

Langtree Parish Magazine

February 2013



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Welcome to the Spring Edition

As the nights start to pull out and the signs of spring start to show lets hope for a better year with less rain and some more sunshine. Apart from the weather, this year has flown by, Katie our daughter is celebrating her first birthday this week.

From reading through the article in this edition I think next year is going to be a busy one as well, with table top sales, Sunday Dinners and some great evenings planned with entertainment provided from the likes of Johnny Cowling there is plenty going on. The Parish hall is about to have an extension built so there is lots to look forward too.

I would like to thank everybody who has registered on the Langtree mailing lists. It has made it a lot easier putting the magazine together. Please if you have anything to add drop me a line, I would also welcome any items for the website as its taken a little bit of a back seat recently and got a little out of date. If you would like to promote events, groups, businesses let me know and I can add the details.

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Patricia Soby (Secretary)

The December meeting was a fun evening . The majority of members enjoyed a wine tasting evening led by Gina Hazelhurst while the rest tried their hand and brains at Quizzes. The winners were Margaret Knapman, Chris Kebby and Maureen Perrett. A large and tasteful Supper followed. Secret Santa came and everyone received a gift. Carol Singing completed an enjoyable evening. Jenny Hurley won the Competition Cup and Margaret Knapman the flower of the month cup.

In January we moved to the Chapel for an interesting and educational slide show by Sue and Ivan Godfrey on their three month trip to Nepal. This month Jenny Coles held two classes for members to make cards while other members went on a Quiz night at Ashreigney. We are to hold a Skittle Afternoon so that new members can try their luck.

Speakers for the Next Four Months are;

Feb.19th.	Rev. Susannah Metz - her Life and Music.
Mar.19th	Stephen Males - slide show on his trip to Israel.
Apr. 16th	Lucy Lucie - Cookery 6.30pm.
May21st	Penny Blower - Fashions

Visitors always welcome £3-00 a meeting.

Contact Sue Folland on 601254 or Mary Nicholls 601235

Notes from the Parish Council

I hope that by the time you read this the weather will have improved and that the ground will have started to dry out. This must have been the most prolonged time of wet weather most of us can remember. It was almost a year ago that we were being warned of an imminent drought and that we needed to manage our gardens and farms to conserve water. Now the opposite is needed: how do we repair and manage water logged soil. But at least we can be thankful that we missed the worst of the snow and ice.

Our council meetings have been short and sweet recently but we did decide to support Shebbear in their opposition of a wind turbine as we felt that it would seriously impact the views from Langtree and Stibb Cross.

We are in the fortunate position of being able to keep our precept, the small slice of the council tax that comes to Langtree Parish, the same for next year. It allows us to pay the Clerk, insure the playing field, cut the grass, give grants etc. and have a small reserve for emergencies.

If you have any issues that you think we should know about then please speak to your nearest friendly councillor, or come to our meetings. Dates and times are on the notice boards but normally the second Thursday of each month.

David Ley - Chairman - Langtree Parish Council

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Holidays 2013

18 Feb	5 Days	Blackpool, the Lakes and Bury Market	£135	31 May	4 Days	Holker Garden Festival and the Lakes	£260
18 Feb	5 Days	Skegness Coast and Country	£150	1 June	7 Days	Spectacular Southend on Sea	£350
22 Feb	3 Days	Mystery Weekend	£130	6 June	3 Days	Portsmouth, Glorious Roses of Mottisfont	£150
23 Feb	8 Days	Austrian Winter Wonderland	£430	8 June	8 Days	The French Alps, Mont Blanc, Chamonix	£600
25 Feb	5 Days	Coal, Sculptures and TV Scenes	£150	9 June	6 Days	The Pennine Explorer	£305
25 Feb	5 Days	The South Coast and Eastbourne	£170	10 June	6 Days	Irish Horses, Castles and Crystals	£430
4 Mar	5 Days	North Wales Welsh Wonders, Llandudno	£145	15 June	3 Days	Mystery Weekend	£130
4 Mar	5 Days	The Pride of the Peak District and Buxton	£230	17 June	5 Days	Floral Harrogate, Scenic Yorkshire Dales	£280
4 Mar	5 Days	Victorian Seaside of Southport	£140	17 June	5 Days	Gardens of South Wales	£295
9 Mar	3 Days	Regency Cheltenham Spa	£130	19 June	2 Days	Ladies Day at Royal Ascot	£200
11 Mar	5 Days	Norwich and the Norfolk Broads	£230	20 June	8 Days	The Royal Highland Show and Perth	£455
11 Mar	5 Days	The Pennine Explorer	£160	22 June	8 Days	Queen of the Welsh Resorts – Llandudno	£460
15 Mar	4 Days	Oxford, the Thriplow Daffodil Festival	£155	24 June	5 Days	Kent's Beautiful Coast, Country and Castle	£240
18 Mar	5 Days	The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	£260	28 June	3 Days	Cutty Sark and the Royal Observatory	£199
18 Mar	5 Days	Bournemouth and the New Forest	£145	28 June	5 Days	Suffolk and Constable Country	£285
20 Mar	2 Days	Olly Murs – in Concert	£130	29 June	8 Days	Great Yarmouth and the Norfolk Broads	£410
22 Mar	7 Days	Fort William and the Isle of Skye	£285	1 July	4 Days	The Cotswolds, Black & White Villages	£210
22 Mar	4 Days	Murder Mystery Weekend	£130	5 July	8 Days	South Coast and Eastbourne	£435
23 Mar	8 Days	Lake Garda Snowflakes & Crystal Lakes	£430	6 July	8 Days	Black Forest and Triburg	£480
25 Mar	5 Days	Welsh Wonders of North Wales, Caernarfon	£170	11 July	2 Days	Hampton Court Flower Show	£155
29 Mar	4 Days	Flavours of Flanders Easter Break	£270	13 July	2 Days	Olympic Park, London & Parliament	£185
1 Apr	4 Days	Market Towns, Black & White Villages	£180	13 July	8 Days	Boats and Trains of the Highlands	£485
1 Apr	5 Days	The Isle of Wight	£195	15 July	8 Days	Giants Causeway and Donegal	£465
4 Apr	4 Days	The Grand National Meeting, Aintree	£265	16 July	5 Days	Singles Break in White Horse Country	£270
5 Apr	3 Days	Mystery Weekend	£130	21 July	5 Days	Chester, North Wales & Canal in the Sky	£285
8 Apr	5 Days	The Mythical Journey - Valley of Wales	£180	22 July	4 Days	Herefordshire and the Royal Welsh Show	£240
8 Apr	5 Days	All Inclusive in Enniscorthy, Ireland	£350	22 July	5 Days	Folkestone and Brugge	£195
8 Apr	5 Days	Flavours of Wales - Barry Island	£185	26 July	8 Days	Scarborough, Sandy Bays, Hills & Dales	£410
14 Apr	6 Days	The Isle of Man	£345	26 July	5 Days	TV and Film Tour – Downton Abbey	£280
14 Apr	5 Days	Cheshire and Chatsworth House	£275	27 July	7 Days	Valleys of the Rhine and Moselle	£495
15 Apr	5 Days	The Scottish Borders and Edinburgh	£255	2 Aug	3 Days	Mystery Weekend	£130
19 Apr	4 Days	The Dutch Bulbfields - Holland in Bloom	£280	2 Aug	5 Days	Potato, Lavender and Ye-Olde Pork Pies	£165
20 Apr	5 Days	Belfast's Titanic and Dublin	£350	3 Aug	2 Days	Buckingham Palace & Kensington Palace	£380
22 Apr	10 Days	Tuscany, Florence and Leaning Pisa	£780	4 Aug	6 Days	Pennies and the Splendour of the Lakes	£380
23 Apr	9 Days	Fort William, Isle of Skye and Isle of Mull	£520	5 Aug	5 Days	Regency Brighton and the South Downs	£240
26 Apr	4 Days	Harrogate & the Spring Gardening Show	£220	8 Aug	5 Days	Little Boats and Trains of Norfolk	£280
29 Apr	5 Days	Yorkshire Railway Journeys	£270	8 Aug	6 Days	The Derbyshire Dales and Peak District	£299
3 May	4 Days	Spalding Flower Parade and Skegness	£200	10 Aug	8 Days	The Isle of Wight	£435
6 May	5 Days	The Dutch Bulbfields and Amsterdam	£370	12 Aug	5 Days	Arnhem – 'A Bridge Too Far'	£385
6 May	5 Days	Bournemouth, New Forest and Exbury	£255	14 Aug	8 Days	Sparkling Lakes of Austria	£555
9 May	5 Days	Scenic Shropshire and Victorian Farm	£240	16 Aug	3 Days	Althorp House, The Cotswolds	£149
11 May	9 Days	The Outer Hebrides	£685	18 Aug	7 Days	National Trust Trail – Yorkshire	£385
13 May	8 Days	Gardens Galore and Wales on Rails	£490	19 Aug	5 Days	Great Trains of Cumbria	£299
14 May	8 Days	Killarney and The Ring of Kerry	£555	19 Aug	5 Days	National Trust Gardens of North Wales	£295
20 May	6 Days	Pennies, Splendour of the Lakes	£300	24 Aug	8 Days	Isle of Arran and the Ayrshire Coast	£485
22 May	7 Days	Aberdeen and Royal Deeside	£290				
24 May	2 Days	The Chelsea Flower Show & RHS Wisley	£160				
26 May	7 Days	Jersey - The Tranquil Island	£415				
27 May	5 Days	Splendour of the Lake District	£300				
29 May	11 Days	Telemark. the Western Fjord Highlights	£1085				

London Tours and Theatres 2013

2 Mar	2 Days	Viva Forever - London Theatre	£185
2 Apr	2 Days	Harry Potter – Warner Bros Studios Tour	£149
13 Apr	2 Days	War Horse - London Theatre	£185
11 May	2 Days	Harry Potter – Warner Bros Studios Tour	£165
8 July	2 Days	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	£170
7 Sept	2 Days	Jersey Boy's or We Will Rock You	£190
22 Oct	2 Days	Billy Elliot or Wicked London Theatre	£165
23 Nov	2 Days	Matilda London Theatre	£175



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Macular Disease Support Group Holsworthy Branch.

Increasing numbers of people are suffering with Macular Disease and the resulting loss of vision. For many this is age-related, and so only adds to the limitation of old age. The Macular Society is helping set up a local support group in Holsworthy. The national chairman, Richard Elliot will launch the group at its inaugural meeting on Monday 4th March. Any with concerns as a result of Macular disease are invited to come along. Meetings thereafter will on the 1st Monday of the month at Holsworthy hospital.

Launch meeting:

**Monday 4th March 10am – 12noon
Holsworthy Hospital**

Local contact: Peter Ellis, tel: 01409-231309. Please phone for more information, or to confirm your attendance.

Langtree PTA - Rose Wooldridge PTA Chair

A BIG thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Langtree community school PTA Wine and wisdom back on the 10th of November. About £400 was raised for PTA funds and a good evening was had by all. The PTA really enjoys having events which involve the community and we're hoping to organise some more of these in the next twelve months.

Langtree Rainfall

From Joan Lampard

	2011 (mm)	2012 (mm)
January	105	127
February	56	47
March	26	24
April	30	157
May	40	38
June	117	202
July	73	138
August	61	124
September	77	101
October	116	193
November	65	167
December	187	242

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2009	1081	43.24
2010	859	34.00
2011	955	38.2
2012	1560	62.40

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From the Team Rector - Rev Martin Warren,

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In the last few weeks, you may have noticed that I have not been around as much as normal. (On the other hand, you may not have noticed any difference!) From now until mid April, I have been granted sabbatical leave. Where you need to contact the church about anything, please can you try my colleagues Susannah Metz (01837-810621) or Julie Cartwright (01409-281554), or one of the wardens, Mark Highet and Pat Soby. It's not that I won't be around at all during that time, but that I am free of the responsibilities of the churches.

'So you've got a 3 month holiday then.' Well, no! The idea is that you are set free to do other things, learn new things and be generally refreshed. Bit like going on an extended training course really. So don't worry I won't be twiddling my thumbs.

The truth is we all need time to stand back and get a fresh perspective. February sees the beginning of Lent: Shrove Tuesday and all those pancakes on the 12th of Feb, Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent) is 13th Feb. Lent is about precisely that – a time to step back for a moment or two (and that's all we might be able to manage), and ask ourselves what life is all about, what really matters, what we might need to do differently. And that will include asking afresh what God wants in all of that.

Have a happy and fruitful Lent.

Church Membership List

This year we are renewing the membership list of All Saints' completely. It starts from scratch. Anybody in the parish is entitled to be on that list.

What are its advantages? It states that you are attached to the church here in the village, and supportive of a Christian presence here. And then it allows you to be involved at the annual meeting in April. What it doesn't mean is that you will therefore be on the church's council. (Of course you can stand for election, if you so choose.)

If you would like to be on that membership list – it's called an Electoral Roll (not to be confused with the Electors' Register) - please pick up an application form in the church, and return to one of the wardens, or contact the wardens direct.

Services at All Saints' Church

February

3rd 9.30am Morning Prayer
10th 11.00am Family Communion
17th 11.00am United Service at Methodist Chapel
24th 9.30am Holy Communion

March

3rd 9.30am Morning Prayer
10th 11.00am Family Communion for Mothering Sunday.
17th 11.00am United Service at Methodist Chapel
24th 9.30am Holy Communion
31st 11.00am Easter Communion

April

7th 9.30am Morning Prayer
14th 11.00am Family Communion
21st 11.00am United Service at Methodist Chapel
28th 9.30am Holy Communion

May

5th 11.00am Morning Prayer

Ash Wednesday 13th Feb

7.00pm Service at Petrockstowe

Good Friday 29th Mar

5.30pm Good Friday Service

From the Registers

Baptism: Welcome to the Church family

9th Dec Thomas Huxtable

Wedding: Congratulations!

6th Dec Alice Taber and Gareth Moore

Funerals:

Our prayers for those who are bereaved

5th Nov John Vickery (Crematorium)

11th Jan Les Harris

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Church News

The Carol Service was well attended and the collection amounted to £104.82 and was shared between the Hospice and Appledore lifeboat.

As you may know the Church Graveyard is available to everyone who wishes to be buried there. However with the exception of a few personal donations the brunt of the costs for the upkeep fall on the Church. Last year for instance we had to find an extra £900 for remedial work on the protected trees. This was on top the normal grass cutting etc. To alleviate the cost the Rev. Wallington, in 1968, set up a fund to raise monies to help with the upkeep. Over the years a number of people have asked for donations in lieu of flowers to be given to this fund. Originally money flowed in, so much so that the fund was lent to the Parish Council to purchase the Playing Field. Nowadays with people giving this money to other charities the income has fallen and the fund is in the red. Sue Folland and friends have agreed to organise a SUNDAY LUNCH on JUNE 2nd. to raise money and to celebrate the Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation. Tickets are £12.50 each and available from Sue Lee 601602 and Sue Folland 601254.

We are in the process of reviewing the Church Electoral Roll. This is completely different from the Electoral Roll organised by the District Council for Parliamentary and Council Elections. If you are interested please see Pat Chappell or the Church Wardens.

The main services at this time of year are MOTHERING SUNDAY on MARCH 10th at 11am. We usually have posies for any children present to give to their Mothers.

Please let us know so we can assure there will be enough posies.

GOOD FRIDAY service will be on MARCH 29th at 5.30pm
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Parish Hall Players

Terry Attridge

Jack and the Beanstalk

One of the newer cast members said to me, 'When I left the house for the first performance I said to the wife, they need not think that they'll get me at this lark again', but by the end of Saturday evening I was already wondering what we would be doing next year.' That is an emotional journey shared by most of the cast. To participate in a village pantomime requires a commitment in time and energy which some would be unwilling to make. We started rehearsals at the beginning of October with acres of time in front of us and suddenly with Christmas gone the rehearsals could be counted on one hand. At this stage, anxiety about the words, the singing, the props, the scenery and the dancing creeps in. Although most of these fears can be dealt with one is left standing in the wings on the first night thinking 'Why do I do this?' but by the time the curtain falls on Saturday night a euphoric feeling has passed through the members of the cast.

A member of the audience was kind enough to say that the people on the stage seemed to be relaxed and enjoying what they were doing, but of course when the swan glides by the feet are paddling like mad under the surface. The cast receives the applause but backstage the workers are just as vital. Our thanks are due, in no small way to Gerald Perret, Peter Daniels, Ray Weston, Sally Cole, Josh Hawker, Mark Hight, Ann (The Lamp) Cadman, Maureen Perret and Laura Holt for all the help they gave the cast backstage. Without the prompt and focussed services they performed the show job was taken on by Sue McEldon a retired teacher from Northam. I hope you will agree that after several months of nagging, cajoling, suggesting and insisting



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she was able to produce a show fit for human consumption.

Finally, everyone involved in the show enjoyed what they did. We thank you for the applause, the kind words and hope you enjoyed the show and will continue your support on future occasions.

Terry Attridge



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Zion Methodist Chapel

We are approaching Easter again, sometimes in today's world Good Friday passes by as though it had little significance yet its message is central to the Christian Faith, for on the cross of Christ at Calvary our Sin and brokenness is dealt with. Recently I came across the following words,

"Sooner or later we all feel the painful effects of sin. Sometimes it's the weight of our own sin & the shame and embarrassment of having failed miserably. At other times, it's the load of someone else's sin that weighs us down -- someone who betrayed, deceived, abandoned, ridiculed, cheated, or made a fool of us. Think about a time when the weight of that guilt or pain was so heavy that you could hardly pull yourself out of bed. Now try to imagine the heaviness of the combined grief that everyone has caused you, your family, and your community. Add to that the suffering sin has caused everyone in your County, Nation, and the World. Now try to imagine the accumulated grief that sin has caused throughout the centuries since creation.

Is it any wonder that the weight of all this sin became an almost intolerable load on the night when Jesus was called to bear it & on the first Good Friday when He cried out "My God, why have you forsaken me" No other suffering can compare to this. Sin put Jesus to the ultimate test, but His love endured it, His strength bore It & His power overcame it. Thanks to Jesus' death and resurrection we can know beyond a doubt that sin need not win & ultimately cannot win."

I do not yet have the plan of services beyond the end of February but the expected pattern is as follows. All services start at 11.00am



- Feb**
10th United at All Saints
- March**
3rd To be arranged
28th To be arranged
19th United at All Saints
17th United at Zion Chapel
24th To Be Arranged
31st Easter Day service
- April**
7th To be arranged
17th S Whatton
14th United at All Saints
24th Congregational
21st United at Zion Chapel



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Table Top Sale in aid of South Africa Project

We are having a table top sale at Langtree Parish Hall on Saturday 30th March 2013 10.00-12.00. We are trying to help Lucy Milton-Banks raise the funds to go on a Volunteering trip to South Africa. Lucy will be working in a Day Care Centre in a township in Cape Town in a project that provides activities and 3 meals a day to 60 children. Lucy needs to raise about £2000. She has to pay for her flights and accommodation, food and travel whilst she is there. Lucy currently attends Edgehill University in Lancashire where she is studying for a degree in Integrated Practice, Early Years and Children. She has been involved with Girl Guiding UK for many years and has volunteered since the age of 13, helping to run a Brownie Pack in Bideford and the Guides in Torrington. She is now a qualified Leader and helps with Brownies in Ormskirk.

Tables will cost £5 and there will be a range of crafts, books, jewellery, bric a brac, preserves, chutneys and homemade cakes and Easter treats. We will be serving light refreshments and there will be a raffle with exciting prizes!

I had an after thought; don't know if you can fit it in. Just to say if anyone wanted to donate any unwanted items, prizes for a raffle or to help...contact me.

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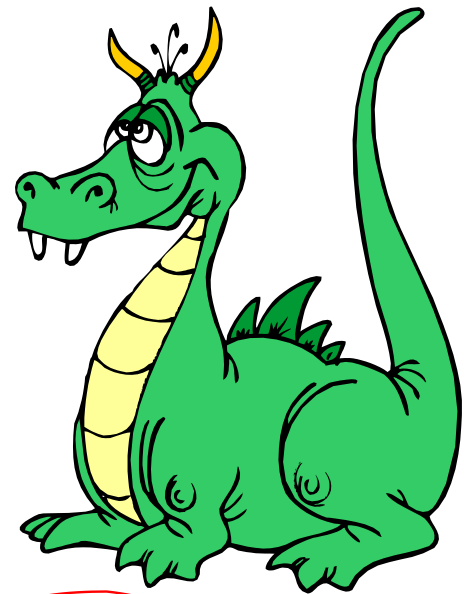
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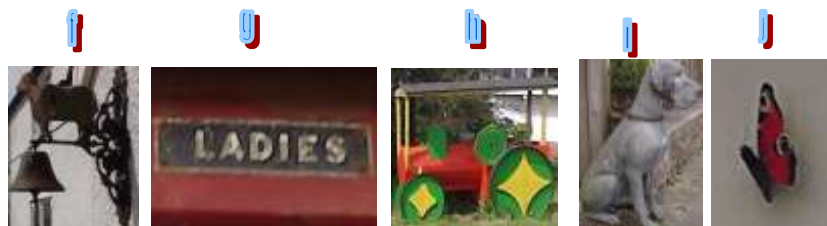
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February

Thursday 14th

Sunday 17th

Saturday 23rd

Sunday 24th

March

Wednesday 6th

Sunday 10th

Saturday 16th

Sunday 24th

Friday 29th

Sunday 31st

Valentines Day Dinner

Quiz with Mike at 8pm

Live Music with Sausage on your Face

Bingo at 8pm

Curry night 6pm -9pm – Curry & a Pint £6.95!

Mothering Sunday Lunch & Bingo at 8pm

Live Music with 'The Kind' at 8:30pm

Bingo at 8pm

Fish & Chips 6-9pm Fresh Fish cooked in beer batter!

Easter Quiz with Paul

Langtree Parish Hall – by Sue Lee

Our Annual General Meeting was held in November with the election of officers and the approval of the audited accounts for the year ending September 2012. These are included in the newsletter. 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

As can be seen in the accounts we purchased a 10kw system of photovoltaic panels at a cost of £23000 but the feed in tariff payments had not been received at the time when the financial year ended. We have now received a full year of feed in tariff payments which has amounted to just over £4000. Considering the lack of sunshine we have had this past year this is a good return on the investment. It was agreed that fund raising this year would be towards the extension. Preliminary work has started in that the oil tank has been moved and the site levelled but major ground works have not commenced as we have been waiting for building regulations to be received. These have just been passed so hopefully work will start in earnest now.

The Hall has continued to be well used with a variety of activities taking place especially a number of taster activities booked through Torridge Council as part of their Active Village scheme. Most popular seems to be the dancing sessions on a Sunday afternoon with over 30 taking part.

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

An evening with Johnny Cowling

Thursday 14th February - 7pm for 7.30pm £14.00 to include a glass of bubbly. A fun night guaranteed. For those who have not seen Johnny before he is a talented singer / comedian who regular appears as a warm up comedian at shows such as Dancing on Ice.

Big Breakfast

Sunday 17th March - £6.00 - in aid of North Devon Hospice. We are one of a number of venues across North Devon . Breakfast /brunch will be served from 9am -12.30pm. Please book if you can. Last year we served 192 breakfasts and we had to send out for further supplies! Extra help required! If you can help in any ways eg lay up, cook, serve, cook ,clear up, wash up love to hear from you .Contact 601602.

Spring Sunday lunch

Sunday 24th March £12.50 3 course. Please book!

Country and Western evening

Friday 6th April Phone Pat 601495

History Exhibition

Friday 26th April, Saturday 27th April

Council elections

Thursday 2nd May - Friday 3rd May Hall used as a counting centre for election.

Summer Sunday Lunch

Sunday 2nd June

The Parish Show (Flowers, Vegetables, Crafts and Foods) has been set for 17th August. Schedules will be available in the next news letter.

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Year End 30th Sepetmebr 2012

Receipts	2012	2011
Fundraising income		
Bar sales	£28,179	£25,902
Food sales	£13,301	£15,254
Draw/Auction income	£3072	£4,208
Hire of Hall	£13,524	£9,333
Donations	£0	£42
200 Club	£1,365	£1,495
Ticket sales	£98	£1,639
Grant - Torridge District Council	£500	£0
	£60,039	£57,673
Payments		
Fundraising expenses		
Bar supplies	£15,090	£13537
Food and kitchen supplies	£3,730	£5364
Draw prize expenses	£254	£162
Entertainment	£1,326	£1,750
Cleaning	£3,289	£2,775
Light and heating	£6,974	£7,882
Insurance	£1,218	£1,344
Water rates	£813	£829
Professional fees	£385	£529
Stationery	£13	£57
Licences	£180	£180
200 Club	£737	£737
Miscellaneous	£391	£312
General repairs	£5,277	£4,231
Donation - North Devon Hospice	£716	£2,873
	£40,516	£42,562
Assets purchased	£30,453	£4,939
Total payments	£70,969	£47,501
Net receipts and payments	-£10,930	£10,372
Cash funds brought forward	£59,974	£49,602
Cash funds carried forward	£49,044	£59,974

Cash Funds		
Cash at bank	£47,346	£58,728
Cash in hand	£1,698	£1,246
	£49,044	£59,974
Fixed Assets		
Freehold Land and buildings b/f	£539,081	£537,496
Freehold Land and buildings additions (*1)	£26,646	£1,585
Fixtures and Fittings b/f	£65,551	£62,197
Fixtures and Fittings additions (*2)	£3,807	£3,354
	£635,085	£604,632
Stock	£2,347	£1,984
Accruals	-£395	-£385
Net Assets	£686,081	£666,205


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(*1) Property additions comprise:	Solar panels 3 Phase electricity supply Construction of smoking area	£23,000 £1,586 £1,960
		£26,646
(*2) Fixtures and fittings additions comprise:	Oven range Freezer Kitchen equipment	£2,736 £197 £874
		£3,807

Thank you

Joyce would like to thank her friends and neighbours for all the support and help while the snow was on the ground and for all the get well cards she received while she was unwell.

Joyce Bond

Langtree Community School & Nursery Unit



Our Summer Term Update, From Langtree Community School

As you may already have heard, OfSTED visited our school back in September to conduct a Regular Inspection. As one of the first schools in the country, and the first school in Devon, to be inspected under the new Framework, we were just a little anxious about what to expect. Well, we need not have worried as the Lead Inspector, Mr Paul Garvey, found us to be a **GOOD** school! His Report clearly stated:

'Teaching and learning are good because teachers have good subject knowledge, high expectations of pupils and develop excellent relationships with pupils. The support provided by other adults is effective.'

'Behaviour around school is often exemplary, especially at breaks and lunchtimes, where pupils of all ages play together and engage in a good range of physical activities in the spacious and well-resourced school grounds.'

(Paul Garvey, OfSTED Lead inspector, OfSTED Inspection report, 12/13 September 2012)

This was achieved with the high levels of commitment from all the staff and excellent leadership of our Head Teacher, Miss Mellody. Children's progress and attainment has been judged as GOOD and their behaviour and engagement with the whole school community is definitely a credit to our families. We are very proud of this result and will continue to work hard towards achieving an 'Outstanding' result next time! Please call in to see us if you would like to take a look for yourself – or visit our newly redesigned webpage at www.langtree.devon.sch.uk.

The Bard Is Back! Children from Langtree School were treated to performances of five of Shakespeare's greatest plays, as part of the 'Stand Up For Shakespeare' initiative, launched by the RSC. The productions of A Midsummer



Night's Dream, Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet, Twelfth Night and Julius Caesar were all performed by Class 3 (aged 9 to 11), across a week of whole-school assemblies. Having enjoyed acting out 11 of William Shakespeare's tales, as part of their studies on The Tudors, the children then voted to find their five favourite stories to present to the rest of the school - in full costume. "It's more inspiring, acting them out," said Ryan, Year 6. And Allistair described it as "a more exciting way to learn". The children loved the stories, despite being more than 400 years old, and jumped at the chance of acting them out to an 'excited' audience of younger children.

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Little Red Jumpers! Children here have been learning about Chinese New Year and that red symbolizes good fortune, joy and happiness - coincidentally the colour of the latest addition to their recommended school uniform and that is very smart, red sweatshirts for the youngest, part-time children – their Nursery pupils – shown here ready for anything! For more information about the school, please visit www.langtree.devon.sch.uk

Foundation Stage Nursery Open Morning 'Stay and Play' Session
Our next Session will be held the morning of **Tuesday 19 March**



2013 so if you would like to take a look at, and try for yourself, some of the activities we are able to offer, including our very exciting outside play activities - please come along as we would love to meet you.

If you have been lucky enough to have read one of our most recent school Newsletters, you may have noticed a very impressive addition to our row of information logos at the top and that is the **Bronze Eco-Schools Award** recently achieved, on our behalf, by Mr Vero, Class Two and his team of Eco Warriors. Eco-Schools is an international award programme that guides schools on their sustainable journey, providing a framework to help embed these principles into the heart of school life enhancing the curriculum and links to the community. If you visit us, you will see notices near each light switch, reminding us all to only use overhead lighting when we really feel the need. This not only helps us to reduce our energy bill and also minimize demand for electricity, but also makes us think about our responsibility for the world around us. Mr Vero is currently working towards achieving the Silver Award and we will keep you up-to-date with progress.

Langtree Magazine & Website Accounts

This year has been a lot less eventful with the new printer, We now have the ability to print the whole run in one go with out having to mess around un-jamming, shaking, swapping and letting the photocopier cool down. Although folding 350 copies can take a little while it's no way as long as the old systems use to take with the constant breakdowns.

We are currently still printing in ink save mode and the new printer has managed to print all 1400 magazines for the year with out needing more ink. The plan for next year is to save some money towards ink and supplies as well the future replacement of the printer. We also would like to save for an attachment to the printer which will fold the magazine for us.

Accounts April 2012 – March 2013

Income	
Adverts	£960
Mail Drop	£30
Parish Council	£150
Arrears collected from Adverts last Year	£40

Total Income £2140

Outgoings	
Konica Minolta Magicolour Printer	£1340
Paper	£87.50
(4 Editions x 350 Copies x 5 Pages per Booklet = 14 Rems of Paper at £6.25)	

Total Outgoings £1427.50

Other Items	
Outstanding Adverts this year to still collect	£380
Un-cashed Cheque from last year	£992.98
(Paper & Second Photocopier)	

End of Year Bank Balance £119.94





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Langtree Short Mat Bowls Club



Richard Gubb is holding the trophy flanked on the left by Sharon Simmons and on the right by Jenny Gubb.

The Club continues to see new faces at the roll-up sessions and we hope that continues as we are keen to see the Club establish itself as an important focal point in the local community for all, providing fun, opportunities to meet new and old friends and as much (or little) competition as you wish to take on. Our roll-up sessions are 1.15pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday afternoons and 7.15pm to 9.30pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings although the Monday evening sessions are only through the winter and finish at the end of March. As I mentioned in my last report, the evening sessions are sometimes disrupted by league matches so please check first.

Also in my last report I was pleased to announce that we had secured funding to provide indoor bowls sessions for local boys and girls and since then we have hand delivered details to most homes in the Parish. I am delighted to announce that we have had our first lunch time session for pupils from Langtree School and it was great fun for the boys and girls and instructors alike. Hopefully these sessions will continue and grow in popularity. The Wednesday after school sessions are still available to any youngsters who wish to give them a try, just let me or Graham Carswell (601117) know.

We are now over half way through are league programme spread over two leagues in which we have five teams competing. We are well placed in each and by my next report I will be able to announce our final positions.

One major success already achieved this season was in the tournament sponsored by Bond Clinton Gates and hosted by Merton bowls club. 16 teams from clubs from around Devon competed in the all day tournament that in the last ten years has been won by most of the leading clubs in the County. Our team skippered by Richard Gubb with Sharon Simmons and Jenny Gubb won all of their matches taking the trophy by a good margin. Congratulations to all three of our colleagues for achieving such a great honour for the club.

Brian Jordan (Captain) 601392

Local History Group – Margaret Knapman

We are holding another Exhibition this year at the Parish Hall on Friday 26th & Saturday 27th April to which you are all invited. We shall be open from 10.30am on Friday & from 10.00am until 5.00pm Saturday. On Friday evening we have Mr George Copp of Petersmarland coming to speak and show slides. His subject is Marland Clay works. As he was a former boss of the company he has a good knowledge of its history and its links to the local railway. It should be a very interesting evening and give us insight into the work undertaken by many Langtree people in the past who were employed there. You will find lots of things to see, some of it seen before but also new projects we have been working on. We now have a fairly good record of the Pageant performed in 1985 to record the 700th anniversary of a church on the site of All Saints in Langtree

I have been asked how many Postcards we have received into our holiday postcard collection and where have they come from. Well, we have 83 so far and they have come from all over this country and many parts of the world, I will list a few places; Italy, Canada, Miljet, S & N Ireland, India, Spain, Guernsey, Jersey, Cuba, New Zealand, Portugal, China, Granada, Malta, Croatia, Switzerland, Disney land Florida, Grand Canyon USA, Madeira & Sri Lanka. From this country some of the places are Brecon Beacons, Isle of Skye, Cotswolds, Yorkshire Dales, Eden Project, Minak Theatre, Buckingham Palace, Tenby, Isle of White, John O Groats, Somerset, Derbyshire, Lancashire, W Sussex, Cornwall, Wales, Portsmouth, and a village in Anglesey with a very very long name. For those of you who are wondering what this project is about, it's just that we invite anyone from the Parish who is going on holiday to send us a postcard from their destination. Some send regularly, others occasionally, to either of the following people, David Hill, Sunnyside, Langtree, Mary Goaman, Margaret Knapman or any other History Group Member you know. Others hand us cards when they have come back if they can't remember an address. We'd love to hear from you any time you are away.

As this is the 50th Anniversary of the 1963 big freeze would any of you who were living in the Parish at the time like to contribute your memories to the History Group. They can be written, photos, or both. Also thoughts, memories, photos on the 1947 freeze in this Parish would be most welcome. Please contact me on 01805 601228, maybe someone from our group can help you put your memories on to paper if you want. Thank You

Royal British Legion

I thought you would like to know the grand total raised by the 8 parishes for the Poppy Appeal this year, 2012 is an astounding £4136.73 "Bearing in mind the difficult financial climate, this is a wonderful response to the Appeal by everyone in Mid Torridge, and it would be wonderful to be able to thank everyone in the next Langtree Parish Magazine, both the dedicated collectors, the anonymous contributors and the general public.

The work of the Royal British Legion goes on in so many different directions, easing the lives of our so deserving servicemen and women and their dependants. Unfortunately the need will continue for many years to come, and it is your contributions each year, and the many people like you, that enable this work to continue. On behalf of the people who will benefit from your huge generosity, thank you all so much."

Ruth Neal

Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser
Mid Torridge Branch

News From West Heanton – Tom Bond

It's been a busy year at West Heanton with the completion of an upgrade to our facilities to provide en-suite shower rooms, new bathrooms and a more user friendly layout as well as a state of the art biomass boiler keeping everybody warm.

We are now in our second year of providing assistance to people living in their own home through our home care service, through wind, floods and the snow this year we have been able to assist people with daily tasks, preparing meals as well as personal care and help with shopping.

We are now also providing a day out for several people to join us at West Heanton for the day to enjoy a home cooked meal, chat with friends as well as activities and game for those who wish to join in. We can also provide transport as we have a minibus with wheelchair access.

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My second's not in cask but is in flagon []
My third is in Cross and it's in Berry []
My fourth is in Instow but not in ferry []
My fifth is Collacott and missing in Forches []
My sixth is in Withacott though not on their porches []
My seventh is in Watergate and in Bridge []
My last is in Lambert and deep freeze and fridge []
My whole is a place with a hardly a view []

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the hedges

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March 2012	231 D Daniels	161 Carol Wood	251 Richard Mills	247 Mrs Saywell
April 2012	97 N Harris	138 J Beer	124 L Bridgman	235 G Barriball
May 2012	209 M Hayley	204 Tom Bond	155 S Smith	41 H Mercer
June 2012	250 V Ley	37 R Gerry	238 R Hancock	162 Shillabeer
July 2012	258 Ryan Horn	295 Ian Wilson	136 Mike Coles	281 Peter Daniel
August 2012	278 J Langmead	59 Val Hearn	241 Mrs Rowley	277 Wally Slade
September 2012	91 Sarah Ley	82 Billy Box	101 Julie Bond	157 R Robinson
October 2012	88 P O'Brien	37 Rose Gerry	183 Mark Dowson	230 Alf Daniels
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