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From the Editor

It's really important that everyone takes note of the changes proposed by the Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company.

THESE CHANGES WILL AFFECT US ALL WHETHER YOU USE THE FERRY OR NOT.

Having to pay to use the road would certainly stop me from walking my dogs at Shell Bay, and increased prices on the Ferry will cause more people to drive round the long way and add to the traffic problems. It will certainly deter people from commuting between Bournemouth and Swanage and it will, possibly, make it an even longer trek to get to the A&E at Bournemouth in an emergency. Please look at the proposals and make your voices heard. Email our new MP, Lloyd Hatton, (lloyd.hatton.mp@parliament.uk) or write to the Transport Minister (see bottom of pgs 11 or 13 for details).

*If you can, go to the Public Meeting at Studland Village Hall on 4 Sept (see p13 for details). **Let's not sleepwalk into this; it is too important for the Isle of Purbeck.***

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 **October** issue is noon on **Thursday, 19 Sept** & it will be ready for collection on **Tuesday, 24 Sept.**

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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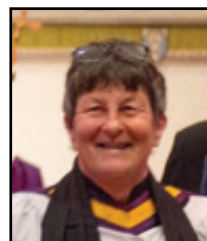
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September 2024



Hello from the Rectory

What a marvellous day we had for the St George's Langton Church Fete in August and to think we still have Harmans Cross Village fete to come! I thoroughly enjoyed being MC for the event and it was lovely greeting and meeting so many people who arrived to join in the fun. Old friends, new friends and others that I was meeting for the first time made the afternoon such a joyful occasion. I know many visitors were also with us whilst on holiday too. None of this could have happened without the Fete committee and the many, many people from our community who dedicate their time and expertise year after year. I heard stories of people running stalls for over twenty years, please let me know if any there are longer than that!!

My grateful thanks go to all of you that helped run the event or who contributed in any way and of course to all of you who came and helped us raise much needed funds. We raised a little under six thousand and still rising. Majorie Glassock our incredible quiz and raffle ticket seller still has quizzes for sale and raffle tickets for other worthy causes.

Other news is that the Mulberry tree is laden with fruit and I think ready for picking and jam making. (All advice gratefully received.) I will be opening my garden to anyone who would like to visit on Saturday, 31 August between 10-1pm that day so do drop by. There's also apples on my trees!

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful end to the summer season and blessings on our Schools as the students prepare to return.

Rev Lindy Jane

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The last couple of months have seen amazing progress, all the new rafters are now in position and the laths and batsafe membrane are in place. Our contractors, Tudor Rose Masonry and Conservation, will now start relaying the tiles, where possible we are endeavouring to use the old tiles but inevitably some are damaged and will need to be replaced.

Regrettably, the unforeseen need to replace all the rafters has led to a delay of nearly six months but with new timbers in place the roof should last another 150 years. Hopefully we will be able to reopen the Church in the Autumn, in good time for Christmas, and it is planned that Bishop Karen will visit in January for a service of rededication followed by lunch, further details will be advised in due course.

And finally, it appears that Cassandra, our friendly collar dove, could not resist the opportunity of keeping an eye on progress at St Nicholas and has taken up residence on the scaffolding where she has successfully raised two broods of chicks. Nothing like being first in the queue for the reopening!

Hugh Cochrane



RIDE AND STRIDE

The annual Ride and Stride to raise money for the Dorset Historic Churches will take place on Saturday, 14 September.

Over the years and especially recently with the replacing of St Nicholas' Church roof we have received generous donations from this charity so we have decided to hold a fund raising walk on Saturday, 14 September at 9.30am starting at St George's Langton and walking to St Nicholas Church at Worth and finishing at St James', Kingston.

If you wish bring a picnic to eat at the finish at Kingston. We will try to arrange shared lifts back to Langton.

This event is a good opportunity to meet to and chat together as a parish.

Information will be in each church but for further details contact 01929 439 380 or 07841 014506.

Liz Hoad

SERVICE TIMES IN THE PARISHES

WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST

10am Communion & Conversation Langton

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER TRINITY 14

9.45am Breakfast Church Langton

10.30am Holy Communion Corfe

5pm Celtic Evening Prayer St Aldhelm's

WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

10am Prayer in the Morning Langton

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER TRINITY 15

9.30am Holy Communion Steeple

9.45am Holy Communion Langton

10.30am Morning Prayer Corfe

11.30am Informal Worship Kingston

6pm Evensong Langton

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

10am Communion & Conversation Langton

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER TRINITY 16

9.45am Morning Worship Langton

10am Celtic Eucharist WMVH

10.30am Holy Communion Corfe

11am Walking Church TBA

6pm Evening Prayer HXVH

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

10am Prayer in the Morning Langton

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER TRINITY 17

9.45am Holy Communion Langton

10am Celtic Eucharist WMVH

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Suddenly, we are nearly at the end of August and I wanted to thank you all, through the Dubber for your continuous support of Swanage Food Bank.

Over the last eight months with the fundraising from Yvonne Spencer and her team and a very generous donation we have raised £700.

This makes it possible for fresh food to be purchased to be added to the tins and packets of food that are given out.

Although St Nicholas is still closed thank you for the donations of food that have been given and also for the food that is left in St George's church.

Thank you so much please continue your generous support (contact 01929 439380). *Liz Hoad*

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

The children are back at school, the days are getting shorter and the temperature is a little bit more bearable. Now is the time for us to be planning the St Aldhelm Christmas Tree Festival. We will once again aim to fill St George's Church Langton with individually decorated Christmas trees and showcase some of the local areas musical talent. If you can help us achieve this please get in touch with us either by email or through our website.

We have already raised almost £9,000 from our previous festivals and every penny of that has been given to local charities, this year we will be supporting East Dorset and New Forest Motor Neuron Disease Association and National Coastwatch Institution (Swanage) the festival will be on the 30 November until 2 December.

A tree will cost £25 and is yours to keep after the festival, you can even take your tree on to the Emmanuel Church in Swanage (by prior arrangement) for their festival which takes place on the following weekend. If you wish to be part of this year's event please contact Sandy (01929 424431)

sandy@gizimodo.co.uk more information on <https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com> *Sandy Garner*

UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST

LIFE IN THE OLD TREE YET

A magnificent wych elm which fell during the winter storms has been given a new lease of life. The tree in Wilderness Wood, Langton Matravers, was left lying on its side, but its root plate was still intact. We have placed deer fencing around the tree to protect its foliage and seeds from being eaten. The hope is that it will survive and regrow as a 'phoenix tree'.

Elm trees like this are home to the rare white-letter hairstreak butterfly, which flits around high in the canopy. It has an erratic, spiralling flight, but on landing it closes its wings to reveal the white 'W' shaped streak on the underside.

RAGWORT – A FEAST FOR POLLINATORS

It's been a bumper year for ragwort - you might have noticed golden swathes of it across grassland and verges. Ragwort is a hugely important wildflower for insects – around 178 species feed off it. Of course, these insects are then food for birds and bats. So why does this UK native plant get so much bad press?

Ragwort can be poisonous to cattle and horses if eaten in large quantities. But:

Fresh ragwort smells and tastes horrible to these animals

– they'll only eat it if there is no other food in the field.

The problem is when ragwort gets into hay or silage as it loses its warning signals and animals can inadvertently eat it.

We follow the government's advice on ragwort control – clearing it when it's within 50m of fields used for grazing animals or growing fodder. Otherwise, we leave it as an amazing food source that helps sustain biodiversity.

WHAT WILL PUFFIN CAMERAS REVEAL?

The cameras on the cliffs near Dancing Ledge are being retrieved now that the puffins have migrated back out to sea for the winter. The aim of the project is to find out why this colony of puffins, the last on the south coast mainland, is failing. Sadly, the observations of a team of volunteers showed that no chicks survived to fledge this year.

Once we have the memory cards from the cameras, volunteers will begin the painstaking task of studying hundreds of hours of footage. Were any eggs laid? Did any chicks hatch, and if so, what happened to them? We'll let you know. *Cathy Lewis, National Trust*

SINGERS ARE READY TO WELCOME YOU!

Swanage based choir 'Belvedere Singers' begins its new term on Tuesday, 3 September and we would love you to join us. The choir is open to all, whether you have sung previously or are just looking to try this fun, sociable activity for the first time.

Music Director, Clive Watkiss, has already lined up some enjoyable pieces for us to learn and perform at our Christmas concert, on 14 December. There will be some traditional carols, but also a good mix of other seasonal music- something for everyone.

Rehearsals are held at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Victoria Avenue from 7.30pm to 9.30pm each week, with a short break mid-session for refreshments and socialising. New members are welcome to try us out for two weeks before committing to join and paying their subs.

So- if you have a Tuesday evening shaped hole in your social diary and you love to sing, why not come along and give us a go? There are no auditions, just the promise of a good time. If you would like to learn more please call our Secretary on 01929 480247, take a look at our website (www.belvederesingers.org.uk) or our Facebook page (The Belvedere Singers). *Sue Eady*

SEASIDE ESCAPE

Lewis-Manning Hospice Care provided a wonderful day of respite for a small group of carers when they enjoyed a day at a beach hut on Swanage Beach.

The carers swapped their usual routine for a sunny day adventure at Swanage Beach, giving them the chance to unwind, laugh, and even dip their toes in the sea.

The day kicked off with carers dropping off their spouse at the Lewis-Manning Day Hospice in Poole, where the hospice clinical team took over caring duties, and the local Dorset patients were set to enjoy a day full of clinical support, games, arts and crafts, and a delicious lunch, ensuring they had just as much fun as their carers.

As for the carers, they headed to Swanage Beach and to a beach hut which was to be used as their base for the day and as the location of their monthly support and bereavement carers group.

Family Support & Bereavement Lead at Lewis-Manning, Jo Sharkey said, "What a wonderful day we all enjoyed, it

was incredibly relaxing and just what the carers needed. We devoured delicious fish & chips, someone bought some Prosecco and another some fresh strawberries, it was such a treat.”

One of the carers Val commented, “When you’re a carer, it’s like you’re sitting in a hole, and you just want someone to come and sit with you. Lewis-Manning is my rock. The compassion and care are so special. I have been attending the group for around two years.”

Another carer Alison said, “As a carer, you are working 365 days a year, 24/7 with no support. There are no holidays. Who would want that job? Lewis-Manning is the only part of my life that has stayed the same for the past six months.”

Carla, a carer added, “We have no judgment, and it’s a safe space here on this day out. Hopefully, at the end of the day we will remain friends.”

Anyone interested in finding out about the Family Support and Bereavement Service at Lewis-Manning Hospice Care is urged to visit <https://lewis-manning.org.uk/bereavement-family-support/>

Kate Shaw

SWANAGE SKATE PARK AWARDED £10,000

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news with our community! Thanks to the incredible support of The Valentine Charitable Trust, we have been awarded a generous grant of £10,000. This makes a significant contribution to our fundraising and brings our total funds raised to £45,825.00

In addition to this grant from The Valentine Charitable Trust, we’ve been busy working on two other grant applications, keep your fingers crossed for us and we hope we’ll have more good funding news to share soon!

CORFE CASTLE SURGERY

Further to last month’s staffing list I would like to update you with the good news that our new dispenser, Sam, has now started. Sam is a very experienced dispenser but has not worked in a dispensing practice before so please show understanding and patience whilst she gets to grips with the running of the dispensary.

We will be offering respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccinations from 1 September to older adults aged 75-79, and to individuals from 28 weeks’ pregnancy to protect their baby. If you are eligible, we will contact you with an appointment as soon as we can.

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is an enveloped RNA virus, in the same family as the human parainfluenza viruses and mumps and measles viruses. RSV is one of the common viruses that cause coughs and colds in winter. RSV is transmitted by large droplets and by secretions from contact with an infected person.

This year’s flu vaccines will not start in September as normal, but we will be contacting parents of all children aged 2 or 3 years (on 31 August 2024) and pregnant women for vaccination in September as advised to do so.

For everyone aged 65 and over and those of you aged 18 years to under 65 years and in a clinical risk group we will not be able to start vaccinating until 3 October 2024, this includes carers and frontline workers. This is based on the evidence that flu vaccine’s effectiveness can wane over time in adults, JCVI (Joint committee on vaccination and immunisation) have advised moving the start of the programme for most adults to the beginning of October. This

is on the understanding that the majority of the vaccinations will be completed by the end of November, closer to the time that the flu season commonly starts. It is preferable to vaccinate individuals closer to the time when the flu virus is likely to circulate (which typically peaks in December or January), as this will provide optimal protection during the highest risk period. As flu circulation in children normally precedes that in adults, the JCVI agreed that the children’s programme should continue to start in September as early as delivery and supply allows.

I would expect for us to hold our first walk in flu session on Saturday 5 or 12 October. Please keep an eye on the website and in practice for confirmed dates.

Please contact us with any queries.

Kerry Norman, Practice Manager

CORFE CASTLE SURGERY PPG

We were delighted to hear the wonderful news that the Corfe Surgery was recognised as one of the top 3 surgeries in Dorset following the annual GP Patient Survey. The Chair of the Dorset General Practice Alliance said it was great to see Dorset doing well nationally during some very challenging times and added that this acknowledgement is thanks to the hard working practice staff doing their very best for patients.

He noted that there are still areas requiring improvement across Dorset which everyone is working hard to achieve.

As patients of the Corfe Surgery, I think we all know how lucky we are to be supported by Dr Lepper and his team and we would like to thank the team for all they do for us.

If there are times, however, when you would like us to raise issues with the practice on your behalf please do contact us by email or through the Surgery corfecastleppg@gmail.com

The summer is passing very quickly but I hope we can enjoy some fine weather and sunshine before we start to think about Flu jabs!

Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair

PLANET PURBECK FESTIVAL

Social media favourite **Sophie Gregory** will be “going live” at this year’s Planet Purbeck Festival.

The charismatic young Dorset farmer – voted Dairy Industry Woman of the Year in 2021 – will join an impressive array of speakers at the festival’s showcase event, dubbed A Celebration Of Purbeck.

Sophie, who has more than 20,000 followers across Instagram and other social media platforms, will talk about her extraordinary journey from accountancy to managing an organic dairy herd and her renowned educational work with schoolchildren.

She will join other luminaries including Martin Lines, head of the Nature Friendly Farming Network, and the National Trust’s regional director Rebecca Burton for the evening event at Swanage’s Mowlem Theatre.

Sophie said: “I’m excited to be part of the Planet Purbeck Festival. It’s a fantastic opportunity to connect our community with the origins of our food and the future of farming in Dorset.

“I’m hoping to inspire a wider audience to embrace sustainability and champion our local environment.”

Planet Purbeck is changing the format of the 2024 festival from the “wild week” of previous celebrations, lasting several days, to “two wild weekends”.

Weekend One on Saturday September 14 will feature a Rewilding Our Seas night, hosted by Planet Purbeck's marine expert Doug Skinner, at which films and talks will reveal cutting-edge initiatives to restore the natural balance of our local coastal waters.

Among those present will be Oly Rush, of Upton – dubbed The Human Fish due to his epic worldwide swims to raise funds for eco causes.

On Weekend Two, the Mowlem celebration on Friday, 20 September will be followed the next day by a wide-ranging Nature and Wellbeing Fair on Swanage seafront.

More than 25 community groups and local initiatives will combine to offer families six hours of music, fun, food and free activities linked to Purbeck's abundant natural resources.

Festival organiser Luke M Luke said: "We decided to focus this year's festival on last year's most popular events. It's when people show up in their hundreds that the magic really happens and the good vibes flow."

"It's such a thrill to see the joy on people's faces in those 'We actually live here' moments as they discover more about what is happening on their doorstep in Purbeck."

Chris Hockley

LANGTON MATRAVERS

LANGTON MATRAVERS CLT UPDATE

On behalf of Langton Matravers CLT I would like to thank everyone who attended the public meeting in July. The CLT is now in its seventh year of existence. Our aim from the beginning was always to build affordable homes to rent for local people to rent at an affordable rate. It's taken a while to get to this point because of a lack of available sites and of course the impact of COVID.

Langton Matravers CLT has been very fortunate in being able to work with the National Trust and to reach an agreement with them to provide us with a piece of land to build potentially ten homes at the Western boundary of the village.

It was great to see a keen level of interest at the meeting with great questions asked by those present. I hope people felt their questions were answered. Key issues for a number of people were around who would have the opportunity to live in the properties once they are built. We can not say at this point how the homes will look much will depend on how the land can be used and that will require further investigation.

Next steps will be to explore the viability of the site drawing up plans with an architect and working towards a planning application. After that the CLT will hold another public meeting and the community will have the opportunity to comment at a second public meeting before a planning permission application is sought.

For people who were not able to attend the meeting you can find out more on our website

<https://www.langtonmatraverscommunitylandtrust.com/>

Maggie Sutton, Secretary LMCLT

PRIDDLE ALLOTMENTS

How lucky we were with the weather again this year – squeezing a bright and sunny afternoon in amongst the August drizzle and winds!

10 The Dubber

Thank you to everyone who attended our fundraising event, and enjoyed all of the excellent tea, cakes, allotment produce, raffle prizes and general conviviality.

Thanks also to the generosity of the companies who provided the raffle prizes:

Sculpture by the Lakes; Lulworth Castle; City Cruises; Athelhampton House; Swanage Railway; Holme for Gardens; Curtis the Butchers; June Frith -Floristry; Penny Cleaver -Honey.It makes an enormous difference to be able to offer such attractive prizes.

We look forward to doing it all again next year, and seeing everyone on Sunday, 3 August 2025! *Sue Earl*

LANGTON MATRAVERS LOCAL HISTORY AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY

www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org

The D-day and Radar exhibition has been extended over the summer period, and there is still a chance to see it before the museum closes at the end of September. We hope to mount two new exhibitions, on blacksmith-made tools and textiles, in the local studies area next year. In July the Archive Team enjoyed a special training event funded and arranged by the Dorset Museums Service especially for us, to learn about how to handle and store textile collections: this training will be invaluable when we come to review our textiles collection in the autumn.

We are excited to announce that two paintings from the museum will be going on loan to the Russell-Cotes Museum in Bournemouth over the winter. The exhibition is called 'Artists in Purbeck - The Spirit of Place' and will feature many important works painted by artists inspired by Purbeck landscape and people. The exhibition will be between 12 October and 16 March 2025, and we are hoping to organise a special trip to the Russell-Cotes for members while it is on.

There will be a full programme of talks at Langton Village Hall over the winter: get the dates in your diaries now! We will be holding two afternoon talks in addition to the usual evening events. All evening talks are at 7.30pm, doors open 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- **Thursday, 24 October:** Mary Spencer Watson, Sculptor – the last of a creative trio by Ilay Cooper.
- **Thursday, 30 October:** Purbeck, the Spirit of Place by Gill Clarke, Curator of the exhibition at the Russell-Cotes Museum (see above).
- **Wednesday, 6 November,** AFTERNOON talk – 2 for 2.30pm. Local Farming – Artefacts, Photos and Tales with Alan Smith, Farmer.
- **Thursday, 21 November:** Then and Now – Photographs of Corfe Castle Village by Louise Haywood, Historian.
- **Wednesday, 11 December.** AFTERNOON talk – 2 for 2.30pm. John Mowlem by Audrey Pembroke.
- **Thursday, 19 December:** LMLHPS Christmas Party – more details later.
- **Thursday 23 January, 2025:** Ball Clay Mining and the Railway, by Peter Sills.

Dates and subjects for Feb/March will be announced shortly: watch this space!

Membership fees are due for renewal on 1 September. Annual Membership is £10 for individuals or £15 for family/joint membership. Or for just £100 you can become a member for life. If you aren't already a member of the Society, why not

join us? Benefits include regular e-newsletters and reduced entry to talks. We will also be offering the opportunity for members to get involved in a local community archaeology project. To find out more and sign up as a member, go to <https://www.langtonia.org/membership.html> and download the application form.

Daryle Pearson & Mary Sparks, Publicity and Communications, LMLHPS

GREENING THE SCHOOL FIELD

St George's CE Primary School have been working on a tree planting project around the edges of the school field. This exciting venture will improve shading and shelter for users of the field, enhance biodiversity and create a small outdoor classroom space.

This year's end-of-year school picnic was curtailed by the hot weather and lack of shade – something this project can prevent in the future! Trees will be planted along the northern school side, a few metres out from the wall. This will replace some that have died and should provide a level of shade for spectators during sporting or school events.

A glade of small trees will be planted next to the playground (adding to the existing rowan tree, providing an additional shaded and natural play space); and four narrow copses of native shrubs and small trees is planned next to the woodland trail, enhancing biodiversity and providing a useful teaching resource for the school.

Finally, a willow amphitheatre, on the south side next to the woodland trail, will be planted and developed further by the school as an outdoor classroom and forest school area.

The school is applying to the Dorset ANOB (now National Landscapes) for a grant under their Community Tree Fund, to cover the cost of the trees, the planting and three years' establishment costs. The school is also looking to raise 25% as match funding.

The planting has been carefully planned with native and resilient trees, with the help of a local expert, and will not impact existing uses by the community or the school.

St George's is hoping to plant these trees during the winter 2024/5. For those keen to learn more about the plans, please do come along to the entrance to the school field at 4pm on Friday 6 September.

Poppy Maltby

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL SWANAGE FERRY

Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company have applied to the Secretary of State for Transport to be able to revise the maximum toll charge when using the Swanage Ferry, between Sandbanks and South Haven Point, plus a new toll for using the Ferry Road only.

Full details of the application which includes the re-introduction of the charge for the use of the motor road, a reduction in the levels of advance bulk ticket purchase for bikes and pedestrians, are available from the Company at the Ferry Office, Shell Bay, Studland, Swanage Dorset BH19 3BA and on www.sandbanksferry.co.uk/application.

Everyone has the right to submit a comment to the Secretary of State for Transport via email to nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk or by letter to the Secretary of State, Department for Transport, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AR marked for the attention of Sandra Zamenzadeh. A copy of the objection should also be sent

to the Company email@sandbanksferry.co.uk. Comments must be submitted by 12 September 2024.

Studland Parish Council are hosting a meeting to discuss the application, on Wednesday, 4 September from 7.30pm in the Studland Village Hall.

WE NEED YOU

Over the years, the number of Parish Councillors has gradually declined. At present, we have six Councillors serving, though we have the capacity for nine. If this trend continues, there is a risk that Dorset Councillors may be left to make decisions for the residents of Langton Matravers.

Becoming a Parish Councillor is a rewarding way to give back to your community. It allows you to tackle local issues, influence key decisions, and play a role in shaping the future of Langton Matravers. No prior experience is necessary—just a genuine passion for the community and a willingness to get involved.

If you're eager to make a meaningful impact, work collaboratively with a committed team, and represent the interests of your fellow residents, we invite you to step forward. For more details on how you can become a Parish Councillor and help ensure strong local representation, please contact the Clerk.

BIG CONVERSATION

By the time you read this article there may not be many opportunities left for you to influence Dorset Council. This summer, Dorset Council are launching 'A Big Conversation' across Dorset, and they want to hear from you. Your voice is important. What do you think Dorset Council should focus on over the next five years? There are four main areas where Dorset Council really want to make a difference: * growing our economy; * providing high quality housing; * responding to the climate crisis & * supporting communities for all.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Dorset Council will be at locations spread across the Dorset Council area, looking to speak to as many people as possible. You can find them at: Weymouth (New Bond Street) Saturday 7 September: 10am to 3pm or Sherborne (Market) Sunday 15 September: 10am to 3pm. Alternatively you can complete the form online via <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/a-big-conversation> or you can attend the library and the librarian will assist you to feedback either online or through a paper version.

PLANNING MATTERS

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

Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 12 September 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.

(Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors),

Michelle Harrington, Parish Clerk

PFF 2024 Summer season of outdoor cinema

Sat 31 August - Calendar Girls - Careys Secret Garden

Fri 6 Sept - A Room with a View - The Blue Pool

Sat 7 Sept - Moulin Rouge - The Blue Pool

WHAT'S ON AT HX VILLAGE HALL

After a busy few weeks preparing for the HXVH Fete, September sees a return to normal at the Village Hall with all our usual regular events and weekly classes going on – table tennis, yoga, U3A groups and craft groups aplenty. Please see our website and the calendar for more details.

We will be hosting the Purbeck Film Festival for two evenings in October, as well as organising a Wedding Fair on Sunday 27 October from 1-4pm.

Movie Night – Tuesday 10 September – *One Life*

ONE LIFE tells the incredible true story of Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton (Johnny Flynn), a young London broker who visits Prague in December 1938. In a race against time, Winton convinces Trevor Chadwick (Alex Sharp) and Doreen Warriner (Romola Garai) of the British Committee for Refugees in Czechoslovakia to rescue hundreds of predominantly Jewish children before Nazi occupation closes the borders.

Fifty years later, Nicky (Anthony Hopkins) is haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to bring to safety in England. It's not until the BBC show "That's Life!" re-introduces him to some of those he helped rescue that he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he carried -- all the while skyrocketing from anonymity to a national hero.

But the film has perhaps even greater poignancy for us here in Purbeck because of the deeds of Trevor Chadwick. Trevor moved to Swanage in 1928 when his father set up Forres School in Northbrook Road, now Purbeck View school. He worked there as a Latin teacher and was also a volunteer member of the Swanage Lifeboat crew.

In early 1939, Trevor Chadwick became one of a handful of mainly British volunteers who rescued children in Prague most threatened by an impending German occupation. The majority were Jewish but others were the sons or daughters of Czech and Slovak anti-Nazis. He originally went to Prague to bring back two refugee boys to the school. In the event, he also took another child, who became the poet Gerda Mayer. Trevor delivered the three children, then returned to Prague to work for the rescue of further refugees.

During his lifetime, Nicholas Winton readily acknowledged Trevor Chadwick's bravery.

"My associate Trevor Chadwick was in a much trickier situation. He did the more difficult and dangerous work after the Nazis invaded... he deserves all praise. He managed things at the Prague end, organising the children and the trains, and dealing with the SS and Gestapo."

The astonishing contribution of Trevor Chadwick has been recognised here in Swanage with the unveiling in August 2022 of a bronze statue, created by local sculptor Moira Purver and positioned next to the children's playpark, now called the Chadwick Playground, on the Recreation Ground near the seafront.

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

Future movies for your diaries:

Tuesday 8 Oct: *Wicked Little Letters*

Sunday 27 Oct: Purbeck Film Festival showing of *The Old Oak*

Tuesday 29 Oct: Purbeck Film Festival showing of *Empire of Light*

Other dates for your diaries:

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Wedding Fair:

Sunday 27 October 1-4pm

Coffee Junction:

Thursday Sept 5 and 19, and Oct 3 from 10.30am

HXVH Church:

Sunday 15 Sept at 6pm

And finally.. we are looking for a new Secretary to the Management Committee

The role involves taking Minutes of meetings (c8 meetings a year) and organising the AGM. If you have a spare 1-2 hours per week and would like to get involved in our active and sociable team, please contact Alison Clough at alison.an.clough@btinternet.com or on 07768 558341.

Alison & the HXVH Committee

WORTH MATRAVERS

WORTH FILM CLUB

Our first film of the season will be *Wicked Little Letters* showing on Wednesday, 18 September. Set in the 1920s, the film follows the tempest-in-a-teapot goings-on in Littlehampton, a British coastal village, after a number of residents start receiving poison pen letters from an anonymous sender. An upending of the English period costume drama, it's a cheerfully indecent, gloriously naughty pick-me-up featuring two power performances from Olivia Colman and Jessie Buckley.

Please join us for a drink at 7pm and the film will begin as 7.30.

To avoid disappointment at the door, book early online: www.worthmatraversvillagehall.org. Tickets are £5.

Claude Bonfanti

WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL AUGUST MEETING

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

CLERK'S REPORT

Cllrs noted the Actions and Clerks update report on matters arising from the meeting in July 2024. The PC noted that the ongoing issue of increasing damage being caused to the corner of the junction by the Square and Compass had been addressed by the owner of the Square and Compass. He had taken remedial action placing a large stone obelisk shape to protect his land on this corner. Cllrs agreed that to make a £600 donation towards these costs.,

The Clerk confirmed that Tom Clarke from the National Trust was to give short presentation and answer the minuted WMPC concerns on their new rewilding plans in Weston farm.

DORSET COUNCIL

Cllr Wilson had provided in advance and circulated to all Cllrs a full and comprehensive report from Dorset Council on their recent activities. He reported back with the advice that he had contacted Dorset Council Officers in respect of the proposals by the Ferry Company to increase

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One Life
7pm Tuesday 10 September
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charges and make many supplementary and future enabling provisions and restrictions. He understood an Officer had been delegated to consider these proposals and make representations on them.

The footpath off Tabbits Hill lane on the lower Westbury Farm and the styles will be mended as required. The wetness is under discussion with the landowner and any provision of a board walk facility would need funding in future years. He appreciated that bids for funding relevant PC (Corfe Castle / Langton M to DC would be needed.

He had pursued the PC request for local meetings of the DC Planning Committee at Westport House in Wareham but had been told there were insufficient IT facilities there. Cllrs felt this needed re-examination as previously such meetings were held in that area with any required IT facilities always available. Improvements in Broadband as used by DC during the Covid period should be possible to overcome any IT/ Presentation issues. Cllr Wilson agreed to take this back this response

Cllrs noted that Cllr Wilson had received a more positive approach from DC officers to consideration of new 20 mph speed limits in Worth village. (Currently 60 mph) The DC requirements for any future consideration included more local consultation after further speed surveys at £295 at each of the three sites previously measured. This was not warranted as potentially a waste of time and expenditure. It was unlikely that any new speed measurement would differ significantly from those previously measured when the last PC application was refused. The PC reluctantly agreed not to proceed.

He also advertised a 'Big Conversation' event on Wareham quay on 23 August at which DC Officers and Members would be available to engage local residents. Cllrs asked if DC were aware that this area was used every Saturday morning / early pm for a very well stocked and attended local market.

The Chairman raised with Cllr Wilson ongoing concerns about the lack of progress on the advisory sign sought for addressing parking on the off carriageway space by the former Royal Observatory site on the Langton to Worth road.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman and Cllr Melville had attended the Swanworth Quarry liaison meeting in July 2024. They had noted the update therefrom including progress on the new overbridge across the footpath to the new and adjacent quarrying area. Concerns were expressed about the overgrowth on this footpath making it near impassable. Cllr Bugler presented a photograph showing a large tree that had fallen across it.

Cllrs received the Reprint of the Priest Way leaflet and agreed the shared cost of £97 each with Langton Matravers PC.

Cllrs noted the Dorset Police report on batteries recently stolen from 3 Roadside Speed Indicator Devices. Cllrs Peacock and Harper who manned the WMPC facility in the Valley road would ensure that better and non-removable ownership markings would be placed on the PC purchased equipment. It was already secured with a lock which would be upgraded. Cllrs were concerned about the high speeds and inconsiderate / potentially dangerous driving and overtaking along this section of the Valley road.

The PC noted that HX Open Space trenching work to lay a parallel water supply to the opposite fence had been

completed. The final outrun cost would be supplied to the PC in respect of its agreement to fund 50% of these costs.

HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Chairman raised that albeit in Langton Parish the junction of the Langton to Kingston road and the Worth to Langton road is breaking up. This was occurring under the recent loading from many 6 wheeled stone quarry 20T + vehicles between WM Gallows Gore and the LM quarries close to this junction. This damage which Cllrs Bugler noted on observation could be seen on Google Maps and on the ground is now dangerous for cyclists and other two wheeled vehicles.

Cllrs discussed and sought clarification on the position was at DC regarding the ongoing and often totally obstructive vegetation growth across public footpaths in the area. They noted the large fallen tree totally blocking the footpath behind the Suttles quarry on the Worth road and further impassable growth along this footpath. Cllr Wilson was asked whether DC were only now reacting to complaints abandoning systematic clearance as for example on the roadside on Kingston Hill and Haycrafts Lane. The PC appreciated there were constraints on remedial action on Haycrafts Lane from the environmental blue pole system.

PLANNING AND TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

- P/LBC/2024/03337 & Listed Building Consent Location: Ivy Cottage Pikes Lane Worth Matravers BH19 3LQ Proposal: Re tile roof and rebuild chimney stack No Cllr comments /objections received.
- P/TRT/2024/04225 Location: Knolldown Valley Road Harmans Cross BH20 5HU Proposal: T14 Scots pine - Fell. For Information Cllrs felt that this tree already damaged / removed needs to be replaced in a similar location closer to the site boundary where there is an existing gap in the tree line.

The next PC meeting will be at Worth Village Hall on 3 September at 7.30pm. *Roger Khanna, Parish Clerk*

PUBLIC MEETING



STUDLAND VILLAGE HALL

7.30pm Wednesday 4th September

To discuss Ferry Company application to:

- ▶ Increase tolls
- ▶ Cut discounts for bulk users
- ▶ Charge for accessing Ferry Road

The Ferry Company wants to increase tolls:

- ▶ For bikes and foot passengers from £1 to £1.75
- ▶ For cars from £5.30 to £6.26
- ▶ For larger vehicles from £10.80 to £12.52
- ▶ It wants to move the toll booth nearer to Knoll House Hotel, and charge £6.26 for car users to access Ferry Road (e.g. Shell Bay), whether they use the ferry or not.
- ▶ It also wants to reduce the discounts for bulk users - that is, local residents.

Objections must be sent by email by September 12th to:
nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk

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THE RAMBLING GARDENER

September is a beautiful month it used to be called the smellow fruitful month as there are lots of lovely days and fruitful because there is a lot to harvest; then this is a hard month as there a lot of wind and gales.

Deciduous plants, whether small or a big are, preparing for winter. Their leaves start to go all different colours, from the palest yellow to dark red, so rewarding wherever home is. If the wind is strong, it may change everything overnight.

Happy plants are healthy plants and will look good. Every area has its own climate so see what is doing well near you for own garden. Everyone likes having their garden admired so do admire and ask for some seeds or cuttings. If you get offered plants accept as these plants will be much better than anything you buy in the post. When transplanting water in well and cut them back hard as most plants thrive on being pruned hard.

Seeds to sow: red and black radish and hardy lettuce, also buy garlic onion sets and broad beans for sowing soon. With the changing weather I am just going to sow all the bare ground that I have with green manure crops and seeds that may grow if the weather is kind to them. Rye is very hardy but can be invasive, mustard grows very fast and when the frost comes it still gives a good cover to the soil rotted down by spring and ready to sow next year's summer crops. Phacelia is my favourite green manure, as it will probably go through the winter and produce beautiful blue flowers which are full of nectar in the next year.

With the changing climate this year there has been mixed results in my harvests. I have had good crops of loganberries, raspberries, 16 peaches on a very small tree that lives in a pot and the kiwi looks like giving 1,000 fruits again this year. But I have had no apricots or pears and some of the apples are poor, though one local home has pear tree full of fruit! This may be because of it being colder or because there are just many fewer insects. I do usually take out plants that stop producing but I will give the fruit trees a bit of time and trust they adapt to the new weather.

In spite of the rain, so far there is no blight on the tomatoes outside but the rain has made the convolvulus and ground elder grow far too fast and it is taking a lot of time trying to stop them from swamping the other plants. The convolvulus I put on the compost but the ground elder I burn.

Do stake tall plants, tie climbers, harvest whatever is ready for freezing, or store tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, onions, beans, cabbage and any other things you have.

My grandmother built Oldfeld School (now Harrow House) as a co-ed school for 100 pupils while her husband was working in India. At that time, there was no electricity in Swanage, so she put up a windmill to make electricity and pump water. Also, an Aga was installed to save energy The school farm provided food for the pupils and the family. It was a very sustainable way of life.

Think before using sprays, and enjoy the September harvest. I enjoy showing people round my garden and answering questions. Hopefully, finding you plants to take home, this is the best time to transplant, so please do contact me. (01929 421681)

Rachel

AUGUST 2024

26	From noon	Harmans Cross Field Day	HXVH
27	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
29	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
29-1	various	Purbeck International Chamber Music Festival	Various
31	8.15pm	PFF outdoor: <i>Calendar Girls</i>	Careys Secret Garden

SEPTEMBER 2024

3	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
3	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	WMVH
3	7.30pm	New Term for The Belvedere Singers. New members welcome	Emmanuel Ch
4	4pm	Find out about School Field enhancement	School Field entrance
4	7.30pm	Swanage Ferry: Public Meeting	Studland VH
5	10 - 11.30	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
5	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
6-8	Various	Swanage Folk Festival	Sandpit Field
6	8pm	PFF outdoor: <i>A Room with a View</i>	Blue Pool
7	8pm	PFF outdoor: <i>Moulin Rouge</i>	Blue Pool
10	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
10	7pm	Film: <i>One Life</i>	HXVH
12	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
12	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
14-21	Various	Planet Purbeck Festival	Various
17	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
18	7pm	WFC: <i>Wicked Little Letters</i>	WMVH
19	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
24	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
26	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH



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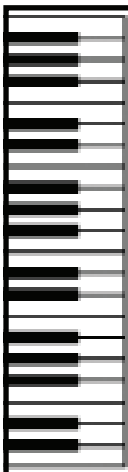
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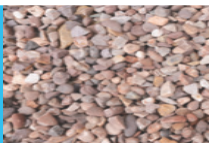
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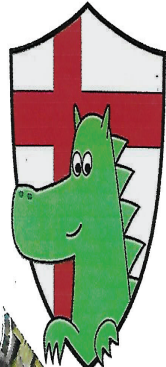
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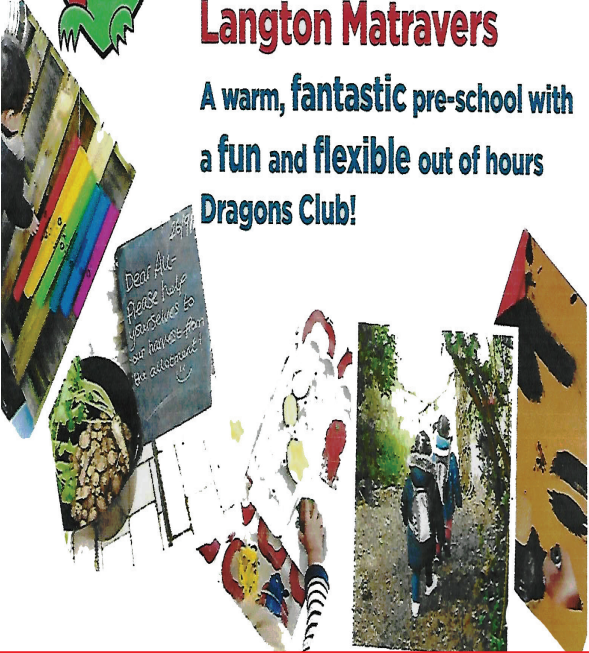
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