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From the Editor

Having had a major water leak under my stone floor, I am, at the moment, surrounded by industrial dehumidifiers and fans that run 24/7. The noise and heat (I have to keep the doors and windows shut in the open plan area of the house) has been pretty awful - particularly in this heatwave. I try to escape outside to cool off in peace and quiet but, as I am surrounded by building sites, that has not proved easy either!



I hope everyone else is enjoying the sunshine.
Angela
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Deadlines are the second Thursday of the month unless otherwise stated

**September issue deadline
is 14 August**

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Deadline for Next Issue

The editor, Angela Bell, appreciates the early submission of contributions but, for those cutting it fine, the deadline for the **August** issue is noon on **Thursday, 14 August** & it will hopefully be ready for collection after **29 August** (Chris will email when ready).

Contributions & Notifications

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

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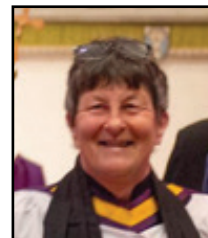
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Summer is in full swing and as I write this it is hot! The schools have broken up for a well-earned break for both students and staff and the Langton Fete amongst others is nearly upon us. The back of church is filling up with all kinds of pre loved treasure and we are looking forward to the fun and enjoyment that will come as we celebrate summer together as a village and wider community. If you would like to help on the day or with setting up then let us know.

It is also wedding season and it is always a pleasure to welcome couples to our churches as they make a commitment to each other before God and with great celebration.

So how are your gardens and our open spaces faring in this heat? Well, as I write, the Rectory garden is still a blaze of colour and the abundance of butterflies and insects is a delight to see. My greenhouse is flourishing as long as I remember to water it and the Squirrels are munching their way through the early drop apples. Much to be thankful for but, as always, some of us are dealing with the parts of life that bring us pain and stress. My prayer is that you would find peace in the beauty around you in creation and take solace from love of family and friends. If you need any support then we are always here; do please make contact if there is anything you need help with.

Sent with every blessing,

Lindy Jane

Revd Lindy Jane

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Chris Meadows

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WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST

9.30am	Holy Communion	Steeple
9.45am	Holy Communion	Langton
10.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
11.30am	Informal Worship	Kingston
5pm	Taize	St Aldhelm's

WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Prayer in the Morning	Langton

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST

9.45am	Morning Worship	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11am	Walking Church	TBC
5pm	Holy Communion	St Aldhelm's
6pm	Evening Prayer	HXXVH

WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton

SUNDAY 24 AUGUST

9.45am	Holy Communion	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11.30am	Holy Communion	Kingston
5pm	Holy Communion	St Aldhelm's

WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Prayer in the Morning	Langton

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST

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ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATING A JOYFUL & ACTION-PACKED SUMMER TERM

As the summer term draws to a close, St George's School is reflecting on a season filled with learning, laughter, and unforgettable experiences. From exciting trips to special themed days, it's been a term to remember for pupils and staff alike.

One of the highlights of the term was our much-anticipated Sports Day, where children from all year groups showcased their athletic talents and team spirit. The sun shone brightly as families gathered to cheer on the children in a variety of fun and competitive events. It was a wonderful celebration of health, determination, and community.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils had the incredible opportunity to go on a residential trip to London. Their adventure included a scenic boat trip along the Thames, a thrilling ride on the London Eye, and a magical afternoon watching *The Lion King* in the West End. The trip was not only educational but also a fantastic bonding experience for the children, who returned with memories they'll treasure for years to come.

Meanwhile, our younger children in Acorn and Sapling Class enjoyed a delightful visit to Saltpig Farm, where they got hands-on with nature and learned all about life on the farm. The excitement on their faces as they met the animals and played together was truly heartwarming.

The whole school came together for a fascinating trip to Nothe Fort, where history came alive through interactive exhibits and storytelling. It was a brilliant day of discovery and adventure, enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.

We also welcomed our new Reception class during a busy Transition Day, giving them a chance to explore their new learning environment, meet their teachers, and begin building friendships. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and curiosity as they took their first steps into school life.

Throughout the term, we've embraced a variety of enriching activities, including an Eco Afternoon focused on sustainability and caring for our planet, and a vibrant French Day filled with language, culture, and cuisine.

We ended the term on a high note with our traditional Church Service, followed by a joyful family picnic on the school field. It was a perfect way to celebrate the achievements of the term and the strong sense of community that defines St George's.

As we head into the summer holidays, we wish all our families a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming our wonderful children back in September for another exciting year of learning and fun. Claire Holland

BEST BITS OF 2025!

"The London trip was so fun. I really liked the day trip to Leeson House. My best bit of Year 5 was when I went to Budden's with the Year 5s, and I remember when Mrs Hollywood fell in!" Rowan

"In Year 5, I enjoyed the before school club girls' football run by Mr Kelly. I also enjoyed a trip to Budden's as Sports Ambassadors, we went paddleboarding (Mrs Hollywood fell in). London residential was fun as well, but the girls were woken up by the boys." Nancy

"I enjoyed girls' football, and played it rain and shine.

I loved the Y5 trip to Budden's and fell off of the paddleboard three times. I really enjoyed London, the Eye and River Cruise." Edith S

"This year has been rather excellent so far. We have been to Budden's. Year 5 went abseiling, paddleboarding and even a trail but we were blindfolded. Some people went to London — it was very fun." Edee

MEMORIES FROM YEAR 6 BEFORE THEY LEAVE TO GO TO SECONDARY SCHOOL:

"I really enjoyed my time in St George's. I enjoyed all the fun school trips like when we went to Nothe Fort and Sea City Museum. I also enjoyed all the fun activities like Outdoor Classroom Day." Ida

"I have really enjoyed my time at St George's even though I only joined in Year 4. The people here have made me feel like I've been here since Reception. I have had lots of fun going on residential, school trips, sports events, and fun learning days. I have made lots of friends and am going to treasure the memories I have made here forever." Elsa

"Ever since I joined St George's, I've felt very welcome to this school. One of my favourite parts about this school are all the school trips like when I was in Year 5 we went to PGL and just last week we went to London." Maya

"I have loved being at St George's. My favourite things have probably been: all the residential from my first ever one being in Year 4 at Leeson House, then in Year 5 (PGL), and my most recent one at London; the sports events, for they are competitive yet fun and bring joy; discovering the supportive people at St George's; and all the hysterical jokes and memories. These things, along with others, make it worth coming to school basically every day." Iona

"Through the years we have evolved from small to big. But we never changed. We have learned about World War 2 with planes and tanks, maths from $1+1$ to $400 \div 50 = 8$. In R.E, we have learnt about God and Jesus and a bit about Buddha and the learning list goes on, but it all led up to us going, so this is goodbye." Cameron

"I have really enjoyed my time at Primary School, especially when we went to Leeson House in Year 4 and when we went to PGL in Year 5, also when we went to Nothe Fort and the Seacity Museum in Year 6. I also really enjoyed when some of the Year 6s went to Putlake with the Receptions. I loved my time at St George's!" Jess

"Being at St Georges has been a great chance to live and learn with goals and achievements achieved. There is always a fun trip to enjoy throughout each term. I have enjoyed different sports events throughout the years, extremely fun school trips like Osmington PGL, Leeson House, and helping with the National Trust to conserve wildlife around Langton. It has been a pleasure to be at St George's." Freya

"For me the best bit of Primary School was when we had the Leeson House residential and we had so much fun. Then I think the second best was the London trips and we even saw some of Purbeck School when we were in London." Alfie

"I enjoyed every bit since the start of Pre-school all the way up to Year 6. The teachers have been there for my highs and lows and have supported me and helped me every single day." Anthony



NATIONAL TRUST

TEENAGE ENVIRONMENTALISTS

We recently hosted a group of teenagers at Weston Farm, and contrary to popular opinion, they fully embraced the outdoors! The Year 12 students (16–17 years) learned about how we are restoring nature at the farm, joined in with practical tasks like clearing brambles from paths and litter picking, and walked to the coast. Their reward was a pasty and (soft) drinks at the Square and Compass! Simon Holmes, Head of Sixth Form at The Purbeck School, said: “This is another great example of our partnership with the Trust. It was wonderful for our pupils to spend time together outdoors and along the coast.”

RARE WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

More and more reports are coming in of exciting wildlife sightings in the area. Several red kites were spotted at Swyre Head, some appearing to be carrying nesting materials. A white-tailed sea eagle was photographed at Encombe, the UK’s largest bird of prey. Butterfly and glow-worm counts at Weston Farm and Winspit are indicating that it’s going to be a good year. It’s great to see so many people sharing their wildlife photos and findings on the Sustainable Worth group – their passion and enthusiasm for nature is inspiring.

RAGWORT - A FEAST FOR POLLINATORS

Ragwort is a UK native plant, and its golden daisy-like flowers bloom all summer in gardens, verges, grassland and meadows. Its flowers are a particularly important food source for a variety of pollinating insects, including bees, butterflies and moths.

But ragwort is also a plant that people love to hate. It contains toxins which if eaten in large quantities can cause liver damage in horses and cattle. But animals won’t eat it in the wild – its smell and taste put them off. Problems arise when ragwort is dried into hay or silage, where the bitterness is lost and they can’t recognise it.

There is a common misconception that people are legally bound to eradicate ragwort from their land. The government code of practice only recommends the removal of ragwort in areas of high risk – within 50m of land used for grazing by horses and other animals, or land used for feed/forage production. Find out more on our website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/spyway/ragwort

If you have any concerns, please get in touch.

HAPPY CAMPERS!

The recent good weather has brought a flurry of bookings to the Weston Farm camping and motorhome sites. Both have been booked up some weekends. Several motorhome owners have said that the site is one of the best they have ever stayed at – valuing its tranquillity and stunning views. Email: purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

PURBECK YOUTH MUSIC

SUMMER SHOWCASE

“What fantastic young musical talent we have here in Purbeck.” “Thank you for showcasing our young music makers who are so amazing.”

There was a buzz in Swanage High Street on one Monday in June as young performers and their enthusiastic followers enjoyed an evening of joyful music-making at the Methodist Church. The evening featured a range of young musicians including ensembles who had come together for the first

time to showcase their talent.

A combined group of woodwind and brass all from the Purbeck Primary schools played together for the first time and made an amazing sound. The Trad Folk group, ages ranging from 8-15 played several folk tunes from memory with increasing confidence. St Mary’s Church choristers sang beautifully and Lily Fawcett’s angelic singing led us heaven-wards as she sang the Pie Jesu from Faure’s Requiem. Nick Aiko Dando brought energy with his lively rendition of Tico Tico and Martha Harwood’s deeply musical performance of Mozart’s Das Veilchen and Bernstein’s Somewhere captivated the audience.

Moonlight in Vermont in an arrangement by Amy Jermain conjured up the cool vibe of the Great American Songbook and Amy also directed from the clarinet the newly formed Purbeck Mini Big Band which brought the short concert to an upbeat conclusion. What a variety of styles we enjoyed, from African drumming from St Mary’s school, through Mozart to cool jazz.

Our young musicians are getting better and better thanks to parental encouragement (never to be underestimated) the dedication of our wonderful group of tutors who travel from school to school for their students and the extraordinary support of our generous community who both individually and in local community groups help to fund the important enterprise which is Purbeck Youth Music.

Please continue to support us. Better still, become a Friend and make a regular contribution through your bank. It all adds up and helps us continue to inspire and encourage young musical talent across Purbeck.

Dilys Thomas

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VINTAGE PLOUGHING COMMITTEE

The 49th Annual Ploughing Match is to be held on Sunday, 14 September from 9am onwards at Compact Farm, Worth Matravers, BH19 3LE just past Swanworth Quarry. What 3 words :- tactical, noisy, currently By kind permission of Mr & Mrs A White/. Free Entry Vintage & Modern Tractors Hot Food available Raffle Tractor & trailer rides.

Money raised to go to Julia’s House Children’s Hospice, Dorset.

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If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Helen on 01929 481562. Email helenselby@outlook.com

Helen Selby

SWANAGE MEDICAL PRACTICE

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

Swanage Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG) last met on 8 July 2025, when we welcomed another new PPG member. We were also joined by Natalie Bartlett, Purbeck Primary Care Network’s Digital and Care Coordinator, who talked to us about BP@Home, a service which helps people to have their blood pressure monitored at home. Patients registered with Swanage Medical Practice who have high blood pressure are now being invited to join the scheme. Patients are then able to measure their blood pressure in the comfort of their own home and to share these readings directly with the Clinical Team through an App on their phone. The readings are reviewed by one of the Clinical Care Coordinators at Purbeck Primary Care Network, who

can then quickly identify if the blood pressure is raised and optimise the patient's treatment accordingly. The readings are also uploaded directly into the patient's medical record. Blood pressure readings taken at home give a much better reflection of people's actual blood pressure - and using the App also reduces the need for regular visits to the Surgery.

During our meeting, we also discussed the results of the Patient Survey carried out by PPG members in the Surgery on behalf of the Practice during the first week of June, which was also PPG Awareness Week. The GPs at the Practice will also be discussing the results of the Survey with the Practice Manager next week. The PPG is now in the process of finalising its recommendations for further action and will be sharing the results of the Survey and its recommendations with everyone soon.

The PPG works with the Practice Manager and the GPs at Swanage Medical Practice to help improve and shape local 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! Our next meeting will be held at the Surgery on Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 6:00pm.

You can find more information about the PPG, including Minutes of our meetings and our current Priorities, 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.

Margaret Broadhurst, Swanage PPG

HARMANS CROSS

HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

Not long now until our annual Harmans Cross Fête and Show on Bank Holiday Monday, 25 August. We will have all the usual entertainment - live music, children's entertainment and games, bar, BBQ, a huge host of stalls and our Big Raffle with proceeds again shared this year with the amazing Dorset charity Mosaic which provides bereavement counselling and support to youngsters.

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

We will also have a Plant and Produce stall and we will welcome donations for this as well. Please bring plants along to the Hall on the Saturday or Sunday immediately before the Fete, and we will look forward to receiving produce e.g. tomatoes, vegetables, fruit etc on the morning of the Fete. And of course, the café would be delighted to accept any cakes from 9am on Monday morning as well.

Movie Night - Tuesday 12 August - *Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy*

Bridget is alone once again, widowed four years ago, when Mark was killed on a humanitarian mission in the Sudan. She's now a single mother to 9-year-old Billy and 4-year-old Mabel, and is stuck in a state of emotional limbo, raising her children with help from her loyal friends and even her former lover, Daniel Cleaver. Pressured by her Urban Family - Shazzer, Jude and Tom, her work colleague Miranda,

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her mother, and her gynecologist Dr Rawlings (played by Emma Thompson) - to forge a new path toward life and love, Bridget goes back to work and even tries out the dating apps, where she's soon pursued by a dreamy and enthusiastic younger man. Now juggling work, home and romance, Bridget grapples with the judgment of the perfect mums at school, worries about Billy as he struggles with the absence of his father, and engages in a series of awkward interactions with her son's rational-to-a-fault science teacher (Chiwetel Ejiofor).

Doors and bar open at 7pm and admission is just £6

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Coffee Junction: August 7 and 21, and September 4 from 10.30am

HXVH Church: There is no Church service on Sunday 17 August at HXVH. We are attending the 5pm service at St Aldhelm's Chapel instead - please feel welcome to join us

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

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

Alison & the HXVH Committee

LANGTON MATRAVERS

FOLK DANCE

Swanage & Langton Matravers Folk Dance Club meet in Langton Matravers Village Hall on Tuesdays 7.30-9.45pm.

The club is now on its summer break but will recommence on 9 September. A few new members would be very welcome. All dance routines are "called" so you do not need to be an experienced Folk Dancer, just mobile and friendly. Come along and give us a try, nothing to lose, just £1.50 weekly which includes tea and biscuit. If you decide to join us there is a £5 annual membership fee which goes towards cost of occasional live musicians.

Further information from Pat Wright 01929 421864.

Pat Wright

LOCAL HISTORY & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Have you seen the new Blacksmith Exhibition yet? It's now available to view in the Local Studies room at the Coach House museum. Before the advent of hardware stores, the smith didn't just shoe horses: the exhibition shows the diversity of work undertaken at a forge, and the smith's role in the ongoing life and trades of a village over time. There are examples of domestic items such as keys, latches and a griddle pan, farming implements including scythes, sheep gelders and horn trainers, and a vicious-looking thatching needle used by local thatchers. The smith also had a very important role in the stone trade, maintaining the sharp edges of the chisels used by Purbeck stonemasons. The museum is open every day except Sundays and Mondays, and we'd love to see you there.

The Society are in the process of planning for the upcoming series of talks over the winter, both in the afternoon and evenings. We will hope to explore the role of the Pellatt family and their 'Durnford Diamonds' in the life and fabric of

Langton Matravers, and a short afternoon historic 'armchair stroll' up Langton High Street, is also likely to be offered. Watch the website and future *Dubbers* for further details of other topics and dates.

We are very pleased to welcome new volunteers to expand our loyal team. We need people to put up posters, set out chairs for talks, make tea, help with museum duties, including new custodians, and in many other ways. If you think you might be able to support us for an hour or two, please contact our Chair, Daryle Pearson, who would love to hear from you. She can be found at daryle.pearson@btinternet.com or you can get in touch through our website contact form.

LMLHPS/DDCAG ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

Would you like to try your hand at being a Digger? The Society, in collaboration with the Dorset Diggers Community Archaeology Group, are undertaking a dig to explore medieval remains at a site in the locality. We are trying to find out how long the site was lived in, what the house structures were like, and any traces of the people who lived there. The dig is led by a professional archaeologist, and the team meet twice a week, usually on Wednesdays and Sundays. Volunteers can join in for half or a whole day: guidance and tools can be provided. The only requirement is that you are a member of the Society (necessary for insurance). For further information, contact lmlhps23@gmail.com.

Daryle Pearson & Mary Sparks, LMLHPS

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL JULY MEETING

National Trust Report: Tom Clarke for the NT thanked everyone for curating a constructive and well organised Village Assembly last month. He also discussed the state of the Puffin Watch, noting that the puffins were nesting but not breeding and participated in a discussion on whether the cause might be disturbance from the many visitors. Tom reassured that to the extent the NT was in control, visits near the site were conducted in a manner approved of and sometimes led by national experts but admitted that there is a risk from dayboats and unsupervised visits getting too close. The issue highlights a critical debate on overpromotion of the countryside undermining its essential nature while at the same time some promotion being deemed necessary to garner support for sustaining our landscape. Tom also provided an update on the program to get more Purbeck children involved in the countryside via schools, families and careers, highlighting the BYO picnic in Corfe Castle in July which had 250 attendees, and some activity providers offering local children 100 places at cost on overnight activities at Purbeck Valley Farm (so far five schools supporting). There are also plans to work with Planet Purbeck to support their Green Careers Fair on 15 October.

Consultations: Forget the Seaside Reading and put down that thriller – better than any crossword there are numerous consultations being organised by DC allowing you to while away the time between applications of SP30 among them (a) Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy on a 10-year framework to work together towards a shared vision for nature recovery in Dorset. Closes 30 July 2025. (b) Youth Survey Closes 1 August 2025. (c) Housing Allocation Policy Consultation on how to register, how applications are assessed, and how properties are allocated. Closes: 24 August 2025 (c) Dorset Council – Pleasure Boat, Vessel and Boatperson Li-

censing Policy Consultation on a new policy for licensing all of those in the title Closes 13 Sep 2025. As if that was not enough, the one which could have the biggest impact on Dorset is the Dorset Local Plan Consultation, where details are closely guarded until the big reveal on 18 August, but we do know that it will run for eight weeks and be designed to inform DC (inter alia) on how to meet the new impossible target of building 3,230 houses per annum vs. currently impossible 1,793. Will there be some indication of the probable sites? Will there be some bottom-up assessment of demand and its nature? Perhaps we know next month.

Planning: The main planning notice discussed was the appeal against the refused application for the extension of Downs Quarry (Lovells) to the North of their current site. (P/FUL/2023/07355 Appeal Reference: APP/D1265/W/25/3365869). DC refused the original application in November, 2024 and now the applicant – Lovells Stone Group – has launched an appeal to over-turn the refusal by hearing at the Planning Inspectorate. Comments by 30 July 2025 against an Inquiry Date given as 1 October. LMPC resolved to register a further objection challenging the arguments against refusal.

Carrot Culprit Caught (on film only so far). The meeting was aghast to hear that the badger which has been digging under the allotments southern boundary fencing has decimated Langton's incipient carrot crop and reliably informed parties suggest it intends to move on to the sweet corn next. LMPC continues to pursue discussions with contractors for new fencing which it is hoped will keep the furry fiend at bay, but in the meantime the LMAA has a fight on its hands.

Next Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 14 August, 2025 in the Langton Matravers Village Hall. The meeting does have a public session, so please come and have your say, offer some suggestions or use the time to complete your favourite consultation.

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. *Peter Golob, LMPC*

WORTH MATRAVERS

WM VILLAGE HALL

Worth Matravers Village Hall will be closed for refurbishment for about three months from the beginning of September. It's the first stage in a modernisation programme to update the extension to the Victorian school hall, which is the venue for many social and other events in the village.

The most noticeable improvements will be to the WCs, which (judging by the turquoise sanitaryware) date back to the middle of the last century. The kitchen will be the next stage, once finances permit.

The Village Hall Committee wants the refurbishment to provide the impetus for a more consistent use of this important facility. We feel it is underused in the daytime particularly, and we'd like your thoughts on what more you would like to see happening there.

From early consultations it's clear that coffee mornings would be popular. There has also been a suggestion that a support group could be set up for couples where one partner is suffering from dementia.

Other suggestions include exercise classes or simple music and movement; art or craft sessions; meetings of special interest groups. The snooker and table tennis tables are also available for community use, free of charge.

We'll be including a questionnaire sheet in the September issue of the Dubber to determine the level of support for these or any other activities that we might hold in our newly refurbished hall. We'd like your ideas. Please email them to me at frances.dinnick@hotmail.com. *Frances Dinnick*

WORTH MATRAVERS VILLAGE FÊTE

26 MAY 2025 - UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended and we hope you had a great time!

The Fête was a great success raising over £7000 towards the Village Hall Refurbishment and Improvement Project which should commence in the autumn. We are still seeking to raise a significant sum to complete the work, so any donations will be gratefully received.

Thanks to all the villagers and friends of the village who helped run the event with special thanks to Rachel and Allan James, Kate and David Butters, Yvonne Spencer and her team and especially to Worth Parish Council, Purbeck Ice Cream and Holmes Garden Centre for their support.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Worth Matravers Village Fête Committee

WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

JULY MEETING

As summer unfolds, July's Parish Council meeting brought a busy agenda, with updates spanning community maintenance, finance, and future planning. Here are some of the key points from the meeting:

Maintaining Our Spaces: Several items of maintenance were addressed this month.

Play Parks: The annual inspection reports for both Harmans Cross and Worth Matravers play areas were reviewed in detail. Work has been progressing to repair and refresh equipment, including repainting, replacing damaged items, and treating corrosion. The Council resolved to further investigate options for new gates, fencing, and specialist repairs where needed.

CCTV: To enhance safety, it was agreed to purchase and install a solar-powered CCTV camera in the Harmans Cross car park.

Car Park Signage: New signage for the car parks has now arrived. The signs for Worth Matravers car park have been installed, helping to make payment and information clearer and more welcoming. The remaining signs for Harmans Cross car park will be installed shortly.

New Financial Regulations Adopted: Councillors approved and adopted updated Financial Regulations, ensuring the Parish's procedures remain robust and in line with current guidance. The new policy will shortly be available on the Council's website.

Community Engagement: A request by the Alzheimer's Society to use a small area of Worth Matravers car park for their August fundraising walk was approved, and the Council expressed thanks for their community work and the accompanying donation.

Neighbourhood Planning and Funding: The Council agreed to send a letter to the local MP opposing the withdrawal of funding for neighbourhood planning, emphasising

how important these resources are for small communities to shape their future.

Planning and Environmental Updates: Downs Quarry Appeal: The Council noted the ongoing appeal concerning a planning application for an extension of Downs Quarry. No further comments were submitted beyond those previously provided.

Weed Control: Dorset Council's programme for mechanical sweeping and targeted weed spraying was noted. Residents are encouraged to report excessive weed growth on roadside gutters directly through the Dorset Council online portal. These reports can help prioritise areas for future mechanical road sweeping.

Action Log Highlights: * Progress continues on addressing white line road markings and kerb edging on the B3069. * Work is underway to explore the introduction of EV charging in Harmans Cross and Worth Matravers car park. * The Council is liaising with bus operators to improve scheduling through Harmans Cross, and * Preparations continue to implement JustPark electronic payment facilities at Harmans Cross car park.

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 when possible. Next meeting Tuesday, 4 August 2025, at 7.30pm in 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) on p5.

Michelle Harrington, Parish Clerk

KINGSTON

KINGSTON NEWS

Awonderful concert was given in June by Canzonetta at St James' which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. A retiring collection was held for church funds which, with gift aid, will be about £275. Our very grateful thanks to Canzonetta for their varied programme.

Don't forget the Pimm's up the Tower at Kingston on Friday 1 August. three sessions at 6, 7 and 8pm. Hopefully, the weather will be as good as today, hot and sunny. Enjoy the summer.

Doreen Farr, CCT Secretary

THE ROUND

EDWARD CASSIDY

It is with much sorrow that we announce the passing of Captain Edward Cassidy (Ed), 82, a long-term resident of Langton Matravers. Edward passed away peacefully on June 24, 2025, in Auckland, New Zealand having moved there to be with his daughter, Charlotte in October 2024. After 30 years in the Royal Navy, Edward and his wife Tara, moved to Wesley Chapel, High Street and beautifully converted the chapel making it a wonderful family home.

They were both active members of the Langton community with Tara Cassidy who died in January 2021 being a regular flower arranger for the church, reading helper at the school and an avid china collector for the village fete stall. Edward was a Governor at the school over the years and was actively involved in the allotments and a regular at the Kings Arms. As a family we feel very lucky to have experienced living in Langton Matravers as it gave our parents so much joy,

friendship and happiness over the years. Edward and Tara are survived by their four children, Vanessa, Shaun, Harriet and Charlotte and their seven grandchildren who all hold Langton Matravers fondly in their hearts. *Harriet Wilmore*

NEWS FROM NOWHERE

THE RAMBLING GARDENER AUGUST 2025

August is children's holidays and one hopes to spend time on the sandy beach in and out of the water and making sandcastles. But the weather is always fickle in the summer and not settling again until September. Now, with the changing weather, it's hard to predict what should be done in the garden but there are lots of seeds and plants that can be planted. For your salads sow lettuce for the autumn outside; and inside, for easy access, sow mustard, cress or peas on damp paper and cut when a few inches high. Also sow oriental leaves, rocket and spinach (which is delicious raw in salad) for autumn harvest. Winter cabbages can be transplanted out, and spring cabbages directly sown outside for spring harvest. Do harvest any summer squash that are ripe and pick courgettes as soon as the flower has fallen off to keep the plants producing. If you leave them then the big courgettes, with a tougher skin, will keep well and are delicious stuffed with vegetable stew or Bolognese sauce and baked. Gardeners World have a great website that gives advice on lots more planting that can be done, like the annuals you can plant for an early spring flowering, biennials that will flower next summer if planted this early this year and autumn flowering bulbs for end-of-season cheer.

Keeping summer vegetables and fruits watered from water butts takes a lot of time, but the result has been great as all crops are good this year. To get the best out of your fruit bushes next year remember to thin out the older branches after fruiting.

Do take part in the Big Butterfly Count this year if possible – it finishes on 10 August. With this dry windy weather, and a lot of work in the garden for the July NGS opening, I have had no time to write more but would like to see you here and talk about gardening. 01929 421681 rjehelfer@gmail.com.

Rachel

LANGTON MATRAVERS ALLOTMENT



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Folk Dancing	Tues 7.30-9.45pm	LMVH
Explorer Scouts	Tues 7-9pm	Scout Hut*
Scout Troop	Weds 7-8.30pm	Scout Hut*
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Thurs 21st August
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3	2-5pm	Three Parishes Fête	Old Rectory Church Knowle
3	3-5pm	Allotment Open Day	The Priddle
4	7pm	Murder Walk	North Field Corfe Castle
4	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	HXVH
5	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
6	7pm	Murder Walk	North Field Corfe Castle
6	7.30pm	Purbeck Folk Club	LMVH
7	10-11.30pm	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
7	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction	HXVH
9	2-5pm	Langton Fête	St George's Ch
12	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
12	7pm	Film: <i>Bridgit Jones: Mad About the Boy</i>	HXVH
14	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
16-25	10-5pm	Art Exhibition	Catholic Ch Hall
19	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
20	7pm	Swanage Town Band	Bandstand
21	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	LMVH
21	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction	HXVH
26	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe

SEPTEMBER 2025

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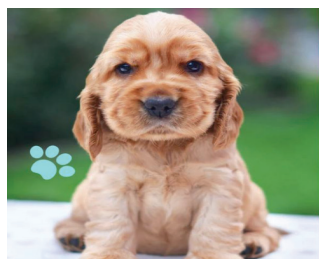
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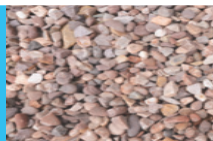
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