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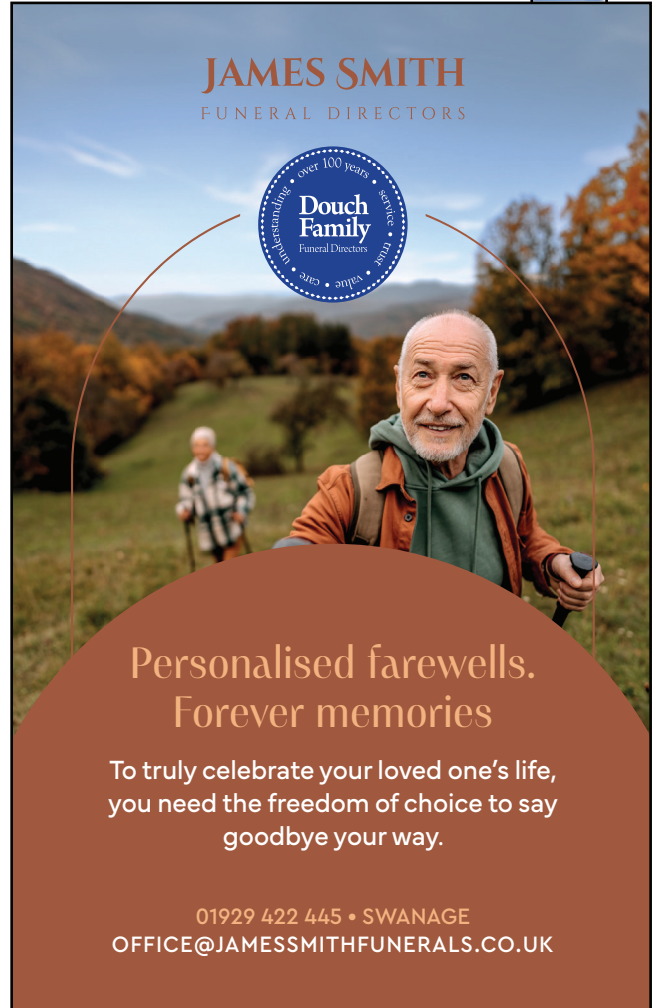


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From the Editor

*I must apologise to those of you who received **Dubbers** last month which were dated 2023... it was a technical glitch!*

This month, I want to take the opportunity to remind those people who go out walking in the long grass and brushing by the overhanging foliage that there are plenty of ticks about - this will no doubt increase with rewilding - and checking yourself daily for the little blighters is always a good idea.



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 **August** issue is noon on **Thursday, 18 July** & it will be ready for collection on **Tuesday, 23 July**.

Contributions & Notifications

The editor welcomes news contributions and letters as well as notifications of events within the Parishes for the **What's On** section and, space permitting, for free 'one off' box adverts which are included at the Editor's discretion. These can be submitted online to ed@thedubber.co.uk or by post to The Editor, 2 The Steddings, Langton Matravers, BH19 3EU (☎427202).

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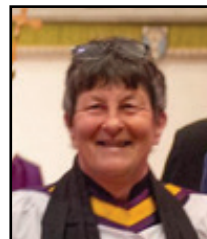
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July 2024

Hello from the Rectory



Things are changing for St Aldhelm Benefice! Recently we interviewed for the post of Rector for the Benefice who will live in the Corfe Castle Rectory and I am delighted to announce that we have appointed!! Much thought and prayers have gone into this appointment and I am looking forward to be working alongside them both. Yes! a job share.....

The Patrons of the Benefice and the Bishop of Sherborne are pleased to announce the appointment of Richard and Louise White to the post of Rector, this is subject to the necessary checks and they will be occupying the post as a job share, both working Sunday's and 2.5 days each spread across a week.

Richard and Louise are currently both serving in the York diocese, Richard as an incumbent in Hull and Louise is finishing her curacy at Hull Minster, the city centre church. They both come with a variety of experience: Louise has a background in nursing and brings gifts in spiritual direction, pastoral care, chaplaincy, schools work and music. Richard has been ordained for 20 years, and during that time has been a Canon for Mission and Evangelism at Liverpool Cathedral and Director of Making and Nurturing Disciples in the York diocese. He brings experience of work with young people, schools, mission and ministry and developing leaders.

They are both looking forward to moving to Purbeck, a place they know and love, and to working with Lindy and Nick in developing ministry right across the benefice. Thank you to all those who participated in the selection process this week. We look forward to them serving amongst us. Richard's and Louise's licensing service will be at 7pm on Thursday, 26 September in St Edward's Church, Corfe Castle, and will be led by the Bishop of Salisbury. Please put this date in your diary, so we can give Louise and Richard a good welcome.

Rev Lindy Jane
Pioneer Associate Priest
Benefice of St Aldhelm's

CELEBRATION OF 30 YEARS OF WOMEN'S ORDINATION

Last Saturday, the women pioneers who were the first to be ordained as priests were remembered and celebrated in a joyful celebration of the 30th anniversary of the ordination of the first women as priests in this diocese.

Hundreds of women clergy and their supporters celebrated the first women, and their own continuing ministries, in a service at Salisbury Cathedral. Of the first women ordained in 1994, four women returned to mark the day - Rev Jacqueline Curtis, Rev Jane Hedges, Rev Mary Ridgewell, and Rev Pam Thomas.

Bishop June Osborne, the first Dean of Salisbury who was also ordained in 1994 among the first women, paid tribute to the first women, and to those still facing discrimination today.

She marked the importance of events like these in not just celebration but where progress can still be made. She also praised Salisbury diocese for not only "accepting the ministry of women but leading the way in normalising the presence and contributions of able women...may Salisbury, with the fantastic help of its women clergy, go on being a beacon of that calling – of making Jesus known."

Prayers at the Rectory

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SERVICE TIMES IN THE PARISHES

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

10am Prayer in the Morning Langton

SUNDAY 7 JULY

9.45am Breakfast Church Langton

10.30am Holy Communion Corfe

5pm Celtic Evening Prayer WMVH

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY

10am Communion & Conversation Langton

SUNDAY 14 JULY

8am Holy Communion (BCP) 'Windsong'
Newfound-
land Close

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 17 JULY

10am Prayer in the Morning Langton

SUNDAY 21 JULY

10am Celtic Eucharist St Aldhelm's

9.45am Morning Worship Langton

10.30am Holy Communion Corfe

11am Walking Church TBA

6pm Evening Prayer HXVH

WEDNESDAY 24 JULY

10am Communion & Conversation Langton

SUNDAY 28 JULY

10am Celtic Morning Prayer Worth
Churchyard

9.45am Holy Communion Langton

10.30am Holy Communion Corfe

11.15am Holy Communion Kingston

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY

10am Communion & Conversation Langton

The Coffee Pot

Meet for real coffee & cake on the
first Thursday of each month
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BUILD A BBQ & HELP ST NICHOLAS



This month's report on the St Nicholas roof restoration is rather different to our usual updates. We have a supply of stone from the old chimney which has been demolished as part of the roof project. The stones, which have been cleaned since demolition, are not suitable for stone carving but could be used to build a B-B-Q /wall or similar structure. We have 39 stones of varying sizes but typically 18"x8"x7" and weighing approximately 5kg each – see photo.

We would be happy to donate the stones in return for a reasonable donation to the Roof Appeal. Offers please to Hugh Cochrane at handmcochrane@gmail.com prior to the 15 July. The successful buyer would have to collect from Worth Matravers.

Recent cost increases and the requirements of governing bodies mean that we are still £15,000 short of our target, so further contributions would be very welcome.

Hugh Cochrane

ST ALDHELM'S PARISH FÊTE ST GEORGE'S 10 AUGUST

As you can see on the front cover this month, our annual Fête is only six weeks away. The Fête Committee have been busy making sure that we can promise another very enjoyable afternoon for all who come.

As always, we are very happy to receive any items for sale on the stalls – Books, Cakes, China/Glass, Jams, Jewellery/ Gifts, Plants, Teddy Bears and Tombola prizes. They can be left in the Church in the back corner or if you would like us to collect them, please give me a ring. Thank you to everybody who have already helped. Obviously, cakes can't be left but if you are able to make a cake, Mary Bell would love to know – her number is 427590.

If you can also offer some time to help on Fete day or setting up (we are always grateful for muscle to get things ready) let me know by phone or email (07767 090013 cjmeadows@talktalk.net).

Chris Meadows

ST JAMES' CHURCH SOS

The average age of our team maintaining St James's Church is nearer 80 than 70 and we are finding it increasingly difficult, almost impossible, to manage the day to day running of the Church. Is there anyone younger in the village willing to join our team? If we are unable to get more help with this it could leave the Church's future in a perilous position and may even result in it closing. We feel the Church is the focal point of the village for community concerts and events as well as Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms etc so needs to be valued as such but these places need con-

siderable effort to keep them running. If there were more people involved it would make the task less time consuming and daunting.

Would anyone in Kingston, preferably, or even in the wider community, be willing to come to the Church for two hours a month, on a regular basis, to help clean the Church and polish the brass. If there were three or four of us this would not be a very onerous task. I have been cleaning the Church on a voluntary basis, largely single handed, for many years now but after a recent bout of illness, realise I can no longer continue to do this as well as the many other things I do for the Church.

It has been suggested that a 'Friends of St James's Group' be formed who could take over the organising of fund raising and anything else they felt able to help with but not necessarily church services. Is there a group of you out there who would be willing to take a lead on this or be part of such a group? If we work together, we will be able to continue to enjoy St James' for many years to come. The maintenance of the extensive churchyard is an ongoing problem but is a necessity. We currently employ a gardener to mow the grass but there is considerable other work needed in the grounds and we cannot afford to employ anyone to do this.

Contrary to what a lot of people think we receive no funding for any of the churches from the Diocese. In actual fact, we have to pay them the "The Parish Share" towards clergy expenses etc which currently, for the three churches in the parish, stands at approximately £37,000 per year.

The essential project to replace the roof of St Nicholas Church has been extremely expensive and in spite of the heroic fund raising efforts of the committee involved has depleted our communal church funds considerably and has left little money for maintenance in the other churches. If any of you reading this feel able to make a regular donation to the churches for ongoing expenses it would be invaluable. If you are a taxpayer we would be able to claim gift aid from HMRC on your donations if you sign the necessary form. If you are interested in doing this please contact Mike Robinson, our PCC treasurer on treasurer@staldhelm-purbeck.org

I sincerely hope some help may be forthcoming from within the community to enable us to keep St James' functioning but if this is not the case then, sadly, I don't think there will be a team to keep the church running. If you wish to help please contact me on doreenfarr12@gmail.com or 07506235038 or Peter Boyce on peter29boyce@yahoo.co.uk or (Whatsapp). Thank you. *Doreen Farr, Church Steward & Church Community Team Secretary*

St James' Church

Sunday 21 July 2 - 4.30 pm

Afternoon Teas with music, open

tower tours and a few stalls

CORFE PPG

We were able to continue our successful Health talk programme in June with a very helpful and informative talk by Charles Willis-Owen, Consultant Knee and Sports Surgeon from University Hospitals Dorset.

Over 60 people attended the session at Corfe Village Hall where Mr Willis-Owen gave us an up-to-date presentation on arthritis in the knee and its consequences and treatments explaining that a total knee replacement is not always the answer. Mr Willis-Owen has undertaken considerable clinical research and presents locally and internationally so it was a pleasure to welcome him to Corfe and to hear of his extensive work to improve patient outcome and satisfaction following surgery.

We are grateful to Professor Howard Thomas for arranging the evening and look forward to future health talks in the Autumn.

If there are particular health topics you would like us to consider please contact us through the Surgery or by email, corfecastleppg@gmail.com. Wishing everyone a good Summer.

Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair

FRIENDS OF LEWIS MANNING

The 'Friends of Swanage Hospital' group have continued their ongoing annual support for Lewis-Manning Hospice Care with a kind donation of £2600.

Hospice CEO Clare Gallie said: "This support by 'Friends of Swanage Hospital' is pivotal in allowing us to cover the costs of keeping our Swanage office open for a 2nd year. It's home to our clinical nursing staff in Purbeck and allows us to have a base in the very heart of the communities that we are here to support in Swanage and Purbeck. Their generosity is most sincerely appreciated".

Commenting from 'Friends of Swanage Hospital', Chair Deirdre Selwyn advised: "We are delighted to be supporting such a well deserving local charity delivering important services in our local community."

Kate Shaw

UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST

PIGS AT WESTON FARM

As part of our programme of restoring biodiversity at Weston Farm, Worth Matravers, we're introducing pigs to graze there this summer. Up to five pigs, belonging to local grazier Phil Samways, will be released in a former arable field off Bonvils Road.

Pigs root and dig in the soil creating patches of bare ground which provide a nesting and basking site for many creatures, including reptiles and insects. By breaking up the soil, the pigs also encourage a variety of native seeds to germinate.

In addition, the dung feeds lots of insects, while birds such as thrushes and robins follow the pigs around, feasting off the earthworms and insect larvae they expose.

The pigs will be monitored to check the effect they are having on the land. Please don't feed them as there is plenty of vegetation for them to eat.

NEW FOOTPATH TO THE COAST

Work is underway to create a new permissive footpath at Weston Farm this summer. Not only will it offer spectacular views, but it also takes you through a breathtakingly beautiful valley that was previously closed to the public.

The path begins at the end of Bonvils Road, then goes up the ridge, before dropping down to meet the coast path. Gates, fencing and signs are being installed, and steps created on the steeper sections of the route. We hope to open the path in July.

STRONG AND GENTLE 'BRUISERS'!

Heavy horses are helping us with 'bracken bruising' across large expanses of the Purbeck countryside.

This sounds drastic but it is a sustainable way of suppressing the growth of bracken without the need for chemicals. Without control, bracken spreads rapidly, shading out other plants and reducing biodiversity.

Before work takes place, our rangers check the area and mark any birds' nests so they aren't disturbed. The slow progress of the horses, and sound of the rollers, encourage other wildlife to scurry or slither away.

The work is being undertaken by specialist local contractor, Toby Hoad. In areas that aren't suitable for the horses, the work is being carried out by Trust staff using mechanical rollers. The aim isn't to control all the bracken, but to keep a balance between it and other plants.

FUTURE STUDLAND – JOIN THE CONVERSATION

We're working in partnership with Dorset Coast Forum on Future Studland, our plan for the Studland Peninsula over the next 50 years. It will explore how we balance the area being hugely popular with people, as well as being a nationally important wildlife habitat. It will also encompass travel and transport options, accessibility and the infrastructure in the area.

Over the summer, Dorset Coast Forum will be seeking and collating the views of residents, visitors and local businesses. If you want to join the conversation, come along to the drop-in session at Studland Village Hall on Weds, 10 July 10am-4pm.

There will also be opportunities to input digitally. Find out more at <https://www.dorsetcoasthaveyoursay.co.uk/future-studland>.

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

PICMF YOUTH & EXPERIENCE – THEME 2024

Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival is a unique and much-loved annual event in beautiful Dorset and the Isle of Purbeck. It features internationally renowned musicians and artists, including soloists, composers, visual artists, singers, and authors.

The festival takes place every year at the end of summer in nine historic locations, set in intimate venues like the Lulworth Castle Chapel, The Victorian Hall in the Dorset Museum, and ancient churches in quaint villages around Dorset and Purbeck.

Since its start in 2009, this festival has grown into a must-attend event, attracting international stars and a passionate audience. And it's not just about the performances. We also have a mission to nurture young talents, with specially planned events for young musicians and concerts for families and children. We believe in reaching out to the broader community and spreading the joy of music.

Our Artistic Director, the Dorset-born Natalie Clein, introduces this year's festival:

"The inspiration for this year will be Youth and Experience – both in composers lives and for players themselves. How does creativity and musical talent grow from youth to experience.

I'm thrilled to bring together some of the brightest talents

of the next generation alongside some of the best musicians I've had the privilege of working with.

Prepare to witness boundary-pushing music-making at its finest, set against the breathtaking natural splendour that makes our festival venues simply unique.

Join us as youthful fire meets hard-won wisdom, as raw energy collides with seasoned mastery. This is where musical magic happens, where the spark of genius is fanned into an unstoppable creative force. This year's incredible lineup includes: Natalie Clein (cello & artistic director), Lotte Betts Dean (mezzo soprano), Henning Kraggerud (violin), Alma Kraggerud (violin), Priya Mitchell (violin), Aoife Ní Bhriain (violin), Nurit Stark (violin), Brett Dean (viola), Tatu Kauppinen (cello), Einav Yarden (piano).

Speakers: Judge Theodore Meron, Robert Rinder.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this joyful celebration of music's perpetual journey.

For further information about (PICMF) Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival,

Contact: General Manager, Aloise Fiala-Murphy on 07891 760773, or email: aloise@picmf.org

The festival runs from 29 August – 1 September 2024. Tickets from £10. Free entry to 25-year-old and under. Thanks to the CAVATINA ticket scheme. Website www.picmf.org

Social Media: *Facebook-PurbeckMusicFestival, Instagram-Purbeck_chamber_music, Twitter-picmf_info, #PICMF2024.*

Michelle Parish

HARMANS CROSS

HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

Planning for our annual **extravaganza** has already commenced. Bank Holiday Monday 26 August is our annual Harmans Cross Fete and Show. We will have all the usual entertainment – live music, children's entertainment and games, bar, BBQ, a huge host of stalls and our Big Raffle with proceeds again shared this year with the amazing Dorset charity Mosaic which provides bereavement counselling and support to youngsters.

We are already looking for donations of books, jewellery, bags and bric-a-brac so if you are having a clear-out then please keep us in mind. We have set up a gazebo at the 'railway side' of the Hall alongside the garage which we hope will be a convenient way of dropping off any books, bric-a-brac etc, and we will clear that every day or so.

HXVH MOVIE NIGHT – TUESDAY 9 JULY

Our July film is *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*. Harrison Ford returns as one of our all-time favourite legendary heroes, Indiana Jones, in the fifth instalment of this beloved swashbuckling series of films. Finding himself in a new era, approaching retirement, Indy wrestles with fitting into a world that seems to have outgrown him – no wonder I immediately identify with him!! But as the tentacles of an all-too-familiar evil return in the form of an old rival, Indy must don his hat and pick up his

Doors and bar open at 7pm and admission remains just £5.

Future movies for your diaries:

Tuesday 13 August: *Back to Black*

Tuesday 10 Sept: *One Life*

HXVH Church – 3rd Sunday at 6pm

Next HX service is Sunday 21 July

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BOOKING THE HALL

A reminder to anyone interested in booking the Hall that our 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 and the HXVH Committee*

WORTH MATRAVERS

WORTH MATRAVERS VILLAGE FÊTE

Worth Matravers Village Fête was a great success again this year, raising over £6,000 towards village hall repairs. A very big thank-you to all our helpers and stall holders, and to everyone who donated cakes, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac, books and toys.

Have a look at the photo album on our website - fun and games had by all and an excellent turnout, really well supported by the Purbeck community and visitors.

Planning starts for next year soon. Drop us a line if you'd like to book a space for your stall.

Jack Ross, Peter Handy and the Village Fête Team

WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

JUNE MEETING

Present: Chairman Cllr J Burden, Cllrs I Bugler, J Hooper, T Peacock, C Vosper, L Hemmings, Dorset Cllr B Wilson

CLERK'S REPORT

The Overhanging vegetation reported on the road between this pub and the village centre from private land adjacent. into the carriageway had been cut back by the PC contractor Volunteers at Worth Fête on 27 May 2024 had managed the PC car park entrance by the Square and Compass collecting at least 50% more income than is usually volunteered as donations.. The Clerk informed the PC of his recent experience of using remote parking payment at Wareham Railway car park and agreed to seek further responses on such methods of encouraging donations towards the £20,000 a year costs of running the car park and toilet facilities for visitors

The PC noted the ongoing issue of increasing damage being caused to the corner of the junction by the Square and Compass, subject to safety considerations; the PC had no objection to the owner of the Square and Compass taking remedial action to protect his land on this corner.

DORSET COUNCIL

Cllr Wilson had provided in advance a full and comprehensive report from Dorset Council including the new Cllr Chairs and their responsibilities.

He reported back with the advice he had received from Dorset Council and the Dorset National Landscape partnership that it was not currently a priority to seek further areas under a Dark Skies policy or as a Dark Sky Reserve as in Cranbourne Chase. They were unable to deal with light pollution or overall levels of diffuse light emanating from manmade sources within a locality albeit action could be taken under Environmental nuisance where it interferes with the enjoyment of living spaces in private residences.

Cllrs raised with Cllr Wilson their concerns about traffic speeds in the Parish notably on the Kingston to Langton Road and through Worth village. Both of these road sections had 60 mph speed limits which Cllrs especially from Worth village around the Church bend and the Haycrafts lane junction felt totally inappropriate.

The PC had on its own land put up '20 is Plenty' advisory signs in the village but would wish to see Dorset Highways reconsider their previous application refused some years ago.

He had received the following report from the DC Greenspace team that they are busy around the County managing roadside verges. Their team are making good progress and are on track with their cutting schedule for full verge cutting and weed spraying programme for 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE

The PC noted the advice from the Clerk regarding personal and public liability concerns for any use of Church Field rear of Worth playground area for overspill parking. Any proposal for future parking use on this area was agreed as unacceptable in principle. The Clerk would arrange to secure this access to prevent any future parking taking place.

The PC considered the HXVH proposal to install electric cable across the field for the permanent installation of and electrical supply point on the opposite fence. It noted advice that from Cllr Peacock that the construction work for the supply across the Open Space work would be done by licensed local contractors including the current WMPC contractor. The proposal was agreed in principle subject to confirmation that all public liability issues were fully covered by the HXVH Insurance policy.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

The PC noted the report back from Cllr Wilson and the further thanks received from a local resident for the PC contractor's clearance of bushes previously blocking the visibility out of Springbrook Lane onto the Valley road.

A temporary road closure by Dorset Highways would be taking place on A351 Valley Road - Corfe Castle, Worth Matravers and Langton Matravers from junction with the private access road leading to Wilkswood Farm to junction with B3069 Kingston Hill (in both directions), a distance of approximately 3950 metres will come into operation overnight between 8pm and 6am from 20 June 2024. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 28 June 2024. This Order will enable Dorset Council to carry out carriageway maintenance and resurfacing works. The PC expressed concerns at the start time of 8pm for the DC Highways had been requested to ensure access to the HX Village Hall was maintained with adequate advance signing.

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

- P/FUL/2024/02697 Location: Barn Opposite Old Quarry Close Worth Matravers Proposal: Partial demolition and conversion of existing barn to form three dwellings, with associated landscaping and parking. The PC would reiterate its previous objection on this site as there is no material improvement regarding the previous application on this site.
- P/FUL/2024/00712 The PC continues to Object in principle and on planning policy grounds to the size and scale of this new application proposal. The current very high barn structure, a replacement for a barn, burnt down a few years ago, is not considered to be a reasonable comparison size and height to justify this residential proposal for three new three-story terraced properties.

The current application for this site unlike the one built opposite offers no affordable housing and being on the outskirts of Worth village would if approved give rise to unwanted further private development pressure and impact

on open land and gardens in the immediate area of Worth village

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Bugler expressed his concern about new rewilding policies being introduced by landowners notably the National Trust especially in and around their recent Weston Farm acquisition. The failure through this neglect to control invasive vegetation was resulting in widespread damage to the environment. It was as encouraging increasing and widespread dispersal of destructive spores many of which such as brambles, gorse, thistles and ragwort would progressively take over grasslands and private gardens. Many of these destroyed all the vegetation and ground fertility below their canopy. These land areas had for centuries been previously grazed down to ground level by sheep, now increasingly absent and dealt with by farmers for many generations with selective removal. More rather than less active management of the countryside rather than benign rewilding neglect should be the priority. It was agreed this concern should be publicised and referred on to the National Trust.

The Chairman raised a number of issues notably the need for more urgent action to place an additional exit mirror for the Worth car park exit and his conversation with a Traffic Warden in Worth village who did not know where to park. The PC advised that the old unused but TRO protected bus stop clearway would be a spot he should use. Similarly the Clerk was requested to follow up on the proposed advisory no parking sign by the Lookout on the layby immediately adjacent.

The Clerk reported that sadly a 'Stag party' on a pub crawl recently descended on Worth village causing noise and disturbance at the Square and Compass. Following that they moved on to the Kings Arms in Langton causing further noise and disturbance. Regrettably on their way they stole/abducted/kidnapped from a house frontage 'Bob the minion' the large and much loved local doll.

This for a long time in Worth had been putting smiles on little children's and adult faces passing by. Any information on its current whereabouts or help via the Clerk in "bringing Bob back home" to resume his post on this mini digger would be very much appreciated. The next PC meeting will be at Worth Matravers Village Hall 2 July at 7.30pm.

Roger Khanna, Parish Clerk

Affordable Homes for our Community



Public Consultation

18 July 7pm

Langton Matravers Village Hall

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LANGTON COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

The Langton Matravers community land trust (LMCLT) has been in existence for seven years now. We formed in 2017 with the primary aim of establishing a working group with a clear intention of providing affordable homes for local people at an affordable rent.

The need for affordable homes locally and throughout the country has grown in that time. We all know how difficult it is to get on the housing ladder and increasingly rents are also much higher. There are fewer private long-term rentals available in the Purbeck area and often they are beyond most people's means.

It has been a long process. Finally, LMCLT is in a position to welcome local residents to a public meeting on 18 July at 7pm and to ask you to give support to our aim which is to build homes for local people at a truly affordable rent.

Duncan Hedges, Chair LMCLT

ALLOTMENT OPEN DAY

4 AUGUST, 3-5 PM

Would you believe that it's meant to be the summer? It's just about stopped raining every day, but the cold wind never seems to give up. No wonder it's been a very difficult season so far in the Langton Matravers Allotments.

However, Summer must arrive one day, as will the Annual Allotment Open Day. This year it is to be held on Sunday, 4 August from 3-5pm.

As usual there will be the fantastic tea tent with even more cakes than last year! It was so popular that we nearly ran out!

There will be produce for sale, and the amazing raffle with prizes that are actually worth winning!

Of course, the allotments will all be available to look around, and there will be time for horticultural chit chat with some of the gardeners.

Everyone is very welcome to come along for a relaxed afternoon in the warm sunshine

We hope to see you there.

Richard Earl

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

JUNE MEETING

Annual Assembly Presentations Well Received: We are pleased to report that the presentations at this year's Annual Assembly were met with great enthusiasm. The positive feedback from attendees highlights the community's engagement and interest in the topics discussed.

Potential Shop at Putlake Adventure Farm: Exciting news regarding the Community Shop project: after productive discussions with James Warren, the new owner of Putlake Adventure Farm, there is a possibility of a new commercial shop opening on-site soon. This shop could provide essential goods to residents, so for now, the community run shop project is on hold as we await further developments. Rest assured, if the shop does not meet the community's needs, the working group will promptly resume the project to ensure everyone has access to the essentials.

SPECIAL THANKS

The Parish Council would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Anne, Hannah, and Nicky for their exceptional hard work on the Community Shop project so far. Their commitment has been invaluable and is deeply appreciated.

12 The Dubber

The Parish Council would also like to offer profound thanks to Bridget for all her dedication to Love Langton and keeping the village tidy.

FLOODING

The Parish Council has engaged in positive preliminary discussions with representatives from the National Trust and Holiday Property Bond. Unfortunately, Aster declined our invitation to participate in these talks. Currently, discussions are focused on gathering information. However, a public meeting will be held soon, during which the National Trust will present the larger area plan.

WASTE BINS

The condition of the general waste bin and its surrounding area by the bus shelter was a topic of concern raised at last month's Parish Council meeting. In the most recent session, the Council expanded the discussion to address the broader issue of waste bins in the community, weighing the pros and cons of removing the bin.

After a thorough discussion, the Council highlighted potential future costs of reinstating the bin and the ongoing expense of emptying it. Consequently, the decision was made to adopt a cautious approach. Rather than hastily removing the bin, the Council opted to monitor its usage over the coming months.

This period of observation will allow the Council to gather more information on bin levels and usage patterns. Once sufficient data has been collected, the Council will revisit the issue to make a more informed decision.

PAVEMENTS

Councillor Wilson was asked to investigate the issue of pavement repairs and urge Dorset Council to prioritise maintaining the pavements using stone rather than tarmac. To date, Dorset Council has acknowledged that the use of tarmac is a temporary measure; however, they have not provided a specific timeline for when the tarmac will be replaced with stone.

STREET LIGHTING

If you notice a broken or faulty street light, please report this directly to Dorset council via <https://www.lightsonindorset.co.uk/public/ReportFault.aspx>. On each lamp there is a unique number which will aid the reporting process but it is not essential to have this number, as you can zoom in on a map on the above website and find the light by location.

PLANNING MATTERS

Application No: P/TRT/2024/02666. Location: The Old Malthouse School, Langton Matravers, BH19 3HB. Proposal: T1 Beech – Fell and replant. Comment: No objection due to the Arborculturalist report and the promise to plant two new trees.

- Application No: P/FUL/2024/01992. Location: Verney Farm Gully Swanage BH19 3EX. Proposal: Erect lambing shed. Comment: No objection.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 11 July 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 p5: (Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors).

Michelle Harrington, Parish Clerk

THE RAMBLING GARDENER

July is good for walking in the mornings and the evenings, as well as relaxing with a paint box or book in lovely sunshine or shade. Remember that it is often lovely until the start of the children's summer holidays when East winds and fog seems disrupt our plans! This weather always seemed to last until they went back to school and the better weather returns for the end of September, ironic!

In the late forties and early fifties, there was still rationing so July was a great month with fresh peas, beans, carrots and lots more. We had a big garden and grew things for sale. Each morning father would ring the shops to see what they would take and what they would pay us, then we would get the vegetables ready, deliver them and collect the money.

On the farm we grew maize that, in July, would be six feet high! Good fun to play in, but it was hard work cutting and barrowing it to feed the cows. Every evening, we would bicycle to Peveril Point for a swim and high tea. I don't remember it ever being too wet, but it must have been on some days so maybe we just didn't notice.

GARDEN JOBS FOR JULY

In the flower beds keep flowers blooming for longer by dead-heading regularly. If plants are blown over then cut them to the ground, they may re-flower or produce a neat dome of green foliage until the first frosts. Make sure that there are some seats to just sit in and enjoy your garden and listen to the wildlife. Accept a few holes in leaves, but if it bothers you don't grow that plant next year.

I have ducks as slug patrols, so they clear most of my slugs and snails. If slugs and snails are a problem, as it might be only specific plants, just try other plants. Buy bedding plants to fill any bare spaces - annuals grow fast to give cover until the frosts start but will need to be replanted next year. It is easier to grow perennials to fill spaces. Check the plant will suit the soil, and situation (shade, sun or windy), and that the mature size is suitable to your garden. Perennials are so much better for low maintenance.

In the vegetable garden there are lots of jobs. Keep peas and beans picked to keep them fruiting, and pick, blanch and freeze excess vegetables as much as possible. Early in July, there are many seeds you can plant to get a late summer crop such as; peas, beans, broad beans, carrots, swede and turnips for winter cropping. Spring cabbage can be planted directly into the beds or in pots for later transplanting. Do transplant when you have room and always aim to interplant. Lettuce, radish, carrot or other quick growing vegetables could be interplanted between late harvesting crops such as spring cabbages.

Garlic and onions, that do not like competition, should be kept free of weeds by using a slide hoe, but weed by hand any weed growing too close to the bulbs, to avoid bulb damage. Onion sets should be planted at 4" x 12", there are many varieties ripening at different times. Shallots can store for a year hanging in a cool room.

The magazine from our water supplier, Wessex Water, suggested how to save money and water which is very important. 1. Reduce shower time - a family of four could save £150 a year. 2. Reduce the number of washing machine loads. 3. Check that your toilets and taps do not drip. 4. Use a watering-can to water your plants and a moisture meter to avoid over-watering. 5. Put in large enough water butts to make the most effective use of free water from the roofs,

the standard little round water butts are not very useful! Tall rectangular butts are easier to site near sheds and houses.

Enjoy your garden, and ask if you want any ideas or suggestions for your garden. I love showing people around my garden. Just email rjehelfer@gmail.com or call 01929421681.

Rachel

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Wednesday 24th July 7.00pm

Thursday 1st August 7.00pm

Saturday 17th August 2.30pm

JULY 2024

2	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
2	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	WMVH
3	6.30pm	Purbeck Young Musicians	Mowlem Theatre
4	10 - 11.30	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
4	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
9	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
9	7.30pm	Film: <i>Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny</i>	HXVH
11	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
10	10-4pm	Future Studland - Join the Conversation	Studland VH
10	7pm	Swanage Town Band	Bandstand
11	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
13-18	11-4.30pm	Purbeck Artists and Stallholders	WMVH
Aug			
16	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
18	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
18	7pm	Langton CLT - Affordable Homes Consultation	LMVH
21	2-4.30pm	Afternoon Teas, Music, Stalls, Tower tours	St James' Ch
23	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
24	7pm	Swanage Town Band	Bandstand
25	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
27-4	10-5pm	Summer Art Exhibition	Catholic Ch Hall, Swanage
Aug			
30	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe

AUGUST 2024

3	2-5pm	3 Parishes Fete at the Old Rectory	Church Knowle
4	3-5pm	Langton Allotments Open Day	The Priddle
10	2-5	St George's Fete	St George's Ch



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