

Langtree Parish Magazine



Welcome to the Autumn edition of our magazine. What happened to Summer? Did I miss it? Well we hope you all enjoyed your Summer holidays and are now looking forward to the clocks going back, Halloween, Bonfire night and of course, Christmas.

Many of you will be aware that we have now “arrived” on Facebook. The <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LangtreeParishCommunity/> page is a community group for residents of Langtree Parish, including the villages of Langtree, Stibb Cross and Peters Marland. Posts are relevant to the parish and include minutes of meetings, forthcoming events, local businesses and services, items for sale and all sorts of interesting stuff.

Are there any suggestions regarding what you’d like to see in future editions of the magazine? Do you have anything to contribute?

- What you did on your holidays
- An achievement you’d like to share
- A review of an event you attended
- A charity you support
- A funny story
- A poem
- A lifestyle comment
- A photograph you like
- A recipe

Don’t be shy, please drop us a line.

This issue of the magazine contains some advertisements. We would like a few more to help pay for paper and ink. If you would like to advertise in future issues of the magazine please request conditions and rates via the magazine email address. Delivery and printing is provided voluntarily. Our gratitude goes out to all our volunteers for the submissions, printing and delivering without you the magazine wouldn’t be possible. Please keep your contributions and advertisements coming in to – magazine@langtree.net.

Finally, seasonal greetings and best wishes in the new year to all of our readers.

Langtree Rainfall

From Joan Lampard

	2013 (mm)	2014 (mm)	2015 (mm)	2016 (mm)	2017 (mm)
Jan	142	246	212	211	106
Feb	55	166	84	153	85
Mar	97	63	63	99	118
Apr	27	79	37	49	44
May	81	118	94	57	42
Jun	41	64	60	108	120
Jul	26	44	106	30	93
Aug	88	127	142	65	97
Sep	63	9	101	109	
Oct	172	113	58	51	
Nov	116	97	179	141	
Dec	180	172	163	47	

	MM	Inches
2010	859	34.00
2011	955	38.2
2012	1560	62.40
2013	1089	44
2014	1298	51.1
2015	1299	51
2016	1132	45

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Langtree Chapel News

Our Harvest Festival Services this year were on September 17th led by Revd Robert Blackhall followed by lunch in the school room. This was a lovely celebration where young and old joined together to give thanks. The following evening we shared in a Harvest Hymns of Praise with supper and sale. All non-perishable foods such as tinned items were donated to our local foodbank.



We have continued meeting on Thursday evenings with a bring and share meal and Bible study/discussion/DVD. We are currently listening to the teaching of Angus Buchan a farmer from South Africa who is also a Christian evangelist.

It's the time of year when we start thinking about Christmas and the Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal. This year we are having packing parties on Saturday October 21st and 28th in the Sunday School room. There will be tea, coffee, cake and chatter and hopefully lots of filled shoe boxes! We have been donated flat pack boxes for packing; these are fabulous as no pre-wrapping is required and they are easy and quick to assemble.

We collect all sorts of gifts for packing in the boxes such as knitted hats, gloves, purses and bags, wrapped sweets (not chocolate), soap, flannel, toothpaste, toothbrush, pens, pencils, pencil cases, notebooks, hair accessories, soft toys, skipping ropes, small toys and musical instruments etc. Please come along to one of the parties if you can – we would love to see you.

Our service dates for the next three months are as follows (all at 11am):

October

- 22nd Vivienne Sherriff**
- 29th Revd Blackhall (Communion)**

November

- 5th Frank Watson**
- 12th United Service at Parish Church**
- 19th Local Arrangement**
- 26th David Ley**

December

- 3rd Toy Service**
- 10th United Service at Parish Church**
- 17th To be arranged**
- 24th Carol Service**

May God bless you all - Cathy Ley



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Langtree Community Garden

We have had quite a productive time at Butts Meadow since last we wrote.

People have been very kind. We would like to say a few thank you's, the one closest to home is Pat Mitchell, not only has his allotment looked lovely all summer, but he has been a great help to us on the Community Garden.

Pat has done some spraying for us, has helped us move the slabs that were donated by Sandra Jennings at Bridgmans across the rather large field away from the view of house owners in the Crescent. He has also delivered Sand for us to lay said slabs. The most important and helpful thing he has done, with kind financial assistance from the Council, is to dig out and lay pipe and tap up to the road so that the water board, who are not quite as speedy can connect water supply.

We have been so lucky, we also need to thank Steve Watts at Travis Perkins for helping with the Community Shed, Emma Marsh from RHS Rosemore with all the tools that they have donated and all the contributions from our fellow villages for all there generosity , Also for The Donation of £500 pounds from the Balsdon Trust, who support local community projects, that has paid for our Shed and will cover a few other expenses also.Thank You.

Our next work day will be on Saturday 21st October, the task at hand is to remove black plastic from area reserved for our soft fruits, dig over soil and remove all weeds and plant all soft fruits ready for next summer. If you could help in any way, elbow grease or plants please come along, you could be lucky and have tea and cake!

It's your garden too so just come along for a look..!

For any quieries please contact me:-

Sue Leach

Langtree - 601348

So what's on at Langtree Parish Hall?

Our biggest item to report is the refurbishment of the male and female toilets. The original toilet cubicles were installed in 2002 when the Hall was built and were a low cost choice to keep within budget. The work is pencilled in starting the week beginning 9th October and should take approximately 3 weeks. The 2 disabled toilets will be available for use whilst the work is being done and this means the Hall can still be in use for regular bookings.

The shower in the ladies will be replaced by 2 additional toilet cubicles giving a total of 5. Hopefully this will reduce queuing on busy functions! Hand-air dryers will be installed in both toilets but the paper towel dispensers will be retained. There will be an integral worktop and basin unit in the ladies. The present taps will be replaced with those which turn off automatically. This should reduce the water bills at the Hall which are a major item of expenditure.

The cubicles in both toilets will be the same colour (soft green and grey!) and the pipe work to the water cisterns and urinals will be hidden by panelling. We had 3 estimates for the work which ranged from £30000 to £54000 all with a similar specifications. Needless to say we have accepted the £30000 estimate with some amendments. Financing of this project will be done from Langtree Parish Hall reserves.

The next big news story to report on is that the land behind the Hall has now been transferred to Langtree Parish Council as part of an agreement with Torridge District Council and the developer of the new houses. Part of the agreement was that a changing room block was built to shell construction. This has been done but now needs to be fitted out. Grants of £23700 have been secured and additional funding has been applied for.

The wash basins and urinals from the Hall toilets will be used in this building. Now that this is underway decisions need to be made on the use of this land. It is approximately 6 acres of which 1 acre is earmarked for recreational/ playing field use but the rest is negotiable. There have been suggestions that a dog walking area around the perimeter be included and a multi-use games area with hard surfaces. All this takes money so grants will be sought when it is known what the community wants from this land. With this in mind an open meeting to all has been arranged for 25th November from 2pm.

This will be an opportunity to walk the land (weather permitting), look at the layout of the land and have your say. Grants can only be applied for when there is sufficient interest and show community involvement so come along! Light refreshments will be available.

Past events in August and early September were busy. There were 3 weddings, 2 christenings and 2 business meetings for Wild Life Trust. The 10th Parish Show held on 12th August was a great community effort with excellent entries again in the photographic section and the Children's section. Entries were down in the vegetable classes party due to the weather but other factors played a part. The standard of work in the craft section was also very high.

The food judge made some interesting comments and has pointers on how to display and present items for judging. An information sheet will be available for the next show which has been set for Saturday August 11th. At the time of writing 171 have been booked in for the Autumn Lunch held on September 10th.

Open events at Langtree over the next couple of months are...

Sat Nov 25th from 2pm - Open meeting for Recreational Uses (see above)

Friday 1st December - Christmas Bingo in aid of Majorettes Eyes down 7.30pm

Sunday 3rd Dec 12.30pm - Christmas Lunch £17.50 20 tickets available at time of writing

Fri 8th December 8pm - Christmas auction Complimentary mulled wine and mince pies.

Sat 9th December Doors open 7.30pm Soul Intention Band an 11 piece band playing many classics to sing and dance to. Band starts playing at 8.30pm with 2 x 1 hour sessions.

Soul Intention play at the Pier House for charity and private events and recently for North Devon Hospice. Excellent reviews "A fantastic evening of music at the Pier House" Listen to demos at www.soulintention.org

Tickets £5.00 in advance or £6.00 on the door. Raffle, Bar.

Sunday 10th Dec Christmas Craft Market 10am – 4pm

Sue Lee.



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Hobby Group

The Hobby Group is meeting in the main hall most weeks now, as we ladies like plenty of room to spread our wings! All welcome to join our happy throng every Tuesday morning 10.30am to 12.30pm. The cost is just £1 a week which includes tea/coffee and biscuits, and sometimes "cake"! We are all doing different crafts, such as knitting, crochet, drawing, painting, sewing, lino prints, decoupage and colouring in etc., so anything goes.

Not sure if this is your thing? Come along any morning at 11am and have a cup of tea/coffee with us and find out! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Any questions? Call me Sylvie Smith 01805 601485 and I will be pleased to help.

Devon and Cornwall **ALERT**

Keeping our communities in the know



Devon & Cornwall Police

No such thing as a typical drunk driver.

Devon and Cornwall Police's annual summer drink drive campaign, run along with other UK police forces in June 2017, has highlighted that there is no such thing as a typical drunk driver and exploded some other myths along the way.

You are twice as likely to get caught for drink impaired driving in Devon and Cornwall - TRUE.

Since 2013, the average percentage of drivers who have been stopped in Devon and Cornwall that were positive, failed or refused a breath test is 20%. The national average from figures released by the NPCC this year is 10%.

I won't be prosecuted if my breath test is under the legal limit - FALSE.

If the police have observed you driving in a careless or dangerous fashion whether you have had a collision or not, or if you have a collision, you could still be arrested, charged and prosecuted for a "Section 4" offense of driving a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst unfit through drink or drugs even if you are "under the limit" of 35 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath.

I'll be alright to drive in the morning - FALSE.

No, you very likely won't be. There is no way to be certain that you have "slept off" that drinking session. From a sample of 98 of the 135 people that had a positive, failed or refused breath test this June, seven were found to be significantly over the limit the morning after. One 38-year-old man blew 147 (micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath) at 9.24 on a Wednesday morning. Sleep has nothing to do with reducing the alcohol level in your blood, only time.

I won't be breaking the law if the car isn't moving - FALSE.

If you are in a car and have been drinking and you have the means to start that vehicle, then the burden of proof is upon you to prove that you did not intend to drive it. This June people certainly tried and were still tested and arrested. One driver was asleep in the car with the engine running and one even claimed that they were living in their car.

It's just a fine and some points on the license, maybe a ban for a few months - FALSE.

People convicted of drink or drug driving can expect to be banned from driving for at least 12 months, receive a fine of up to £5,000 and/or six months in prison. When someone dies as a result of a collision involving a driver under the influence of drugs or alcohol, sentences can carry a penalty of up to ten years in prison. In June at least two 24 month disqualifications were handed down, and one driver went to prison for six weeks.

The police just stop people at random - FALSE.

If that were the case, the arrest rate in Devon and Cornwall wouldn't be as high. Roads policing is intelligence led and you can help. If you have information that someone has been drinking and is going to drive then in an emergency call **999**. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555111**. Watch our video to see what can happen next: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-IKM4zsq4c>

Not that some drink drivers need help to be spotted by police and stopped. Leaving aside those seen to be driving erratically or with excess speed, from our sample we had drivers who: drove into a pedestrian area; drove into parked cars, drove into a lamppost and drove into a no entry road, who left the scene of an accident and one who was found slumped at the wheel and then fell out of the car when the door was opened and was later found also to have cocaine in their blood.

Drink driver...absolutely typical!

There's no such thing as a typical drink driver. The list of arrested drivers jobs from our sample of 98 reads just short of an A to Z of professions: from Administrative Assistant to Welfare Worker, passing through everything from Civil Engineer, Dispatch Rider, Fisherman, Plasterer, Plumber, Scientist, Student and Welder on the way. 20% of people stopped were unemployed and between 30% and 40% were aged under 25.

Surely every British person has got the message about drink driving by now? - FALSE.

Sadly not. 79% of the drivers arrested in our sample were British, with the other 21% being made up of 10 different nationalities.

So nothing's changed then - FALSE.

Attitudes to drink driving are changing, although there is still room for improvement. While there are very few people who would think it acceptable to jump into their car after a drinking session at the pub, for which there is no excuse, the rest of us still have to think more about the consequences of driving the morning after: don't risk it. Drink driving is increasingly socially unacceptable and is even less so when the impact of losing your license, your job and the respect of your friends and family if you are arrested is taken into account. While the number of stops have gone down since figures were recorded in 2007, the percentage of those who have provided a positive, failed or refused breath test has almost trebled. Intelligence led targeted policing of the regions roads uses assets more efficiently with the aim of making the roads safer for everyone.

As a driver I'm being victimised - FALSE.

The victims of drink driving are those who are killed or seriously injured by drink drivers. The consequences of driving while impaired through drink or drugs can be devastating – a car in the hands of someone in that condition is a collision waiting to happen – reaction times go up and spatial awareness reduces. Despite long term reductions, drink and drug driving still accounts for 15% of road deaths and almost 10,000 casualties nationally each year. Think about the consequences, the devastation caused to families affected and how many lives are needlessly lost when otherwise law abiding people decide to commit a crime thinking they won't get caught.

In our policing area, you are twice as likely to get caught.

Linzi Berryman (Police, Community Messaging Officer, Devon and Cornwall)



There will soon be an exciting NEW WEBSITE for the parish. It's currently being built and will allow us to easily update content plus keeping you instantly informed of news and upcoming events throughout the whole parish. Also giving our parish businesses a wider audience and hopefully encouraging more people to visit and take part in the events or join the many clubs and groups. We're always looking for new and interest photos to show off what Langtree Parish has to offer, if you have something which you would like to feature please do send it to us. The new Langtree Parish community website will soon be available for all to view at www.langtree.news. We are also combining this with the Facebook group "Langtree Parish community"

District Councillor David Hurley

As I write, the wind is blowing fairly fiercely outside but I'm still counting my blessings that the tail end of Hurricane Ophelia decided to leave Devon mostly unscathed. What I find amazing is the fact that it is exactly 30 years to the day since the devastating storm of 1987. Driving into TDC today I noticed that the temperature was for October an unseasonal 16C, and, arriving at Riverbank House I observed how rough and choppy the River Torridge was.

Talking of Riverbank House brings me to the topic of the TDC Transformation programme. The new building addition to the Council's base is nearly complete and staff should be occupying the accommodation just prior to Christmas. You may have noticed that Bridge Buildings, (where staff will be moving from), which are situated next to the Town Hall and west of the old bridge in Bideford, has been placed on the market for sale or lease. There have been several viewings to date and it will be interesting to see who eventually occupies this Grade 2 listed building, that was built in the 18th Century, and to what use it is put.

On to local matters and the building project at Langtree Meadows. I was pleased when I heard that your Parish Council Chairman, Terry Attridge, together with Sue Lee and Geoff Bond met with the builder Brian Clayton and three directors of the Company he represents to try and get some action on the many problems presently existing on this site. The outcome was that promises were made by the directors to fix some long standing issues and agreement was reached that the playing field will at long last have drainage installed. I remember having my photo taken to use in my election leaflet with the houses at Langtree Meadow in the background, after I had helped the previous builder to negotiate a path through the planning procedure. The inference was that they would soon be finished and occupied. But wait, that was over 2 and a half years ago and to date only one more house has been occupied. At this rate I'll be long gone before the whole site is complete.

One good thing that hopefully will come of this is that the window that has to date never been fitted in the new pavilion will be. This will enable the committee to authorise the fitting out of said building and start to spend the £16,500 that TDC contributed, and I supported, from the New Homes Bonus. Once this building is complete and the drainage installed under the playing surface it will be possible to pursue an idea I floated at a Parish Council meeting some time ago. That is a floodlight for the Air Ambulance to allow them to land in Langtree at night. I'm happy to say that Shebbear's floodlight went live at the beginning of October and it would be great if Langtree could emulate this achievement in the near future.

Final plans for the repair of the end of life expansion joints on the Torridge Bridge have been announced. This bridge is now 30 years old and there is no option but to replace the expansion joints. It has been announced that repairs will take place overnight commencing on 2nd January 2018. Work is expected to take 12 weeks. Vehicles wishing to cross the bridge will be controlled by traffic lights from 1900-0700. Outside of these hours a temporary plate will cover the works area to allow movement of vehicles in both directions across the bridge. I'm told that the new joints, albeit with the benefit of 30 years experience, are around 80% quieter which should please the residents who live within the shadow of the bridge.

Still on the subject of roads, but closer to home, the thorny matter of parking in Fore Street Langtree was raised at the October meeting of the Parish Council. Melissa Baker, who is the PCSO for this area stated that the police can do very little about this as no actual offence is being committed. It just makes negotiating the narrow roads just that little bit more difficult. It has been suggested in the past that further parking spaces are provided in the Crescent just in front of the allotments/community garden. Even if new spaces were provided, would those that presently park on the road actually use them and alleviate the present problem?

I mentioned earlier about the New Homes Bonus. This is the second year of this scheme and to date £750,000 has been granted to a number of schemes. These include village halls, sea cadets, money towards a mini-bus, a car park at Dolton Village Hall and of course the money for the pavilion here in Langtree.

The scheme will continue next year although the money available is likely to be less than this year due to a cut in funding from the Government.

Until the next time ...

David Hurley

Langtree WI

Well ladies, autumn has arrived, and Christmas is just around the corner! Our next meeting on November 22nd we will be making Christmas Decorations and Garlands etc., and the competition is "a letter to Santa". December 20th is Christmas Party time, with a quiz, carol singing and usually far too much food! All welcome to come along as a visitor £4 and try us for size! We meet at 7.30pm every third Wednesday at the Parish Hall.

November Xmas decorations, garlands etc.,
December Christmas party and quiz.

All Welcome. Our meetings are held every third Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall. Visitors £4.00

HOT NEWS!

Please note that on Sunday 27th August 2017 Bryan Poulter made Nikki Poulter "Speechless!" (just take a moment to think about that!) He achieved this memorable moment by arranging a Surprise Birthday Party for her. When Nikki appeared through the gate and walked into the garden and found it full of her friends and neighbours singing "Happy Birthday" the stunned silence from Nikki, followed by the flowing tears, was something to behold!

Many Thanks - Sylvie

Any questions? Call me Sylvie Smith 01805 601485 and I will be pleased to help.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2017

The annual Poppy Appeal has long formed the main focus of the Royal British Legion's fundraising effort. It succeeds through the dedication of the Poppy Appeal collectors: without them the appeal would not be successful. Also, many people look forward to the opportunity of wearing a poppy in November when they can show their respect to those who have served their country. The Mid Torrington area is well covered by Poppy Appeal collectors, however, we do need someone to cover Stibb Cross. Being a collector is a way of giving something to the community and supporting the Royal British Legion.

If you would like to become a Poppy Appeal Collector please contact me on 01409 261760.

Thank you. Roger Lawes.



News from Langtree Community School

We were pleased to be able to welcome new teaching staff Mr Richard Thorne, Miss Amy Bellew and Miss Iona Dowling who all started with us at the beginning of the Autumn Term. Mr Thorne has now well and truly settled into Class Two, taking over from Mr Vero teaching Years Three and Four children; Miss Bellew keeps our Reception children rounded-up whenever Miss Mellody is unable to be in class; and Miss Dowling steps into Class Three teaching Years Five and Six children on a Friday when Mr Smale has head-ship time out of class. We warmly welcome all our new staff and all that individually they bring to Langtree School: it already feels as though they have been here for a very long time!

OfSTED Inspection: 11 July 2017 As you might already be aware or have heard, an OfSTED Inspector visited our school near to the end of the Summer Term to conduct an Inspection. We are pleased to now officially be able to let you know that the Inspector, Mrs Costello, found us to be a 'Good' school. OfSTED no longer produce a long Report of their findings, but instead let us know their judgements by letter. In case you're interested, this is now available for everyone to read and can be accessed online at <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/113160> As you will read from the Report letter, this fantastic result has only been achieved by the high levels of commitment from all the staff and governors, and of course the incredible progress, behaviour and attainment shown by all the children - which has been noted in the Report: they really are a credit to our parents. Thank you again to everyone for their support and help to achieve a fantastic result.

We are also pleased to be able to welcome a **new Kitchen Manager, to our school: Amanda Algar** took over from Jacky Wells at the beginning of October. Jacky had been with us for almost ten years, but took the decision, just before the Summer Holiday, to work with hungry four-legged friends instead of hungry two-legged ones. We are grateful to her for lovingly cooking for the school for many years and wish her well with her new career but, at the same time, are very much enjoying the wonderful aromas floating temptingly from our kitchen as Amanda settles into her new role here.

MacMillan Coffee Morning and Afternoon Tea We were pleased to be able to support MacMillan fund-raising on Friday 29 September 2017 when we held a Coffee Morning and Afternoon Tea, raising just over £200 to be donated to this very worthwhile cause. Thank you to anyone from the local community who supported our event: we appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Foundation Stage 'Stay and Play' Sessions: next sessions: Friday 03 November; Friday 01 December: 'Stay and Play' does Christmas! Our Foundation Stage provides a happy and nurturing environment in which Nursery-aged children are sensitively and expertly prepared for mainstream school and school life. If you have a child of pre-Nursery age who is soon due to start with us, we would love you to come along to see for yourself what makes our class so special, and warmly invite you and your child to our 'Stay and Play' sessions on the first Friday of every month. The children will have a chance to play in the classroom, as well as play in the garden, and to mix with our current nursery children; an ideal opportunity for you and your child to experience our Foundation Class together, meet some of our staff and become familiar with the

Foundation environment. It's a good time to ask questions and talk to other families. You can come and view the well-equipped and comfortable facilities and observe, and take part in, play, interaction and development in a stimulating environment. We look forward to welcoming you between 10.30am and 12noon on the above dates.

Although we are just part-way through October, our festive planning has already started with dates for Christmas Plays; Christmas Dinner; and our traditional Carol Service already in our diaries. If you are interested in any of these events, please click onto our webpage for more details as we approach December.

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Langtree Parish Council – Terry Attridge, Chairman

Good news. Just as the last news letter went to press the LPC was asked to accept transference of the Land to the rear of the Parish Hall. The developers of the site have not yet discharged all their commitments under the S106 which governs the development of the entire project. We consulted the Torridge District Council (TDC) solicitor and were assured that any litigation which resulted from this situation would be borne by TDC. In consequence the transfer document was signed and LPC are now the proud owners of approximately 6 acres to the rear of the Parish Hall.

The LPC will remain the owners of the field, as indeed we do the Parish Hall, but the day to day running of the facility will be under the auspices of the Parish Hall Committee (PHC). The details of this arrangement will have to be worked out. It may be that LPC will be responsible for the grass cutting in this area but we envisage a situation where whatever users appear, football teams, cricket clubs, netball teams etc will contribute to the financial viability of their facilities.

Those of you who have peered through the gap in the hedge will realise this land is a great opportunity for Langtree. About one acre has been levelled and in most people's eyes this would be destined to be a recreational field to include a football pitch, but nothing is set in stone.

To make a success of this project it has been suggested that a meeting should be held between the LPC and the PHC (Parish Hall Committee) so that everyone knows what finances are available and what may be applied for. Shortly after there will be an open meeting for parishioners and interested parties. This has been arranged for 25th November from 2pm onwards.

This would not be a formal meeting but representatives of the LPC and the PHC would be available to answer questions. The purpose of the meeting would be to peruse the plans for the changing room which is currently at shell construction stage, solicit ideas as to what recreational activities could take place and what facilities would be required.

Some of you may remember that we held a similar meeting when the Hall first opened. People were able to sign up and show an interest in various activities. I'm sure ideas will pour in, some will be immediately fundable and others will require longer term fund raising, but look at the Parish Hall, all things are possible. Here are a few ideas of mine.

A skate boarding area, an all weather playing surface, five aside football pitch, a boule pitch, women's football team, walking football for over fifties, netball court, an interesting dog walking area, a tennis court. The space itself could allow the resurrection of the collective sale we used to have, fun days, car boot sales, sports days, barbeques, whatever.

Finally, don't be limited by other people's horizons. The Parish Hall had more than enough detractors. I remember one person saying 'We'll never have a village Hall in this village, and if we do we won't be able to afford to run it, and nobody would use it. Well it didn't work out like that and if there is a genuine demand for this facility it will be a success too.

Terry Attridge (Chair Langtree Parish Council)

Langtree All Saints Church

Team Rector: Revd Martin Warren, tel: 01409-281424

Team Vicar: Revd Susannah Metz, tel: 01837-810621

Dear Friends,

I am writing this on the day the Cassini space mission comes to an end. At lunch time, after 20 years in space, it has plunged through the atmosphere of the planet Saturn to be burnt up and destroyed. It has been an extraordinary mission with fantastic pictures of this far distant world and its moons and rings.

It has challenged our thinking about the solar system; it has witnessed the birth process of a moon; it has sent back reams of data that will keep scientists at work for years to come. It has been a phenomenal success.

And through it all, and indeed before it all, Cassini has kept a whole group of people working on this project. Indeed many have spent virtually their whole working life on this one project. And now they have said goodbye.

At some stage we all have to say good bye - either as we move on, or as another does; as things change around us or as we simply get older. Letting go has to be done, but it is never easy. Whether it is an old cherished object that has now to be thrown away, or a child leaving home, we have to let go. And at the end, death is the final letting go when we will have no choice. Life is a whole learning process in the art of letting go.

Or rather love is the art of letting go. Love allows the other to be itself, to not be controlled or possessed, but to go out, and – often through mistakes – discover just who they are. It releases and relishes the new life that will come. And, if we have done our job well, the one let go returns, only not now as a dependant, but as an equal. The child is an adult.

Autumn is a time of letting go. Nature does it every year as we see the leaves falling. We have to let go too – of the joys of summer (or maybe the hopes that we had of summer), and move on. We cherish the memories and learn from the mistakes. We are different people to a year ago.

One adventure may have finished. What adventures still lie before us? And in the confidence we find in Jesus, we know that those adventures don't stop with death.

May this season bring you fresh blessing.

Yours,

Martin Warren.

From the Registers

Baptism: Welcome to the church family

9th Jul Kelsi-Leigh Coles

13th Aug Emily Chapple

Weddings: Congratulations!

2nd Sep Robert Broadhead and Lucy Milton-Banks

7th Oct Greg and Georgie Mitchell

Services at All Saints

22nd Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion
29th Oct	11.00am	Team Service
5th Nov	9.30am	Morning Prayer
12th Nov	10.50am	Remembrance Service
19th Nov	11.00am	United Service (at Methodist Chapel)
26th Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion
3rd Dec	9.30am	Morning Prayer
10th Dec	11.00am	Christingle Service
17th Dec	6.30pm	Carol Service
25th Dec	10.30am	Christmas Communion
31st Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion (at Petrockstowe).

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As you may know, the members of Langtree WI usually provide the refreshments at the Parish Show with any profit going to our rainy day fund. There is not normally a large profit, but as at least as one supermarket would have us believe – every little helps! This year however we decided to dedicate all the money raised to North Devon Hospice in memory of Angela Ley and Racheal Hill, two friends who we have recently lost to cancer and who we miss very much. The North Devon Hospice provides Community Nurses who go wherever they are needed in an area of over 800 square miles.

Normally we would provide all of the items which would be either purchased by the WI or provided by the members. But this time, in order to maximise our donation we decided to approach our local shops to see if they would make a donation. We were delighted to receive contributions from Steve Gladwin and R & S Ware our local butchers, The Green Lantern and Sandford's our local bakers, Patts and Xanadu our local greengrocers (methinks a pattern of local suppliers supporting us is emerging here) as well as the Co-op and Spar. Thanks to their generosity along with that of our members who baked up a storm, and of course the Parish Show attendees who stopped to have some wonderful sandwiches, savouries, cakes and scones , we were able to present a cheque to North Devon Hospice for £256.38, an amount far greater than we had hoped for.

We would like to thank everyone who had any involvement in the Parish Hall refreshments for their contribution, whatever it may have been. We could not have done this without you and we are extremely grateful. The presentation took place at our last meeting on September 20th when we were very pleased to welcome Jess from the Hospice to accept the cheque on their behalf. We were also delighted to welcome Brian, Sophie and Jack Hill who were able to come to see the presentation, sadly Charles Ley was not able to attend but Sarah Ley, one of our members was in attendance.



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Local Contacts

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What's On in Langtree

Health & Keep Fit

Pilates - PH (Term Time only) Mon 9:10am to 10:10am

Body Blast - PH, Mon 6:15pm to 7:15pm

Yoga – Leader Room, Wed 10am to 11-30am

Short Mat Bowls – PH

Mon 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Wed 1:15pm - 3:30pm & 7:30 - 9:30pm

(not in Summer)

Shebbear Surgery Health Club

Last Tue of the Month 2-3pm

Clubs and Groups

Hobbies, Arts and Crafts Group Tue 10:30 to 12:30 (PH)

Parish Whist Drive - £2 entry - 7.30pm (PH) - Fourth Thursday of the month

Little Acorn's Wed 9am to 12pm (PH) Term Time

Woman's Institute

7:30pm to 9:30pm - 3rd Wed of Month (PH)

History Group

7:00pm to 9:00pm – 4th Wed of month (PH)

TGIF Club 2nd Friday of Month, 3.15pm - 5.15pm (PH)

Bible Study and Meal – Thursday Evenings 7:15pm (MC)

Langtree Market & Cafe – Thursdays 10am to 2pm (PH)

Other Services

Mobile Post Office at the (PH) Car Park

Mon to Wed & Fri 11:40am to 13.05am

Parish Council Meetings

7:30pm to 8:30 – 2nd Thu of the Month

Mobile Library

Langtree on a Thurs - Parish Hall 10:40 - 11:15

Stibb Cross on a Wed - Union Inn 15:35 - 16:35