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# Langtree Parish Magazine



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## Welcome to the Spring Edition

Well Christmas seems such a long time ago, now that the daffodils have sprung and the sun is out it feels like were well in to spring.

We apologise for this edition coming to you slightly late but we have been rather busy with the arrival of our baby 'Katie' who came in to the world in February.

The church funds are still a huge project within our community to ensure the important work can carry on in preserving the outside of the building. The Friends of the Church have come up with a way we can all help by doing something simple, first of all you get to eat the Smarties distributed with this magazine and then all they ask is that you fill the tube with 20p's and return to the Church Fete in August, please look inside for more information. All of your help is greatly appreciated in looking after a building that we all have attended at some time in our lives.

The Sunday lunch was a huge success once again at the Parish Hall and all the committee members thank those who attended and helped raise £1500.

Hope you all have a lovely Easter and let's hope the sunny weather continues in to the summer.

Hayley & Tom Bond

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£2 entry starts at 8pm at Langtree Parish Hall



Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup>

### Mobile Post Office at the Parish Hall

Mon to Friday 11:40 to 13.05

### The reason for the newsletter being late...



Tom & Hayley  
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to announce the  
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### 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.

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.

This term we say goodbye to William Moseby and Anya Poole who will be starting nursery at Langtree. We wish both of them good luck.



### Mobile Library

The mobile library calls fortnightly at  
**Stibb Cross on a Wednesday at the Union Inn**

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4<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> April

2<sup>nd</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> May

13<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> July

**Langtree on a Thursday at the Parish Hall**

10:40 to 11:15 (New Time)

5<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> April

3<sup>rd</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May

14<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> June

12<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> July



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**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012**

Events start around 9.00am with a morning service and continue throughout the day. There will be floral dancing and country dancing during the morning, the crowning of the Mayqueen around 12noon and the Cavaliers Entertaining during the afternoon plus much more entertainment for all throughout the day.  
Rowlands Fair will also be in attendance at Barley Grove Car Park

**Great Torrington Carnival Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2012**  
**Entry forms for the Torrington Carnival are available from Xanadu, South Street, Torrington**

**PLEASE NOTE**

All vehicles **MUST** carry the appropriate insurance.

**No Intoxicating drinks are allowed on any of the floats or by walking entries that take part in the Procession**

Would all road users please note that various roads and streets in Torrington will be closed for a short time between 6.00 and 8.00pm whilst the Carnival is proceeding through the town.

Please bear with us but do expect some delay if your journey takes you through Torrington at this time.

**Please do not throw coins at the floats.**

**Why not have some fun and enter!**

Melissa Baker

Secretary

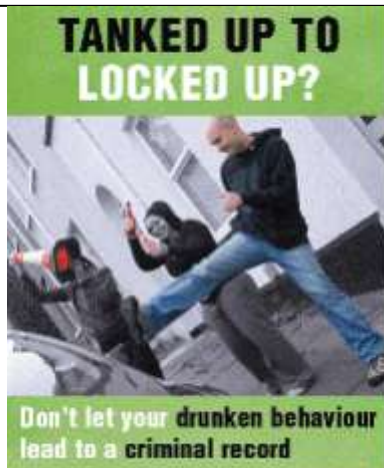
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**THANK YOU**

Pat Soby and her sons would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, letters and contacted them following John's death. They were greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank all who attended the funeral; Martin for conducting the Services; the Bearers; Steven Males for playing the Organ and Pat Dowson for the lovely food. All donations will be sent to the Kidney Patients Association when finalised by Chris Lock.  
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1 April	6 Days	Isle of Man	£345	12 Aug	6 Days	Pembrokeshire Coast and Tenby	£340
6 April	4 Days	Dutch Bulbfields – Holland in Bloom	£275	14 Aug	2 Days	Buckingham Palace and Clarence House	£155
7 April	5 Days	Medway Festival of Steam	£270	17 Aug	8 Days	Bonnie Banks & High Ranges of Scotland	£419
15 April	5 Days	Chester, N. Wales & the Canal in the Sky	£270	17 Aug	4 Days	Brussels and the Carpet of Flowers	£215
16 April	5 Days	Regency Brighton and the South Downs	£195	20 Aug	5 Days	Little Boats and Trains of Norfolk	£275
20 April	4 Days	The Welsh Coast and Barmouth	£189	23 Aug	4 Days	Tall Ships in Dublin	£260
22 April	8 Days	Rugged Giants Causeway & Donegal	£460	25 Aug	9 Days	Isle of Mull and Lochs and Glens	£590
29 April	9 Days	Lido Di Jesolo – Lovely Italian Coast	£525	26 Aug	3 Days	Land, Sea and Air – London	£199
29 April	7 Days	Boats and Trains of the Highlands & Islands	£380	27 Aug	5 Days	Constable Country and Cambridge	£279
7 May	5 Days	Beautiful Gardens & Trains of North Wales	£275	29 Aug	2 Days	Buckingham Palace & Kensington Palace	£155
10 May	5 Days	Suffolks Charming Villages, Dad's Army	£255	2 Sept	11 Days	Croatia - The Istrian Riviera	£795
13 May	6 Days	Little Trains of Ireland	£395	2 Sept	5 Days	Glorious Croyde Bay	£255
15 May	3 Days	Floriade Minicruise	£175	3 Sept	5 Days	Blackpool Illuminations	£260
18 May	3 Days	Mystery Weekend	£130	7 Sept	8 Days	Boats & Trains of the Highlands & Islands	£460
20 May	7 Days	Jersey – The Tranquil Island	£399	8 Sept	7 Days	The Best of Bantry Bay	£490
21 May	5 Days	Harrogate and Yorkshire Dales	£255	14 Sept	5 Days	Harrogate & Autumn Gardening Show	£290
27 May	5 Days	Glorious Croyde Bay	£255	15 Sept	8 Days	Scottish Railway Adventure	£485
31 May	2 Days	Royal Philharmonic Orchestra –RAH	£149	15 Sept	8 Days	Lucerne and the Bernese Oberland	£650
2 June	3 Days	The Queens Diamond Jubilee – London	£265	21 Sept	8 Days	Wine, Cognac and the Paris of the South	£630
4 June	5 Days	Yorkshire Railways	£279	23 Sept	8 Days	Jersey	£425
4 June	7 Days	Grand Tour of Wales	£450	24 Sept	11 Days	Ken's Grand Tour of Ireland	£745
5 June	5 Days	Heart of England and Crich Tramway	£225	24 Sept	5 Days	Great Little Trains of North Wales	£289
9 June	8 Days	Charms of Austrian Lake District	£575	25 Sept	6 Days	Guernsey	£440
10 June	8 Days	Galway, Clare and Aran Islands	£569	30 Sept	7 Days	Walking or Touring in Royal Deeside	£330/380
13 June	3 Days	BBC Gardeners World Live	£135	1 Oct	5 Days	Lake District	£265
16 June	8 Days	Fort William and Isle of Skye	£499	5 Oct	4 Days	Blackpool illuminations	£210
20 June	11 Days	Alpine Lakes and Mountains	£769	5 Oct	9 Days	Lake Garda and Venice	£635
20 June	2 Days	Ladies Day at Royal Ascot	£195	7 Oct	7 Days	Real Ireland and Tralee	£385
23 June	8 Days	Waterways of Scotland	£515	9 Oct	6 Days	Yorkshire Dales, Film & Television Trails	£320
24 June	6 Days	Splendour of the English Lakes and Dales	£310	12 Oct	5 Days	Isles of Scilly	£510
1 July	7 Days	Northumbria's Rugged Coast	£440	14 Oct	5 Days	Chester and North Wales	£290
1 July	9 Days	Roses and the Costa Brava	£685	16 Oct	7 Days	Isle of Man	£409
1 July	6 Days	Bournemouth and Exbury Gardens	£320	18 Oct	3 Days	Mystery Weekend	£130
6 July	2 Days	Hampton Court Flower Show	£135	19 Oct	3 Days	Autumn Colours of the Wye Valley	£159
8 July	5 Days	The Pennine Explorer	£255	26 Oct	2 Days	BBC Television Centre & Wimbledon Tennis	£125
9 July	5 Days	Floriade and Valkenburg	£375	26 Oct	4 Days	Romantic Paris	£225
9 July	5 Days	Blackpool and The Lakes	£225	26 Oct	3 Days	Autumn in the Cotswolds & Adams Farm	£150
14 July	7 Days	Scarborough, Sandy Bays, Hills & Dales	£369				
15 July	7 Days	Isle of Man	£460				
19 July	4 Days	RHS Tatton Park Flower Show	£239				
23 July	6 Days	Jersey by Air	£490				
23 July	5 Days	Great Trains of Cumbria	£299				
23 July	4 Days	Herefordshire & The Royal Welsh Show	£239				
23 July	5 Days	Forest of Dean	£275				
27 July	4 Days	Torquay – English Riviera	£210				
28 July	8 Days	Isle of Wight	£435				
29 July	6 Days	Derbyshire Dales and The Peak District	£299				
3 Aug	3 Days	Althorp House and The Cotswolds	£149				
5 Aug	6 Days	Pennines and The Edinburgh Tattoo	£380				
5 Aug	11 Days	Berlin and Poland	£845				
6 Aug	5 Days	Llandudno and Mount Snowdon	£245				

## Day Excursions

Torvill and Dean's Dancing on Ice Live Tour		
Saturday 28 April	14:30 performance at the NIA, Birmingham	£75.00
Easter Mon 9 April	Mystery Day Tour	£14.00
Bank Holiday Sun 6 May	Mystery Day Tour	£14.00
Sat 12 May	Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park	£29.00
Sat 1 September	Buckingham Palace - London	£46.00
Sat 10 November	Cribbs Causeway or Cabot Circus	£17.00
Sat 17 November	Cardiff Shopping	£18.00
Sat 1 December	Bath Shopping and Christmas Markets	£18.00



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11 June	2 Days	Singin' in the Rain	£155
11 June	2 Days	War Horse	£180
21 July	2 Days	Mamma Mia or Ghost	£175
19 Sept	2 Days	Wizard of Oz - London	£150
10 Nov	2 Days	War Horse – London	£180



## Church News:

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who attended the Carol Service and/or Christmas morning service all the collections were split between the Hospice and Air Ambulance. Each received £141-11p. Our thanks to Ray and Ros Hancock for the lovely lighting they provided on the path for the Carol Service. We are shortly to meet with an electrician to discuss permanent outside lighting.



Easter services this year will be held on Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm and on Easter Day, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am, as a joint service with the Methodists.

Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm is the Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Church. Everyone is invited to attend. One of the items on the Agenda will be the review of the Church Electoral Register. If you would like to be included please contact the Rev. Warren, Mark or myself.

Last Autumn the Church was inspected for its Quinquennial Survey which is done every five years. In the New Year we received a 19 page booklet of the recommendations which should be carried out over the next five years. Although most of them are relatively small, repointing some of the stone work and re-painting, two are not. These both concern the draining to the north and south of the building. The north side will involve the removal of concrete and relaying of new French drains; the south side just drains.

We have already finished the urgent jobs, and Stephen Males with Mark have repaired the wall above the Chancel window.

On a happier note we applied for another grant from the Balsdon Trust and are very pleased to have received £2000 which will help with the lighting and small repairs to the path.

After reading that the Queen would like street parties, lunches, etc, the friends of the Church are organising a lunch for the Jubilee Sunday. Watch out for Posters and Flyers. All help will be appreciated.

You may have heard that Ethel Huxtable had been querying the whereabouts of the original chalice. After a great deal of phoning, eventually John Folland told us that it was in Natwest bank. On opening the box, we discovered not just the chalice, but a wine jug, two patens and a lid. All pure silver, and mostly made in Exeter. The date engraved on the chalice is 1685. Perhaps at another flower festival or craft show, we will be able to display these.

Finally, we are investigating the possibility of organising some type of Sunday school. If you are interested, please contact the Vicar, Mark or myself.

Pat Soby.

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## Langtree Community School & Nursery Unit



### Our Spring Term Update, From Langtree Community School

**Chair of Governors** In our last update, I was able to let you know of the retirement of Mrs Soby as Chair of Governors after many years spent working hard to support our school. Councillor John Lewis has taken-up this very responsible post, enjoying leading our governing body since September 2011, and we are all pleased to have the opportunity to work with him. I am also pleased to be able to let you know that our Parent Governor Vacancy has been filled, after voting took place just before the February Half Term, by Mr Ian Smart. Mr Smart, with his wife June, have two children at our school and I feel sure will bring valuable expertise to his role. We are grateful to him for offering to stand for the vacancy, and for competing against three other parent candidates in the final ballot. There still remains 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 Cllr John Lewis, our Chair of Governors (01805 601580) or Miss Mellody, Head Teacher here at school (01805 601354) for an informal chat.

**Foundation Stage Nursery Open Morning 'Stay and Play' Session** was held during the morning of Tuesday 13 March, with Clare Heard. I was very excited to be able to welcome some familiar, and some not so familiar, faces to a 'Stay and Play' session for grown-ups, and children not already attending our sessions, to sample some of the activities we provide during a morning. We were overwhelmed by the number of families who attended, and were especially grateful to those who had travelled some distance to come along and join our activities. These included singing, painting, dough-modelling, alongside our usual range of outside play activities, which together gave a flavour of how our youngest children learn. Due to the popularity of this session, we are hoping to be able to offer something similar during the Summer Term – look out for more details.

**Our Lunchtime and AfterSchool Clubs** continue to be extremely popular and I am pleased to be able to add to our list a lunchtime football training club for our younger children, aged from 5-7 years, overseen by parent volunteer Andy Mason. This club runs during a Friday lunchtime, and provides opportunities to learn basic skills from an early age. In addition, Mr Smale has been putting the older children through their paces with a lunchtime running club.

**Sporting events** this term have included taking part in the Holsworthy Netball League; Monkleigh Primary School's Cross-Country Challenge; the North Devon School Sport Partnership High5 Netball Tournament final; and the Central Venue Football Evening at Great Torrington Community School. Our children proudly enjoyed representing their school at all of these events, and we, too, are very proud of them for competing with a high level of consideration towards other competitors and officials. They are excellent ambassadors for Langtree School and we are grateful to everyone involved in coaching and training, for insisting on these excellent sporting standards.

We were again able this term to turn our thoughts to people living in less-fortunate circumstances by taking part in some well-known and very worthy fund-raising supporting **The British Heart Foundation 'DodgeBall' Sponsored Challenge** when we had great fun playing a variety of dodgeball games, with our Year Five and Six children acting as Sports Leaders and raising just over £200 in sponsor money.

**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 always enjoy working with Rose Wooldridge and her volunteer committee of trusty helpers, who I know are working hard planning a **Silver Jubilee Tea and Garden Party**, due to take place here in school on Friday 01 June, and also a **Family Olympic Evening** due to take place in the Parish Hall in July, when I feel sure the weather will be warm and sunny.

Finally, you probably remember that in our Autumn Term Update, we were proud to be able to share with you some work produced by our older children. Here is a story written recently during Literacy sessions looking at 'Personification', the next one, with thanks to our young author, Maya :

### *It's A Mystery*

*Carefully, Ali opened the heavy oak door and stepped inside the old, dusty mansion. There was a clock in the hall that looked as old as time. The handles stroke midnight, but on Ali's watch it was eight-thirty.*

**"This will be easy,"** he said to himself, remembering the bet he had made with his friends, Pete and James. He would get three pounds if he stayed in the mansion down the street, and that was what he thought he would do. Ali went into the living room, not knowing what was in store for him...

*The living room had a blood red carpet, which looked quite splendid indeed. There was also a sofa in perfect condition, two comfy chairs and a fireplace with many pictures of an unusual family. Ali put his sleeping bag near the fireplace, and went to sleep.*

*In the middle of the night, Ali woke up with a start. He had had a nightmare about a rabid raccoon chasing him into a cage full of sharp, blood stained spikes. A strange moaning crept inside his ear, along with a dark, fearful scream. Ali jumped up and ran out of the living room, up the stairs and into one of the bedrooms.*

*After pulling himself together, Ali crept away from the door. The whole room was dark and cold, and there was a dead raccoon in the middle of the floor.*

**"Ok, now who kills a raccoon and chucks it on the floor?"** Ali asked loudly to himself, where he could clearly be heard.

*All of a sudden, the corpse jerked awake, stood up, and walked away from the blood stained piece of wood where it was once dead.*

**"I may have been dead, but you are very rude to disturb my grave,"** it said in a very cold manner of speech.

**"What on earth?!"** exclaimed Ali. **"Y-Y-You're dead? How did you talk?"**

**"The spirit of the dead came into my body,"** replied the raccoon. **"And my voice box changed to that of a human. May I eat your flesh?"**

**"What?"**

**"I need flesh, and it has to be fresh, so I'll eat you!"**

*At that word, the raccoon leapt at Ali's leg, causing him to fall down, on to the hard, oak floor.*

**"Stop it, you evil thing!"** Ali yelled.

**"Not a chance, trespasser!"** the raccoon yelled back.

*The disappearance of Ali was strange, because when the police were sent to find clues, there were none. All that was found was a rib bone, and two dead raccoons in the master's bedroom. And you're next! **The End.***

**By Maya, Age 10 Langtree Community School**

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The Rotary Club of Torrington simply provides the tickets and the paperwork. The Barnstaple Link Rotary Club has the tickets printed, obtained the licence, arranged the prizes and will organize a spectacular draw night in Barnstaple in November.

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Megadraw is organized by Rotary Clubs in North Devon as a service to voluntary organizations in the local community. If you are a leader, secretary or treasurer of a local organization and are interested in this opportunity, then contact Rick Smale (Torrington Rotary Club) on 01805 622419 or by email [rick@ricksmale.com](mailto:rick@ricksmale.com).

He will be pleased to provide you with more details and arrange for the handing over of Megadraw tickets.



## **Parish Hall Players**

Terry Attridge

Its time for folk to step forward and volunteer themselves for our next theatrical endeavour. I know it sounds early but we need to take a number of decisions to allow us to plan the next production - and indeed count heads. You can't have a show without cast.

On Tuesday 3rd April we will meet in the committee room at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Everybody is welcome, we need young people who have never done this sort of thing before as well as old stagers and our regulars. We need to review our finances, decide whether we want to put on a show or a panto, and if a panto who would take the 4 or 5 principal roles. Of greatest importance, we need to appoint/elect a new director since Sylvia Smith seems adamant that it is time she retired. Do try and attend this meeting if you're interested in taking part.



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## Local History Group

We have had a number of photos handed in to us in the past few weeks. One of them is a picture of the inside of All Saints Church taken at least 100 yrs ago. It was taken by the photographer Dyer of Torrington. There are a lot of points of interest showing how things have changed over the intervening years. The organ is back against the wall and completely hiding one window, there is a solid fuel stove with its flue rising



near the pillar to the front left of the picture. The lights, probably oil lamps are suspended on long chains from the ceiling, and the seats immediately in front of the pulpit continue to the wall whereas now the inner area is cut away. The alter area has hangings in rich strong colours and there is an area of wall painting on the left parallel with the bottom of the window behind the alter. This would have been matched on the other side which isn't visible in this photo. There are also tritons on the top of the seats at the front of the church. I had heard about these and the very strong feelings raised at the time the decision was taken to cut them off, but didn't know which seats they were on. Now we have the evidence.

The postcard from which I copied the picture has a story attached also. It was taken to America by Thomas Holman, the brother of Elias Holman who lived at Langtree Week and made farm implements. Many years later when Thomas's only child Grace died some items were sent back to the family connections still living in this country, and among the things returned was this postcard. I am grateful to Mary Geary, Elias's great granddaughter for this contribution to our archive records.

Records already available tell us that the organ was purchased at a cost of £195 and opened on 12 November 1891, and that it was moved to its present position in 1912, so the photo was taken sometime between those two dates.

Does anyone have any information on the photographer Dyer of Torrington, in what years did he trade, and where was his shop? This may also give us some clue as to the date of the photograph.



**The Friends of Langtree Church**  
by Sylvia Smith



We would like to thank everyone for their continued support for the church. Special thanks go to Sue Folland for donating all the proceeds from the monthly Whist games, and also the Parish Hall for their donations and support. As you will be aware funds are still needed for important work outside the church and to this end we are distributing a tube of SMARTIES to every household with this copy of The Langtree News for you to eat and enjoy; and we then ask you to please fill the empty tube with 20 pence pieces.

Please write your name or telephone number on the tube when you hand it in as there will be a prize of £20 for the winner when it is draw at the Church Fete at the Parish Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2012. Your tubes can also be handed in before the Fete to any member of the Friends i.e. Mary Nicholls, Geoff Bond, Helen Cole, Sylvie Smith, Pat Soby, Geoff Folland, Pat Mitchell or John Beer.

Thanking you all in anticipation, and with fingers crossed.



We met in January for the first time in the Hall itself. Our speaker was Richard Gubb who spoke about the keeping of Alpacas . This sounds rather dry but all

members agreed that Richard was one of the best speakers we had ever heard.

In March we saw slide shows of Iceland. These covered nearly all the flora(not much wild flowers but the Icelanders are attempting to improve the soil with lupins) However the gardens were magnificent. The fauna went from close up snipe chicks to Blue whales. The scenery was spectacular, likewise so were the slides of skinny dipping in pools with a temperature of 34 degrees centigrade surrounded by snow.

In March we are having a Cookery Demonstration by Penny MacRoberts. The dishes are to be of her choosing.

In April we will be learning how to wear scarves. In May Hilary's Hats will be visiting, and in June one of our own members, Helen Hughes will be demonstrating flower arranging.

On Sunday May 20th we are holding an afternoon Tea and plant stall in the Hall to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Price £4-50. Look out for Posters.

Visitors are welcome to our monthly meetings. We charge £3-00 per visit.

Contact Mary Nicholls on 601235 for details

**Patricia Soby (Secretary)**

## Jubilee Celebrations

Here is a list of events planned for the Jubilee Celebrations

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May

The WI are holding an afternoon tea with plant stalls. Full afternoon tea with sandwiches, scones and cream and delicious homemade cakes all for £4.50.

Plant stalls can be booked for £5.00. Phone 601235 or 601412 for a stall. All welcome

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Langtree Primary School are holding a country fayre afternoon. Cream teas, stalls and country dancing. All welcome.

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Summer Lunch in the Parish Hall. Proceeds to the Church. Come dressed in something red white or blue to match the bunting! It is hoped that we will have the technology to see the Queen travelling up the Thames.


### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Barbecue and a get together in the Parish Hall from 7pm. Drinks available and music. A Beacon will be built by the Parish Council in the field next to The Green Dragon and will be lit between 10pm – 10.30pm followed by fireworks. All welcome.

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### Times are changing

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'He's in the house doing his paperwork ' she shouted over the noise of the mower ' tell him to put the kettle on '. We went into the big farmhouse kitchen and there was the farmer sitting at the end of a table which would have accommodated a dozen farmhands for breakfast. The farmer needed no prompting and slid the large black kettle across the top of the aga onto the hotplate. Introductions over the kettle began to sing, business discussed, the kettle was boiling merrily. I was beginning to wonder why the farmer didn't make the tea, he was however beginning to look slightly irritated. A few minutes later and the kettle was bumping and boiling hard the large kitchen had adopted the atmosphere of a sauna. The farmer was getting fidgety. 'Where is that woman?' growled the farmer as I moved my chair to avoid the drips coming off the ceiling,' I dunno' said my chum ' She'd nearly finished the lawn when us came' ' Do you know ' said the farmer ' If I put my head out that door and said 'Where's the tea then?' she'd say - make it yourself !'

' I know exactly how its getting ' said my chum sadly ' I know exactly how it's getting.'

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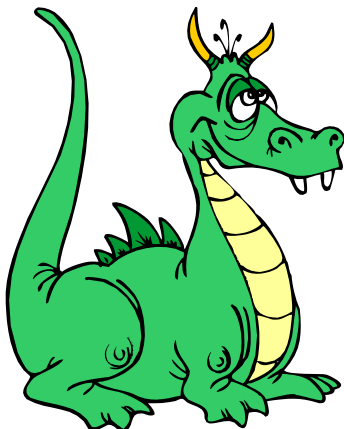
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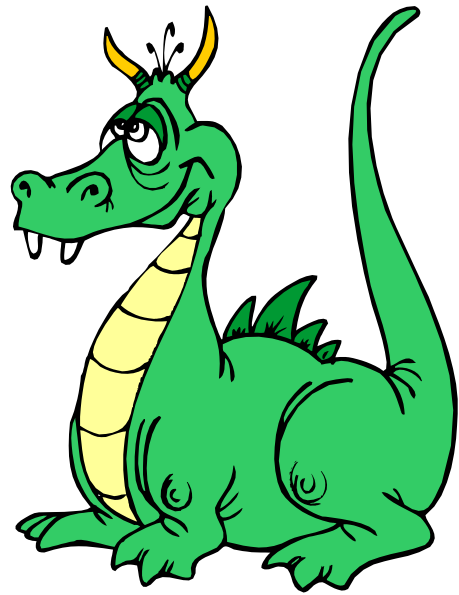
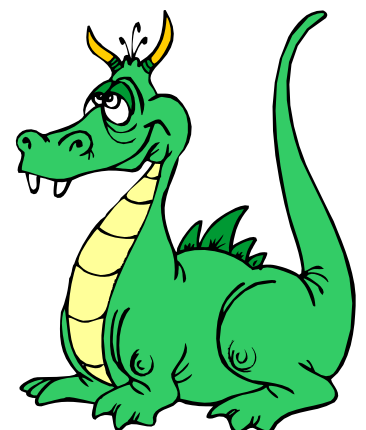
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	£20.00,	£30.00

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To deal with sin and its consequences. Today we have more aids to deal with physical pain than any other generation who has ever lived, yet we seem to find it harder to cope with the idea that pain is a part of life. Previous generations faced tooth extractions and even amputations and many other things without much pain relief being available. But we have amazing help with all these things. Perhaps that is why we would much rather think of Easter Sunday and Resurrection than of Good Friday and Crucifixion. Yet each can only find its true meaning in conjunction with the other .

As one of our often used Easter hymns says, "There is a green hill far away, Outside a city wall, Where the dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all. We may not know, we cannot tell, What pain He had to bear, But we believe it was for us, He hung and suffered there. There was no other good enough, to pay the price of sin He only, could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in. He died that we might be forgiven, He died to make us good , That we might go at last to Heaven, Saved by His precious blood . O dearly dearly has He loved, and we must love Him too, And trust in His redeeming blood, And try His works to do"

Services for the following weeks are as follows, all commencing at 11.00am

March	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Gammon
"	11 <sup>th</sup>	United at All Saints
"	18 <sup>th</sup>	Rev M Goord united at Zion Chapel
"	25 <sup>th</sup>	Rev G Slingo
April	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mr Ley
"	8 <sup>th</sup>	United at All Saints
"	15 <sup>th</sup>	To be arranged
"	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rev G Slingo
"	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Sheriff
May	6 <sup>th</sup>	United at Lake Chapel Shebbear
"	13 <sup>th</sup>	United at All Saints
"	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Dennis
"	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Dawe
June	5 <sup>th</sup>	United at All Saints, Jubilee Service
"	12 <sup>th</sup>	To be arranged

## Langtree Parish Hall

Our Annual General Meeting was held in January with the election of officers and the approval of the audited accounts for the year ending September 2011. These are included in the news letter.

### The officers are as follows

Chair Patrick Mitchell 601415  
Vice Chair Geoffrey Bond 601240  
Treasurer Sylvia Smith 601485  
Secretary Sue Lee 601602  
Booking Secretary Anne Cadman 601609

At this meeting it was agreed that the focus for this year would be fund raising towards an extension. It was agreed not to put up hire charges per session but if hirers wished to set up before a session there would be a charge of £6 an hour. Hire Charges are also included in this news letter. The Christmas Auction raised enough money for a defibrillator which will be installed outside the Parish hall. The cost is £1275 - £1000 from auction funds and £275 from community grant through the District Councillor. We hope to arrange a demonstration of this when it is in place.

Events planned include the following: (For more information or to book phone 601602 or 601609)

**Big Breakfast** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March £5.00 in aid of North Devon Hospice. We are one of about 18 venues across North Devon –most though taking place on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March. Breakfast /brunch will be served from 9am -1pm. Bookings preferred!

**An evening with Johnny Cowling** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March. 7pm for 7.30pm. £12.50 to include a 2 course meal. A fun night guaranteed! For those of you who have not seen Johnny before he is a talented singer / comedian.

**Country and Western evening** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April Phone Pat 601495

Jubilee Celebrations are advertised separately.

### Regular events include:

Monday's 6.15 -7.15 pm Body Blast £5.00 Just turn up

Tuesday's 9.15 – 10.15am Zumba £5.00 (Exercise/dance to music) Just turn up

Saturdays 1<sup>st</sup> of the month 11am walking group.

Other groups include short mat bowls, history group, WI, Little Acorns, Skittle teams

**The Parish Show** (Flowers, Vegetables, Crafts and Foods) has been set for 18<sup>th</sup> August. Schedules will be available in the next news letter.



## Notes from the Parish

What a difference a year makes when it comes to the weather. Last year we were discussing the possibilities of having a parish road salt spreader to cover the parts where DCC wouldn't go and now it seems a relief that we didn't spend the money. The budget we control is surprisingly small and so we have to be prudent. This year we had more requests for grant aid than I can recall and LPC decided to increase our S137 slice (grant budget) to accommodate them. This was made possible by paying off the final instalment of the Public Works Loan Board loan which stemmed from the completion of the Parish Hall. Another of our annual expenses of course is for grass cutting the playing field etc.

This is the Queens Diamond Jubilee Year and various organisations have events on over the first weekend in June and the following Bank Holiday. On Monday evening there will be an event in the Hall followed at around 10pm by the lighting of the Beacon in a nearby field, one of thousands across the UK somewhat reminiscent of the national warning system of Tudor England.

LPC are being informed about the possibility of wind turbines being erected in Shebbear and Buckland Brewer parishes. We have an ambivalent attitude to them on Council but realise that many of our parishioners will look directly at them wondering should they be built. If you have an opinion now would be the time to speak.

David Ley - Chairman - Langtree Parish Council

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#### Income

Donation	£10
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Magazine Sponsorship	£120

Opening Balance From Previous Magazine	£543.33
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**Total Income                    £1613.33**

#### Purchases

Paper	99.97
100 Club Prices	180
Photocopier Repairs	222.92
Staples	12.99
Ink Cartridges	29.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>£545.87</b>

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<b>Total</b>	<b>£1100</b>

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Receipts	2011	2010	Payments	2011	2010
Fundraising Income			Fundraisings expenses		
Bar sales	25902	32483	Bar Supplies	13537	17136
Food Sales	15254	16148	Food and Kichen supplies	5364	6462
Draw/Auction	4208	1176	Draw Prize	162	278
Hire of Hall	9333	10348	Entertainment	1750	2100
Donations	42	10	Cleaning	2775	3214
200 Club	1495	1580	Light and Heating	7882	6004
Rates refund	0	660	Insurance	1344	1390
Bank Intrest	0	7	Water Rates	829	772
Ticket Sales	1639	0	Professional Fees	529	552
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>57873</b>	<b>62412</b>	Stationery	57	225
			Licences	180	0
			200 Club	737	737
			Miscellaneous	312	349
			General Repairs	4231	7543
			Donations	2873 * <sup>1</sup>	1200
				<b>42562</b>	<b>47962</b>
			Assets Purchased	4939	4753
			<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>47501</b>	<b>52715</b>

<b>Net Receipts and Payments</b>	<b>10372</b>	<b>9697</b>
Cash funds brought forward	49602	9905
Cash funds carried forward	59974	49602
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Cash in Bank	58728	48368
Cash in hand	1246	1234
	<b>59974</b>	<b>49602</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Freehold Land and buildings bb/f	537496	537496
Freehold Land and Buildings additions	1585 * <sup>2</sup>	0
Fixtures and Fittings b/f	62197	57444
Fixtures and Fittings additions	3354 * <sup>3</sup>	4753
	<b>604632</b>	<b>599693</b>
<b>Stock</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>2192</b>
<b>Accruals</b>	<b>-385</b>	<b>-587</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>666205</b>	<b>650900</b>

### Notes

\*<sup>1</sup> – Donations Comprise :

Devon Air Ambulance	1000
Church Roof Fund	1000
North Devon Hospice	543
Breast Cancer Care	330
<b>Total</b>	<b>2873</b>

\*<sup>2</sup> – Property Additions Comprise

Architect Fee	1348
Planning Application	242
<b>Total</b>	<b>1585</b>

\*<sup>3</sup> – Fixtures and Fittings

Air Conditioning	834
Chairs etc	2520
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3354</b>

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## From the Team Rector

Do you ever get that sinking feeling? Well, in just a few weeks time it will be 100 years exactly since The Titanic went down on her maiden voyage. An article in the North Devon Journal reminded us of people from this area who were part of that terrible accident. Even back then, we were affected by events on the world stage.

Maybe we look at our world today and think that it too is going down. At times we even despair. Many look at events today and wonder what kind of a world their children/ grandchildren are growing up into.

We begin these next few months with Easter. God agrees with us that the world is a bit of a mess. But instead of standing away from it all, he gets involved – even to the point of death. On Good Friday we find God in Jesus getting seriously stuck in.

It would, and does at times, overwhelm us. But not him. Easter Sunday is the celebration that sinking is not the end. There is a rising. There is a rising with Jesus. Here is a new hope, a new way, a new life.

Do join together to celebrate that life on Easter morning. That might even be Easter eggs.

Yours,

**Rev Martin Warren, Tel: 01409-281424**

### Services at All Saints' Church

#### April 2012

1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Easter Family Communion
15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	United Service <i>at Methodist Chapel</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Team Service <i>at Merton</i>

#### May 2012

6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
13 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Confirmation <i>at Buckland Filleigh</i>
	3.00pm	Baptism
20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	United Service <i>at Methodist Chapel</i>
27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion

#### June 2012

3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer (tbc)
10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Communion
17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	United Service <i>at Methodist Chapel</i>
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion

#### July 2012

1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
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### Holy Week and Easter

*Through the week, prayers will be said at various churches around the villages at 9am and 7pm.*

*Check the church for details*

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

at 7pm at Langtree

#### Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Apr: Maundy Thursday

7.00pm The Last Supper Newton St.  
Petrock Community Hall

#### Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Apr: Good Friday

5.30pm Good Friday Service  
Langtree Church

#### Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Apr: Easter Eve

9.00pm Festival of Light and first  
Communion of Easter  
Shebbear Church

#### Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Apr: Easter Day

6.15am Sunrise Service  
Thornehillhead Chapel

11.00am Family Communion  
(United Service) Langtree Church

#### From the Registers

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

17<sup>th</sup> Jan John Soby

20<sup>th</sup> Jan Dawn Glover

New Business in the Village...

## Langtree Crafts

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### Next Deadline

Please could we have items for the July 2012 magazine by the end of June

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or

Email [magazine@langtree.net](mailto:magazine@langtree.net)

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We are looking for some new photos that we can use for the front cover of the magazine.



They should be of the Langtree Parish Area and follow the theme of Spring, Sumer, Autumn and Winter.

Please email pictures to [tom@langtree.net](mailto:tom@langtree.net)

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