

# Langtree Parish Magazine



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## Welcome to the Winter Edition

The weather has changed, the nights are drawing in and the fires are roaring but in true Langtree style that doesn't stop us going out in the cold and enjoying the community spirit. We have had a Pantomime, Charity Auction and many other events on at the Hall where this Sunday we will once again see the famous Christmas Lunch.

Hopefully we won't get the weather we had last year (although the child in us enjoys every moment) but the practicality of running businesses and trying to do the Christmas shopping becomes limited.

We have purchased a new second hand photocopier so we are hoping that production will be of better quality but time will tell when it's published all the Parishes magazines...

Many thanks once again to all our volunteers who help dispatch the magazine and to LAS from Okehampton who kindly helped us out by finishing printing the last edition when the photocopier failed, we hope you and the rest of the parish have a wonderful Christmas and a merry New Year!

See you in 2012

Hayley & Tom Bond

A festive poem I thought I'd share with you...

### Christmas Recipe

Take a heap of child-like wonder  
That opens up our eyes  
To the unexpected gifts in life  
Each day a sweet surprise.  
Mix in fond appreciation  
For the people whom we know;  
Like festive Christmas candles,  
Each one has a special glow.  
Add some giggles and some laughter,  
A dash of Christmas food,  
(Amazing how a piece of pie  
Improves our attitude!)  
Stir it all with human kindness;  
Wrap it up in love and peace,  
Decorate with optimism, and  
Our joy will never cease.  
If we use this healthy recipe,  
We know we will remember  
To be in the Christmas spirit,  
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Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>

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Mike Evans - Parish Clarke

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Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

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10:30 to 11:15  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

Apologies as I have been unable to find the dates for next year but they should follow on every fortnight from the 15<sup>th</sup> December I believe

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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 Moseby 01805 601155 or Laura Coles 01805 601666 a ring.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Sophie Folland for all she has done for Little Acorns over the years as her youngest Harry is now at nursery, they will both be missed at toddlers!"

We also wish Callum good luck as he starts nursery after Christmas.





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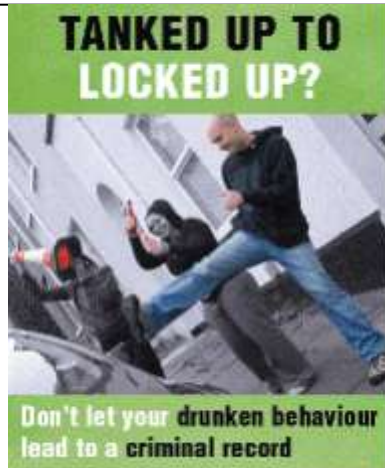
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**Sarah Folland**



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## 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 Alveston 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	Winterwonderland 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	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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# *Langtree Community School & Nursery Unit*



## **Our Autumn Term Update, From Langtree Community School**

**Retirement of Chair of Governors** It was with some sadness that I received a letter from Mrs Soby, our Chair of Governors, at the beginning of the summer holidays informing me that she had made the decision to retire from the governing body due to increasing commitments outside of school. Many of you will be aware that Mrs Soby has served on the governing body in various capacities, most notably as Chair, for many years and her knowledge of the school and of wider issues affecting education will be sorely missed. In due course, we will be making plans to celebrate all that she has done for us and we will keep you up to date as these are made certain.

**Parent Governor Vacancy and Community Governor Vacancy** All Devon maintained schools have a governing body and all parents can, if there is a suitable vacancy and they would like to do this, become school governors. The Governing Body helps to plan what the school does and helps the children to get the most out of their time spent at school. Mrs Soby's retirement mentioned above has left a vacancy for a Community Governor on our Governing Body. **Community Governors** serve on all maintained schools in Devon, (with the exception of Voluntary Aided schools,) and are co-opted by other governors so are generally someone who represents the interests of the local community. If this is something which might interest you, please be in touch with either Mr John Lewis, our Chair of Governors (01805 601580) or Miss Mellody, Head Teacher here at school (01805 601354) for an informal chat.

Due to the resignation of longstanding **Parent Governor** Mr Tony Ward, we now also have a Parent Governor Vacancy on our Governing Body. Mr Ward capably supported the school for nine years in this role, and we are very grateful to him for all the advice, help and time he devoted to helping deal with some very difficult and challenging situations. To be considered for this Vacancy, you need to have a child on role here with us at Langtree School – for more details, please be in touch.

**OfSTED Monitoring Visit** Since the school's last OfSTED Inspection in July 2010, staff and governors have been working hard to make sure that we have continued to develop the areas it highlighted for improvement. It is part of the process that some schools will receive a monitoring visit at very short notice, between Inspections, to ensure that good progress is being made and, in line with this, we were visited on the 06 October by Mr David Edwards, HMI. We had just a few hours between his 'phone call and arrival here at school and I am pleased to tell you that he was very satisfied with the progress we have made and felt confident that we are well on track for our next OfSTED visit in 2013. He commented several times about how lovely the children were here, and acknowledged the hard work of all the staff and governors enabling the school to achieve the level of progress demonstrated. A copy of the final Report is available on the OfSTED website at: [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk).

**Nursery Open Morning** Held during the morning of Thursday 20 October, with Clare Heard and Helen Haville I was able to welcome some familiar, and some not so familiar, faces to a Foundation Session to have a look at some of the activities we provide during a morning, following on from a question and answer session at Laura Coles's 'Little Acorns' in the Parish Hall. The feedback we have received has been very positive, and we are considering running a similar morning during the Spring Term, possibly extending the invitation to join our main school classes too. This provided a great opportunity for parents to ask questions in a relaxed setting, especially those who at the moment have no connection with the school. We welcome enquiries from new families; please 'phone or e-mail or, or just call in to say 'Hello!'.

**Appledore Book Festival** We were pleased to be invited to join Shebbear Community Primary School recently to meet popular children's author Jeremy Strong and hear him talk about how he plans and writes his children's fiction books. The children were captivated by the way he read excerpts from some of his stories, and finished with a book signing session.

**Our Lunchtime and After School Clubs** have been very busy this term and we are grateful to our staff and parent volunteers who give freely of their time to make sure that the children can benefit from taking part in such a variety of additional activities. These have included Football Training; Netball Training; Recorder Club; Cookery Club; Wildlife and Gardening Club; and Guitar and Singing lessons.

We were again able this term to turn our thoughts to people living in other places and circumstances by taking part in some well-known and very worthy fund-raising: first, **The Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal** when, with support from our families connected to the school meant we were able to fill nine shoeboxes with small items to be distributed to children living in other countries; **'Children In Need'**: we had great fun raising £123.50 towards the BBC's Appeal, by dressing in a variety of spotty clothing, hats and hair styles and running a delicious and

very well stocked cake stall, generously stocked by our parents; **The British Red Cross** supported by a collection at our Harvest Celebration; and **The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal**: we were pleased to be able to offer poppies for sale, and also take part in a Two Minute Silence in the school playground at 11am on Friday 11 November. We were also very proud to have been invited to take part in the short act of remembrance at the Memorial in the Parish Hall Car Park at that time, when six children accompanied Miss Mellody to represent Langtree School.

**Morrisons "Let's Grow" Vouchers** Thank you to everyone who has saved vouchers for us – some have even arrived by post to be included and we are very grateful! Our total reached well over the aimed for 3,000 enabling us to claim a variety of seeds, compost and gardening tools to be used here on our site. Thank you again to everyone who handed us vouchers.

**PTA** We continue to be grateful to our hardworking PTA who organise lots of fund-raising events throughout the school year which not only raise a fantastic amount of money, but are also great fun! We would like to say an especially heartfelt 'Thank you' to retiring Chairperson, Sally Coles, for all her support and organisation during her time at the helm and also to Rose Wooldridge for volunteering to step into Sally's shoes for the coming year. There are plans afoot for Festive Celebrations, we have been assured, which include the now very famous 'PTA Christmas Quiz' on sale from the school at a cost of £1.00, with a chance to win £10 prize.

Continuing on a 'Wooldridge Family' theme, we are also grateful to **William Wooldridge** and his Grandfather, Mr Stuckey, for restoring our school bell magnificently by crafting a new wooden handle to fit. William had noticed that we had been struggling with our bell for some time now: first because the handle was loose and also because the striker started falling out at regular intervals. This added an interesting dimension to the end of playtimes as we were never quite sure what was going to happen next! All uncertainty has now disappeared as William took the bell home to be mended, and we hope it will be here for many years to come. Thank you again to them both.

**Applications for Reception Places September 2012 and January 2013** A reminder that applications for primary school for next year's Reception Year in the main school – that is for children born between September 2007 and August 2008 – is now open at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) - and closes on 15 January 2012. Direct application to the Local Authority Admissions Team is the only way to apply for a school place as we as a primary school, nor any pre-school, can no longer accept applications. If this is something you would like to discuss with us in the first instance, before applying, please be in touch.

**Christmas Events:** We are excitedly planning our Festive Events, due to take place over the next couple of weeks, and have included brief details of just a couple here too, at which everyone is very welcome to join us! Our main school Christmas Play 'This Is Christmas', especially written for us by Fran Shortridge, will have two performances in Langtree Parish Hall during Thursday 08 December: at 2pm and 6pm with tickets available at a cost of £1.50 each from the School Office; and our traditional Carol Service in Langtree Parish Church on Thursday 15 December at 2.30pm. We are grateful to both the Parish Hall and Church for the continued use of their excellent (and, in the case of the Church, refurbished) facilities.

Finally, you probably remember that we are always telling everyone how proud we are of the standard of work achieved by our children here, and to prove that they are just as fantastic as we keep saying we would like to share with you some poems written recently during Literacy sessions looking at 'Personification'. Here they are, with thanks to their young authors, Rose and Imogen: (See Next Page)



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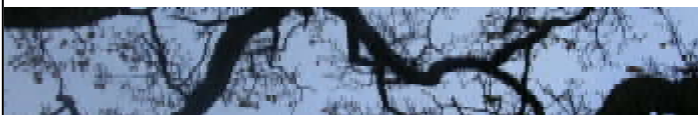
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## 'Forest

*The sun shines,  
Trees dance gently in the breeze,  
Dropping their confetti to the ground.  
Their tree trunks are sturdy and strong, and  
Feel like they could hold up anything.  
They laugh as the afternoon breeze  
Whistles through them,  
And gently tug at your clothes,  
All is calm.  
  
Night falls.  
They tower over you,  
Grabbing your arm with their gnarly fingers,  
Whispering to each other as you walk past,  
There gaunt faces stare at you through the dark.  
Claws scratch at your face,  
Roots trip you up.  
They cackle when they draw blood,  
And slowly surround you, closing you in.  
  
The sun comes out,  
Smiling down at you, all you can see is the sun dappled  
trees.*

*Which now sway in the breeze. '*

By: Rose Mason Age: 11 years Langtree School

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## 'STORM

*It started from a calm breeze.  
Whistling as it walked down the path.  
The sun was smiling down, as it rustled in the leaves.  
Rattling keys as if it was a baby.  
  
But it got angrier.  
It started sucking up trees like a vacuum cleaner.  
Reaching down with its long arms and ripping up the land.  
It's a rhino, charging and crashing through the towns and  
Villages, eating up anything in its path.  
It's a child spitting out things in disgust.  
The storm is a beast, tearing up the land with its long claws.  
Stunning people as it zooms past.  
Pulling the sea towards it and pushing it back with a mighty  
blow.  
  
But then it got tired.  
And started to retreat.  
It danced with the trees and trickled down mountains with rivers.  
It blew away clouds and gently went back to its hiding place. '*

By Imogen Mathews Age: 10 years Langtree School



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Due to a decision made at county level we did not hold our annual meeting in November. Instead members have agreed that the present committee continue until next May. When like all WIs will have their annual Meetings. This will be the time for the future. As we have had some new members we have found that the committee room at the hall is becoming crowded, so from January 2012 we will meet in the Hall on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of the Month instead of the Wednesday.

Patricia Soby (Secretary)

Visitors are Welcome. Enquiries to the President Mrs Mary Nicholls 1805601421

#### Our Speakers for the New Year are

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Richard Gubb on Alpacas

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Ivor Godfrey Slides on Iceland

Mar 20<sup>th</sup> Penny McRoberts Cookery Demonstration



## Christmas Tree Festival

We will once again be holding a Christmas tree festival at All Saints church. Please come and put your tree up on the afternoon of Sat. 10th December.

Any queries, please ring  
Pat Chappell 01805 601733.



## Parish Hall Players

A Big "THANK YOU" to everyone that came to see our Christmas Show. I would personally like to thank everyone involved with this production and who contributed to my magnificent gifts, they are very much appreciated. We have all received many congratulations for the show, and a DVD will be available very soon. Phone Mike Roe on 601114 or me 601485 for a copy.

Those of you that came to the Saturday night production will know that this show was my last; I will not be producing any more shows. It has been great fun and I have enjoyed it, but I feel it is time to let someone else have a go! I wish to thank everyone that has supported me over the years, and I hope the future productions go from strength to strength.

Sylvie Smith

### Letter from Terry Attridge

Well, there it is. Another show over and done with. Forgotten lines can now be forgotten. What happens now is that Mike Roe prepares a DVD of the show and we meet up the Green Dragon fairly early on a Tuesday evening probably towards the end of January and watch our thespian endeavours and order our DVD copies to send to distant relatives we didn't much like. Watch the blackboard at the bottom of Southlands Drive for the date.

This year we need to discuss various matters. As you heard at the last performance of the Christmas Show Sylvie Smith is determined to relinquish the reins and we need to consider who will replace her. I'd like to make you all aware of the finances of the Parish Hall Players and I'm sure that by mulling over some of the shortcomings our recent performances we can improve next time. We need to ponder the Christmas Show/ Panto conundrum, the next date and the rehearsal period required.

We need to encourage new members, particularly younger people and if we can recruit some singers, chorus or solo, it would be great. If you haven't been in the show before we can find a role for you. If you have trod the boards before, here or elsewhere, come along to the meeting and start or rekindle a show bizz career which could finish in the West End. If you can't make the date when its announced make your interest known to one of the cast and we'll be in touch as the plans clarify themselves.



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## From the Team Rector

Yes, Christmas is fast approaching once again. I'm sure it was less than a year ago we had the last one! Must be getting old – time is going too fast!

But that means it's present time. What will I get this year? What shall I get for others this time round? Not an easy choice. And all the nonsense in the shops doesn't really help.

Made me start thinking how it all began. There's those wise guys in the Bible who turn up with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Sounds a bit expensive to me. (I wonder what Mary did with them? Just right for Uncle Reuben next Christmas.) But certainly gifts to one who was special.

And then there's that Santa chap with his roots back in the story of St. Nicholas in the early church. Nicholas apparently left gifts for various poor girls who wouldn't otherwise have had a dowry. So gifts to help the poor. It helps them know that they are special too.

And that's not a bad way of thinking of how to give presents: those who are special to us, and those in need.

Right where's the present list?

Happy Christmas everyone.

Yours, **Rev Martin Warren, tel: 01409-281424**

### Carol Service - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm

It sets off the Christmas week. Those familiar readings and carols. with candlelight all around. It's a wonderfully moving time and prepares us as we move towards the Christmas celebrations.

Do come and join together at this annual event. Hear the story; sing the carols; have a mince pie afterwards.

### Light up a Life

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm at Sheepwash Church

Christmas can be a time when those who have gone from us seem to get forgotten in all the hype of the festivities. And often those who know only too well the loss of a loved one feel it especially keenly at Christmas. 'Light up a Life' is a chance to honour and remember those we hold dear before the rush of the Christmas season takes over. In conjunction with the Children's Hospice, candles are lit and names placed on a Christmas tree. Those names stay there throughout the Christmas season. Readings, songs and prayers are included as part of this very moving event. And afterwards there are the pre-requisite mince pies.

'Light up a Life' will be in our area on Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm at Sheepwash Church. Do come along – and know that they are not forgotten.

### Gifts to the Refugee Centre

Once again the churches will be taking gifts to the Refugee Centre in Plymouth. Many of the people supported have not only lost home and belongings, but often family and country as well. England in the depths of winter is not the most conducive place for most of them.

Our care can help them feel that much better. Over the last few years it has been much appreciated. Gifts of non-perishable food, bedding, clothing (especially for men), basic kitchen items, toiletries, etc are extremely useful. A huge pile of duvets a couple of years back was so welcome.

Either leave gifts in the church – box by the belfry - or contact a church member or one of the clergy. And thank you. It helps to give someone who needs it a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## From the Registers

**Funerals:** Our prayers for the bereaved.

1<sup>st</sup> Oct Bunty Coles

18<sup>th</sup> Nov Richard Lucey  
(crematorium)



### Services at All Saints' Church

11th Dec	11.00am Christingle with baptism
18th Dec	6.30pm Carol Service
25th Dec	10am Christmas Communion
1st Jan	9.30am Morning Prayer
8th Jan	11.00am Holy Communion
15th Jan	11.00am United Methodist Service (at the Chapel)
22nd Jan	9.30am Holy Communion
29th Jan	11.00am Team Service (Shebbear)
5th Feb	9.30am Morning Service
12th Feb	11.00am Holy Communion
19th Feb	11.00am United Methodist Service (at the Chapel)
26th Feb	9.30am Holy Communion

### Christmas Events

Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30pm School Christmas Carol Service (in church)
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve	11.30pm Midnight Mass (at Shebbear)
Christmas Day	10am Christmas Communion

**The Friends of Langtree Church by Patricia Soby**

The church would like to thank everyone who visited, helped or exhibited at the quilt and craft show held in the Church over the August bank holiday. Well over £600 was raised.

For those who missed the show 19 parishioners and 2 from Torrington exhibited a variety of crafts. The star of the show was Joan Lamperd's wonderful painting in pastels of a cat. Many people seeing it thought it was a photograph, it was that good. She also showed some delicate paintings of flowers. Others who exhibited paintings were Helen Hughes, with paintings of her Assyrian cats and birds; Lydia Duncan's vibrant landscapes, and Margaret Knapman's more quiet oil paintings.

Jenny Coles and Lyn Blenkinsop showed different types of Card making and Mike Watkins his gorgeous hand painted scarves, ties and bow-ties.



Joy Green's series of winter landscapes were enjoyed by all, and Penny Warren's patchwork and embroidery pictures were also admired.

John and Eileen Eland exhibited their separate crafts, John showed his wood turned dishes and Eileen her Ceramics, (I loved the reclining nude).

David Hill and Mark Hight also showed their skill with wood. David with his transport vehicles and Mark with a Backgammon set he made from the beech tree which was felled some years ago in the Church Yard

Mary Nichols' brought back memories of the seventies with her retro gingham embroidery, and Ethel Huxtable showed her skills with a display of knitting and embroidery. She also knitted all the edging on the Altar cloth, 122.5 Inches.



Patchwork was exhibited by Sue Jackson with her first quilt, which was a sample quilt and entailed making 12 different patterns; Chris Kebby showed her Jelly roll quilt and her take on the Union Flag; Barbara Bulinckx showed her Amish Quilts;

Sandra Coombes, from Crafty Needles, displayed her very patriotic red, white and blue quilt; Sylvie Smith showed a lovely quilt made from different checks and a variety of other needle crafts; and I showed some quilts and examples of French and Italian Quilting, and my great, great, great grandmother's quilt.

As the local coroner, Mr Hill Tomkin, said "It was amazing that such a wealth of talent could be found in one village"



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This year we had a coffee and cake morning when we wrapped over 30 shoeboxes with festive paper ready for filling (with plenty of time for coffee, cake and chat). We were given some lovely hand knitted hats, gloves, purses and bags to put into the boxes along with gifts of toys, pencils, soap, toothpaste, sweets etc. Some people packed a complete box and others gave us money to buy gifts or to send with each box for distribution and delivery.

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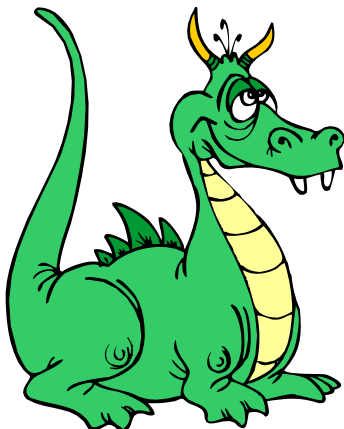
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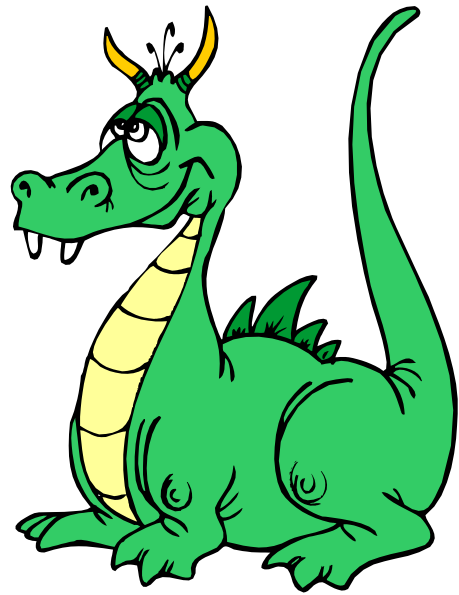
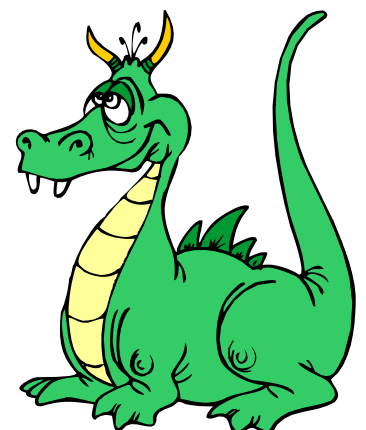
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## Langtree Parish Hall

The Hall has continued to be well used with local clubs and societies and also by private parties and celebrations. The 4th Parish Show was well supported with entries in almost all classes. The food and drink section and vegetables were particularly well represented. Proceeds from the event which total £330 will be put towards a defibrillator. We are hoping to raise more money for this worthwhile cause at the annual charity auction to be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7pm for 7.30pm. Complimentary hot pork rolls, mince pies and mulled wine will be served and the auction will start at 8pm. If you have any gifts or promises to donate please drop these off at the Hall either on Thursday morning from 9am to 1pm or from 3.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

After much deliberation it was finally agreed that to help beat energy costs a 10kW solar panel system would be installed on the roof of the Parish Hall. Originally it was hoped that a ground source heat pump could be installed together with a 4kW solar panel system but in the end it was felt that the car park was not large enough to have the requisite number of pipes. As it happened we made the decision in the nick of time to benefit from the maximum feed in tariff as rates are to be reduced by half for installations after 12<sup>th</sup> December. It is estimated that the feed in tariff should bring in a revenue of £3700 a year plus savings on our electricity bill.

A new class will be starting on Tuesdays from 3<sup>rd</sup> January from 9.30am – 10.30pm. This is zumba a dance keep fit type activity. The cost will be £5.00 a session. (There will be no class on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January due to a theatre group visiting the school)

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall will take place on Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm followed by a Committee meeting. If you would like to be involved or hear about the Hall do come along and we will be setting some dates for events in 2012. We are looking for new blood and also some new ideas. We normally meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 8pm.

200 club subscriptions will be due in January. If you are not a member and would like to join please ring Pat Soby tel 601421. The annual cost for a number is £5 and this entitles you to 11 draws where there are 4 prizes each month of £30, £20, £12. and £5. **Sue Lee**

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#### **December**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch – sorry sold out  
15<sup>th</sup> Auction with gifts and promises 8pm Auction.  
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22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Whist with meat prizes. £3.00 8pm

#### **January**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Zumba class starts. 9.30am – 10.30am £5.00  
5<sup>th</sup> Parish Hall AGM 7.30pm followed by a committee meeting at 8pm  
6<sup>th</sup> Country and Western Phone 8pm Pat 601495  
7<sup>th</sup> Walking group meet. All welcome. 11am

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### Langtree Park Project

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Another card had the following verse ; The angels looked in wonder the night that Christ was born, For God's own Son left heaven and took on human form, His mission was redemption, it was the fathers plan, that through this perfect sacrifice, He'd bring back fallen man, Yes, the coming of the Christ Child, was the Fathers perfect way, to give to us the gift of love, that can be ours on Christmas day. Wishing you all Gods richest blessings for the Christmas season and the coming New Year

### Thank You

John and Patricia Soby would like to thank everyone who attended their golden Wedding anniversary lunch and donated so generously to their designated charities. £365 has been given to the Church for the up keep of the Graveyard and £325 has been sent to the Exeter Kidney Patient Asco. with a little more to follow. We would also like to thank Sue Lee and her helpers for providing a lovely lunch which was appreciated by all. Finally, we think that some town and parish councils are going to have their ears bent for more money to ensure their halls reach the standard of ours.

Thank you all again  
*John and Patricia*

Services for the coming weeks will be as follows, Commencing at 11.00am unless otherwise stated

#### December

11<sup>th</sup> United at All Saints  
 18<sup>th</sup> Carol Service  
 25<sup>th</sup> At Lake Chapel, Shebbear, 10.15am  
 (Christmas Day service)

#### January

1<sup>st</sup> Congregational  
 " 8<sup>th</sup> United at All Saints  
 " 15<sup>th</sup> Mrs B Scott  
 " 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr D Withall  
 " 29<sup>th</sup> Rev P Pillinger

#### February

5<sup>th</sup> Mr J Dennis  
 " 12<sup>th</sup> United at All Saints  
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## Local History Group

In recent meetings we have been working to put together information on farms in the Parish. We have copy from the tithe map, and the apportionments that accompany it, also details from some censuses and trade directories. This is helping us record how farms passed down through the generations or changed ownership through the years, giving us some interesting pictures of who lived where, and when. As we add to this any other information which has been passed on to us by people from the area we hope to build a really good record of parts of Parish life through the years. Unfortunately we are not able to do the same with many of the village homes as these are not clearly identifiable one from the other in many old records but simply described as 'the village, Langtree, or Stibb Cross

Mrs Mary Nicholls has given the History Group a record of a farm sale that took place on 8<sup>th</sup> march 1945. The items were surplus to requirements when her future Father in law moved from Shutta (now Crealock Arms) Littleham into Hillash Farm, Stibb Cross. It makes fascinating reading seeing what the prices were then. I wonder if there is anyone involved in farming now who would be willing to spend a little time and give us some comparative prices for similar items today.

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## Notes from the Parish Council

Council have unfortunately nothing to report on the affordable housing development next to the Parish Hall. The financial conditions are probably the main cause for the delays but we do hope the New Year will bring some progress.

Earlier this year there was an incident with cattle that had escaped from a field because a gate used as a footpath access had been left open. Could all walkers please ensure they close gates behind them as wandering stock pose a danger to traffic and themselves and make a lot of unnecessary work and frustration for the keeper.

Parish precept for 2012 will remain the same. Any organization in the parish that needs some help can apply for a small grant from our S137 fund. Contact the Clerk soon with your request for our consideration.

On behalf of your Parish Council may I wish you a hearty Christmas and a hopeful New Year.

David Ley - Chairman - Langtree Parish Council

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- 1<sup>st</sup> - 181 Anne Cadman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 156 Sue Craske
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 103 Pat Soby
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 155 Sylvie Smith



### September 2011

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 299 P Sanders
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 275 M Galvin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 59 Val Hearn
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 188 H Palmer

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### October 2011

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 50 Madison Kirk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 248 Jenny Gubb
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 191 Anne Izzard
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### November 2011

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 289 S Hollingsworth
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 28 S Bridgman

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