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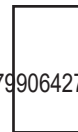


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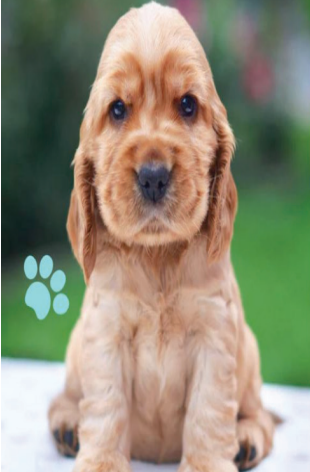
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From the Editor

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Christmas
to you all



IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE!

The Dubber is now being printed externally as our printer is broken. Consequently, deadlines have been brought forward.

January issue deadline is 12 December

February issue deadline is 16 January

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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 **January** issue is noon on **Thursday 12 December** & it will be ready for collection on **Thursday, 19 December**.

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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mouthpiece of the Parishes
of St Aldhelm's**

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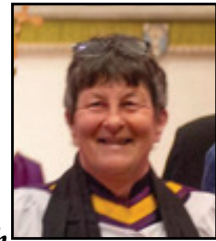
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The Coffee Pot

Meet for real coffee & cake
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Hello from the Rectory



Autumn is definitely in full swing now and I am enjoying the dry days we have been having in November. The crunch of leaves on my drive and the garden beginning to prepare for a winter nap awaiting the joy of a new spring and the life that will bring. But let us not forget those who find Winter and the Christmas season really challenging for all kinds of reasons and remember to reach out to those who may be lonely or in need in whatever way we can.

Light up Langton! It's that time again and I am looking forward to this on the 28/11 this year. Please can I invite young and old to come dressed as part of the Nativity scene. All animals and characters welcome along with bystanders to swell the ranks. I look forward to seeing your costumes and look out for mine too!!

The Christmas Tree festival is running from the 30 Nov - 2nd Dec All the proceeds go to charity. Come and join in the fun and companionship this offers and see the wonderful trees that have been created.

We are entering the season of Advent, a waiting time, a time of preparation for the coming of a season we have been celebrating for over two thousand years. It is easy to bypass the importance of spending time thinking and waiting for the birth of the Christ Child. We remember all we have to do or buy and before we know it Christmas is upon us, and we have not had time for those quiet moments to spend thinking about the wonder of the arrival of a baby that changed world thinking, and offers us still today unconditional love for all creation.

In all the churches during Advent there will be services. The first is the Darkness to Light one held at St James Kingston on the first Sunday of December where we start in darkness and finish in light, giving us the time to contemplative the light of Christ that came into this world all those years ago. It's a great way to start the Advent season. As we go through December there are Carol Services, school services, Christingles, late night services and St George's also meet on Christmas Day at 9.45am. Everyone is welcome, so do look at the service times printed in this edition of the Dubber and notices from the school.

Every blessing,
Lindy Jane

Rev Lindy Jane

Prayers at the Rectory

The door is open from 7.50am
Tuesday, Thursday,
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**From Darkness
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**Advent at Kingston
 St James's Church**

6pm Sunday 1st December

A service of seasonal music and readings.
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Do join us!



**Langton Village Hall
 & St George's Church**

Light Up Langton
Langton Lights switch on
Thursday 28 November 6pm

SERVICE TIMES IN THE PARISHES

SUNDAY	1 DECEMBER	
9.45am	Breakfast Church	LMVH
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
6pm	Advent: Darkness to Light	Kingston
WEDNESDAY	4 DECEMBER	
10am	Communion & Conversation	Langton
SUNDAY	8 DECEMBER	
8am	Holy Communion	Cobblers Cottage, Worth
9.30am	Holy Communion	Steeple
9.45am	Holy Communion	Langton
10.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
11.30am	Informal Service	Kingston
WEDNESDAY	11 DECEMBER	
10am	Prayer in the Morning	Langton
SUNDAY	15 DECEMBER	
9.45am	Morning Worship	Langton
10am	Celtic Eucharist	WMVH
10.30am	Lessons and Carols	Corfe
11am	Walking Church	TBA
6pm	Evening Prayer	HXVH
WEDNESDAY	18 DECEMBER	
10am	Communion & Conversation	Langton
SATURDAY	21 DECEMBER	
6pm	Lessons and Carols	Langton
SUNDAY	22 DECEMBER	
9.45am	Holy Communion	Langton
10am	Carol Service	WMVH
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11.30am	Holy Communion	Kingston
6pm	Lessons and Carols	Kimmeridge
TUESDAY	24 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE	
3pm	Christingle & Crib	WMVH
4pm	Christingle	Langton
4pm	Christingle	Corfe
9pm	Christmas Eucharist	WMVH
11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Langton
11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Corfe
WEDNESDAY	25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY	
9.30am	Christmas Worship	Steeple
9.45am	Christmas Worship	Langton
11am	Christmas Worship	Corfe
SUNDAY	29 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS 1
10.30am	Benefice Service	Church Knowle

THE DUBBER CHRISTMAS COVER COMPETITION

Every year, *The Dubber* runs a competition for the children at St George's School to design a Christmas front cover.

The theme this year was 'Jesus is Born in Bethlehem' the entries were judged by Chris Meadows.

The overall winner, this year, (seen on the front cover) is Freya Matthew Yr 6

and the runners up - one from each year group - can be viewed below.

The overall winner receives a £10 book token and the runners up each receive a £5 book token.



Pre-school:
Nell Haworth



Year R:
Poppy Malone



Year 1:
Darcy Bissett



Year 2:
Elsie Ballett



Year 3:
Lillian Rutter



Year 4:
Ariana Pike



Year 5:
Jess Seaton-Sykes


**CHRISTINGLE
SERVICES**

Christingle & Crib 3pm at WMVH
Christingle 4pm at Langton
Christingle 4pm at Corfe

If you would like a candle collection box they
 are some in the porch at St George's Church.
 For Worth, call Liz Hoad 01929 439 380

ST NICHOLAS ROOF

Good progress continues to be made with the chancel roof now finished and the nave making good headway. The addition of trainee, Freddie, to the team has helped keep up the momentum. We invited the Tudor Rose team and Pete, our architect, to join us at the Harvest lunch in October, which gave them a welcome break from stone cutting whilst giving those attending the lunch the opportunity to learn more about the church roof project.



Now that things are progressing well on the roof, the Project Team has spent more time focusing on Phase Two, the requirement of the Heritage Lottery Fund to provide greater information to the community on the church, churchyard and related aspects. Phase Two will include the introduction of Interpretation Boards in the church and the churchyard, the production of a video of the roof restoration and collaboration with local schools.

.....and finally, our thanks to all those Dubber readers who have helped us in many ways during this extraordinary year. Hopefully, it will not be too long before we can re-open the church newly painted and with a watertight roof!

Hugh Cochrane

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

The customary Advent Service from 'Darkness to Light' will be held at St James' Kingston on 1 December. This service marks the beginning of the period of preparation for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. It is an important time to pause and think about what Christmas should be about. It is a chance for us to momentarily step back from all the madness that Christmas has become to most of us, and think about what it is truly about: new beginnings, family and hope.

If you would like to help with mulled wine, mince pies, lighting candles please let me know, or please just come, pause and listen to the message of hope and anticipation (Info: 07553877947).

Becca Charron

FERRY ENQUIRY

Please note that due to the level of interest from those wishing to attend, address and observe the Inquiry, the previously publicised venue of Studland Village Hall is unable to accommodate the numbers expected.

The Inspector requested that the applicant find an alternative venue of an appropriate size to accommodate all who wish to attend the Inquiry. A number of venues have been considered both in the vicinity of Studland and beyond, but few have the capacity to accommodate the expected attendance at the Inquiry and availability is limited. However, the applicant has secured the North Lounge at Poole Harbour - <https://www.phc.co.uk/commercial/port-facilities/room-hire/> which would comfortably accommodate the event. Unfortunately, the venue is not available for the December dates originally identified for the Inquiry.

Therefore, in the interests of the effectiveness of the Inquiry and, to ensure all those who wish to attend can be accommodated within the Inquiry room, the event has been postponed until 10 am on Tuesday 21 January 2025.

The Inquiry will now sit Tuesday, 21 January – Friday 24, January and Tuesday, 28 January -Wednesday, 29 January. Further details will be issued.

Helen Wilson, Programme Officer

NATIONAL TRUST

HAVE A REALLY WILD CHRISTMAS!

Firstly, we wanted to wish you a really wild Christmas and nature-rich New Year! Thank you for your support this year and for the lovely feedback we've had about our regular nature updates.

Remember, if you're on Facebook, you can follow us on National Trust Purbeck Countryside, where we feature stories about the wonderful wildlife of our area.

RECREATING ANCIENT WOOD PASTURES

We are recreating areas of wood pasture across Purbeck, including sites around Langton and Worth Matravers. Wood pasture is one of the most biodiverse habitats in the country, thanks to its mosaic of grassland, scrub and trees (typified by New Forest landscapes).

Some people have been concerned to see small rotovated plots of land – but this is the first stage of creating wood pasture. It might look drastic, but the bare ground gives a chance for seeds and saplings to grow. We are experimenting with different ways to protect this new growth from deer or grazing animals. Bear with us – and the bare ground!

GLOWING REPORT FOR WESTON FARM

In the second year of glow-worm monitoring across south Purbeck, the highest numbers of these magical creatures were recorded in Worth Matravers. Volunteers walked the same transects last and this summer. Overall, they counted 186 glow-worms in 2024, as opposed to just 53 in 2023. The highest counts in one evening were 24 males and 20 females, both at Weston Farm.

We are managing the farm for nature, so rigorous monitoring – rather than hearsay – is crucial to show whether our processes are working. These results are really encouraging.

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any queries about wildlife or how we are restoring nature, do email us on purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

CORFE CASTLE SURGERY

I would like to say thank you to all the patients who have had their flu vaccine at the practice this year; we appreciate your support as we would like to continue to offer this service in future years.

We order vaccines almost a year ahead of the season so work on historical figures, so based on this we have enough vaccines to provide for all our eligible patients.

Please bear this in mind during next flu season if offered a vaccine elsewhere.

Please make sure that you have enough medication for the festive season, we will be closed from 6.30pm on 24, 25 & 26 December. We will be back from 8.30am on Friday 27 December.

It doesn't seem possible that we are almost at the end of 2024 but everyone at the practice wishes you a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year holiday. Please contact us with any queries. *Kerry Norman, Practice Manager*

CORFE PPG

As the New Year approaches there is a lot to think about - globally, nationally and locally. Government proposals to make more efficient use of resources and reform the NHS will likely be challenging.

We have much to celebrate in Purbeck with an infrastructure already in place which links primary and community care. This can of course always be improved and we are being given an opportunity to support the latest intention to create an 'Integrated Neighbourhood Team' which will focus on future needs of our area bringing primary, community and voluntary sector care together even more effectively. Purbeck work is about to begin and as a PPG we will support the work as best we can which will include seeking your views. *Kate Shaw*

The PPG is looking at the provision of a local based exercise class and we are progressing plans for defibrillator familiarisation sessions for surgery patients so please look out for further information.

As ever the PPG would welcome feedback from patients; we can be contacted through the Surgery or by email: CorfeCastleppg@gmail.com

We would like to wish our valued team at Corfe Surgery a very happy Christmastime and thank them for all they do for us as patients.

In the NewYear, Kerry Norman, Practice Manager and I will be alternating our articles for the monthly CVN, *Dubber* and *Studland News* ensuring that we keep you up to date with Practice news.

Sending best wishes to all for a happy and healthy Christmas. *Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair*

TREE COLLECTION

LEWIS-MANNING HOSPICE CARE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Lewis-Manning Hospice Care is kicking off the new year with its annual Christmas Tree Collection & Recycling Campaign, taking place on 9, 10, and 11 January 2025 across postcodes BH1-BH23. By recycling your Christmas trees, you and local people in your community can make a truly meaningful impact, helping local hospice patients whilst promoting sustainability and supporting the environment.

If you are planning to have a real Christmas Tree this year Lewis-Manning invites you to join them in this recycling

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campaign and register and donate online today at www.lewis-manning.org.uk/trees, where a suggested donation of £15 will allow the hospice to deliver a virtual exercise and well-being session run by one of the hospice Occupational Therapists. This vital service helps the growing community of housebound patients achieve a more active, fulfilling life and remain connected to each other.

WIN-WIN FOR YOUR COMMUNITY & THE ENVIRONMENT

Head of Fundraising, Vicki Gray advised, "Our Christmas tree recycling initiative is so much more than raising funds for an important local hospice - It's an opportunity for the community to support crucial well-being services for Dorset hospice patients, whilst championing the environment.

"All trees collected are recycled into chippings and mulch for use in our local parks, gardens, playgrounds, and other community spaces across Dorset."

GENEROUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Lewis-Manning Hospice Care extends special thanks to corporate partners Stewarts Garden Centres, Katie Fox Estate Agents, United Taxis, and Eco Sustainable Solutions, whose sponsorship and support makes this initiative possible.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Register & Donate: Sign up online to book your collection.
- Confirmation: Once booked via Lewis-Manning's website, you will receive a confirmation email. When the bookings close on 6th January, the team will be in touch to let you know when your tree will be collected.
- Collection dates: All trees will be collected on 9, 10, and 11 January. Leave your tree in your specified location and let Lewis-Manning do the rest!

Vicki concluded, "Let's kick off 2025 with purpose and compassion, turning your tree into hope and support for local families in need, and help make a lasting impact."

For more information and to book: Visit www.lewis-manning.org.uk/trees.

Kate Shaw

WORTH MATRAVERS

WORTH MATRAVERS FILM CLUB

Our next screening on Wednesday, 18 December will be *The Holdovers* by director Alexander Payne.

A throwback to the classic American cinema of the 1970s, Paul Giamatti stars as an authoritarian Classic's instructor at a boarding school. As a punishment for failing the privileged son of a senator, he is required to remain at the school over Christmas break and watch the students who have nowhere to go — the titular holdovers. Giamatti's co-star is debut film actor Dominic Sessa, who plays the last of the students left behind. Sessa follows the arc of his character from teenage troublemaker to tragic figure with a unique blend of energy and endearment. But perhaps greater than either of these brilliant performances is Da Vine Joy Randolph as the school's cafeteria manager, whose son died in the Vietnam War. She spends much of the film as someone grieving for a loss she can't comprehend, but, unfortunately, understands all too fully.

Like finding an unwatched classic under the tree on Christmas morning, it's a Yuletide gift about finding family where you least expect it.

We very much hope you can join us. All proceeds will

go directly to the Swanage Food Bank and donations will be gratefully taken at the door.

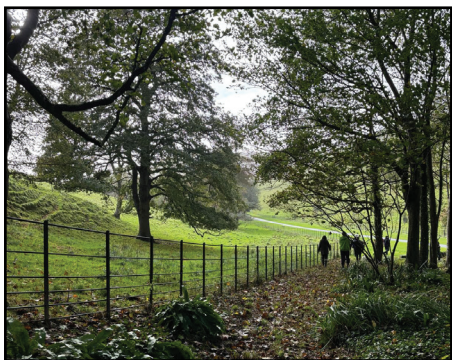
Christmas drinks and nibbles will be served from 7pm and the film will begin at 8pm. To avoid disappointment at the door, book early online: www.worthmatraversvillagehall.org. Tickets are £5.

Claude Bonfanti

KINGSTON

STEPHEN FRY'S SECOND MAGICAL MYSTERY HISTORY TOUR

ROPE MAKING IN KINGSTON



Until Sunday 20 October 2024, how many of us, who regularly take the wooded path to Houns Tout, realised we were passing the site of Kingston's industrial heritage from over 200 years ago?

Thanks to Stephen, the whirr and clank of cogs and wheels stretching hemp fibres, the smell of horses sweating as they pull against the force, the cries of children charged with watering the ropes, will be upmost in our minds as we walk.

Our tour started by the pub, with Stephen explaining how in the late 1700s William Pitt of Encombe aimed to create employment for his village by starting a rope making business. He pointed out the site of the Market Field and the Blacksmith's forge which supported, not just the coaching inn, but made and repaired tools, latches etc, big and small. We walked to the end of South Street, to see the site of the cricket field and the remains of its pavilion, before we turned through the woods to the top of the Encombe drive. There, he led us through the undergrowth, armed with his chainsaw, to the top of Rope Walk.

This cobbled path descends straight as an arrow down towards the Encombe drive. It was here, below the machines, that the horses would have stretched the twisting yarn that formed the ropes. He explained why there was no evidence of the factory: during WW2 any surplus metal was requisitioned. So it was gobbled up, along with the estate fencing, no room for historical sentiment!

But they didn't touch the cobbles and walls of the Rope Walk, which would have stopped the horses and children slipping; 200 years later, under the moss and leaves, they lie intact. When we had horses at Encombe Livery some years ago, we moaned about these cobbles, (never questioning why they were there)-as they prevented a good canter up through the trees. If only we could have appreciated that we were riding on historical treasure!

Once again, our thanks to Stephan for bringing our local history to life.

Rosie Gledhill

LANGTON MATRAVERS

LM LOCAL HISTORY & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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The Society has been very busy since the last report, with several successful talks at the Village Hall. We enjoyed hearing from Ilay Cooper about sculptor Mary Spencer-Watson. The following week, it was the turn of the wider 20th Century artistic community in Purbeck, when Gill Clarke introduced a packed village hall to some of the highlights of the exhibition at the Russell-Cotes Museum in Bournemouth, 'Artists in Purbeck - The Spirit of Place'.

The exhibition runs until 16 March 2025, and is well worth a visit, featuring pictures from Corfe and other local museums, and two from our very own museum; there are also items from national and private collections. A local highlight is a Purbeck Marbler's certificate awarded to Robert Bower, the father of Jasmine Cattle of Langton. In early November, farmer Alan Smith entertained us with information, artefacts and reminiscences about local farms, ably assisted by several others who shared their memories. As we go to press, Louise Haywood will be showing pictures of Corfe past and present. Please note the dates for future talks at Langton Village Hall over the winter. All evening talks are at 7.30pm, doors open 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend: £3 for members, £4 for non-members.

- Wednesday, 11 December. AFTERNOON talk – 2 for 2.30pm. John Mowlem by Audrey Pembroke.
- Thursday 23 January, 2025: Ball Clay Mining and the Railway, by Peter Sills.
- Thursday, 20 February 20, 2025: Discoveries on Arne Moor, by a representative of Wessex Archaeology.
- Thursday, 20 March 20, (title tba.) a talk by Nick Reed.

We welcomed a school group from Leeson House to the museum in early November, and look forward to welcoming more when the museum re-opens next Spring, hopefully to tie in with our upcoming blacksmithing exhibition, to include a real blacksmith. Our archaeology project in conjunction with the 'Dorset Diggers' is now shut down for the winter, but there are interesting finds which require analysis: we hope these will help us to understand when the site was first settled. The plan is to re-start in the Spring: if you are interested, please use our website contact form to find out more.

Membership fees were due on 1 September. If you would like to join the Society, or renew membership, this can be done at talks or through the website. You can download the application form at: <https://www.langtonia.org/membership.html>

We will have a Christmas Tree at the festival in Langton (30 Nov-2 Dec) – do go and have a look and enjoy the festive forest.

A Happy Christmas to you all!

Daryle Pearson & Mary Sparks, LMLHPS

LANGTON MATRAVERS CLT

LANGTON MATRAVERS CLT UPDATE

The CLT has been busy using the grant held by Dorset Council for the funding of various surveys needed including a ground investigation, a topographical survey, an ecology report, a tree survey and landscape design. Once we are confident of the outcome, we will be able to consider approaching a housing association as a partner and then to

engage an architect. This will take time and we don't anticipate reaching that stage before Christmas. Planners are understandably concerned about the development of the site. At the moment four one bed, four two bed and two three bed homes allows scope for some homes to be under occupied if needed.

Essentially if people are on benefits then they have little choice but to rent a one bed property if they are in work then potentially people can go for a bigger property. Two bed properties will offer more flexibility for most people.

However, I would urge people who are interested in this project to put their name on the Housing Register and contact Dorset Council for information on how to do that. The CLT feels it is important for people to know that these homes will be for local people with a strong connection to Langton Matravers usually through their families or residency and work.

This is a really exciting project and affordable opportunity for people to live in Langton Matravers so please take a look on the website for further information which is www.langtonmatraverscommunitylandtrust.com and if you would like to get involved, we are looking to increase our number of directors so please contact us if you would like to join the hard working and enthusiastic Board and help with something which is really important for our village. We would love to have you join us!

Maggie Sutton

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETING DORSET POLICE

In November, Chris a Dorset Police Community Support Officers from the Local Neighbourhood Team, attended an event organised by the Parish Council. During the session, residents voiced a range of concerns, which Chris listened to and where possible gave advice. The key message from the evening was the importance of reporting crimes and suspicious activities. "REPORT, REPORT, REPORT."

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Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road Ferry Company Toll Review Application: The inquiry date has postponed to 21 January 2025, with the venue to be confirmed.

NEW PLAY PARK SLIDE

A concerned resident recently alerted the Parish Council to an issue with the play park slide. Following discussions with the manufacturer, it was agreed that the slide would be replaced. The new slide is expected to be installed before the end of the year. The Parish Council extends its thanks to the resident for raising this matter.

PLANNING

The following application was received and discussed:

- Application No. P/CLP/2024/01505, Location: 1 Spyway Mews, Durnford Drove, Langton Matravers, Description: The construction of a small, single storey garden room. Full dimensions for size of

building W3.8m D 2.8M H 2.5m Appeal Reference APP/D1265/X/24/X3348051 RESOLVED: Langton Matravers Parish Council agreed not to comment.

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

Energy worries

With colder nights approaching, many residents may be worried about heating costs. If you are concerned about energy costs, please contact Citizens Advice, which offers free advice services to those in need. The Citizens Advice can be contacted via the following:

- Corfe Castle Citizens Advice Bus: available every third Friday of the month in West Street by the Doctor's surgery.
- Swanage Library: Available every Tuesday from 10-12pm.

A Safe & Well visit is a completely free service offered by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service to help keep communities safe in their homes.

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COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 12 December 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: Due to GDPR any communication addressed to the Clerk, will not automatically be sent to Councillors. If you are happy for your personal details to be shared with Councillors; please give permission for your details to be shared. (Contact details p5).

Michelle Harrington, Parish Clerk

Don't Miss *The Holdovers*

7pm Weds 18 December

WMVH

ROGER KRISHNA KHANNA 1948-2024

My brother-in-law, Roger, who died suddenly on 22 October will be remembered locally as the long-serving Parish Clerk of Worth Matravers.

Roger, whose father was Indian and his mother, Scottish, was born in Bombay but the family moved to London during partitioning as his father was a Hindu and they were, at this time, living in a Muslim area. At the age of four, Roger was sent to boarding school in Sussex, with his two older brothers, and it was later, at King's School, Canterbury, he fell in love with the game of Hockey.

From school, Roger went on to study Civil Engineering at Nottingham University where he met my sister, Rosemary, who was also an undergraduate. Roger graduated in 1968 and began his career in Stoke-on-Trent then moved to Harrow and Brent Councils where he was an Highways Engineer. It was in Stoke, that Roger introduced the first 'mini-roundabout' in the country... to mixed reviews!

Roger never shied away from an argument and, latterly, as Head of Direct Services in Hammersmith Council, he had a few spats with both London Mayors, Ken Livingstone and Boris Johnson; particularly, when he took the decision to close Hammersmith Bridge which had been advised was unsafe. Recently, Roger was working very hard to prevent the Ferry price increases and was due to speak at the Public Enquiry which starts in January. His desire to take on a cause was undiminished and his presence at the Enquiry will be sorely missed.

Roger retired in 2006, after a career in local government that spanned four decades. However, he was soon restless for the red tape and the contentions of local administration which prompted him to apply for the position of Worth Parish Clerk which he held for over 12 years.

Roger was a very accomplished hockey player and played for many teams including Harrow, Eastcote and finally Swinage and Wareham. When he stopped playing, he became a referee and was refereeing until a week before his death.

Roger will be much missed by his wife, Rosemary, his three children, six grandchildren, great granddaughter and his other relatives in Purbeck and beyond.

The family's thanks go to the many people who came to his funeral or who have sent cards and letters but they would particularly like to thank the paramedics and doctor from the two ambulances, response car and air ambulance who tried so hard to save him on the day.

Angela Bell

NEWS FROM NOWHERE

THE RAMBLING GARDENER

December to me means Christmas: a time to send love to friends and family, to decorate the house, and to cook good meals to share. It is such fun making things to give to family and friends old and new. And in the garden the first delicate snowdrops will be coming up saying, "Spring, with its warmth and beauty is on its way with crocus, camellia, daffodils and lots to gladden our hearts".

As a child on a farm December was a fun month. Hopefully snow, when sitting under a warm cow getting warm milk was good as the old house was very cold. But snow meant work, as the milking cows and horses would need to be kept inside and had to be given water as well as food. All my brothers and my sister would be home so lots

of cooking was needed. I expected to make butter, cook the bread, and help my mother with other cooking as needed - lots of vegetables to collect from the garden, wash, clean and chop. Just after the war, when there was still rationing, we exchanged our sugar rations for extra wheat to feed us all. On Christmas Eve we ate a special dish (which was cooked in Medieval times) called Frumentary. This dish was whole wheat soaked for several days, cooked for 24 hours with honey and spices, and served with cream from our Jersey cows. This Christmas, at Knitson, we are going to try making Frumentary - for my first time in about 70 years.

I very much enjoyed watching David Attenborough's latest series - the filming under-water was amazing - it was deeper than people have seen before and showed how deep-sea organisms are coping with the changes in water temperature and composition. It was giving Attenborough hope for survival in the future. Another fascinating programme was about growing seaweed for sale to create jobs in a poor fishing community. As the seaweed farm grew the environment was being revitalised - with an increase in crustacea and other organisms. The seaweed was profitable, the environment recharged, fishermen had new work to do, and it seems like a win-win situation.

Here, in our own gardens, there is still work to do: stake plants to prevent wind rock which would weaken the plants over the winter, cover tender plants and bare ground with straw, shavings, wool or compost, start winter pruning e.g. fruit trees, kiwis must be picked and pruned back to only about three buds, tie climbers, paint wood to protect it, order seeds and plants for next year. To cut down on work in the flower garden I am buying small shrubs that will last years, take very little time to care for, and not disturb the soil with digging and planting each year. Choose vegetables that give you food throughout the year, and choose perennial shrubs particularly with care. Do look out for the shrubs that are suitable in size, shape, form, feeding insect life, bark colour, ability to thrive in your soil, ease of care and that can look good for all the year as we hope that you will be looking at them for many years.

It is also good to freeze some comfrey before there is a frost. The traditional name for it is knitbone because it heals bones and bruises very fast. Just put a few leaves in boiling water briefly, then put on some kitchen roll or thin cloth, fold the material over the comfrey and bandage this package on the affected area. Comfrey put directly on the skin could cause an irritation.

I will be making my Christmas decorations in the mornings of Wednesday, 11 and Thursday 19 December. If any of you would like to join me, I will make sure that I have some extra material to make wreaths and swags and you would be very welcome to come and join me for coffee, tea, cookies and fun creation.

I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Season's greetings to all of you and much love. (Contact: 01929 421681 email: rjehelfer@gmail.com).

Rachel

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28	6pm	Langton Light Switch On	HXVH
30	9.30-Noon	Stalls in the Hall	HXVH
30-2	10-5pm	St Aldheim Xmas Tree Festival	St George's Ch
30-8 Dec	11-4	PASH Stallholders	WMVH

DECEMBER 2024

2-14	Opening hours	Rotary Christmas Mail Collection	Salt Pig, Putlake
3	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	WMVH
3	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
4	7.30pm	Swanage Town Band	Swanage Methodist Ch
5-7	10-6pm	Purbeck Xmas Tree Festival	Emmanuel Church
5	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
5	10-11.30pm	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
5	10-12pm	Wreath Sale	BH19 3DL
10	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
10	7pm	Film: <i>Wonka</i>	HXVH
11	2.30pm	LMLHPS Talk: John Mowlem	LMVH
11	6.30pm	Swanage Town Band	Bandstand
12	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
17	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
18	7pm	WMFC: <i>The Holdovers</i>	WMVH
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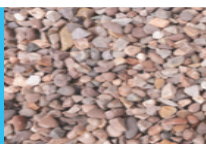
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