:** Purbeck during the Civil War, by Anthony Moore.

In addition, we're trying out a new venture: two AFTERNOON talks. These talks will be a maximum of three quarters of an hour long, with tea and possibly even cake to follow. The first will take place on Monday, 13 November at 2.30 in Langton Village Hall. It's an 'armchair guided walk' round the Manor of Ailwood, by Mary Sparks. It will be a chance for those of you who missed last summer's actual guided walk to learn more about history of the landscape of the area, told in maps and pictures. Put the date in your

diary, and we'll look forward to seeing you then. In January there will be a repeat of Mary's 'Sale of Worth Matravers (1919)' talk, again at Langton Village Hall at 2.30pm, date tbc. See the website www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org and posters for further details and dates.

Society Membership. Thank you to all of you who have paid your subscription: if you haven't yet joined or paid, further details and a membership form are downloadable on the website. You can also join at all talks or events. If you would like to send a donation for the upkeep of the Museum please send to LMLHPS Barton, The Hyde LM BH19 3HE or via our website. *Daryle Pearson & Mary Sparks, LMLHPS*

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER MEETING

Emergency Planning: During the November Parish Council Meeting Clare Jennings the Community Resilience Liaison Officer for Dorset Council will be joining us to talk about Emergency Planning within the Parish.

Timpson Trust: Cllr W Knight as a trustee will speak to Cllr Brooks to ask a formal meeting of the trust be called, with an agenda item to give an update on the trusts position.

Play Park and Playing Field: It was stated there had been a few concerns raised over the last couple of months in regard to the Playpark and playing field. It was noted that St George's C Of E Primary School have the licence to use the playing field area inside of school hours, and the Parish Council have the licence to use the area outside of these times. It was noted all maintenance within the playing field is the remit of the school; Maintenance within the playpark is the remit of the Parish Council; and the boundary wall maintenance falls to Dorset Council.

Woodland Trail: Over the last few months, there have been several incidents of the access gate into the Woodland Trail being left open, which has enabled the cows to wonder through the trail, and on to the school playing field. Please could anyone using the trail ensure they close the gates behind them

Planning Matters: Application No. P/CLP/2023/05655, Location: Sea Breeze Toms Field Road Langton Matravers Swanage BH19 3HN. Proposal: Conversion of part of existing attached garage to habitable accommodation. Comment: No objection

- Application No: P/VOC/2023/04930, Location: The Old Malthouse High Street Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3HB, Proposal: Variation of Conditions 1, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of approved P/VOC/2023/00413 (Variation of Condition 2 of application, Comment: No Objection
- Application No: P/PABA/2023/05252, Location: Verney Farm Gully Swanage Dorset BH19 3EX, Proposal: Erect lambing shed to be 14.01m in length, 7.62m in breadth, with a height to eaves of 4.62m and a ridge height of 3.50m Comment: No objection
- Application No: P/TRC/2023/05748, Location: 73 High Street Langton Matravers BH19 3HA, Proposal: T1 Conifer - Removal to ground level. Replant with flowering cherry of a minimum height of 2m., Comment: Objection. Langton Matravers Parish Council do not believe this tree should be cut down as there is no mitigation evidencing the need. One visiting the site the tree looks healthy.

Full details for all planning applications can be found on

the Dorset Council website, <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning>

National Trust: Tom Clarke submitted a report stating a key piece of work over the past month has been the submission of a bid to the government's Landscape Recovery development programme. Led by the AONB, National Trust were part of the bid writing team. And we submitted on behalf of 41 farmers and land owners, including most of the land south of the Priests Way. This is looking for long term funding, replacing the Basic Payments System, for outcomes for people and nature. Really exciting and, if successful, will include the development of a spatial plan over 8200ha. Outcome due before Christmas but either way the strength of the partnership and willingness for so many people to work together means that the future should be positive!

Next Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 9 November in the Langton Matravers Village Hall. During the meeting is a public session, so please come and join us to have your say.

Parish Council Contact Details are on page 5. (Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors). *Michelle Harrington, Parish Clerk*

NEWS FROM NOWHERE

THE RAMBLING GARDENER

November seems to have come very fast but every year goes faster than the ones before. The autumn leaves are wonderfully coloured, lemon yellow, scarlet, mahogany red... It is not nice to put away my summer clothes especially as we have had lots of hot days, but with the shorter days it will be months before we see as much sun. Also, with the colder nights it is wise to wear warm clothes. I plan to wear lots of russet-coloured woollens that makes me feel warmer!

I have bird feeders that I waste a lot of time watching as the birds are so incredible. The buzzards are busy eating rats and mice, and the sparrow hawk eats my sparrows of which I have too many. The thrushes and blackbirds help to keep the slugs and snails down, the many tits eat green fly and lots of other small grubs. It is interesting watching them and the way they interact. My bird feeders are largely where I can watch them from my house and learn more, in the warmth.

Recently I read Rebecca Loncraine's book *Skybound*, it explains how wind is used to keep airborne so watching birds using or fighting against the wind has become even more fun. By the end of the book, she has learned to live life while accepting her own mortality and every morning I say thank you for my present of a new day.

There are many jobs to do in November. Yet more fruit and vegetables preservation by drying, blanching and freezing or bottling. Dividing perennials while the ground is still warm from the summer to establish well, before the cold and wet arrives. Tulips give great colour from March and into May so now is a good time to plant some straight in the ground and others into pots for a focal delight. Either use just one variety, or if it is possible to layer 3 deep either all tulips or a mix of bulbs, which gives a longer flowering season from the same pot without repotting. These bulbs are hardy and can be left outside. Prune roses so they are not damaged by winter gales by cutting out any extra-long or unhealthy wood and any crossing branches. Lavender needs hard pruning if it is to have a long life, and October-flow-

ering varieties should be cut back as they finish flowering. Keep the cut bits and use for lavender bags and add some Tarragon or other aromatic herbs if you want to keep moths out of clothes without using a spray. Grapes need pruning back to 3 buds. Apples trees prune any poor or diseased wood. Also, look out for canker it looks like swollen branches to remove in the winter. Keep the centre of the tree open to let the sunlight gets in.

Tender plants - move to greenhouse, into the home, or cover with compost, leaf mould or fleece. Collect things for making Christmas cards and decorations such as grasses, seedheads, old man's beard from hedgerows (spray with hair spray to avoid seeds falling) press pretty leaves. In December holly, red ribbons and candles will be all that is needed to make wreaths and decorations for the house without using plastic. In November when I was a child it was cold in the old house and we wore heavy woollen clothes. My parents said idle hands got into trouble so every day we had chores to do with the animals, in the kitchen, garden and on the farm. In the evening after supper, we would read the classics, pluck the angora rabbits we had, weave on a simple loom, or spin. We did washing on Monday, drying on Tuesday and mending on Wednesday. Due to rationing we didn't buy new clothes and we had to try to mend clothes and darn the woollens so it didn't show. We sat as near the light as possible because old electric lights were very dim. Now, I still read, spin, knit and weave and I also like watching some television especially wildlife documentaries.

My garden is always open to anyone who would like to visit, and in December I will be making my own wreaths and Christmas decorations, so do ring if you would like to join me (01929 421681).

Rachel





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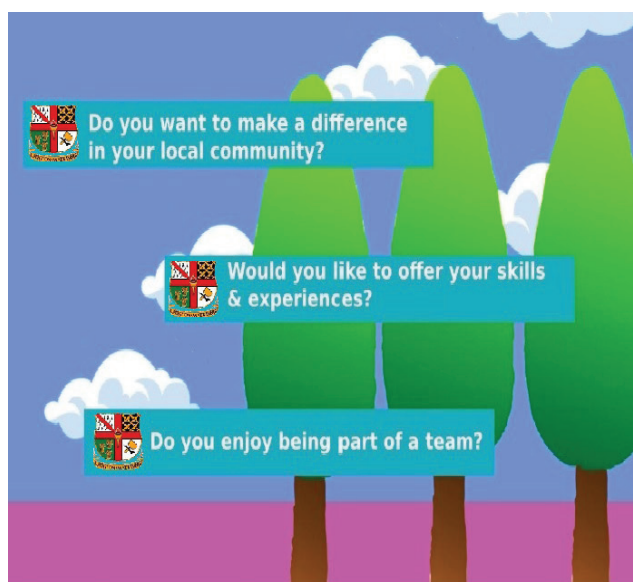
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Harmans Cross PO	Thurs 9.30-11.30	HXVH
Short Mat Bowls	Friday 7-9pm	Langton VH

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28	7pm	Amy Roberts Quintet	HXVH
29	7pm	PFF: <i>The Banshees of Inisherin</i>	HXVH
31	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe

NOVEMBER 2023

2	10 - 11.30	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
2	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
2	7pm	PFF: <i>Alleluiah</i>	HXVH
7	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
7	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	WMVH?
9	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
9	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
14	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
14	7.30pm	Film: <i>The Wolf & The Lion</i>	HXVH
15	7pm	WFC: CODA	WMVH
16	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
18	10-2pm	Christmas Fair	LMVH
21	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
23	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
25	9.30am-noon	Stalls in the Hall	HXVH
25	6.30pm	'Women of Note'- Celebrating Female Composers	St Mary's, Swanage
28	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
30	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
30	6pm	Langton Lights switch on	Langton
30	7.30pm	LMLHPS Talk: 'The Mortar Wreck'	LMVH

DECEMBER 2023

2-4	10-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	St George's Ch
2-10	11-4pm	Purbeck Artists & Stallholders	WMVH

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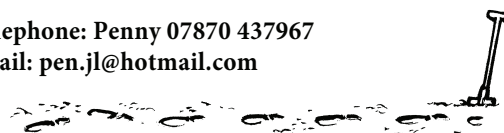
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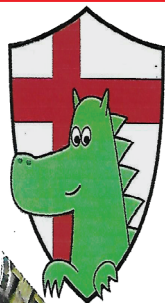
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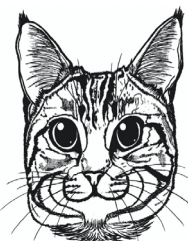


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