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**Let us Welcome Back
the Village Fete on
Saturday, 9th July**



Volunteers Needed! - See page 2 for details of how to help!



A Letter from the Editor

Following two very difficult years I am sure we are looking forward to the Spring and Summer and all the activities we can enjoy with the better weather. Hopefully, there will be village events we can become involved in.

The Playing Field Fete is set for Saturday, 9th July and Taya Cleghorn and Colin Carol have very kindly volunteered to organise the event. It can only go ahead with help from residents. So, if you are able to help, please contact Taya ASAP.

taya.cleghorn@live.co.uk

There will be events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, so look out for details if you want to become involved.

Litter pick in March! So let's hope we get plenty of volunteers to clear up the village.

Meanwhile let's look forward to the longer, warmer days of spring.

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However, I realise that not all our residents have easy access to computers or printers.

If you would like me to print copies for you just give me a ring and I will pop one through your door.

Trudy Emery
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Langford Tales Screenings



After waiting three years to share the 'Langford Tales' documentary with the local community, it was really special when we were finally able to put on screenings in the Village Hall last December.

A team of volunteers did a superb job making sure everything ran smoothly. There was decor by Becky Wells Events, tasty food and drinks supplied by the Langford Hideaway and display boards from Langford Academy, along with a fantastic book stall manned by the Langford History Society. All this was orchestrated by Joanne Goble with a lot of support from Taya Cleghorn.

We had a lot of fun transforming the village hall into a movie theatre complete with red carpet, and we managed to put on twelve showings which were attended by 500 people over six days.

The big screen that had been installed just a few months prior didn't disappoint. The image quality looked fantastic even for those sitting at the back of the hall. We were so impressed that the screenings have inspired us to create more film-based events in the future.

But for now, the focus is on 'Langford Tales'. The aim of this particular film was to bring people in the community together so it was wonderful to see such a diverse crowd!

Some had moved away from Langford years ago and returned especially to see the film. We had visitors from London, Surrey, Kent and even as far away as Bolton. Families that had contributed to the film and the many people that helped with the project behind the scenes all graced us with their presence.



Of course, the people of Langford showed up in force. Seeing so many familiar faces was extremely touching, especially after a long two years of lockdown. The film was always made first and foremost for the people of Langford; both those that have lived in the village all their lives and those that have only recently made Langford their home.

Unfortunately, there were many that could not attend. The fear of getting it right before Christmas was on a lot of people's minds.

We wanted the screenings to be a time for people to come together and celebrate our local history so it was heartbreaking, but the right decision, to cancel the remaining screenings and put them on hold until further notice.

The feedback we received from those that attended in December was extremely positive and we've had many emails asking when the film will be shown again!

We are happy to say 'Langford Tales' will return to the village hall this Spring. We are hoping to confirm some dates this April / May.



**Information will be posted on www.langfordtales.com
For queries: info@langfordtales.com**

Gill Clarke

"If you want something doing – ask a busy person."

This is an old saying and often it is quite true. Appropriate too when you need something important doing in the community. One person that gives so much to the community of Lanford is Gill Clarke.

Gill has previously been a Central Bedfordshire Council member but now focusses her attention in Langford on the Parish Council, Playing Field and Village Hall. Gill is Chair of the Parish Council and has seen the workload increase dramatically due to many significant planning issues. Many hours are spent, unpaid, sorting out such issues and dealing with bureaucracy with the needs and welfare of the village as her number one priority.

Managing the Village Hall and the Playing Field resources in the village takes a significant amount of time and skill, dealing with legislation, maintenance, contractors and helping to ensure that the facilities are up to date, safe and fit for purpose for everyone to enjoy. Gill oversaw the recent renewal of all of the play equipment on the Playing Field and has been the key person at the Village Hall during the several stages of improvements both internally and externally. Without Gill's enthusiasm and flare for getting things done Langford would be a poorer place. It's a wonder how she fits in everything including making cakes for various groups and arranging flowers at the church. Her home life is busy too with loving grandchildren, a dog and the need to practice golf.

On behalf of Langford- thank you Gill



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Speed Watch

Since the last Diary, one more volunteer has joined the team which is great. More volunteers are very welcome as this helps us hold sessions at different hours of the day and days of the week. As the days get longer, we have more scope to hold sessions in the morning and evening rush hours.

We monitor speed of vehicles for one hour once a week and pass the vehicle details to Kempston Police Headquarters, who send letters to the offenders. We are aware several people have complained about speeding vehicles in the evening etc, but unfortunately the rules we have to abide by mean we can only carry out sessions during daylight hours and are limited to one hour. Speed Watch also has no authority re illegally parked vehicles in the village and no means to notify the relevant authorities ourselves. In answer to a query, we received whilst out and about, I did double check the Highway Code and it is in contravention of the Code to park partly on the pavement; to park facing oncoming traffic (particularly at night) or to park close to a junction or bend.

If you are interested, here are some figures gathered in the last six months. Our busiest site is always the Henlow Road spot, near the Garden Centre. The highest number of passing vehicles so far recorded is 288 in the hour. The highest number of offenders was near the school in the 20mph part of the village. We recorded 17% of vehicles speeding there (30 cars). This may be because some drivers do not realise (still) that the speed limit is only 20mph at that point in the village but the speed bumps, crossing, signage and painted 20 on the road should give a bit of a clue. Hopefully receiving a police letter will get the message across.

Finally, thank you for the waves and thumbs up we get whilst we are holding our sessions. It is nice to know what we do is appreciated. We are happy to pass on suggestions about slowing speeders to the Parish Council, Councillor Dixon and to Kempston police where appropriate.

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Langford Methodist Church

NEWS FROM LANGFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Langford Chapel invites you to join us at one of our services or special events. It would be lovely to meet you and you can be assured of a warm welcome and great hospitality. Many great friendships have been made from that first encounter at an event or attending a service. It's so good to talk, to share, to care for each other and to listen to great sermons that inspire and give us food for thought in our everyday lives. And we love singing the hymns too; which are displayed beautifully on a screen with background music or we sing to the traditional organ. Both provisions are very uplifting and inspiring and we often continue to join in with the music at the end of the service, whilst coffee is being served.



Many of us find it a truly special time of quiet, reflection and prayer – a time to put aside all our worries in our everyday lives and to let go and let God. The chapel provides a time for peace and comfort, as well as friendship and has a great support network amongst its members. People really do care and want the best for each other. Why not give us a try?

Service Times

1st Sunday in the month - 10.30 am - Mission Group Service – led by our Minister Lorna Valentine. These services will be rotated between some of the local churches that our Minister oversees, so they won't always be at Langford Chapel. Please check beforehand if you would like to attend and want further details.

2nd Sunday in the month - 10.30 am – Normal service at Langford Chapel.

3rd Sunday in the month - 9.30 am – Normal service at Langford Chapel.

4th & 5th Sundays in the month - 10.30 am – Langford Chapel.

One of the services to be an informal service.

Coffee Mornings at the Chapel

1st Wednesday – Oasis Coffee Morning 10.30 am.

2nd Wednesday – Coffee 10.30 am. Bible Study from 11.00 am.

3rd Wednesday – Coffee 10.30 am. Thought for the day, hymns & prayer from 11.00 am.

4th Wednesday – Coffee 10.30 am. Prayer time from 11.00 am.

Sisterhood

1st Thursday of each month - at Langford Chapel.

It is also open to anyone of any age that would like to attend. We are hoping that some future meetings will include speakers, music etc.

Special Events

Women World's Day of Prayer - Friday 4 March –

Please contact Jenny Broadbridge if interested.

Daffodil Day - Saturday 5 March – London

Chapel Anniversary - 13 March – 3.00pm

Lent Course - 9, 16, 23, 30 March (and possibly 6, 13 April)

Mission Group Service - 3 April

Palm Sunday - 10 April

Maundy Thursday Service - 14 April – 7.30 pm

Easter Sunday - 17 April – 10.30 am Service (instead of 9.30 am)

Afternoon Quiz - Saturday 30 April – 2.00 to 4.00 pm – details tbc

Mission Group Service - 1 May – Henlow

Christian Aid Service - 15 May – 9.30 am

Coffee Morning and Gift Day – 18 May

Gift Day Service - 22 May

St. Andrew's Church

Spring 2022

It can't have escaped your attention that these days Lent seems to begin earlier in the year. Perhaps I should clarify that statement. In the Christian calendar Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which is always held 46 days (40 fasting days and 6 Sundays) before Easter Day, which is itself a moveable date. The formula for the date of Easter Day was determined all the way back in 325 AD. It was decided that it should be on the first Sunday after the first full moon, following the spring equinox on March 21. So, Easter will always fall between March 22nd and April 25th each year.



Lent is the period of preparation before Easter where we traditionally abstain from certain things, directing our thoughts to God, and seeking to enter into a period of transformation.

I said at the beginning that Lent seems to begin earlier each year. Because it seems these days, that as soon as we hit the new year in January, we are given over to all sorts of abstinence, with the new year detox becoming something of an annual tradition. Dry January, Veganuary and other things which people have come to purge themselves from, has become a popular form of an early Lent.

The reasons to participate in such abstinence are simple enough. Especially when it comes to alcohol for example. Alcohol Change UK, who originated the Dry January campaign in 2014, says that today, '88% of participants save money, 71% have better sleep and more energy, and 58% lost weight'.

I guess we could all agree that would be a worthwhile transformation. Lent seeks to engage us in examining our inner lives and allowing God to transform them also. So why not join us during Lent on Sundays at 9.30 as together we seek to be transformed into the people that God wants us to be.

Friday Coffee Mornings

Fancy a Coffee or Tea with a slice of homemade cake?

We are open every Friday 10.30-12 noon in St Andrew's Church Hall. Always someone friendly to talk to and you will be made most welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Sheila Vidler

Langford Village Hall

The Village Hall has weathered Covid, with the assistance of grants from Central Bedfordshire Council. Bookings are now at an all time high with regular classes, birthday parties, and even some weddings.

The car parking spaces are to be relined, and additional parking bays situated at the rear of the car park nearest to the river. Speed limit signing is to be placed on the roadway from Mill Lane to the Village Hall to deter cars speeding.

The Management Committee is pleased to report that the CCTV system around the hall is working well and reducing crime and antisocial behaviour. Additional static cameras are to be installed for extra coverage of the car park.

The showing of "The Langford Tales" was particularly effective with the new projector, screen and speakers which was purchased from proceeds from several years village Fete. Further showings are to take place in the months to come and will be advertised.

Gill Clarke
Facilities Manager

Walking in Langford and Bedfordshire

New residents may not be aware that there are some lovely walks round Langford countryside. The Langford Parish Council website has details of many walks. Follow the link entitled The Parish. Or come along on Tuesday mornings (except the first Tuesday of the month) to the Post Office river bridge and walk with a friendly group. Boots or wellies are often required in winter time, but enjoy!

I have received an email from John Harris and have included his information here,

Walking in Bedfordshire www.walkinginengland.co.uk/beds has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Bedfordshire (part of the Walking in England website – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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Trudy Emery

Archaeological Surveys in Langford

by John Shipman

Whenever a significant building project is proposed the local planning authority insist that an archaeological survey should be undertaken to ensure nothing of historical value is lost or destroyed. Langford offered ancient communities good grazing, plenty of water and potential for farming and many supporting activities. As a result any sizeable sites might reveal evidence of occupation, trades and possibly artefacts. Sites close to the river are considered promising.

The new housing site north of Tithe Farm Close was surveyed and several interesting features were revealed. These results are currently being made into a report which will be lodged on the CBC website. The archeologist has said he would be pleased to present his findings to a meeting of the Langford History Society.

The archaeological report for the area where Seward Close and Wrestlers Grove now stands is already on the CBC website. A similar survey is due to take place on a large site south of Cambridge Road.

Langford Welfare Trust

It has been a busy time for the Trust. We have provided, in 2021 and 2022 the following:

- 2 laptops to Langford Academy
- 20 food bank parcels to Langford residents
- 1 School skiing trip travel cost
- 1 Grafham Water study trip
- 1 set of outdoor clothing for a student
- 1 double bed and mattress
- 1 fridge freezer

A cooker, washing machine and bedroom furniture Including storage unit, two beds and mattresses with help from Preen.

- 1 lap top for home study work
- Equipment for Langford Lollipops

The Langford Welfare Trust is most grateful for the financial support from Langford Parish Council which will enable work to continue in 2022. Other income is derived from donations, investments, rent from a small field and the letting of fishing licences. During the pandemic further financial support came from Covid Community Fund (National Lottery). See our Facebook page or our advert in this issue for contact details.

The Ivy Leaf Club

We are so pleased to welcome in the New Year when hopefully things return to normal. We have booked a full programme of events with the first live band of the year on 26th February.

We then have Huggy Flares booked for 19th March so come and join us and dance and party to their ever popular soul and disco classics.

In May we are planning to hold our belated 100th Anniversary with music from local band Corruption. This will be a members only ticketed event - tickets £15, including food.

The Ivy Leaf Club Langford 100 Years of Fun				2022 GIG GUIDE	
Feb	26th	Fishing for ROBOTS New Order, Gary Numan	26th	26th	26th
March	5th	JAGG Soul & Disco	19th	19th	19th
MAY	7th	This is a member's only event We are Celebrating our belated 100th Anniversary as a club 1921-2022 This is ticket only! Tickets £15 including food.		29th	29th
Check out our Facebook page for additional events. Ivy Leaf Club Langford, group & Ivy Leaf Club Langford		Dec 24	Dec 31	Dec 24	Dec 31
		Christmas Eve Disco New Year's Eve Disco			

Admission fees: NON-MEMBERS - £4, £6 or £8. MEMBERS are free unless otherwise stated above



Please look out for our full calendar of events for 2022 (photo attached) and, as always, we will update our Facebook page with news and events.

A reminder that our Lounge Bar can be hired for private functions (with the exception of 18th birthday parties) at minimal cost. We are more than happy to discuss specific requests. We recently held a baby shower (photo shown) and have had lots of requests for children's birthday parties - we will work with you and any caterers etc to make sure the event is a success.

New members always welcome - if you have any questions please message us on FB or call the Club on 01462 700868 during opening hours.

Julie Devereux -
Committee Member

Langford History Society

We were lucky to be able to hold meetings in September, October and November last year, rounding off the year with a successful fish and chip supper in December with music provided on the keyboard by Stuart Fairclough.

We have a full programme for 2022 which will go ahead following any government restrictions in force at the time of the meetings, which might include wearing masks. It is advisable to bring a coat, as ventilation of the room might be necessary. If tea or coffee is wanted, you should bring your own mug.

Our meetings are held in the Church Hall on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 8pm and free tea and coffee is served. We do not meet in January or August. Visitors are welcome and pay £4. Annual membership, February to December, is currently £5. At the time of writing we are having problems updating our website due to issues accessing the server. Our webmaster is working on this and hopefully when you read this you will be able to see our programme in full on the site.

However, we start the year as usual with the AGM in February plus a special item. On 2nd March Liz Davies talks on magic and folk medicine in Huntingdonshire – before professional medical cover, rural communities relied on folk medicine so it would have been practised in Langford.

We welcome back Roy Smart on 6th April who will tell us about Wallis Simpson and the abdication crisis of 1936 which may soon slip beyond living memory. This is followed, as a complete contrast, on 4th May by a look at life in the workhouse by Ian Waller, who will talk about the alternatives, the conditions and the records available to researchers.

June and July are usually visits to places of interest, so we will publicise these nearer the time. We do not meet in August.

On 7th September Ted Martin will talk of his 60 years in the book trade, both from the printing and publishing sides of the industry.

Our October meeting, on the 5th, will be our Annual Village Memories Meeting and, on 2nd November, Liz Davies comes again to get us into the festive spirit with a 'A Victorian Family Christmas in Peterborough'.

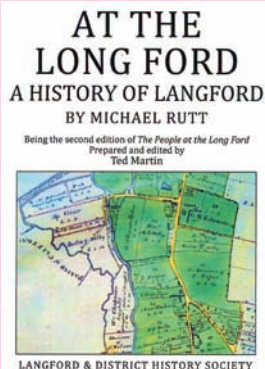
The year will end with our usual Christmas Social.

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.



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 autumn issue (No 9.5) has an article on Archaeology, local history and the pandemic and Part 1 of the wartime reminiscences of a land girl.

Should you want to learn more about Langford's history, our books are available from Rowena Wolfe (or as below) by phone or email: 01767 312556 or

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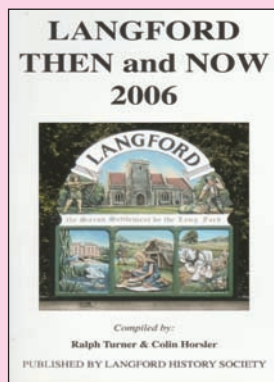
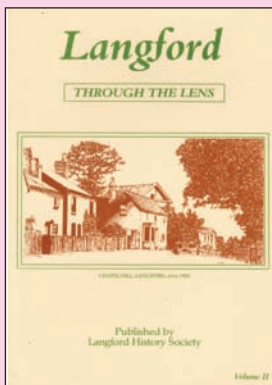
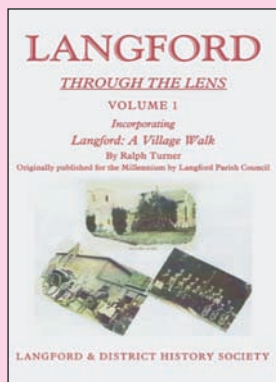
You can collect the books in the village. They contain lots of photos preserving the knowledge of the families, homes and businesses of old Langford. They are:

At the Long Ford: A History of Langford, by Michael Rutt: 172 pages describing Langford's history from Saxon times to the present day. 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).

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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Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

1st Langford Rainbows:

Our waiting list has exploded over the last 6 months so we are doing our best to fit as many Rainbows in as possible. Please remember that if you have a daughter who would love to come to Rainbows, you can register her before she is 5, the sooner the better! (Some parents have even registered from birth before!) They can then automatically get a place at Brownies when they turn 7 and Guides when they turn 10. We have had lots of our Rainbows working on interest badges from home including the Family Tree, Animal Lover, Drawing and Helper badges and they have done a great job! At the unit this term, we will be making lanterns for Chinese New Year, having an Easter Egg Hunt, cooking mug cakes and going on our very own Rainbow "holiday".

1st Langford Brownies:

Last term, we enjoyed a Christmas trip with the Rainbows to Hatfield Odeon to see the new Disney movie 'Encanto' and received a special badge! This term, we will be fundraising using our popular "£1 Challenge" and are excited to see what amazing ideas our Brownies invent to raise funds for our upcoming adventures. We have also decided that we would like to make our own pasta, cook pancakes for Pancake Day, celebrate Mardi Gras and make some origami animals.

1st Langford Guides:

We have started the term by welcoming two new Guides who have moved up from Brownies and promoted some brand new Patrol Leaders in our group. We have already had a Big Fat Quiz of 2021 and created new unit Guidelines. This term, we look forward to creating some Chinese craft, paintings and food for Chinese New Year, making Pink Rocky Road, having a Welsh Wide Game for St David's Day and going on a penny hike for some chips! For Easter, we will be decorating Chocolate Eggs AND decorating pizzas too!

What's On in the Spring!

March

- 2 **History Society** - Magic & Folk Medicine in Huntingdonshire - Liz Davies - Church Room - 8.00pm
- 2 **Oasis Coffee Morning** - Chapel 10.30-11.30am
- 3 **Parish Council Meeting** - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 11 **Langford WI** - Everyone Has a Story to Tell- Jeanette Moser - Village Hall - 7.15pm
- 12 **Langford Spring Clean** - St. Andrew's Church - 9.30am
- 15 **Langford Car Club** - The Plough - 7.00pm

April

- 6 **Oasis Coffee Morning** - Chapel 10.30-11.30am
- 6 **History Society** - Wallis Simpson and the Abdication Crisis of 1936 - Roy Smart - Church Room - 8.00pm
- 7 **Annual Meeting of the Council and Parish Council Meeting** - Village Hall - 7.15pm
- 8 **WI** - Annual Meeting - Village Hall - 7.15pm
- 19 **Langford Car Club** - The Plough - 7.00pm

May

- 4 **History Society** - A Look at Life in the Workhouse - Church Room - 8.00pm
- 4 **Oasis Coffee Morning** - Chapel 10.30-11.30am
- 5 **Annual Meeting of the Council and Parish Council Meeting** - Village Hall - 7.15pm
- 13 **WI** - Members Evening - Village Hall - 7.15pm
- 17 **Langford Car Club** - The Plough - 7.00pm

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

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 Kasey Brooks 07584 035495

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 marrionmargtson@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

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

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 Coaching Groups - 4.30pm - 7.30pm - langfordtennisclub.org.uk

Adult Tennis Social - 9.00am-12 noon and 7.30pm - 10.00pm

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

Oasis Coffee Morning - Chapel 10.30am-11.30am - see page 11 for details

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

Tennis Coaching Groups - 4.30pm-8.00pm

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

Tea, Coffee and Cake every Friday 10.30am - 12 noon at Church Hall. Everyone welcome. Contact Sheila 01462 701750

Saturday

Cricket, Bowls, Tennis Summer

Tennis Coaching Groups - 9.00am - 1.00pm

Adult Tennis Social - 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Useful Information and Relevant Contacts see 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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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

Thursday, 3rd March, 2022 - 7.30pm

Thursday, 7th April, 2022 - 7.15pm

Thursday, 5th May, 2022 - 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

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Power Cuts	105	Citizen Advice Bureau	0844 4771600
or text 80876 POWER & postcode		my.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk	
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Langford Village Academy	01462 629000	Domestic Violence	0808 2000 247
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Out of Hours Contact Numbers		www.bbchurch.org.uk	01767 312667
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Langford Parish Council

Sitting here looking at a grey sky it is comforting to know that Spring is on its way. Daffodils are in the shops and spring bulbs are shooting through the ground. Many more daffodil bulbs have been planted throughout the village, so we should have a wonderful swathe of yellow in the spring.

We are starting the New Year with some positive news:

We have a very active Community Events resident, who is planning to celebrate the Queens' Platinum Jubilee with a "do" in the park. Details are yet to be confirmed but it will be advertised fully. The event will be held on the Sunday during the 4-day Bank Holiday (2nd-5th June).

As part of The Queen's Green Canopy, The Woodland Trust will be providing 3 million saplings free of charge to schools. Individuals hoping to plant a tree in their own garden will need to purchase a sapling. If you would like to be involved with The Queen's Green Canopy, but wouldn't like to plant your own tree, please visit our donate page (contact below). There you can "Gift a tree for the Jubilee" by contributing to two different causes: Trees for cities and schools; and Trees in Memoriam.

Trees can be acquired from local tree nurseries. If possible, it is recommended to acquire a tree from a certified tree nursery. This will help ensure the tree you buy is healthy and less likely to spread pests and disease. The Plant Healthy Certification Scheme and OHAS Growers Standard are examples of the kind of certifications to look out for.

Later in the year the QGC website will provide a list of suggested plaque suppliers, offering a range of QGC plaques at various costs. If you have a local supplier you wish to use, a template will be available to download. All plaques will include the same wording and logo in the same style.

More information can be found at queensgreencanopy.org

Central Bedfordshire Council has a fund for communities to plant trees, and Langford Parish Council has obtained trees from there. It is proposed that an avenue of trees be planted in the new Cemetery. Further to the tree that fell down alongside the river at the rear of the Village Hall, the Parish Council together with the Playing Field Management Committee are considering a long-term plan and financing to manage the existing old trees particularly around Playing Field and river. Work has already taken place to remove the dead branches from the Black Poplar nearest to the Mill. There is also a plan to plant new trees alongside the riverbank.

Suggestions have been made to install boxes/homes for owls, bats and kestrels and other birds.

These boxes are very expensive, and the Parish Council has come up with a plan for residents to sponsor a box/home. Prices are being sought, plus the need for a very long ladder and agile legs to install the boxes. If you would like further information in sponsoring a box, and helping to place the boxes in the trees please contact me gillyannclarke@gmail.com Langford Parish Council Queens' Platinum Jubilee project to refurbish The Pound is near to completion. A new notice board has been ordered and will be installed for use of community groups. Bird boxes are also to be placed here.

Defibrillator training in November was well attended and the feedback was positive. From this session 2 new defibrillators are being funded by a resident. It is hoped that placement will be north of the village and south, but this will depend on suitable sites with power, which is being investigated.

Thanks to Speedwatch who continue to carry out regular speed checking through the village, their data shows that traffic speeds have in fact reduced over the last 2 years. We of course continue to raise highways issues with CBC in the hope that some more long-term solutions to reduce speeding can happen.

Finally, I must thank Theo & Jo Goble and their team for the excellent “Langford Tales”. We are lucky to have a couple that are so talented and committed to Langford.

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

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SUNDAY Closed

LANGFORD VILLAGE STORE

SUNDAY	8.00am - 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

1st Langford Scout Group



The autumn term was a busy one for all our sections as we now have over 70 young people in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

We were very proud to be able to take part in the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial and to make up Christmas hampers for local elderly people for a local charity. The Beaver Scouts learned about The Guide Dog charity from Connor who raised money for them with a cake sale and we donated some of the money raised from the Garage Sale too. Scout Daniel represented us at the World Scout Jamboree selection weekend but was sadly not selected as one of the few to go to Korea in 2023.

One of our teams on the Cubs District Hike at the RSPB Sandy came second with a fast time and we awarded Oscar, Seb, Noah and Alex with their Chief Scout Silver Awards. Recently we went to the Panto at Stevenage (oh yes we did!)

As we go into the Spring term we're excited about our first residential trip since before Covid. In March 40 Cubs and Scouts are heading to Gilwell, the original home of Scouting for a weekend of fun activities and hopefully lots of peaceful sleep. Last time we went we were almost thwarted by the Beast from the East so let's hope for milder weather this time.

Then we're off again in August for our twice postponed trip to an outdoor pursuits centre in Wales. It's all go!





Beavers are age 6–8 and meet on Tuesdays 6–7pm; 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.

All the sections are currently full and we have allocated all spaces for the rest of the academic year but we are taking applications to the Waiting List for all sections, please contact me for more information.



Please note we offer spaces to children in order of when they joined the waiting 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. We recommend putting children onto the waiting list as early as possible.

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. In particular, we need a Secretary for the Exec that manages the Group, a role that would be ideal for someone who couldn't commit to a weekly role.

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





Spring 2022

Our AGM was held in November where the Committee and Membership agreed that we would approach 2022 in as positive way as possible and proceed with as full a program of home and away games as can be arranged.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to set up the Short Mat for internal bowls this winter, but it is hoped that this can be done for when the outdoor season finishes.

Club members have been honing their bowling skills on the full indoor mats at Riverain and Bedford Borough clubs.

On completion of the Club AGM Trophies were presented by our President Iris Roberts the successful recipients were:

Langford Internal Club Competition Winners 2021

Langford Drawn Pairs League 2021 - Melanie Andrews & Melvyn Wagstaff

Don King Triples 2021 - Taff Roberts, Keeley Appleby & Peter Holmes

Langford 1 Metric Pairs 2021 - Geoff Bell & Melanie Andrews

Langford Men's Single Two Woods 2021 - Steve Bilcock

Langford Men's Single Four Woods 2021 - Steve Bilcock

Langford Drawn Pairs 2021 - Melvyn Wagstaff & Steve Bilcock

Langford Partner Pairs 2021 - Richard Blossom & Geoff Bell

At the time of writing, we have two men's Triples teams and one ladies Triples team entered in the East Beds League.

There is also a full programme of the Over Sixties home and away games schedule for the season, these are played on a Wednesday afternoon.

Also, a full programme of ladies & mixed home and away games, these are usually played on a Saturday with the occasional Thursday or Sunday subject to the schedule.

The Club will also be holding an OPEN DAY where all the village is invited to try their hand at this sociable outdoor activity. Details of this event will be advised on our Facebook page and Website.

In addition to the above there will be numerous internal competitions running throughout the season.

All necessary safety precautions will be in place to ensure that members and visitors can use our club with confidence in these uncertain times.

With the recent ongoing expansion of housing in the village it is hoped that the Bowls Club will see more of our village residents of all ages wishing to take up the game.

Wishing you all the best for 2022.

James Rix

Langford Bowls Club

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

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)



Langford Drawn Pairs Winners
Steve Bilcock & Melvyn Wagstaff



Langford Partner Pairs Winners
Richard Blossom & Geoff Bell



Don Ling Triples Winners
Taff Roberts, Keeley Appleby & Peter Holmes



Steve Bilcock - Winner of Both
Men's Single Two Woods and Four Woods

Langford Cricket Club

Happy New Year to everyone!

Where to start? Preparations are gathering momentum at the Cricket Club with the 2022 Season looking like it could be a return to something close to normality.

In 2022 Langford CC will once again have three Adult teams, playing on one of the best cricket pitches in the area! There will be two teams on a Sunday, and one on a Saturday.



The Sunday 1st XI will be looking to challenge once again in the Beds County Cricket League Premier Division after coming so close in 2021. The Sunday 2nd XI just missed out on promotion in 2021, so are looking to go one better and attain promotion to Div 3 in 2022.

The Club have entered a Development Saturday team in to the Beds Invitational Saturday league in 2022, this development team aims to be a fun and learning experience and the Club hope that the team will be a mix of youngsters, legends, ladies and anyone else interested in playing cricket. In 2021, with a combination of other sports extending their seasons, and Covid related issues, the Saturday team sometimes struggled to field a side. However, when it did, the games were relaxed, fun, and everyone got the chance to take part. We also enticed some players back to the sport, and also welcomed some very enthusiastic new players to the game.

The AllStars Saturday morning cricket sessions will be back in 2022. The 8 week ECB sponsored introduction to cricket course, not only offers places for up to thirty 5 to 8 year old boys and girls, but comes with all the equipment a young cricketer needs. Registration starts in the Spring via the ECB registration pages.

Older girls and boys are invited and welcome to attend the weekly fun Thursday evening coaching sessions 6pm to 7pm, this is a great introduction to the many youth teams the Club run, from U9's through 11's, 13's and 15's right up to Adult Cricket. These sessions start after Easter. There are two new coaches enrolled on the training course this spring, helping the Club deliver cricket to as many youths age ranges as possible.

The Club enjoys a very active and engaged Ladies section, often representing the Saturday Development XI, and will also in 2022 continue the partnership with Flitwick Ladies Cricket, entering a combined team in the Four Counties Women's League.

Walking Cricket now available at the Bunyan Leisure Centre, Bedford, all welcome, just £3 per session, Tuesdays from 1st Feb, 9am to 10:30am, just need your Trainers.

The Club has players representing Bedfordshire at both youth and senior level, up to and including over 70's.

Winter nets begin again on the 19th Feb, 7pm for youths, 8pm for Adults at Stratton Leisure Centre SG18 8JB. £3 per session. All welcome.

For more details on any of the above, check out the Langford CC Facebook page.

Unfortunately the Club has received three lots of sad news over the winter, the Club would like to recognise the contributions of three players and supporters who have passed away recently.

Cyril Dalton supported the Club along with his wife Sybil when Gary Schurch, their on-in-law played as an all rounder for the 1st XI. He and Sybil particularly enjoyed dancing at the Awards Dinner & Dance back in the day.

Dave Johnson “DJ” was a regular 1st Team wicket-keeper in the 1980s and 1990s winning the Captain’s Cup in 1993. DJ was a regular on cricket tours.

Paul Wilderspin “Splash” played for a number of years mainly for the 2nd XI as a medium paced bowler and was an enthusiastic tourist, Splash was awarded the Captain's Cup in 1995, 2003 and 2005, and he was awarded Clubman of the Year in 2001, 2006, 2008 and 2010. Splash was jointly responsible for restarting the youth coaching at the Club, and he took on the main responsibility for this for a number of years until ill health intervened in 2016. There are many current players, coaches, parents and supporters of the Club who became involved with Langford Cricket Club because of the efforts, commitment and hard work of Splash. All will be sadly missed.

As a club, we rely on volunteers and the support of players and parents of players. If you would like to get involved as a volunteer, a coach or a player, please do contact us via our Facebook page.

Once again, we thank all our Sponsors for their continued support.

www.facebook.com/LangfordCC

Andy Watson, Chairman. Langford Cricket Club.

Premier Division

1st Team

1.00pm starts

May

- 1 Lutonian v Langford
- 8 Langford v Dunstable Town
- 15 Eversholt v Langford
- 29 Dunstable Town v Langford

June

- 12 Langford v Queen’s Park
- 19 Luton Yown & Indians v Langford
- 26 Langford v Flitwick

July

- 3 Langford v Caldecote
- 10 Southill Park v Langford
- 17 Langford v Evesholt
- 24 Flitwick v Langford
- 31 Caldecote v Langford

August

- 7 Langford v Lutonian
- 14 Langford v Southill Park
- 21 Langford v Luton Town & Indians

September

- 4 Queen’s Park v Langford

Fourth Division

2nd Team

1.30pm starts

May

- Langford v Eaton Bray
- Waresley v Langford
- Langford v Ickwell II
- Langford v Waresley

June

- Queen’s Park III v Langford
- Langford v Bedford II
- Offley & Stopsley v Langford

July

- Old Warden v Langford
- Langford v Harrold
- Langford v Offley & Stopsley
- Langford v Old Warden

1.00pm Starts

August

- Eaton Bray v Langford
- Harrold v Langford
- Bedford II v Langford

September

- Langford v Queen’s Park III

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The trust is supported by Langford Parish Council and has also received funds from The National Lottery Community Fund in 2020.

Contact - **The Langford Welfare Trust**,
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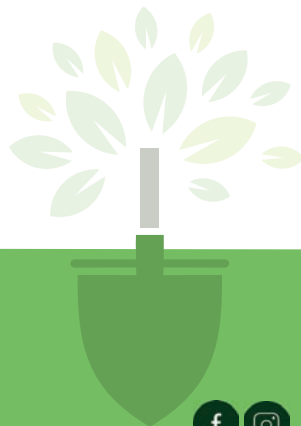
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I am pleased to report that we start 2022 with three new volunteers on board. We had hoped they would join us at our planned thank you evening for all our volunteers which was scheduled to be held at the Plough in Langford on the evening of Tuesday 7th December 2021. However, because of the uncertainty surrounding the emerging variant of COVID at the time it was with regret that the committee decided to postpone the event. We hope to reschedule the event in the Spring providing there is a far lower risk to health.

Our volunteers continue to serve the needs of an ever-increasing number of residents in our village enabling them to maintain independent lives. We have been busy transporting clients to routine GP and Hospital appointments and collecting prescriptions and shopping etc. And assisting clients to get to the various locations offering the COVID booster vaccination.



We were delighted to participate in the Christmas Tree Festival held at St Andrew's Church on Friday 10th to Sunday 12th December 2021. We were informed that there were 22 decorated trees, and it was estimated that between 350 and 400 visitors attended over the weekend. Visitors voted on the best dressed tree and the Cup was deservedly won by the Langford Owlets with about 120 people joining in carols with the Bedford Brass Band at the end of what was a very good weekend. I'd like to thank our volunteers Heidi Pegrum and Diane Pearce who kindly decorated our tree which consisted of garlands of hand cut fabric characters holding hands with the lettering Langford Friends, all surrounded by pinecones and candy canes etc. Very creative!

I must also express thanks to Theo and Joanne Goble who very kindly gave Langford Friends 10 complimentary tickets to the screening of the Langford Tales film held at the Village Hall during December 2021. These were offered to our volunteers and clients on a first come first served basis. If you run a business/service in Langford and would like to show your support for Langford Friends, I will be delighted to discuss ideas with you. Just call me on the number below.

We have booked the Village Hall on Thursday 28th April 2022 from 2 to 4.30 PM for a Volunteers Forum. This gives our committee the chance to thank our volunteer workforce for contributing so much of their time, energy, and effort to supporting the clients of Langford Friends. It also provides an opportunity to update our volunteers on matters that concern them and gives volunteers the opportunity to ask questions, submit thoughts on how we may keep the service running smoothly and express any concerns that they have. Tea and cake will be served. All residents of Langford are very welcome to attend to learn more about Langford Friends so please save the date and we will look forward to meeting you.

If you have need of our service or would like to become a volunteer, please call us on 07884 046741 and we will be pleased to provide more information and answer questions.

We look forward to supporting our community in 2022.

Richard Wood - Chairman

Langford Women's Institute



At the time of writing this article it is one of those grey English days. Yet again, we are in the midst of the virus, but we carry on into the wild blue yonder, still smarting from the fact that it's our second Christmas with this hanging over us. Having said that we are slowly getting back to normal – if there is such a thing. We are not quite there yet but every day (fingers crossed) brings more freedom.

The WI is about inspiring women through experiences, knowledge and skills

which we do in a fun and enjoyable way, but we are also passionate about supporting local charities and causes, so we were pleased to once again make a donation to the Royal British Legion by laying a wreath at the Memorial on Remembrance Day. Plans are also afoot for donating toiletries to a Charity which supports women who find themselves homeless having suffered domestic abuse.

Fortunately, this new outbreak has not stopped us from holding our meetings. On 12th November, we had a very entertaining evening with our guest speaker, Colin Hill, telling of his time as a Royal Protection Officer. The talk, entitled 'Dancing with Diana,' was fascinating. It laid bare all the fun and seriousness of such an important task. We could all have listened to him for hours and certainly intend to invite him back in the future.

At our Christmas evening in December, we had a special showing of the documentary 'Langford Tales' – festive attire was the code for the evening, Zoe being our 'mischievous elf!' We had an interval for refreshments at the half-way mark, during which the raffle was drawn.





This special film has been a long time in production and our thanks to Theo Goble for making our evening not only possible, but also enjoyable and a chance to see some familiar faces, some of whom are with us and some sadly not. On the night Jenny Broadbridge thanked him warmly.

Also in December we took part in the Christmas tree festival which was staged in the church. Many groups from the village entered and it made a glorious sight. Each tree was dressed to a theme – ours being 'make do and mend'. We didn't win, The Owlets group of children won top prize and quite rightly so, but hey it's the taking part that counts and we enjoyed joining in the carol singing at the end!

Our thanks to the church wardens for such an enjoyable event.

On 14th December, 38 members attended our annual Christmas lunch which this year was held at Waresley Garden Centre. It was greatly enjoyed by all – good food, lots of chatter and a chance to get to know each other a little more.





After the meal the raffle was drawn and there were some very generous prizes. Zoe who, by now you will have gathered is our Events Organiser, took charge of the proceedings. Our sincere thanks go to her and her helpers for organising the day.

It was touch and go whether we would be able to hold our meeting in January, but with appropriate safety measures in place we enjoyed an evening with Alan Gray 'Tales of a Wimbledon Umpire'. McEnroe comes to mind –YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! Well, he had a great deal to tell us and it was quite lengthy, some serious, some factual, some funny, a real mixture but oh so very interesting.



Afternoon tea at Benslow Music in Hitchin is booked for the end of January and February 11th is our open evening which can take any shape from telling our own stories, playing board games, a spot of Bingo or partaking in some form of exercise – who knows!

Many activities and outings are planned for the coming year, so if you wish to learn more please come along to one of our meetings which are held on the second Friday of every month in Langford Village Hall at 7.15 pm (£3 entrance for visitors).

Olive Ravenall

***For more information about Langford WI
please call Iris on 01767 223849.***

Langford Tennis Club

2022 brings another busy year for the Tennis Club.

This year we are planning for a major refurbishment of the courts including resurfacing, upgraded floodlighting and, eventually, replacement of the Clubhouse. This is a considerable financial undertaking, and the Committee are currently investigating the best way to carry this forward. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 23rd February where we will outline our plans to members.

We are currently playing matches in the Bedfordshire County Winter League and Veterans League and coaching and social tennis sessions are well attended even in the cold weather!

The Annual Summer Championships will take place this year, after having to cancel this for the last two years due to Covid. It is now back on the agenda with singles and doubles competitions for ladies and men, mixed doubles and veterans, culminating in a final's day in September.

As a reminder, our social sessions are held on a Wednesday morning from 9.00am, Wednesday evening from 7.30pm and Saturday afternoon from 2.00pm. If you fancy joining in, please come along and you will receive a very friendly welcome!

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

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

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***Festive costumes worn by (most!) members of a
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Despite all that Mother Nature has thrown at us, we are still chugging along. Fortunately, we only have one driver laid low with Covid at this time so our timetable is not affected, we will keep our fingers crossed. Not only have we had Mother Nature to contend with we have had to deal with Fiat engineering as well, our low floor bus has been poorly for almost a year now, but at last, we are hoping to get it back into service sometime next month. Thankfully our other bus has been manfully taking the strain and normal service continues, with the help of our friends at The Talk of The Town who fill in the blanks for us.

To keep everyone safe, we continue to insist that everyone wears a mask in the bus and we do our bit by sanitising the bus weekly with a long acting antibacterial as well as using the same material daily to top up protection to all the touch points.

Hire for club activities is still a proposition going forward, just give our hire manager a call to discuss.

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Tuesday - to Sainsburys, Biggleswade calling at Tempsford, Sandy, Langford and Caldecote.

Friday - to Sainsburys, Biggleswade calling at Tempsford, Sandy, Everton and Potton.

Saturday - to Sainsburys, Biggleswade calling at Tempsford, Sandy, Langford and Caldecote.

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Bedford - St Pauls Square - Corn Exchange		10.05	12.25
- Interchange Retail Park		10.15	12.15
W4 WELWYN GARDEN CITY	- 1 st 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
W8 ST ALBANS	- 2nd Wednesday of Month	OUT	RETURN
Church St. – all stops		09.13	RR
Station Rd. – all stops		09.15	RR
Opp Riverside Gardens		09.17	RR
St Peters St – o/s Santander Bank Stop 2		10.25	
St Peters St. – opp Santander Bank Stop 13			14.00
W9 ST NEOTS	- 2 nd Thursday of Month	OUT	RETURN
o/s Riverside Gardens		09.33	RR
Cambridge Rd., - all Stops		09.34	RR
Station Rd, all Stops		09.35	RR
Church St., all Stops		09.37	RR
St Neots - Market Place		10.10	12.15
W13 MILTON KEYNES	- 3 rd Thursday of Month	OUT	RETURN
Church St., all Stops		09.06	RR
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Cambridge Rd., all Stops		09.09	RR
Opp Riverside Gardens		09.10	RR
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