

# Langtree Parish Magazine



Welcome to the Summer edition of the Langtree Parish Magazine. Since our last edition Spring has moved seamlessly into a warm dry Summer. Joan has told me that she started recording rainfall in 2008 and this is the driest June on record. June 2010 had only 15mm but was followed by a very wet July and August. The only other month that had virtually no rain was September 2014 with only 8mm. The weather does have a habit of evening itself out, although we really could do with some of the wet stuff pretty soon.

The Parish Show will be with us once again on August 11th. Entry forms and recipes can be found in this magazine along with a copy of the schedule.

As explained in the previous edition, the magazine is now available on our web site, [www.langtree.news](http://www.langtree.news), for you to read, download or print. Printed copies of the magazine will be available in the following places-

- Parish Hall foyer**
- Mobile Post Office**
- Langtree Community School**
- The Green Dragon**
- The Union Inn**

[www.langtree.news](http://www.langtree.news) complements this magazine and our Facebook presence by providing a one-stop shop for up to date information about everything that is going on in Langtree. It is an extension of the parish magazine, with links to other clubs and organizations within the parish, an events calendar and also areas where all parishioners can contribute. It is also the home of an archive of past editions of the magazine. If you haven't already, please take a look and email us with your feedback (good or bad).

We hope that you enjoy reading the magazine. We would very much like to hear your views on it, it's new on-line presence and any suggestions on what you'd like to see in future editions or on the website?

As always we thank the many contributors who have provided articles and advertisements. Anyone wishing to contribute or advertise in the magazine, or on the website, should please drop us a line at [magazine@langtree.net](mailto:magazine@langtree.net).

Many Thanks - The Magazine Team.

## Langtree Rainfall

From Joan Lampard

|     | 2014 (mm) | 2015 (mm) | 2016 (mm) | 2017 (mm) | 2018 (mm) |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Jan | 246       | 212       | 211       | 106       | 195       |
| Feb | 166       | 84        | 153       | 85        | 62        |
| Mar | 63        | 63        | 99        | 118       | 159       |
| Apr | 79        | 37        | 49        | 44        | 90        |
| May | 118       | 94        | 57        | 42        | 30        |
| Jun | 64        | 60        | 108       | 120       | 8         |
| Jul | 44        | 106       | 30        | 93        |           |
| Aug | 127       | 142       | 65        | 97        |           |
| Sep | 9         | 101       | 109       | 127       |           |
| Oct | 113       | 58        | 51        | 72        |           |
| Nov | 97        | 179       | 141       | 126       |           |
| Dec | 172       | 163       | 47        | 163       |           |

|      | 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     |
| 2017 | 1193 | 47     |

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## Langtree Chapel News

On Sunday May 27th we travelled over to Parkham chapel to share with them in worship. This was led by Rev Lynne Burgon who spoke on the Trinity; one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This was followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch; an array of cold meats and salads and of course lots of lovely puddings to follow.

We are continuing to meet on Thursday evenings 7.15pm for a meal followed by Bible study. In June and July we read and studied the book of Jonah which generated lots of interesting discussion. Please feel free to join us (01805 601350 for further details). We would love to see you.

Sunday School continues with Bible stories, crafts, colouring and games. We usually start in the Church at 11am for the Sunday Service and disappear into the Sunday School after the second hymn. We are hoping to create an area in the chapel for children with books, toys etc so that parents and children can feel more relaxed and free to worship. We are also planning to update our kitchen with some new units in the next few months.

Our Harvest Festival services this year are on Sunday 16th September 11am led by Rev Sue Macbeth (followed by a bring and share lunch) and on Monday 17th at 7.30pm for our supper and sale service, led by Rev Rob Blackhall. Please come along if you can; we would be pleased to see you.

In October we will be packing shoeboxes for the Samaritans Purse charity. More details on this with dates for packing parties etc will be on the chapel notice board.

At the time of writing this I don't have the appointments for the next three months (Sept/Oct/Nov) but details will be posted each month on the chapel notice board.

Psalm 100

Shout praises to the Lord,  
everyone on this earth  
Be joyful and sing as you come in to worship the Lord!  
You know the Lord is God!

He created us, and we belong to him:  
We are his people,  
the sheep in his pasture.  
Be thankful and praise the Lord as you enter his temple.  
The Lord is good!  
His love and faithfulness will last for ever.



## Langtree WI



I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely weather we have been having. I know it is a little bit too hot for some, but we mustn't moan! Last month we had a talk about the work of the NDADA. (North Devon Against Domestic Abuse) On paper this doesn't sound very interesting, however, we soon found out that wasn't the case. We learnt a lot about the support they provide and how many they help in their hour of need. It was a real eye opener to many of us, and confirmed our intention to support them again this Christmas.

Some of us have been busy making things for the Woolsey Show at the end of July. It was great fun tasting all the "goodies" at the last meeting. Everyone voted for their favourite, and the winners will have to make the same again for the show.

In July Sara Williams came to advise us on keeping our feet healthy, and for our summer outing in August we are all off to Weston -Super-Mare!

September we will be transported to Costa Rica via Nikki Poulier and Jenny Coles will be demonstrating Pavlova's and Crème Brûles in October. Waitrose are entertaining us in November and December is Party Time!

All welcome to come along and join us the third Wednesday in every month 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Sylvie Smith



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## **District Councillor David Hurley**

Hello to all readers of Langtree News. What a wonderful summer we have enjoyed so far. Temperatures in the mid to upper 20's are a far cry from what we have experienced over the past few years. Hopefully, at the time of reading, this wonderful spell of weather is continuing.

### **Change of Area Highways Officer**

Simon Phillips, who has held the post of Area Highways Officer since I have been your District Councillor, and with whom I had a good working relationship, has been seconded to a new position within Devon County Council. His replacement is Vicki Braddon, someone I have not yet met but I hope to do so in the near future. I find it is better to know someone that you are trying to work with on a personal nature rather than by telephone or by email. If you remember, in the last edition of Langtree News, I mentioned the white painted lines indicating that a survey had taken place in Fore Street. I have since had assurances from CC Saywell that Fore Street will actually have some work carried out and is in this year's programme to be done. I want to bring this to the attention of Vicki as often these projects have a habit of disappearing.

### **Riverbank House Progress**

As I have mentioned in the past, Riverbank House (home of TDC), as part of the Transforming Torridge programme, is being converted internally in order to accommodate staff presently located at Bridge Buildings. This includes the Housing, Revenue and Benefit teams in addition to the Finance and Customer Service teams. A delay in proceedings was unfortunately caused by the roof of the Riverbank House building leaking when it rained, a common occurrence here in Devon! Upon investigation the leak turned out to be worse than expected. On the bright side, however, the great weather that we have been experiencing has allowed the team tackling this problem to crack on unhindered by wet weather and hopefully the project is back on track to be completed by late August. It will be much better all round when all of the Council Staff are based at one location.

### **Gypsies and Travellers**

Where to start with this topic? Councils up and down the Country have to, by Law, provide permanent, and what is known as, tolerated trespass sites. TDC do not at present have a permanent site, and the designated tolerated trespass site (the former Cattle Market adjacent to the Council's Offices at Riverbank House) recently had the "tolerated" designation removed from its title at a Community and Resources meeting. Local residents who attended the meeting, and there were many, were vociferous in their comments about how they were unhappy that the Cattle market was a tolerated site. They felt that if it wasn't a tolerated site the Travellers would go elsewhere. It was explained to them that Travellers would go where they wanted to and having the tolerated designation made it easier for the Council to move them on. This wasn't well accepted and so, as I said earlier, the tolerated designation was removed. This resulted in Travellers arriving at the Cattle Market that same evening. They left around 10 days later and another group then arrived. Methinks Facebook, where the removal of the tolerated designation had been well reported by residents, had been consulted, or was it just a coincidence?

So where to from here? Torridge has been searching for suitable sites for several years now. A call for sites was recently made and over 2,500 contacts approached, all to no avail. There have been several sites offered but they turned out to be unsuitable. Torridge have a Gypsy and Travellers working group which recently had two Councillors added to their number. The four District Councillors on the group now represent all the major areas of Torridge and together with Officers on the working group, it is hoped that by having this spread of knowledge some suitable sites can be located.

### **Allowance Increases**

I was recently asked why Torridge District Councillors had voted for, and accepted, a 15% allowance increase. We don't get paid. We just have an allowance which certainly doesn't bother the Tax Man. I was surprised by this question because Torridge District Councillors had just voted to turn down a 2% allowance increase. In fact it was Devon County Councillors who had accepted the 15%. Maybe I should have stood for election as a County Councillor when it was suggested I should.

## Waste and Recycling

Hopefully the changes to the service have now settled down and the recycling and black bags are being collected as per the schedule. There were several issues that, with hindsight, didn't go to plan. There were bound to be problems in an area such as Torridge where 32,000 households, spread over a large rural area, had to get used to a new operating system. The time and day of collection changed in many cases. Having followed several Facebook pages, and seen many emails of complaint of missed collections etc, it soon became apparent that a lot of the letters sent out to households advising the change of service had not been read. In fact the recycling teams reported seeing many of these letters unopened after finding them in the paper recycling when emptying the recycling sacks. Whilst Torridge recognise the change has not always gone to plan, it is certainly a two way street. Many complaints were that new caddies and recycling bins had not been delivered. I personally delivered these items to residents when I was contacted and informed of the problem. Anyway, thank you to all the understanding and patient residents who realised just what a gigantic task it was to ensure we meet Government recycling targets set for 2020 and also to do our bit to reduce waste and landfill.

## Election

There is to be another by-election to be held in Torridge. The Lib Dem Councillor who represented Hartland and Bradworthy, Jane Leaper, resigned recently due to ill health. She had held the seat for around 9 months following the passing of the previous Councillor, Alan Whittle. The Election will take place on 26th July.

## Torridge AGM

My final words in the last issue of Langtree News were to say that the TDC AGM was taking place on 14th May. On that evening Councillor Jane Whittaker and myself were returned as Leader and Deputy Leader respectively. The Chairman of TDC for this year is Councillor Simon Inch.

Finally and most importantly:-

## Langtree Meadows

I recently spoke with the site manager of the Langtree Meadows development and he showed me around a couple of the affordable houses there. I was impressed with the build quality, so much so, that I took the Strategic Enabling Officer at TDC, Rachel Webdell, to the site for a similar inspection. I understand that the 5 houses are due to be completed around the end of July and will be sold at a genuinely affordable price. Details of how to apply to purchase one of these properties are due to be advertised soon in the local press in addition to the Langtree Facebook page. Meanwhile interested persons should make themselves known to Rachel at TDC by calling 01237 428750.

Kind regards

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## So what's on at Langtree Parish Hall?

The 11th Parish Show will take place on August 11th at 2.30pm. Entry forms and recipes can be found in this magazine along with a reprint of the schedule. Entry forms with the correct fee are to be returned by 9pm on August 9th either to Langtree Parish Hall or to The Old Rectory. Entries need to be staged by 10.30am on 11th August.

Private celebrations continue in August with a Christening and 2 parties and into September 3 weddings, a Christening and 2 parties are booked.

On September 16th the Autumn Lunch is being held. There will be the usual choice of 2 roast meats, selection of vegetables, desserts, cheese and biscuits, tea/coffee and a glass of wine all for £14.00. Please book on 01805601602.

On Wednesday 18th September in the Leader room Michael Vaughn who has visited before will be holding an antiques valuation morning 10-12noon. Why not have a look in the attic or spare room and see what you could bring along?

Will there be a pantomime? Well that depends on the level of interest. A meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30pm in the Leader Room. We will have some scripts to look at. For those new to the Parish rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 7pm to 9ish before Christmas and then additional rehearsals are held on Sundays after Christmas from 5pm to 7pm. We are always looking for new recruits whether to be back stage involved in scenery, costumes and make up as well as those who want to tread the boards. So come along! If you are unavailable on 2nd October register your interest 01805601602. The actual performances are usually held Thursday, Friday and Saturday in February around Half Term or during Half Term. (Week beginning 18th February)

On 5th and 6th October the History Group along with others are hosting a photographic exhibition. If you have been to any of the Parish Shows over the last few years you must have seen the high standard of photographs exhibited. More information available soon.

Sunday 7th October sees the Harvest Lunch and Auction after Harvest Festival service. Watch out for more information.

We have 3 Beaford Arts events from their Autumn Programme. On one weekend towards the end of September (date to be confirmed) The Lost Disc. This was previously booked for March 2018 but due to the snow was cancelled.. This is part gig, part play, part comedy show that tells an alternative history of pop music from WW2, to the Swinging Sixties. Tickets £7.50

Wednesday 24th October at 7.30pm in the Leader Room is The Charter of the Forest. It is a 60 minute talk, a bit of history and comedy about Exmoor, Dartmoor and Devon's important role in getting our rights recognised. Tickets only £2.50 to include tea and cake. Then on Thursday 8th November a live band called Paprika is performing. This is the UK's leading Balkan Band fusing together Balkan, Gypsy and Classical Music. They have performed all over the world from New Zealand to Japan including Glastonbury, the Royal Albert Hall and Sydney Opera house. Tickets £7.50

Work on the changing room at the back of the Hall is progressing well and it is hoped that it will be complete by August 11th so that visitors to the show will be able to view. The field has been seeded but at the time of writing lack of rainfall has meant growth is slow. But the weeds have managed it! A grant of £15300 has been awarded for the construction of patio doors from the main hall to the field.

Finally it is with sadness that we learnt the sudden death of Jim Halsey. Jim was not a member of the committee but was a big supporter of the Hall and always helped in any way he could. He often master minded setting out the tables for the Parish Lunches and had a keen eye for making the best use of space especially when numbers at the Christmas lunch were too many! The week before he died he helped set up for the Summer Lunch by folding napkins and came as usual to the lunch. He will be missed.

Sue Lee



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# 11<sup>th</sup> Langtree Parish Show Schedule August 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

## SECTION 1 – VEGETABLES Classes 1- 26

- 1 Potatoes, white, 5
- 2 Potatoes, coloured, 5
- 3 Runner beans, 6
- 4 Carrots, 3
- 5 Beetroot, 3 tops trimmed to 5cm
- 6 Shallots, 9
- 7 Onions sown from seed, trimmed and bound, 3
- 8 Onions, sets, trimmed and bound, 3
- 9 Marrows, not exceeding 38cm (15in), 2
- 10 Cabbage, 1.
- 11 Leeks, 3.
- 12 Courgettes, should be between 10cm and 20cm (4in - 8in), 3
- 13 Tomatoes, red, 5. (Calyx attached) not including cherry
- 14 Tomatoes, cherry, 5. (Not to exceed 35mm diameter)
- 15 Cucumber, 2.
- 16 Radish, 5
- 17 Pepper, hot (chilli) or sweet, any colour, 2
- 18 Collection of 5 kinds of salad vegetables displayed in a basket
- 19 Container of herbs minimum of 4 types (must be named)
- 20 Collection of 4 kinds of vegetables displayed in a box or basket
- 21 Any vegetable not listed in the classes above - must be named -1
- 22 Longest Runner Bean
- 23 Longest carrot
- 24 Heaviest cabbage
- 25 Heaviest potato
- 26 1 vegetable, 1 cut flower

**NB: Please check number of specimens required in each class.**

## SECTION 2 - FRUIT AND FLOWERS Classes 27 – 48

- 27 Rhubarb, 3 sticks, with foliage trimmed to 5cm
- 28 Any fruit (to be named), 3
- 29 A vase of 5 roses (minimum 3 distinct varieties).
- 30 Rose, 1 specimen in a container, own foliage only.
- 31 Floribunda roses, 1 stem or spray in a container.
- 32 Dahlias, 3, in a vase,
- 33 Collection of fuchsia heads displayed on a board -6.
- 34 Fuchsia head/heads floating in a wine glass
- 35 Hydrangeas, 3.
- 36 Sweet Peas, one variety -5.
- 37 Sweet peas minimum of 3 varieties -9
- 38 French Marigolds, 5.
- 39 Asters, double, 3.
- 40 Asters, single, 3.
- 41 Vase of mixed garden flowers (herbaceous perennials, annuals may

- 42 include roses but not other shrubs
- 43 Vase of mixed flowers may include shrubs predominately of one colour
- 44 Any 1 individual bloom – not from the above.
- 45 Gladioli – 4 stems in a vase
- 46 Pot Plant, flowering, pot up to 6 ins in diameter
- 47 Pot Plant, foliage, pot up to 8 ins in diameter
- 48 Pot of Begonias grown from a corm - in flower, pot up to 8 ins
- 49 Cactus 1

## SECTION 3 - FLORAL EXHIBITS Classes 49 -54 Except where stated, entries should not exceed 60cm (2ft) overall

- 49 An arrangement without flowers may include foliage, seed heads, twigs
- 50 A table decoration for a named anniversary
- 51 An exhibit in a kitchen utensil – using flowers, fruits and vegetables
- 52 Tall and narrow An arrangement of 5 flowers and foliage
- 53 Floating heads arranged for effect max size of container 9ins
- 54 Petite arrangement not to exceed 25cm (10in) in any dimension predominately in one colour

## SECTION 4 - CHILDREN'S CLASSES 55-74 Age to be clearly stated on all entry forms in years and months

### Age 4 and under

- 55 A picture using vegetable printing
- 56 A pasta picture
- 57 A collage of a butterfly
- 58 A sea creature made from junk

### Ages 5-7 (key stage 1)

- 59 An edible rainbow on a plate
- 60 A painted model made from paper plates
- 61 A picture using natural materials eg twigs, leaves, seeds max A4
- 62 3 decorated digestive biscuits
- 63 A sea creature made from plastic and other recyclable material

### Ages 8 – 11 (Key stage 2) and also Ages 12 – 14 (Key stage 3) – Judged separately

- 64 Turn an egg box into something else. You can use more than one egg box
- 65 An arrangement in a sea shell
- 66 Photograph- Farm animals
- 67 Photograph – Hobbies
- 68 Photograph – A selfie
- 69 An edible necklace
- 70 An item I have made in the last year
- 71 An underwater scene in a shoebox .Take a shoe box, turn it on its side, add

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|----|--------------------------------------|
| 72 | backdrop and suspend fish from roof  |
| 73 | Make any recipe using cheese         |
| 74 | Give an old item new life up cycling |
| 74 | 4 decorated cup cakes                |

**SECTION 5 – Eats and Drinks Classes – 75 - 91**  
**All exhibits in Classes 75 – 87 to be loosely covered in cling film.**

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 75 | Easy apple cake (from recipe).                 |
| 76 | 5 sausage rolls maximum (3ins 7,5 cms long)    |
| 77 | Banana and Walnut (from recipe)                |
| 78 | Gluten free chocolate fudge cake (from recipe) |
| 79 | Victoria Sandwich using 3 eggs                 |
| 80 | Lemon drizzle cake                             |
| 81 | 5 pieces of shortcake.                         |
| 82 | Biscuits, 12,                                  |
| 83 | Scones, plain, 4.                              |
| 84 | Quiche, any variety (18 - 20cm or 7 - 8 in)    |
| 85 | Handmade bread                                 |
| 86 | Bread machine made                             |
| 87 | Boiled fruit cake                              |
| 88 | 1 bottle of homemade red wine                  |
| 89 | 1 bottle of homemade white wine                |
| 90 | 1 bottle of sloe gin                           |
| 91 | 1 bottle of any other liqueur                  |

**Classes 92 – 101 Jams, Pickle, Chutney – 340gm (12oz) or 450gm (1lb) jar**  
**Entries will be judged on the content and overall presentation.**

|    |                     |
|----|---------------------|
| 92 | Strawberry jam      |
| 93 | Raspberry jam       |
| 94 | Any other named jam |
| 95 | Lemon Curd          |
| 96 | Seville Marmalade   |
| 97 | Any other marmalade |
| 98 | Chutney             |
| 99 | Pickle              |

**EGGS**

|     |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|
| 100 | 6 hens' eggs –one colour |
| 101 | 6 mixed hens' eggs       |

**Section 6 CRAFTS Classes 102- 125**  
**(these must not have been exhibited before at Langtree)**

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| 102 | A Stitched cushion                             |
| 103 | A knitted /crochet cushion                     |
| 104 | Small cross stitch max 6"                      |
| 105 | Large cross stitch item                        |
| 106 | An article of patchwork                        |
| 107 | An article of embroidery                       |
| 108 | A knitted / crochet soft toy                   |
| 109 | Knitted / crochet adult garment                |
| 110 | Knitted /crochet child /baby garment           |
| 111 | Something new from something old               |
| 112 | A fabric toy                                   |
| 113 | An item of woodwork                            |
| 114 | An item of turned wood                         |
| 115 | Handmade Jewellery Item                        |
| 116 | Handmade beads                                 |
| 117 | Christmas decorative item                      |
| 118 | Seascape/landscape painting any medium 18" max |
| 119 | A water colour any subject                     |

|     |                                      |
|-----|--------------------------------------|
| 120 | Animal /wildlife painting any medium |
| 121 | Monochrome drawing any medium        |
| 122 | Lino print                           |
| 123 | Sculpture any medium                 |
| 124 | Handmade Christmas Card any medium   |
| 125 | Picture any other medium             |

**PHOTOGRAPHY Classes 126 - 137**  
**all photographs to be unframed. Maximum size A4**

|     |                              |
|-----|------------------------------|
| 126 | Devon River (named)          |
| 127 | Devon landscape              |
| 128 | Devon coastline              |
| 129 | My village or town           |
| 130 | Devon churches               |
| 131 | Old people / senior citizens |
| 132 | Stained glass                |
| 133 | Peeling Paint                |
| 134 | Hobbies                      |
| 135 | Bikes                        |
| 136 | Shapes                       |
| 137 | Curves                       |

**Admission Adults 50p Children 20p**

**Rules for Entries**

- Classes are open to residents of Langtree Parish and those outside the Parish who are members of Clubs or Societies that meet regularly in the Parish Hall. This includes Langtree Primary School, WI, History Group, Short Mat Bowls. Maximum 2 entries per class.
- Entry fee is 20p per exhibit. Under 16's free in own classes but they may enter other classes on payment of the fee.
- All entry forms with correct fee to be returned to Old Rectory Langtree or box at the Parish Hall by 9pm on Thursday 9th August
- Exhibits to be staged by 10.30am on 12<sup>th</sup> August. Doors open at 8.30am but will be locked at 10.30am.
- Exhibits must not be removed until after 4pm when prize money can be collected on presentation of relevant certificate.
- No exhibitors or any other person except judges, stewards and committee members to be present during judging.
- Exhibitors must provide own vases, plates etc Paper plate are acceptable.
- All exhibits of Fruit, Flowers or Vegetables must be grown by the Exhibitor. (Except flower arrangements)
- Entries in the craft classes should not have been exhibited before at Langtree.
- Jam jars to be labelled and to have plain or cellophane tops. Chutney and pickle jars to have plain screw tops.
- All cakes and other food items to be covered lightly with cling film.
- Prizes in each class 1<sup>st</sup> £1.50p 2<sup>nd</sup> £1.00p, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50p. However judges may withhold prizes if there are insufficient entries in any one class or where they think they are not merited. To award 3<sup>rd</sup> prize there must be a minimum of 5 entries in that class.
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## **Summer Term News from Langtree Community School**

**One of our main events this term was our very sunny Sports Day when, on 05 July, teams raced against each other to compete in some traditional, and some not so traditional, races. The Green Team really piled-on the pressure, winning the Sports Day Trophy for the second year running with just a few points between the other Teams. Keeping cool and competing fairly was definitely the order of the day, with additional shade shelter bought-in to make sure everyone could sit out of the sun if they needed to cool-down. Thank you to all parents and families who came along to cheer the teams: we couldn't quite decide who was loudest: children or parents!**

**Our hardworking and great fun PTA are planning a Summer Fair to take place on Friday 13 July, when, from 3.30pm here in school, everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy some games, grab some bargains, throw a soggy sponge at our Joint Headteacher or buy a tasty cake or two. All proceeds raised will go towards supporting the school in a variety of ways: from subsidising trips, to funding new swimming floats and sinking sticks.**

**Our caretaker had been working hard to make sure our swimming pool was ready to be used shortly after the Half Term holiday. All of our pupils are given the opportunity to swim daily up until the Summer Holiday, and we find that, even during spells of rainy weather, there are only a few who prefer not to take the plunge! We are one of the few North Devon schools to maintain this amazing facility, with the option to transport children by bus to their nearest indoor pool being slightly less tempting. With our sparkling pool here on-site, we have no reason to go anywhere else!**

**We of course wish all our Year Six pupils the very best of luck as they move on to secondary schools in September. We will miss you all and will look forward to hearing about your future success.**

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Team Rector: Revd Martin Warren, tel: 01409-281424  
Team Vicar: Revd Susannah Metz, tel: 01837-810621

Dear Friends,

August in most of our minds speaks of holiday. The schools are off for the whole month, and there will be many holiday makers around. Maybe you will take holiday time during the month as well – and we are running a Holiday Club again (see below).

But it is not so for everyone, of course. It's harvest time out on the fields – please God, it will be a good one. And for those involved in the tourist trade, it's a busy time. No holiday there! And for those at work and with children, it can be a very difficult time with no school or nursery open. Child minders are at a premium; grandparents get called upon – it's a first time for us this year.

And then there are those who regularly go to various events that close down through August. It can be a lonely time for some, especially the elderly. And at the younger time, think of those anticipating new schools, going off to college or awaiting exam results. For some strange reason, doctors start their new rotation in hospitals on August 1st.

So it's not all holiday. Refreshment is important – Jesus took his disciples off for a break; God built in a regular pause to the human pattern of life. But we must not forget those who help others have holidays and those for whom other people's holidays makes life more difficult. We are still called to 'love our neighbours'. We don't get a holiday from the need 'to love one another'.

So happy August, whether on holiday or not. Keep on loving wherever you are.

Yours,

Martin Warren.

#### Services at All Saints

|          |         |                                     |
|----------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 5th Aug  | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer                      |
| 12th Aug | 11.00am | Baptism                             |
| 19th Aug | 11.00am | United Service<br>(at Chapel)       |
| 26th Aug | 9.30am  | Holy Communion                      |
| 2nd Sep  | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer                      |
| 9th Sep  | 11.00am | Baptism                             |
| 16th Sep | 11.00am | United Service<br>(at Chapel)       |
| 23rd Sep | 9.30am  | Holy Communion                      |
| 30th Sep | 11.00am | Celebrating Angels<br>(at Shebbear) |
| 7th Oct  | 11.00am | Harvest Celebration                 |
| 14th Oct | 11.00am | Holy Communion                      |
| 21st Oct | 11.00am | United Service<br>(at Chapel)       |
| 28th Oct | 9.30am  | Holy Communion                      |

#### From the Registers

Baptism: Welcome to the church family  
11th Feb Ellie Tucker

#### Marriage Celebration: Congratulations!

30th Jun Kai and Christina Thomas

#### Funeral: Our prayers for all the bereaved

3rd Apr Peggy Fishleigh (burial of ashes)



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## **Holiday Club**



## **Roll-Up, Roll-Up!**

Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Thursday 16th August

10am – 12noon

Children: 5- 11

Shebbear Village Hall

Free entry.

After successful years at Langtree, we are transferring to Shebbear Village Hall. Do still come though.

Any who would like to help are very welcome.

We are working around a Circus theme. Have you any circus skills: juggling, unicycle, bending balloons, etc, etc? Or know someone who could?

What a great lunch!!

As they always are – it is Langtree after all. But particularly so the summer lunch back in June. Thank you to all the team who helped and others as well. To those sitting down to eat, it feels like a well-oiled machine, but no doubt there are a few panics from time to time. It is not all taken for granted. So thank you everybody.

And thank you to everyone who came. The profits were to cover costs for the churchyard. Well over £1000 was given from the lunch. That is a great help. Even to keep such a large area mown on a regular basis is no cheap exercise. So thank you. It is much appreciated.

On behalf of Langtree PCC.

## **Harvest Celebration**

Sunday 7th October

11.00am Harvest Service - All Saints' Church

1.00pm (ish) Harvest Lunch to follow - Parish Hall

Tickets for lunch: £12.50

## **Hobby Group**

All welcome to come along each week to our "Hobby Group". It doesn't matter if you sew, knit, crochet, paint, draw, read or colour in, whatever you like to do is just fine for us! We meet every week at the Parish Hall at 10.30am and finish at 12.30. We have tea/coffee and biscuits (sometimes cake!) at 11am, if you would like to come along and see if it's something for you why not come along at 11am and join us for tea? Any queries call Sylvie 01805 601485.

## Having just Billy Box..

Having just returned from holiday I was saddened to hear that Billy Box had passed away. Another village character gone. A few years ago Billy would spend a fair amount of his spare time either in the Green Dragon or in the Union at Stibb.

Billy liked to be one of the lads and join in conversations with various groups mostly of young people.

When he was frequenting the Union it would of course involve a good deal of walking to and from Langtree. Someone in a group of young men asked,

'Here Billy, that's a dark old road twix here and Langtree, don't it bother you walking back by yourself'

'No' replied Billy 'It don't bother me, it don't bother me, it don't bother me'

Billy liked to say things two or three times to make sure they had been said. Further emphasis was frequently added by wagging a large fore finger in the air.

'In fact some nights I see a ghost sitting on a gate' Billy named a particular field gateway between Langtree and Stibb.

'Really?' asked the group of lads obviously seeing some mileage in this tall tale,

'Yep' said Billy warming to his theme 'He sez Good Evening Billy and I sez Good Evening Mr Ghost and off I go. He don't bother me and I don't bother him.

It was coming on to closing time and while the banter with Billy continued one of the lads who lived nearby slipped off home and got a sheet off the bed and went to the field gate that Billy had talked about.

He sat on the gate wrapped in the sheet for a while and finally heard Billy's boots coming down the road.

When Billy drew level he piped up,

'Good evening Billy' and Billy replied,

'Good evening Mr Ghost, Good evening Mr Ghost' and Billy continued on his way.

A few days later the group of young men came across Billy in the Union again and asked 'Have you seen anything of that ghost lately Billy?'

'Yes I have' said Billy and waving a forefinger in the air 'In fact the other night there was two of them sitting side by side'

The lad who had played the ghost went quite pale.

Terry Attridge

## Langtree Community Garden

Things are happening be it at a snails pace. We have had some rather large trees cut back which in turn will allow us to put an add on to the Shed. We need to do this to house a well over due lawn mower. It has been tough going with only 5 members but we are chipping away at the work and are slowly noticing the difference.

As usual we are always open for shrubs or plants of any description there is rather a large area to fill, you really need to call me, Sue on 01805 601348 and I can organise either myself or one of us to meet you, we also are quite happy to dig anything us if you are unable.

We are really keen to have some extra pairs of hands so if interested ring me and I can tell you when we are next meeting.

Does anyone out there have a used mower they no longer need it needs to be pretty sturdy, and not electric, just let us know.

The good news is if you are shopping in Waitrose Holsworthy during the month of August, would you please put your little green token in our Langtree Community Garden slot, as there are still lots of things we need to make the garden beautiful. We want people to come and sit and look at the flowers and enjoy meeting other villagers there.

But as I said earlier, work in progress.

Will give you all an update in next magazine.

Sue Leach

## Wonder where he is now

Recently somebody showed me a recording of Chas and Dave playing their new song on a Jooles Holland show. They haven't released anything for a while now but have not lost their touch. This one is called 'Wonder where he is now' and was performed at a relaxed tempo to the very highest standards. You could hear every word and every note of a nostalgic account of two chaps who used to go fishing together. It's worth a listen but I warn you it goes round and round in your head.

I was particularly amused by this song because me and an old pal used to go to a pub called 'The Plough' In Ilford Lane to hear Chas and Dave when they had a gig there. This would be the mid 1970s. The pub was one of those enormous Victorian monstrosities that nobody wanted so they pulled it down and built a block of flats that nobody wants. Sometimes I think that in the 57 days of the blitz the Luftwaffe did more for the architecture of Ilford than 57 years of local Planners.

Anyway I digress. My pal's main pleasure was fishing but he used to maintain that his wife didn't like him to enjoy himself. I don't know whether this was true as I always found her to be a very pleasant person.

At some time during the Chas and Dave performance when his wife was out of earshot, he would sidle over to me and whisper in my ear 'If you were to drive down my street at 4am you might find someone standing under the lamp post carrying a fishing rod'. Somehow he was able to secrete his fishing gear so that it was to hand and when his wife was asleep he could sneak out of bed and out of the house without her knowing. I would turn into the street, slip the car into neutral and glide up to what looked like a utility sized garden gnome standing under the lamp post. He would get into the car and I would pull away quietly but he wouldn't slam the car door until we got to the end of the street. It was a well rehearsed routine.

We used to go to the quay at Rainham and fish the Thames. I don't think we ever caught much there but I'm not sure that was the point. Certainly not for my pal. The Thames is tidal there but fishable when the tide was coming in and on to slack water. The tide would hold back all the floatable debris from London's Saturday night. When the tide changed you would loose about 12ft of water in 15minues and a raft of debris about half a mile wide across the river and a hundred yards long would come sailing down. A chap could wind in a line very rapidly when there was a prospect of hooking some very unpleasant debris. Back in the car we would race across east London to glide down my mate's street in neutral. He would slip out of the car in silence and disappear into his house. I would pull away quietly stopping down the street to slam the passenger side door.

My pal would slip back into bed alongside his slumbering wife and she would be totally unaware that he had been out enjoying himself half the night. Do I wonder where he is now? No. But I do wonder whether he is still pulling strokes like this.

Terry Attridge

### **Fitness and Well Being**

Neil Harris – Physio & PT - 01237238819  
Torrington Hypnotherapy - 07814522591  
Yoga – Ruth Chambers - 01805 938132  
- 07789 020668

### **Pubs and Food Services**

Green Dragon Inn - 01805601342  
Union Inn - 01805601626  
Stapleton Yoghurts - 01805601414  
West Heanton Meals on Wheels - 01409218754  
Marland Meats - 01805601245

### **Hairdressers & Beauty treatments**

Lucy Coles - 07920828181  
Christina Thomas - 01805601910  
Tina's Treatments - 07552676076

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Pat Mitchell & Son Builders - 01805601415  
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West Heanton Care Service - 01409281754

### **Accommodation**

The Old Rectory B&B - 01805601602

### **Emergency Details**

Crime Stoppers - 0800 555111  
General Enquires is now - 101  
Out of Hours GP - 111  
Shebbear Surgery - 01409281212

Police email:

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### **Local Contacts**

Parish Hall Bookings - 01805601602  
Langtree Church - 01409281424  
Langtree Methodist Chapel - 01409281262  
Langtree Primary School - 01805601354

### **What's On in Langtree**

#### **Health & Keep Fit**

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

**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 3pm

(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