

The Dubber

October 2025

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Saturday, 11 October
6pm

St George's Church,
Langton Matravers

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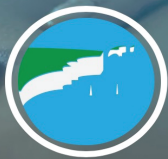
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From the Editor

Very little AI this month. I find it easier to edit submissions myself! However, it is helpful with adverts. It all still feels like cheating to me!

Angela



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Deadlines are the second Thursday of the month unless otherwise stated

**November issue deadline
is 9 October**

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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 **November** issue is noon on **Thursday, 9 October** & it will hopefully be ready for collection after **24 October** (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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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.

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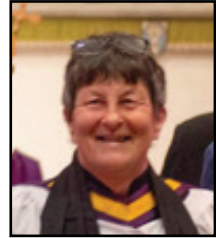
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Thoughts from the Rectory

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Today sitting looking out on my garden the Hawthorn is resplendent in its Autumn garment of Haws and is providing nourishment for all the creatures that come and share the Hawthorns branches. My greenhouse and garden have produced well and I have been enjoying the fruits of my labour as I harvest what God has created. The very dry summer meant that I was careful not to plant out too much and use up excess water but having said that what did grow was wonderful. I am also the proud owner of way too many apples which I am sharing with as many as I can. The Rectory Mulberry tree excelled herself and I have welcomed others to share her crop. I'm looking forward to taking some time to make Mulberry Jelly!

During September and October we, as a church, celebrate Creation Tide as well as Harvest which St George's will celebrate in October. We are asked to remember all creation, climate change, and all who work to sustain our beautiful blue planet on the land and especially the care of our seas. I am thankful for all the organisations around Purbeck that serve us in this way and encourage people to get alongside the many activities they run.

Our schools have a busy Autumn Term planned and it is a privilege to be involved in the life of the school. Do think about getting involved yourself. There is always a need for an extra pair of hands and staff can advise you what is needed and the checks you would need to help in school or just volunteer at fundraising events.

Every blessing,

Lindy Jane

Revd Lindy Jane

Pioneer Priest,

Benefice of St Aldhelm Salisbury Diocese

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ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CHOIR SECOND CALL FOR NEW SINGERS

We are seeking more new singers to join our friendly and welcoming choir, and we invite you to become part of a wonderful musical tradition in St George's which goes back many decades. The choir sings on the morning of the second and fourth Sunday of each month, and rehearsals take place the Friday before these services at 5pm, lasting for 90 minutes. Whether you're an experienced singer or a complete beginner, male or female, high voice or low, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass or 'not sure', you would be very welcome. There will be no solo auditions.

To give you a taste of what it's like to be part of the choir, we are holding an informal 'taster' rehearsal on Friday, 10 October. There's absolutely no pressure to commit, just a chance to come along, sing a little, and see if it feels right for you. Above all, we enjoy what we do, strive to get better, but never forget that we are far from perfect!

You may be thinking: 'I don't go to church', 'I don't understand the services'; 'I won't know the hymns', 'I'll feel awkward'. All I can say is: 'Don't worry'. Everyone has concerns to start with and we are 100% non-judgemental!

If this sounds appealing or you'd simply like more details, please feel free to contact Richard Earl at 01929 475822 or richard@staldhelm-purbeck.org. We look forward to welcoming you, to share the joy of making music together and to help St George's. Carry on singing!

Richard Earl

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8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

9.45am	Breakfast Church	Langton
10.30am	All Age Harvest	Corfe
5pm	Celtic Evening Prayer	Worth

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER

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

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

8am	Holy Communion BCP	Worth
9.30am	Holy Communion	Steeple
9.45am	Holy Communion	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11.30am	Informal Worship	Kingston

WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER

10am	Celtic Eucharist	Worth
9.45am	Morning Worship	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11am	Walking Church	TBC
6pm	Evening Prayer	HXXVH

WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER

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

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER

10am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Worth
9.45am	Holy Communion	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11.30am	Holy Communion	Kingston

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton

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BACK TO SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER UPDATE

As the summer holidays drew to a close, September brought with it the familiar buzz of excitement and anticipation as we welcomed the children back to school. With fresh uniforms, shiny new shoes, and books waiting to be filled with ideas and learning, the school corridors quickly came alive again with chatter, laughter, and the joy of reunion.

It was wonderful to see how much the children had grown over the break, returning with renewed energy and enthusiasm. We began the term by sharing the story "What We'll Build" by Oliver Jeffers—a beautiful tale about imagination, collaboration, and hope. This story set the tone for the year ahead, inspiring us all to think about what we'll build together in our school community.

To celebrate the start of term, we held live readings throughout September, bringing stories to life and encouraging a love of books and storytelling. One of the highlights of the month was our school camp-out, where pupils and staff came together under the stars for an evening of fun and friendship! It was a magical experience that helped strengthen bonds and create lasting memories.

As the leaves begin to turn, our thoughts have also turned to Harvest. The children have started preparing for our upcoming Harvest celebrations, learning about the importance of gratitude, sharing, and supporting those in need. We're looking forward to welcoming families to join us in marking this special time of year.

September also saw the election of our new school leaders. Congratulations to our newly appointed House Captains, Sports Ambassadors, and Eco Council members! These pupils have already begun their roles with great enthusiasm, showing leadership, responsibility, and a commitment to making our school the best it can be.

There's a real sense of excitement in the air as we look ahead to the coming months. With new topics to explore, events to plan, and friendships to grow, we're confident that this school year will be full of learning, laughter, and achievement.

We'd like to thank all our families for their continued support and wish everyone a happy and successful term. Here's to a fantastic year ahead! *Claire Hollard, Teacher*

First Langton Rainbows & Brownies

We have vacancies for new members
Rainbows, girls aged 4-7yrs
and Brownies, girls aged 7-10yrs

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PURBECK CAROL PARTY

CHRISTMAS SESSIONS & SINGS

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in joining us for some Seasonal 'get togethers' in the weeks before Christmas. We're planning to sing some of the Worth Matravers and other Local Carols as well as some better-known seasonal Folk Songs.

This will be in an informal social and convivial setting, we don't wish to 'perform' these Carols, just enjoy singing them.

No experience necessary, just come along to join in and enjoy singing some great songs – words/accompaniment provided

Music and recordings are available for those who would wish to have them.

All abilities are welcome, especially those who say (think) they can't sing but are just interested. You're welcome to drop in to any of the sessions and give it a go.

We've arranged an initial get-together on Saturday, 1 November at Langton Matravers Village Hall. 2.30/3pm Anyone interested or wanting more information please contact Robin on: 01929 427037 or plowmanswanage@gmail.com.

Robin Plowman

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVALS

In 2016, we ran our first Christmas tree festival in St George's Church; at that event, we displayed 17 sponsored trees, played pre-recorded festive music and managed to raise £780 which was donated to Heroes Haven and Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Community. Since then, we have organised seven more festivals and have raised in total £10,405 supporting a further six local charities and have showcased many local performers.

Last year, we had 38 trees on display and are now looking to match that number this year. Although it is just the two of us who organise the festival, we really appreciate the immense help we receive from others in the community. If you wish sponsor and decorate a 5ft tree (for a business, organisation or just for yourself) at this year's event the cost is £25 and the tree is yours to keep afterwards. The festival will take place on 6-8 December, for more information contact us via phone 01929 424431, email or website staldhelmx-mastreefest@gmail.com, <https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com>.

The Emmanuel Baptist Church Swanage will also be holding a festival on 11-13 December concluding with a Lights of Love Remembrance Service on Sunday, 14 December at 4pm amongst the trees. *Colin & Sandy Garner*

CORFE CASTLE SURGERY

The first Saturday flu clinic will be 4 October 2025 9am-12pm and will be supported by the staff and PPG members in very much the same way as normal. If you haven't already had a call or text from us and you believe you are eligible, please call the reception team. The second weekend date is Saturday, 18 October with additional appointments made available Monday to Friday for those with limited mobility and unable to attend on a Saturday. As in previous years, there will be limited parking at the practice for those with a blue badge.

We have been notified of proposed highway works in

West Street between 7 and 11 October from 8am to 6pm. This may cause delays when visiting the practice so please allow extra time for appointments or walk in if you can.

Thursday, 9 October sees the return of the health talks at The Club with Rob Moverley attending to talk about 'shoulder problems' from 7pm and then Thursday, 13 November with Robert Middleton talking about 'hip problems'. Please come along and support if you can.

Don't forget that the six FREE taster sessions of Mobility and Balance classes for over 65s start Thursday, 16 October in the Village Hall. Limited spaces are available, so book now with Sally on 01929 439052. Please contact us with any queries (corfecastleppg@gmail.com).

Kerry Norman, Practice Manager & Maggie Hardy, PPG Chair

PURBECK BOOK

If anyone has any stories and memories about Purbeck Stone working, industrial landscape and local quarries past and present for a new oral history book please get in touch with Sarah Acton who would love to chat. The book is shaped by material contributed with grateful thanks to contributors so far. Please contact Sarah by email: blackvenpress@gmail.com.

Sarah Acton

NATIONAL TRUST

UPDATE ON ASH DIEBACK

As reported in the June issue, the devastating disease, Ash dieback, is killing trees across the country. In Langton Westwood, we estimate that hundreds of trees are infected. Although standing deadwood is a great habitat for insects, birds and bats, we have to consider public safety, as the disease causes trees to drop limbs or topple completely.

Following consultation with parish councils and other local stakeholders, we have agreed the best approach for Westwood. This involves felling some trees, and also closing selected paths. Our aim is that people can still walk in the woods, but in areas that can be made as safe as possible. Tree safety work will be taking place throughout October and November with the aim of completion before Christmas.

Signs are being erected that show which paths are closed, and where access is still possible. If you'd like a copy of the map, please email us.

It's not all doom and gloom – although some trees will be lost, light will be allowed into the woodland floor which will attract wildflowers, butterflies, pollinators and birds. And scientists have recently discovered that a new generation of ash trees, growing naturally in woodland, is showing more resistance to the disease. Their studies offer renewed hope for the future of ash trees in the UK.

You can read more here: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dorset/spyway/ash-dieback-in-purbeck.

SAVING OUR SILENT HUNTERS

Many of you will have enjoyed the sight of ghostly barn owls flying over the fields and hedgerows at twilight. But did you know that these beautiful birds are often found dead in cattle troughs? Like most birds, barn owls need to bathe, but their feathers are adapted for slow, silent flight so they aren't very waterproof. If they fall into a trough, their feathers absorb the water causing them to sink. Barn owls generally avoid hunting in rain because of the lack of water resistance.

To prevent this, we are trialing a system at Weston Farm, Worth Matravers – putting 'rafts' on cattle troughs. These are made of treated timber and strong plastic mesh, with

polystyrene for permanent buoyancy. They allow cattle to push the raft down to drink but prevent owls from sinking. (Find out more on the Barn Owl Trust website.) We'd like to pass on a huge thanks to our dedicated carpentry volunteers who made and installed the rafts. They might be making a lot more in the future!

Cathy Lewis, National Trust

SWANAGE MEDICAL PRACTICE PPG

PATIENT SURVEY JUNE 2025

The results of the Patient Survey carried out by the Patient Participation Group on behalf of the Practice have now been published in the News section on the Practice's website, together with the Practice's response to the PPG's recommendations for further action - please see: <https://www.swanagemedical.org.uk/News>.

Our thanks again to the 400 people who took part in our Survey. 86% described their overall experience of the Practice as good and 89% described the experience of making their appointments as good. 77% found it easy to contact the Practice by phone, 78% found it easy to contact the Practice via the website and 79% found it easy to contact the Practice using the NHS App. The results of the Survey are set out in full in the Report, together with all the comments provided by those who took part.

Although most patients rated their experience of using the Practice positively, getting an appointment at the Practice was clearly an issue for many of those who participated in our Survey. The PPG has therefore made recommendations to address these concerns - the PPG will be supporting the Practice to take forward these recommendations, which are also set out in the Report.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING EVENT AT THE MOWLEM ON THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER: 11AM - 3PM

Don't forget to come to the free Health and Wellbeing Fair any time between 11 and 3pm - the PPG will be hosting a stand - do drop by and say "Hello". If you would also like to watch the film about Health Services in Purbeck, the first screening of which will be taking place in the Mowlem Theatre at 12.30pm, please book your free seat to watch the film by visiting The Mowlem's website at: <https://themowlem.com/event/health-and-wellbeing-event/>.

PPG MEETINGS

The PPG last met on 9 September 2025, when we were joined by Dr McIntosh, one of the GP Partners at the Practice. Our next PPG meeting will be held at the Surgery on Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 12.30pm.

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 Guy, Chair*

REQUIEM FOR HUMANITY

THE ORLANDO SINGERS, 7PM, 25 OCTOBER

EMMANUEL CHURCH SWANAGE

The Orlando Singers, directed by Sam Hanson with Helen Ostafew herself playing Piano and accompanied by a String Quintet drawn from Local Players are delighted to be performing Helen's "Requiem for Humanity" and an additional selection of music from Gershwin, Chiltern, Sachs, Richard Rogers and others... music concerned with Hope and Unity... and some fun!

PURBECK ARTISTS AND STALLHOLDERS

We would like to thank the Worth Matravers Village Hall committee for hosting us yet again for our successful Summer event. Our team are looking forward to the "new look" refurbishment. We will be back before Christmas with our homemade local arts and crafts. This is our 17th year in Worth! Thanks to locals, friends and visitors.

Diana Quinn

WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER MEETING

As autumn begins, the September Parish Council meeting covered a packed agenda with updates on local planning, safety projects, and parish improvements. Here are the highlights:

Highways & Road Safety: A351/Haycraft Lane: Residents voiced serious concerns about Dorset Council's proposed changes at the A351/Haycraft Lane junction in Harmans Cross. Worries centred on reduced visibility from the petrol station hill, the reduced use of the slip road, and increased congestion when turning. The Parish Council also noted that many residents had not yet seen Dorset Council's proposals, as the newsletter containing details had not been delivered in time for the meeting. Posters summarising the plans and inviting resident feedback will be displayed around the parish and the item discussed again in October.

Community Projects: Harmans Cross Car Park CCTV: Wi-Fi installation is under way; cameras will follow once signal strength is confirmed. Just Park App for making a donation when using the car park are underway and will hopefully be up and running soon.

Planning Applications: The Parish Council reviewed five applications.

- Application No: P/FUL/2023/07355, P/VOC/2023/07502, P/VOC/2023/07522, Location: Downs Quarry, Kingston Road, Worth Matravers, Swanage, BH19 3JP, Hearing Development: Northern extension of Downs Quarry for the extraction of building stone. Extension of Downs Quarry for the extraction of Purbeck Stone (with variation of condition 20 of 6/2021/0165 to extend the restoration end date to facilitate access to the northern extension area). Extraction of Viviparus and Burr Limestones and restoration to deciduous native woodland (with variation of condition 20 of 6/2021/0167 to extend the restoration end date to facilitate access to the northern extension area). Hearing Date: 1 October 2025
- Application No: P/VOC/225/04622, Location: Sunny Glade, Haycrafts Lane Harmans Cross BH19 3EB, Proposal: Replacement dwelling, plus erection of a garden store - (P/FUL/2023/04235), With Variation of Conditions 2, 5 and 6. To provide a level parking area to the north of the dwelling, improve accessibility, better accommodate temporary facilities during the construction phase, and allow for more greening opportunities on the site. No comment
- Application No: P/TRT/2025/04827, Location: The Spinney Springbrook Close Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5HS, Proposal: Tree 6 - Ash - Fell. Replant with Field Maple, No comment
- Application No: P/VOC/2025/05153, Location:

Requiem for Humanity is a Multi-faith choral mass with an underlying message of hope and unity. It is inspired by the belief that all of humanity has something in common and explores the themes of life and death and the many views people hold.

The work is scored for SATB choir with soprano, alto, and baritone soloists, and will be accompanied by piano and string quintet. With eleven movements, parts of the Latin mass are set alongside texts from Buddhism, Judaism, Daoism and Hinduism. It also incorporates poems from Auden and Yeats and quotes from inspirational leaders such as Gandhi.

Stylistically it combines influences from classical, folk, world music as well as film music.

It has been broadcast by BBC Radio 3 airing movements such as Lux Aeterna and Faith, and featuring "May God Remember" on BBC "Introducing in the West".

"Helen Ostafew's Requiem for Humanity is a beautifully haunting piece of music that has had a very positive response from listeners of both Radio 3 Breakfast and In Tune". Says BBC Radio 3 Producer Martin Webb. *Annie Campbell*

BUMPER FUND RAISING NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

As a result of my mother Rachel Helfer at Knitson Old Farmhouse and myself next door at The Stables, opening our gardens, we raised an amazing £6448! Every penny of this goes to charity. We have to thank those who provided cakes, teas, and savoury snacks for their input too: Connie Nall, Sally Wellman and the most wonderful bakers and organisers of Swanage WI! Monies raised from refreshments went to Friends of Swanage Hospital (£700) and Dementia Friendly Purbeck (£1000).

Entry money as always is given to the National Garden Scheme which supports charities which include; Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Parkinson's UK, Carers Trust, and The Queen's Nursing Institute. The NGS also funds its own Community Garden Grants to support community-based projects focused on health and well-being. We will be opening again in June and July 2026. Please contact me if you wish to know more (07553877947).

Becca Charron

ALICE IN CUCKOO LAND - DOUBLE ACT

As you may have seen already, your local multi-award-winning drama group is staging a pantomime this year, following on the heels of *The Shaftesbury Tales* in summer last year, *This Secret Isle* last November, *Potato Pete* at the VE80 event in early May and *Cinderella* mini-panto at the May Fair this summer. The characters you will meet this November mostly originate in Lewis Carroll's Alice books, but the plot of this pantomime certainly takes them into uncharted territory!

As well as welcoming back David Wellstead into the Dame role, we sport Nick Jubber and his son Rafe from Langton, as the Hatter and - well, you will have to come and see it to find out just what Rafe is doing this time! Alongside a very furry Karen Stevens, we also welcome back Dee Stephens as one of the Tweedle twins (partnering Emma Lacey), there's a stage debut for Julie Blinkhorn as the Knave of Hearts, while musical keyboard skills are provided by the incomparable Eve Baker. See poster p13 for performance dates and ticket details. *David Kemp*

Moone House, Valley Road, Harmans Cross Swanage BH19 3DZ, Proposal: Single storey side extension, extend existing room in roof space, alter existing dormers (with variation of condition 1 of planning permission P/HOU/2023/02368 to agree revised fenestration, an increase in height of the parapet to the larger flat roof dormer and alterations to internal layout. There is no increase in the size of first floor windows, or footprint of the proposed work), No comment

- Application No: P/TRC/2025/05187, Location: Creeper Cottage Worth Matravers BH19 3LQ, Proposal: T1 Cypress: Fell., Comment: No objection

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

Consultations & Surveys: Dorset Local Plan - The public consultation on the proposed Dorset Local Plan began on 18 August and will be open until 13 October. A public drop-in event will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church Swanage on 30 September, 2pm to 6pm.

Dorset Local Transport Plan: The consultation runs from 18 August to 13 October 2025 in parallel to the Dorset Local Plan Consultation. The draft plans can be viewed and residents can take part in the consultation online or at drop-in events: Visit: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing

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, 7 October 2025, at 7.30pm in the Harmans Cross Village Hall. Please come and join us and have your say.

Parish Council Contact Details on p5: (Please remember to give permission for your details to be shared with Councillors, but note your details will NOT be shared with anyone else). *Michell Harrington, Parish Clerk*

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OCTOBER AT HX VILLAGE HALL

October is a busy month at HXVH:
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October is Movie Month with the Purbeck Film Festival - This year we have linked up with the PFF to offer three films through the month as follows:

Tuesday 14 October – Mystery Movie Night

Thursday 23 October – *Small Things Like These*

Tuesday 28 October – *Brassed Off*

Full details of films and advanced bookings can be made at the PFF website at <https://purbeckfilm.com>. Tickets are

£8, or £6 for students and under 25s. Doors and bar open at 7pm and film starts at 7.30pm. More information also on our website at <https://www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Movie-Nights/>

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Coffee Junction: October 2, 16 and 30 from 10.30am

HXVH Church: Sunday 19 October starting at 6pm.

Everyone very welcome. *Alison & the HXVH Committee*

LANGTON MATRAVERS

PURBECK FOLK CLUB

Our resident reviewer, Bod, writes: "There was another good turnout for the August club, with several visitors to the area managing to find their way to us."

Mandy Woods, a singer-songwriter based in Glastonbury, was first up. Playing guitar and harmonica, Mandy's material covered a wide range of subjects based on her life and experiences. I particularly enjoyed Miniature Hot Dog Blues, a song about her beloved dachshunds, and Meg Ryan's Hair, which many of the audience identified with - both written with clever witty lyrics and great tunes. (Incidentally Mandy writes tailor-made songs for animal-lovers - see her website for details!)

Thanks again to Pete Christie for use of his excellent sound equipment and incomparable sound engineering.

The second set was provided by Worthing-based singer-songwriter Greg Harper, playing guitar, and very ably accompanied by Nigel Ratcliffe on keyboards. Greg also writes his own material, which ranged from stories of historical figures and environmental concerns to love stories. There was a great chemistry between the two musicians, who clearly really enjoy playing together and it was a joy to watch."

There is no meeting of the Club in October because it would clash with the Swanage Blues Festival. The next gig will be on Thursday, 6 November, when Bea Piper from Bridport will be head-lining. Some of you will have caught her brilliant but brief appearance with Malcolm Lageu in August.

More details of the November gig in the next edition of *The Dubber* - but please put the date in your diary now if you're interested.

John Kirwin

LANGTON MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL

On behalf of the Langton Matravers Committee, I would like to thank all those who took time to fill in our Village Hall questionnaire. It was so successful and we have so many new and innovative ideas to put into practice where possible.

In addition, we now have a comprehensive list of residents willing to be Friends of the Village Hall and helping out on the odd occasion. Thank you so much. We are pleased to announce due to popular demand for Tai Chi we have a new Tutor in place with classes starting on Wednesday the 17 September at 7pm and running on alternate Wednesday evenings and Sundays. You can contact Garry Williams 07871703911 or Vicki Marshall 07974674090.

We will be busy forming new events and clubs in due course and would encourage you to follow us on the Langton Matravers Website www.langtonmatraversvillagehall.co.uk and our Facebook page.

The questionnaires are still in the Church and the Village Hall if you missed filling one in feel free to email louise.

counsell@yahoo.com your answers and ideas. The ballot box has now been removed. Thank you everyone for participating.

Louise Counsell

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It's been a busy summer at the museum, with numbers up on last year. To tie in with our new Blacksmith Exhibition in the local studies room, we were very excited to have a real-life blacksmith, Will Spicer, to visit in September. He was accompanied by local stonemason Jonathan Sells, and they demonstrated their crafts, giving people the opportunity to have a go themselves. We are very grateful to them for doing this, and will hope to welcome them back next year. The museum will close for the winter at the end of September, and we look forward to welcoming you again at the beginning of April 2026.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We are in the process of planning our usual series of winter talks; so far they are as follows:

Thursday, 23 October, 2025: 'Durnford Diamonds', by Mary Sparks.

Thursday, 20 November, 2025: 'Brandy for the Parson, Baccy for the Clerk' – Smuggling on the Coastline of Dorset, by Mike Randall.

Thursday, 15 January, 2026: 'Geology of the Quarry to Castle Trail and Two Years of Radar in Worth Matravers and Leeson House', by Patrick Corbett.

Watch the website for other talks/dates (currently in planning) in 2026, including some of our popular short afternoon events. All evening talks are at 7.30pm, doors open 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend: £3 for members, £4 for non-members.

The first of the series for the winter, 'Durnford Diamonds' explores the role of the Pellatt family in the development of prep schools in the village of Langton Matravers in the twentieth century. Using newly available photos, maps and architectural plans, the talk explains the phenomenon of prep schools and shows how and why the Pellatts re-developed local buildings and even created a purpose-built school at Spyway, always using the diamond-paned windows to leave their mark in the built environment. The later use of these buildings is also explored, coupled with the author's personal experience of working or living at these institutions over time.

Our archaeology project in conjunction with the 'Dorset Diggers' is progressing well, with some exciting new finds. The team welcomes volunteers to join in: if you are interested, please use our website contact form to find out more.

Membership fees were due on 1 September. If a member, please renew! If not, please consider joining us. Annual Membership is £10 for individuals or £15 for family/joint membership, or for just £100 you can become a member for life. To join the Society, or renew membership, either talk to our friendly team at events, or follow the link to membership on the website to download the application form at: <https://www.langtonia.org/membership.html>

Daryle Pearson & Mary Sparks, LMLHPS

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER MEETING

National Trust Report: Amelia Rowe for the National Trust presented plans for dealing with ash die back

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issues, including the necessary access restrictions to Langton Westwood. Ash dieback has accelerated over the last few years and the NT will have to undertake more felling, leading to the temporary (but measured in years) closure of permissive routes in Langton Westwood from mid-October. Amelia indicated that it appeared the paths which will be closed are those which are used least. The felled trees will remain in the wood and it is hoped that other species will benefit from the reduction in the canopy to replace the ash over time.

Consultations: We've reached the end of the first half of consultation season, but pull your socks up because the second half promises to be even more active, and we may be headed into overtime. The Dorset National Landscape Partnership have a new draft plan developed by the National Landscape team with input from a wide range of partners which is in consultation until 22 September.

The Dorset Local Plan Consultation Tour hits Swanage on 30 September (Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2pm to 6pm). Critics say it's not quite as popular as the Oasis 25 Tour, so there should be enough seats for residents to attend without buying a VIP ticket. The key issue for Langton residents is likely to be Flexible Settlements Policy which threatens a significant impact Tier 3 settlements since it removes the concept of 'settlement boundaries' and instead enables the development of new homes of up to 30 dwellings within or adjacent to the edge of the continuous built area. There's also the target of 400 new homes in Swanage which is likely to garner some attention. The online survey closes 13 October.

The Dorset Local Transport Plan consultation opened on 18 August and also closes 13 October 2025 in parallel to the Dorset Local Plan Consultation. All three can be viewed and completed online.

The Langton Matravers Housing Needs Survey is open to all residents and anyone with a local connection starting on 22 September 2025 for three weeks and its findings could prove critical in the context of the OMH planning application for 15 new homes below so please take part.

Planning: The planning discussion focused on the proposed development of 15 new homes on the Old Malt House Site (P/FUL/2025/04406). There was a meeting on 5 September at LMVH which was attended by ~50 residents and Cllrs. which discussed the main issues and many residents have posted comments on the DC Planning site. LPMC discussed the matter and unanimously resolved to Object in consideration of several issues including Traffic Management, the Design and Layout of the Properties, Water/Sewerage and Ground Water Management, Exterior Lighting, Housing Need and Incremental Development, Lack of Clarity over rights to Community Land and the Loss of Playing Field.

The appeal hearing before the Planning Inspectorate against the refused application for the expansion of Downs Quarry (Lovells) (P/FUL/2023/07355 will be opened at Westport House, Worgret Road, Wareham, BH20 4PP on 1 October 2025 at 10am and LMPC encourages residents to attend in person.

Next Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 9 October, 2025 in the Langton Matravers Village Hall - please come and have your say.

Parish Council Contact Details on p5: 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, Vice Chairman



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9	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
11	9.30-Noon	Stalls in the Hall	HXXVH
11	6pm	Harvest Supper	LMVH
12	1-4pm	Wedding Fayre	HXXVH
14	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
14	6.30pm	Any Questions - Canon Vernon White	Emmanuel Ch
14	7pm	Mystery Movie	HXXVH
16	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	LMVH
16	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction	HXXVH
16	10.30 - 11.30am	Mobility & Balance Classes Begin	CCVH
21	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
23	7pm	Film: <i>Small Things Like These</i>	HXXVH
23	7pm	LMLHPS: 'Durnford Diamonds' - Mary Sparks	LMVH
25	7pm	'Requiem for Humanity'	Emmanuel Ch
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28	7pm	Film: <i>Brassed Off</i>	HXXVH
30	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction	HXXVH

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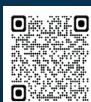
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Consultations run: 18 August to 13 October 2025

View both plans at drop in events. See the dates and share your thoughts at:

dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-is-changing

View the documents at your local library and County Hall, Dorchester



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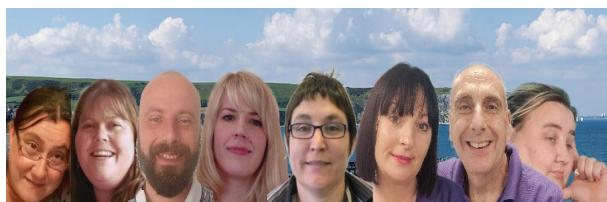


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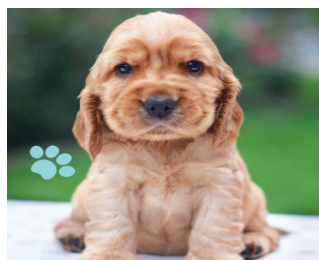
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