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All Souls Services

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

*5pm Celtic Evening Prayer, Worth
6pm All Souls, St George's, Langton*

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SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER

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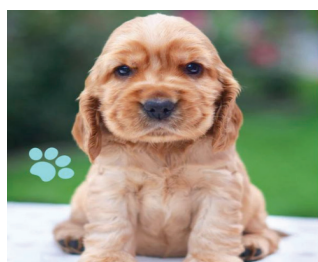
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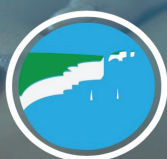
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From the Editor

It's approaching Christmas and there are plenty of things going on in the Parish and beyond. Hopefully, I have put many of them in the What's On section but Nicky's News Letter also keeps us well-informed. If you don't get the Weekly News, let her know (email below) and I'm sure she will add you to her email list.

Angela

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Deadlines are the second Thursday of the month unless otherwise stated

**December issue deadline
is 13 November**

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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 **December** issue is noon on **Thursday, 13 November** & it will hopefully be ready for collection circa **28 November** (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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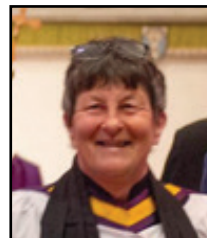
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Thoughts from the Rectory



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The evenings are drawing in and the sun's warmth is very different from our summer but it still gives me joy to see it. We were caught by the edge of storm Amy and my apple tree left me with an even deeper carpet of apples!! We are told it is a 'mast' year where the trees and bushes have produced an extravagant level of fruit. Our hot summer meaning our trees and fruit bushes rushed to produce seeds to enable new trees and plants to grow next year. This year nature has been left gasping for water and this is their self-preservation tactics! Isn't it wonderful to see everything 'green up' again. That brings me joy too. We have much to look forward to and much to be thankful for.

I want to thank everyone who turned out for our Macmillan Coffee Morning in October. A lot of fun, laughter, and cake eating went on. We welcomed a good few dogs too. Giving thanks for our brilliant cake makers. The final count should make the £450... mark once the final count is in. So as we head into November we begin the journey of remembrance again. We look forward to welcoming you to the services we will be running across the parish to pay our respects to all those lost to us through war and conflict.

May your November be a warm one and one when we check on each other making sure our villagers have warmth, clothing and food to suffice their needs.

Every Blessing,

Rev Lindy Jane

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WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

9.45am	Breakfast Church	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
5pm	All Souls' Celtic Evening Prayer	Worth
6pm	All Souls' Service	Langton

WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

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

SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER

10.30am	Remembrance Service	Corfe
10.40am	Remembrance Service	Langton
10.45am	Remembrance Service	Kingston
10.50am	Remembrance Service	St Nicholas Church Yard
11.05am	Holy Communion	Langton
3pm	Remembrance Service	Tyneham

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER

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

WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

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

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

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

WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

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

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

10.30am	Benefice Service	Church Knowle
6pm	Darkness to Light	Kingston

ST ALDHELM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

A final word on the St Aldhelm Christmas tree festival, we still have a few places available for anyone wanting to decorate a tree, either for themselves or to promote an organisation, application forms can be found on our website: <https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com>.

We are always very grateful for anyone donating cakes for the refreshments; we do get through a vast quantity of cake which helps to raise the money we give to our local charities, also we are still looking for any singers/musicians, either small groups or choirs willing to give up half an hour of their time to entertain at the festival.

The festival runs from 6 -8 December, at St George's Church, Langton Matravers for more information phone 01929 424431, or email staldhelmxmastreefest@gmail.com.

Most importantly please come along to this year's event, we cannot do it without your support. *Colin & Sandy Garner*

SWANAGE MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

WINTER 2025 FLU VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

It's that time of year again! We urge everyone who is eligible to book their flu jabs as soon as possible - if they have not already done so.

THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR A FLU VACCINATION THIS AUTUMN INCLUDE:

- People aged 65 or older
- People aged under 65 with health problems (in a high-risk group)
- People aged under 65 who have a learning disability
- Children aged 2 to 16
- People living in care homes
- Frontline health or social care workers
- People who live with someone with a weak immune system
- Those who are the main carer of an older or disabled person, carer's allowance

If you have not already been invited to attend the Surgery for your flu jab, please ring the Surgery to book an appointment as soon as possible.

Please note that Dorset HealthCare will be taking care of flu vaccinations for housebound patient and care home residents, as well as school age children. Pregnant women will be offered a flu jab through their Maternity Service.

WINTER 2025 COVID-19 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

We encourage everyone who is eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccination as soon as possible. This Autumn, those eligible for a free NHS COVID-19 vaccination include:

- People aged 75 or over (including those who will be 75 by 31 January 2026)
- People living in care homes for older adults
- People aged 6 months to 74 years who have a weakened immune system.

You can book via the NHS Vaccination and Booking Services webpage at: Vaccination and booking services – NHS or by calling 119. You can also visit a walk-in clinic, Without needing to book an appointment - find out more at: Community walk-in clinics – Stay Well Dorset.

Health and Wellbeing Fair held at The Mowlem on 2 October. It was really good to see so many people at this event, which was organised by the Purbeck Integrated Neighbourhood Team. They would like everyone in Purbeck to com-

plete the survey questionnaire, launched at the event, so they can better understand your health and wellbeing needs. The following link takes you directly to the questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/e/05BBHhuzyw>

PPG MEETINGS

Our next PPG meeting will be held at the Surgery on Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 12.30pm, when Diana Edmonds will be telling us more about the work of the Friends of Swanage Library.

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, PPG Chair

HARMONY ROCKS CHOIR

On Saturday, 13 December 2025, there will be our 'Sing for Christmas' concert at St James' Church, Kingston at 2pm.

Entry to the concert is free but we will be asking for donations to Julia's House Dorset & Wiltshire Children's Hospices (did you know they rely on 92% of their funding from donations and fundraising?). In addition, there will be a raffle where you could win a prize for yourselves. Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

Our choir has grown to some 50 members which is very exciting as we can fill this wonderful venue with the sound of many more voices in celebration of the Christmas season.

Anne Elford

TREV'S BOOK

Trev Haysom's *PURBECK STONE* is available in its 2nd edition from Haysom's Quarries on the Kingston Road. The reviews of the book have been excellent, e.g.:

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"It is difficult to remember when such an impressive and important book about Dorset was last published" (Dorset Life)

"Trev probably knows more about Purbeck stone and the traditions that go along with it than any other person" (Natural Stone Specialist). At £35, this is such good value and would make a great Christmas present! *Sue Haysom*

FREE CARER VIRTUAL FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS

Carer Support Wiltshire & Dorset Carer Money Matters Services are delighted to be offering four recurring financial support workshops this Autumn/Winter season to provide unpaid carers with practical advice, financial guidance, or simply a space to feel supported, all from the comfort of their own home. These information sessions will be held monthly and last 30 - 40 minutes, with time for a Q&A session afterwards for anyone who would like to stay and ask more questions. We know unpaid carers time is precious and limited, so we are offering both lunchtime and evening options to fit around most people's schedule.

These friendly and informative workshops are packed with useful tips, support, and resources to help carers manage their finances, caring responsibilities, and wellbeing with confidence. They will be run by our Financial Wellbeing Officers who are experts in their fields and are always ready to

give personalised advice and support where possible.

THE WORKSHOPS ON OFFER THIS AUTUMN/WINTER INCLUDE:

Financial MOT: Are You Getting What You're Entitled To? - Many carers miss out on financial help simply because they don't know what is available. This workshop gives an overview of benefits and entitlements, energy and utility savings, and how to access grants and support. We'll also talk about longer-term support like debt advice and training.

Holiday-Ready: Planning Ahead & Spending Smart - The festive season can bring extra costs and stress, especially for unpaid carers. This session offers helpful budgeting tips, ideas for low-cost gifts and activities, and advice on avoiding seasonal debt. We will also explore ways to support carers mental and emotional wellbeing during busy or difficult times.

Energy Saving at Home: Smart Tips for Carers - This workshop will provide practical, low-cost ways to cut energy bills and keep homes warm and safe during the colder months. We will cover energy-saving tips, how to access support for bills or debt, and ways to stay well during winter. We will also provide information on how we can help unpaid carers get on the Priority Services Register and how to access vital equipment like carbon monoxide alarms.

Working While Caring: Finding the Right Balance - Balancing work and caring can be overwhelming. In this session, we will talk carers through their rights as working carers, including flexible work options, and how to return to work if they have taken a break. We will also provide advice on job searching, building a CV, and where to find employment and skills support.

These workshops are another step towards Carer Support Wiltshire & Dorset's aim to provide accessible support and advice to all unpaid carers struggling financially throughout both counties. We wanted to offer a diverse range of workshops that could cater to the money worries we hear unpaid carers struggling with the most, especially during the colder months.

Our Carer Money Matters service was established in 2024 in partnership with Carers Trust. The program's aim is to provide financial support and information, along with services that understand the unique financial needs that carers individually face and finding practical solutions to help unpaid carers take back financial control of their lives. These workshops join our other support services, which include financial wellness hubs, that can be found throughout both counties.

Dates and times of workshops can be found here for Dorset carers: <https://bit.ly/4nbajQc>

To reserve a space on these virtual workshop's carers should email events@carersupportservices.co.uk.

Carer Support Dorset can be contacted on 0800 368 8349 and information found at carersupportdorset.co.uk.

Jess Marshall

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They hold bookable face-to-face sessions at Swanage Library on Mondays from 2pm - 5pm. To book an appointment go into the library or call the Digital Hotline on 01305 221048.

Lyndsey Trinder

STONE CARVING COURSES AT BURNGATE

“To be with rock is to be respectful of everything that is foundational in a system” says Ruth Allen in her 2024 book “Weathering”. Are you wanting to get closer to our Purbeck Stone but not sure you have the resources? Thanks to funding from Worth Parish Council, Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre has been able to develop its Have a Go and Continuing in Stone courses by supporting materials, advertising, and other resources. As a result, we are now able to offer free places on these courses to individuals in the community who are keen to take up new hobbies or careers! To qualify, you need to live in the local WPC area, be unemployed, a carer, or an early school leaver. These limited places are available when there is space on courses. For more information or to register interest, please contact info@burngatestonecentre.co.uk.

Patrick Corbett

CORFE CASTLE SURGERY & PPG

By the time this is read, the October flu clinics will have been completed at the Surgery so it is very appropriate to thank the team for their time and commitment to this service. The events become ‘social gatherings’ with many catching up with friends, and PPG members having the opportunity to support the Surgery in a practical way. Our thanks to Dilys and Howard Thomas for organising a MacMillan coffee morning alongside the second flu session.

We are also grateful to Howard for organising a further Health talk on ‘hip problems’ on Thursday, 13 November 7pm at the Corfe Club when Professor Robert Middleton, Head of the Orthopaedic Research unit at Bournemouth university and Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon will be giving us a talk on: “Hip replacement Robotics. The solution and the future”.

Please do support this event - hip problems being common for many of us.

In early October the Primary Care Network(PCN) organised a successful health fair at the Mowlem in Swanage and the viewing of a film introducing us to the many health related services available to us in Purbeck.

I was delighted to represent the 6 PPGs in Purbeck. There will be further opportunities to view the film later in the year.

Please do give us feedback on the PPG led exercise classes being held at the Corfe Village Hall for a six week trial starting mid October - another opportunity to exercise and meet socially. Enjoy the Autumn time!

Maggie Hardy

PURBECK CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

11- 14 DECEMBER 2025

This year the Purbeck Christmas Tree Festival will be held from 11-13 December from 10am-6pm each day, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage. There is also a special Remembrance Service called ‘Lights of Love’ at 4pm on Sunday, 14 December, if you want to come to a gentle reflective service and light a candle for loved ones who are no longer with us, please do come and join us.

There will be a warm welcome and everyone can wander through the trees, enjoy seasonal refreshments, listen to

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local talented musicians and singers with activities for children of all ages, and stories in the stable for the younger children. This year the theme is Christmas Around the World. There is no entrance fee, but any donations will go to local charities. This year we are supporting Julia's House and also raising money for another Dorset Air Ambulance.

Once again, from the start of December, we will have a Tree of Remembrance outside of Emmanuel Baptist Church on which people can put named ribbons of loved ones they wish to remember at Christmastime.

Judy Forgan & Janet Norley

LANGTON MATRAVERS

PURBECK FOLK CLUB

Our next event will be on **Thursday, 6 November** when Bridport-based Bea Piper will be joining us. Some of you will have caught her brief appearance duetting with Malcolm Lageu at our August gig. Bea is a former member of Hands of the Heron and is the vocalist for The Good Beast. She has the most exquisite voice.

Also on the bill is local singer-songwriter Buzz Burrell who has played many times at Sandy Hill Arts.

We meet at Langton Matravers Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30 for an 8pm start. Admission is £8 on the door (cash only).

A "Pop-up Cafe" will be selling tea, coffee and home-made cake. You are also welcome to bring your own drinks - glasses provided.

We look forward to seeing you for another great night of live music.

John Kirwin

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall regularly needs repairs, maintenance, upgrading etc to its fabric and facilities – these involve significant amounts of money and we have limited funds, so we need to seek and apply for grants where they are available. Making grant applications takes time and is a skill. The Management Committee of the Village Hall would be grateful for help from anybody with knowledge and experience of applying for grants.

There will be a limited number of requirements for funding, so we do not expect that this would take an undue amount of time, but it is an essential task. If you can help, please contact the Treasurer David Hitchcock at david@dbmltd.co.uk.

Village Hall Management Committee

APPLES AT THE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The Friends of the Woodland Trail had a very happy morning at the start of October, gathering at the Community Orchard and Trail on a lovely sunny day to pick our wonderful crop of apples and do some more work on dead-hedging and other tidying. Do visit when you are next passing: there are lots of apples for all to share. The orchard is behind the school field and can be reached by going down Garfield Lane and turning left. If you haven't found it yet, do go exploring.

Several children's groups are using the Trail for outdoor learning and fun, among them Beavers and the Pre-School. St George's Forest School has committed to help with the maintenance of the Woodland Trail as one of its users: Sue and Chris Spilling recently took staff and children down to Langton Westwood to cut some hazel stakes to build dead

hedging along the Trail. It's making the link between school and community.

The Friends of the Woodland Trail always welcome new people to come and help for an hour or so now and then: if you are interested, do get in touch with Sue Spilling susspgy@gmail.com to find out more. We always have a Spring clear-out: watch out for an announcement in *The Dubber* nearer the time.

Friends of the Woodland Trail

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

OCTOBER MEETING

The Parish Council met on **Thursday, 9 October 2025**, with six members of the public in attendance. The meeting covered a wide range of local topics, including allotments, flooding, planning applications, and upcoming community events.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

During the public participation session, residents expressed concerns about the effectiveness of recent flooding mitigation measures, particularly the bunds. The Council also heard from the Allotment Association, who requested an update on boundary fence maintenance. Association members have carried out some interim work, and the Council will share details of future repair plans and timescales once confirmed.

Further issues raised included the Dorset Local Plan consultation, specifically the impact of the proposed Flexible Settlement Boundary. Ongoing road safety concerns at the junction of Old Malthouse Lane were also highlighted. The Council will continue to engage with Dorset Council to seek assurances regarding traffic management plans and the potential impacts of current developments.

FLOODING AND PLANNING

The Council discussed the revised flood management plan for Langton House. While thanking the applicant for the amended plans, members resolved to reiterate their objection, noting that reliance on historical data may not ensure effective mitigation during a period of rapid climate change.

Flooding also remains a concern at Durnford Drove, where the National Trust has received a quotation from Openreach to explore the relocation of an underground cable. This work would allow the adjacent drainage ditch to be deepened, improving local water flow. A meeting hosted by the National Trust on 16 October will bring together key stakeholders to discuss the issue further.

LANGTON COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (CLT)

It was reported that the Housing Needs Survey closes on 13 October, and all residents were encouraged to participate to help identify local housing requirements. The results of the survey will be shared at a future meeting.

POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATION

Two new policies — IT Usage and the Website Accessibility Statement — were adopted, further strengthening the Council's governance framework.

It was noted that an additional contractor has visited the allotments to provide a quotation for replacement fencing, with an update to follow at a future meeting. The allotment fees for 2027 were approved.

The Cemetery Gate works have now been completed, and the Notice of Completion for the 2024–25 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) was acknowledged.

DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dorset Councillor Ben Wilson was unable to attend the meeting in person but provided an update on several key local matters. He reported on flooding at Durnford Drove and the Langton House development (P/FUL/2024/06961), where the Parish Council has asked Dorset Council to pay particular attention to the risk of increased surface water run-off.

Councillor Wilson also noted that the Downs Quarry Extension appeal and site visit took place at the start of October, with the Inspector's report now awaited.

He further advised that upcoming highway works at the "Lidl roundabout" north of Wareham may cause travel disruption for local commuters. Finally, Councillor Wilson highlighted Dorset Council's Community and Culture Project Fund, which offers grants of up to £5,000 for local arts, heritage, and community projects. More information is available on the Dorset Council website.

DATES AND EVENTS

Residents and councillors were reminded of the following key dates: the Purbeck Film Festival: 17 October – 2 November (www.purbeckfilm.com); the short-term closure of Household Recycling Centre's for maintenance - Wareham (14–15 October) and Swanage (21–22 October). Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner Survey: closes 16 October – residents are encouraged to share their views on local safety.

WOODLAND TRAIL

The recent Woodland Trail Day was a great success, and there are still plenty of apples left on the trees! The Trail is looking excellent, but more volunteers are needed to help with ongoing maintenance, anyone interested is encouraged to contact the Clerk. Thanks were extended to Chris and Sue Spilling for their hard work and for kindly providing tea, coffee, and biscuits on the day.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday, 13 November 2025 at the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend and take part in the public participation session.

For all enquiries, please contact the Parish Clerk. Contact details p5.

Emma Evans, Parish Clerk

WORTH MATRAVERS

VILLAGE HALL

Last December we launched our Village Hall fundraising campaign, aiming to raise £70,000 over the course of 2025 and 2026. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we have now already raised £57,000. This fantastic achievement allowed us to begin major maintenance and improvement works last month. These are on track to be completed by the end of November, enabling the Hall to reopen in December.

We are deeply grateful to all of you who donated and supported our fundraising events—your contributions have made this possible. A special thank you also goes to the organisations whose grants gave us a vital boost: the Worth Matravers Parish Council, the Dorset Council Capital Leverage Fund, the Bernard Sunley Foundation and the Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to explore ways to further improve the Hall. In the meantime, and for anyone who still wishes to support our efforts, donations can be made via our website.

We very much look forward to welcoming you back

to the Village Hall in December. Among the first events in our calendar will be the relaunch of our Film Club following a five-month break, including a very special Christmas screening on the 18 December in support of the Swanage Food Bank. Please pencil the date into your diary. With heartfelt thanks.

The Village Hall Committee

ST NICHOLAS CHURCHYARD

SATURDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 10AM-NOON CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP

Autumn has come and although we always leave plenty of wild corners in the churchyard for winter shelter for animals, there is still tidying up to do. It's just a case of balancing things, so that we can continue to avoid using weed-killers, and keep the churchyard looking cared for and well-loved, but full of richness and interest.

Do join us, there are jobs for all abilities, from easy weeding to clearing the long meadow area. Things to remember... Strong shoes/wellies, gardening gloves, any tools you think might be useful. No need to stay for the whole session.

Bring a mug for coffee/tea and biscuits at half time! (contact 07493 199665).

Kathy Hollidge

WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

OCTOBER MEETING

As the nights draw in and autumn settles across Purbeck, the October Parish Council meeting at Harmans Cross Village Hall covered a range of local updates, from road safety improvements and planning matters to new community initiatives and funding decisions.

Highways & Road Safety - A351/Haycraft Lane: Following feedback from residents, Worth Matravers Parish Council has submitted a response to Dorset Council regarding the proposed road safety improvements at the Haycrafts Lane junction. The Council has requested that the proposed pedestrian refuge be moved further west toward the bus shelter, where dropped kerbs already exist, and has asked Dorset Council to include a zebra crossing to improve pedestrian safety. Other requests included clarification on whether yellow lines will be single or double, extending them further down Tabbitt's Hill Lane, and repainting the central white line to help define traffic lanes

Harmans Cross Car Park (JustPark App Launch): The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the JustPark App will be launched this month at Harmans Cross Car Park. The app will provide a secondary and convenient method of making a donation when using the car park. Please note that parking at Harmans Cross remains by voluntary donation, not a charge. This new option is designed to make it easier for visitors and residents to contribute toward the ongoing maintenance and improvements of parish facilities.

Budget Planning: Initial discussions have begun on the 2026–27 budget and 2025–26 year-end forecast, with approval expected in November.

Policies & Digital Compliance: Two important policies were adopted at the meeting, a revamped Grant Awarding Policy and a revised Safeguarding Policy. In addition, the Council agreed to adopt a policy to supply each councillor with a Parish-owned device, helping to improve data protection and meet new digital compliance standards.

Community Projects & Events: Play Park Repairs: The Council approved repairs to the Westburton Field gate, ensuring safety and accessibility.

Fingerpost Signs: Councillors agreed in principle to replace dilapidated fingerposts around the parish. A list of locations will be compiled for repair or replacement. Please report any dilapidated fingerpost to the Clerk, with as a What3Words location and a photo.

Defibrillator Funding: The Council approved a £600 donation toward a new defibrillator at Foley's Garage, Harmans Cross. Thanks to Foleys garage members for initiating this project.

Alzheimer's Walk: Permission was granted for Gladiator Events Ltd to use the Worth Matravers overflow car park for the 2026 Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday 6 June 2026.

Planning Applications: The Council reviewed several planning applications this month. Key items included:

- P/NMA/2025/05548 – The Firs, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross: The Council raised concern that proposed material and design changes are not Non-Material and therefore do not agree with the use of a Non-Material Amendment Application.
- P/CLE/2025/05670 – Flower Meadow, Haycrafts Lane: The Council questioned whether minimal roof-tile removal constituted genuine commencement of work and sought Dorset Council's clarification on this issue alongside Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) obligations.
- P/VOC/2025/05153 – Moone House, Valley Road: The Council objected to the Variation of Condition Application noting building works had taken place not originally applied for or as agreed.

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

DORSET COUNCIL UPDATE

Road Resurfacing: Approved works at the Worth Matravers / B3069 junction scheduled for 12–13 November, using durable stone mastic asphalt.

Downs Quarry Appeal: The hearing took place on 1–2 October and was well attended by residents; the Inspector's report is awaited.

Funding Opportunity: Dorset Council is inviting local groups to apply for up to £5,000 through the Community and Culture Project Fund to support arts, heritage, and community projects.

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

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

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HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

We are showing a couple of lovely films with some of our favourite stars in November and December. As always, doors and bar open at 7pm and its £6 on the door.

Tuesday 11 November – Movie Night – *Philomena*

The film stars Judi Dench as Philomena Lee, an elderly woman who has been searching for her son for 50 years, and Steve Coogan as a journalist, who tries to help her find him

Tuesday 9 December – Movie Night – *The Lady in the Van*

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Live Music – The Churchfitters are back – Wednesday 17 December

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Harmans Cross Christmas drinks – Friday 19 December from 7pm

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OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Coffee Junction: October 30, November 13 & 27, December 11 from 10.30am

HXVH Church: Sunday 16 November and Sunday 21 December starting at 6pm. Everyone very welcome.

Alison & the HXVH Committee

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6	10-Noon	Worth Churchyard Clean Up	Worth Churchyard
6	7.30pm	Purbeck Folk Club	LMVH
8	7.30pm	Artsreach: Jon Doran & the Northern Assembly	LMVH
11	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
11	7pm	Film: <i>Philomena</i>	HXVH
13	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction	HXVH
13	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
15	10-2pm	Christmas Fair	LMVH
18	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
20	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	LMVH
25	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
26	7-9pm	Stitching Session with Charlotte Fereday	Sandy Hill Arts
27	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction	HXVH
27, 28, 29	7.30pm	<i>Alice in Cuckoo Land</i>	CCVH
29	2.30pm	Matinee: <i>Alice in Cuckoo Land</i>	CCVH
29-7 Dec	11-4pm	PASH Christmas Crafts & Produce	WMVH

DECEMBER 2025

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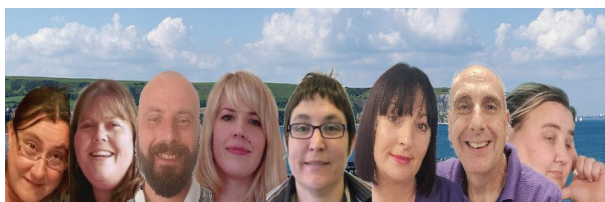
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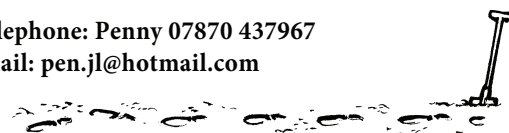
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