

Langtree Parish Magazine



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Welcome to the Summer / Autumn Edition

Well it has been a busy summer for most of us, I for one as many of you know Tom & I got married a couple of weeks ago, there's more about this further on in the magazine. We were lucky with the weather I can't say the same for the children on their summer holidays as they have once again had a mixture of showers and sun but for the farming community I know it has been a successful year with growing crops and silaging.

There have been numerous events on again at the Parish Hall with the summer lunch and history society day both which were very successful. This month has seen a very busy Parish Show with many of you entering your wonderful exhibits.

The church has been completed and if I may say so it is looking wonderful, the organ is back to its former glory and it's so nice to hear the bells across the village.

We thank all the volunteers that came forward in the last issue to help distribute the magazine, once again if there is anyone else in the Parish who is willing to help please get in contact.

We are looking to add a new feature to the magazine which we will need your input with this being Births, Marriages and Obituaries – please let us have information and hopefully a photo so that we can share this with the community – there is no charge for this service.

If you would rather not receive a paper version of the magazine please let us know by email and we can remove you from our mailing list as all the information found in this magazine can also be found on the website address below also set up by us for you.

Our photocopier is just about holding out and we hope to get a few more quarterly publications before we may have to look at a replacement, we do apologise if your magazine isn't coming out in as great quality as we would like as the machine does fade near the end of the print run but please bear with us as we are starting to find ways to get the best from it.

Let's hope the autumn brings more sunshine

Hayley

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Update

**Johnny Cowling will be on September 13th
2011 at 7.30pm at the Church and not the
14th as previously advertised**

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Thursday August 25th
Thursday September 22nd

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Mon to Friday 11:40 to 13.05

Mobile Library

The mobile library calls fortnightly at

**Stibb Cross on a Wednesday at the Union Inn 16:05
to 17:05**

Sep 7th 21st Oct 5th 19th
Nov 2nd 16th 30th Dec 14th

Langtree on a Thursday at the Parish Hall

10:30 to 11:15
Sep 8th 22nd Oct 6th 20th
Nov 2nd 17th Dec 1st 15th

Email Alerts

Over the coming months I am hoping to compile an email subscribers list to keep people updated on events or any last minute changes to what's on.

The subscribers list could also be used for the community to keep uptodate in the event of bad weather.

Please email magazine@langtree.net if you wish to be added to the list or if you have information you need to share.

Tom

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Alcohol and Crime

Did you know that nationally alcohol is a factor in nearly half of all violent crimes? Whilst Devon and Cornwall has the 4th lowest crime rate in England and Wales, alcohol related crime and antisocial behaviour remains a significant concern within our communities.

Whilst a significant proportion of alcohol related crime occurs in public, it is also a concerning factor related to violence in the home.

Punishments for alcohol-related offences

There are a range of measures available to us to tackle alcohol-related crime. For example:

- Police caution
- Penalty notices
- Directions to Leave (DTL)
- Arrest and imprisonment
- Magistrate's Court exclusion orders
- Drink Banning Orders (currently in Plymouth, West Cornwall and South Devon)
- Three Strikes banning scheme (currently in Exeter and Northern Devon)

Other consequences of a criminal record

Being convicted of an alcohol-related offence might lead to many other consequences for you, such as:

- Being unable to visit some countries such as the USA
- Being unable to volunteer or work with vulnerable people e.g. coaching your child's football team
- Preclude you from some forms of employment

Alcohol-related crime in your area

If you're concerned about alcohol-related crime in your area, there are a number of steps that you can take:

- Contact your local neighbourhood policing team to let them know about the problem – they specialise in neighbourhood issues like this, and hold regular meetings with residents
- Contact your local council to let them know what's happening
- Join a local Neighbourhood Watch group or residents association to raise concerns together


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September 2011

21 Sept	9 Days	Lake Garda, Venice and the Dolomites	£635
21 Sept	8 Days	Bonnie Banks of Scotland, Isle of Bute	£385
23 Sept	3 Days	Weekend in Bournemouth	£150
26 Sept	8 Days	Jersey	£435
26 Sept	5 Days	Little Boats and Trains of Norfolk	£275
30 Sept	4 Days	Peaks and Pennines	£169
30 Sept	11 Days	Ken's Grand tour of Ireland	£745

October 2011

3 Oct	5 Days	Lake District	£275
5 Oct	8 Days	French Alps and Lake Annecy (Inc. Alpine descent)	£625
9 Oct	6 Days	Scenes of Yorkshire, Durham and Beamish	£285
13 Oct	7 Days	The Isle of Man	£415
14 Oct	5 Days	The Isles of Scilly by Helicopter	£510
18 Oct	8 Days	The Pyrenees, Andorra and San Sebastian	£515
19 Oct	5 Days	Canary Islands and Madeira Cruise	From £1149
22 Oct	3 Days	Mystery Weekend	£135
28 Oct	4 Days	Romantic Paris	£235
29 Oct	7 Days	Loch Lomond and the Trossachs All Inclusive	£360
31 Oct	5 Days	Tenby Turkey and Tinsel	£260

November 2011

4 Nov	4 Days	Falmouth Turkey and Tinsel	£199
7 Nov	5 Days	Lake District Turkey and Tinsel	£230
14 Nov	5 Days	Corton Warners Village with Thursford Spectacular	£285
14 Nov	5 Days	Norfolk Turkey and Tinsel inc Thursford Spectacular	£265
14 Nov	5 Days	Isle of Wight Turkey and Tinsel	£230
18 Nov	4 Days	South Coast and Eastbourne Turkey and Tinsel	£180
21 Nov	5 Days	Bognor Regis Turkey and Tinsel	£255
25 Nov	4 Days	Norfolk Turkey and Tinsel inc Thursford Spectacular	£220
28 Nov	5 Days	Harrogate and Yorkshire Dales Turkey and Tinsel	£235
28 Nov	5 Days	English Lakes and Dales (Morecambe) Turkey and Tinsel	£220

December 2011

2 Dec	4 Days	Norfolk Turkey and Tinsel inc Thursford Spectacular	£220
9 Dec	3 Days	Birmingham International Tattoo and Christmas Market	£152
9 Dec	4 Days	German Christmas Markets Aachen and Monshau	£290
10 Dec	2 Days	Christmas Carols at the Royal Albert Hall	£175
22 Dec	7 Days	Christmas in Fort William	£480

January 2012

2 Jan	5 Days	Winter Warmer in Falmouth	£160
9 Jan	5 Days	Blackpool and the Lakes	£130
9 Jan	5 Days	Peaks and Pennines	£130
9 Jan	5 Days	Heart of England, Nottingham & Lincoln	£130
16 Jan	5 Days	Cotswolds, Medieval Stratford and Warwick	£130
16 Jan	5 Days	Lake District and Southport	£130
23 Jan	5 Days	Folkestone and Ostend - Entertainment Break	£138
27 Jan	4 Days	Country and Western in Caernarfon	£133
30 Jan	5 Days	Warners Break at Alvaston Hall	£205

February 2012

3 Feb	4 Days	Weymouth Dance Break	£139
6 Feb	5 Days	Folkestone and Brugge Entertainment Break	£128
6 Feb	5 Days	Welsh Seascapes and Landscapes	£199
11 Feb	8 Days	Lake Garda, Snowflakes and Crystal Lakes	£410
17 Feb	3 Days	Re-Union Weekend in Torquay	£90
20 Feb	5 Days	Blackpool and the Lakes	£135
24 Feb	3 Days	Re-Union Weekend in Torquay	£90

March 2012

2 Mar	3 Days	Cardiff and the Rhonda Valley	£95
5 Mar	5 Days	Bournemouth and New Forest	£165
11 Mar	8 Days	Winter Wonderland of the Austrian Lakes	£450
12 Mar	5 Days	Isle of Wight	£190
12 Mar	5 Days	All inclusive in Southport	£249
18 Mar	7 Days	Western Coast, Gateway to the Isles – Oban	£299
19 Mar	5 Days	Dutch Blackpool, the Lakes and Bury Market	£139
19 Mar	5 Days	Singles Break in Harrogate	£250
24 Mar	3 Days	Mystery Weekend	£130
26 Mar	5 Days	South Coast of Eastbourne	£185
30 Mar	5 Days	Cornish Treats, Lands End and Falmouth	£249

April 2012

1 April	7 Days	Delightful County Durham and Beamish	£349
1 April	6 Days	Isle of Man	£345
6 April	4 Days	Dutch Bulbfields – Holland in Bloom	£275
7 April	5 Days	Medway Festival of Steam	£270
15 April	5 Days	Chester, North Wales and the Canal in the Sky	£270
16 April	5 Days	Regency Brighton and the South Downs	£195
20 April	4 Days	The Welsh Coast and Barmouth	£189
22 April	7 Days	Southend on Sea- Essex Coast and Country	£390
22 April	8 Days	Rugged Coastline of Giants Causeway & Donegal	£460
29 April	9 Days	Lido Di Jesolo – Lovely Italian Coast	£525
29 April	7 Days	Boats and Trains of the Highlands and Islands	£380

May 2012

4 May	4 Days	Spalding Flower Parade and Skegness	£195
7 May	5 Days	Beautiful Gardens and Trains of North Wales	£275
10 May	5 Days	Suffolks Charming Villages, Dad's Army & Steam	£255
12 May	9 Days	The Outer Hebrides – A Passage Through Time	£665
13 May	6 Days	Little Trains of Ireland	£395
18 May	3 Days	Mystery Weekend	£130
20 May	7 Days	Jersey – The Tranquil Island	£399
21 May	5 Days	Harrogate and Yorkshire Dales	£255
25 May	2 Days	Chelsea Flower Show	£160
27 May	7 Days	Great Yarmouth and Norfolk Broads	£295
28 May	5 Days	Lake District & Adventure on the Mountain Goat	£285

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7 June 9 Days Grand Canyon & Las Vegas featuring Arizona and Utah £2249
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7 Sept 11 Days The Canadian Rockies – Highlights by Train £3289
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25 Oct 14 Days Spectacular South Africa £3249
Highlights include – Johannesburg • Soweto • Panoramic Route • Kruger National Park Safari Game Drive • Garden Route • Knysna • Featherbed Nature Reserve • Ostrich Farm Visit Winery Tour • Cape Town • Table Mountain



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6 Sept	2 Days	Thriller or Les Miserables	£159
12 Sept	2 Days	Shrek – The Musical	£160
19 Oct	2 Days	Phantom of the Opera or Mamma Mia	£159
28 Jan	2 Days	War Horse	£180
6 Mar	2 Days	Les Miserables or Jersey Boys	£160
14 April	2 Days	Million Dollar Quartet or Lion King	£189



Langtree Community School & Nursery Unit

From Langtree Community School



As always this has been a busy term for the school. Each class had a trip: Class F enjoyed a day at Rosemoor, Class 1 explored Northam Burrows, Class 2 went to Hallsannary and Class 3 had an all-action residential visit to Sandymouth near Bude.

We also played host to 2 schools visiting us from Essex, with their headteacher, Laura Fishleigh who is an old girl of ours! They camped on the school field for 4 nights and invited the older children to join them for a cycle ride to Instow and a barbeque. By the time you read this we will know which team won on Sports Day. This is always an exciting afternoon and it looks like the weather might stay fine for us this year.

Mr Vero has been hard at work with Class 2 in the school garden and wildlife area and as a result has won a Woodland Trust Green Tree School Gold Award. His class have also built a pizza oven from reclaimed materials on the site of our old gas tank.

We will be saying a sad 'Farewell' to Mrs Ferguson, who retires at the end of this term, after teaching at Langtree School for 12 years. She will be greatly missed, but we are pleased to announce that, a few weeks ago, we appointed a part-time teacher to take over teaching in Class One. She is Miss Preece and is qualified to teach Key Stage One, and has a sports degree as well. She will teach every morning and Miss Mellody will cover the afternoons. This situation, which is prevalent in most primary schools, has come about through falling numbers (in our case the loss of seven children last year, as parents left the area).

Another problem facing small primary schools is the lack of teachers wishing to progress to becoming Heads. Locally one school, after extensive advertising, did not receive one application for the Head's position. The remedy to this problem that is being used at present is for schools to federate under one Head. In the Local Learning Community (the old Academic Council) many primary schools are federated; Merton with Dolton; Putford with Bridgerule and Clawton; Parkham with Buckland Brewer; and Torrington Junior School with Woolacombe in September. The only schools in the area not federated are Shebbear, Monkleigh, Torrington Infant School and Langtree. This scheme saves little or no money as all schools in the Federation have to upgrade another teacher to cover the school when the Head is not present. Another arrangement considered by the previous administration at County Hall was to revert to a former plan first mooted 40 years ago – to build an Area School at Shebbear and close all the other schools, and bus children there. We cannot see this coming to fruition because of the cost of transporting so many children, and the financial climate.

A further new scheme is that from April (Caretaking) and September (School Meals) will have been out sourced to a group called 'DevonNorse', based in Norfolk. We have signed a contract for the caretaking, as it seems it will not cost the school much more, but for the lunches we are only signed-up to the end of this financial year. The reason being that although we will have more say over the contents of the meals, such as having more jacket potatoes (as this is very popular with lots of children), the service will cost the school a great deal more money. Not all other schools in the area have signed-up to the scheme and are sourcing their meals differently. All of us are obliged by law to provide a healthy lunch for all children who receive free dinners and as Langtree has always provided a cooked meal, we have to continue to do so.

Date for your Diary:

Look out for Tempest Photography visiting the School and based in Langtree Parish Hall on Monday 14 November, ready to take family photos (white background – studio style) at less than a studio price!

More details coming soon, including how to make a booking!!



Zion Methodist Chapel

The Shebbear Circuit, of which Langtree is a part, will officially become a part of the new and enlarged Bideford & Shebbear Circuit from September 2011. The two groups have been working together over the past year or so and have been getting to know each other with a wide range of joint events taking place. Our minister is now Rev Graham Slingo who lives at the Shebbear Manse and our Superintendent Minister is Rev David Morris who lives at Northam. They have both become familiar faces to us through local & Circuit events.

We shall soon be celebrating harvest, something we rather take for granted in this country, assuming it will always happen at some level. We probably cannot contemplate the prospect of no harvest at all and no money to buy from elsewhere yet that is what many parts of the world regularly face, especially in Africa. Imagine all the supermarket shelves empty and no prospect of them being refilled in the foreseeable future. It is so important to remember how fortunate we are, to be grateful to God and give thanks, also to share, give and support others in deep need whenever we can.

Sunday Services for coming weeks are as listed below, all at 11.00am. There will also be a Harvest service on Monday evening, 19th September at 7.30 followed by a supper & sale to which you are all invited.

- Sept 4th Congregational
- " 11th united at All Saints
- " 18th Mr Chamings, Harvest Festival
- " 25th Mrs J Spencer
- Oct 2nd Congregational
- " 9th United at All Saints
- " 16th Mrs E Potter
- " 23rd Congregational
- " 30th Rev G Slingo
- Nov 6th Mrs R Quinell
- " 13th United at Parish Church
- " 20th Mr J Hawkins
- " 27th Rev G Slingo



Rev Graham Slingo

Call for Hallwood box scheme to be extended to Langtree

Is anyone interested in getting their veg from the Hallwood box scheme? I get my veg fortnightly, (and delicious they are, too!) but currently have to collect it from Black Torrington because they don't deliver to Langtree. If sufficient folk from Langtree order, then they will deliver to our doors. Check out their website: www.hallwoodfreshveg.co.uk

Pat Chappell

Thank You's

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No ham in the hamburger
And neither pine nor apple in
the pineapple.
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invented in England
French fries were not invented
in France

We sometimes take English
for granted
But if we examined it's
paradoxes we find that
Quicksand takes you down
slowly
Boxing rings are square
And a guinea pig is neither
from Guinea nor
Is it a pig.

If writers write how come
fingers don't fing.
If the plural of tooth is teeth
Shouldn't the plural of phone
booth be
Phone beeth
If the teacher taught,
Why didn't the preacher
praught

If a vegetarian eats vegetables
What the heck does a
humanitarian eat?
Why do people recite at a play
Yet play at a recital?
Park on driveways and
Drive on parkways

You have to marvel at the
unique lunacy
Of a language where a
house can burn up as
It burns down
And which you fill in a form
By filling it out
And a bell is only heard
once it goes!

English was invented by
people, not computers
And it reflects the
creativity of the human
race
(Which of course isn't a
race at all)

That is why
When the stars are out
they our visible
But when the lights are out
they are invisible
And why is it that when I
wind up my watch
It starts
But when I wind up this
observation,
It ends.

This observation was
provided by one of our
readers who spotted it
while on holiday in June
from the Abergavenny
Chronicle Gazette and
Diary

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The WI report

The last three months have been very quiet, apart from the Group Meeting at Shebbear which was hosted by Newton St. Petrock. We were entertained by a speaker from the RNLI and a funny play performed by the Newton Members, and finished with a scrumptious supper. For the first time for three years we failed to win the competition, we only finished second.



We have had three different types of speakers in the past three months; Sandy Huxtable with new floral arrangements; Jax Williams told us how to win competitions, she has won many including six washing machines on one day; and Penny Blower who showed us how wearing colours to match our colouring could enhance our appearance, & she also brought some new season's clothes for us to try.

We are off to Cookbury Wick for our garden visit this year, we all hope it will be dry for once.

Our speakers for the next three months are John Bowers on Ghosts; Jenny Coles on card making and Virginia Peacock on cameos.

Anyone may attend. We charge £2-50. Patricia Soby. 601421.

Parish Hall Players



The first meeting for the forthcoming Christmas show will be Tuesday 6th September 7.30pm. All those that attended the last meeting and anyone else that is interested please come along and join in. All welcome.

Many thanks

Sylvie Smith

The Friends of Langtree Church

Late news from The Friends of the Church

Our grateful thanks to all the walkers and sponsors that participated on our sponsored walk. A special thanks to Jo and Ange who did a sterling job organising the walk and setting all the markers! Thanks also to everyone that attended the Sunday tea, and our sincere apologies for those that missed out because we closed early! We must do better next time! At the time of "going to press" we do not have the final figure, but it is expected to be between £700-£800. Well done everyone! - Sylvia

Johnny Cowling Evening

Please make a note in your diaries that the fabulous Johnny Cowling will be singing in the church September 13th 2011 at 7.30pm. Those of us that have seen him before know and what a fun and enjoyable evening this will be. Because he is so popular and the limited space in the church booking will be essential. Tickets at £6.50 will be available from any of the "Friends", or phone Mary Nicholls 01805 601235 or Sylvie Smith 01805 601485 to book a place. Price includes tea/coffee and biscuits. There will not be a draw this evening.



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From the Team Rector

It is a great delight to welcome Revd Susanna Metz into the area, and you have no idea how difficult it has been getting her here from the United States. It may be easy to move across Europe – it certainly isn't to cross the pond! And her furniture is still out there somewhere!



Susanna is going to be sharing in the ministry across the parishes here. Her particular focus will be children and schools. She is part-time, so we won't see her all the time, and with a church school in Merton, that will inevitably be a prime focus.

Nevertheless it does give us a chance to think about how we can better support children and families. There are many pressures on family life today, and growing up is not always easy. Many things have changed: for instance, Sunday schools are not what they used to be. Maybe you have thoughts about what we can do together. Please let us know. It is an opportunity.

Meanwhile, we are formally welcoming Susanna on Tuesday 6th September. There is a service there with the Bishop at Merton School at 7.00pm. You are very welcome.

Yours,

Rev Martin Warren, Tel: 01409-281424

From the Registers

Baptisms:

Welcome to the Church family.

12th Jun Woody Moseby

10th Jul Leah Bettiss

Celebration of Marriage:

Congratulations!

21st May Ray and Joan Smith

28th May Tristan Gubb and Nicola
Coles

9th Jul Andrew Mantiet and Caroline
Lucey

6th Aug Tom Bond and Hayley Tucker

Funerals:

Our prayers for the bereaved.

14th Jul Andrew Huxtable

15th Aug Jock Mills

17th Aug Michael Knapp
(Crematorium)

Services at All Saints' Church August

August 2011

28th 9.30am Holy Communion

September

4th 9.30am Morning Prayer

11th 11.00am Holy Communion

18th 11.00am United Service (*at the
Chapel*)

25th 9.30am Holy Communion

October

2nd 11.00pm Harvest Family
Communion

9th 11.00am Holy Communion

16th 11.00am United Methodist Service
(*at the Chapel*)

23rd 9.30am Holy Communion

30th 11.00am *Team Service (Merton)*

November

6th 9.30am Morning Service

13th 10.50am Remembrance Service

Half-term Holiday Club

One morning during
the October half-term

Ages 5 -11

More details to come.

*Helpers needed. Please
contact Martin:*

01409-281424.

Harvest Celebrations

Sun Oct 2nd 11.00am

Family Communion

Tues Oct 4th 7.15pm

Harvest Service

Preacher: Revd Susanna
Metz

Supper to follow in the
Parish Hall



Michael Knapp
Passed away 8th
August 2011 aged 68



Jock Mills (Gerald Donald)
Passed away 5th August 2011

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Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox appeal Langtree Methodist Church Sunday School

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www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/operation-christmas-child

A big thank you to everyone who helped us support this charity last year - we sent over 35 gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need.

We are hoping to support Operation Christmas Child again this year and will start collecting and filling shoeboxes in October in time for them to be sent for distribution in November. Each box is covered in Christmas wrapping paper and filled with toys, colouring pencils, colouring books, sweets, soap, toothpaste, knitted hat, gloves etc. (There is an information leaflet available with details of what can be packed in the box).

For more information please contact Cathy Ley on 01805 601247 or look out for information on the Chapel notice board in the Autumn.

Many thanks
Cathy Ley

Langtree Sunday School

Notes from the Parish Council

Parish Council Meetings have been rather short and sweet lately which have pleased councillors and clerk alike. All attempts by me to extend business to a prudent hour have largely failed which could be a sign that either parish life is quietly contented or we are missing opportunities.

One highlight that has produced a slight pulse of excitement is the possibility of purchasing a defibrillator through the Westcountry Ambulance Service. This would be a portable and easy to use unit and would be located in a public location and volunteers would need to be trained to use it. Initial discussions have suggested that the outer wall of the Parish Hall would be most suitable but could we not consider buying a second unit for Stibb Cross so that most households in the parish have quick access to one? Have you any comments to make and ideas for fundraising to help with the cost, which is around £1300 per unit? More details will emerge in the next magazine.

I would like to remind you that members of the public are welcome to attend Council meetings, which are usually on the second Thursday of each month. Although you can't take part in the main business the Chairman is happy to allow comments and requests in 'any other business' if time allows, which it usually does! Alternatively contact a councillor or the clerk.

David Ley - Chairman - Langtree Parish Council



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Information from devon.gov.uk website

What are direct payments?

Direct payments are payments given to individuals by Social Services departments to enable them to buy services they have been assessed as needing. They can be given to disabled people aged 16 or over, to people with parental responsibility for disabled children, and to carers aged 16 or over in respect of carer services.

The aim of a direct payment is to give more flexibility in how services are provided to people who are assessed as eligible for Social Services support. Providing money in lieu of social care services gives people greater choice and control over their lives, and enables them to make their own decisions about how their care is delivered.

Who can get direct payments?

Most people who have been assessed as needing a social care service can get direct payments. This includes people with:

- physical or sensory impairment
- learning disabilities
- mental health problems
- a long-term illness or who need help because of the effects of growing older.

You can also receive direct payments if you are a:

- carer who has been assessed as needing support in your own right
- parent of a disabled child - for services that support you in bringing up your child.

You can ask for direct payments if you wish to be in control of the services you need, and you are able to arrange and manage those services, either by yourself or with help. You do not have to be able to do everything yourself. As long as you stay in charge of what happens you can have as much help as you need to manage direct payments.

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flexibility and choice that direct payments can bring, and frequently comment on how they have gained greater self-esteem, confidence, and control over how they live their lives.

For more information ?

If you have not already had an assessment of your social care needs, you must do this first, by contacting Care Direct on 0845 1551 007

If you have already been assessed as needing a social care service, or you are already receiving directly provided care and wish to know more about direct payments please use the following contacts:

Direct Payments
The Annexe
County Hall
Topsham Road
Exeter
EX2 4QR Tel: 01392 383126

**Or contact Tom and his team at West Heanton
Detail above for more information**

The marriage of Tom Bond & Hayley Tucker took place at All Saints Church, Langtree on Saturday 6th August 2011 followed by a Tipi country inspired reception at their home farm 'East Browns'. Tom is the manager of a local care home West Heanton and from Langtree and Hayley is a Wedding, Lifestyle and Pet Photographer and originally from Bideford. Hayley was attended by bridesmaids Becky Crump, Emma Bond, Gemma Jones, Charlotte Andrews and Emily Andrews. The Best Man was Michael Saywell a school friend of Toms and they were supported by ushers Geoff Haywood and Andrew Sidders. Tom & Hayley are due to jet off on their honeymoon to America & Hawaii in September.

They would like to thank all those involved who helped on the day and also with the preparation before the wedding, it wouldn't have been possible without you, They would also like to thank many of the community who helped them out from the goodness of their hearts, they really appreciate being part of a great parish.



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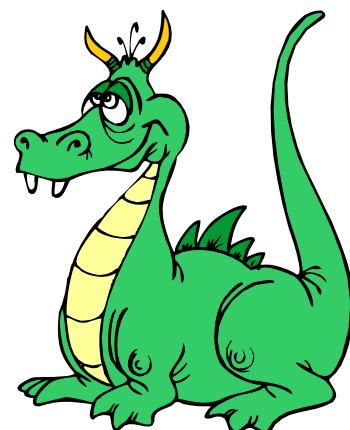
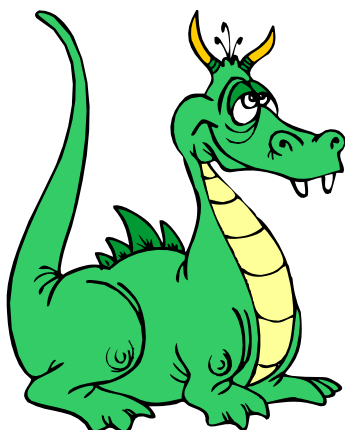
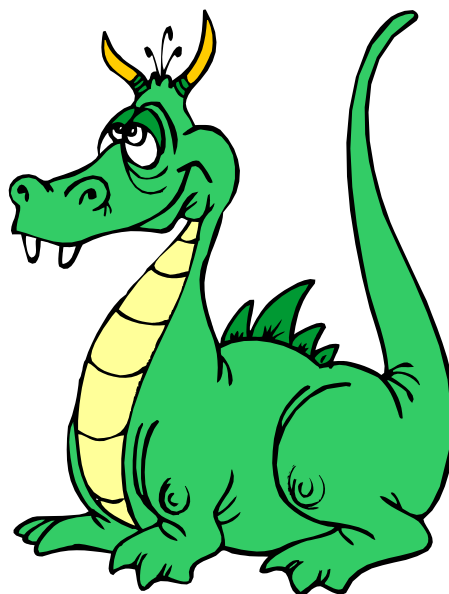
Birthday parties and anniversaries

Special events and functions

Monthly gala and gourmet nights

Sports evenings and business
meetings

Takeaway Menu



Langtree Parish Hall

July has been a busy month with various private functions including a christening, a golden wedding, 2 fortieth birthday parties, a not quite 60th birthday, a joint family birthday party and Torrington School Sports presentation evening. The Parish Fete and Sunday tea for the Church sponsored walk was also held. August is a little less busy but at the time of writing preparations are under way for the 4th Annual Parish Show on the 20th August. This year all proceeds from the show are going towards a Parish defibrillator. Councillor John Lewis came to a Committee meeting in July and explained how vital this piece of equipment is in helping to save a life in the event of a heart attack so we have decided to start raising money for one.

The initial lottery grant for an extension to the committee room was unsuccessful but this will be reworked in the light of feedback. We have decided in the meantime to install photovoltaic cells on the roof in an attempt to cut our energy bills. With the feed in tariff it is estimated that if a 4kW system is installed approx £1600 a year will be generated guaranteed for 25 years. We are also exploring the possibility of a ground source heat pump to reduce oil bill as now the government has announced a fuel incentive bill.

Johnny Cowling a talented singer / comedian has been booked to perform at All Saints Church on 13th September. at 7.30pm. He will be singing Gospel songs of Elvis. Johnny has performed at many places of worship including Truro Cathedral where there has been an audience of 900. Tickets are £6.50 to include a hot drink and biscuits. Please book with Mary Nicholls 601235 or Sylvie Smith on 601485. All proceeds to Friends of the Church for ongoing window repairs.

On 29th September from 1.30pm – 4pm there is an Antique Valuation afternoon with Michael Vaughn from Budleigh Salterton. There will be a mail shot through the post advertising this event. So dig in the attic or cellar and see what treasures you have.

On Sunday 9th October we are hosting a Sunday Lunch in aid of the Red Cross. This is being organized by Carol Ley who used to live in the Parish and wants some help to raise much needed funds. Tickets for a 3 course roast dinner to include a glass of wine will be £12.50 – Under 12s £5.00, under 5's no charge. If you would like to support this good cause please ring me for tickets. 01805601602. Whilst we are on the subject of lunches I am now taking bookings for the Christmas Lunch which will be held on Sunday 11th December. Everyone who attended the Summer Lunch remarked how much more comfortable it was with 150 diners rather than nearer 200 so with that in mind a great effort will be made to limit the number to 160. Please, if you want to come book early. The cost will be £15.00 for a 3 course lunch with trimmings and a glass of wine. Book with Sue on 601602.

On 14th November the Hall has been booked for Life Screening for appointments from 9am – 5.30pm. At the time of writing no further details are available.

Fitness classes continue on Mondays from 6.15 – 7.15pm with Neil Harris Cost £5.00 and on Tuesdays with Ian Hobbs 6.30pm – 7.30pm cost £5.00. All welcome.

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News from Beech House Surgery, Shebbear. July 2011.

Dr Stephen Miller writes: ' I am very pleased to report that I have found a partner to take the Shebbear surgery into the challenges of the next few years. Dr Francis Fernández, who currently lives in Landkey near Barnstaple, will join me in September this year and, all being well, will move into the village next year. Dr Fernández, his wife, Maria, and their two daughters, Anna and Carla are all looking forward to the move.

Dr Fernández is the son of a farmer from near Málaga but has been living and working in the South West for many years. He is very familiar with the hospital and consultant staff at the North Devon District Hospital having worked for several years in the Accident and Emergency department. He has also had several years experience of primary care as a partner in a GP practice in Somerset.

Both Dr Jill Kershaw and I will be cutting back on our clinical commitment to the practice from September and it is my intention that I will retire completely from Shebbear by the Autumn of 2012. Dr Kershaw will also retire about the same time. Dr Fernandez will be joined by a new partner on my departure.

There are some major difficulties facing the NHS. Our population is ageing and as it does so, demands for health care increase. At a time when funding for the NHS is, at best, static we have got to find ways of doing things more smartly. GPs have been given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to influence how NHS money is spent through Clinical Commissioning Consortia which will be GP led. I hope to get involved in this work but realised that I could not do this and give sufficient attention to the running of the Shebbear Practice in a way that would keep the care of all our patients at as good a level as I believe my team has achieved over the past few years. I feel very fortunate to have such a great team at the Surgery and they are the bedrock of the future of the Practice.

Hence it is with excitement for the future but with sadness to be leaving Shebbear next year that these plans have come to fruition.

Little Acorns Toddler Group

Our group runs every Thursday morning during term time, in the parish hall from 9.15 to 12 noon. You will find that we are a friendly relaxed group and have a range of toys for babies and toddlers to play with. We provide a snack at about 10.30am for the children and a tea or coffee for the adults, at a cost of £1 per child and 50p per sibling.

This term we have said goodbye and good luck to Harry Folland (and his Mum) as he will start nursery in September. This has also meant that the running of the group will now be taken over by Anna Moseby and Laura Coles.

We would welcome anyone who would like to come along and join our group. Please feel free to pop in on a Thursday morning or give Anna a call on

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Sophie Folland 01805 601244.



Photos from the Parish Lunch 3rd July 2011 in aid of Langtree Church Roof



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Local History Group

In July we enjoyed a guided heritage walk around the village of Appledore, discovering many points of interest unknown to us before. We discovered how easy it is to pass regularly through a place, thinking you know it fairly well and yet totally miss much of what is most interesting about the place. One of the points of interest was the Docks and the local peoples battle to prevent it being built over with houses. We were better able to understand the situation when the story made the local newspapers recently. We plan to go to Appledore again on 13th September to visit the maritime museum. If you would like to come with us then please meet at our Parish Hall car park for car sharing, we shall set off at 1.30pm for 2.00pm arrival. If you plan to join us please let us know so we don't go without you;

We remember with gratitude our founder member Jock Mills who died recently; He had such a wealth of knowledge to share as he was one of the small number of members born in the Parish and remained a lifelong resident. He contributed a great deal to our group but due to his increased frailty he was unable to attend recently. He will be greatly missed.

At our recent meeting when we were discussing how much material we have gathered it was felt that we needed to let people know what we have and how they can access it. Our records include the following

The Clinton estate Sale book; Langtree details from some of the trade directories; some baptism, marriage and death records, Tithe map and apportionments for the Parish, some old Agricultural Records dated 359 – 1929, Rainfall records as recorded by Sheila & Peter Roberts, information on Stapleton Mire nature reserve in this Parish, lots of old Parish and school photographs, large collection of wedding photos of Parish weddings, and some WI photos, Record of the Pageant of the Church & Parish as performed by the school and church members in 1985, and lots more. Then of course there is the graveyard record of All Saints, this can be accessed on line but if you have no access to this we have a printed copy. The Siloam Methodist graveyard records will be completed shortly. Numbers to contact if you want to see or borrow any of these records are

Margaret Knapman on 01805 601228 or Mike Roe on 01805 601114

We shall not be meeting in August, our next regular meeting will be September 28th at the Parish Hall 7.00 – 9.00pm. If you are interested in our local history please come and join us. If you have records or any photographs of local historic interest or events then please bring them along.

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July 11

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3rd Keith Jackson 31

August 11

1st Maureen Cook 50
2nd Dean Folland 139
3rd Dianne Daniel 40

September 11

1st Dave Pratley 152
2nd Joy Green 113
3rd Raymond Vanstone 121

As we are away next month we have completed the draw for next month. The 100 club was part way through when we took over and it is our understand September would be the last draw of the year. We have give it some consideration and have decided not to continue the 100 club next year as we are printing the magazine we have reduced the cost and wanted to reduce the admin.

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Next edition will be printed in the 1st week of December Please could we have articles by the end of November.

April 11

1st 259 C Deare
2nd 154 M Goaman
3rd 283 J Pomeroy
4th 85 H Dick

May 11

1st 125 L Coles
2nd 91 S Ley
3rd 281 P Daniel
4th 255 R Furze

June 11

1st 91 S Ley
2nd 174 R Moseby
3rd 68 S Leach
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