

THE DUBBER

FEBRUARY 2025



The Feast day of Saint Valentine, now celebrated on 14 February, originated in Christendom and has been marked by the Western Church in honour of one of several Christian martyrs named Valentine. In Ancient Rome, Lupercalia was observed from February 13-15 on behalf of Pan and Juno, pagan gods of love, marriage and fertility. It was a rite connected to purification and health, and had only slight connection to fertility and none to love. The celebration of Saint Valentine is not known to have had any romantic connotations until Chaucer's poetry about "Valentine's Day" in the 14th century, some seven hundred years after celebration of Lupercalia is believed to have ceased.



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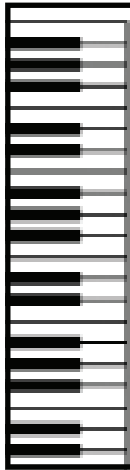
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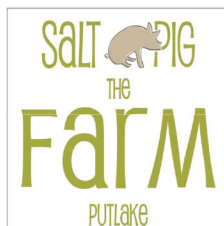
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From the Editor

*As **The Dubber** is now being printed externally, please be aware of our new early deadline. We are not quite sure, as yet, when we will receive **The Dubber** back from the printer, so distributors will have to be aware that there might be some changes.*



My apologies and thanks go to everyone affected by this new system.

Angela

IMPORTANT * PLEASE NOTE!

From now on the deadline for submissions will be the 2nd Thursday of each month

March issue deadline is 13 February

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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 **March** issue is noon on **Thursday 13 February** & it will be ready for collection on **Thursday, 27 February**.

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).

How to Format Submissions

Preferably, all emailed *Dubber* submissions should be sent as **12 point Times New Roman** (or Minion Pro, if you have it) **plain type** (i.e. no bold, italic or underlining) **aligned left with single line spacing**.

Advertising & Distribution

The Dubber Secretary deals with enquiries regarding Distribution and Yearly advertising. The secretary is Nicky Glassock, (admin@staldhelm-purbeck.org); The Vestry, St George's Church, St George's Close, Langton Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3HZ (☎427822). Please contact Nicky (office hours on page 6) if you have any queries about the receipt of your *Dubber* copy or if you would like to know more about advertising in *The Dubber*; If you are a distributor in need of help or advice please speak to the person who delivers your bundles to you and escalate to Nicky in plenty of time, if you have an issue. Additionally, if you, or someone you know, is leaving/have left the parishes and would like to continue to receive a copy of *The Dubber*, please contact the Secretary via email or telephone to arrange this. *Dubber* distributors are always needed!

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February 2025



Revd Richard White writes

‘Apricity’ is apparently an old English word meaning the warmth of the sun in winter. What a delicious word.

As newcomers to village life, we’ve been learning about the joys and challenges of keeping a rural home warm. I’ve almost mastered the art of lighting a fire and keeping it alight but there is still a lot to learn. The warmth of welcome and friendship across the local villages communities on the other hand has been tremendous.

The warmth of the sun on your face on a crisp February day.

The warmth of a smile and a word spoken kindly.

“Warmer... warmer... warmer!” the encouragement as we moved closer to the hidden prize in a game played as children.

The scriptures often use the sun’s warmth and light as an image of God’s life-giving light. In a very ancient Judea-Christian blessing the priests are told to declare God’s face shining on us. The blessing goes

“The Lord bless you

and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you

and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you

and give you peace”

It’s a blessing which, set to contemporary music, resonated across the world during the early frightening days of Covid, with over 100 million views on youtube.

Ancient words we too can offer for one another. For our neighbours and those in need. For our villages and communities. Praying for an outbreak of ‘apricity’ in our spirits this month.

Richard

Revd Richard White

Rector, Parish of St Aldhelm

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9.45am	Breakfast Church	LMVH
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
5pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	WMVH
WEDNESDAY	5 FEBRUARY	
8am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Prayer in the Morning	Langton
SUNDAY	9 FEBRUARY	
8am	Holy Communion	Cobblers cottage
9.30am	Holy Communion	Steeple
9.45am	Holy Communion	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11.30am	Informal Worship	Kingston
WEDNESDAY	12 FEBRUARY	
8am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton
SUNDAY	16 FEBRUARY	
9.45am	Morning Worship	Langton
10am	Celtic Eucharist	WMVH
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11am	Walking Church	TBA
6pm	Evening Prayer	HXVH
WEDNESDAY	19 FEBRUARY	
8am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Prayer in the Morning	Langton
SUNDAY	23 FEBRUARY	
9.45am	Holy Communion	Langton
10am	Celtic Morning Prayer	WMVH
10.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
11.30am	Holy Communion	Kingston
WEDNESDAY	26 FEBRUARY	
8am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton
SUNDAY	2 MARCH	
9.45am	Breakfast Church	LMVH
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
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The first name is that of Herman, whose day falls this month on 20 February. A native of Lorraine (in north-eastern France), Herman was made Bishop of Ramsbury in 1045. He resigned in 1055 when King Edward the Confessor refused to allow the transfer of the See to Malmesbury. He became a monk at Saint-Omer (in northern France), returning to England in 1058 to become Bishop of Sherborne while at the same time being restored to the bishopric of Ramsbury. By 1071, Herman was old and infirm and wished to resign but Archbishop Lanfranc urged him to stay on. There was a plan. Approval of the transfer of the See was given at the Council of London in 1075, thus creating the new diocese of Salisbury, to which you belong. Herman oversaw the initial construction of the Cathedral at Old Sarum but died before its completion, on 20 February in 1078.

Herman would have known where you live and known and cared for your patch of the diocese. A diocese is only the sum total of its parts, and whilst it is the Anglican model of apostolic local leadership, the real strength of mission and ministry is to be found in the locale, just as Jesus' ministry was locally based and exercised. We all follow in the footsteps of those who have carried the flame of faith before us in each place. It is that faithfulness, mirroring the fact that God if faithful, that has sustained our communities down the ages, however much the times and the names change. And God will continue to do so, because He is faithful.

Stephen, Bishop of Salisbury

2025 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This Global, Ecumenical event is on Friday, 7 March at 10.30am in St George's Church.

Our sisters in The Cook Islands have prepared a service for the Day of Prayer 2025. This group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme 'I made you wonderful', as written in Psalm 139. Each year in the Purbeck area we hold this service in a different church and this year it will be held at St George's Church, Langton Matravers, which is in the St Aldhelm's Benefice. Afterwards you will be very welcome to stay for tea/coffee and cake.

World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical organisation which enables us to hear contributions of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for this international day of global prayer began many months ago and on 7 March will be celebrated in over 120 countries. Services begin in Samoa with prayer and worship in native languages which travel throughout the world — through Australia, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later. There will be a worldwide wave of Christian prayers encircling planet Earth. Please do join us on this special occasion, which embraces many lives. Last year, people from 10 local churches took part when it was hosted at St Mark's Church, Herston.

All are very welcome – men, women and young people, to join this inspiring event, as we seek to embrace some of their vibrant faith in God and discover more about life in the Pacific Islands. There will be a freewill offering to support various charities on the day.

Judy Forgan

GENERAL NEWS

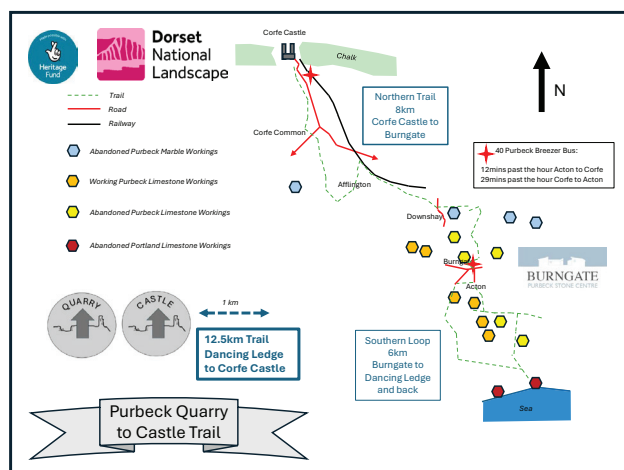
SWANAGE FOOD BANK

Throughout 2024 Worth and Langton villagers have contributed very generously to the Swanage Food Bank and December was no exception with donations to the Food Bank from a special service held at Langton and very generous donations totally over £1000 from Worth Village Hall Committee from a film event and Carols in the hall together with the sale of neck warmers and the selling of wreaths and Christmas flowers organised by Yvonne Spencer.

Thank you all for your very generous donations. Your support is very much appreciated by the organisers of this very necessary organisation.

Liz Hoad

NEW QUARRY TO CASTLE TRAIL



Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre has received funding from the Dorset National Landscape Community Access Fund to lead on a new Heritage Trail along existing paths through Purbeck. The route connects the current Coastal Path – through quarries past and present – to Corfe Castle. The route has been chosen in provisional discussion with the National Trust to provide greater understanding, engagement and enjoyment within our community across the stone industry.

The walking trail links various routes that the stone might have been carried from the Purbeck quarries to the most significant building in Purbeck that is built in Purbeck Stone. The trail will serve to inform and interest locals, as well as visitors, encouraging the latter during the out-of-season months. Burngate's interest in enabling this walk route for the community lies in its aspiration to inform on all aspects of Purbeck Stone and to take advantage of its physical location at the heart of the activity.

The trail will provide a new link between existing long-distance paths and is planned to be in place for Spring 2025. Burngate welcomes any feedback and engagement from the community concerning this initiative. Burngate is creating this trail with the help of supporters who can donate through <https://burngestonecentre.co.uk/support-us/> quoting 'Q2C Path Donation'. For more information and volunteering

WHAT ON EARTH IS HEAVEN?

Do come to Swanage United Reformed Church, 112 High Street, Swanage on Tuesday, 11 March to hear Dr James Paul give a talk on 'What on Earth is Heaven?'

James is Director of the English branch of L'Abri Fellowship, an apologetics ministry which offers space where people can explore and ask questions about the truth and relevance of Christian faith. His presentation is based on his book of the same title and provides a welcome corrective to popular, dualist misconceptions about heaven; seeking instead to sketch a vision of heaven as a dimension of reality which can be experienced both in life in the here and now, as well as in the future.

James originally trained and practised as a medical doctor, specialising in hospice and home care for the terminally ill. This background, together with further studies in sociology, bioethics and theology, strongly inform his insights and understanding of this subject.

Do join us and hear what Dr Paul has to say about a topic that is of interest and relevance to us all. We look forward to your support. Further information from David Williams: d.stephen.w1@gmail.com. The doors open at 6.30 pm coffee/tea presentation from 7pm.

David Williams

FACILITATORS NEEDED FOR SDS

Swanage Depression Support is a mutual support group where people suffering from depression have found much-needed help over many years. It is not currently meeting, but a supervisory team is trying to get it re-established.

We are looking for people, ideally but not necessarily with some experience of depression, who could act as facilitators. They do not need to be mental health professionals, but would need good people skills, a sympathetic approach and some experience of chairing meetings. This is a volunteer role, but regular professional supervision will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact SDS on swanagedepression@outlook.com

Alan Dominy

AWARD WINNING PHOTOGRAPHER



An award-winning Purbeck photographer is passing on his love of nature by planting a tree for every job he undertakes.

Swanage-born Andy Farrer, 51, decided to embark on the scheme after witnessing dramatic deforestation during his travels around the world, which has increased his fears over habitat loss and climate change.

A tree will now be planted for every order he receives for his evocative photographs, every workshop or personal tuition session he runs and every professional printing job he carries out at his studio in Corfe Castle's Sandy Hill arts complex.

Andy, who specialises in landscape and wildlife photography, said: "I got my love of nature as a kid, birdwatching and walking along our wonderful Jurassic coast. And I've been lucky enough to continue an outdoor life as a career, showcasing not only Dorset but countries I have visited all over the globe.

"I've seen first-hand the deforestation in places such as Brazil and Madagascar and I've seen the opposite in the dense woodlands of Finland. It made me intrinsically aware of how important trees are and how important it is to maintain this fragile planet for future generations."

Andy was named Landscape Photographer of the Year in 2015 in an international competition entered by thousands of his peers – and has been shortlisted on several more recent occasions. His winning photo, "Bat's Head in the Snow," is a wintry view of the headland west of Lulworth Cove.

For his tree-planting, he uses the services of London-based company Treeapp. Payments he makes digitally are passed to teams in Britain and across the world who employ local people, including farmers, to run nurseries and plant saplings. The firm has planting and carbon-offsetting links with far larger organisations than Andy's, such as Virgin, Marriott and the NHS.

Andy said: "It's a nice idea that aligns with my upbringing and my values.

"It seems to me that trees are being chopped down all over the place. So if I can at least stem some of that and make a positive difference in my own small way, then why not?"

Chris Hockley

CORFE CASTLE SURGERY

As previously advised by Maggie Hardy PPG Chair, we will now take it in turns with our monthly articles as the deadlines come around so quickly. If you have anything that you would like to discuss with the Patient Participation Group, you can do so via the Practice or by emailing them at Corfecastleppg@gmail.com

I thought I would start the new year with an update to staffing as you will see some changes have happened within the reception, dispensary and most notably the nursing team. As I have mentioned before, we will always try our best to accommodate requests for an appointment with your preferred clinician, however this may not always be possible. In the first instance the reception team will offer you the next available appointment depending on what the appointment is for. The staff are trained to know which clinicians are suitable for what appointments and how their time is used in the most appropriate way for their skill set.

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Kerry Norman, Practice Manager

NATIONAL TRUST

NEW STRATEGY – FOCUS ON NATURE

In mid-January, the National Trust celebrated its 130th birthday – and also launched an ambitious new 10-year strategy!

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- To restore nature – not just on National Trust land, but everywhere.
- To end unequal access to nature, beauty and history.
- To inspire millions more people to care and take action.

Across the country, we'll revive ailing rivers, wetlands and coast, protect peatlands which are critical stores of water and carbon, and nurture rare species. We'll help people to connect with nature, even if that means taking nature to them. We'll also support farmers to be even bigger players in nature recovery and climate resilience, while producing good, healthy food and running sustainable businesses.

In Purbeck, we are already underway with much of this work, but we'll be launching exciting new projects. We'll continue working in partnerships such as the Purbeck Heaths Super National Nature Reserve, the Dorset Peat Partnership, and Dorset Goes Wild which is giving all Purbeck children the chance to connect with nature.

Over the coming year, we'll keep you informed about how we are working to restore nature; we'll share news about wildlife in Purbeck, and show how you can take action for nature, whether by volunteering or just being more eco-friendly in your own garden.

Find out more about our strategy here: www.nationaltrust.org.uk or if you have any queries about our work or how you can join in, email us on purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

SWANAGE MEDICAL PRACTICE PPG

Swanage Medical Practice PPG works with the Practice Manager and the GPs at the Swanage Medical Practice to help improve and shape local health services. The PPG is made up of patients registered with the Practice who have volunteered to get involved. We meet every two months – and we are always looking for new members!

We last met in November 2024, when we were joined by Danielle Jackson-Orchard, who is Purbeck's Social Prescriber. Dani supports all six GP Practices in the Purbeck Primary Care Network, including Swanage Medical Practice, and offers non-clinical support to people who are suffering from issues affecting their wellbeing, such as loneliness and stress related to financial issues or poor housing. She takes

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referrals from a wide range of healthcare professionals. She spends time listening to each person referred to her to get a better understanding of their situation and what matters to them and then works with them to link them into local charities and other organisations that can help. She prefers to see people in person - this will either be at the Surgery or at The Focus Centre in Swanage. She also offers telephone consultations and home visits for those who are housebound.

You can find more information about the PPG and what we do, including Minutes of our meetings, at: www.swanagemedical.org.uk/pages/Patient-Participation-Group. If you are interested in joining the PPG, please contact Natasha Ritchie, the Practice Manager, or email the PPG directly at ppgswanage@gmail.com.

FLU VACCINATION

It's still not too late to get your flu vaccination. If you are eligible to receive the flu vaccine and have not yet been vaccinated, please ring the Surgery to make an appointment – the Practice still has plenty of flu vaccine available.

The flu vaccine helps protect against flu (influenza), which can be a serious or life-threatening illness. You may have heard that many people have needed to be admitted to hospital this Winter after becoming seriously unwell with flu.

Each year, the NHS offers the vaccine to people at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu. This year, those eligible for the flu vaccine include:

- People aged 65 and over
- All those aged 18 to 64 years who have health conditions that make them more vulnerable or who have a learning disability
- Those who are the main Carer for an older or disabled person, or are in receipt of Carer's Allowance
- People living in Care Homes – all those living in Care Homes in Swanage have now been offered the flu vaccine
- Frontline health and social care staff
- Pregnant women – they should book their vaccinations with their Maternity Team
- Children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2024
- School aged children and young people (from Reception to Year 11) – their vaccinations are given in school.
- Those living with someone who has a weakened immune system should contact the Surgery for advice as to whether they should also receive the flu vaccine.

Further information about the flu vaccine can be found on the Stay Well Dorset website.

Margaret Broadhurst, Chair SMP PPG

Don't Miss
The Battle Over Britain
7pm Tuesday 11 February

The Woman in Gold
7pm Tuesday 11 March
HXVH

**LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL
JANUARY MEETING
BOURNEMOUTH-SWANAGE MOTOR ROAD
& FERRY INQUIRY**

The inquiry begins on 21 January with the schedule now published.

PLANNING MATTERS

- Application Number. P/FUL/2024/06961; Location: Langton House Durnford Drove Langton Matravers BH19 3HG; Description Erect 2 no. semi-detached 3-bed holiday cottages and site 2 no. shepherd huts and associated parking provision. Comment A proposal to build holiday cottages and shepherd huts at Langton House was met with objection due to flooding concerns, biodiversity risks (especially to badgers), and lack of sewage management details.
- Application No: P/VOC/2024/07523; Location: The Old Malthouse, High Street, Langton Matravers. BH19 3HB; Proposal: Application to remove Condition 20 to approved application P/VOC/2023/04930 (To make minor changes to approved plans of application 6/2019/0604 in order to facilitate more efficient internal configuration, building regulation requirements and other functional reasons, including changes to the elevations of some of the dwelling houses and to provide detached rather than semi-detached dwelling and provide a more traditional and vernacular appearance relative to the area and development as a whole.) Variation of condition 1 of approved application - to make minor material amendments to the approved elevation and floor plans Comment: A proposal to remove a planning condition on The Old Malthouse development was discussed. The council couldn't take a position until further details were available, with Cllr Wilson to liaise with Dorset Council planning.

COUNCIL FINANCES

The Parish Council reviewed and approved the Precept for 2025-26, which has been set at £47,823. This marks a 16.08% increase compared to the previous year's precept, a decision not taken lightly but one necessary to maintain essential services and infrastructure. For residents, this means an increase of just 5% for properties in Band D, which translates to an additional 35p per month on their annual council tax bill.

The increase in the precept is vital to cover both routine operational costs and asset / emergency repairs within the parish. This includes maintaining and repairing assets such as the Allotment fence, ensuring the upkeep of the cemetery, and maintaining the play park equipment. As the parish infrastructure ages, the Council is committed to securing the resources needed to ensure that Langton Matravers remains a safe, attractive, and well-maintained community. The decision reflects the Council's responsibility to balance financial prudence with providing necessary services to residents.

The rise in the precept will ensure the Parish Council is well-equipped to meet the demands of these responsibilities, continue supporting the community, and maintain the services everyone relies on, from playgrounds to public conveniences. This approach ensures that the community

is prepared for future needs and challenges without overburdening local taxpayers.

CLERK'S RECRUITMENT

The Council approved job descriptions and an application form for the new Clerk's role. The recruitment advertisement will be placed in the Dubber, Swanage News and through DAPTC. For a copy of the job application pack please see our website.

FLOODING AT DURNFORD DROVE

Concerns have once again been raised about flooding on Durnford Drove. The Clerk will contact Dorset Council to investigate possible drainage ideas, which it is hoped will help alleviate flooding in the area.

Dorset Council Updates: The 2025-26 Dorset Council budget has been published, recommending a 3% increase for base funding and a 2% rise for Adult Social Care. This is the maximum increase allowed without intervention and will be discussed at the next cabinet meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 13 February 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, Telephone: 01929 425100, Write: 1A High Street, Langton Matravers Dorset BH19 3HA, Website: www.langtonmatravers-pc.org. Please note the office is closed until further notice. *Michelle Harrington, Parish Clerk*

WORTH MATRAVERS

WORTH FILM CLUB

Abelated Happy New Year to all of those reading and to everyone who generously supported our screenings last year. We are delighted that, together with the funds raised by the Village Hall Carols on the Green, we were able to donate £950 to the Swanage Food Bank in time for Christmas.

Our next screening on Tuesday, 25 February will be *The Eight Mountains*. Based on the best-selling novel by Paolo Cornetti, the film spans decades and continents, tracing a lifelong and life-defining friendship between two seemingly very different men who become fast friends as children and then remain so - even though life, time, and circumstances, often drive them apart. A meditation on our capacity for love, it's a simple story told with a rare eloquence. The mountains in question are the Italian Alps, and while the scenery is breath-taking, it's the richness of the emotional journey that stays with you.

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

**WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL
JANUARY MEETING**

Welcome to the latest update from your Parish Council. At the time of writing this, it's hard to believe we're only ten days into the month, yet so much has already happened in and around our parish. From exciting new developments to ongoing projects, there's plenty to catch up

on. So, grab a cup of tea, settle in, and read on to stay informed about all the latest news shaping our parish.

FERRY INQUIRY

The ferry inquiry is set to start on 21 January at the Poole Harbour Commission North Lounge. Two more public sessions will follow: one on 22 January at Springfield Country Hotel and the other on 28 January at the same Poole Harbour location. A bus service will be available for the session on the 28th.

If the toll for Ferry Road is approved, residents in the BH19 postcode area can apply for a £5 annual permit to use the road without paying the toll. Note: Corfe Castle, Arne, and Church Knowle are not included in this.

WORTH MATRAVERS PLAY PARK

The purchase of replacement swing parts were approved during the January meeting, so fingers crossed next month I will be able to inform you the swings are back in action!

CLERK'S JOB VACANCY

An ad for a permanent clerk will soon be published. All details can be found on our website.

PASSING POINT SIGNAGE

Dorset Council is exploring new artwork options and costs and will report back to the Parish Council in the next few weeks.

HIGHWAYS DAMAGE

A post and sign have been damaged during recent storms, but we are on the case and working with Dorset Council to replace the damaged pole and signage. Thanks to Cllr Burden for looking into the repairs.

WORTH MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL

A representative from Worth Matravers Village Hall will be invited to the February meeting to their exciting new project and potential grant request. Why not come and listen to the project details and see if you can help, improve one of our wonderful parish community assets.

PARKING IN WEST BURTON FIELD

The Council have been approached regarding parking in West Burton field for special events held at the Church. Cllr Bugler and Cllr Melville aim to meet with the Churchwarden of St Aldhelm to discuss this issue.

Swanage & Purbeck Town of Culture Bid 2026

After discussion, the Parish Council decided not to financially support the Swanage & Purbeck Town of Culture bid at this point in time.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING POINTS

A recent meeting with Dorset Council confirmed that they will install two rapid and two slow EV charging points in the Worth Matravers Car Park. Dorset Council will cover installation costs, and the Parish Council will receive a percentage of the profits once the chargers are up and running.

JUST PARK UPDATE

A contract with Just Park for electronic donation payments in Worth Matravers Car Park has been signed, and we're waiting for signage to be created. Next on the list is to have the same system install in the Harmans Cross Car Park.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- P/FUL/2024/07180 for a new dwelling at Abbascombe Poultry Farm was discussed. The council has no objections to the proposal.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Precept - The Parish Council has again agreed on a zero

Precept for 2025-26, relying on expected car park income and reserves.

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. However, our next meeting is Monday, 3 February 2025, at 7.30pm in the Worth Matravers Village Hall. Please come and join us and have your say.

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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LOCUM Clerk: Michelle Harrington, Email: worthmatraversparishclerk@gmail.com

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Thanks for reading! Keep an eye out for updates, and feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Michelle Harrington, Locum Parish Clerk

HARMANS CROSS

HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

There's plenty of good reasons to come along to HXVH over the next couple of months - here are some dates for your diaries for events you might like to enjoy:

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

Crafts, curios, coffee, cake and conversation - a lovely way to spend a Saturday morning. Free entry from 9.30am to 12 noon. To book a table, contact Kelly at bookings@harmanscrosshall.co.uk or on 07384 848 419

Movie Nights – doors and bar open at 7pm. Entry £6 on the door

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.

Tuesday 11 March – Woman in Gold

The remarkable true story of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage and seek justice for what happened to her family. Sixty years after she fled Vienna during World War II, an elderly Jewish woman, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), starts her journey to retrieve family possessions seized by the Nazis, among them Klimt's famous painting 'The Lady in Gold'. Together with her inexperienced but plucky young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds), she embarks upon a major battle which takes them all the way to the heart of the Austrian establishment and the US Supreme Court and forces her to confront difficult truths about the past along the way.

Please note – we have no Movie Night in April at HXVH
Coffee Junction – alternate Thursday mornings 10.30-12.30

Come along for coffee (or tea) and conversation. 6 and 20 February, and 6 and 20 March

Church Service starting at 6pm – 16 February and 16 March.
Alison & the HXVH Committee

Don't Miss *The Eight Mountains*
7pm Tues 25 February WMVH

THE RAMBLING GARDENER

Spring is on its way: beautiful delicate Snowdrops, Crocus, early Daffodils and Camellias are all in flower. On sunny days one is tempted to go walking, which always feels good. On poor days get out the binoculars and watch the wonderful wildlife from inside if you can. Purbeck is blessed with lots of birds, especially as it is warmer here than farther north, and sometimes we get the odd bird that has been blown to us in a gale from other countries. It is fun to make a list of all the birds one sees and make a comparison between the seasons and the years. I would love to know what birds you see in your garden as I live on the farm in the North of the parish facing south. Are the birds in Langton village, or along the valley, different?

Many years ago, my husband got a bad abscess on his neck. The doctor told him to mix honey with white flour until it was like putty for a poultice and in the morning all the puss had been pulled out of his neck. Years later my child had a painful mark with a ring around it on her leg. I was worried about blood poisoning, but a honey poultice pulled a thorn out of it overnight and all was healthy. Then, recently, I bought something called Hair Honey to reduce split ends; it has been good for my hair, but it has also been better than the doctors' creams for my itchy skin. Honey is just amazing.

There are lots of herbs that can support our health and I wish that every village had a herbalist. I think my tea made with dandelion leaf and roots, nettle leaves, lemon balm, rosemary, comfrey, mint and honey from local bees is a good general pick up. We are what we eat and drink, and those herbs, taken carefully, support our immune system.

February is the month to start sowing seed to keep the garden producing for the coming year. Sow early Peas like Kelvedon Wonder, which is hardy and short, and if you sow every month you can have peas all summer. Also plant sets of Garlic, Onions and Shallots. Stake all Cabbages as they hate wind rock. Sow Tomatoes inside to grow on in the greenhouse, and

Lettuce to plant outside later. Sow Mustard on a window sill to cut when a few inches high to spice up meals - young leaves are very nutritious; eat everything as fresh as possible.

I have just bought twq winter flowering Camellias which should flower for three months every year. They need acid soil but planting them in leaf mould should be ok. It is worth taking care planting as they are very long lived.

I hope you have a good February. I enjoy seeing people in my garden so please do just ring and come to visit (Tel: 01929421681 email: rjehelfer@gmail.com). All the best to you and may 2025 go well.

Rachel

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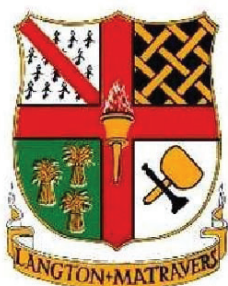
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Harmans Cross PO	Thurs 9.30-11.30	HXVH
Short Mat Bowls	Friday 7-9pm	LMVH



Langton Matravers Parish Council
Clerk & Responsible
Finance Officer Vacancy
January 2025

Council Name: Langton Matravers Parish Council
Role / Job Title: Parish Clerk & Responsible
Financial Officer
Salary / Pay Range: LC2 (18-32)
Hours per week / month: 15 Hours per week
Closing date for applications: 14 February 2025
Contact email: clerk@langtonmatravers-pc.gov.uk
Contact Telephone: 01202 670105
Council Website: <http://langtonmatravers-pc.org>

Langton Matravers is a village of approximately 400 households, in the heart of the Isle of Purbeck, two miles west of Swanage, and nine miles south-east of Wareham, Dorset.

The village is situated within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and the land use is almost entirely agriculture and tourism.

The Council has eight serving Councillors with one vacancy. The council meets monthly usually on the second Thursday of each month.

The Parish Council is seeking a dedicated and organised individual to fill the role of Parish Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer & Burial Authority Clerk. A copy of the Job specification and application form can be found on the website or a copy can be posted to you on request

JANUARY 2025

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

FEBRUARY 2025

3	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	WMVH
4	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
6	10-11.30pm	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
6	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
6	7.30pm	Artsreach: Tango Calor	LMVH
11	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
11	7pm	Sustainable Worth: Beekeeping	WMVH
11	7pm	Film: <i>Battle Over Britain</i>	HXVH
12	7pm	LMVH AGM	LMVH
13	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH
13	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
18	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
20	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
25	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
25	7pm	WMFC: <i>The Eight Mountains</i>	WMVH
27	9.30-11.30am	Post Office	HXVH

MARCH 2025

1	9.30-Noon	Stalls in the Hall	HXVH
1	7pm	Orlando Singers: Rheinberger Mass	St Edward's Ch Corfe
2	1-4pm	Wedding Fair	HXVH
3	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	HXVH
4	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
6	10-11.30pm	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
6	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction Post Office (9.30-11.30)	HXVH
7	10.30am	World Day of Prayer	St George's Ch
11	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
11	7pm	Film: <i>The Woman in Gold</i>	HXVH
11	6.30pm	Talk: 'What on Earth is Heaven'	United Reform Ch, Swanage

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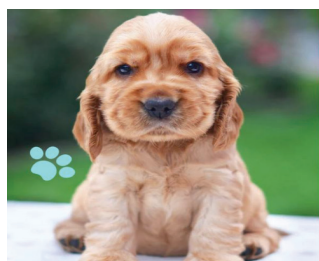
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