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The Langford Diary

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A Letter from the Editor

It was a sad day when I was told that Michelle Albone, our Parish Council Clerk is leaving. She has always been supportive to me as editor of the Langford Diary. May I take this opportunity to join Gill Clarke and the Parish Councillors in wishing her all the best in her new job. Gill has written a fitting tribute to her in her Chairman's report. Please take a time to read it.

As Editor I am lucky to read all the organisation's submissions before anyone else. It was so great to see how positive everyone is and how everyone is enjoying our new-found freedom. All the organisations have enjoyed a new enthusiasm to meet up and have fun. The youth organisations seem to have such a wonderful time with their indoor and outdoor activities. Details of how to join in or have a taster of something new is always available on the Weekly Meetings pages.

We can look forward to our summer fetes this year.

The St Andrews Church Fete will be held in the Churchyard on Saturday June 18th between 2pm and 4pm. For details please contact Sheila on 01462 701750.

The Playing Field Fete will be held on 9th July. Volunteers are always essential so do help if you are able.

For details, please contact **Taya on 07539 752703** or at **taya.cleghorn@live.co.uk**

The Queen's Jubilee Picnic in the Park will take place on Sunday 5th June.

For more details, please see Colin Carol's opposite.

Have a wonderful summer!

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St Andrew's Church Summer Fete

***Summer Fete on Saturday 18th June
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
in the Churchyard***

We are hoping to build on the success of last year's Fete by inviting village organisations and small businesses to take part in our Fete.

Please ring or message me if interested. Sheila - 01462 701750.

We're back! With two great outdoor events for Summer 2022

At last! We have great pleasure in announcing not just one, but TWO events on the Playing Field this year – as if to make up for lost time in 2020/21!

And not just the return of the Fete; we will also be holding our own celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Just think – 70 years since the Coronation! Were you there, or did you gather round a (new) 12 inch television set to see it? Or perhaps your earliest memories include the big Royal events of 1977, 2002, even 2012?

Sunday 5th June 2022 Queen's Jubilee Picnic in the Park

Whatever your memories, join us for a Celebration Picnic on the Playing Field on Sunday 5th June. Bring your own picnic and games, to come together and celebrate. From 13.00 to 17.00, there will be live music, face painting, a children's soft play area – and, of course, an ice-cream van and refreshments will be available.

Saturday 9th July 2022 Langford Community Fete

We are bringing back our ever-popular Community Fete this year – please note that it is a week later than it has been traditionally. Make a note – 9th July! From 11.00 to 16.00, all the usual attractions will be on the Playing Field, with children's soft-play area, inflatables, ice creams, pizza stall, BBQ, licensed bar, a Dog Show, lots of stalls, and a car-boot sale.

Unfortunately the Raft Race, which has traditionally been held on the same day as the Fete, will not be taking place this year. Hopefully we can look forward to it resuming in the future.

Volunteers Needed!

I am very grateful to Taya Cleghorn for planning and organising these two events. We would like, as usual, to ask for volunteers to help with them, particularly the Fete. We will need some assistance in the weeks leading up, and the more people we have on the day, the easier it is for everyone. Moving tables and chairs, advising people on where to set up and where to go, helping with car parking – we will be grateful for any help you can give us.

Please contact **Taya on 07539 752703 or at taya.cleghorn@live.co.uk** if you would like to help us.

Colin Carroll

Langford Women's Institute



Well, here we are again, the worst of the darkness is over, the days are getting longer. Daffodils adorn the village, all assigned to lift the spirits. However, the wretched virus has tottered back in again, mildly for most but not so for some.

Meanwhile life at the WI has been very full and varied. A lot went on in March, meals were enjoyed at the Spice

Lounge and the Five Bells. A group meeting was held by Upper Caldecote WI where a very nice buffet was provided and we were entertained by Dot Wigg who always manages to get us chuckling.

Two members attended a Speakers' Day in Barton le Clay in order to find something different for our programme in the coming year. Sadly it did not prove to be very fruitful for us, but we have put together a new programme from other sources which we hope the members will enjoy.

A group of 16 finally went to the Gordon Craig Theatre to see the 'Sensational 60's Experience.' They were due to go in 2019 but Covid got in the way. The evening was enjoyed but most felt the entertainers maybe should have retired well before now!!





Our speaker in March was Jeanette Moser. Her talk, 'everyone has a story,' told of her life after being expelled from school and finally residing in, what was then, Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. Whilst living there she served for several years as a woman police officer before moving onto pastures new. At times she forgot what she was telling us but her husband prompted and she was soon raring to go again thoroughly enjoying telling her story.

A fun session of bowling at RAF Henlow was held in April and several things are organised for May including a fish and chip supper with a quiz at the Ivy Leaf Club and lunch at the Five Bells. Zoe is also in the process of organising a boat trip with lunch further down the line, so plenty to keep everyone happy.

In June we are to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a street party theme, and in July we will have a stall at the village fete.

At our Annual Meeting we entertained Sylvia Eastwood, our now WI Advisor who was here to oversee our introduction to the new committee, voted in, in February. She was also witness to a special presentation to Iris



Roberts who is stepping down from the committee after serving for over 60 years. Iris is a very talented lady who will continue to attend meetings when time and weather permit. Along with Muriel Pendlington our Honorary President we will retain access to their infinite wisdom about how all things WI should be done.

The committee for 22/23 is virtually the same except for Nina who is moving to Northern Ireland and of course Iris. Their places are being filled by Christine Dietrich and Brenda Murphy.

I think that is all for now but if you would like to test the water, give our President Iris a call, she would love to hear from you - 01767 223849

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Langford (St. Andrew's) Drama Club

The Drama Club was formed in 1965 and reluctantly closed their curtains on the stage for the last time in February 1998. In the 33 years the Club presented sixty productions including plays, variety shows and pantomimes. In addition, the Club entered plays in 12 drama competitions. Tessa Forsey, the last Club chairman said the Club reluctantly closed after “running out of steam and finding it difficult to recruit new members in the 18–30 age group”. One notable club member was the now famous star of TV, theatre and the big screen – Ben Whishaw. One of Ben’s first roles at Langford was as Mouse in the 1991 production of *Wind in The Willows*. Les King, one of the Club’s leading singers and comedians, famously said of Ben “I taught him everything he knows”. 2022 saw a reunion at The Plough of some Club members who reminisced and recalled many funny incidents whilst remembering those members who are no longer with us. The reunion finished with a sing-song and a group picture.



Back row L-R: Geoff Fagg, Richard Arnott, John Shipman, Tessa Forsey, Sonia Sewell, Douglas Harding, Gwen Arnott
Front row L-R: Ruby Thrussel, Christine Carroll, Colin Carroll, John Sewell, Gerri Shipman.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

1st Langford Rainbows:

This term, we are hoping to spend some more time outside by doing parachute games, practising for Rainbow Sports Day and going to the park. We would like to learn some circus skills and will be making crowns to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We will finish the term with a disco party. We still have lots of Rainbows both in the unit and on the waiting list so if your daughter would like to join, please register them as early as you can – ideally from age 3 but younger is possible! We are also planning an activity afternoon with other local Rainbow units for the Queen's Jubilee.



1st Langford Brownies:

We are lucky to have lots of events to look forward to this term! We have the Garage Sale Trail to raise money for the unit along with Langford Cubs, we will be having a stall at the Church Fete and we have an activity day at Wrest Park themed on 'Dragons in Tiaras'. We will also be having a picnic to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, completing a promise activity and having a 'Disney Job Day'. For our end of term party, we are having a water fight and eating ice lollies. We are looking forward to our Summer Camp in Wales this August and would like to thank Theo and Joanne Goble for organising the Langford Calendar and for their kind donation from the funds raised. Thank you also to those who attended our Easter Egg Hunt at the Church who helped us raise funds (pictured).



1st Langford Guides:

This term, we are making stained glass pictures, hedgehog houses and having a bake off challenge whilst also designing our own cheesecakes. We are meeting up with Arlesley Guides for a visit to Barton Springs and for the first time, will be competing in a Guide and Ranger Sports Day with other units in the district. We have planned a crime investigator wide game and an 'I'm a Celebrity... Get me out of here' themed evening. We are looking forward to doing lots of water sports and other activities in Wales this summer. Last term, we enjoyed a penny hike and chip walk to the Langford Fish Bar (pictured) and the chips were lovely!

Danielle Ellis



Langford Neighbourhood Plan

Summer 2022 Update

After a deserved rest following last autumn's very successful referendum on the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Steering Group have resumed work for the future.

You may recall that the Plan is subject to formal review every two years and important subjects for the sustainability and future path of the village have already come to attention.

Now meeting again face to face, the Group has identified these four issues as priorities for their interactions with Central Beds Council: Education; Healthcare & Community facilities: A Village-Wide Traffic Plan & Cycle Routes.

These issues could also be grouped together under a heading of Sustainability, which could then bring in the wider issues of Infrastructure, Climate Change, Energy costs & Employment opportunities.

The Steering Group is separate from the Parish Council but liaises with them on a regular basis to coordinate matters and the Group is grateful for their continuing support, both financial and logistical.

If you have thoughts and ideas about any of the four issues above then please let us have them via email to langfordneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com We'd love to hear from you!!

For other opportunities to get involved with the future development of the Plan and its continuing importance for the village.

A Call for Volunteers

The Steering Group has resumed work for the future. You may recall that the Plan is subject to formal review every two years and important subjects for the sustainability and future path of the village have already come to attention.

Now meeting again face to face, the volunteer Group welcomes villagers who'd like to join and help the Group shape the future of the village via the reviews of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Group is made up of motivated individuals who want to see the village be the best it can be and who know that the Plan is a key element to achieve that goal.

Meetings are held on an as-needed basis, often during the day, with email contact in between as projects progress. An enquiring & motivated mind and internet access are the two main qualities shared among the group members.

The Steering Group is separate from the Parish Council but liaises with them on a regular basis to coordinate matters.

If you have positive thoughts and ideas about any of the many issues for the future of the village then we'd love to hear from you!!

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

<https://langford-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Neighbourhood-Plan-1.pdf>

To learn more and register an interest in joining the Group, you can email us on **langfordneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com** or contact us via the Parish Council by email to: **johnshipman@langford-pc.gov.uk**.

St. Andrew's Church



Completion of Phase 2 of the Reordering Project

On the 30th January Bishop Richard and Cllr Tracey Stock joined us at Sunday Morning Worship to celebrate the completion of Phase 2 of our Reordering Project. As can be seen in our picture we now have level access from outside right through to inside the church. Also an easy access toilet. We are most grateful for all the funding that we have received from many organisations which has enabled us to finish this phase.

Sheila Vidler

St. Andrew's Church

Summer 2022

This summer will see the Queen celebrate her platinum jubilee, 70 years of being our monarch. Earlier this year marked accession day, the actual day on which she acceded to the throne following the death of her father George VI. And on the 70th anniversary she was photographed in the Oak Room at Windsor Castle with a golden jubilee letter from a nine-year-old boy, titled "A Recipe for a Perfect Queen". Its list of ingredients included "500ml of royal blood", a "dab of jewels and posh gowns" and "a dash of loyalty".



Loyalty is something which has epitomised her reign with her constant sense of duty and devotion to God. In her 21st birthday radio address she declared that her whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to our service, and she recognised that she could not do this in her own strength but with our support and with the help of God. And she has kept that promise throughout her long life.

During her coronation the Queen was given an orb made with six-hundred jewels and pearls; the cross mounted on top represents the rule of Jesus Christ over the earth. This symbol of power placed into her hand indicates that she is the servant of a greater King, Christ represented by the cross.

In 2016 a book was published in tribute to her. It was called: The Servant Queen and the King she serves. It reminds us that the Queen has faithfully served the people as a servant of God. And it's Christ's own humble and sacrificial service that has been the inspiration for the Queen's view of her own work and of others, being a servant and doing the work of God with a willing heart. And for that we give thanks for her life of service and commitment.

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

The Ivy Leaf Club

We have been overjoyed to have things back to normal with live bands returning. We have been really busy and have not only had successful gig nights but lots of private celebrations too. Thank you so much to all our members for the ongoing support.

When you are reading this we will have just celebrated our belated 100th celebrations! Can you believe the Club is 101? Here's to the next 100 years!!

We are planning another one of our ever popular charity nights in June - date TBC. On August Bank Holiday weekend we have the return of Cheezy and the Hellmits. We also then have live singers and bands booked for September, October and December - checkout our gig guide and Facebook page.

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 will work with you and any caterers etc to make sure the event is a success.

Also a reminder that memberships are due for renewal. 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 - Co-Chairperson

Speed Watch

Roll on Spring and Summer. It is much more pleasant doing our sessions when the weather is warm.

Our small team is continuing the weekly sessions, weather permitting, and we continue to report to Kempston Police headquarters drivers who are exceeding the speed limit. This means those motorists receive a letter from the police and should they receive two letters, it gets taken further on the third offence. Usually one letter is enough to remind individuals of the importance of keeping to the speed limit and also to highlight the 20mph zone - which still seems to catch some motorists by surprise for some reason.

We have been allocated some slightly different locations since the new year and are collecting results from them.

One of our new locations is near Ewbank Corner, although it is a little early to be sure, our data shows no speeders in 195 passing vehicles and 1 speeder in 218 passing vehicles during the last two sessions. We are assuming that the speed bump has reduced speed in this location. The highest number of speeders recently has been by the Playing Fields (20mph zone) with 17 speeders in 210 passing vehicles.

There are some new teams in other villages too. Lower Stondon are now holding sessions, and Broom is the latest addition. Hopefully motorists will realise we villagers do care about where we live and want to keep it safe.

Heidi Pegrum

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- Managing Council finances including invoices, payments and grant applications.
- Receiving and dealing with council correspondence and documents.
- Liaising with councillors, external bodies and the public.
- Circulating reports on the activities of the Council.
- Managing the maintenance of areas within the parish that the council is responsible for including playing field, cemetery, war memorial, grass cutting and street lighting.
- Overseeing the Management of the cemetery including dealing with plot purchases and being present during interments.
- Managing the Village Hall Bookings diary and hire income.
- Updating Social Media (website and facebook pages).

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Our programme is now back in full swing. We've had some great talks in the spring on varied topics. After trying out some of the meetings we're please to say we've recently had quite a few new members join the group. So we'd like to say welcome to them all and we'd also like to welcome you too. Why not come along to an upcoming meeting to get a taste of what we do at the club?

We're a friendly group who share an interest in all things horticultural but we also have talks on crafts, conservation and history, so there's something you may be interested in, even if you are not green-fingered. We usually meet at St Andrew's Church Hall in Langford on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm. In the summer we usually have an outing on the scheduled meeting date.

After a talk at the hall in June; "Herbs In The Garden" by lecturer and author Margaret Easter; we'll be visiting some local attractions as we like to get out and about for our summer programme.

In July we'll have an evening visit to King's Arms Garden, Ampthill. It's a small woodland garden, tucked away by the market square and created by plantsman William Nourish. In August we're visiting Guilden Gate Smallholding, Bassingbourn in the evening. It's a sustainable smallholding which includes native hedging, wild flower meadows, fruit orchards, vegetable and herb fields and a vineyard. They meet their energy and water needs by environmentally friendly means.

In addition, we'll visit the Gardens of Easton Lodge, Dunmow, Essex on Saturday 2nd July. It's a Grade II registered haven of formal gardens and a tree glade designed by Edwardian designer Harold Peto, for the Countess of Warwick.

For more details: **Website:** <https://langford-gardening-club.co.uk/>

Email: langford.gardening.club@gmail.com

Nextdoor: https://nextdoor.co.uk/g/6sfdcv4qc/?is=nav_bar

What's On in the Summer!

June

- 1 **History Society** - Visit to Beck House, Wrestlingworth
- 7 **Gardening Club** - Herbs in the Garden - Margaret Easter - Church Hall - 7.30pm
- 9 **Parish Council Meeting** - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 10 **Langford WI** - Queen's Jubilee - Village Hall - 7.15pm
- 18 **St. Andrew's Church Fete** - St. Andrew's Churchyard - 2.000-4.00pm
- 21 **Langford Car Club** - The Plough - 7.00pm

July

- 1 **WI** - Training and Use of Police Dogs - Len Little - Village Hall - 7.15pm
- 2 **Gardening Club** - Visit to Gardens of Easton Lodge, Dunmow, Essex (Time TBC)
- 5 **Gardening Club** - Visit to Kings Arms Garden, Ampthill (time TBC)
- 6 **History Society** - Digging for Britain in Langford - James Fairbairn Archeologist - Church Room - 8.00pm
- 7 **Parish Council Meeting** - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 9 **Langford Playing Field Fete 11.00am - 4.00pm**
- 19 **Langford Car Club** - The Plough - 7.00pm

August

- No Parish Council Meeting**
- 2 **Gardening Club** - visit to Guilden Gate Small Holding, Bassingbourn (Time TBC)
- 12 **WI** - Puppet Tales Part 2 - Angela Collins - Village Hall - 7.15pm
- 16 **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

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Monday

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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 marrionmargetson@outlook.com

History Society First Monday of the month. See What's on in the Summer for details

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

Langford Gardening Club First Tuesday of the month. See What's on in the Summer for details

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

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

Oasis Coffee Morning - Chapel 10.30am-11.30am - see page 42 for details

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

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 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

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

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

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

WI Second Friday of Month. See What's On in Summer for Details

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

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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, 9th June, 2022 - 7.30pm

Thursday, 7th July, 2022 - 7.30pm

No Meeting in August

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 on 07482 276173**
or **clerk@langford-pc.gov.uk**

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

Useful Telephone Numbers & Websites

Bedfordshire Police	01234 841212	Housing Repairs and Noise	0300 300 8098
Police Non emergency	101	Highways	0300 300 8049
Emergency Services		Dangerous Structures	0300 300 8098
Gas	0800 111 999	NHS	111
Electricity	0800 072 7282	Langford Friends	0788 4046741
Power Cuts	105	Citizen Advice Bureau	0808 223 1133
or text 80876 POWER & postcode		Samaritans	116 123
priority services for people in need			0330 0945717
www.ofgem.gov.uk		Childline	0800 1111
Water	0800 169 3630		www.childline.org.uk
National Floodline	0345 988 11 88	Silverline	0800 470 8090
	(24 hour service)	MIND	0300 330 0648
Langford Surgery	01767 316346	BBC Action Line	
Ivel Medical Centre	01767 312441		www.bbc.co.uk/actionline
Langford Pharmacy	01462 701518	Domestic Violence	0808 2000 247
Langford Village Academy	01462 629000	Food Bank at Biggleswade Baptist Church	
Central Beds Council	0300 300 8301	www.bbchurch.org.uk	01767 312667
Out of Hours Contact Numbers		Langford Welfare trust	01462 700650
Social Services	0300 300 8123	Papyrus Hopeline Uk	0800 068 4141

Michelle Albone *Clerk of the Council*

Well, this submission to the Langford Diary does not have the content I would have chosen.

Our wonderful Michelle Albone, Clerk of Langford Parish Council has decided to move to pastures new. Michelle has been the Parish Clerk and RFO for the past 7 years and is the mainstay of our Council.

Following Philip Rutt, who was Clerk for over 50 years, Michelle has, with her professional, magical ability to get things just right, kept us motivated and forward thinking. Nothing is ever too much trouble, her cheerfulness spreads across the Parish Meetings, even when we are despondent over planning decisions.

The success of Langford Neighbourhood Plan and development of the new Cemetery have been mostly down to Michelle, as is the refurbishment of The Pound, in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She contributes without us even knowing, so committed to her work.

There is a poem written by Michelle on the new Cemetery noticeboard, which will be a lovely reminder of her time as Clerk to Langford Parish Council.

We are very sad to see her go but wish her every happiness and success in her new venture.

Thank you so much Michelle.

Gill Clarke - Chairman, Langford Parish Council

Langford Parish Council

We are interviewing very soon for the position of Clerk of the Council, and details of our new Clerk will be on the Parish Council website.

The Parish Council urgently needs "new, younger blood". The majority of Councillors are more mature, and if the Parish Council is to continue, then we need upcoming people to become involved in matters in the village. It is very interesting and mostly worthwhile. There are times, especially when the planning outcome is unsatisfactory, that we wonder why we are Councillors. However, there are lots of other positive aspects that we are very proud of.

The elections are on 23rd May. At this moment in time, I do not know if any existing Councillors will stand, but we do have vacancies now, and can co-opt new Councillors. Please give me a call, my telephone number is in the diary, and we can discuss any queries you may have.

Gill Clarke - Chairman, Langford Parish Council

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

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SUNDAY Closed

LANGFORD VILLAGE STORE

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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 Football Club

It was good to be back playing football this year and able to complete the season. We have had managerial changes within the First Team and are looking forward to next season to build on the start the new managers have made. As the Club moves forward the crowds are much improved and we have a good village community watching the games, the football is improving although results haven't gone our way.



Our Ladies Team have finished their season and had a good run of 14 games unbeaten towards the end of the season, finishing 2nd, this gives the Ladies promotion to the Premier Division.

Langford Ivel have also finished, having a good season finishing mid table, its been great to see former Langford Youth players back together, covering various age groups, enjoying their football. Langford Ivel play at Forde Park but also use the playing field if fixtures clash.

Langford FC Ladies Team



Langford Bowls Club

Summer 2022

The Bowls season is in full flow, with fixtures commencing on the 30th of April. Signing on for the year took place on the 14th of April and fixture lists for the various home and away games were published. How nice it is to be out playing and reacquainting ourselves with fellow club members and friends from other local clubs.

Again, our thanks go to our Green Keeping Team who over the closed winter season have spent a considerable amount of time and effort in replacing a water sprinkler, ditch mats, scarifying, fertilising, and mowing, resulting in the green being in great condition for the beginning of the season.

The club will be holding various internal competitions over the summer along with friendly games against other clubs in the local area on a Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

A programme of friendly matches is attached, please feel free to come along and support our home games, refreshments are available and it's a lovely way to spend a warm summers afternoon.

Langford A and B Teams are competing in Divisions 3 and 4 of the East Beds League, these matches are played on a home and away basis on a Monday evening commencing at 6pm. With the population of the village expanding, it is hoped that the club can attract more residents to give bowls a try this summer. The club will have a stall at the Village Fete and the Green will be open for you to try your hand, all will be welcomed, and it is free!

Thursday afternoons 2pm are set aside for practice and there will always be a club member to show you the ropes. The club will provide all necessary equipment and instruction, the only requirement is that potential players wear flat soled shoes for use on the green.

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)

Langford Bowls Club Fixtures 2022

LADIES

DATE	DAY	TEAM	H/A	DRESS	TIME
30/4/22	Saturday	Henlow	Home	White	2.30PM
7/5/22	Saturday	Wilstead	Home	White	2.30PM
19/5/22	Thursday	Potton	Away	Grey	6.15PM
21/5/22	Saturday	Stotfold	Home	White	2.30PM
9/6/22	Thursday	Flitwick	Away	Grey	2.30PM
11/6/22	Saturday	Shefford	Home	White	2.30PM
7/7/22	Thursday	Sandy T	Home	Grey	6.15PM
16/7/22	Saturday	Henlow	Home	White	2.30PM
30/7/22	Saturday	Biggleswade	Away	Grey	2.30PM
3/9/22	Saturday	Stotfold	Away	White	2.30PM
8/9/22	Thursday	Beds Priory	Away	White	2.00PM

MEN

DATE	DAY	TEAM	H/A	DRESS	TIME
30/4/22	Saturday	St Ippolyts	Away	Grey	2.00PM
7/5/22	Saturday	Stotfold	Away	Grey	2.00PM
19/5/22	Thursday	Beds Priory	Home		6.00PM
21/5/22	No Game				
11/6/22	Saturday	Russell Pk	Away	White	2.00PM
16/7/22	Saturday	Shefford	Away		2.30PM
30/7/22	Saturday	Flitwick	Home		
3/9/22	Saturday	Hitchin	Home	Grey	2.00PM

MIXED

14/5/22	Saturday	Houghton	Away	Grey	2.00PM
28/5/22	Saturday	Biggleswade	Home	Grey	2.00PM
4/6/22	Saturday	Fairfield	Away	Grey	2.00PM
18/6/22	Saturday	Milton Cup	Home	Grey	2.00PM
25/6/22	Saturday	Sandy Cons	Away	White	2.30PM
2/7/22	Saturday	Maulden	Away	Grey	
3/7/22	Sunday	Letchworth	Home	Grey	2.30PM
9/7/22	Saturday	Mowsbury Pk	Away		
23/7/22	Saturday	St Andrews	Home		2.30PM
6/8/22	Saturday	Whitethorne	Away		2.30PM
13/8/22	Saturday	Amphill	Away	White	2.30PM
20/8/22	Saturday	Henlow	Home		
27/8/22	Saturday	Sandy Cons	Home	White	2.30PM
10/9/22	Saturday	Welwyn	Away	White	
17/9/22	Saturday	St Ippolyts	Home	Grey	2.00PM
24/9/22	Saturday	Don King	Home	Grey	

OVER 60'S

4/5/22	Wednesday	Wilstead	Away	Grey	2.00PM
11/5/22	Wednesday	Flitwick	Home	Grey	2.00PM
18/5/22	Wednesday	Barton	Away	Grey	2.00PM
25/5/22	Wednesday	Maulden	Home	Grey	2.00PM
1/6/22	Wednesday	Henlow	Away	Grey	2.00PM
8/6/22	Wednesday	Stewartby	Home	Grey	2.00PM
15/6/22	Wednesday	Biggleswade	Away	Grey	2.00PM
22/6/22	Wednesday	Shefford	Home	Grey	2.00PM
29/6/22	Wednesday	Sandy Cons	Away	Grey	2.00PM
6/7/22	Wednesday	Wilstead	Home	Grey	2.00PM
13/7/22	Wednesday	Flitwick	Away	Grey	2.00PM
20/7/22	Wednesday	Barton	Home	Grey	2.00PM
27/7/22	Wednesday	Maulden	Away	Grey	2.00PM
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17/8/22	Wednesday	Biggleswade	Home	Grey	2.00PM
24/8/22	Wednesday	Shefford	Away	Grey	2.00PM
31/8/22	Wednesday	Sandy Cons	Home	Grey	2.00PM

28/7/22	Thursday	Beds VPs	Home	Grey	2.30pm
15/9/22	Thursday	Beds VPs	Home	Grey	2.30pm

1st Langford Scout Group



Spring term can be the hardest one to make interesting – still cold and dark outside, with no glittery Christmas stuff to look forward to – but we tried our best!

The Cubs had a visit to Climb Quest MK and were flinging themselves up walls and down giant slides without fear; we learned how to use camping stoves, and cooked eggless pancakes (while learning about food allergies). We had a night of challenges with a trading post for buying supplies which was lots of fun and we also took time to talk about mental health and wellbeing. We also helped Cub Logan in his challenge to raise money for Alzheimer's Research UK by walking 28 miles in February – our Cub hike was part of his total miles.

The highlight of the term was our first residential trip since before Covid – almost 40 Cubs, Scouts and leaders went to Gilwell Park for a weekend of adventurous activities including climbing, crate stacking, backwoods

cooking and tomahawk throwing. It was a brilliant trip and we're all looking forward to our next adventure to the Brecon Beacons in August.

This term Cubs will be getting outside as much as possible and working on our Outdoor Challenge. We have archery and a water activities day planned. The Scouts and Beavers will also be outside as much as possible (a reminder to those that exercise their dogs around the Scout Hut that no one wants their uniform covered in dog poo so please pick up)

Our fundraising Garage Sale Trail is being organised for 8th May – I hope by the time you read this, the Trail was a great success and raised lots of money for activities for the Scout Group and the Brownies.



We would like to give a huge thank you to the team behind the Langford Calendar, who gave us a substantial donation from their sales – we will use this money to have some fun with the young people of our group.

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 more than full and Scouts is pretty stuffed too but we are taking applications to the Waiting List for all sections – please get your child on the list as early as possible (current youngest on the list was born this year!) – contact me for more information.

Jo Smith, Group Scout Leader

GSL@langfordscouts.org.uk

Family History Research - using the 1939 Register

For those interested in researching family history the 1939 Register has become a useful source of information. Looking at Langford one can see 29 digitised pages of entries. Mill Lane residents appear on two pages. Access is via subscription based websites. Use Google or Ancestry.com or Findmypast.com. Searching is best done by surname, place of residence and date of birth if known.

Initially taken due to the onset of war with the purpose of producing National Identity Cards, the register later came to be multi-functional, first as an aid in the use of ration books and later helping officials record the movement of the civilian population over the following decades and from 1948, as the basis for the National Health Service Register. The 1939 Register is an extremely important genealogical resource, not only for the rich detail and information recorded for each person and household, but also in helping to bridge a thirty-year gap in census data. The census taken in 1931 was destroyed during the Second World War and no census was carried out in 1941 due to the ongoing conflict. Enumerators collected the data on 29th September 1939.

What can I find in these Records?

You may be able to find the following information (where available):

- Name
- Gender
- Address
- Date of Birth
- Marital Status
- Occupation and sometimes employers name
- Inferred family members
- Other members of the household, such as evacuees.

Some records include names crossed out with another name written in an annotation above or at the side, signifying the tracking of the population over time with the addition of women's married names and other name changes over the years.

Redactions

Images have been redacted to protect the privacy of those still alive and The National Archives will be annually adding records for those with birth dates older than 100 years or if a record of the death has been reported. Images will also be updated to reflect the opening of the record.

John Shipman

Langford Cricket Club

Welcome to the 2022 Cricket Season, the season is fully underway, and hopefully you will have seen one of the many teams playing on the Village Playing Fields already.

We start the summer of 2022 in the very fortunate position of again being very generously sponsored by Harrison's Accountancy, and we thank them once again for their fantastic support.

During the winter and spring, the Langford Indoor Cricket Team had success in the Bedfordshire Indoor Cricket League, going unbeaten to secure the Division Four title in a final close match against Flitwick C, winning by 2 wickets with 1 ball to spare. See picture of the triumphant team.



This year the Adult teams are competing on Saturday and Sundays and we are very excited about the chances of our first team challenging for the Beds Premier Division title, if you see them playing on the Park in their eye catching Maroon kit, pop along and show your support. Our Sunday second team are aiming to secure promotion from Beds Division 4. The Saturday development team are again ready to offer more cricket to many more people in the village.

We are again planning for Ladies Softball Cricket

evenings (with Prosecco obviously) and also a Presidents day on the Bank Holiday in August. All Stars Cricket is again ready to start in May and children from 8 years old upwards are coached on a Thursday evening where fun and enjoyment are the priority. Girls and boys are invited and welcome to attend each week from 6pm to 7pm from late April right through until August, this is a great introduction to the youth teams the Club runs, from U9's through 11's, 13's and 15's right up to Adult Cricket via the Development team.

So if your child wants to try something new, then you and your child are most welcome.

Fingers Crossed, there should be lots of cricket this summer.

The Cricket Club has an excellent set of dedicated volunteers; however we always are looking for more help and assistance. If you would like to play, or get involved with the Club in any way be it with coaching or scoring or umpiring, you would be most welcome.

Have a great Summer.

As things progress through the summer please ensure you keep up to date on what is happening via the Langford Cricket Clubs Facebook page (www.facebook.com/LangfordCC) and team fixtures, results and player statistics on the Langford Play Cricket Website (langfordcc.play-cricket.com), and our new Instagram page ([langfordcricketclub](https://www.instagram.com/langfordcricketclub))

Andy Watson, Chairman. Langford Cricket Club.

Langford Village Academy

Science Week

As part of Science week, the children at Langford Village Academy



had a fantastic fortnight observing eight baby chicks! The children weighed the chicks daily

and noticed that the heaviest male chick had doubled its birthweight in a week! There were plenty of chances for 'cuddles' and the children even sang the chicks to sleep with some soft lullabies! This has been a wonderful learning experience for the children and hopefully one they will remember and treasure. Unfortunately, the chicks got too big for their brooding box, so the time came for them to move on. Thankfully they were rehoused with a

kind local farmer, who runs a free-range farm in Langford. As they will remain local to us, we are hoping to walk over to see the chicks, once they have matured into fully grown hens and cockerels!

World Book Day

Our children celebrated World Book Day in February by dressing up



as their favourite Book Character. The children looked fabulous in their outfits. We had a book museum set up for children to visit, and Wally was hidden in the school for children to find. Children were also given some special book quizzes to do. Children in KS1 read 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Oliver Jeffers and completed different activities based on the book. The children also selected their favourite book to hear for story time to finish the day.



Plans for 2022-23

I am delighted to be able to share with you that Langford Village Academy, working together with colleagues at BEST, has agreed to take in more learners in September to meet demand from the local community. Growth in the village, combined with the increasing popularity of the school, has led to increased numbers applying to the school. The school PAN (Published Admissions Number – how many children can be admitted each year) was reduced to 30 as part of the move to becoming a primary school but demand in the last two years has far outstripped that – and looks set to do so into the longer term. Working together with Langford Parish Council, Central Bedfordshire Council and local parents, we have agreed to take over our 30 PAN this year, and again in 2023, with the expectation that all those who live in Langford itself will gain entry. Central Bedfordshire Council will be undertaking a feasibility study of the school with a view to completing further building work to enable us to increase our PAN back to 45 from 2024 on a permanent basis!

We would like to thank everyone for their support!

Debbie Randall – Principal

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The Trust can provide funds for furniture, school uniforms, books, travel costs, tools, equipment, training costs, or any welfare related item.

If you have a group that needs funding or support to manage the COVID-19 situation and to get going once again or to get started, the Trust may be able to help.

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**,
c/o 3 Old Mill Close, Langford, Biggleswade, Beds., SG18 9QY
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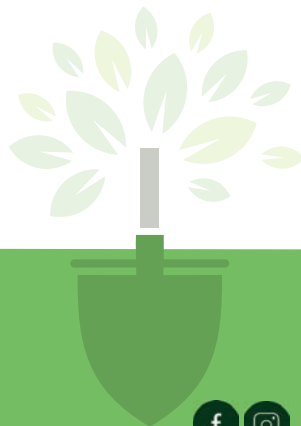
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Langford Tennis Club

We held our AGM in February in person this year after having a remote Zoom meeting last year. We are very pleased to have recruited a second welfare officer in Chloe Compton who will assist Paul Jaggard with all safeguarding matters. She is currently undergoing training and DBS checks. In addition, we now have a new Membership Secretary in John Doe who replaces Shelly Drakes who stepped down at the AGM after many years of volunteering. So huge thanks to Shelly and a warm welcome to Chloe and John!

We have also been successful in being awarded a grant from the S106 Windfarm Community Fund which has been approved over the next three years for the tennis club refurbishment. The application was led by Paul Metcalfe and Paul Jaggard who did a great job securing this funding. This will go a long way towards new courts, lighting and clubhouse.

Jo with her Level 1 LTA Coaching Assistant Qualification



More good news came in the form of Jo Jaggard completing her Level 1 LTA Coaching Assistant qualification (pictured below). Jo will be helping our head coach with the Saturday morning junior tennis coaching group. Congratulations Jo!

Matches have started in the Bedfordshire County Summer League and Veterans League and, as mentioned in the last Diary, the annual Summer Championships are being organised with singles and doubles competitions for ladies and men, mixed doubles and veterans, culminating in finals day on 24th September.

Jo with her Level 1 LTA Coaching Assistant qualification

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:

Website www.langfordtennisclub.org.uk
Facebook page
Instagram page ([Langfordtennisclub](https://www.instagram.com/Langfordtennisclub))

Langford Friends



Since the beginning of the year three residents of Langford have registered to use our service, bringing the total number of clients we assist to over 40. Through the dedicated help of our volunteers, we continue to provide vital support for those clients including collecting prescriptions, shopping, transport to GP surgeries in the local area and for the longer journeys to the surrounding hospitals etc. And recently we have been helping the over 75 age and vulnerable clients in our community with transport to the local centres providing the spring booster vaccinations.

During an exceptionally difficult couple of years that have been a testing time for all of us, volunteers have been the lifeblood of our communities with people from all walks of life across the UK stepping up and volunteering. So, in writing this update for the Langford Diary it gives me yet another opportunity to say thanks to our incredible team of volunteers for their diligent work and dedication every year!

Why is volunteering important?

As well as helping others, volunteering has shown to improve volunteers' wellbeing too. Its human nature to feel good after helping someone out. Volunteering can also help you gain valuable new skills and experiences and boost your confidence. And volunteering provides the opportunity to make new friendships. If you are interested in volunteering for Langford Friends call 07884 046741, leave me a message, and I will be delighted to contact you and answer any questions you may have.

Save the dates!

Please come along to our AGM for clients and volunteers to be held at the Village Hall in Langford at 2.00pm on Thursday 26th May. Invitations will be sent shortly. Also, we will be holding our annual summer afternoon tea party for our clients in the Watering Can Café Bistro at the Cherry Lane Garden Centre, Langford at 2.30pm on Tuesday 23rd August. An invitation will be sent to all our clients in due course.

If you have need of our service, perhaps for the first time, please call us on 07884 046741 and if we are able, we will be pleased to help you.

Richard Wood – Chairman



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Andy and the team invite you to the Plough, our recently refurbished 18th century village pub serving a range of lagers, ciders and real ales.

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Langford History Society

We have a full programme for 2022 and our meetings are back to normal 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.

We are pleased to announce that a completely new website has been created with the help of the Parish Council and we are currently getting to grips with updating it.

We started the year as usual with the AGM in February and on 2 March Liz Davies talked on magic and folk medicine in Huntingdonshire. Roy Smart was due on 6 April but unfortunately needed an emergency operation so Stuart Fairclough gave us an excellent talk deriving from his service as a Police Accident Investigator. Roy will come on 7 September to tell us about Wallis Simpson and the abdication crisis of 1936 which may soon slip beyond living memory.

On 4 May, Ian Waller, talked about Life in the Workhouse: the alternatives to going into it; the conditions there; and the records available to researchers.

On 1 June we visit Beck House, Wrestlingworth, and on 6 July there will be a special meeting in the Church Hall when James Fairbairn, the archaeologist who investigated Tithe Farm prior to building, will tell of his finds – ‘Digging for Britain’ in Langford!

We do not meet in August.

As mentioned above, on 7 September Roy Smart will tell us about Wallis Simpson and the abdication crisis of 1936 and on 5 October Ted Martin will talk of his 60 years in the book trade, both from the printing and publishing sides of the industry.

On 2 November, Liz Davies comes again to get us into the festive spirit with a ‘A Victorian Family Christmas in Peterborough’.

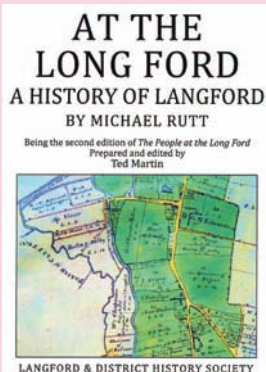
The year will end with our usual Christmas Social.

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

rowena.wolfe@btinternet.com.

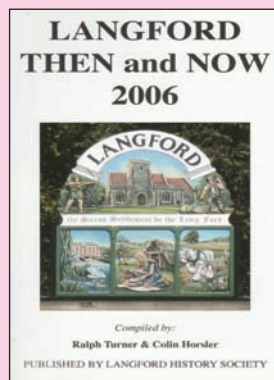
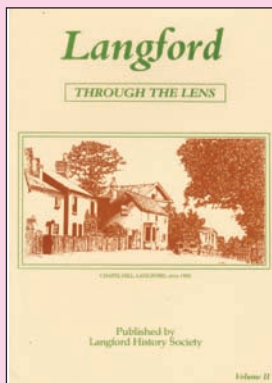
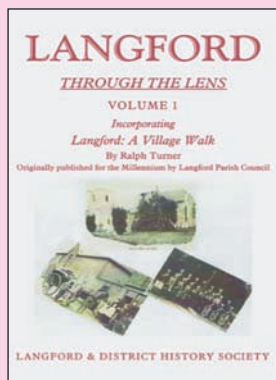
You can collect the books in the village. They contain lots of photos preserving the knowledge of the families, homes and businesses of old Langford. They are:

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.



Langford Methodist Church

NEWS FROM LANGFORD METHODIST CHURCH



We were delighted to welcome the Rev. Michael Giles to our special Chapel Anniversary service in March. Rev. Giles, who takes over from the Rev Andrew Hollins as the North Bedfordshire Methodist Circuit Superintendent in September, gave an excellent sermon; which was powerful and inspiring, as well as including some anecdotes and humour. We were also delighted that our own Minister, the Rev Lorna Valentine, was able to attend and enjoy the service, as well as hear her beautiful voice during the hymn singing and worship. It was a lovely service with a wonderful atmosphere. Afterwards, we were able to mix, mingle and chat whilst tea and coffee was served with delicious cakes. It was a super afternoon and an uplifting experience.

We are very fortunate to have such lovely Ministers in the Circuit and such a great team at Langford Chapel, who work hard to keep things running smoothly and assist where they can in different roles within the church. It is a great community and a very caring one. Visitors are very welcome to attend any of our services or the weekly coffee mornings on a Wednesday; they are open for all.

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 are interested in attending one of the services.

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 Sunday in the month - 10.30 am - Langford Chapel. (One of the services to be an informal service).

During June, all the Sunday Chapel Services will be based on the book of Isaiah.

Coffee Mornings at the Chapel (Please note: From May onwards the coffee mornings will be held in the garden of Joan and Chris Rutt, 18 Windsor Way. Thank you to Joan and Chris for offering to host the coffee mornings outdoors.)

1st Wednesday - Oasis Coffee Morning 10.30am.

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

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

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

Special Events

Cream tea - 1st Sunday in August (7 August) - 3.00 to 5.00 pm - kindly hosted by Joan and Chris Rutt, Windsor Way. Please tel. 01462 700451 for further details.

All welcome.

**WANDERBUS**

2022 Excursion Programme

DATE	DESTINATION	Entrance Fee as per current website	Bus Fare
Thursday 23 rd June	GOTHNA GARDENS, Ashwell. Private tour of the gardens with tea. Country house garden with wildlife walk and formal surprises. These include a topiary garden, rose garden (over 150 species) a woodland garden and tea lawn with cottage garden in the style of Gertrude Jekyll.	£12.50 including tea.	£7.50 p.p. Pick up 13.00/13.30 Depart 17.00
Thursday 28 th July	CASTLE ASHBY GARDEN, Northants. Ancestral home of the Marquess of Northampton. Extensive gardens including the romantic Italian garden, the unique Orangery, Arboretum & Menagerie. Excellent café	£10.00 entry.	£12.00 p.p. Pick up 10.00/10.30 Depart 15.00
Sunday 14 th August	PITSTONE GREEN MUSEUM/HERTIAGE PARK, nr Tring. A fascinating blend of attractions from the past capturing the spirit of a bygone age. Regular attractions include: Pottery Demonstrations, Tractor rides to Windmill, Lace Makers, Craft Stalls Model Railways, Avro Lancaster Cockpit, Crossley Gas Engine. Hot snacks and drinks, filled rolls, sandwiches& cakes	£9.00 p.p.	£12.00 p.p. Pick up 11.30/12.00 Depart 16.15
Thursday 29 th September	ASCOTT HOUSE & GARDENS, nr Leighton Buzzard. An old English black & white timber manor house dating back in parts to C17 th . Acquired by the Rothschild family in 1873. Housing and exceptional collection of paintings, fine furniture and superb porcelain. Extensive gardens.	£13.00 p.p. House & Gardens or £8.00 Gardens only. Free to National Trust	£12.00 p.p. Pick up 11.30/12.00 Depart 15.30
Thursday 28 th October	BICESTER VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE, Oxon. Home to more than 160 luxury fashion & lifestyle boutiques of many of the leading brands offering savings of up to 60% off the recommended retail price. Dine at Soho House & Co's farmhouse restaurant and café of the splendour of Café Wolseley.	Free Entry	£20.00 p.p. Pick Up 10.00/10.30 Depart 15.15.
Thursday 24 th November	CHRISTMAS MARKET - TBA		

Please note that August is a Sunday Trip

To Book: Call 0300-123-3023. Or email : thewanderbus@gmail.com. We require a deposit of £5.00 p.p. for any excursion. Post a cheque to Wanderbus, 5 The Pastures, Upper Stondon, Beds SG16 6QB or bank transfer to: CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code :40-52-40 Acc: 00013118, Wanderbus Ltd. (Use your name as reference)

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2022 Submission Dates

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Summer Edition 22nd August

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trudy.emery1@ntlworld.com and steve.alh.hills@btinternet.com*

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