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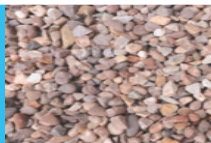
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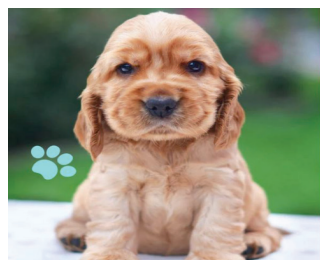
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## IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE!

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

**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 **February** issue is noon on **Thursday 16 January** & it will be ready for collection on **Thursday, 30 January**.

### 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](mailto:ed@thedubber.co.uk) or by post to The Editor, 2 The Steddings, Langton Matravers, BH19 3EU (☎427202).

### How to Format Submissions

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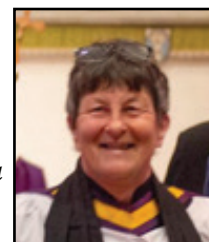
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January 2025

## Hello from the Rectory



**W**ith Christmas upon us I do hope you have made the time to take a step back from the busyness of the season and reflect on why we have Christmas, not just the spiritual element but the chance to see people we love and meet up with good friends, but not just that even... The chance to take stock and remember the past year; its highs and lows and how we dealt with all those different situations and scenarios that we have encountered. The people we have met in all our many activities and volunteer opportunities. I reflect back on how I have done with being a part of people's lives who needed a helping hand or just the hand of friendship/ support. I wonder what you ponder in this season.

As we look forward as we must, what does the year ahead hold and how will we embrace it? What is that thing that you feel prompted to get involved in or even step down from so that it opens up a new opportunity? God will always be present in our thinking, pondering and offers of help to others. God is love and when we express love and care for others I believe that we then join in with what God already is and offers, which of course is LOVE.

Blessings for the New year ahead!

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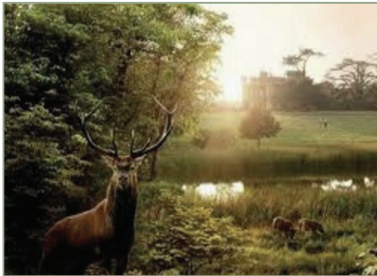
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Refreshments will be available (cash only).

**THE PARISHES OF ST ALDHELM'S**

**SERVICE TIMES IN THE PARISHES**

|                  |                          |                                 |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>5 JANUARY</b>         |                                 |
| <b>9.45am</b>    | Breakfast Church         | LMVH                            |
| <b>10.30am</b>   | Holy Communion           | Corfe                           |
| <b>5pm</b>       | Celtic Evening Prayer    | WMVH                            |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>8 JANUARY</b>         |                                 |
| <b>10am</b>      | Prayer in the Morning    | Langton                         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>12 JANUARY</b>        |                                 |
| <b>8am</b>       | Holy Communion           | Cobblers Cottage, Worth Steeple |
| <b>9.30am</b>    | Holy Communion           | Langton                         |
| <b>9.45am</b>    | Holy Communion           | Corfe                           |
| <b>10.30am</b>   | Morning Prayer           | Kingston                        |
| <b>11.30am</b>   | Informal Worship         |                                 |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>15 JANUARY</b>        |                                 |
| <b>10am</b>      | Communion & Conversation | Langton                         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>19 JANUARY</b>        |                                 |
| <b>9.45am</b>    | Morning Worship          | Langton                         |
| <b>10am</b>      | Celtic Eucharist         | WMVH                            |
| <b>10.30am</b>   | Holy Communion           | Corfe                           |
| <b>11am</b>      | Walking Church           | TBA                             |
| <b>6pm</b>       | Evening Prayer           | HXVH                            |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>22 JANUARY</b>        |                                 |
| <b>10am</b>      | Prayer in the Morning    | Langton                         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>26 JANUARY</b>        |                                 |
| <b>9.45am</b>    | Holy Communion           | Langton                         |
| <b>10am</b>      | Celtic Morning Prayer    | WMVH                            |
| <b>10.30am</b>   | Holy Communion           | Corfe                           |
| <b>11.30am</b>   | Holy Communion           | Kingston                        |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>29 JANUARY</b>        |                                 |
| <b>10am</b>      | Communion & Conversation | Langton                         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>2 FEBRUARY</b>        |                                 |
| <b>9.45am</b>    | Breakfast Church         | LMVH                            |
| <b>10.30am</b>   | Holy Communion           | Corfe                           |
| <b>5pm</b>       | Celtic Evening Prayer    | WMVH                            |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>5 FEBRUARY</b>        |                                 |
| <b>10am</b>      | Prayer in the Morning    | Langton                         |

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## FRESH STARTS

At the end of 1992, we all remember the late Queen describing the year as an Annus Horribilis. Well, in a way 2024, has been an Annus Horribilis for the Church of England. The publication of the Makin Report into the horrific abuse of boys by a trusted lay leader which went unchecked for years and the subsequent resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury has caused a mirror to be held up to the church.

The use and abuse of power, the nature of deference, the lack of transparency of processes, the need for truth and the ability or inability of the church to govern itself have all been called into question.

There is an urgent need for us to look honestly at ourselves afresh, to right the wrongs where we can, and when I say 'we' I mean all of us affiliated to the Church of England. To listen and learn from the victims and survivors of abuse and to support them in whatever way possible; to create greater transparency within our structures local, diocesan and national, and to consider where our own behaviour falls short as we follow the way of Christ.

A New Year creates the opportunity to resolve to change things. To be a church that is honest about its failings and determined to bring to the light things which have been hidden. To talk about hard topics honestly and safely where every voice counts, including safeguarding, human sexuality, our financial obligations, racial justice, and how we include or exclude. Too often as we look back, we can see it is fear that entraps us, and causes us to act in certain ways, to remain silent. So, in response, as we look ahead let's declare 2025 as the year we begin to banish fear, and pay heed to the Psalmist 'The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1.

*Bishop Karen*

## ST NICHOLAS ROOF UPDATE

I hope that by the time you read this, relaying of the roof of St Nicholas will be completed. The Chancel is now finished and attention has moved to the Nave, the north side of which is now 75% laid and will be completed in the next week. The south side is laid except the top two courses and should be completed around Christmas.

Plastering of the ceiling will commence when work recommences in the New Year. It will then take several weeks for the plaster to dry before the whole of the interior of the church can be decorated. Meanwhile, we hope to see the scaffolding removed from the outside of the Church.

*Hugh Cochrane*

Don't Miss *Cinema Paradiso*  
7pm Weds 22 January  
WMVH

Don't Miss  
*The Miracle Club*  
7pm Tuesday 14 January  
HXVH

## CORFE PPG

By the time readers receive the CVN, *Dubber* or *Student News* we will be approaching a new year which will, without doubt, bring its challenges for us as patients and for those looking after us within the NHS. As a PPG we will continue to support our wonderful surgery as best we can whilst also acting as a critical friend by being a link between Surgery and patient if needed.

Kerry Norman, Practice Manager, and I will now be sharing the monthly articles we write aiming to keep everyone up to date with practice news but individually writing every two months - the copy dates come around very quickly!

As someone who has worked in the NHS as both nurse and manager, I am very aware that the NHS is not only about 'doctors and nurses', it relies very heavily on those who provide the administrative infrastructure to support those who give professional care.

The Gov. is keen to reduce the numbers of this invaluable workforce - the total percentage of which is far less than other countries - but I hope this will be done with care and common sense if implemented. Already many NHS staff work extra hours unpaid and through goodwill so to them I say 'thank you' your time is appreciated and I trust by working together, especially locally, we can help to maintain the high standard of local services we are fortunate to have - in particular through Corfe Surgery!

We are an envied group of patients.

Wishing everyone a 'Happy New Year' and please do contact us by email or through the surgery if we can be of help. [Corfecastleppg@gmail.com](mailto:Corfecastleppg@gmail.com)

*Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair*

## LEWIS MANNING 'HOSPICE AT HOME'

Swanage based, 90-year-old Anne was experiencing declining health, including difficulty walking, advanced macular degeneration, and cataracts, which impacted her independence and well-being.

A hairdresser who worked with Lewis-Manning Hospice Care suggested that Anne shouldn't be alone so often and put her name forward for assistance and support from the hospice's 'Hospice at Home' team.

An occupational therapist (Sue) assessed Anne and discovered that walking caused her significant pain. Sue learned that Anne enjoyed aqua aerobics because water alleviated her pain and developed a plan around this insight.

### POSITIVE OUTCOMES

Sue advised, "One key intervention was installing a bath lift, which allowed Anne to bathe comfortably again, something she hadn't done in a long time.

"With the bath lift and tailored exercises, Anne regained strength, stamina, and mobility. She can now get out of chairs more easily and engage in activities that help her maintain her independence."

### EMOTIONAL AND LIFESTYLE IMPACT

Anne and her husband, married for 56 years, feel their lives have improved significantly due to the care and support from Lewis-Manning Hospice Care.

Anne has expressed gratitude for the changes, noting how these interventions enhanced her quality and pattern of life.

All services at Lewis-Manning Hospice Care are free to access.

*Kate Shaw*

## UNPLUG TO UNWIND

**L**eaving small electrical devices on charge overnight has been the cause of multiple house fires in recent years, so Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to 'Unplug to Unwind'.

Only large appliances such as fridges are designed to be left switched on all the time, so ensuring that everything else is unplugged before you go to bed is a simple routine that could protect your home from fire.

To help reduce the risk of a fire in your home, take these simple steps:

- Make sure an electrical appliance has a British or European safety mark when you buy it. Only buy your electrical chargers from a reputable source.
- Never leave items on charge when you are sleeping or when you are not at home.
- Don't overload sockets.
- Regularly check for frayed or worn cables and wires.
- Buy your electrical chargers from a reputable source.
- Register your appliances to receive notification of safety alerts or product recalls at [www.register-myappliance.org.uk](http://www.register-myappliance.org.uk)

More information about the Unplug To Unwind campaign can be found on the DWFRS website [www.dwfire.org.uk/unplug-to-unwind/](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/unplug-to-unwind/)

*Hannah Tompkins*

## PURBECK ARTS CHOIR

**F**ollowing a hugely successful and enjoyable concert last week, The Purbeck Arts Choir is now looking forward to a new start in the New Year with a new musical director, John Watkins. However, we are also looking to recruit some new members. Perhaps you have been thinking of singing for a while, or came to our concert and felt that you would like to have been participating.

Next term, we will be learning Faure's Requiem, Rutter's Gloria, Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine and more for the next concert.

We would love to welcome you, there are no scary auditions, and you can come and have a go for a couple of weeks before making any commitment.

See you St Mary's School, Swanage on the evening of 9 January.

Please visit our website [purbeckchoir@gmail.com](mailto:purbeckchoir@gmail.com) or call 07974 795978 for more details.

*Sue Fisher*

## NATIONAL TRUST

### SAVING OUR STREAMS

**H**ere's a chance to find out how you can get involved with your local waterways – cleaning up streams and rivers, boosting wildlife and protecting homes and businesses from flooding. Come along to a presentation by the Swanage Streams Partnership on Weds 29 January, 6.30-8.30pm, at Langton Matravers Village Hall.

The event follows the hugely well-attended presentation in Swanage last November, but will focus more specifically on the Natural Flood Management plans for Langton and the surrounding land. It's free, just turn up and bring your ideas and questions. Find out more on the Planet Purbeck website.

### ENJOY THE KINGS' VIEW

For the first time since 1646 when Corfe Castle was destroyed in the English Civil War, visitors are able to access a tower that was built for royalty. Called the Kings' View, we

have been granted rare permission by Historic England to build a viewing platform as part of the conservation works in the castle. The platform offers a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience panoramic views and rare historical features not seen for nearly 400 years. You can find out more, and book a tour, on the National Trust Corfe Castle website.

### THE 'SHRIEKER OF THE WOODS'

This is a bird you often hear, rather than see! The jay is a colourful crow, but tends to be shy and secretive. It gets the name 'shrieker of the woods' from its loud screaming calls. Although a woodland bird, you might spot them in the fields during the winter looking for acorns they stashed over the autumn.

Many of the oak trees we see will have been planted by jays because, even though they have a good memory, some of the acorns they bury inevitably get left to grow into trees. One jay can bury some 5,000 acorns in a season. Jays can also mimic other birds and animals, and even sounds like mobile phones and car alarms!

### GORSE – THE BURNING QUESTION

With bright yellow flowers and coconut scent, gorse is a familiar and much-loved feature of our countryside. It also provides food and shelter for wildlife. So why do we, along with our tenants, clear and burn it?

The answer is that we need to clear small areas of gorse because without control, it will quickly take over coastal grassland or heathland, causing the loss of light-loving plants and insects. It also spreads and blocks footpaths. On the heaths, gorse's flammability makes it a serious wildfire hazard in dry conditions. Any burning is carried out in winter by skilled rangers or contractors.

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

*Cathy Lewis, National Trust*

## PLANET PURBECK

**P**eople experiencing depression, anxiety or loneliness are being offered a free nature-based course aimed at improving their mental health. The move is part of the NHS's new drive on preventative medicine, with an emphasis on helping people to help themselves.

Community group Planet Purbeck has been awarded funding from NHS Dorset to conduct a pilot scheme in the local area.

And the result is a nine-week course called Thrive In Nature, run free of charge by wellbeing experts Sara Greenwood and Jane Woods.

Sara, whose services under the name Vibrant Earth include "nature and forest therapy," said: "If you're feeling anxious, depressed, lonely, isolated or living with a long-term health condition this could be the course for you."

Participants in the programme, which will run on Wednesday mornings across January, February and March, will be given opportunities to work creatively with natural materials such as clay and leaves. And there will be walks, talks and moments of contemplation in the glorious Purbeck countryside.

Sara said: "We are aiming to create a small, friendly, supportive and understanding group to help with stress reduction and build resilience. The focus will be on self-care and fostering positive changes in day-to-day living."

Both Sara and Jane, who runs Jane Woods Coaching to "help people navigate the ups and downs of life," are active



supporters of Planet Purbeck.

Jane said: "We hope this course will enable people to feel less alone and will provide strategies to boost wellbeing for those living in the Purbeck community."

The NHS's prevention plan seeks to reduce the burden on hospitals and other services by encouraging individuals to take action through supported self-management. A crucial part of the scheme involves funding local projects, in this case via the Dorset Community Foundation.

Planet Purbeck's co-leader Rob Waitt said: "It is an honour for us to be delivering such a course for the NHS, in which we all have a stake. And we are confident those who take part in it will emerge with new hope for the future."

For more information email [thriveinnaturepurbeck@gmail.com](mailto:thriveinnaturepurbeck@gmail.com) or go to [planetpurbeck.org](http://planetpurbeck.org) *Chris Hockley*

## KINGSTON

### HARMONY ROCKS

A very enjoyable concert given by Harmony Rocks Choir was held at S James's Church on Saturday, 7 December. The event was very well attended in spite of the awful weather and both the music and the refreshments were much appreciated by everyone there. The retiring collection was in aid of Dementia Friendly Purbeck and St James' Church and they each received £250. A huge thanks to the choir for the donation received by the church, It is much appreciated. A date has already been booked for next year.

We would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year and pray for peace to return to the world. *Doreen Farr, CCT secretary*

## WORTH MATRAVERS

### WILDING

Sustainable Worth with Worth Film Club present *Wilding* on Thursday, 9 January at 6.30 for 7pm.

*Wilding* follows Isabella Tree and Charlie Burrell as they transform their struggling 400-year-old Sussex estate into a thriving haven for wildlife. In a bold move to combat financial loss, they remove fences and let nature take over, launching a groundbreaking project which has become one of the most significant rewilding experiments in Europe.

The film was a sell-out success at The Rex in Wareham during the Film Festival, so don't miss out this time!

After the film we will be serving free samples of local Venison Casserole and Vegan curry.

Booking: Secure your place online at Worth Matravers Village Hall website.

We look forward to seeing you there for an inspiring evening! Tickets: £8 (cash payable on the night) Refreshments available cash only. *Kathy Hollidge*

### WORTH FILM CLUB

Our next screening on Wednesday 22 January will be *Cinema Paradiso* by Italian director Giuseppe Tornatore.

The story, told entirely in flashback, follows a famous filmmaker drawn back to his birthplace by the death of a close friend. As he revisits his childhood memories, he remembers his first and best friend - a projectionist with a warm heart - who taught him to love all things cinema.

Winner of the Grand Prix at Cannes and the best for-

eign film Oscar for 1989, it's a timeless classic full of comedy about the love of film, romantic love, and a great friendship between two unlikely people.

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

### WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER MEETING

As the New Year begins, we embrace the fresh opportunities and renewed energy that come with it. This is a time to focus on growth, connection, and purpose. Yet, as we move forward, we also pause to honour the memory of our dear colleague, friend, and neighbour Roger. His kindness, dedication, and unique spirit left an indelible mark on all of us. While we feel the weight of his absence, we carry his legacy with us, knowing that his influence continues in our hearts and work. Together, we step into this new chapter with resilience, ready to make it a year to remember.

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#### LOCUM CLERK

The Parish Council has appointed Michelle Harrington as the new Locum Clerk. Michelle is available to assist with any inquiries or concerns. Please feel free to contact her via email at [worthmatraversparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:worthmatraversparishclerk@gmail.com) for any matters relating to the Parish Council.

#### DORSET COUNCIL UPDATE

The date for the ferry inquiry has been confirmed as starting on 21 January 2025 in Poole Harbour Commission North Lounge. The move to this venue was to allow for the 630 objectors to have access to attend the inquiry. A meeting has taken place regarding EV Charging points with a representative of Worth Matravers Parish Council and Dorset Council. A proposal will be sent to Worth Matravers Parish Council.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Passing point signage. A quote of £420 from Dorset Council was received for two poles and two signs. However,

the signs state parking is allowed between 6am – 8pm. This will be amended to no parking is allowed before the order is placed.

### **ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY TREK FUNDRAISER JUNE 2025**

A request from the Alzheimer's Society to erect an aid station in the car park overflow area, for a trekking fundraiser being held on Saturday, 17 June 2025 was received. During the December meeting, it was noted the society have requested to erect a gazebo on Friday 16 June 2025, alongside five portable toilets. The aid station will primarily be for the distribution of water during the event. It was noted the Society have their own insurance, risk assessments, traffic management plan, and noise management plan in place. The Parish Council resolved to confirm Worth Matravers Parish Council's support for the event by allowing the use of the overflow area car park between Friday 16 June – Saturday 18 June 2025.

### **WORTH MATRAVERS CAR PARKS GOES DIGITAL**

The Parish Council are working with Just Park to introduce an electronic payment method within the Worth Matravers Car Park. What this space for further updates.

### **PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE**

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

- Application No: P/HOU/2024/06619; Location: Nara Haycrafts Lane, BH19 3EB; Proposal: Erect front and rear ground floor extensions with internal alterations. Comment No objection.
- Application No: P/FUL/2024/066508; Location: Barn north-east of Old Quarry Close Worth Matravers; Proposal: Partial demolition, external alterations and change of use to create three holiday lets with associated landscaping and parking; Comment: Worth Matravers Parish Council strongly objects to the application.

Although this proposal is not identical to a previous one, it closely resembles it. Originally the proposal was for three homes as primary residents, whereas this application is for three homes run commercially as holiday lets.

A development close by, (The Old Quarry Close, Application number 6-2016-0013)), which was granted permission less than 10 years ago, had by the then planning authority Purbeck District Council, imposed within the design specific restrictions on window placements. Conversely, the current application proposes windows on all sides of the building, which if approved would be a total contradiction to the previous planning decision. Also noting there are specific windows positioned within the current design which would mean neighbouring properties are overlooked causing loss of privacy.

The Parish Council believes that there is no demand for more holiday lets in our community; instead, there is an urgent need for primary homes for local residents. This need has previously been underscored by Dorset Council's who recently encouraged develop for primary resident homes to tackle the housing shortage.

The barn in question is located outside the village boundary but within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The existing agricultural building is compatible with its landscape, while the proposed design, appearance

and material are deemed incompatible and out of character with other residential buildings in the surrounding area.

The Ecological Impact Assessment included with the application fails to accurately consider local wildlife, particularly badgers, which in contra to their survey have been documented in the area via an infrared camera. This dismissal or oversight is unacceptable. Furthermore, the proximity to a bee apiary raises additional concerns in regard to light pollution.

The Parish Council reiterates its previous objection regarding this site due to the lack of material improvement from previous applications. The current barn structure, which replaced a barn that burned down several years ago, is not a reasonable comparison in size and height to justify this proposal. If approved, there is concern that this would lead to unwanted pressure for further private development.

### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, alternating between Worth Matravers Village Hall and Harmans Cross Village Hall. Our next meeting is Tuesday, 7 January 2025, at 7pm in the Harmans Cross Village Hall. Please come and join us and have your say.

Parish Council contact details: (Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors, but note your details will NOT be shared with anyone else)

LOCUM Clerk: Michelle Harrington, Email: [worthmatraversparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:worthmatraversparishclerk@gmail.com)

Website: <https://www.worthmatraversparishcouncil.org.uk/>

*Michell Harrington, Acting Parish Clerk*

### **HARMANS CROSS**

### **HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL**

**H**appy New Year to everyone. Here are some dates for your diaries for January and February of events at Harmans Cross:

**Move Nights** – doors and bar open at 7pm

**Tuesday 14 January** – *The Miracle Club*

A lovely, heart-warming comedy about three close friends who have never left the outskirts of Dublin (much less Ireland) get the journey of a lifetime — a visit to Lourdes, the picturesque French town and place of miracles. Starring Dame Maggie Smith and Kathy Bates.

**Tuesday 11 February** – *Battle Over Britain*

Set over a period of just 24 hours, Battle Over Britain tells the story of a handful of heroic spitfire pilots as they fight to the last man in the skies over Britain, against overwhelming odds.

**Coffee Junction** – alternate Thursday mornings 10.30-12.30. Come along for coffee (or tea) and conversation. 9 and 23 January and 6 and 20 February.

**Church Service starting at 6pm** – 19 January and 16 February

**Stalls at the Hall from 9.30am** – Noon on Saturday 1 March

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*Alison and the HXVH Committee*

## ALLOTMENT NEWS

Soon there will be two of our Taster Plots available for use, as the two current owners have enjoyed their 'taster' experiences and have both decided to take up a larger allotment space. This is very encouraging news, as we all enjoy tending our allotments, and it is lovely to have new people sharing the enthusiasm. At the time of writing, I have just eaten a very tasty stew made with vegetables that I picked fresh from my plot this afternoon (leeks, parsnips, and Brussels sprouts), so you can see that picking veg isn't just a summer treat (though the freezer is full of beans, corn and raspberries not to mention the stored onions, potatoes and squash).

The Taster Plots are small plots and are an ideal way to see if an allotment would suit you and your lifestyle. There is plenty of encouragement, advice and experience to be tapped, not to mention all that fresh air and exercise - much more fun than a gym. The views are amazing, and there are some social events throughout the year.

A Taster Plot costs just £10 a year! If you would be interested in giving 'Grow Your Own' a go, please contact [elaineinglis027@gmail.com](mailto:elaineinglis027@gmail.com).  
*Elizabeth Earl*

## LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER MEETING NEW MEMBER OF COUNCIL

The Langton Matravers Parish Council is delighted to introduce Councillor John Sinclair as the newest member of our team. With his dedication and fresh perspectives, we are confident that he will make valuable contributions to our community. We look forward to working together to address local issues and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

### NATIONAL TRUST PRESENTATION

The National Trust will give a presentation on Nature Recovery and Flood Management around Langton Matravers on Wednesday, 29 January 2025, in the village hall, time to be confirmed but likely to be 6pm

### BOURNEMOUTH-SWANAGE MOTOR ROAD FERRY COMPANY TOLL REVIEW APPLICATION UPDATE

The public inquiry has been confirmed to commence from 10am, Tuesday 21 January at Poole Harbour Commissioners North Lounge, New Harbour Road South, Poole. Public involvement is scheduled for Tuesday 28 January and an evening session held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 commencing at 6.30pm in the Springfield Country Hotel in Wareham. Final submission was made by Dorset Council on 11 December in response to further information provided by the Ferry Company, a copy can be viewed online.

### WINDOWS IN CONSERVATION AREA

Concerns about window changes in the conservation area will be assessed by Dorset Council on a case by case basis. Enforcement actions are more likely if changes lead to a loss of historic fabric. However, if modern windows replace other modern windows, enforcement is unlikely.

### STREET LIGHTING

The Parish Council has received complaints about certain streetlights on the High Street: One light is too tall, causing glare in nearby homes; Another has an incorrect bulb colour; A third has the wrong lantern style. Enverve, Dorset Council's street lighting contractor, has stated there is nothing they will do to these lights, as they are within regulation. An option previously offered to the Parish Council were for them to

pay for the amendments at a cost of approx. £8,000.

### PAVING OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

Conversations continue with Dorset Council regarding how the issue of uneven, and broken pavement slabs may be solved. We will keep you updated as progress is made.

### PLANNING

The following application was received and discussed:

- Application Number P/FUL/2024/06779. Location: Telecom Mast at Nine Barrow Down Knitson Farm Burnhams Lane Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5JB; Description Addition of 1 radio antenna for community DAB radio on existing 15 meter lattice mast.. Comment. Langton Matravers Parish Council agreed to not comment.

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 9 January 2025 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. Clerk: Michelle Harrington, Email: [clerk@langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk), Telephone: 01929 425100, Write: 1A High Street, Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3HA, Website: [www.langtonmatravers-pc.org](http://www.langtonmatravers-pc.org)

*Michelle Harrington, Parish Clerk*

## NEWS FROM NOWHERE

### THE RAMBLING GARDENER

**2025** - Wow, we made it. Seeing the first snowdrops, which are called the harbingers of spring, is a real lift.

I love roses, which is good as some flower all year; writing this at the beginning of December there are beautiful rose hips and 6 varieties of roses still in flower. I have over 20 good varieties, and I will take lots of cuttings from the ones I like best to plant out wherever there is room. They will be good for nectar and pollen plus the climbers providing nesting sites. The new varieties seem completely resistant to black spot and drought, and I look forward to being able to see some roses from every window in my house. Breeders have also bred a mini rose that is only one foot square if you are short of space.

What a delight it is to watch David Attenborough on TV showing the Bengal Tiger and other rare species which are increasing in the wild. It is clear that nature can heal itself, and thank goodness that people are more willing to take time to help ecology; such as using less herbicides and pesticides in our gardens.

Eco-friendly gardening also recommends avoiding digging where possible as essential microorganisms only grow at a specific depth, and turning over the soil destroys their filamentary roots. Digging is not good for soil or people's backs. There are lots more things that can help the ecosystem, so get thinking and do whatever you can. Lots of little actions can make a big difference altogether.

Last year, my New Year's resolution was to buy no thin plastic - which is just possible if one lives out of the garden and do not buy vegetables wrapped in plastic film.



My last salad had five fresh "vegetables" which were picked just before eating (sow thistle, shepherd's purse, dandelion, nasturtium, tomato) - and it was delicious eaten with an olive oil dressing and hot smashed potatoes. The difficulty is that one has to cook each day and not just buy the tempting ready-made meals on offer.

There is a lot of concern over the decrease of butterflies, but I have just read in the RHS magazine that if all garden owners adopted butterfly friendly gardening practices we could increase their numbers by 93%. I am going to plant more small shrubs to make certain there is food for insects all the year round. Some Ericas (heathers) will grow in any soil in a sunny place and they can flower all winter, and there are now small Buddlias that flower all summer - both of which I wish to buy this year

Jobs for the month: everything can be left, but sets of onions, garlic or shallots, and bare rooted shrubs and trees should be planted in good time and need to be ordered soon. Hardy lettuce and rocket can be sown in cold frames and green houses, and broad beans can be sown outside in February.

If the weather is bad do enjoy staying in. Inside jobs I plan to enjoy doing include lots of painting, spinning, knitting, and reading gardening magazines to help me dream about and plan for the coming year. If you wish to discuss garden ideas I would, as always, be very happy to see you or speak to you on the phone. Have a lovely start to 2025. Tel: 01929 421681. E-mail: [rjehelfer@gmail.com](mailto:rjehelfer@gmail.com) **Rachel**



## REGULAR EVENTS

|                   |                                       |                  |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Table Tennis      | Mon 7-9pm                             | LMVH             |
| Folk Dancing      | Tues 7.30-9.45pm                      | LMVH             |
| Langton PO        | Tues 9-12pm                           | Salt Pig Putlake |
| Community Library | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon morn-ings.10-12pm | LMVH             |
| Harmans Cross PO  | Thurs 9.30-11.30                      | HXVH             |
| Short Mat Bowls   | Friday 7-9pm                          | LMVH             |

## DECEMBER 2024

|    |              |                            |              |
|----|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 18 | 7pm          | WMFC: <i>The Holdovers</i> | WMVH         |
| 19 | 9.30-11.30am | Post Office                | HXVH         |
| 24 | 9-12pm       | Post Office                | Putlake Cafe |
| 31 | 9-12pm       | Post Office                | Putlake Cafe |

## JANUARY 2025

|    |              |                                                          |                             |
|----|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2  | 9.30-11.30am | Post Office                                              | HXVH                        |
| 2  | 10-11.30pm   | Coffee Pot                                               | St George's Ch              |
| 7  | 9-12pm       | Post Office                                              | Putlake Cafe                |
| 7  | 7.30pm       | WMPC Meeting                                             | HXVH                        |
| 9  | 10.30-noon   | Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)                 | HXVH                        |
| 9  | ?pm          | Purbeck Arts Choir starts rehearsal: new members welcome | St Mary's School            |
| 9  | 6.30pm       | Sustainable Worth + WFC present <i>Wilding</i>           | WMVH                        |
| 9  | 7pm          | LMPC Meeting                                             | LMVH                        |
| 14 | 9-12pm       | Post Office                                              | Putlake Cafe                |
| 14 | 7pm          | Film: <i>The Miracle Club</i>                            | HXVH                        |
| 16 | 9.30-11.30am | Post Office                                              | HXVH                        |
| 19 | 4pm          | Mayday Singers: Winter Song                              | St George's Church          |
| 21 | From 10am    | Ferry Enquiry Starts See details on p12                  | Poole and Springfield Hotel |
| 21 | 9-12pm       | Post Office                                              | Putlake Cafe                |
| 22 | 7pm          | WMFC: <i>Cinema Paradiso</i>                             | WMVH                        |
| 23 | 10.30-noon   | Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)                 | HXVH                        |
| 23 | 7.30pm       | LMLHPS Peter Sills: Ball Clay Mining and the Railway     | LMVH                        |
| 28 | 9-12pm       | Post Office                                              | Putlake Cafe                |
| 29 | 6.30-8.30pm  | NT Talk: Swanage Streams                                 | LMVH                        |
| 30 | 9.30-11.30am | Post Office                                              | HXVH                        |



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