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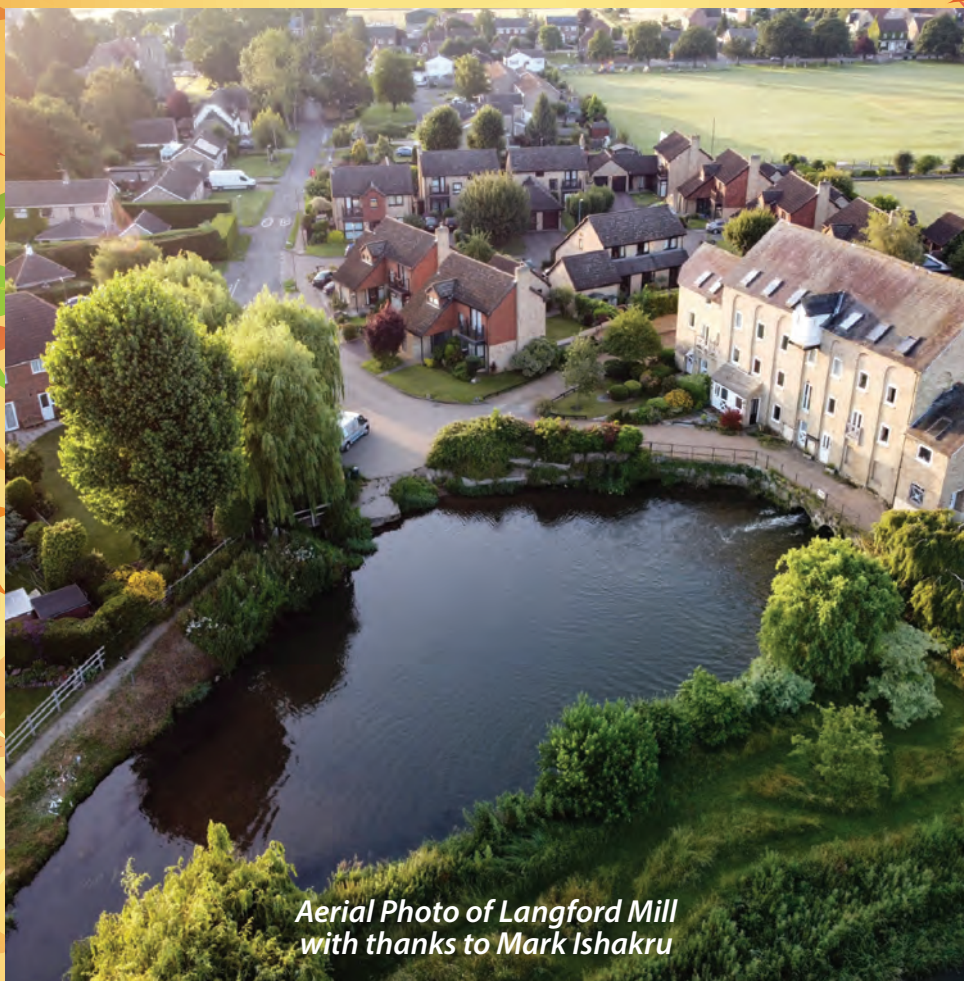
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Voting on
23rd September 2021

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*Aerial Photo of Langford Mill
with thanks to Mark Ishakru*

A Letter from the Editor

Thank you, Mark Ishkaru for the beautiful aerial photo on our front cover. The photo was taken early one morning with the mill, the playing field and St Andrews Church, giving a sense of history and community, and with the trees and millpond a sense of peace and tranquility.

The older photos of the mill on pages 15, 16 and 17, with thanks to John Shipman, also give an idea of history!! How life has changed!!

At The Longford by Michael Rutt is an interesting must-read for Langford residents. Although I have not read it from cover to cover, (my concentration span has always failed me!) I have dipped into it frequently, and found fascinating facts and snippets of history about our local area.

Even though it has been a strange year the residents of Langford have managed to keep up the community spirit. By reading the submissions from organisations we can tell they have done their best with so many restrictions, to make activities as varied and enjoyable as possible. St Andrews Church organised a lovely afternoon fete, enjoyed by many residents, including those new to the village. The scarecrow competition, although there were less entries than last year, brought a smile to many faces I feel sure. I am also sure the residents would like me to thank those who took the time and effort to display a scarecrow on their behalf.

Unfortunately, the community garden project behind the Plough has come to a halt. Maybe someone will come to the rescue.

Whatever the Autumn brings let's hope we can continue to enjoy our wonderful environment.

Trudy Emery

Defibrillators in Langford

There are 3 Defibrillators in Langford and these are located outside: **Langford Post Office, St Andrews Church Hall and the Village Hall.**

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Training on CPR and the use of the defibrillators is being planned in the coming months so if you are interested in attending a training event please contact:

michellealbone.langfordpc@gmail.com

Further information will also be posted on social media.

Michelle Albone - Parish Council Clerk and RFO





Langford Neighbourhood Plan

THE PLAN ... TIME FOR YOUR VOTE TO APPROVE!! NOW IT'S OVER TO YOU!!

It is a real pleasure to be able to tell you all that the Plan has now passed all of its formal review and examination hurdles!

The next and final step is for you, the village electorate, to be asked to decide the future usage of the Plan in a vote, arranged by CBC, to be held on **September 23rd**. You will be informed of the vote by CBC, with everybody on the Electoral Roll eligible to vote. **Postal votes** will be issued to those who are eligible and in-person voting will be at St. Andrews Church Hall from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The voting paper will ask you:

Do you want Central Bedfordshire Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Langford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

A successful referendum and the subsequent adoption of the plan will mean that any would-be developers will have to take account of the Plan and its Policies, as will CBC in their consideration of Langford planning applications.

To briefly recap, the Plan contains a comprehensive overview of the village and detailed Policies for the future of the village, covering the Environment, Infrastructure, Transport and Movement & Planning and Development. It is based upon the results of the Village Questionnaire, which had an excellent response and many hundreds of hours work by volunteer residents on the Steering Group.

In the meantime, you can review the Plan (and all the supporting documentation, if you want to delve deeper into any particular aspect) at the website

<https://langfordneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/>

Other updates are posted on Facebook (search: Langford Village Neighbourhood Plan).

To contact us you can email us on ***langfordneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com***
or contact us via the Parish Council by phone on 07482 276173 or by email to:
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Langford History Society

The easing of pandemic restrictions is increasing, but it seems that it will not be possible to consider meeting until September at the earliest, and this may depend on the availability of our venue.

Some projects have been ongoing during the lockdown, so faced with the endless bleak days of winter and searching round for a project, we decided to produce a new edition of Michael Rutt's *The People at the Long Ford*, first published in 1976 by the County Library. Michael was keen on the idea but felt he was not well enough to be involved. He did, however, want to change the title to *At the Long Ford*.

There were some problems with the previous edition which had some typing errors and it ended at the First World War, so a whole century and a bit needed to be added. We scanned the pages of the original edition and then compiled Part Two from our publications and online sources to cover the time from 1914 to the present day. We also added some appendices which might be useful additions to the text. Then after careful editing, the book was designed, typeset and formatted and circulated to members of the Society to read the draft and offer suggestions and corrections. To complete the operation, Beds Archives and local residents helped to resolve some issues. We also felt that, as this was a serious work of history, it needed an index. There was so much detail that in the end we provided a Subject Index and an Index of People. After discussions on a cover design the book was sent to the printer.

Michael Rutt was the first person to receive a copy and it is very pleasing that so far sales have exceeded all our expectations – the first print has completely sold out and a reprint has been delivered. At now 172 pages, copies are available from Ted Martin at 2a The Leys (01462 701096) at £5 or by post at £8 from John Shipman (01462 700650) or Rowena Wolfe (01767 312556).

We also produced a new edition of *Langford through the Lens Volume 1* but now incorporating *Langford: A Village Walk*, Ralph

Turner's tour of the village as it was in 2000. This was published by the Parish Council to celebrate the Millennium but stocks were no longer available so we decided to preserve it in this way.

To continue your interest in local history there is plenty to read online on our website:

www.langfordhistorysociety.org.uk

There are many stories about the village, with short histories of the church and Methodist chapel, tales of incidents in the past. Our Facebook page will also have stories and a local quiz.

The website also has the 'Langford Index of Names', a source for family historians and those with roots in our village. You can download this 16-page index to people referred to in the Society's three books and also in the Parish Council's Millennium publication, *Langford: A Village Walk* free of charge. The names on the two village war memorials are also included in the index with an indication of which memorial contains the name.

AT THE LONG FORD A HISTORY OF LANGFORD BY MICHAEL RUTT

Being the second edition of *The People at the Long Ford*
Prepared and edited by
Ted Martin



Our Society is also a member of the county-wide Bedfordshire Local History Association and their website,

www.bedfordshire-lha.org.uk

has back numbers of their journal, History in Bedfordshire, going back to the first issue in 1992. Here you can find articles and book reviews on almost every aspect of Bedfordshire and Bedford's history. There are articles on the two World Wars and many on Bedfordshire villages and towns all of which can be found by using the index on the site. This year's summer issue (No 9.4) concentrates on 'Dad's Army', the Home Guard and wartime Bedford vehicles.

Langford History Books

Should you want to learn about Langford's history, our books are still available and to purchase them please contact **Rowena Wolfe** by phone or email: **01767 312556** or **rowena.wolfe@btinternet.com** You can collect the books in the village.

The books contain lots of photos preserving the knowledge of the families, homes and businesses of old Langford. They are:

Langford Then and Now 2006

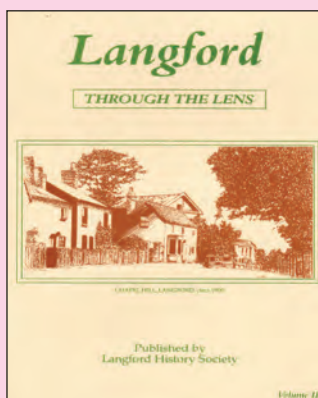
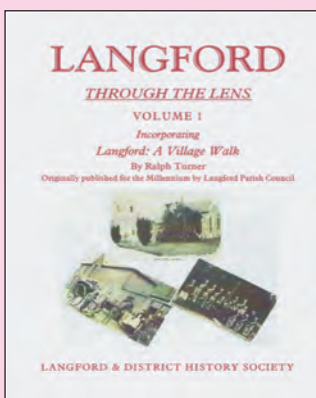
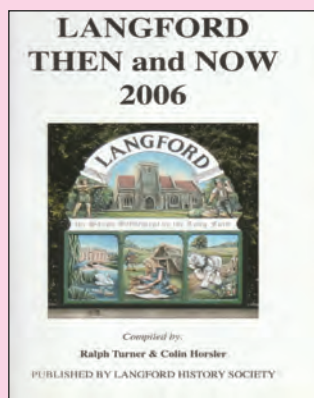
This book of 40 pages plus cover has two photographs on nearly every page of well-known places in the village showing how they looked then and how they look now. Some of the old photographs were taken from 80 to over 100 years ago. Price £4.

Langford through the Lens, Volume 1 incorporating Langford: A Village Walk

This book in 138 pages (published July 2021) delves into Langford's past with photographs of personalities and events explained in extensive captions. The reprint has the advantage of incorporating amendments and discoveries made since original publication by means of an errata list in the title pages and now has Ralph Turner's Village Walk of 2000 added. Price £5.

Langford through the Lens, Volume 2 (published 1992)

This book in 80 pages offers a selection of old photographs (some with extensive captions) showing all aspects of village life and the personalities involved over the years. Price £3.





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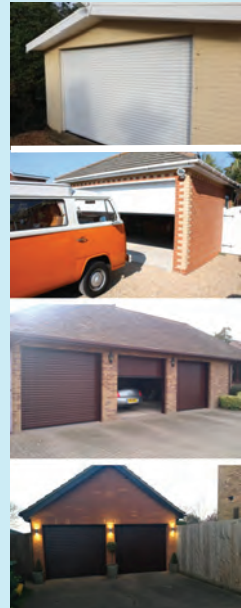
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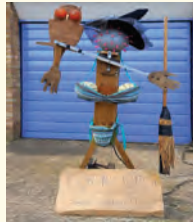
THE **2nd** GREAT LANGFORD SCARECROW COMPETITION

The 2nd Great Langford Scarecrow Competition showed how creative Langford residents are with their fantastic creations appearing all around the village throughout June and July. The judging took place on 23rd and 24th July by members of the Langford Parish Council. They awarded prizes as follows.

- 1st Mexican – Andy Knight 14 Mayflower
- 2nd Girl in Hedge – 39 Church Street
- 3rd Scared Crow – 23 Station Road
- 4th Back to the Future – Theo Goble – 25 Cambridge Road

Many thanks to everyone for participating in this year's competition – you did a great job. We will be doing another one next year on the same dates. Keep up to date through the Langford Diary and our facebook page langford scarecrows. Thanks also to Langford Stores, The Plough Pub and Langford Fish Bar for their donation of prizes.





Langford Tales - Documentary

Two and a half years have passed since the first material was filmed for our 'Langford Tales' documentary.

While out and about with the cameras in the village we still get stopped by people wondering what we are up to? For those who are unaware, we are producing a very special film about the history of Langford. We have captured testimonies from senior residents who have delved deep into their memories. Their stories have enabled us to go some way to describing what life was like in the village in the lead up to, and during the Second World War.



The film tells the stories of some of the local men who went off to fight. We contrast these heroic and emotional stories with testimonies of those who were too young to be called up. They remained in the village and their tales are powerful in their own unique way.

We feel very proud to have preserved these stories and feel a weight of responsibility, but also huge gratification to be able to present them to the community as a feature-length film.

Hardly a day has gone by since January 2019 that there hasn't been some kind of work being carried out to bring this film closer to completion. Filming, editing and gathering archive has been a huge task. The next three months will be the most pressing as we attempt to push the project over the finish line.

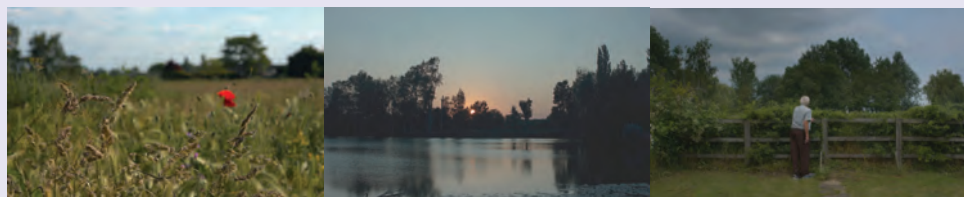
A special website has been put together to allow people to learn more about the project; contributors, crew, images from the film itself and various other information can be seen there. A trailer for the film will be posted on the website in the next month or so.

We are planning on having screenings in the village hall this December. These will last as long as there is demand to ensure everyone gets the chance to see it on the big screen. It will be a ticketed event and we hope to make them available sometime in August or September. The History Society have supplied a lot of old photographs that feature in the film so they will be a part of the event.

The 'Langford Tales' team would like to thank all those who have helped us bring this film to life. We could not have done it without the warmth and generosity of the people of Langford.

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Paper Making in Langford Mill

Langford Mill on the River Ivel was involved in paper manufacturing between 1746–1798, and two families were involved in the craft – Dane and Finch – while the Langford Parish Register reveals three other families, and relates some of the tragedies that befell those at the mill.

Henry Dane was the first proprietor according to a fire insurance policy. His house, paper and a corn mill, pantry, contents, stable, raghouse etc were insured for £1200.



Henry Dane married Martha Baymant in 1757. Henry was buried in 1759 following an accident. At the time of Henry's death Martha was pregnant, and she delivered a stillborn daughter almost seven months after Henry's interment. Martha followed the baby just a few days later.

1759 marked a high point in burials at Langford, with 29 interments. Whether some epidemic carried away poor Martha, or whether it was the natural consequences of childbirth, with its inherent dangers is uncertain. Cholera was often present and may have come to Langford with the purchase of old clothes and rags from London.

During Dane's tenure we know the name of two other papermakers at the mill, thanks to the Parish Register. William Flemming who appears between 1755 and 1796. The other papermaker, John Davies, makes a fleeting appearance; he was buried in 1760. Upon the death of Henry Dane, Henry Finch, took over the business and his family ran it for the remainder of its life as a paper mill.

Documents dating from the 1780s shows the property was assessed for land tax, which was charged at £6 16s 8d, the proprietors being noted as Henry Finch and Sarah Marshall, with Henry Finch as occupier. Another papermaker present at the mill at around this time was James Withall, who died in 1787.

Upon the death of Henry in 1790, his two sons assumed responsibility for the mill, along with Henry's widow, Elizabeth Finch. This partnership survived just seven years, until they descended into bankruptcy, at which point the utensils (consisting of 'two remarkable good presses, with stout wood and iron work, fit for business, a stout Engine, Spindle, two Fire Pots, a Ninety-gallon Copper, Tribbles, Roops [sic], etc.') were ordered to be sold to cover unpaid Excise duty. However, the sale was subsequently rescinded.

The reason for this change is unclear. However, the list of equipment contains some interesting inclusions and omissions. The 'Engine' (a machine for macerating rags) and 'Tribbles' (ropes covered with horse- or cow-hair to prevent marking of wet sheets when hung in the drying loft), are two standard items of papermaking equipment. However, the vat

(a large container used to hold the suspension of fibres in water), and the mould and deckle (the sieve and frame upon which the fibres form a sheet of paper) are missing. This lack of vital paper-specific equipment is still a mystery. At least two of the Finch family stayed in the vicinity well after the bankruptcy: Joshua and Fanny started a family in Langford in 1801, after marrying there in 1800. By 1806 the site was offered for sale, freehold, where it was described as follows:

'A very improved freehold estate at Langford in Bedfordshire: comprises a powerful and regular head of water, upwards of seven feet fall, a spacious new building 88 feet by 33 and 36 feet high, with a capital stone wheel, furrows and sundry new wheel work and materials. The estate is capable of the greatest improvement and being converted into corn and paper mills.'

Evidently, sometime after the building was emptied of papermaking equipment a decision was made to refurbish and enlarge the property. The site worked as a water corn mill well into the twentieth century, after which it was stripped of machinery and used for the processing of seed grain.

All evidence points to Langford Mill having been the only paper mill in Bedfordshire.

How was paper made?

Before any method of separating cellulose was discovered, paper was manufactured exclusively from discarded clothing, sailcloth, ropes and other fibrous products.

By 1800 there were about 430 paper mills in England and Wales. Most paper mills were producing brown paper, categorised as 'browns' in the trade directories of the time, consuming old ropes, bagging, tarpaulins, and 'all other fibrous rubbish worthless for any other class of paper'. Wrapping papers were used extensively with several special papers existing for shopkeepers. There were grades for wrapping butter, tea and flour, whilst 'blues' and 'purples', essentially describing the colour of the paper, were used for packaging sugar, which was sold as cones or blocks.

The growing populations of London and towns offered a ready supply of discarded clothes or rags.

Sorting rags for colour and quality, was very dirty and potentially dangerous. Rags might carry diseases. Lime might be added, generating heat and increasing the risk of fire. It was not uncommon for outbreaks of cholera and small pox to be associated with rag processing at paper mills.

A typical process of making paper from rags involved the following elements. Rag sorting was carried out on the uppermost floors of the building and was dirty and generally very unpleasant work. The first stage was a process called dusting whereby the incoming rags were placed in a rapidly revolving wirework cylinder. The rags were then cut and sorted. Standing at a wooden table inset with wire grating, women would place handfuls of rags on to the grating allowing any loose dirt to fall through. Using a sharp knife rags were cut into pieces. Other offending items



such as buttons and fastenings were removed. The different qualities of rags were sorted and segregated. Waste rag from the mill was often sold to farmers who spread it on their fields. Today metal detectorists often find metal buttons which probably came from the discarded rag waste.

Once cut into pieces, the rags were then passed through further dusting machines called “devils”. These were large drums containing revolving spikes which tossed the pieces around vigorously breaking the cloth down into smaller pieces. Along with caustic soda and lime, the rags were boiled for four to five hours in copper boilers heated by steam.

Following this stage of the process, the boiled rags were transferred to the washing or breaking engines. Several large oval troughs incorporating a large iron cylinder covered with steel knives would gradually break down the rags. The rags would continue to go around the trough for about two hours. During the last ten minutes a bleaching mixture, prepared in a separate tank and consisting of predominantly chloride of lime, might be added.

The maceration process or ‘breaking’ as it was known, was performed in trough like machines called Hollanders. The machinery used would be driven by the mills water wheel.

The contents of the breakers were then transferred to the ‘potching engines’. Here the bleaching process was continued using “weak liquor”. This was the liquid taken from the rags that had already undergone the full bleaching process. From the potchers the rags passed to a large numbers of cisterns containing the bleach solution where they would remain for 36 hours. They would then be transferred to a large tank incorporating powerful screw apparatus which would compress the rags in their semi-processed state into a thick block and expel the liquid (the weak liquor mentioned above). The material was then taken to the beating engines. The fibrous material would be processed for another four to five hours until the raw material was broken down to discrete fibres suitable to make paper. The pulp or stock would then be held in large vats where it would be constantly agitated ready for paper making.

A ‘vatman’ would dip a mould into a vat full of a water and suspended fibres. The mould was like a sieve, permitting water to drain through, leaving a sheet of fibres on the surface. The wet sheets were transferred from the hand mould on to a felt by a ‘coucher’. Piles of sheets were then pressed to remove moisture in a large wooden screw press and later ‘air dried’ in drying lofts. To make the paper resistant to ink penetration the individual sheets were immersed in a solution of gelatine.

Paper was viewed as a valuable commodity and the government raised a tax on it at the point of manufacture.

John Shipman



1st Langford Scout Group



We love the summer term – it has almost felt like Before Covid these last couple of months (apart from the hand sanitiser and social distancing) because we've been able to have loads of fun outdoors.

The Beavers have played lots of games to build teamwork and problem solving skills, as well as making giant bubbles just for fun (and science!)

The Cubs have been running around and shouting a lot. We've also packed in horse riding, hiking, backwoods cooking, tie dye and road safety.

The Scouts have been playing wide games, pitching tents, cooking and working towards badges.

We were very proud this term to present Charlie with his Chief Scout's Gold Award, the highest achievement in the Scout section and all the more impressive for having been completed partly during Lockdown. Bruce, Benji and Brendan have earned the Chief Scout's Silver Award from their time in Cubs. Isolation has prevented us making a proper ceremony for these guys yet, but we will!

The Cubs and Scouts had a super day out at Grafham Water Centre in July, trying out Stand Up Paddleboarding, kayaking, climbing and archery. We're so lucky to have this facility so close by. Our annual fundraising Garage Sale Trail earned around £120 for the Group which the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be sharing between their nominated charities in the autumn term. We also took part in the Church Fete and had a lovely afternoon out with a sweetie/toy tombola.



Beavers are age 6-8 and meet on Tuesdays 6-7; Cubs are 8-10.5 and meet Wednesdays 6.30-8; and Scouts are 10-14 and meet Monday 7.30-9. All are term time only and all are open to boys and girls.

Beavers is currently full, Cubs is almost full and Scouts is pretty stuffed too but we are taking applications to the Waiting List for all sections, please contact me for more information.

Please note we take children off the waiting list in

order of when they joined the list, so it may be that a younger child will be offered a space before an older one. Currently any child over the age of 6

joining the list is unlikely to be offered a space in Beavers but may get in to Cubs.

Scouting across the UK has huge waiting lists

because we desperately need volunteers. If you are able to give some time on a regular basis, please get in touch.

Jo Smith, Group Scout Leader
GSL@langfordscouts.org.uk





Autumn 2021

It feels quite strange sitting here writing the Bowls Club input for the Autumn Edition of the Langford Diary when we have not really had a summer yet! Will a sustained period of warmer weather ever arrive?

The green was open for play at the end of April and is being well used.

Bowls England held a "Let's Play Bowls Promotion" over the late Spring Bank holiday at the end of May, a warm sunny day seemed to encourage people to turn out and give it a go. My thanks go to all in the club for helping to make the event a success. Over the course of the day, we welcomed eighteen villagers to try their hand at this great game, of those eighteen, nine have joined the club, some as social members but the majority as full playing members, a much-needed injection of new players into the club. Since June we have been holding coaching sessions most Thursday afternoons, the enthusiasm, improvement, and enjoyment shown by the new members is extremely rewarding to see. Friendly games against surrounding village clubs continue to be held most Wednesdays and Saturdays. Two teams have been competing with mixed success in the East Beds League in Divisions 3 and 4, at the time of writing both teams are mid table.

An internal Pairs League, Singles, Pairs and Mixed Pairs knock out competitions are in progress as the Diary goes to print.

Weather permitting, the club will continue to use the Green until late September, it is our intention that once the outdoor season comes to an end to hold indoor Short Mat Bowls, not to be confused with Carpet Bowls, Short Mat Bowls is played on a mat 40 - 45ft in length with a width of 6ft, a wood block sits in the centre of the mat and has to be avoided, a marked area surround by a fender represents the ditch. The objective is the same as green bowls i.e. to get your woods as close to the jack as possible. So please come along and see how it is played. Sessions will start in October / November as soon as some minor alterations have been carried out to the internal layout of the club house, this will enable us to have enough space to use a full-length mat.

Wednesday afternoons starting at 2pm will be the day and time, the start date will be notified on our Facebook page.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay safe.

James Rix

For further information please go to our web site
<https://www.hugofox.com/community/langford-bowls-club-8165/home>.

We have also just created a Face Book Group so please request to join; you will be more than welcome.

Alternatively, please contact the following: -

Mrs Melanie Andrews 01462 628912 (Club Secretary)

Mrs Iris Roberts 01462 700748 (Club President)

Mr James Rix 01462701663 (Club Chairman)

Weekly Meetings

Please keep me up to date with the meetings. If there are any changes, please let me know at trudy.emery1@ntlworld.com or 01462 636638.

Sunday

St. Andrews Parish Services: Vicar Rev. Shaun Speller 01462 700248

Methodist Services: Minister: Rev. Lorna Valentine -

Contact Jenny Broadbridge 01462 701127

Dog Training 9.00am-1.30pm Langford Village Hall -

Contact Gary 07738 683854

Youth Football Winter

Monday

Owlets Pre-school 9am-12.00 morning session & 9.00-3.00pm full day -

07935 784567 - www.owletspreschool.co.uk

Langford Methodist Chapel Room Contact 07790 763078

Pilates 9.30am-10.30am Church Hall Contact 07891 752906

Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Church Hall Contact 07866 395739

1st Langford Brownies 5.45pm to 7.00pm Church Hall (term time only) -

Contact 07866 395739

Karate 6.00pm-8.00pm Langford Village Hall Contact Richard 01462 629707

1st Langford Scouts (boys and girls aged 10-14 years) 7.30pm-9.00pm

(term time only) Please contact scouts@langfordscouts.org.uk

Bushido Judo 6.30pm-7.30pm - Henlow Memorial Hall - For details contact

Marion on 07940 524384 or email marrionmargetson@outlook.com

Tuesday

Owlets Pre-school 9am-12.00 & 12 noon-3.00pm Langford Methodist Chapel

Room - 07935 784567 - www.owletspreschool.co.uk

Yoga - 9.45am - 11.45 Langford Village Hall Contact Caroline 07752 222542

Walking Group meet 10am at Chapel Hill Bridge. For details and of walks further

afield on 1st Tuesday of month contact Val Henley 01462 626502

Dance Class Over 65's Church Hall 11.00am-12 noon - Tel 07714 378887

Langford Lollipops Toddler Group (term time only) 1.15pm-2.45pm Village Hall

- See Facebook page Langford Lollipops Toddler Group

Langford Beavers (boys and girls aged 6-8 years) 6.00pm-7.00pm (term time only)

Please contact beavers@langfordscouts.org.uk

Dog Training 6.30pm-9.30pm Langford Village Hall Contact Gary 07738 683854

Yoga 7.30pm-8.30pm Church Hall Contact 07891 752906

Wednesday

Owlets Pre-school 9am-12.00 morning session & 9.00-3.00pm full day - 07935 784567 - www.owletspreschool.co.uk

Langford Methodist Chapel Room Contact 07790 763078

Pilates 9.30am-10.30am Church Hall Contact 07891 752906

Fit and Fabulous Church Hall 1.45pm-2.45pm 01462 620740 or 07741 453533

Children's Dancing - Pirouettes & Pullbacks - 4.30pm-6.15pm

Langford Village Hall - Contact Danielle 07866 395739

Langford Cubs (boys and girls aged 8-10 years) 6.30pm-8.00pm (term time only)

Please contact cubs@langfordscouts.org.uk

Tennis Club Social Sessions - 9.00am and 7.30pm

Contact Paul Metcalfe 01462 700001

pauln.metcalfe@ntlworld.com www.langfordtennisclub.org.uk

Adult Dancing - 7.00pm-8.00pm Latin and Cuban Line Dancing - 8.00pm-9.30pm Ballroom, Latin American, Salsa and Argentine Tango -

Langford Village Hall - Esme Castle 01767 601604

Older Persons Exercises - Village Hall - 12 noon to 1.00pm Conor Inskip - Ci.fitness@icloud.com

Thursday

Owlets Pre-school 9am-12.00 morning session Langford Methodist Chapel Room - 07935 784567 - www.owletspreschool.co.uk

1st Langford Guides 7.00pm Langford Scout Hut Contact 07866 395739

Friday

Owlets Pre-school 9am-12.00 & 12 noon-3.00pm Langford Methodist Chapel Room - 07935 784567 - www.owletspreschool.co.uk

Adult Dancing - Ballroom/Latin 1.30pm-3.00pm Langford Village Hall - Esme Castle 01767 601604

Bowls Club 2.00pm - 4.00pm - Iris Roberts 01462 700748 - Melanie Andrews 628912 - James Rix 01462 701663

Saturday

Cricket, Bowls, Tennis Summer

Tennis Club Social Sessions - 2.00pm Contact Paul Metcalfe 01462 700001 pauln.metcalfe@ntlworld.com www.langfordtennisclub.org.uk

Due to the Covid 19 Epidemic - please contact the relevant contact person as listed to ensure that the the weekly meetings are still going ahead at the present time.

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There is an ansaphone to leave a message if you call outside these times.

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Please note the Parish Website Address

Please go to

<https://langford-pc.gov.uk>

There is also a Facebook page with some other limited information.

Langford Parish Council Meetings

Dates of Parish Council Meetings

Next Meeting
Thursday, 2nd September, 2021 - 7.15pm
at Langford Village Hall

**Please visit Langford PC website for next meeting dates
and venues at**
<https://langford-pc.gov.uk>

If residents have any issues they wish bringing to the attention of the Council then this can be done by emailing or phoning the **Clerk of the Council Michelle Albone on 07482 276173 or michellealbone.langfordpc@gmail.com**.

Agendas and minutes can be found on the PC website - langford-pc.gov.uk

Useful Telephone Numbers & Websites

Bedfordshire Police	01234 841212	Citizen Advice Bureau	0844 4771600
Emergency Services		my.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	
Gas	0800 111 999	Samaritans	116 123
Electricity	0800 072 7282		0330 0945717
Power Cuts	105	Childline	0800 1111
or text 80876 POWER & postcode			www.childline.org.uk
priority services for people in need		Silverline	0800 470 8090
www.ofgem.gov.uk		Refuge Against	
Water	0800 169 3630	BBC Action Line	
National Floodline	0345 988 11 88	www.bbc.co.uk/actionline	
	(24 hour service)	Domestic Violence	0808 2000 247
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Langford Pharmacy	01462 701518	Social Services	0300 300 8123
Langford Village Academy	01462 629000	Housing Repairs and Noise	0300 300 8098
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		Dangerous Structures	0300 300 8098

Langford Parish Council

Sitting in the wonderful sunshine thinking that when the next issue of the Diary comes out, we will be on our way to Autumn. I have said many times what unreal times we have been living in, so no more on that. I am thankful to all organisations who have maintained contact with their members, to provide some interest and normality.

The Parish Council have continued to meet and act on behalf of the residents of Langford, some of the issues we are active with are as follows:

The Pound – we have received many complaints about the poor condition of this area and, as this is land owned by the PC, we have a plan to remove the dead trees, shrubs and brambles and replace with new trees, shrubs and a new public noticeboard. Also, a new site for the Village Christmas Tree. The trees will be financed through a CBC hedge and tree grant and the new noticeboard by a CBC Welcome Back Grant. Works will take place between September and January to ensure that nesting will not be disturbed.

The Neighbourhood Plan – has now been approved by the Independent Inspector and a referendum will happen in the Autumn. All residents will be asked if they wish to adopt the plan. The date of the referendum is 23rd September.

Village Hall – Central Bedfordshire Trading Standards visited the hall to ensure that all Covid 19 precautions were in place. It passed with flying colours. The hall will maintain some form of protection for the time being, by asking those attending to wear masks, sanitise etc. All hirers have been informed.

Traffic Management Plan – CBC via our Ward Councillor Steve Dixon has been asked to prepare a Traffic Management Plan for Langford. The PC has received lots of suggestions how to improve traffic management and has put this into the hands of the Highway Dept. To get a fair view from residents and businesses, when the Terms of Reference have been set up, a call will go out for residents to submit their views.

Local Plan – This was approved and adopted on 22 July 2021. When adopted the plan sets out the agreed sites for development to cover the period to 2035.

Ewbank Corner – the PC has been advised that this planning application, which was refused by CBC, is going to appeal. No date has been put forward, but when it is, we will update residents on how they can submit their comments on the proposal to the Planning Inspector.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – 2022 – the PC invite the village to put forward their ideas on how to celebrate this occasion. Please make contact with Michelle at michellealbhone.langfordpc@gmail.com

Defibrillator Training – the PC are looking to arrange a further course on Defibrillator training – if you are interested in taking part in the training please contact Michelle as above.

Parish Council Meetings – the next one is Thursday 2 September in the Main Hall at Langford Village Hall. All residents are very welcome to come along, and if you have something you wish to put to the Council, there is a Public Participation Session. Please let Michelle know and she will book you in to speak.

As you can see, we are very busy. Enjoy the summer.

Gill Clarke – Chairman

Langford Shop Opening Times

HILLFOOT FARM SHOP

SUNDAY	10.00am - 1.00pm
MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	10.00am - 4.30pm
WEDNESDAY	10.00am - 4.30pm
THURSDAY	10.00am - 4.30pm
FRIDAY	9.30am - 4.30pm
SATURDAY	9.00am - 4.00pm

LANGFORD HIDEAWAY

SUNDAY	CLOSED
MONDAY	7.00am - 2.00pm
TUESDAY	7.00am - 2.00pm
WEDNESDAY	7.00am - 2.00pm
THURSDAY	7.00am - 2.00pm
FRIDAY	7.00am - 2.00pm
SATURDAY	CLOSED

POST OFFICE STORE

SUNDAY	8.30am - 6.00pm
MONDAY	7.30am - 8.00pm
TUESDAY	7.30am - 8.00pm
WEDNESDAY	7.30am - 8.00pm
THURSDAY	7.30am - 8.00pm
FRIDAY	7.30am - 8.00pm
SATURDAY	7.30am - 8.00pm

PHARMACY

CLOSED FOR LUNCH EACH DAY	
MONDAY	9-12.45 - 13.30-17.15
TUESDAY	9-12.45 - 13.30-17.15
WEDNESDAY	9-12.45 - CLOSED
THURSDAY	9-12.45 - 13.30-17.15
FRIDAY	9-12.45 - 13.30-17.15
SATURDAY	9-12.45 - CLOSED

POST OFFICE COUNTER

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.00am - 6.00pm SATURDAY - 9.00am - 1.30pm
SUNDAY Closed

LANGFORD VILLAGE STORE

SUNDAY	7.00am - 9.00pm
MONDAY	7.00am - 9.00pm
TUESDAY	7.00am - 9.00pm
WEDNESDAY	7.00am - 9.00pm
THURSDAY	7.00am - 9.00pm
FRIDAY	7.00am - 9.00pm
SATURDAY	7.00am - 9.00pm

LANGFORD FISH BAR

SUNDAY	CLOSED
MONDAY	11.30am - 9.30pm
TUESDAY	11.30am - 9.30pm
WEDNESDAY	11.30am - 9.30pm
THURSDAY	11.30am - 9.30pm
FRIDAY	11.30am - 9.30pm
SATURDAY	11.30am - 9.30pm

Langford Tennis Club

At the time of writing, and shortly after Step 4 of the government's roadmap, the tennis club is almost "back to normal".

- We have no restrictions on the number of people that can meet outside and so all our "turn up and play" social sessions have been reinstated. These take place every Wednesday morning (9am-12 noon) and evening (7.30 – 10pm), and Saturday afternoons (2-4pm).
- We have 10 teams taking part in the Bedfordshire County Summer League where teams compete against the likes of Riverside and Club Towers (Bedford), Flitwick & Ampthill and Luton, amongst others.
- Our popular coaching sessions, led by Justin Layne, are going from strength to strength and are very well attended.
- Our clubhouse is now open to all members (previously it was out of bounds due to Covid restrictions), however, we are maintaining contact details, via a new QR code or sign-in sheets, for NHS Test & Trace purposes.
- Our current capacity of 150 members has been reached but the committee is keen to review this number as we now have access to data on court usage via our online booking system (ClubSpark). We hope to be in a position to allow additional members in the future.

So, let's hope that the weather stays warm (but not too hot!) and that we can continue to enjoy playing tennis safely for the foreseeable future, and as somebody once said – "You only live once but you get to serve twice!"

For more information about the club and to keep up with the latest news, please visit:

Our website **www.langfordtennisclub.org.uk**

Facebook page

And NEW Instagram page (**[Langfordtennisclub](https://www.instagram.com/Langfordtennisclub)**)



Trophies on display from the last Intra-Club Tournament (2019)

Langford Cricket Club

At the time of writing, the cricket season for Langford Cricket Club Adult teams is well over halfway through. The Youth team's seasons are nearly complete, and we are watching the new cricket competition 'The Hundred' with anticipation.



The 2021 cricket season at Langford has been tricky so far, especially for the Youth teams. Many other sports suffered over winter due to Covid restrictions limiting matches, many of those sports extended their seasons in to spring and summer, leaving children and parents with difficult decisions on whether to continue sports they had paid for, or play cricket. This left cricket with much reduced numbers and many cancelled matches.

We run 4 youth teams at Langford

The Under 9's and the Under 11 teams play on a Sunday morning.

The Under 13 team play Tuesdays in the Bedfordshire U13 Development East League.

The Under 15 team play on Thursdays evenings in the U15 Development East League.

Youth training on a Thursday night for U9-U13 teams will continue through the summer holidays.

Following on from a dry spring, predictably early summer has been wet, with many games dodging the rain, but apart from the Allstars program, not too many games were cancelled.

The Saturday development team returned this year, and although some weeks has seen the team struggle for enough players, the games that have taken place have provided cricket for both young and old alike, who otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity. The dev team is open to anyone, so if you feel like playing please let us know.

Sunday adult cricket is in good health, the Langford First XI is comfortably mid table at the halfway point of the season in the Bedfordshire Counties Premier Division. The Langford Second XI team, newly promoted to the Beds Counties Div 4, are sitting in 3rd place with promotion firmly in their sights!

The Club continues to welcome new players, so whether you are young, or a bit more mature, there is cricket at Langford Cricket Club for everyone, so please do come along and join us.

Please ensure you keep up to date on what is happening via the Langford Cricket Club Facebook page (www.facebook.com/LangfordCC) and team fixtures, results and player statistics on the Langford Play Cricket Website (langfordcc.play-cricket.com).

Andy Watson
Chairman. Langford Cricket Club.

Langford Women's Institute



I have quite a bit to relate to you, but there are two things I am eager to tell before I begin.

Firstly, I am calling three cheers for our President who has successfully secured a new venue for our meetings which will be the Village Hall. If all goes well and we're out of lockdown, our first face-to-face meeting, since early 2020, will be on Friday, 13 August and thereafter on the second Friday evening of each month. We have had to change our meeting night; we'll see how we go, but if a Wednesday becomes available in future, we can make a choice. No more problems with parking, that's a big plus.

Secondly, as we come out of yet another lockdown,

in your rush to return to normal, consider which parts of normal are worth rushing back to. This is the first significant loss of freedom most of us have ever experienced in our lifetime and I very much hope it will be the last. You don't know what you have got till it's gone. Lockdown has certainly brought that one home.

Got that off my chest now back to business. On 8 June our National Federation of WI's held its AGM via Zoom. Normally it is held somewhere like the Albert Hall and members attend from all over the UK. Resolutions are put forward, discussed and eventually presented to government. Always there are interesting speakers, this year the likes of the Countess of Wessex, Baroness Hale and Dame Cressida Dick took this role. The first time a hybrid Annual Meeting has ever taken place.

In contrast on 10 June, 20 members met on Langford Playing Field. We all brought a chair to sit on, getting down is easy but getting up!! It was a fun few hours, Zoe with her usual aplomb entertained us with a quiz. I am not good at quizzes but there are among us some very clever ladies. My group was good on questions about the Titanic, but then we had Tina on our team who used to lecture on the Titanic!! I know how to pick them!

On another evening we had a Zoom Bingo/Wingo night (wingo is the wine bit!) in case you are not familiar. The girls took it all seriously and there were winners who will receive their prizes when we meet (hopefully face to face) in August.

We have been asked by the East Anglian Air Ambulance to request members save any foil lined crisp packets as a fundraising item. Apparently, they receive 1p for each packet donated. Don't go too mad though girls, you know what they say, a moment on the lips forever on the hips!!

As I write, we have the Church Fete on 17 July where we have a jam jar tombola.

Always very popular with the children and on 10 September our Harvest Supper but more on those next time.

The Recipe book is still ongoing but before I close I must congratulate June McDonald on the photograph she took of a field of sunflowers in Langford which now adorns the front cover of our July/August W-Eye magazine.

I think that is all for now but don't forget if you would like to find out more, please phone Iris Beazley who will be happy to help - 01767 223849

Olive Ravenall



The Ivy Leaf Club

Well, what can we say – we have been overwhelmed by the support since re-opening! It appears you have all missed us as much as we have missed you!!

Thank you also to all of our new members for joining – there have been many.

Further, we would like to also thank everyone for adhering to the restrictions in place so that we have continued to keep everyone safe. As restrictions lift, we ask that we all continue to be sensible.

We all enjoyed the football (maybe not the end result!) and introduced some drink promotions, some of which will remain. We would be interested to hear your thoughts on these.

For this year we have decided not to book music, with the exception of December.

However we are actively booking for 2022 and hope to once again have a full schedule.

These will be advertised outside the club and on our Facebook page.

A reminder that our Lounge Bar can be hired for private functions, (with the exception of 18th birthday parties) at a minimal cost. We are also happy to link with other local organisations and help you organise such things as catering, decoration etc. We are more than happy to discuss specific requests.

Finally, new members are always welcome – please pop in and introduce yourselves.

If you have any questions please message us, via our FB page, or call the Club during opening hours on 01462 700868.

Julie Devereux – Committee Member

Langford Walking Group

At the time of writing this (July 13th) we are expecting to fully “unlock” next week although I think we are all planning on being very cautious.

We have managed to continue walks with groups of various sizes (depending on the Covid rules in place at the time) and it has sometimes proved to be a bit of a challenge to ensure that groups of no more than 6 were walking and remaining socially distanced from the next group of 6 but we have continued to enjoy our countryside.

One of the outcomes of the pandemic is that we have had to become more organised. Instead of turning up each week and loitering around Chapel Hill Bridge while we decide where to go (sometimes for 15 minutes!) we generally try to decide a week ahead and set off straight away. That’s not to say that we don’t wait for the latecomers (you know who you are!)

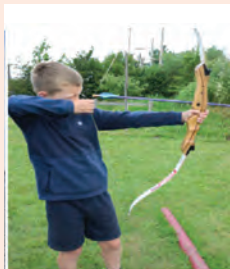
In pre Covid times we used to venture further afield once a month and after a walk through Maulden woods in August we will be going on a guided walk around a private nature reserve in Shingay cum Wendy for our September walk.

As always, coffee afterwards remains an important part of the morning and we were pleased to be able to return to the newly refurbished “Watering Can” at the Garden Centre.

We meet at Chapel Hill Bridge at 10am every Tuesday morning. Please do join us.

For any information contact Val Henley on 01462 626502

Langford Village Academy



This has been an amazing term with the children enjoying their classroom learning and Forest School/outside activities, without any interruptions due to Covid 19. We were also very pleased that our children were able to go on the Year 4 residential trip to Grafham Water in June. The children had a wonderful time, and it was exactly what they needed to improve their health and wellbeing.



Foundation Stage children enjoyed their own Beach Day at the end of term, pretending they were at the beach for lunch. Through the day there were lots of beach themed crafts and ice cream! They had lots of sand and water play and decorated their own summer t-shirts.



Plans have been underway this term to move the school to becoming a Primary in September, catering for children up to age 11. We will have two small classes of fifteen children, which will give our first Year 5 cohort a very good start to learning in Upper Key Stage 2. Central Bedfordshire Council is providing two mobile classrooms, which will be arriving in August. They are also providing a special needs room and an enclosed area with a canopy, outside our hall, to provide additional space during lunchtimes and for quiet learning/reflection.



We are hoping that Central Bedfordshire Council will reconsider reducing our intake to 30 children from 45 at a time of growth for the village and we will be working towards securing a new intake of 60, with the support of the Parish Council and residents.

We hope you all have a lovely summer break!

Debbie Randall
Principal



Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

This term, we finally got back to face to face Guiding! We welcomed everyone back with a few Guiding traditions and games.

Rainbows completed their own outdoor surveys, did some pendulum painting and some dancing. Brownies made some mixed media pictures with what they found outside, made their own masks and took part in a Disneyland themed wide game. Guides have had some special guests to teach them martial arts and gymnastics, and they have had musical and mystery themed activity evenings. All units celebrated the Queen's birthday, Father's Day and cooked over campfires to finish the term. Brownies ran two stalls at the St Andrews Church Fete and managed to raise over £50! We are looking forward to coming back in September and visiting Whipsnade Zoo.

We have had lots of lovely new Rainbows join us, so the Rainbow unit is now full! We suggest that you put your daughter on the waiting list as soon as possible before they are 5 so that they are more likely to get a space when they do turn 5. We are currently looking for an extra adult to help at Rainbows too. Spaces for girls are available in both Brownies and Guides. For more information, please go to:

www.girlguiding.org.uk

Danielle Ellis



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Contact - **The Langford Welfare Trust,**

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Langford Friends

Hello, I have recently taken over the role of Chairman for Langford Friends from my wife Margaret, and I am sure everyone involved, both volunteers and clients, will want to say a big THANK YOU to her for the time and commitment that she has given over the past few years as Chair. I know that her career experience gained in microbiology helped the

committee set some especially important safety guidelines for the volunteers and clients to follow at the very outbreak of the Covid pandemic lockdown. I am also aware of the tremendous support and care given by all our volunteers who have helped us maintain the service we provide throughout the pandemic and how much it means to those who receive it in our village. I am also pleased to say that Margaret will continue in her valued role on the committee as Volunteers Secretary.

The pandemic made me think about what we need as human beings. I concluded its not Netflix, and new cars and foreign holidays, that is what we feel we need, but what we really need is each other, and we need a community that we are part of, and that we feel valued by and feel that we are contributing to. Langford Friends could always do with a few more volunteers to spread the workload so if you would like to become one of our telephone volunteers or a volunteer driver, I would be delighted to talk to you and answer any questions. Our telephone volunteers hold our dedicated phone for one week every three months and receive calls from our clients when they need our service. They then connect a volunteer with a client to carry out the task required. Our volunteer drivers help clients with shopping, collecting prescriptions, journeys to GP and Hospital appointments etc. On average their time is called upon for two or three trips in a month. You can leave me a message via the Langford Friends phone number 07884 046741 and I will contact you.



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Being a Langford Friend and giving support, care, and assistance where needed makes me proud of Langford and I know that we will carry on working together as a group of compassionate volunteers for the good of this special village that we are lucky enough to call home.

Richard Wood. Chairman - Langford Friends.

Langford Methodist Church

Despite all the difficulties of the past months, I am pleased to say that the members of the Chapel are in good heart. Sadly we have lost Brenda and Lawrence Love, who have moved away to Dorset to be nearer to their family. They are a great loss as they have been very active members in many capacities. They opened their home as Bible Study hosts on a more or less weekly basis. Lawrie was a Worship Leader and Steward, and Brenda was a Leader in the Sunday Club for many years, and latterly a great help and support in the Sisterhood. We wish them well in Weymouth as they find new friends and a new church. After all the ups and downs of the past months we are now able to meet regularly on Sunday mornings and details of our services can be found on the Notice Board outside the Chapel (next door to the Post Office). We are also allowed to sing again, which is a great joy! Hopefully from the beginning of September we shall also be able to serve coffee, but we are taking things gently and are still adhering to distancing and hand sanitising – but masks are optional. Each Wednesday morning Joan and Chris Rutt open their garden at 18 Windsor Way from 10.30am for coffee and if you fancy a cuppa in convivial company please come and join us. We shall be holding our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday, 11th September at 10.30am. If you have never been inside the Chapel and wonder what goes on, or if you maybe used to come, but have somehow got out of the habit, this is an ideal opportunity to join with us. Our Minister Lorna Valentine will be leading the service, which I assure you will be very “user friendly”.

Jenny Broadbridge

Coffee in the Rutt's garden a few weeks ago



St. Andrew's Church

Autumn 2021



As I write we are seeing a re-emergence of competitive sport such as football's European Championships – Euro 2020. It's a little odd in a couple of ways. Firstly, to see England winning (up until half way through penalties in the final that is!). But then secondly to have a competition still branded to a year which is already past. The principle reason for that is that UEFA, the governing body, wanted to keep to the original vision of celebrating the 60th anniversary of the tournament. I don't suppose we would consider that there is much to celebrate about 2020. Except perhaps that it serves as a reminder of how we responded and emerged from what was a sometimes desperate situation.

Another historic sporting competition also takes place during the summer of 2021 – again a year late – the Tokyo Olympics. It has a rich history of stories which over the years have provided invaluable inspiration from those who have responded in desperate situations. In the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, Derek Redmond, was widely considered to be competing for Gold in the 400 metres. But in the final he collapsed with a torn hamstring. He got up, refused the stretcher, and was determined to hop to the finishing line. His father leapt out of the stand and joined him. 'You don't have to finish' he said. 'Yes, I do' was the reply. So, father and son struggled on to the finishing line with Redmond's arm round his father's shoulders and with the spectators providing a standing ovation.

Life these past couple of years has felt as though we have been limping along and struggling, not knowing if we are going to get to the end. In all of its challenges, sometimes difficulties and hardships, we have come to know the encouragement and support of others. One of the important features of village life is the generosity, love and care of others. In all sorts of ways I think we have known and experienced that. So too may we continue to know the ever-present strength and comfort of God's love for us as we journey on. With His presence we are never entirely alone or without comfort and support.

Rev. Shaun Speller – Vicar of Langford and Henlow – 01462 700248

St. Andrew's Church Fete



On Sunday 17th July St Andrews held its Annual Church Fete. The first major event in the village since this summer's lockdown. There were many stalls representing local organisations and churches including, Brownies and Rainbows, Cubs, the Woman's Institute and the Langford History Society. St Mary's Henlow, St Andrew's sister church were also present and provided a number of stalls featuring games and tombola. Fresh local honey was also on sale provided by Trudy Emery. Langford Methodist Church had a Fairtrade stall and a stall selling fresh vegetables was provided by E E Wells & Son Farm Shop with all the proceeds from that stall being donated to St Andrews.

The weather was very kind and this was reflected by the number of people who came to the Fete and the magnificent sum of £1000+ which was raised. However, without the support of the Village the Fete wouldn't have been the success it turned out to be so Thank You Langford.

Last but not least a word of thanks must go to the team of people who erected the stalls and put up the bunting and to Sheila Vidler who organised the event and made it happen. Thanks Sheila.'

Charles Clarke



St. Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival



St Andrews is planning a follow up to the successful Christmas Tree Festival held in December 2019. (subject to government guidelines). The dates of the Festival in December 2021 are yet to be decided.

Similarly to the 2019 Festival St Andrews will supply the trees, stands and lights.

If you or your organisation are interested in decorating a tree and joining in on the Festival please contact Charles Clarke on 07484634871 or via email at cdrc Clarke@btinternet.com or Messenger via [St Andrews Facebook Page](#) to register an interest.

Charles Clarke



Updates Excursions

See the Christmas Market Trip on 25th November

Thursday 23rd September Wimpole Hall, Cambs.

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Thursday 28th October

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Thursday 25th November

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Cambridge Rd, all Stops		09.27	RR
Station Rd, all Stops		09.27	RR
Church St, all Stops		09.29	RR
Bedford – St Pauls Square - Corn Exchange		10.05	12.20
W4 WELWYN GARDEN CITY	– 1ST Thursday of Month	OUT	RETURN
Church St, all Stops		09.13	RR
Station Rd, all Stops		09.15	RR
opp Riverside Gardens		09.17	RR
Bus Station		09.55	12.15
W5 BIGGLESWADE – A1 RETAIL PARK	2nd & 4th Friday of each month	OUT	RETURN
- New Route -			
o/s Riverside Gardens		14.00	RR
Cambridge Rd, all Stops		14.01	RR
Station Rd, all Stops		14.01	RR
Church St, all Stops		14.03	RR
Langford Rd, all Stops		14.04	RR
Biggleswade – Asda Superstore		14.11	16.05
Biggleswade – A1 London Rd Retail Park		14.16	16.00
W9 ST NEOTS	- 2nd Thursday of Month	OUT	RETURN
o/s Riverside Gardens		09.34	RR
Cambridge Rd., - all Stops		09.35	RR
Station Rd, all Stops		09.36	RR
Church St., all Stops		09.37	RR
Roxton Garden Centre (on request)		10.00 OR	12.20 OR
St Neots - Market Place		10.10	12.10
W13 MILTON KEYNES	- 3rd Thursday of Month	OUT	RETURN
Church St., all Stops		09.06	RR
Station Rd, all Stops		09.08	RR
Cambridge Rd., all Stops		09.09	RR
Opp Riverside Gardens		09.10	RR
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