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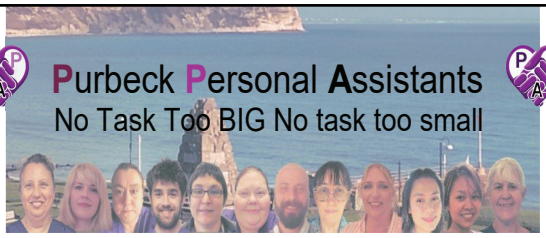
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From the Editor



Just a brief 'Hello' from me in this very packed ***Dubber*** *edition. I apologise for the hard edits and omissions and I will try and rectify the latter in November.*

Angela

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Hello from the Rectory

As I sit down to write, the outside temperature is cooler than of late and I expect by the time you read this I might even have resorted to trainers over sandals and flip-flops!

The garden is recovering from the blast furnace of our summer and is showing me all the jobs that need doing before Autumn turns to winter. My family of Green Woodpeckers are still enjoying the anthills and their very distinctive cry



echos around the garden as they chat to each other while supervising the latest addition to their family. As always nature and creation draw me closer to God as I look at all that created beauty. I value greatly my time in the garden and I draw from the life that it gives me as I work among you in various capacities. With Autumn brings the St George's Harvest Supper and our Celebration & Harvest themed service of 150 years of this current church. Both the supper on 9 October and the service on 18 October are set to be joyful and thankful occasions. Do look at the cover of this month's Dubber.

With every blessing this Autumn,
Revd Lindy Jane

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Do bring along your pet (or a photo of them) for a blessing.
All are welcome



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10am	Holy Communion	Langton
SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER		
9.45am	Breakfast Church	Langton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
5pm	Celtic Evening Prayer + Pet Blessing	Worth
WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER		
8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton
SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER		
8am	Holy Communion BCP	Worth
9.30am	Holy Communion	Steeple
9.45am	Holy Communion	Langton
10.30am	Morning Worship	Corfe
10.30am	Informal Worship	Kingston
11am	Walking Church	TBC
WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER		
8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton
SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER		
9.45am	150th Anniversary & Harvest Service	Langton
10am	Harvest Service	Worth
10.30am	All Age Harvest Service	Corfe
6pm	Evening Worship	HX
WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER		
8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton
SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER		
9.45am	Holy Communion	Langton
10am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Worth
10.30am	Holy Communion	Corfe
11am	Walking Church	TBC
11.30am	Holy Communion	Kingston
WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER		
8.30am	Morning Prayer	Corfe
10am	Holy Communion	Langton

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CHURCH NEWS

POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

A huge thank you to all those who have knitted or crocheted poppies for our Remembrance display in St George's Church. We are on the last leg – please keep the poppies coming.

We are going to meet in St George's Church on Tuesday, 20 October at 10am to attach the poppies to the netting. Do come along if you'd like to join in, refreshments will be provided. The display will be up from 1-24 November.

Janet Robinson & Elizabeth Earl

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS SINGERS!

Every year our Carol Service attracts well over 100 people, and one of its special features is our 25-strong Christmas choir, adding plenty of musical sparkle to the traditional readings and carols.

But this year is rather special — our Church is celebrating its 150th Anniversary! So we're planning to make this year's Carol Service on Saturday, 19 December extra memorable, with some traditional favourites alongside a very special — and fun — choir item that I'm sure will raise a smile. (Think 2003 – Sheep!)

To make the sound even bigger and better, I'd love to recruit more singers this year. We need sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. And, as always, we are particularly short of men. So, gentlemen, this is your moment.

You don't need to be a seasoned choir member — just enjoy singing and be willing to have a go.

Rehearsals are on 27 November, 4, 11 and 18 December.

Come and join us, make some music, have fun and help us celebrate 150 years of our Church building in suitably spectacular style! Contact Richard: richard@staldhelm-purbeck.org

Richard Earle

GENERAL NEWS

ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL

A WONDERFUL START TO AUTUMN 2026

The autumn term has begun with excitement, enthusiasm and plenty of new beginnings here at St George's Primary School and Pre-school.

We have been delighted to welcome our new Reception children, who have settled into school life brilliantly. It has been wonderful to see them growing in confidence, making new friends and embracing all the opportunities that school has to offer. The Preschool did a wonderful job last year ensuring that the children were familiar with the school and school staff. This helped to make sure that the children's first day at 'big' school was not as daunting. The children's positive start has been a pleasure to witness, and we would like to thank families for their support during this important transition.

Although autumn is just around the corner, we have continued to enjoy some lovely sunshine. Children across the school have made the most of the warmer weather, spending time outdoors at playtimes and enjoying the benefits of fresh air and active play.

At St George's Pre-school, we are pleased to continue our popular 'Pop In and Play' sessions. These friendly and informal sessions take place every Thursday afternoon from 1.15pm to 3pm and are open to local families with young children. They provide a wonderful opportunity for children to explore, play and become familiar with our setting, while parents and carers can meet staff and other local families. If you would like to find out more about our Pre-school or the 'Pop In and Play' sessions, please contact the school office on 01929 422973.

The autumn term is always a special time of year, full of excitement, new experiences and fresh opportunities. We are looking forward to a busy and successful term ahead and to seeing our children continue to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

Amy Howe, Deputy Headteacher

ST ALDHELM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Once again, we are working towards this year's Christmas Tree Festival which has been held at St George's Church in Langton Matravers since 2016.

We would like to thank all those who have contributed over the years to make this community event so successful. In these difficult times, we realise spare money is harder to come by, but it is even harder for the charities we support; this year we will be donating all proceeds to Swanage Lifeboat and Planet Purbeck. Your help can be given in many ways. Firstly, by sponsoring a tree and decorating it in any way you like, the cost of a 5ft tree is £28. Secondly, if baking is your thing, we need cakes to sell at the refreshment table. Thirdly, if you can sing or play any musical instrument, how about performing at the festival to entertain our visitors and, finally, just come along with your friends and soak up the atmosphere. The festival will run from 28 - 30 November, more details can be found on our website https://staldhelmxmastreefestival.wordpress.com/

Colin & Sandy Garner

PURBECK FILM FEST 30TH ANNIVERSARY



Rowan Atkinson will join Purbeck Film Festival in person this autumn for a Jacques Tati day at the Mowlem theatre, Swanage, honouring a filmmaker who shaped his own comic sensibility - one of the standout events in a season marking thirty years of the UK's longest-running rural film festival.

Founded in 1996 to mark cinema's centenary, the Festival has grown from a modest first year - 1,700 visitors across 21 screenings - into a charity with genuine national reach. Early seasons featured directors Stephen Frears and Asif Kapadia, Julian Fellowes on *Gosford Park*, and cinematographers Jack Cardiff and Ossie Morris. In 2009, the Purbeck Film Charitable Trust brought the Festival and Rex Cinema together, a partnership lasting until 2021. Dame Maggie Smith's 2015 visit remains a high point, and patrons Sir Mark Rylance and Sir Sam Mendes continue a legacy built on rural roots and quiet ambition.

Reflecting on the milestone, Rylance called the anniversary "quite remarkable", adding that small festivals like Purbeck are a "godsend for filmmakers" that help nurture the human heart of cinema.

Purbeck's distinctiveness lies in its venues: Corfe Castle, village halls, secret gardens, restaurants and stately homes stand in for conventional cinemas.

Beyond the Atkinson event, this year's anniversary programme includes exclusive previews, Cannes prize-winners

and UK premieres alongside the documentaries and local stories that have long defined the Festival. BAFTA-nominated director Philippa Lowthorpe presents her adaptation *H Is for Hawk*, starring Claire Foy, at St Mary's Church, Swanage. The Etches Collection, Kimmeridge, hosts a Family Gala screening of *Jurassic Park* alongside 'Big Sara', the museum's Allosaurus, with free tubs of Purbeck Ice Cream 'Diggasaurus'.

The Autumn Festival runs from Friday, 16 October to Sunday 1 November 2026, with screenings across Purbeck, Poole, Bournemouth and beyond. Full details at www.purbeckfilm.com

The Festival Team

WALK FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

On 14 September I will set out from Minehead with the intention of walking the full length of the South West Coast Path. I aim to finish at Studland in Poole, Dorset by 20 November. I am walking in aid of the BBC Children in Need charity. I am hoping that my efforts will raise some funds for this very deserving charity.

The South West Coast Path represents a challenge for those that like walking - a 630 mile adventure around the coastline of England's south west peninsula. There's more than 115,000 ft of ascent and descent, completing it is equivalent to climbing Everest four times.

This will be a solo unsupported walk, where I plan to sleep in a tent and carry all my own equipment. A few friends have threatened to join me on route to make sure I keep to the challenge - I welcome their company.

I have set an ambitious target of trying to raise £6,300 (£10 for every mile walked). Please can I ask you to give what you can afford, big or small, every penny counts and will help improve the lives of children who through no fault of their own are at a disadvantage in this world. On their behalf I thank you for your support and your generosity.

BBC Children in Need believes every child deserves the chance to thrive. Across the UK, they fund vital projects in local communities that support children facing poverty, mental health struggles, grief and other challenges. Too many children are facing impossible challenges alone.

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WINTER 2026 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.

The Practice is sending text invites to people eligible to receive a free NHS flu vaccination, if they have a mobile phone number for them. The text includes a link to book an appointment on either 3, 10 or 17 October. Those eligible who do not have a mobile number on their record will receive a letter inviting them to make an appointment.

The majority of school-aged children will get their flu vaccine at school - although the Practice is inviting children aged 6 months to 17 years with certain long-term health conditions to attend the Surgery for their flu vaccine.

More information about flu vaccination can be found on the Stay Well Dorset website at:staywelldorset.nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu/.

WINTER 2026 COVID-19 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

People eligible to receive a free NHS COVID-19 vaccination can now also book an appointment - appointments are available from 1 October 2026. We encourage everyone who is eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccination now.

You can either book online via the National Booking System on the NHS website, or through the NHS App or by calling 119. You can also visit a walk-in clinic, without needing to book an appointment.

More information about COVID-19 vaccination can be found on the Stay Well Dorset website at: www.staywelldorset.nhs.uk/vaccinations/covid/.

Purbeck Integrated Neighbourhood Team Engagement Event - save the date!

The next engagement event will be held on 19 November 2026, from 2pm to 4pm, at the D'Urberville Centre in Wool. This will provide an opportunity to hear updates about all the work the team is doing.

PPG MEETINGS

The PPG last met on 8 September, when we were pleased to hear that a new senior Practice Nurse has joined the Practice. A second Admiral Nurse, funded by Dementia Friendly Purbeck, is now also working in Purbeck.

The PPG will next be meeting at the Surgery on Tuesday 10 November 2026 at 12:30pm.

You can find out more about the PPG on the Practice website – just click on the PPG tab on the homepage.

If you are interested in joining the PPG, please contact Natasha Ritchie, the Practice Manager, or email the PPG directly at: ppgswanage@gmail.com. We would be particularly pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking on the role of Secretary for the PPG.

Dr Margaret Guy, Chair, Swanage Medical Practice PPG

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AFTER-DARK ACTIVITIES AT WINSPIT

Late summer and autumn are the seasons when hundreds of bats gather at Winspit, a nationally-important swarming site. During these swarming events, males and females travel from far afield to mate, helping to increase genetic diversity between colonies. Records have shown that some bats travel to Winspit from as far away as 27 kilometres.

Once a female has mated, she has no reason to return to the site. Males, however, keep returning, maximising their chances of producing offspring by mating with as many females as possible. The swarming mainly takes place in the dead of night – most people are unaware of the busy bat highway passing right above their homes!

The Winspit caves also provide important winter hibernation sites for some of the UK's rarest bats, including the greater horseshoe bat. One of the UK's largest bat species, the greater horseshoe has a body length of around 5 to 7cm and feeds primarily on insects, particularly dung beetles.

We are very grateful to the Dorset Bat Group which monitors local bat populations in Purbeck (we have 15 of the UK's 17 breeding bat species). Working under licence, volunteers carefully capture bats in specialist nets, record their size, weight and sex, and fit identification rings to their forearms before releasing them unharmed.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

The three puffin cameras were successfully retrieved from the cliff near Dancing Ledge. The motion-activated cameras captured an incredible 50,000 images, which our dedicated volunteers are now cataloguing to uncover more

about puffin life, nesting habits and potential chick predators.

We're especially excited because one camera was focused directly on the ledge where a puffling emerged in July. We can't wait to see whether it documented the chick as it grew.

Huge thanks to Dr Richard Caldow for the time and expertise he has put into his project, and to the volunteers from the Purbeck History Forum who monitored the ledge throughout the seabird breeding season.(purbeck@nationaltrust.org.uk) *Cathy Lewis, National Trust*

LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The results of a local Housing Needs Survey have revealed the urgent need for affordable rented housing in the Purbeck Valley.

Undertaken by Dorset Council in collaboration with Corfe Castle Community Land Trust (CLT), Corfe Castle Parish Council and Worth Matravers Parish Council during June and July 2026, the survey sought to understand the scale of housing need in both parishes and also the level of support in the community for affordable housing.

Housing register figures and the findings of the housing needs survey* show that 97 households with a local connection to Corfe Castle or Worth Matravers are in need of housing. Of those, 73 households with local connection have specifically identified the need for affordable rented housing.

The survey was carried out in support of the CLT's proposed development at Tabbits Hill Lane, Harmans Cross where it is intended (subject to planning permission) to build up to 25 affordable rented homes. This project is in partnership between the CLT, Corfe Castle Charity, which owns the site and local housing association Aster Group, the registered provider that would oversee delivery and manage the homes. Aster is also the UK's leading housing association provider of CLT partnerships.

Commenting on the findings, Colin Fuller, CLT Chair, said: "We knew the numbers were high from conversations we've had with the community, however, we've been taken aback by the scale of need highlighted by the survey.

"The need has been clearly evidenced and the CLT will now move forward with its plans for the creation of much needed affordable rented housing in the Purbeck Valley. We are losing families from our community, talented people who bring so much value, and we want to stop this unnecessary exodus due to affordability issues for those who prefer to stay."

The results confirm that 296* people participated in the survey, one of the highest levels of participation reported in Dorset. 52% either 'strongly support' or 'somewhat support' the project whilst 43% 'somewhat oppose' or 'strongly oppose' the scheme.

Colin added: "We are delighted that the community actively participated in the survey and we would encourage those who are undecided, neutral, or opposed to the project to take a closer look at the evidence and engage with us as our plans develop.

The CLT can be contacted at: corfecastlecommunitylandtrust@gmail.com and further information about the Tabbits Hill Lane project can be found at the following website: https://www.corfecastleparishcouncil.gov.uk/corfe-castle-community-land-trust/.

*All figures provided by courtesy of Dorset Council, September 2026. *Alison Palmer, CCCLT*

SUSTAINABLE WORTH

Worth Matravers Film Club and Sustainable Worth are jointly presenting *How to Live on Earth* on Tuesday, 13 October at 7pm for 7.30pm. *How to Live on Earth* is a visionary feature documentary that explores our vital connection to nature and its role in our future. Presented by Benedict Cumberbatch, the film features inspirational, cutting-edge stories and powerful cinematography from around the world to reveal how humans are learning to team up with nature to solve our biggest challenges. Heart-warming, entertaining, energising, the film presents a hopeful vision of a future. The event is free but donations on the night will be welcomed. Pay bar available from 7pm. To secure your seat book online now www.worthmatraversvillagehall.org

Kathy Hollidge

WORTH FILM CLUB

Our Film Club's next screening will be *Fallen Leaves* on Wednesday, 28 October, it marked acclaimed Finnish Director Aki Kaurismäki's return to filmmaking and among other prizes and nominations, won the Cannes Jury Prize in 2023. The film is in keeping with his humour, style and cinematography, with long static takes and a classic aesthetic despite its contemporary industrialised setting. The strong performances by the leading actors create a warmth and connection to the storytelling. A romantic comedy of sorts, the characters encounter stumbling blocks of circumstance and everyday realities but manage to resolve these encouragingly, for themselves and the audience. This is a movie with springtime in its heart, which fills you with a feelgood glow.

Wine will be served from 7pm and the film will begin at 7.30pm

To avoid disappointment at the door, book early online. www.worthmatraversvillagehall.org. Tickets are £5.

Claude Bonfanti

WORTH MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER MEETING

This meeting covered a wide range of issues, with particular attention given to the car park arrangements. Councillors also received an update on Dorset Council's Housing Needs Survey, which has attracted an exceptionally high response.

Flooding – Have You Been Affected? Have you experienced flooding at your property in the past five years? Please report it. https://swfloodandcoastal.org.uk/report-flooding/

Every report helps build a clearer picture of where flooding is happening and can help inform future work to reduce the risk and impact of flooding across our communities.

Please include photographs if you have them. Images showing the extent of the flooding can be particularly useful in helping to understand what happened.

Your information is not shared with insurance companies South West Flood & Coastal has confirmed that information submitted about flooding to individual properties is not shared with anyone else. This means that even if you experienced flooding but did not report it to your insurance company, you can still report the incident through the website.

Please encourage neighbours, friends and anyone else who has experienced flooding within the past five years to

report it too. The more incidents that are recorded, the better the picture of flooding across our area.

Please note: South West Flood & Coastal was originally established by BCP Council and East Devon District Council, so the website currently has a strong focus on those areas. Dorset Council is in the process of joining the partnership, and work has already started on the ground in Dorset.

Dorset Council Housing Needs Survey: Dorset Council describe the response to their Housing Needs survey as the highest response level Dorset Council has ever received. Please see the CLT article within the Dubber this month.

Car Parks – New Charging Arrangements: The Council agreed unanimously to introduce parking charges at both Worth Matravers and Harmans Cross car parks. Under the new arrangements, vehicle owners parking in Harmans Cross will pay £2 between 7am and 11.59pm, or £70 between midnight and 6.59am. Vehicle owners parking in Worth Matravers car park will pay £3 between 7am and 11.59pm, and £70 between midnight and 6.59am. These changes will be implemented once all the necessary arrangements are in place, including the appointment of an external company to administer the parking income and the installation of the required payment equipment. Further information will be provided once a start date has been confirmed.

Walking Route Towards Corfe Castle: Concerns were raised about the number of people walking from the campsite along the main road towards Corfe Castle during the summer months. The Council agreed to contact Corfe Castle Parish Council to ask them to revisit the possibility of opening the permissive path between Woodyhyde and Corfe Castle as an alternative and safer pedestrian route.

The condition of the verge was also discussed, as overgrown vegetation is making it difficult for pedestrians to use safely. Cllr Wilson agreed to investigate whether the hedge could be flailed and the grass strimmed during peak periods, allowing pedestrians at least to use the verge rather than having to walk directly on the road.

Harmans Cross Pedestrian Crossing: Dorset Council has advised that the works are expected to take place before next summer, although the project has now been delayed into the next financial year.

Planning Consultation: A question was raised about whether a large number of objections would automatically result in the application being considered by the Planning Committee.

It was explained that the decision to refer an application to Committee rests with the Committee Chair. The number of representations received may be taken into account, together with whether the representations raise relevant planning considerations. If the application is not referred to Committee, it will remain with the planning officer for determination.

Next Council Meeting: Our meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month, alternating between Worth Matravers Village Hall and Harmans Cross Village Hall when possible. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 6 October 2026, at 7.30pm in the Worth Matravers Village Hall. Please come and join us and have your say.

Parish Council Contact Details are 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). ***Michelle Harrington, Parish Clerk***

HARMANS CROSS VILLAGE HALL

COFFEE JUNCTION

Our next Coffee Junction mornings are Thursday 1, 15 & 29 October. Everyone is welcome to come along for a relaxed and informal get-together over coffee or tea. Whether you'd like a chat, fancy a game of cards, want to bring along your favourite board game, or simply enjoy some company, Coffee Junction is open to all. We look forward to welcoming both familiar faces and newcomers alike.

HXVH CHURCH

Our next gatherings are Sunday, 18 October, Sunday, 15 November and Sunday, 20 December at 6pm – a very friendly, informal and happy service for anyone and everyone.

PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL

October is Purbeck Film Festival month and we are delighted to be hosting three screenings at Harmans Cross Village Hall.

First up on Tuesday, 13 October is the classic *9 to 5* (1980), starring Dolly Parton, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin. In the spirit of the evening, there will even be pink G&T available at the bar!

On Wednesday, 21 October, we will be showing *Rebuilding* (2026), starring Josh O'Connor, a moving story about loss, family and finding community after a devastating wildfire.

Finally, on Tuesday 27 October, we have *Wuthering Heights* (2026), Emerald Fennell's new adaptation starring Margot Robbie and Jacob Elordi.

All three films start at 7.30pm, with the doors and bar open from 7pm. Tickets are £8, available online through the Purbeck Film Festival or on the door.

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER – THE CHURCHFITTERS

Following their completely sold-out Christmas Cracker at the hall, we are thrilled to welcome The Churchfitters back to Harmans Cross! This wonderfully unique folk trio combine everything from fiddle, flute and banjo to musical saw, saxophone and even a bass guitar made from a frying pan! Expect fantastic musicianship, beautiful harmonies, humour and a high-energy evening of live music.

Doors and bar open at 7pm. Tickets are £17.50, and advance booking is recommended after their last visit sold out.

SATURDAY, 14 NOVEMBER – HXVH'S QUIZ NIGHT

Get your thinking caps ready! We're looking forward to a fun evening of friendly competition at the hall. Full details will be announced shortly, so keep an eye out for more information.

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER – STALLS AT THE HALL

Our popular Stalls at the Hall returns for a special pre-Christmas morning on Saturday 28 November.

Come along from 9.30am–12 noon and enjoy a morning of local shopping, with homemade crafts, gifts, produce, jewellery, cards, bric-a-brac and more. Hot drinks and delicious cakes will also be available from the kitchen, and entry for the public is completely free.

Tables are £10 each, and we're now taking bookings from stallholders. To reserve a table, please get in touch.

For more information about our upcoming events or to book tickets, please visit: www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk/Special-Events/

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HXVH Committee

ALLOTMENTS OPEN DAY

On the day, the allotments were filled with people huddling under umbrellas and squeezing up beneath gazebos.

Luckily, of course, it wasn't to shelter from what used to be a typical British Summer in the rain and mist (oh - happy memories!) but to try to keep out of the reach of the hot sun and ever-increasing temperatures!

But the heat didn't keep the wonderful people of Langton and the surrounding areas away.

We had baked even more cakes this year and they were getting a little thin on the tables by the end; but however hard people tried to consume them in splendid quantities, more cakes kept being revealed, more tea was made and poured, and more happy chatter and socialisation issued from the tables and the surrounding areas.

Despite the extremely challenging growing conditions, there was excess fruit and vegetables to be purchased, and books to buy. Lots of people investigated what has managed to grow in the allotments this year, and the children enjoyed searching for butterflies with identification charts.

It was lovely to welcome the Greengage project to share their knowledge and sell many different plants.

The raffle was a great success, all thanks to the generosity of the companies who kindly donated the wonderful prizes: Sculpture by the Lakes, Swanage Sauna, Coastal Cruises, Chococo, The Pines Hotel, The Mowlem, Holmes for Gardens, Abbotsbury Swannery, 1859 Pier Restaurant, and our own Swanage Florist- June Frith.

What a splendid occasion it was! Get next year's date into your diaries, when it will all happen again: Sunday, 1 August from 3-5 pm. See you then! For details about renting an allotment, contact elaineinglis027@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Earl

LANGTON MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL

From the Questionnaire that was sent out late last year we have taken on board the interest in a Play in the Village Hall around Christmas. We have progressed these initial thoughts and a group of children from St George's School have set up an out of hours Drama group and will put on a performance on the 12 December in the Langton Matravers Village Hall.

LOST IN RIDDLELAND is all about a group of children from Purbeck who find themselves lost in a magical world where you need your wits about you to survive. Can they escape from the perilous Riddle-bugs, the ferocious Yeti and - most dangerously of all - the terrible Riddle-Master who uses riddles to bend reality? And most importantly of all - can they get back home in time for Christmas? A tale of adventure and companionship to be performed by the children of Saint George's School this December. There will be a Matinee and early evening performance with refreshments and a bar. Tickets will be on sale at a later date.

We would like to involve the Community and our Craft Group in the Village Hall have mentioned that they may be able to help with making of one or some of the costumes. So, we would request help from all Villagers if you have any bright and colourful fabrics you no longer need that you clean and launder them and if you could bring them to the Village Hall or the School drop off points. Village Hall would be on a Monday between 2–5 pm when Art Class is on and let Louise know you've dropped some material that would be great. Think of a Yeti outfit and wings for the riddlebugs……..

We hope that you join in the fun that everyone is going to have putting together some Christmas joy for residents and the Children themselves. Nick Jubber is the Drama Coach and has more information on what & who the characters will be.

Louise Counsell

PURBECK FOLK CLUB

True to our promise, we had another evening with two very different performances in September. The Fieldcaps, with Gaby on guitar and Lucy playing the shruti box, played a set comprising traditional songs interspersed with their own compositions. Both their voices were exceptional and the combination of them was superb. They were followed by Marine Club - Neil on guitar, Steve on double bass and Andy on percussion. Special mention and thanks to Pete Christie. His sound equipment and sound engineering skills make such a difference to the quality of the sound in the hall.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 1 October - on the eve of the Swanage Blues Festival. In recognition of this, the club will host an evening of music featuring local musicians playing a variety of traditional and original numbers reflecting the crossover between folk and blues. There will definitely be some songs that you will recognise and can sing along to!

The club is open to everyone and meets at Langton Matravers Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30 for an 8pm start. Entrance will be at the special price of £5 (cash only) payable on the door. Collette and Richard's pop-up cafe will be there as usual, selling tea, coffee and home-made cakes. Glasses will be provided if you would like to bring your own drinks.

Do come and join us for a slightly different evening, celebrating both folk and blues - as well as our local talent.

Bod Harris

LANGTON MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER MEETING

This covered a range of local matters, including St George's School and Pre-school, allotment fencing, planning applications, highways and infrastructure. Six members of the public attended.

NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE

The National Trust provided an update on work at Langton Westwood/Wilkswood and around Spyway.

Further ash dieback work is planned this winter. Some safety barriers will remain in place, with any necessary felling carried out to maintain safe access on open routes. The coppice coupe will also be cut by staff and volunteers. This will not affect access and will help improve the woodland habitat by creating a varied age structure for a wider range of plants and wildlife.

At Spyway, the Trust is looking at ways to reduce surface water running off fields and onto Durnford Drove. Longer-term measures include natural flood management features such as bunds and scrapes, alongside planned ditch improvements.

As a temporary measure, the Trust is considering a small log dam at the top of the steps north of Spyway Car Park to help redirect water during heavy rainfall and reduce flows onto Durnford Drove. The proposal will depend on local support.

Residents and property owners can send their views to

Ben Cooke at Ben.Cooke@nationaltrust.org.uk.

DORSET COUNCILLOR REPORT

August was a quieter month for Dorset Council, with attention turning to issues affecting Purbeck. Concerns remain around disposable BBQs and fires, following a fire at Worth Matravers car park which was fortunately brought under control quickly.

The second Purbeck Community Conversation takes place at Harmans Cross Village Hall on 11 September, focusing on strengthening links between Dorset Council and local organisations.

Affordable rural housing, farming, broadband and public transport remain priorities. There is also progress on several traffic schemes, including the Studland 20mph proposal, Furzebrook Road and Corfe Castle. The Harmans Cross pedestrian crossing remains planned for before next summer.

Further consultations on car parks and Dog-related Public Space Protection Orders are expected later this year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Concerns were raised about the impact of uncertainty over St George's School on preschool numbers and the importance of retaining both the school and preschool within the community.

Concerns were also raised about the effectiveness of the new badger-proof fencing around the allotments. The Council agreed that the fencing contractor should revisit the site to review the work.

A resident raised concerns about asbestos in toys and how information is communicated to schools and community groups.

The poor acoustics in the Village Hall were also discussed, particularly the impact on people with hearing loss. Possible solutions include improved microphones, a hearing loop and a suitable sound system. The Parish Council and Village Hall Committee will continue to consider options and costs.

The condition and location of the parish noticeboard were also discussed, with the noticeboard in the bus shelter considered as a possible alternative.

ST GEORGE'S PRE-SCHOOL

Councillors considered a request from St George's Preschool for funding towards resources for a proposed Pop-In and Play toddler group.

The Council agreed to award a restricted grant of £250, while also expressing its wish for CLP to maintain a positive and constructive relationship with the Parish Council and wider community.

ST GEORGE'S AND ST MARK'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Members noted an update from the local MP confirming that discussions regarding St George's School remain ongoing, with a fuller update to be provided once discussions with the relevant organisations have progressed.

The Council agreed to re-engage with CLP regarding the school's future and the Parish Council's role. It will also write again to the Diocese seeking clarification on the restrictions and covenants attached to the original gift of the school site, including what would happen to the land and assets should the school close.

PLANNING AND LICENSING

The Council considered two planning applications, one for replacement windows in the High Street and the other for an improvements to toilet and shower facilities at Leeson House. No objection was raised to these applications.

An additional application received after publication of the agenda will be considered once sufficient time has been allowed to review the plans.

Members also noted consultations on the Dorset Rights of Way Improvement Plan, Dorset Council Parking Review and Local Government Boundary Commission Review. The latter includes proposed changes affecting Coombe Keynes and East Holme.

Members also noted recent engagement with Dorset Council on planning and housing matters and the emerging Dorset Local Plan. A consultation with town and parish councils is expected between 21 September and 27 October, with the Parish Council considering its response ahead of the October meeting.

HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Council reviewed its financial position and began consideration of items for the forthcoming budget. Ongoing communications with SSE regarding a payment request were also noted.

Members discussed the Garfield Lane road closure, with concerns that consultation had been limited. The Council expressed continued frustration at the lack of effective enforcement and oversight to ensure that building works are carried out safely and in accordance with the appropriate requirements.

EMERGENCY PLANNING AND CAMPSITES

Work has begun on emergency planning, including reviewing parish maps and zoning, with the aim of establishing a local phone tree and identifying effective methods of communication with residents during an emergency.

Members also discussed concerns around campsite arrangements, including the positioning and spacing of tents and the use of BBQs. The Council will consider camping and licensing arrangements ahead of next year's season and liaise with Dorset Council.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday, 8 October 2026 at Langton Matravers Village Hall, commencing at 7pm.

Members of the public are warmly encouraged to attend.

Emma Evans, Parish Clerk



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1	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction	HXVH
1	7.30pm	PFC: Folk/Blues	LMVH
3	1-5pm	Kingston Food Festival	St James' Ch
6	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
6	7.30pm	WMPC Meeting	HXVH
8	7pm	LMPC Meeting	LMVH
10	7pm	Orlando Singers	St George's Ch
13	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
13	7pm	Film: *How to Live on Earth*	WMVH
13	7pm	PFF: *9-5*	HXVH
15	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction	HXVH
15	10-11.30am	Community Coffee Morning	LMVH
16 Oct-1 Nov	Various	Purbeck Film Festival	Various
20	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
21	7pm	PFF: *Rebuilding*	HXVH
27	9-12pm	Post Office	Putlake Cafe
27	7pm	PFF: *Wuthering Heights*	HXVH
28	7pm	WFC: *Fallen Leaves*	WMVH
29	10.30-noon	Coffee Junction	HXVH

NOVEMBER 2026

5	10-11.30pm	Coffee Pot	St George's Ch
6	7pm	The Churchfitters	HXVH

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