

The LANGFORD Diary

The Parish Council Publication for YOU the Residents of Langford

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Season's Greetings to all Langford Residents

A Letter from the Editor

When contacting me please use my new email address. It is on the front cover and below.

There were successful fetes in the village this year, the Playing Field fete being the largest. Taya and her team have been brilliant at organising the playing field fete, but we cannot continue to rely on the same people.

WE NEED MORE PEOPLE WILLING TO ORGANISE AND HELP AT THE SUMMER FETE!

If you are interested, please contact Gill Clarke or John Shipman at soon as possible! Their contact details are on the parish council page. The fete is usually the first Saturday in July so don't delay!

May I take this opportunity to thank all the residents who have taken time to contribute to The Langford Diary throughout the year. Without their submissions there would be no parish magazine. I have been editor now for about eight years and have done what I can to keep up to date with what's happening in the village. I do hope you find the publication useful and please, if you have ideas for improvement, I am more than keen to listen. We have changed the format slightly this time. Some people think that The Langford Diary can be confused with The Villager which a publication for many villages in a large area. However, recently, I have spoken to several people new to the village who said that they had found The Langford Diary very useful. They have used the information to join organisations, make new friends and become part of the community. This is encouraging.

Many thanks also to those who advertise in The Dairy. The adverts are great when looking for a tradesman or service within the village. I see there will be an Antiques and Collectors Fair next year, there is an advert in our magazine. Advertiser's fees help towards the printing costs. Details of how to advertise are on the back page.

We do our best to ensure there are few errors in our publication and thanks go to Steve Hills our graphic designer and printer and Janet Bradford who usually proof-reads each edition before it goes to print.

At this time of the year I like to thank all the parish councillors, particularly Gill Clarke and John Shipman who give up their time voluntarily and work so hard for the village. The Parish Council meetings are held each month at the Village Hall. Please read Gill Clarke's submission regarding details of what is involved in being a councillor as the elections are in May 2023.

It was heart-warming when I received an email from David Saunders a Langford Resident, thanking the playing field committee for the wonderful play equipment. Do take a few minutes to read his letter.

I am about to buy some Christmas cards and my 2023 calendar from Theo Goble and am looking forward to seeing the fantastic local photos.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Stay Warm!

Trudy Emery - trudylangforddiary@gmail.com - Tel:01462 636638

What's On in Langford in the Winter!

December

- 1 Parish Council Meeting** - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 6 Gardening Club** - Quiz Night - Church Hall - 7.30pm
- 7 History Society** - Christmas Social - Church Hall - 8.00pm
- 9 Langford WI** - Christmas evening - Village Hall - 7.15pm
- 20 Langford Car Club** - The Plough - 7.00pm
- 9th, 10th and 11th - 'St. Andrews Christmas Tree Festival'.**

January

- 5 Parish Council Meeting** - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 10 Gardening Club** - Roses by Kerry Austen - Church Hall - 7.30pm
- 13 WI** - Fairy Buddy Blue - Hannah Davidson - Village Hall - 7.15pm
- 17 Langford Car Club** - The Plough - 7.00pm

February

- 1 History Society** - AGM - Also a Film - Church Room - 8.00pm
- 2 Parish Council Meeting** - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 7 Gardening Club** - TBC - Church Hall - 7.30pm
- 10 WI** - Open Evening - Curling in the Hall - Village Hall - 7.15pm
- 21 Langford Car Club** - The Plough - 7.00pm

Langford Weekly and Regular Meetings

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

Sunday

St. Andrews Parish Services: Vicar Rev. Shaun Speller 01462 700248 - see page 16 for details

Methodist Services: Minister: Rev. Lorna Valentine - see page 17 for details
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 9.00am-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
marriommargetson@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

Langford Gardening Club First Tuesday of the month.

See What's on in Langford in the Winter page 2 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 17 for details

Older Persons Exercises Village Hall - 12 noon to 1.00pm

Conor Inskip - ci.fitness@icloud.com - 07580 002552

Wednesday

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 9.00am-12.00 morning session Langford Methodist
Chapel Room - 07935 784567 - www.owletspreschool.co.uk

W.E.A. 10.00am - 12 noon Starting 12th January 2023 for 10 weeks -
Church Hall. The Sole of Russian Music - Marina Burrell

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

Twins and Multiples Playgroup for Families with twins or multiples -
Langford Village Hall 10.30am - 11.30am Contact 07745 018579

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 Winter 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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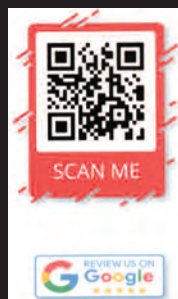
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Contact your provider for more information. Apparently, it is not an obvious option so search 'Social Tariff' in the providers website.

Langford Calendars and Christmas Cards

Following on from the success of last year's calendar, we have brought together a selection of Langford photographers to collaborate for the This Is Langford 2023 calendar. The calendars this year are of the same high quality, with beautiful photos of Langford and the surrounding countryside and wildlife. Printed on high quality paper, these A3 wall calendars feature a large main image, and four smaller images, along with space to write in important events on the days. We heard from one of last year's customers that they use the calendar to write in all the good events of the year only, so that it is a keepsake to remember the good times. What a wonderful idea! **Priced at only £10.00.** Also available this year are Christmas cards featuring photos of the Langford area – ***sold in packs of 4 in fully compostable packaging for £3.00 a pack.***

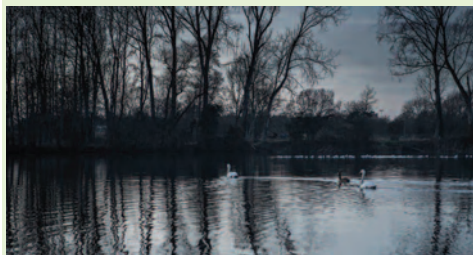
As before, the profits from the calendars and the cards will all go to local groups or charities – last year we raised an impressive £600 which went to the children of Langford via the school, nursery, Guides and Scouts.

Calendars and cards are available to purchase from ***The Old Bakery 25 Cambridge Road*** and ***local stores.***

Contact Jo Goble on 01767221032 or jogointhesnow@gmail.com for more information. A big thank you to Julian Vaughan, Mark Ishkaru and Theo Goble for the donation of their superb images to this year's fundraising effort, and to Steve Hills at Hills Design and Print for the calendar printing and design!



2023 Calendar



The Four Christmas Cards images



1st Langford Scout Group



It's great to be back Scouting for the autumn term. Over the summer, the Cubs and Scouts along with Brownies and Guides went to an outdoor activity centre in the Brecon Beacons. They had a great week, in scorching hot weather, on the lake and up the mountains. Thanks to all the leaders who gave up their time for this amazing opportunity for the young people of the village.

We spend lots of time on nature activities and hikes in the dark before it all gets too cold and wet later in the year. The Beavers have been constructing a bug hotel to

encourage mini beasts to overwinter, and looking at what natural things they can find near the Scout Hut. Cubs have been working on their Youshape programme – which encourages the Cubs themselves to plan and run activities. So far they've planned a hike, paper plane races and a science experiment. Scouts have been hiking, and working towards their Chief Scout Awards. The Cubs also joined the rest of Biggleswade District on a visit to the RAF Museum, Hendon. It's a great place to visit.

We have various activities planned for this term including an indoor camp for Cubs, and will be ending the year with a trip to the Panto in Stevenage for everyone.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be taking part in the village Remembrance Service at the War Memorial. Always a moving occasion and one the leaders are proud to take part in with our young people.

Many thanks to those who have responded to my increasingly desperate pleas for more adult help – we are now in a much more comfortable position but not yet able to expand. More help is always welcome, whether that is occasional or regular.



We also welcome young people age 14+ to volunteer with us through the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. We are currently at capacity for young leaders but welcome enquiries.

Beavers are age 6-8 and meet on Tuesdays 6.00-7.00pm, Cubs are 8-10.5 and meet Wednesdays 6.30-8.00pm and Scouts are 10-14 and meet Monday 7.30-9.00pm. 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



St. Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival 2022



St. Andrews will again be putting on its annual '**St. Andrews Christmas Tree Festival**'.

It will be held over the

9th, 10th and 11th December 2022.

The Festival was a great success last year and this year we will be following a similar format. Further details will be on the St Andrews and We Love Langford Facebook pages.

There will be no theme again for the festival this year.

St. Andrew's Church

Winter 2022



As I write we find ourselves in the midst of financial turmoil: a cost of living crisis. Food inflation, increased energy prices, rising interest rates and spiralling petrol costs mean that we have all had to consider how we might cut back. We may have had to think about where we shop and how much we buy; when might we have the heating on or off; and what journeys are essential. Cutting back has been a preoccupation for all of us to some extent.

But what about Christmas? A BBC survey revealed that 62% of us were planning to spend less this Christmas. One person surveyed said that she was planning to have a microwave meal for Christmas lunch because she had abandoned using her cooker as a result of rising energy costs. What would you consider cutting back on this Christmas? Food, presents, or yet more decorations for the house? Surely we can't do that, otherwise it just won't be Christmas we will think.

There is a YouTube video which you might take the time to look at (<https://youtu.be/MOByXwK-gg4>). The video shows a young couple sitting in their living room watching their newly-born baby in a cot in what is their first Christmas as a family. The fire is lit, the tree has presents under it and all that we might expect at Christmas is in place. Slowly the scene then transforms, in front of your eyes, to the very first Christmas in a stable, and the couple into Mary and Joseph.

Christmas is a wonderful time and it is good to celebrate with all of the things that we associate with it. But when everything is stripped away, if we had to cut back on absolutely everything, what is it really about? We shouldn't need to look far. The clue is in the festival which we celebrate – Christmas begins with Christ.

Christmas Services

Sunday, 4th December @ 4.00pm Carols around the Tree with Bedford Brass

Saturday, 24th December @ 3.00pm Christingle
and @ 11.15pm Midnight Mass

Sunday, 25th December @ 10.00pm Christmas Day communion (at St Marys, Henlow)

Regular Sunday Services

1st Sunday 9.30 Holy Communion

2nd Sunday 9.30 Morning Worship

3rd Sunday 9.30 Holy Communion

4th Sunday 9.30 Morning Worship

5th Sunday 10.30 Holy Communion at either St Andrews or St Marys, Henlow
(see <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7794> for details)

St. Andrew's Gift Day

A big thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Thank You Langford Charity Day. The £1200 raised will be given equally to Langford Welfare Trust, Langford Friends and The Need Project.

Sheila Vidler

St Andrew's Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 30th September raised £299. Thank you to everyone who supported the morning.

Sheila Vidler

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Langford Methodist Church

NEWS FROM LANGFORD METHODIST CHURCH



The Chapel held a special Service and Harvest Lunch in September which was well attended. There were many donations of food items arranged at the front of the Chapel during the service. It was a lovely service, reminding us of all the wonderful vegetables, fruits and foods produced all over the world, in so many different shapes and forms. The Service focused on God's wonderful creation and the hard work of farmers who grow the crops and of those who work in producing and distributing our food and how we need to look after the world, to be careful and sustainable. The food items that had been donated were later taken to the NEED project. The lunch after the Service was delicious, with jacket potatoes, cold meats and salad, followed by some lovely deserts which included a range of home-made fruit crumbles and fresh fruit salad. It was a lovely occasion as we enjoyed and shared the special meal together. We are always delighted to see new faces at the Chapel and to share our special lunches and occasions with new members and visitors. We have been pleased to welcome some new members recently.



Photo from our Harvest Festival, showing the goods which were delivered to the NEED Project.

On a much sadder note, we were deeply sorry to hear of the death of Carole Green, an active, thoughtful and caring member of the Chapel, who so frequently thought of and asked about others despite being so poorly herself. Carole will be greatly missed and our heartfelt sympathy goes to Ray and all the family. We were also saddened to hear of the recent death of Bryan Carr, who had been quite unwell for some time. We send our thoughts and sympathy to Diane and family.

We have also had several members of the Chapel who have been quite poorly of late and unable to attend the Chapel services. They are thought of and remembered regularly in our prayers. Prayer is an important part of our services, as well as during our daily lives. Many of us find great peace and strength through prayer. At the end of October, we had our Prayer Week at the Chapel. A time of prayer is allocated every day at the Chapel to focus on those on our prayer list, as well as for situations in the wider community, our Country and in the World that we feel need prayer. Visitors are welcome to attend and pray with us. However, if you were unable to make our Prayer Week and have someone or a situation that you would especially like to be remembered in our prayers do let one of the Chapel members know. Alternatively, you are welcome to come along to one of our services and we would be happy to pray with you.

Service Times

Most Services are held at 10.30am on Sunday Mornings, but it is advisable to check the Church Noticeboard for details.

Chapel Coffee Mornings - Wednesdays - Langford Chapel.

Coffee Mornings are held every Wednesday from 10.30am, but on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays there is a short devotional time from 11.00am - 11.30am.

For further details phone Jenny on 01462 701127.

Christmas and Special Services at Langford Chapel

11th December - 10.30am - Nativity Service.

18th December - 10.30am - Carol Service. 3.00 pm - Carol singing on the Leys Green.

24th December - 11.15pm - Carols & Sacrament led by our Minister Lorna Valentine.

25th December - No service at Langford Chapel but one at Henlow to be led by our Minister Lorna Valentine.

8 January 2023 - 10.30 am - Covenant Service at Langford Chapel led by our Minister Lorna Valentine. Followed by a meal.

Forthcoming Events

26th November - 12 noon to 2.00pm - Christmas Get Together - Langford Chapel - Stalls and light lunches. Raffle etc.

29th November - 7.30 pm - Stotfold Salvation Army Band - Langford Chapel.

Followed by refreshments. Tickets £5 each.

We do hope you are able to join us for one of our Services or Special Events.



One of the great things about gardening is planning for the season ahead, looking into the future with enthusiasm and anticipation of what will flourish in our green spaces.

With that in mind, we started our Autumn programme with an exuberant presentation 'Winter Wonder' by award winning garden designer Amber Hine. Amber outlined plants that would make the best of our spaces in what could otherwise be a barren time in the gardening calendar. Her beautiful photos and passion has encouraged us all to embrace the winter weather. She told us about her favourite gardens to visit in the winter months, to give us inspiration for our own gardens.

After our AGM in October, Ann Currell gave a delightful talk 'Tree trail round Langford'. Ann is Principal Planner for Trees and Environment for the London Borough of Barnet. She explained that whilst Langford has many beautiful and interesting specimens, the village does not have many 'mature' trees. Of note are a few near the old vicarage and St Andrew's churchyard.



For our November meeting, Christopher Kirk presented 'A Thatcher's Life', drawing on his twenty years' experience as a Master Thatcher. He told us about this skilful and fascinating craft. A thatcher's tools are few and simple and materials are provided by nature. Christopher uses materials local to the buildings he works on. In an ever-changing world it was good to hear that the craft of thatching has changed very little since the Middle Ages.

The Club usually meets at St Andrew's Church Hall in Langford on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm. We'll be announcing details of our winter programme plus plans for outings in 2023 on social media and on the noticeboard near Pound Close in Langford in the coming weeks.





Please join us for our Christmas social on the evening of 6th December. We'll be having a quiz night which non-club members are very welcome to come along to.

On 10th January we will have an illustrated talk about Roses by Kerry Austen. Kerry coordinates the Rochford's International Rose Trial and has an expertise in all things roses. For more details on our programme:

Website: www.langford-gardening-club.co.uk/

Email: langford.gardening.club@gmail.com

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

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Langford Village Hall

The hall is very busy with regular and one off hirings. Weekends are full until March next year.

Since Michelle, the Booking Clerk, left earlier this year, John Shipman has kindly taken over as Temporary Booking Officer, until our new Clerk Sarah Gallagher is up to speed with the Parish Council.

Hirings are so good that plans are going ahead to turn the small hall into a “standalone” hall making it independent from the main hall. Subject to funding it is to be extended with toilets at the rear which can be accessed from outside during football/cricket matches. Access will be from a newly created door on the side of the hall opposite the tennis courts, with a new kitchen, storage and a picture window at the front overlooking the playing field.

Plans are being prepared, and funding sought. Watch this space.

Gill Clarke
Facilities Manager

King George Memorial Playing Field

A ROSPA report has recently been completed, no major issues raised and smaller issues now acted upon. A recent tree survey has indicated that a Horse Chestnut Tree by the junior play area needs removal, and the Black Poplar trees at the rear of the Village Hall need urgent action. Works have been agreed as we do not want a repeat of the fallen Black Polar that happened a while ago, which involved a massive task to remove the tree from the river.

New willow trees have been planted alongside the riverbank. A replacement tree will be planted for the Horse Chestnut.

The field is in excellent condition, thanks to Adrian Crawley our Groundsman.

Grant Palmer Winter 22

The Grant Palmer bus service No 74 which serves our village has yet another new timetable available on their website. As the service is so appalling it is a good idea to telephone to find information on cancellations or download the app.

Office Hours are - Monday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00 - Saturday 09:00 to 12:00
Telephone 01525 719719

Langford Parish Council

Autumn has arrived with rain, dropping leaves and excited children re Halloween and Christmas.

How our country has changed since my last submission to the Diary. Our Queen has joined her beloved Phillip, and Charles is now King. In Langford we upheld the protocol for “London Bridge” which had been put in place many years before the death of the Queen. A Book of Condolence was in the church for everyone to write their thoughts, the flag at the churchyard was down to mark the death of the Queen, raised for the ascension of King Charles, and then down again for the period of mourning. My thanks to St Andrew’s Church for their help with manning the Book of Condolence, organising the flag, arranging the Church Community service, also to Councillors and friends for being in the church to allow residents to attend.

It is not my place to mention the Government, other than to hope that some form of agreement and sense is found within the parties, and that the people of England are at the forethought of their challenges.

But what I can mention within Local Government is that in May next year there will be a local election. The present Parish Council will stand down, and if they wish to, stand again for election. There will be vacancies on the Council, we are not at complete numbers now.

Being on the Parish Council is not arduous, it is very interesting, we have a Clerk to guide us legally, and you would have input into what you would like to see achieved for Langford.

The Council meets once a month, usually on the first Thursday of the month, except August. Meetings for Finance, Cemetery, Planning are usually ad hoc. The time commitment is not great, other than interest in what is happening and to help out when you can. There are fun times as well as serious and important issues to deal with. We have a litter pick twice a year, with refreshments, we organise a Christmas tree at The Pound, we are very involved with Remembrance Sunday, together with bulb planting around the village during the autumn.

On the serious side there is always planning, the cemetery, speeding, highway issues and matters that arise and need to be dealt with urgently.

I really appreciate how busy lives are, and that it is easy to leave matters such as the Parish Council to someone else. However if you want a say in your village then please please stand for Langford Parish Council. Details of the Election in May next year will be fully advertised. I will be able to give out more information after the New Year. Residents can google “what do parish councils do?” for more information. Free training is provided to all new Councillors.

Other news in that we are still fighting against the proposed Reserved matters in Phase 2 at the rear of Cambridge Road. A fully attended meeting was held in the Village Hall where residents put forward their views to Crest Nicholson, the developers. We are awaiting plans and will continue to fight for the best possible outcome.

With my best wishes for 2023
Gill Clarke – Chairman

Langford Parish Council

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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, 1st December, 2022 - 7.30pm

Thursday, 5th January, 2023 - 7.30pm

Thursday, 2nd February, 2023 - 7.30pm

Langford Village Hall

**Please visit Langford PC website for meeting dates
and venues at**

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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**

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In the last quarter, we have had 26 separate clients requesting Langford Friends assistance and have completed 66 tasks making it our busiest quarter so far! In the 9 months this year, we have completed 176 separate tasks – the majority of which have been taking



clients to medical appointments, but also to social or well-being appointments. Should you require our service, perhaps for the first time, call the number printed at the foot of this article and our telephone volunteer will be pleased to assist you. Our service hours are 8am to 6pm seven days a week. If it is your first call our telephone volunteer will need to take down all your personal details and complete a risk assessment with you.

We held our annual summer tea party at the Watering Can Café Bistro in the village during August. Like last year the event was very well attended with 29 clients and 17 of our volunteers accepting the invitation. A special thank you must go to day manager Steph and her colleagues who worked hard and served a delicious afternoon tea and kept all the attendees very happy. Pauline Willams has decided to step down in her role as



secretary for Langford Friends and this occasion gave us the opportunity to thank and present her with a flower bouquet. Heidi Pegrum has kindly agreed to take on the secretary role and it was apt that she presented the flowers to Pauline. I hasten to add that Pauline will be staying on as a telephone volunteer and valued committee member.

In October we were delighted to benefit from funds raised from the Thank You Langford and Gift Day organised by St Andrews Church who had identified three local organisations who serve the village.

We look forward to taking part in the village Remembrance Service in November and will be participating again in this year's Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrews Church in December. And we are in the early stages of planning our next event on the evening of Thursday 8th December 2022. This will be held at the Ivy Leaf Club in the village where we will be inviting our wonderful team of volunteers to gather for drinks and a buffet as a thank you for giving support, care, and assistance to those who rely on the service we provide in



our community. Volunteers please save the date! If you're reading this and feel you could spare a few hours a month as a volunteer driver or act as a phone holder for one week every three months, you'll be made very welcome to join us in what is very worthwhile and rewarding work. Perhaps you would also like to join our small committee? For more information, please call 07884 046741 or email secretary.langfriends@outlook.com Please do get in touch. We will be delighted to hear from you!

Richard Wood, Chairman.



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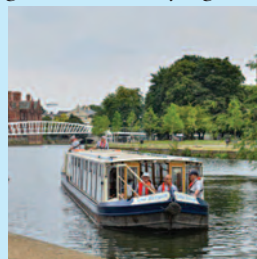
Langford Women's Institute



2015 - The Queen giving a speech at the Annual Meeting of the WI

As I write we are mourning the death of Queen Elizabeth, but at the same time we are living through history in the making. The news was not unexpected but still came as a real shock and we feel sad for a constant, removed after a remarkable life. She had been a member of the WI since her teenage years accompanying the Queen Mother to meetings when staying at Sandringham. A sadness for King and Country.

Moving on – recently drama was to befall members and friends who ventured to cruise on the river Ouse, their boat hit a fallen tree, smashing two windows which was very frightening to say the least. However, no one was hurt, all were escorted safely back to dry land and compensation was gratefully received by the bills for beverages excused payment. What an adventure!



The Tramps Supper did not go ahead after all but a very pleasant 'getting to know you' evening took its place and supper was provided by committee. Members have been for an Indian meal at The Spice Lounge and a group went to see Blood Brothers at the Milton Keynes theatre.

Bowling is coming up shortly and a few members have completed 'Walking for Fun' thereby raising much needed funds for the WI and Breast Cancer Now.

Well done ladies!

We were entertained with a fashion show by SuSu of Welwyn in September. This was arranged for our Group Meeting, something very different. Many purchases were made by the five groups who attended and money raised was donated to the fund for Ukraine. To round off the evening a very nice buffet was served and we thank our host, Northill & Ickwell WI, for a very pleasant meeting.





In October two members will attend a Speakers' Day to see what choice is out there. We do try to put together a varied programme but cost of course plays a large part. Finally in November a few are going to a shoe sale with ploughman's lunch, arranged by County. This will be held at Flitwick Cricket Club. Different you might think. Will let you know.

If you would like to attend one of our meetings please come along and pay us a visit. We meet on the second Friday of each month – Village Hall 7.15 start.

Or find out more by ringing Iris on 01767 223849

Olive Ravenall

Roman Horse Found near Langford

It has been reported that there have been some interesting finds in the archaeology digs in the northern extension to Broom Quarry South which is operated by Tarmac. This includes a complete horse and its armoury which has been determined to be Roman. There has also been a human skeleton with various items nearby and some strange burials of various human skeletons, animals etc. Broom Quarry South can be seen from Langford Mill. Access is not permitted unless via a public footpath or bridleway.

Lewin and Langford

Some readers may have noted that the developers of the new houses, south of Cambridge Road are referring to the area as Lewin Park. Who was Lewin?

Langford was first mentioned in AD 944. There were once one or more fording points across the river and the village is said to take its name from the words 'long ford', alluding to the length of the settlement. Before 1066 the Lord of Langford was Lewin, a thane of Edward the Confessor. William the Conqueror granted the village to Walter le Fleming. The Domesday Book in 1086 records the population of 'Langeford' as 21 and the landholder as Walter le Fleming and that there were 2 mills. In 1142 Walter's descendant Simon de Wahull gave land to the Knights Templar, who established themselves as Lords of the Manor of Langford Rectory. Langford has had absentee lords of the manor throughout its early history until 1827.

John Shipman



2022 sees the Club Celebrating its Own Platinum Jubilee.

The Original Langford Bowls Club was based at the Plough Pub, but only comprised of three rinks, the club used the upstairs room at the back of the pub as the club house.

Iris Roberts, our Club President, a member of our Club for 62 years, remembers her Gran and Grandad playing at the Plough prior to 1952.

When Alf Brown, a local farmer, sold the land that is now the playing fields to the Council, a piece of land was also purchased from Franklins Mill where the Bowls Club and Tennis courts are now located.

The Bowls Club moved from the Plough to have a full-sized ground with six rinks so the club could compete in county competitions.

Iris said that the Landlord of the Plough at the time sold all the turf once the club had moved. Iris remembers a Mr Garmer as being one of the early Green Keepers, she said he used to spend more time looking after the green than he ever did working at Vauxhalls in Luton.

This year the exceptionally hot and dry weather gave our green keeping members a few headaches, coping with near drought conditions, however, they soldiered on and maintained the green to a very high standard, which was commented on by visiting clubs, so hats off to the members who look after our green.

As the summer progressed, we did attract some new members to the club and along with existing members attended coaching / practice sessions most Thursday afternoons.

The Club hosted Northampton Retired Police Officers Bowls Club on the 8th September, a most enjoyable afternoon followed by an equally enjoyable BBQ.

Unfortunately, our collars were well and truly felt by the Law, with Langford going down on all rinks.

The over Sixties and mixed friendly matches which are generally played on Wednesdays and Saturdays struggled with several matches cancelled due to adverse weather conditions (40c) with Clubs deciding it was not safe to hold matches in such heat.

In the East Beds League our A team had a poor season though bowling well, luck was not with us, losing most matches by just a few points and therefore relegated to Division 4. The B team fared a little better and managed to avoid relegation from Division 4 by 6 shots.

The green closed on completion of the final event of our bowls calendar The Don King Triples on the 17th of September. A most enjoyable afternoon with a Fish and Chip supper to follow.

Several internal competitions were held over the Summer, the results of which are listed below. Thanks to all who participated and Congratulations to the worthy winners.

Langford Internal Club Competition Winners 2022

Milton Trophy Aussie Rules 2022

Keeley Appleby & Loren McLean

Don King Triples 2022

Karen Bysouth, Derek Harding, Jim Rix

Men's Single Two Woods 2022

Peter Holmes

Men's Single Four Woods 2022

David Laight

Langford Drawn Pairs 2022

Geoff Bysouth & Robert Leonard

Langford Partner Pairs 2022

Melvyn Wagstaff & Keeley Appleby

Presentation of winners Trophies will take place at the Club's Anniversary Dinner to be held at The White Horse Southill in November.

Short Mat Bowls in the Club House will start on Wednesday 5th October at 2pm and every Wednesday afternoon from then on.

Several members including some of our recent recruits are now experiencing and enjoying the altogether different challenge of playing Full Length Bowls indoors, the venue for this is the Riverain Club in Hitchin.

My thanks go to all in the Club and Village supporters who have made 2022 a most enjoyable year.

James Rix
Chairman

For further information please go to our web site

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/langford-bowls-club-8165/home>.

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

Alternatively, please contact the following: -

Mrs Melanie Andrews 01462 628912 (Club Secretary)

Mrs Iris Roberts 01462 700748 (Club President)

Mr James Rix 01462701663 (Club Chairman)

A Letter to The Editor

We had our three grandchildren - aged seven, four, and two- visit us over the summer. We visited lots of places with them - Woburn Safari Park, Knebworth House, Standalone Farm and a number of other attractions. However, their favourite place to visit was Langford Playing Field.

The range of play equipment that has now been provided kept them entertained for hours. Every piece of equipment, ranging from the swings and slides in the fenced play area, up to the adult exercise equipment, was used.

Very often the work put in behind the scenes goes unnoticed but in this case I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone involved in planning, purchasing and maintaining all of the play equipment. Langford has a play area that really does have something for everyone.

I am sure I am not alone in expressing my thanks and gratitude to everyone who has played a part in making the playing field such a valuable amenity for all children, parents, - and grandparents.

David Saunders

Langford History Society

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 £4.00. Annual membership, February to December, is currently £5.00.

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.

On 7th September Roy Smart told us about Wallis Simpson and the abdication crisis of 1936 and on 5th October Ted Martin told of his 60 years in the book trade, both from the printing and publishing sides of the industry. On 2 November, Liz Davies from the St Neots Museum came again to encourage our festive spirit with a talk on 'A Victorian Family Christmas in Peterborough'. We end the year with our usual Christmas Social.

After our AGM (1st February), when we also hope to show a local film, our programme for 2023 includes talks by Liz Davies from St Neots Museum on 100 years of everyday life there from a printer's scrapbook (1 March). A talk on Luton's Country Houses by Ian Waller follows (5th April) and Bedford guide and historian David Fowler will tell us about Bedfordshire's heroes on 3rd May. We have a visit to Tempsford Museum on 7th June and a visit for 5th July is being arranged. Roy Smart returns on 6th September with the fascinating story of a woman born in Rutland who ran wild in Kenya and then became the first woman to fly the Atlantic east to west. The fascinating stories and people behind the fonts we see and use every day will be Ted Martin's talk on 4 October and Stuart Fairclough will round off the talks season telling us about the Metropolitan Police (1st November). In December we have our usual social evening.

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 *Langford: A Village Walk* (now included in *Langford through the Lens* Volume 1) 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,

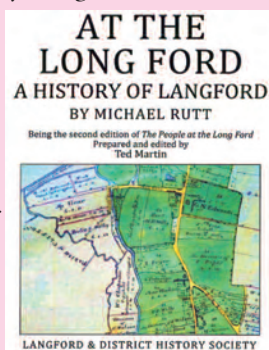
www.bedfordshire-lha.org.uk

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 9.9) has articles on the tragic story of Mosquito MK NF XVII HK304; Bedfordshire's astronomers; and the history of the Vice-Masters at Bedford School.

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:

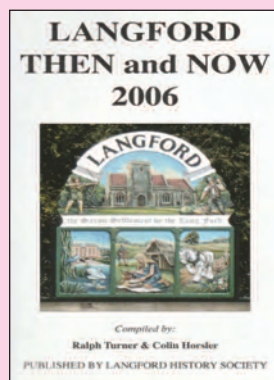
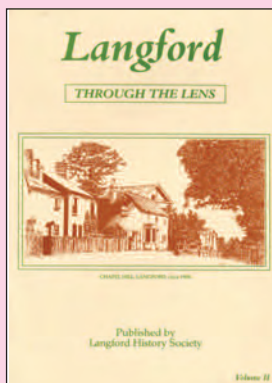
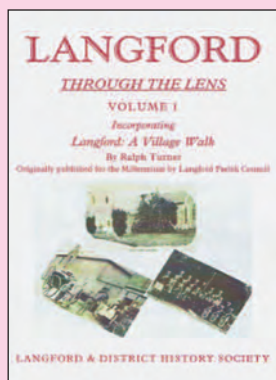
At the Long Ford: A History of Langford, by Michael Rutt: 172 pages describing Langford's history from Saxon times to the present day. Copies are available from Ted Martin at 2a The Leys (01462 701096) at £5 or by post at £8 from John Shipman (01462 700650) or Rowena Wolfe (01767 312556).



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 8 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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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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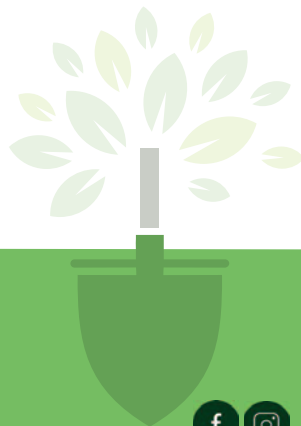
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End of Season Update

The Cricket Season is now well and truly over, the Cricket Square has been put to bed for the winter and the Cricket World Twenty20 World Cup is on the TV from Australia, hopefully by the time you read this, England will have recovered from their deserved defeat to Ireland, and lifted the World Cup. Also we hope the English Roses have lifted the Women's Rugby World Cup, the three Rugby League world cups all went the way of England, and obviously we assume the Three Lions brought it home!

The 2022 cricket season saw a near return to normal, unfortunately teas have not returned, and it's looking like they may never come back. On the field a temporary restriction prohibited cricket players from licking their balls during the match, in the past this was not the most hygienic practice, and this will be a permanent law change from 2023.

At Langford, the youth section saw a near return to normal, with a full league program for all ages except the U9's. Hopefully another year of practice and they will be very eager to play.

Youth coaching continued a pace; taking over the playing fields on a Thursday evening with often over 30 youngsters aged between 7 and 13 years old. The future of Cricket in Langford looks in good hands!

The Langford 1st XI started slowly, and for various reasons struggled to get a side out. Unfortunately, the demands of the Bedfordshire Premier League meant that we could no longer field a strong enough be competitive, and we had to make the difficult decision to withdraw the team from the league. We would like to thank the people that worked so hard over many years to get the team up to that incredibly high level, punching well above the weight of a village the size of Langford could reasonably expect to achieve.



The focus for the Club in the coming years will be to ensure the remaining Sunday team plays at as higher level as possible, and the Club continues to provide access to cricket for all levels of cricketer, from beginners to developing youths.

The Langford Second XI team, started extremely slowly in 2022, however performance improved through the year and with a finish in mid table.

The Saturday Development team continued this season, and welcomed progressing youths from the U15's, more new arrivals getting back into cricket and some new starters trying cricket for the first time.

Thank you to our main Sponsor Harrisons Accountancy for their continued support.

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

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

Andy Watson, Chairman, Langford Cricket Club.

Langford Football Club



The season is now in full swing, all our teams have started the seasons. You will see the youth playing at the Playing Field on Saturday mornings. The youth really enjoy their football at Under 8 and are putting on good performances.

Langford Ivel have also played at the Playing Field; it must be a lucky pitch as they won 3 – 0. Their other results include two victories and two losses. 90% of the team are from Langford or played in old Langford Youth teams. Our First Team have been playing since August with different results. They are a young team and are getting to know each other and the league. With hard work and dedication, it will come together. Our Ladies Team, who are now in the Premier Division, have started the season strong, winning three and drawing one putting them at the top of the League. They play on Sunday afternoons and are well worth watching.

Posters of fixtures are on the notice board and various locations around the village. We would love to see you at any of our matches. A date for your diary is The Christmas Draw at Langford Football Club on Friday, 16th December, 2022.

Paul Vince – Langford Football Club – chair



LANGFORD
TENNIS CLUB

Langford Tennis Club

We have had a very busy summer of tennis. Bedfordshire County Summer league matches have been played and our internal competitive matches have been hard fought. The Committee is working hard to finalise the details of our court refurbishments and we are hoping that this might start in the spring of 2023.

Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to our wonderful coach, Justin Layne, who has been coaching at our club for over ten years. He has decided to hang up his coach's hat to spend more time with his family, although we will still see him in and around Langford. Thanks to Justin, hundreds of players of all ages have enjoyed regular coaching at Langford. Many players who started as non-members have gone on to become members and to play for our teams. Justin's expertise and sense of fun will be missed by all, so a huge thank-you to Justin.

(Justin is pictured below presenting trophies on finals day). At the time of writing, we are in the final stages of appointing new coaches so that coaching sessions can continue, hopefully more about that in the next edition of the diary!



**Ladies Doubles Winners
Vicky Chung and Clare Warren**

Our Annual Internal Summer Championships culminated in a very exciting (and sunny!) finals afternoon on 24th September. Refreshments were provided for players and spectators to enjoy while watching the Mens' Singles - Winner Mario Santos Costa, Runner-Up Fergus Morrison), Ladies Doubles - Winners Vicky Chung and Clare Warren, Runners Up Marjorie Cakebread and Shirley Cook) and the Mixed Doubles (Winners Sarah Cullip and Andrew Fox, Runners Up Caroline Bowers and Clive Daykin). Kevin Howell officiated as umpire for the singles match.

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:



**Ladies Doubles Winners
Vicky Chung and Clare Warren with
Runners Up Marjorie Cakebread and Shirley Cook**

Website
www.langfordtennisclub.org.uk

Facebook page

Instagram page
(Langfordtennisclub)

**Mens' Singles Mario with
Umpire Kevin and Runner
Up Fergus (below)**



**7Mixed Doubles (Winners Caroline and Clive
Runners Up Sarah and Andrew**





WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS!

COULD YOU CONSIDER GIVING UP SOME TIME TO HELP US MAINTAIN OUR COMMUNITY BUS SERVICES?

OUR OPERATION IS RUN TOTALLY BY VOLUNTEERS AND WE NOW SEEK ADDITIONAL DRIVERS.

OUR ROUTES: We provide fixed morning weekday routes to the residents of the towns and villages around Shefford & Stotfold with destinations including Bedford, Biggleswade, Cambridge, Hitchin, Milton Keynes, St Albans, St Neots & Welwyn Garden City.

OUR REQUIREMENTS: We need additional volunteer drivers to take on a particular route – normally we can let you choose – on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. How often you drive will be entirely up to you and, usually, we can fit you into our rota programme to suit your other commitments.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DRIVE: You need to be under 75 and have Category D1 on your driving licence. This will be common if you are in the older generation age group but it can be applied for from the DVLA so age need not be a restriction.

WHAT WE OFFER: Full on the job training will be provided and you can accompany a driver on a service to understand more of the role. You will never be asked to drive on your own until you are entirely comfortable about doing so.

WHAT YOU GET BACK: Our passengers are generally in the older age group and are most grateful for the service we provide. It is a very social, friendly atmosphere on the buses and you will quickly get to know your regulars who will express their gratitude. It is a very rewarding service that we provide and will give you much satisfaction in helping.

MORE INFORMATION? Please drop us an e mail (thewanderbus@gmail.com) with your contact details and we will get back to you to answer any questions and hopefully set a date to start your volunteering.

Alternatively, you can call us on 0300-123-3023

The Langford Poorhouse or Workhouse

In England and Wales, a poorhouse or workhouse, was a place where those unable to support themselves were offered accommodation and employment. The origins of the poorhouse can be traced to the Poor Law Act of 1388, which attempted to address the labour shortages following the Black Death in England by restricting the movement of labourers, and ultimately led to the state becoming responsible for the support of the poor.

But mass unemployment following the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815, the introduction of new technology to replace agricultural workers in particular, and a series of bad harvests, meant that by the early 1830s the established system of poor relief was proving to be unsustainable.

The poorhouse in Langford still remains at the corner of Mill Lane and Church Street. Today it is two houses.

Under an Act of 1785 each parish, including Langford, had to provide a poorhouse to give shelter to the poor and if possible give them some basic employment. Life in a poorhouse was intended to be harsh, to deter the able-bodied poor and to ensure that only the truly destitute would apply. In 1799 the Langford Overseer successfully arranged for Jane Stocks to be moved to the Royal Bethlehem Hospital in London, otherwise known as Bedlam. She was declared mad. Three years later her son was also moved to join her at a cost of five shillings for the journey by carrier.

Running the poorhouse in Langford must have been difficult or there was significant neglect and indifference. When John Ell was in charge as the Overseer in 1800 the workhouse was in a terrible condition and John had to appear in front of the Justices at Bedford to explain why. It was alleged that 'the house was filthy, damp and crawling with bugs'. He was told to fit new windows and have the drains and water supply attended to. There were some improvements in the next 12 months but these conditions still did not reach the required standard.

John Ell as Overseer, was able to administer relief to the poor of Langford, and the records show some typical payments:

1802: Ointment for Kilbies child's eye 1/9d

Pair of shoes for John Potton 2/6d

2lbs of mutton for Barton 1/6d

1803: Straw for widow Beaumont 6d

Land tax for the workhouse 2/6d

Paid three travellers 2/0d

1804: Paid for a piece of bed board 0/6d

Childs bed linen 10/0d

Sarah Breed to the infirmary £1/1/0d

1805: Paid John Rutt – 3 days work 4/6d

Paid Larman for coals 1d

Britches for widow Harris's boy 7/6d

In 1806 Dr Yates, the medical officer for several local workhouses, agreed to provide medical attention to the paupers in Langford for the sum of £10 per year. This excluded midwifery and inoculations.

The Rev Montague Earle Welby of Long Bennington, Lincs, a significant landowner, improved the Langford poorhouse in 1817. On 13 November 1840, Welby appointed Richard Sabey, Samuel Norman, William Norman and Edward Horley as tenants.

Some poor folk from villages, including Langford, were accommodated in the Biggleswade Poor Law Union building when it was formed in April 1835 and as a consequence the Langford poorhouse activities ceased. There were up to 300 folk who were receiving assistance in Biggleswade. In 1881 there were four Langford parishioners who resided at the Biggleswade poorhouse: Emmanuel Kilby age 72; John Ruth age 40; John Simms age 72 and George Street age 70. As the 19th century wore on, poor and workhouses increasingly became refuges for the elderly, infirm and sick rather than the able-bodied poor, and in 1929 legislation was passed to allow local authorities to take over workhouse infirmaries as municipal hospitals.

John Shipman

Ivel Sprinter is for EVERYONE!

Looking forward to the Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness.

Despite an absence from these pages we have still been working away to provide you with the service that connects you to the surrounding towns and villages. We have continued to suffer with a sick bus, upon which, we have now given up the ghost and bought a replacement Mercedes, which we hope will be a winner for us. We look forward to taking delivery very shortly.

As covid is having a lot less impact now, we are looking forward to being able to restart our hire service to local clubs, schools and charities. Please call Graham on 07748 088493 to discuss booking.

We are always pleased to welcome new drivers, so if you have a day to spare once a month and have a D1 license, Martin would be pleased to hear from you on 07850 232931.



Our Services are:

Monday

to Bedford calling at Blunham, Tempsford and Great Barford.

Tuesday

to Sainsburys, Biggleswade, Tempsford, Sandy, and Caldecote.

Saturday

to Sainsburys, Biggleswade, Tempsford, Sandy, and Caldecote.

For full timetable see: <http://www.ivesprinter.org.uk>

The Ivy Leaf Club

We are now looking forward to a busy festive season and to welcoming everyone for the World Cup. We have invested in two brand new HD TVs so we are ready! There will be offers on beers and snacks at half time – please do come and join us in supporting England, Wales or your favourite team.

We will also have our usual disco for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

We are busy booking for 2023 so please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updated bookings.

Finally a massive thank you for your support this year so far.

A reminder that we are happy to take bookings for private functions except 18th birthdays, for a minimal charge.

New members always welcome.

Any questions please pop in during opening hours or call 01463 700868.

Julie Devereux – Co-chairperson

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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

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FRIDAY	7.30am - 8.00pm
SATURDAY	7.30am - 8.00pm

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

LANGFORD VILLAGE STORE

SUNDAY	7.00am - 8.00pm
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

THE PLOUGH

SUNDAY	12.00am - 11.00pm
MONDAY	3.00pm - 11.00pm
TUESDAY	3.00pm - 11.00pm
WEDNESDAY	3.00pm - 11.00pm
THURSDAY	3.00pm - 11.00pm
FRIDAY	12.00pm - 1.00am
SATURDAY	12.00pm - 2.00am

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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

LANGFORD FISH BAR

SUNDAY	CLOSED
MONDAY	11.30am - 9.30pm
TUESDAY	11.30am - 9.30pm
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