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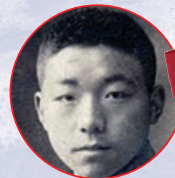


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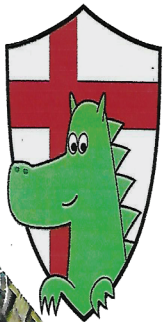
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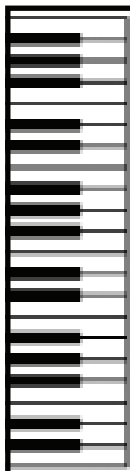
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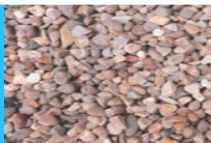
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From the Editor

At this time of year, I always think about all of the students doing exams. Often, the weather is sunny and warm and all over the country kids are stuck in halls sweating over questions which will, they imagine, determine their future.



As someone who failed first time around, I just want to say to them, that no matter what the results are like this time, there is always a chance for success at a later date.

Good luck to you all!

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 **July** issue is noon on **Thursday, 20 June** & it will be ready for collection on **Tuesday, 25 June**.

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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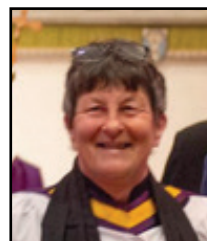
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June 2024

Hello from the Rectory



I am settling well into this lovely community and am beginning to integrate myself both in the parish and the community. I am back up at Burngate Stone centre volunteering and soon to be helping out as one of the tutors which I am delighted about. I had an early start on 1 May when I listened to the May Day singers outside St George's church which was delightful and the rain stayed off mostly! I am enjoying going around the churches taking services and if you haven't bumped into me yet you will soon.

It has been great to visit the School and the Preschool in Langton where I received a very smily welcome from children and staff alike.

I have been developing the garden space at the Rectory and now have lovely pathways through the lawn allowing for the wild flowers to grow up either side and seed in the more wild areas. I hope it will become a special space for people to visit and sit awhile in the quietness listening to the many birds that inhabit the space.

If you appreciate a space to pray in the early morning then the Rectory door is open from 7.50am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday when we say morning prayer together. You would be most welcome.

*Looking forward to seeing you around the villages,
Lindy*

Rev Lindy Jane

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ST ALDHELM'S PARISH FÊTE AT ST GEORGE'S

Our Summer Fête will be held at St George's Church on Saturday, 10 August at 2pm until 5pm. The children's entertainer will be Jules, who will, amongst other things, be leading a workshop on Circus Skills. The Ukulele Band will provide the music to keep us on song.

If you would like to help with running any of the stalls, please let me know, either by email cjmeadows@talktalk.net or by ringing 07767 090013.

As always, we will be very happy to receive any items for the various stalls, principally – Books, Cakes, Jams, Jewellery/Gifts, Plants, Teddy Bears and Tombola.

However, the most important thing is that all, who can, throughout our villages, come and enjoy the fun of a traditional Fête, meet old friends over a cup of tea and a piece of homemade cake or a beer or a Pimms; find a bargain or two – perhaps win a prize from the Raffle or Tombola. We shall love to see you.

Chris Meadows

ST NICHOLAS – ROOF PROGRESS

The past month has seen two significant developments, firstly the receipt of £7,700 from the Benefact Trust, a diverse family of specialist financial services businesses with a common purpose to give all available profits to charity and good causes. As the need to replace all the rafters has led to a considerable increase in costs the Project Team will continue fundraising activity with the emphasis now on raising funds from charitable organisations and good financial management.

The second development has been the progress made in the past month by Tudor Rose Masonry and Conservation Ltd in installing the new rafters, the nave is close to completion and the rafters for the chancel are now being sanded and stained in preparation for work to start fitting them this week. Installation of all the rafters should be completed by the end of June, after which we will be back on course following the unanticipated delay caused by the need to replace the rafters.

Once the rafters have been fitted the next phase will be the installation of the membrane and laths and then replacing the stone tiles.

Hugh Cochrane

SERVICE TIMES IN THE PARISHES

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY

10am Communion & Conversation Langton

SUNDAY 2 JUNE

9.45am Breakfast Church Langton

10.30am Holy Communion Corfe

5pm Celtic Evening Prayer St Aldhelm's

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE

10am Prayer in the Morning Langton

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Worth

9.30am Holy Communion Steeple

9.45am Holy Communion Langton

10.30am Morning Prayer Corfe

11.30am Informal Worship Kingston

6pm Sung Evensong Langton

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

10am Communion & Conversation Langton

SUNDAY 16 JUNE

10am Celtic Eucharist WMVH

9.45am Morning Worship Langton

10.30am Holy Communion Corfe

11am Walking Church TBA

6pm Evening Prayer HXVH

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

10am Prayer in the Morning Langton

SUNDAY 23 JUNE

10am Celtic Morning Prayer St Aldhelm's

9.45am Holy Communion Langton

10.30am Holy Communion Corfe

11.15am Holy Communion Kingston

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

10am Communion & Conversation Langton

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

10.30 Benefice Service Church Knowle

Walking Church

11am Sunday, 16 June

Start TBA

The Coffee Pot

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

Just a brief note to introduce myself to the readers of *The Dubber*; some of you I had the pleasure of meeting prior to the election and many of you will have received one of my many leaflets during the campaign. I feel proud to be elected as councillor to South East Purbeck, a very special corner of the world, and also encouraged by the turnout for the vote, the second highest in all of Dorset. This reminds me how engaged you, the local residents, are in what decisions are made for this area and how deeply you care. I relish the accountability placed on my shoulders and will work hard to live up to your expectations. I would like to thank former Councillor Cherry Brooks for her nine years of hard work for Purbeck and Dorset.



My focus for the first few months is to learn how to be effective at Dorset Council; developing plans to address my personal priorities for South East Purbeck namely the environment and sustainability, housing and promoting local enterprise; and attending Parish Councils to understand local issues requiring my attention. I am also meeting with a number of local and national organisations who play a big part in Purbeck's success.

Communication is key to being a successful representative and a strong community. To this aim I encourage you to share your thoughts with me whether its via email at cllrben.wilson@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or at one of the Parish Council meetings or even if you spot me out walking the dogs. I will provide regular updates through the Parish Councils and, hopefully, *The Dubber* (if they'll have me!). I welcome discussion and look forward to meeting many more of you as we make progress. Best wishes.

Ben Wilson, Dorset Councillor

PURBECK YOUTH MUSIC GOOD NEWS

Due to the greater numbers of young people learning instruments and singing in the past school year, there are now too many aspiring performers to fit into one end of term concert so we are staging two!

Purbeck Young Musicians in Concert Wednesday, 3 July at 6.30pm at the Mowlem Theatre Swanage.

This concert features the Trad Folk Group, Woodwind and Brass groups, some solos and ensembles from our advanced young musicians and massed choirs made up of young singers from 5 Primary schools in Swanage, Langton and Corfe Castle.

Purbeck Young Musicians in Concert Tuesday, 9 July 2pm at Lady St Mary's Church Wareham. This concert features young musicians and singers from schools in Wareham, Stoborough and Wool.

There will be a woodwind ensemble from Stoborough School and violin, flute, piano and vocal music performed by our current three PYM Ambassadors.

While there is never enough space for all the parents at the Mowlem concert there should be plenty of room at Lady St Mary's and we would be delighted to invite our Friends and supporters to come and support the young musicians. There is no charge.

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Purbeck Youth Music (PYM) has been gradually growing in confidence this year with instrumental lessons and singing opportunities becoming the new 'normal' in our local primaries.

We believe this is a measure of our success, thanks to the ongoing support of local sponsors and friends who, like us, believe music to be an essential part of school life and a good education in general.

We are now starting a new collaboration with the Swanage Jazz Festival. Watch this space for developments!

Without local support we would not be able to provide these opportunities to the young people of Purbeck. Please continue to support us. Become a Friend!

You can donate at purbeckyouthmusic.org.

Dilys Thomas

TOOLS WITH A MISSION UPDATE

As I write we are awaiting the TWAM collection van to take the local contributions of tools which will now begin their journey to Africa. People have been very generous in Purbeck and since January, have donated 11 sewing machines, some hand, some electric, one knitting machine, lots of needles, a welder, two computers, one drill post, several electric drills, socket sets, 10 saws, and we have amassed over 25 crates of various tools. These have included hammers, spanners, chisels, planes, screw drivers, plumbing tools as well as endless garden tools and a box of Bibles. There are also haberdashery supplies and various materials.

We would like to convey a very special 'Thank You' from us both and also all those who refurbish the tools and put them into starter kits at Ipswich and Rugby, before they are shipped to Africa. There, in countries such as Uganda, Zimbabwe, Zambia, DR Congo, Malawi and Tanzania, there is so much gratitude for all these goods. TWAM always provide skills training in local communities to ensure they are put to good use and improve the local self-reliance.

This Christian charity has grown over the last 30 years and even more containers are sent each year, so there is always an ongoing need of new donations. Have a look at the website twam.uk to see the full list of items needed and if you have any surplus tools, or you know somebody who is moving, downsizing or clearing their garage or loft, do get in touch with Richard on 07590 903922 or email richardf@twam.uk.

If you are part of a local group and would like us to speak about the work, please contact us. There will be a few local fundraising opportunities as the goods currently have to go via the longer route around South Africa, rather than through the Red Sea and Suez Canal, which then pushes up transport costs. Thank you to all those who have contributed in any way.

Judy & Richard Forgan

PURBECK SPLIT OVER NATURE

Purbeck's people are sharply divided over the major nature recovery programmes taking place in the area, a survey has found.

Some hope Purbeck will become the "nature capital of England" with benefits for business and lifestyle. But others fear it could become an overcrowded "theme park" overrun by litter-tossing tourists who will drive locals out of the housing market.

The split opinions were discovered in a survey carried out by community group Planet Purbeck for the Wild

Purbeck Partnership (WPP), the coalition of landowners and charities spearheading a series of nature recovery and rewilding projects.

Nearly 7,000 responses from local people to questions about the coming changes to Purbeck's countryside and coast were gathered over several months via social media, face-to-face interviews and questionnaires.

Planet Purbeck's mission was twofold - to raise awareness of the nature recovery schemes, which they discovered were NOT well known, and to feed back community views to the WPP.

The group has compiled an in-depth report of the survey - available to the public on its website - covering topics such as Purbeck's hopes and fears for the future, changes to farming practices, implications for climate change, potential solutions to problems and what the WPP can do to sway the doubters.

The report also asks controversial questions such as: "Should there be a tourist tax - the Purbeck Pound?"

Planet Purbeck's Rob Waitt said: "We wanted to give our community a voice to ensure these changes to our countryside and coast deliver tangible benefits to local residents."

The full report, in easy-to-read illustrated format, can be accessed here: <https://planetpurbeck.org/change-is-coming/>

Chris Hockley

WAREHAM & PURBECK VINTAGE PURBECK PLOUGHING COMMITTEE

I am writing on behalf of the Wareham & Purbeck Vintage Ploughing Committee to thank everyone very much for supporting our ploughing match this year

by donating raffle prizes and buying raffle tickets. Without your support it would not have been such a great success.

We had forty competitors booked in with lots of spectators watching and also enjoying the tractor and trailer rides.

We are able to give £2,000 to the Dorset Cancer Centre in Poole Hospital, a remarkable amount for a one-day event.

Thanking you once again for your time and support it is much appreciated by us and the charity. Helen Selby, Committee Secretary

UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST

Summer serenade

I f you take a walk through the fields or down to the coast, you'll be serenaded from on high by the song of the skylark. The skylark is one of our most celebrated birds, in poetry, art and music, and one of the most evocative sounds of summer. How often have you searched for the tiny dot in the sky where the melodious tune was coming from?

Like most songbirds, skylarks sing to defend a territory and to announce to potential mates that they are fit and healthy. Although they sing year-round, spring and summer is when they are most vocal.

But the skylark's fortunes have been mixed of late. Its numbers fell precipitously from the 1970s, disappearing altogether from some areas. We're lucky to have healthy populations of skylarks in Purbeck, but we can still do more to ensure they spread and thrive. We are managing our land in nature-friendly ways which should help boost number of skylarks and other species.

You can play your part too. The skylark is a ground nesting bird, so the eggs and chicks are highly vulnerable, especially to inquisitive dogs. Please keep your dogs on leads from March until the end of July to give these iconic birds a chance.

TELL-TALE CHOCOLATE TRAPS

As a follow up to the story about our puffin cameras at Dancing Ledge, we are also trying another tack to gauge the number of rodents in the area. Bait traps have been laid around the site made of non-toxic chocolate-flavoured wax. When any rodents nibble, they leave teeth marks which we can use to identify which creatures are active there. A high number of rats could explain why young puffins haven't been surviving to fledge in recent years.

If you see the traps, please don't disturb them. The bait is in cages to keep dogs from eating the wax.

Weston campsite re-opens

The campsite at Weston Farm in Worth Matravers reopens in June. As last year, there is a limited number of pitches so campers can immerse themselves in the stunning landscape and nature of the site.

OPENING DATES:

- From 14 June: Weekends (Friday and Saturday nights)
- 23 July – 2 September: Daily

If you fancy getting back to nature, note that residents with BH postcodes can enjoy a 10% discount on bookings. Find out more here: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/holidays/dorset/weston-farm-campsite

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

OUTDOOR CINEMA AT CORFE CASTLE



Harry Potter fans are in for a magical evening this summer as a film of his first story is being shown at Corfe Castle – with a special train service laid on by the Swanage Railway to and from the event.

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone will be screened in the grounds of the castle on Friday, 23 August as part of this year's Purbeck Film Festival.

The film – the first in the series of seven titles written by JK Rowling – follows Harry's first year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as he discovers he is a talented wizard.

Gates will open to the public at 8pm and the film will finish at around 11.15pm, with audience members able to walk the short distance to Corfe Castle station to complete their evening travelling on a heritage diesel train to Swanage.

A similar arrangement is being made on Saturday, 24 August, when *Wonka* will be screened in the Castle Grounds,

finishing slightly earlier at around 10.45pm.

Swanage Railway Company chairman Gavin Johns said: "The Swanage Railway is delighted to be working with the Purbeck Film Festival's dedicated volunteers in their presentation of these great films against the backdrop of Corfe Castle's dramatic ruins by providing evening heritage diesel trains from Swanage and Norden - the latter next to the Purbeck Park long-stay car park - so film enthusiasts and families can enjoy the popular event without the hassle of parking in Corfe Castle."

This will be Purbeck Film Festival's biggest outdoor cinema season with seven great films in five exceptional venues: Saturday, 3 August, *Barbie*, by the (pink-lit) swimming pool at Knoll House Hotel in Studland; Saturday, 17 August, *Ghostbusters*, at Durlston Country Park; At Corfe Castle, *Harry Potter* on Friday, 23 and *Wonka* on Saturday, 24 August; Saturday, 31 August, *Calendar Girls* at Careys Secret Garden near Wareham and at The Blue Pool Nature Reserve, *A Room with a View* on Friday, 6 September and *Moulin Rouge!* on Saturday, 7 September.

The main festival runs from Friday, 18 October to Sunday, 3 November. Details are on the Festival's website – purbeckfilm.com.

Claire Burns

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Sam Bradley

CORFE CASTLE SURGERY PPG

We are pleased to say that we have been able to arrange a further health talk in our successful programme of talks.

On this occasion we will be delighted to welcome Charles Willis-Owen, a Knee and Sports Surgeon to the Corfe Village Hall on Thursday, 20 June at 7pm to hear about 'The current best treatments for Knee Arthritis'

All are welcome to attend this free talk so please do join us.

I have recently read a book entitled *Why Can't I see my GP*. It is written by a practising GP, Dr Ellen Welch. The book contains chapters from several different GPs across the country covering many different aspects of Primary Care and highlights the many challenges now faced by staff in the NHS including verbal abuse and aggressive behaviours.

The author suggests that the book is shared with anyone interested to read it.

Please contact me through the PPG email address (corfecastleppg@gmail.com)

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if you would like to see it and I will leave it at the Surgery for collection.

As we know we are very fortunate to be patients of the Corfe Surgery and are thankful for the great team Dr Lepper and Kerry have been able to establish - others across the country are not so lucky so it is therefore important that we value what we have and support the team as best we can. Please cancel booked appointments if they are no longer needed and contact the PPG if there are issues you would like us to raise with the Surgery team.

Hopefully the weather is now improving and we can enjoy some sunshine. As we were reminded by Dr Anjee Shah in one of our previous health talks 'Don't forget the sunscreen!'

Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair

KINGSTON

GREYSTONES COURT

The sad decision has been made by Alan and Anne Fry and the committee not to hold any more of their Open Garden Days at Greystones Court in June. These have been very successfully held for many years and have raised a lot of money for charity. I would like to thank them all very much on behalf of the local charities that have benefitted over the years especially St George's School, Langton who last year received a generous donation towards their new adventure play equipment which has now been installed.

It has been a pleasure to help with these events and I thank them for the generous loan of their lovely premises for these events. Thanks to Sue and Marianne and the Rotary for the catering and Deidre for the organising and everyone else who has helped over the years.

Doreen Farr

KINGSTON NEWS

At the end of May, Kingston residents were taken on a trailer ride for an 'off grid' tour of the parish, with particular focus on the source and journey of our water supply from Sweet Water Spring, via Encombe, to our taps.

As usual, any residents interested in joining us for 'Last Thursday of the Month Get Together' (sometimes it's just a drink) then please message John on 07711 715352. All welcome.

Also, on Saturday, 25 May we were thrilled to welcome Gawain Glenton and In Echo, an ensemble of cornets, violins, violas and organ performed at St James' Church. The concert was supported by the Friends of Purbeck Art Weeks Festival.

UPCOMING EVENTS ARE:

THURSDAY 6 JUNE - The Anniversary of the D-Day Landings. The Kingston church bells will ring at 6.30pm joining others across the nation and as part of the National Beacon lightings a beacon will be lit at 9.15pm at Saint Aldhelm Head with beacons on the Normandy coast being lit one hour earlier. All welcome and for further information please contact Peter Boyce 07713 326624.

SUNDAY 21 JULY - Tea, Cake and tower views at St James' Church from 2 - 4.30pm

FRIDAY 2 AUGUST - Pimms 'At the Top of the Tower'... more details to follow.

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST - Tea, Cake and tower views at St James' Church from 2 - 4.30pm. *John Beauchamp*

WORTH FILM CLUB

Our next screening on Wednesday, 19 June will be Pedro Almodóvar's *Pain and Glory*. His most introspective and autobiographical film yet, it is a deeply personal and very moving film. It tells the story of an ageing film director, Salvador Mallo, in retreat from his profession, facing ill health and the decline of his powers. Anchored in the performance of a lifetime from Antonio Banderas as Mallo and the wonderful Penelope Cruz as his mother, it's a beautiful, reflective film from a director whose love of cinema shines through every frame.

This will be the last film of the season but we very much look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for a new collection of exciting films in September

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

Claude Bonfanti

SUSTAINABLE WORTH

MEET A MOTH SATURDAY, 22 JUNE, 9.30AM
'FARAWAY', WINSBIT ESTATE, WORTH

Colin Nunn will lead us in identifying as many moths as possible from a light trap that he will have set the night before. In previous years we have done this later in the summer, so with this earlier date, we are hoping to see more of the larger Hawkmoths. The moths will be sleepy so it's a great opportunity to see them 'up close and personal'. Accompanied children very welcome. There'll also be a chance to see Colin's garden which is designed and planted to attract reptiles, amphibians and butterflies. To make planning easier please let me know (07493 199665) if you would like to come.

Kathy Hollidge

BEACON LIGHTING

On 6 June, there will be National celebrations to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. There will be a number of elements to this, one of which will be the lighting of Beacons across the country. We will be participating in this at St Alban's Head and all are welcome to come along.

It is being supported by Worth Parish Council, the National Coastwatch Institution St Alban's Head and Cumulus Outdoors. The sequence of events is:

- 6:30pm, church bells will ring, including St James in Kingston.
- 8:15pm UK time, Beacons will be lit on the D-Day Beaches of Gold, Juno and Sword.
- 9:15pm, Beacons will be lit across the UK, including St Alban's Head.

The Beacon will be a "real" fire beacon as we lit at the Jubilee, which was a great success.

Everyone is welcome to attend (info 07713326624).

Peter Boyce

WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL MAY MEETING

Present Cllr J Burden, Cllrs I Bugler, J Hooper, C Melville, C Vosper, Dorset Cllr B Wilson

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

House holders updated the PC on the progress of their P/PIP/2024/02055 Proposal: Permission in Principle for the erection of up to four dwellings (Use Class C3) Location:

Land West of Terra Nova. They had been advised by DC Planning that a new full application was required. The applicants would need to include for a heathland Mitigation payment as the site was within 5 Kms. of that land. They indicated it would be some time before this application was resubmitted.

CLERKS REPORT

Cllrs noted the Actions and Clerks update on matters arising from the last meeting. The PC noted the response from the Water Authority of their investigations which indicated from a trial hole that the recent blockages to the toilet outlets in the car park were likely to have been caused by a faulty /collapsed Water Authority connection to the sewer from an adjacent property. They would shortly be conducting works to remedy these results of their CCTV survey.

DORSET COUNCIL

The PC noted the election of a new Dorset Councillor for the area and welcomed Cllr Ben Wilson to the meeting. A short preliminary update following the election was provided by DC Cllr Wilson He was requested to follow up on a Dark Skies policy for implementation in Worth village as it has no street lights.

CORRESPONDENCE

The PC noted the results of the 2024-29 County and Parish Council Election. Cllrs (Nil) election expenses forms were supplied to the Clerk and would be forwarded onto DC Electoral Services.

The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £250 to support the next Purbeck Film Festival which will take place in October 2024

The PC agreed a request from WMVH as in 2023 to manually collect WMCP parking donations. on their Fête Day, 27 May 2024. The PC confirmed the Clerk's decision that land rear of Worth playground area was not to be used for overspill public parking for Worth Fête on 27 May 2024. The PC agreed to make a - Duck fund food donation of £150

HIGHWAY MATTERS

A report had been received, confirmed post this meeting, that an individual householder had removed and lifted paving slabs in the narrow footway in London Row. They had then planted a tree in it on the front façade side of this building.

It was agreed that this should be referred to Dorset Highways together with the general state of this footway for remedial action.

The current shortfall on parking revenue at the Worth visitor car park was noted and that there had been some indication that this was partly influenced by visitors having less change to make the requested donation towards the now annual running costs of the car park and toilets of approximately £20000. It was agreed that further investigations of remote online access schemes operated by mobile devices run by private operators such as Just Park should be investigated

The PC noted the increasing damage being caused to the corner of the junction by the Square and compass. These had been exacerbated by damage caused by very large stone and other delivery vehicles following inappropriate Sat Nav directions. Cllr Wilson agreed he would follow up this with Dorset Highways to see if there was any action they could offer albeit the land affected was private. The PC had no objection to the owner of the Square and Compass taking remedial action to protect his land on this corner.

Overhanging vegetation as reported on the road between this pub and the village centre was increasing forcing pedestrians further into the carriageway. It was agreed to ask the Council contractor to cut back this overhang from the private land adjacent.

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

- P/HOU/2024/02332 Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension, associated landscaping works
Location: The Old Workshop Downshay Farm Haycrafts Lane HarmansCross BH19 3EB. No objection.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The PC noted from the Annual Meeting on the 2 April that the following report from the Harmans Cross Village Hall Management committee for 2023-24 had not been and would be submitted to the Dubber

HXVH continues to provide a valuable community hub with regular bookings for a range of activities including: table tennis, language classes, lectures, yoga and choir practice. Weddings remain a valuable source of income as is the annual August Bank Holiday Fete on the field.

The year's finances were bolstered by a very successful August Bank Holiday Fete. Over 2000 paying adults and over 100 local volunteers made it a record success.

A financial contribution of £1000 was made to Mosaic, a Dorset bereaved children's charity. Movie nights once a month and five Stalls in the Hall are enjoyed by all and bring in additional income.

The Hall is now of an age where there are many regular maintenance needs and a team of volunteers do a good job both managing regular maintenance contracts and fixing 'odd jobs'.

The major project this year has been to install some small children's play equipment in the play area of the field. The Committee would like to thank the Parish Council for their support towards funding this project. Additional financial support was gratefully received from Perenco UK Ltd. Thanks also to the WMPC for their continuing help supporting the Hall and field. This year we are particularly grateful for the help with the field and car park drainage issue.

The Trustees consider the Hall offers a first-class modern venue for use by private individuals, groups and all others from the locality and further afield. Thanks to all the volunteers who help with many of the Hall's activities. The Hall remains well used and events are well attended but are only possible with help from residents who volunteer.

The next meeting will be at HXVH 4 June at 7.30pm. (contact details p5).

Roger Khanna, Parish Clerk

LANGTON MATRAVERS

COMMUNITY LIBRARY & DIGITAL CHAMPION

This month, Peter, the Digital Champion joined us at the Community Library. It was a very successful session. Peter helped sort out mobile phone issues and gave advice on how to find out how to solve problems on mobile phones and tablets by yourself and advised where you can find this advice. Most of the residents he helped said they felt much more confident with their devices after this session. He also covered Facebook issues several of us were having and also helped a resident with on line shopping. We hope to repeat this session again in three months' time, so watch this space for more info. If you would like to let me know if you would be interested in coming along, please email Daryle - [daryle](mailto:daryle@btinternet.com).

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pearson@btinternet.com or call 07786 433442. The next Community Library will be on Monday, 10 June from 10-12. In the Memorial Room Langton Village Hall. Do come along.
Daryl Pearson, Langton Community Library

MAYPOLE DANCING



For the month of May, all the children have been learning traditional Maypole dances to bring back the tradition of Maypole dancing at St George's Primary School.

Katy Astle, Head Teacher

MUSEUM REMEMBERS PURBECK'S ROLE IN D-DAY

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF 6 JUNE 1944

As our tribute to the national effort that culminated in the heroism and sacrifice of the greatest amphibious invasion in recorded history, the Langton Museum is staging a special exhibition. It will feature displays detailing the vital work pioneered by scientists and technicians working together at Langton Matravers and Worth Matravers, without which the liberation of mainland Europe would have been impossible. The preparation for D-Day involved a number of little-known technical advances, without which the invasion would never have been attempted or been a disaster if it were.

As well as the patient work of the military deception teams, who succeeded in tricking the Germans into diverting hundreds of thousands of troops from the Normandy sector of the 'Atlantic Wall' to defend places the Allies had no intention of invading, earlier technical advances in Radar were essential to make the D-Day invasion possible.

We would have lost the Battle of the Atlantic in 1943, and with it the war, but for the invention of Microwave Radar at Langton Matravers in Dorset. This technical advance allowed the Allied Air Forces to successfully locate and attack German U-Boats, forcing them to retreat from the Atlantic altogether, just when we were losing so many ships and their vital cargoes that Britain's whole war effort was in danger of collapsing. Bletchley Park decryption work allowed the approximate location of U-Boat 'Wolf Packs' to be identified (only to within an area of 100 square miles), but Microwave Radar was essential to enable the aeroplanes attacking them to find them.

This invention was still vital on D-Day to protect the invasion fleet from potentially devastating attacks from U-Boats. Fitted to airborne troop transport aircraft it also allowed the spectacularly accurate drops of these troops that allowed vital bridges to be captured before German reinforcements could use them.

As well as the invention of Microwave Radar at Langton Matravers, the vast research and development site at Worth Matravers produced equipment that was essential

to the delay of German reinforcements near Calais, far to the North of the Normandy invasion beaches, during the critical vulnerable period of consolidation of the Allies tentative foothold. Radar deception techniques (outlined in a booklet available at the Museum) reinforced Hitler's belief that the main thrust would be directed at the Pas de Calais, until it was too late. One of these was as deceptively simple in concept as the scattering of aluminium strips from aeroplanes ('Window') to deceive German Radar into 'seeing' an invasion fleet heading for Calais on 6 June 1944. Of course, it needed to be scattered repeatedly at exactly the right time and place, requiring such accurate flying that only the Dam Buster Squadron could achieve it.

In addition, every one of the six thousand vessels involved in the D-Day landings was equipped with a new form of Radar-based navigation equipment, developed at Worth, and pioneering the same physical principles as modern GPS navigation systems. This allowed the ships to stick to narrow channels that had been cleared of sea mines. Indeed, it was a phalanx of minesweepers that led the D-Day armada across the channel. Without this kit, substantial numbers of vessels would have been sunk, seriously jeopardising the success of the assault.

At the same time, an adaptation of this technique was in use to allow accurate navigation of planes on missions to drop parachutists or bomb crucial targets.

The special display will be mounted at the Langton Matravers Museum of Local History featuring surviving examples of this historic Radar equipment, including both intercept receivers and navigational equipment used on D-Day. This has been made possible by the generous loan of the exhibits by Dr Phil Judkins of the Purbeck Radar Museum Trust. The museum is open six days a week from 10-12am and 2-4pm. *Dr Richard Cottrell, Curator*

COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who filled in and returned the questionnaire that came with April's Dubber.

The responses from those questionnaires, added to the additional data collected by Cllr Peter Golob outside the church on polling day, plus the initial responses from our first public meeting now give us good evidence of what people might like to see in a community shop.

The majority of responses indicate that basic, affordable food stuffs, such as bread, eggs, milk and general household and toiletry items are the main items you would wish your shop to stock. Local produce, fruit and vegetables, homemade treats and newspapers were the next frequently requested items.

The main additional services, you would ideally like to see made available were coffee/tea & cakes, post office services, a community hub and a parcel collection point.

The steering group have been working hard deciding on a formal legal structure, creating a business plan and meeting with some of the potential venues within the village that may host a 'pop up' shop, and the initial responses of some of those venues have been exceptionally warm and positive.

However, when our committee was first formed, we stated that if there were a commercial alternative we would step aside from setting up a community shop as that would not be required. As you are most probably aware, Putlake Farm is now under new ownership having been taken over by James Warren of The Salt Pig. We have been having

positive discussions with James and he has indicated that his plans will include a shop that will stock some of the basic food items that you have requested.

Therefore, although we think there is only a slim chance that we might be needed again until those shop plans come to fruition, we will maintain a watching brief and do the minimum we need to do to step back up if those plans change. Our committee had two purposes and whilst it seems that the need for our committee to provide a community shop may have passed, we will still continue to carry on some background work looking at ways we might be able to provide some of the social elements/ additional services that you have requested.

Some of our committee will be attending the Parish Assembly in June, so if you have any questions or suggestions for us, please come and have a chat.

Thank you for your continued support, langton.community@gmail.com.

Langton Community Shop Steering Committee

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

All change for Langton Matravers Parish Council - As you know, elections were held in May, during which Cllr Paul Loudoun, & Cllr Ian Vaughan Arbuckle, stepped down as Parish Councillors. We extend our heartfelt thanks to both retiring Councillors for their many years of dedicated service to our community.

We believe in the strength of diversity and inclusivity, and we're committed to ensuring our Council represents all facets of our vibrant community. We welcome anyone over the age of 18 who is eager to contribute to the betterment of our area, regardless of background or identity, YOUR VOICE MATTERS TO US.

If you're passionate about shaping the future of your community, we encourage you to consider joining us. Together, we can make a real difference. If you're interested in becoming a part of our team and making a positive impact, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Clerk for more information on how to get involved. Your community needs you!

Lack of Communication from Dorset Council and Morebus A member of public raised a concern regarding the latest road works, which have affected the bus services to Langton Matravers, but specifically around the lack of communication from either the bus provider or Dorset Council as to what buses will be running and which ones will not! The Parish Council echo this frustration and will reach out to all parties concerned to request better communication in the future, and if possible a shuttle bus!

PAVEMENTS

The condition of the pavements in our Parish has once again become a topic of contention. While the Parish Council acknowledges that the current state of the pavements is unsatisfactory, our ability to address the issue is limited. Nonetheless, we will continue to lobby Dorset Council to find a mutually agreeable solution.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Do you want to live in a village where the speed of traffic is not a concern? Could you spare 1 hour per month, or less with more volunteers? Then why not join the community speed watch team? No experience necessary, as full training will be given by Dorset Police, and don't worry there is no exam to pass. As long as you can read a number plate for the

legal driving distance of 20m, your qualified to help. To find out more please contact the Clerk.

PLANNING MATTERS

- Application No: P/FUL/2024/02124. Location: Poppies Team Room Langton Matravers BH19 3EU. Proposal: Retain animal shelter Comment: No objection as it is in keeping with locality.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 13 June 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 on p 5: (Remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors)

Michelle Harrington, Parish Clerk

HARMANS CROSS

WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Movie Nights – doors and bar open at 7pm, admission just £5

Reviews and trailers can be found on the Movie Nights section of our website at <https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Movie-Nights/>

Our next screenings are:

Tuesday 11 June – *The Great Escaper* – the perfect film to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day

Tuesday 9 July – *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* – loads of classic Indiana Jones fun

Coffee Junction – in the small meeting room from 10.30am. Thursdays 30 May, 13 June and 27 June. Come and join us for tea, coffee and a chat.

HXVH Church – 3rd Sunday at 6pm. Next HX service is Sunday 16 June.

HXVH FÊTE AND FIELD DAY

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 26 AUGUST.

Planning for our ever-popular Fête is already underway and we hope to see another 2,000+ paying visitors and children again enjoying live music and entertainment, plus bar, café, Carve Coffee, BBQ, Purbeck ice cream van, and countless local craft stalls. Please remember us if you have any donations of books, costume jewellery, bags, scarves etc plus bric-a-brac. We will have a gazebo situated at the rear of the Hall by the storage garage – please leave anything under cover there and it will be moved daily. Many thanks.

BOOKING THE HALL

A reminder to anyone interested in booking the Hall that our new Bookings Guru is Kelly King. For information, please look at our website at www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk or contact Kelly on 07384 848 419 or email at bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk. *Alison & the HXVH Committee*

NEWS FROM NOWHERE

THE RAMBLING GARDENER

May is the month for all shades of greens and June is the month for roses and sun with the days getting first longer and then shorter. A time to enjoy being outside walking, riding, swimming and delighting in the lovely countryside. Things are now changed, but in the past, for me, June was for making hay to feed the animals in the winter when it is too wet or too cold for them to be outside. When we came to the farm, I was eleven years old, the hay was fun to roll in and smelled so sweet, but soon I was expected to help load

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the hay cart to take the hay to the yard to make the hay rick. This was a difficult job: one would make a square, build it up until it is six-foot high, then back in to a peak. As soon as all the hay had been collected the ricks would be thatched with wheat straw, jute and hazel spars. Next, I learned to drive the horse for tossing the hay to dry it which had to be done one or two times before it would be put into rows for collection. It was a job that had to be done and I enjoyed doing it so it was just fun to me, also mother always made a week ginger wine for us all when we were making hay!

Back to the garden. As I write this it is raining gently which is good as we have had two lovely hot breezy days. Now it is time to sow all kinds of seeds or buy plants which will cost more but you can just choose nice strong plants. French and runner beans like to be sown now and will need stakes, peas can be sown every three weeks, there is still time for more broad beans, leeks, and main crop carrots. Cabbage and broccoli can be sown for maturing in the autumn or spring, courgettes and various different squash can now be planted outside and the squash can be eaten all winter as they come into season. Bush not trailing varieties are easier for smaller gardens.

After rain use a slide hoe to control weeds and mulch wherever you can. Sheep wool is a good mulch to use. All vegetables can be given extra nutrients with blood, bone and fish meal. The flower beds don't need feeding but a spray of seaweed or comfrey will keep them healthy. It is best to cut off flowers as soon as they are over to stop the plants setting seed, this keeps them in flower a lot longer and will cut down on unwanted seedlings next year. I am planting more small shrubs as they are easier to manage than big herbaceous plants that all need staking now before they are blown over as everything may be growing too fast to be strong.

I am eating the last of my kiwis and Anne Elizabeth apples, but there will only two months before the first apples of this year are ready and before then there are strawberries, peaches and other soft fruit for dessert.

The Garden is open for NGS on the 25, 26 and 27 of May. If you can't make those days, I always enjoy showing people round my garden, answering any questions you have, and hopefully finding you some plants to take home so please do contact me. 01929 421681 or rjehelfer@gmail.com

Rachel

THE ROUND

TONY VINEY

Tony Viney died in February and, last Saturday, there was a Memorial event for him at Sandy Hill Arts. Tony was a great promoter of the Arts in Purbeck, so to have the Memorial at Sandy Hill was very fitting.

Tony came to Purbeck after 15 years in publishing in the city and started crafting his own beautiful polished stone plates and bowls which were eventually sold all over the world.

For many years, Tony wrote the 'News From Nowhere' column in *The Dubber*. He was a great columnist with just the right mixture of levity and gravity. I still miss reading his monthly contribution, as I imagine many other *Dubber* readers do. Having 'inherited' Tony when I became editor, I never quite knew why the column was called 'News from Nowhere' but somehow it seemed to fit his eclectic style.

Unfortunately, I couldn't make it to the Memorial, so I will sit here and lift my glass and say 'Hail and Farewell' to Tony as I edit this month's issue.

Angela Bell



Please join the Friends of Wareham Hospital for tea and cakes
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Wednesday 12th June 7.00pm
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Saturday 22nd June 2.30pm

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

Don't Miss
The Great Escaper
 7pm Tuesday 11 June
 HXVH

MAY 2024

25- 9 June	Various	Purbeck Art Weeks	Various
30	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
30	10-12pm	Quarry Tracks Guided Walk	Start Burngate Stone Centre
30	6-8pm	Kingston Village Pub Night	Scott Arms
31	2-5pm	Poetry in Purbeck: Poetry Workshop	Burngate Stone Centre
31	6-8pm	Poetry in Purbeck: John Hegley	Square & Compass

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1	11-1pm	Drawing & Poetry	Sandy Hill Arts Centre
1	12-5pm	Swanage Skate Park Community Day	Skate Park
4	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
4	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	HXVH
6	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
6	10-11.30	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
6	9.15pm	D-Day Anniversary Beacon	St Aldhelm's Head
10	10-12	Community Library	LMVH
11	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
11	7.30pm	Film: <i>The Great Escaper</i>	HXVH
12	1-4pm	Carers Event	Carey Hall, Wareham
12	7pm	Swanage Town Band	Bandstand
13	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
13	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
18	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
19	7pm	WFC: <i>Pain & Glory</i>	WMVH
20	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
22	2-4pm	Freinds of Wraeham Hospital: Tea & Cakes in garden	Wareham Hospital
22	2.30pm	Swanage Town Band	Bandstand
23	3pm	Canzonetta	St Nicholas' Studland
27	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
27	6-8pm	Kingston Village Pub Night	Scott Arms
30	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe

JULY 2024

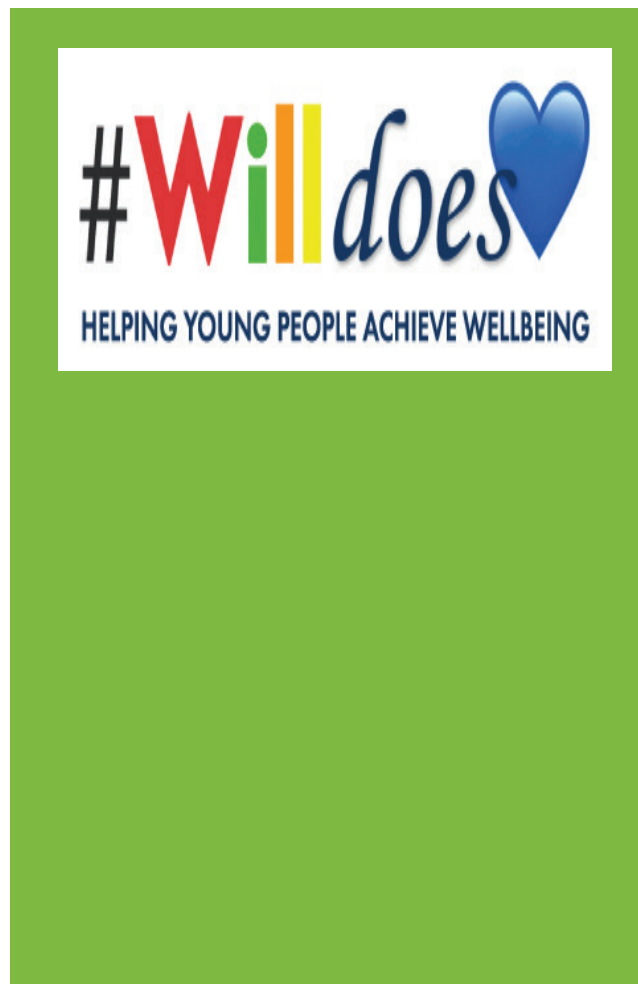
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