

Langtree Parish Magazine



Welcome to the Spring edition of the Langtree Parish Magazine. We hope that you enjoyed the fabulous weather over the Easter weekend. We look forward to an equally warm Summer.

We would especially like to offer a warm welcome to all newcomers to the Parish and hope that they enjoy our legendary hospitality.

In this issue you will find reviews and photographs of our annual pantomime performed by the Langtree Players in February. The planting of 14 oak tree saplings to remember the valiant soldiers of Langtree who died in the Great War. Reports of events leading up to the Summer season and attractions forthcoming in 2019. These include the 2019 Langtree Parish Show on 17th August.

The magazine is personally delivered free of charge to residents of Langtree Parish. Printed copies of the magazine are available to collect in the following places -

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

It is also available on our web site, www.langtree.news, and the langtree community Facebook page for you to read or print.

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 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, advertisements and photographs. Anyone wishing to contribute or advertise in the magazine, or on the website, should please email us at magazine@langtree.news.

Many Thanks - The Magazine Team.

Langtree Rainfall

From Joan Lampard

	2015 (mm)	2016 (mm)	2017 (mm)	2018 (mm)	2019 (mm)
Jan	212	211	106	195	52
Feb	84	153	85	62	75
Mar	63	99	118	159	125
Apr	37	49	44	90	
May	94	57	42	30	
Jun	60	108	120	8	
Jul	106	30	93	35	
Aug	142	65	97	85	
Sep	101	109	127	91	
Oct	58	51	72	75	
Nov	179	141	126	135	
Dec	163	47	163	189	

	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
2018	1154	45.4
2019	252	9.9

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Langtree Chapel News

As I write this we are looking forward to Easter and all that this means to us. To some it will be about Easter eggs, fluffy bunnies, hot cross buns etc but to Christians it means much more. It is a time to reflect and remember how Jesus died for us on the cross and his resurrection on the third day to defeat death and evil. You can read all about this in the Bible (the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all record the events leading up to Jesus' resurrection). Christ is risen; He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We are continuing to meet on Thursday evenings 7.15pm for a meal followed by Bible study. Throughout May and June we are following a study on the book of Colossians. 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.

Mothering Sunday was celebrated on 31st March this year with Rev Martin Goord leading the service. He preached about families in the Bible and how many had the same sort of problems that we might have today. At the end of the service the ladies were treated to a bookmark, a bunch of flowers and chocolate

Services for May/June/July starting at 11am unless otherwise stated:

May 5th Rev Rob Blackhall
May 12th United Service at the Parish Church
May 19th Vivienne Sheriff
May 26th Local Arrangement

June 2nd Roy Harris
June 9th United Service at Parish Church
June 16th Chris Andrew
June 23rd Rev Rob Blackhall
June 30th At Alverdiscott Methodist Church
10.30am

July 7th Duncan Withall
July 14th United Service at Parish Church
July 21st Rev Rob Blackhall
July 28th Frank Watson

To God be the glory, great things He has done
So loved he the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
Come to the Father through Jesus the Son
Give Him the glory, great things He has done.

May God bless you all throughout 2019



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Leigh Pollinger - Parish Clerk

The past year for the Parish Council has been a busy one and we list out below some of the highlights of the year and activities that the Parish Council has been involved with.

After considerable discussion with representatives of Devon County Council the iconic tree outside the Green Dragon was trimmed rather than given a major cut as originally proposed.

As a result of working with Frithelstock Parish Council, Torridge District Council and receiving funds collected from the community by the Parish Hall sufficient monies were obtained to install a Night Landing Light for Devon Air Ambulance. This is located beside the new Changing Room at the recreation field.

The five Langtree Meadows affordable homes have been made available to purchase and it is hoped that the new occupants will be able to move in shortly..

The ownership of the North Park Langtree Recreation Field has been transferred to the Parish Council and work to ready the football pitch was completed. Fencing has also been installed between pitch and dog walking area.

Funding for a storage container, suitable grass mower and goal posts was applied for and granted by Coastal Recycling, Torridge District Council, Devon County Council and the Langtree Panto Players. Items are purchased or underway and the ground should be ready for players this autumn.

We applied for and received funding from Balsdon Trust to purchase 14 oak trees to commemorate the end of the Great War. These are planted in the dog walking area.

The play area in Beech Road, Stibb Cross Play has been reviewed and a number of repairs made.

Mark Glover was elected as the new Chairman, on the retirement from the post of Terry Attridge.

At present there are several areas that the Parish Council are working on for 2019/20 in addition to the normal activities such as reviewing planning permission and supporting the local community.

We are awaiting results of a grant application to upgrade the Beech Road Stibb Cross play area. Once funding has been agreed we will work with the local community to confirm what needs to be done to the site.

Grant applications for a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) to be constructed in the recreation field are being prepared. This is a significant cost item and dependant on the success of the applications will define when work can start.

If you would like to keep abreast of the Parish Council work then please access the parish council links on www.langtree.news

Langtree Short Mat Bowls Club

The club is growing steadily and now has 29 members, about 20 of whom choose to participate in league matches.

Our league teams have had outstanding results in the past year in the North Devon & North Cornwall Short Mat Bowls leagues. In the summer there is just one league, with 3 divisions, and Langtree were the winners of Division One.

In the winter season 18-19 we entered 3 teams. We won the Evening Triples Division One, we won Evening Triples Division Three with a mixture of newer players and more experienced players trying new playing positions, and finished fourth in the Afternoon Triples Division Two. Well done to all who participated in such a successful year.

The children at Langtree School have continued to show great enthusiasm and talent in the session we hold for them on a Wednesday lunchtime, and it has been a pleasure to teach them the game.

New members are always welcome. Please contact any of the committee members below.

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District Councillor David Hurley

Hello again. Last time I talked about the possibility of another very cold spell of weather replacing the unusually warmer temperatures we were experiencing. Fortunately, apart from a couple of days of high winds, we escaped pretty lightly.

I also mentioned that the affordable houses at Langtree Meadows had been released for sale. At this time of writing nobody has as yet moved in. This is not due to apathy on the part of buyers, in fact I'm sure that they would all have been overjoyed to be installed in their properties a couple of months ago. There have been several problems, one of which was a legal document called a Deed of Variation. When small changes need to be made to a Lease, it is a preferred method to append a Deed of Variation to the Lease as opposed to writing the entire Lease again. Both purchaser and seller must sign to agree the variations. Delays occurred on the Developer's side and so the whole process was frustratingly, for all purchasers, held up. The houses have since been inspected by TDC's Building Control and the few snags that needed fixing before the houses could be signed off as fit for occupation should have been completed by the time you read this. The saga of these houses has been going on for far too long in my opinion.

It is good to see the playing surface behind the Parish Hall progressing. It looks more and more like the football pitch that many have been seeking in Langtree for a long time. Combine this with the recently fitted out changing rooms provides a superb facility. All that is missing is a team. Any volunteers?

As you are well aware, the new garden waste initiative commenced last June, together with fortnightly collections of black bags. I reported recently at the Annual Parish Meeting that after some teething problems the new system is proving to be a success. Recycling rates initially were up quite considerably but have now settled back a little. Food waste goes to a Company called Andigestion who are based on the outskirts of Holsworthy. This plant processes industrial and domestic food waste to create renewable energy and a nutrient rich fertiliser that is sold to farmers. The general black bag rubbish is no longer landfilled but goes to a transfer station at Brynsworthy near Barnstaple, where it is then taken on to Bristol for incineration. An interesting fact is that bottom ash from the incineration process is recovered and goes into block production for the building industry.

I'm told that it is rare for serving Councillors to pass away, so this 4 year Council Term that is about to end has been more than a little unusual. There have been 4 District Councillors who have died and 2 more who have retired on health grounds. I know that as well as being a District Councillor during the last 6 years, and having been Deputy Leader of the Council for the past two years, there is an element of stress associated with the role. In addition there is quite a demand on time that needs to be allocated to Council work, both as a Ward and District Councillor but also time I spend as Chair and Lead Member for various other areas within Torridge District Council. I'm not sure if all the 93 candidates that have stated they are standing for election on 2nd May for the 36 positions at TDC are aware of the time required – it looks like every vote will be crucial.

I don't know if you watched the three part documentary entitled "60 Days On The Streets" that Channel 4 broadcast a short while ago? I know that programmes are edited to be both stimulating and sometimes shocking but I felt it gave an insight into what life is like, and who is actually living that life, on the streets. I mention this because there has been quite a jump in the money that Torridge, and therefore taxpayers like you and I, have to pay out as the responsibility for finding a home for homeless people rests with the Local Authority. It has become more and more difficult to find temporary accommodation in our area and more expensive as well. Torridge Officers are actively seeking solutions that hopefully will solve these problems and at the same time reduce the financial outlay that the Council are responsible for.

Let me finish this contribution to Langtree News with what I believe to be a sobering fact. As you are aware Council Tax increased this year. This is due in no small part because the Government have reduced the money given to District Councils over the past few years. In the case of TDC, funding has reduced by 37% over the past 8 years. I find this figure quite astonishing. It now means that the Council has to make stark choices in what Services are provided. Some obviously are statutory, in other words they have to be provided, others are "nice to do". These "nice to do" are the Services most prone to cuts. So, back to the sobering fact. Of all the Council Tax money collected by Torridge on behalf of all stakeholders (Devon County Council, Fire Service, Police and Crime Commissioner, Parish Councils etc) only 9% is retained by Torridge to provide Services. The Police and Crime Commissioner asked for an increase of £24 per property per annum. This results in a share of 10.34% of the total collected. As I said, a sobering fact.

Until next time, hopefully.

David Hurley councillor.hurley@torridge.gov.uk 01805601604

Langtree Community Garden

Well can you believe another quarter of a year has passed since our last update? The group has been very busy in the last month or so, Jan and Feb being out due to the weather.

The soft fruits have been cut back and partially weeded, the shrubs also. A lot of hard work has gone into digging out a vegetable plot ready for planting lots of goodies. The sheds roof has been fixed due to damage from the strong winds and had a face lift including our new logo, a must to see, and the whole areas striped, all looks lovely.

A big thank you to the parish council who have donated a further £50 of which was very welcome and went towards a new mower, which was well over due.

We had an Open Day on Easter Saturday the 20th. It was a family day when the children enjoyed planting Sun Flower seeds, one to take home and one to leave. Some vegetables were planted. There was an Easter Egg hunt which was enjoyed by everyone.

We hope you all enjoy the Spring and early Summer. Once again we are always looking for friends to join us. All are very welcome. If anyone would like to get involved, however small, or if you have any shrubs, young veg, bulbs, herbs, anything at all please phone -

Sue Leach 01805 601348

Langtree Market

Langtree Market Is held in the Parish Hall every Thursday, 10 am - 2 pm.

Our stall holders and Sue Lee with her team in the kitchen, have a warm welcome for everybody.

Wheelchairs, Prams and Pushchairs can easily move around the line of stalls.

Every week you will find Brian with Fresh Meat, Veg, Fruit, Homemade Cakes Pies, and Pasties, and hand cut ham, cream, butter, cheese & milk etc. Stall's change from week to week, but we have Cards, Gifts, Wooden Animals, Bird Tables and Fire wood. Along with a varied amount of tools, Jewellery, Craft items, and Birdfood. We welcome new stallholders, but we try not to have two stall selling the same items.

Also enjoy a Breakfast or Lunch Tea, Coffee, or a soft drink. (see a menu on our Facebook page). Sit and relax, chat with friends, make new friends.

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So what's on at Langtree Parish Hall?

Works to improve the energy efficiency of the Hall are now complete and fencing has been erected at the east end of the field to separate the dog walking area from the recreation field. Further improvements to the building are being made and these include the replacement of the security lights around the perimeter with LED s and also the replacement of the strip lighting in the main hall. Acoustic panels have arrived and these will be put in the bar area to improve sound quality.

The next big project is to work with Langtree Parish Council to secure funding for a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the back of the school fence. An application has been made to Sports England through their Community Asset fund but the results of this will not be known for 8 weeks. Some of the activities that can be played on a MUGA are netball, five a side and tennis. Requests have been made for a walking netball team, walking football as well as five a side for training purposes. Langtree Primary School also would be able to use the area for netball and five a side. The school netball team has had considerable success coming 4th out of the whole of Devon and this involved travelling to Paignton. Their netball area is too small for competition matches so hopefully with improved facilities they will be able to act as hosts .A big thankyou to all who came and supported the Big Breakfast in aid of North Devon Hospice. An amazing £1427 was raised. Thanks to Sandfords Bakery for donating the bread to John Beer and Terry Attridge for the eggs and also all those who came and helped laying up and serving etc on the day.

The next Parish Show will be on Saturday 17th August. The schedule for the show, guidelines for entries and entry form are included in the following pages of the magazine.

Also something being thought about is the return of a fun day. Requests for this were made when an open morning was held to get ideas on the use of the recreation field. (Fun Days were an annual event in the 1980s and 1990s to raise money for the new Hall) A date has been pencilled in for Saturday 3rd August. Any organisation, group or individual could organise their own stall or game, there could be a car boot sale, cream teas and BBQ. It was considered better to have this as a separate event from the Parish Show in case of bad weather.

Private bookings in May, June and July include 2 wedding anniversary celebrations, a 40th birthday party, 2 children's birthday parties, five weddings and 2 all day meetings focusing on mind and body and Bideford ladies skittles final. Abbotts Wood Primary School are again visiting Langtree camping on the school ground and will be the first group to use the showers in the changing block!

Open events include

Saturday 27th April 11am – 2pm	Table Top Sale in aid of Monkleigh School PTA
Thursday 2nd May 7am -10pm	Election (voting in Leader Room) weekly market will finish at 1pm to allow the Hall to be set up for the count
Thursday 23rd May 7am – 10pm	European Elections (Provisional)
Sunday 2nd June from 12.30pm	3 course lunch in aid of Church Yard Fund £14.00
Sunday 9th June 10am – 4pm	Teak and Rattan Garden Furniture Sale (Light refreshments available)

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12th Langtree Parish Show - Schedule August 17th 2019

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

SECTION 3 - FLORAL EXHIBITS Classes 49-54

Except where stated, entries should not exceed 60cm (2ft) overall

(An exhibit may include additional non-flowering items)

49. An arrangement to include foliage, seed heads, twigs grasses permitted
50. Sea scape – an exhibit
51. A multi coloured floral arrangement
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 55-72

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 an insect
58. A sea creature made from junk

Ages 5-7 (key stage 1)

59. An edible animal 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), also Ages 12-14 (Key stage 3) – Judged separately

64. Turn a shoebox on its side and make a woodland scene. (Animals made or bought may be included)
65. An arrangement in a recycled container
66. Photograph- On the sea shore
67. Photograph – Hobbies
68. Photograph – A selfie
69. An item I have made in the last year
70. Make any recipe using chocolate
71. Give an old item new life (up cycling)
72. 4 decorated cup cakes

SECTION 5 – Eats and Drinks Classes 73-90

All exhibits to be loosely covered in cling film.

73. Apple Crumble Loaf (from recipe).
74. 5 sausage rolls maximum (3ins – 7.5 cms long)
75. Giant jaffa orange cake (from recipe)
76. White Chocolate and raspberry blondies (from recipe)
77. Victoria Sandwich using 3 eggs- jam filled up to 20cm (8in) round tin
78. Lemon drizzle cake
79. 5 pieces of shortcake.
80. Florentine Biscuits, 12, (from recipe)
81. Scones, plain, 4.
82. Quiche, any variety (18 - 20cm or 7 - 8 in)
83. Handmade bread
84. Bread - machine made
85. Boiled fruit cake
86. Pasty , meat and potato and any vegetable- not to exceed 9” in length
87. 1 bottle of homemade wine (labelled)
88. 1 bottle of sloe gin
89. 1 bottle of any other liqueur
90. 1 bottle of lemonade (still)

Jams, Pickle, Chutney – 340gm (12oz) or 450gram (1lb) jar Classes 93-100

Entries will be judged on the content and overall presentation.

91. Strawberry jam
92. Raspberry jam
93. Any other named jam
94. Lemon Curd
95. Seville Marmalade
96. Any other marmalade
97. Chutney
98. Pickle
99. 6 hens’ eggs – one colour
100. 6 mixed hens’ eggs

SECTION 6 CRAFTS Classes 101-124

(these must not have been exhibited before at Langtree)

101. A cushion- not to exceed 50cm in any dimension
102. A knitted /crochet cushion
103. Small cross stitch max 6”
104. Large cross stitch item – not to exceed 60 x 60 cm
105. An article of patchwork
106. An article of embroidery
107. A knitted / crochet soft toy
108. Knitted / crochet adult garment in double knit
109. Knitted /crochet child /baby article in 4ply/double knit
110. Something new from something old
111. A tapestry not to exceed 70cm x 70cm
112. An item of woodwork
113. An item of turned wood
114. Handmade Jewellery Item
115. Handmade beads
116. Christmas decorative item
117. Seascape/landscape painting any medium 18” max
118. A water colour any subject
119. Animal /Bird painting any medium
120. Monochrome drawing any medium
121. Lino print
122. Sculpture any medium
123. Handmade Christmas Card any medium
124. Picture any other medium

PHOTOGRAPHY Classes 125-134

(all photographs to be unframed. Maximum size A4)

125. Seasonal Colours
126. Running Water
127. Special effects
128. Dog(s) or Cat(s)
129. Dusk
130. Animal Kingdom
131. Lost or abandoned
132. Red
133. Panoramic
134. Digital Manipulation

12th Langtree Parish Show - August 17th 2019

Guidelines for Entries

Some advice! Read the schedule carefully and ensure that the correct number of items in a class and the size is adhered to.

Eats and drinks

1. Jars of jam, jelly, marmalade should be filled to top jar, covered with a wax disc and then a cellophane jam pot cover – Metal commercial covers may be used but remove any advertising slogans.
2. Pickles and chutneys should have a slight head space of 3/4" and should be at least 2 months old and be sealed with a jar lid. Labelling should be neat, straight, show contents of jar and date when made.
3. Entries in baking classes (e.g. cakes, scones and biscuits etc.) should be displayed on a plate and covered loosely with cling film.
4. No marks from cake rack should appear on top of cake.
5. Follow closely any recipe given in schedule. Copies of recipes may be obtained from Sue Lee theoldirectorydevon@hotmail.com, 01805 601602

Wines,

1. Bottles should be clear glass for all types.
2. Any old labels should be fully removed.
3. The label should clearly state the type of wine.
4. The wine should be clear and bright. It will lose marks for cloudy appearance or any floating particles or bubbles.

Fruit and Vegetables

1. Please display vegetables and fruit on a plate; paper plates acceptable.
2. All roots and tubers should be washed not scrubbed.
3. **RHUBARB** - Leave on white base and approx. 2" of leaf. Sticks should be broken, not cut. Tie sticks together in two places.
4. **LETTUCE** - Do not remove all outside leaves.
5. **CARROTS** - All the same size as near as possible, clean and free from any carrot root fly damage and not showing any green shoulders. Cut tops back to 4" from crown and tie.
6. **MARROW** - Overall appearance more important than size.
7. **COURGETTES** - need to be young, leave flowers on if possible.
8. **POTATOES** - As near same size and shape as possible. Look for any sign of scab or slug damage.
9. **ONIONS AND SHALLOTS** - Size about equal, free from any splits. Tops cut back, bent over and tied. Leave on some root and outer skin.
10. **RASPBERRIES** - Pick the largest but not over-ripe. Leave stalks on. Arrange on a plate with a leaf or two.

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

Dear Friends,

It was devastating watching the flames lick through Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and see the wreckage afterwards. It would have been awful had been the Eiffel Tower, or if the Arc de Triumphe had been destroyed – but somehow Notre Dame represented the heart of the city. Many of us will have visited it at one time or another; I remember being there some 10 years ago. It is hard to think of another building from across Europe that would have so affected so many people.

We all experience loss in one way or another. It might be being made redundant from a job, it might not being able to find that favourite object, it could be that we have experienced a devastating fire – it is surprising how many have. And of course, there is bereavement. It feels like a hole has opened up and life will never be the same again – indeed will life even continue?

There is a story told of Christopher Wren. When rebuilding St. Paul's Cathedral in London after the Great Fire of 1666, he called for a stone to mark the spot of the new dome. The stone, picked up at random, was inscribed with the word 'resurgam' – Latin for 'I shall rise again.' It speaks of destruction not being the end; of devastation never being the final word.

'Resurgam' refers in particular of course to Jesus' resurrection. We are still only just after Easter. His resurrection gives us hope when all else seems hopeless. It gives confidence for the future – that death will not be the last word. But it also gives us strength to pick up and carry on.

No doubt Notre Dame will be rebuilt – whether in time for the Olympics in 2024, we shall see. So too, many can bear testimony to lives being rebuilt from devastating occurrences. Even in the face of the seemingly overwhelming scenarios of climate change, Jesus' resurrection gives us hope.

Resurgam – I shall rise again. May that be the experience of us all.

Yours,

Martin Warren.

Enthusiastic bell ringers are always welcomed at the church on a Thursday evening from 7:30pm for an hour or so - Mark Hight 01805 601524

Services at All Saints

5th May	9.30am	Morning Prayer
12th May	11.00am	Family Service
19th May	11.00am	United Service (at Chapel)
26th May	9.30am	Holy Communion
2nd Jun	9.30am	Morning Prayer
9th Jun	11.00am	Family Service
16th Jun	11.00am	United Service (at Chapel)
23rd Jun	9.30am	Holy Communion
30th Jun	11.00am	Joint Service (at Peters Marland)
7th Jul	9.30am	Morning Prayer
14th Jul	11.00am	Family Service
21st Jul	11.00am	United Service (at Chapel)
28th Jul	9.30am	Holy Communion

From the Registers

Funerals: Our prayers for the bereaved.
Feb 20th Trevor Brydges (at Barnstaple Crematorium)

Family Service Fun

Well, it certainly was this last month. We re-enacted Jesus' journey in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Ok – it was a pony and not donkey, but it was still good.

Thank you to Fizz, wonderfully ridden by Bethany and led by Nicola Beer. Thank you all round.

So do come and join in. 2nd Sunday of the month at 11.00am. Next one: Sunday 12th May, 11.00am



11th November 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the end of fighting in the Great War. Last year Langtree Parish Council with the support of a grant from the Balsdon Trust decided to plant some trees to commemorate this event. Fourteen English oak trees were selected and are planted in two rows in the new recreation field behind the Parish Hall. The fourteen trees reflect the fourteen names of those who died during the Great War and are recorded on the war memorial in Langtree church. The trees should be seen as a compliment to the original war memorials of the church clock and memorial tablet.

The trees were planted on 25th March 2019 by children from Langtree Community School assisted by a number of villagers and Major Ruth Gilbert, Royal Logistic Corps representing the armed services. It was an enjoyable occasion as all were involved, and it is hoped that all will remember the occasion and the reasons for planting the trees as they grow in future years.



This years panto was called 'Hoodwinked' and was a new version of the Robin Hood legend by Andrew Yates. This is the second panto we have done by this author, last years 'The Parrots of Penzance' being the other. We find that this author spreads the major work between four or five players making it easier to memorise. Over three hundred people attended the three evening performances and the matinee. We hope we were entertaining.

The Parish Hall Players were formed about two years after the Hall was opened and we have put on a production most years. From the outset it was decided that any profits made by these shows would benefit the Hall, which many of you will remember had a weak financial in the early years. The Players have over the years bought extra seating , extra staging , stage lighting, 4 backdrops totalling about £3000. Normally about three weeks after the last performance the Players meet up and watch a video recording of the panto. During this meeting we generally review our financial situation and decide what to do with our funds. About two years ago we decided to donate £1500 towards the furnishing of the changing rooms on the new recreation ground. Due to slippage in the project this donation was never made.

This year due to careful planning , not uncharacteristic of the Players , no video recording was made of our thespian endeavours. Not only does this mean that the outstanding representation of Friar Tuck is lost forever but there was no reason for the cast to gather . In consequence I am pleased to have this opportunity to tell everyone what has become of their funds. Firstly we donated £673 to draw down a grant from Coastal Recycling of £6900 which for some bureaucratic required tripartite support (Players, Parish Hall and Parish Council). This was spent primarily on the container to house the mower for the recreation ground and then we donated a further £1000 to the purchase of the the mower . This leaves about £1000 in the bank to produce the next panto if we decide to force our aged knees up the stairs again.

SPRING

Spring Term News from Langtree Community School

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Nailed it! Smashed it! Superduper! All staff, pupils and governors would like to congratulate Mr Smale on his successful appointment as permanent Headteacher at Langtree School, with effect from the middle of March. Staff already loved working alongside him, but are now looking forward to everything he will bring during his time with his name on the 'Head Teacher' Office door!

Spring Show We would like to thank everyone who came along to watch our Spring Show on Tuesday morning, in Langtree Parish Hall. In front of a capacity audience, our children excelled as they performed a snapshot of curriculum-based gymnastic displays; recreated a story on E-Safety; acted the life-cycle of a frog; and sang a selection of meaningful songs. We were very, very proud of them and hope everyone who came along enjoyed it as much as we did.

Netballers at the Devon Winter Games Congratulations to our squad for qualifying to compete in this county-wide event for the second year, and finishing in fourth place. They faced tough competition from some much bigger schools, but were not daunted by the challenges they faced – especially Maddi, who won a special award for 'Determination'. Well done to all of them, and thanks to team coaches and volunteer drivers for helping achieve a tremendous result.

Our hardworking PTA would like to thank everyone who got involved in the 'Smartie' challenge. Thank you to all the children who worked hard earning money to fill empty Smartie tubes, and to all families and friends who supported them. The total raised a staggering £608.81 which is a significant amount towards the purchase of new ICT equipment for the school.

During the Easter Holidays, the school is due to have some refurbishment to some of the classrooms, and exterior of the buildings. Two classes will have new carpets fitted, with the outside of the building pressure-washed to make them look cleaner and smarter.

Newton St Petrock Male Voice Choir are looking for a Musical Director/Conductor.



Mr Norman Turner, the choir's current Conductor will be stepping down at the end of the year. Norman says, "It has been an honour to conduct the choir for the last 10 years, but now is the right time for someone else to pick up the reins".

The choir was started in 1951 and currently has 30 members. The men enjoy their practices at Lake chapel schoolroom (Shebbear) on Wednesday evenings between 7.30pm and 9pm, with Millicent Hill and David Ley as the accompanists.

The choir sings mainly gospel music and perform at churches, chapels and village halls throughout Devon and North Cornwall helping to raise funds for charities and other organisations.

"We are a really friendly bunch of lads", says Norman, before adding, "Come along to one of our practices to see what we are like, or you may

wish to have an informal chat on the phone."

Please contact the Choir Secretary, Mr Roy Johns, Tel No 01409 281401 for further information.

Norman can be contacted on 01271 850645.

Devon County Council - Cllr Andrew Saywell

It has been a busy few months representing Langtree on the County Council. Locally I am pleased that there will be several improvement works to our local roads in the coming few months.

First, at the time of writing, the Shebbear Road from Stibb Cross down to Stibb Hollow Farm will be surface dressed following the resurfacing works last summer. This is due to take place between the 23rd – 27th April.

In Langtree village itself there is a different kind of dressing planned which is called 'Micro Asphalt'. I am reliably informed by the County Engineers that when this is first done the road will look awful! However, once it has been done and cars have driven over the surface it will begin to look normal again, though it may take some time. As with normal surface dressing the purpose is to seal the road and help prevent potholes from forming. Currently these works are provisionally planned to take place on May 31st, coinciding with BT works.

Surface dressing works are also planned for the B3227, the main road to Torrington, past Watergate and along the entrance to Bowden Farm and this is due to take place on the 23rd April.

I know the state of our roads is a subject not far from many people's minds. This year within my County Council Division of Torrington Rural just under £1.4 million is due to be spent on planned major Highways works, an increase of nearly £300,000 from last year. Included within these plans is a scheme to finish repairing the last section of Greeny Lane so that it can be surface dressed the following year.

I know that there will always be a demand for more improvements, but I am pleased that our area is getting more funding and that some of our most important local roads in Langtree and Torrington Rural have been repaired.

County wide, DCC's finances are now predicted to come in on Budget for the 2018/19 financial year. This is despite the continued pressures on our social services budgets, particularly Children's Services. We have been helped by the relatively mild winter though nonetheless, when compared with other County Councils, Devon's finances remain strong.

As we go into the new financial year, Devon County Council are making plans to look after the Old, the Young and the Vulnerable. Devon is a big County with around 800,000 residents. There are over 105,000 young people in the 360+ Devon Schools, and over 22,000 of these young people have some sort of School Transport. Nearly 9,000 of these young people are being supported in some way by DCC staff and this must and will continue.

The Council's Adult Services Department is looking after 19,000 adults. Over the last 12 months over 24,000 clients have received either an Assessment or a service within the Adult Care Service Again, DCC will continue to support these people.

While it is easy to spot a pothole in the road, it isn't always so easy to see a vulnerable child or adult. With the County Council supporting thousands of young people and adults throughout the County this is why, sometimes, we are not always able to get our local roads repaired as soon as you or I may like.

The duty of care to our most vulnerable resident comes first. Nonetheless, despite these constraints, the Council has still been able to get a lot done on our local roads and I will continue to strive for more improvement works in the future.

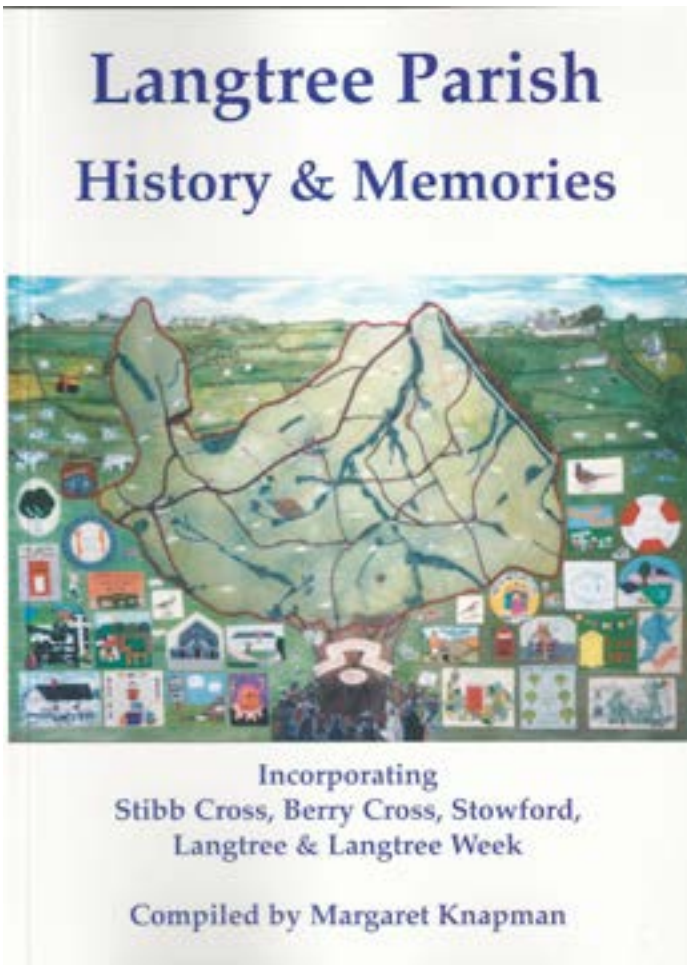
As ever, if there are any County Council matters you are concerned about, you can ring me on 07886 446560 or email andrew.saywell@devon.gov.uk.

Best wishes,
Andrew

Langtree History Corner

Have you moved into Langtree Parish in the past year or two, I hope you have settled in well & are finding this a happy place to live. Hopefully you have discovered some of the many groups & activities listed on the back of this magazine & have made many new friends. Are you aware there is a Parish Book which tells the story of how the Langtree has developed & grown to be what it is today. In 2003 I was awarded a grant, & with the help of many others was able to gather together all the information which has contributed to the telling of our Parish story. There are still copies of this book available for £5.00 & if you would like a copy then please give me a ring on 01805 601228. A photograph of the book cover can be found below.

The work that was begun with the book is now being continued by our Local History Group which meets on 4th Wednesday of each month except August & December. We meet in the leader room of the Parish Hall at 7.00 & anyone is welcome. We have gathered together a great deal of historical information, some DVD's of the locality have been made & various other projects are ongoing. We often have speakers to talk to us. Last month Shaun Diamond of Holsworthy told us all about the prisoner of war camp that used to be in the town & in April Julie Cartwright will be talking to us about the beginning's of chaplaincy work. You are most welcome to join us. We pay £1.00 per person each evening to cover the cost of hiring the room.



The second picture and the following is from an article in the Gazette date 5 August 1960.

Hardly a popular pastime during disappointing holiday weather, but it provides the children of Langtree School with an instructive hobby. At noon every day during term time, the children take it in turns to note the rainfall and the maximum and minimum temperatures. Both rain gauge and thermometer were obtained only about a month ago and it is hoped to chart the individual recordings for each month.

Says Mr R A Yeo Jenn, the Headmaster, "The children are always very enthusiastic about this task, which is pleasing."

As can be seen from the photograph - which, Incidentally, was taken on the last day of the summer term - the amount of rain is a typical example what July brought. The children are (left to right): Shirley Curtis, John Gerry, Robert Fisher, Susan Lee, Pamela Ford and Patsy Sutton.

There are more items of local interest to view at the Bideford and District Community Archive based in the Council Offices, Windmill Lane, Northam. Open Monday-Wednesday 9.30-1pm. 01237 471714. Visit our website at www.bidefordarchive.org.uk

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

Builders and Trades

Tim Langmead Builder - 01805601500
Greg Mitchell General Builder - 07979 472837
Wayne Hill Painter - 01805625238
S.D Martin – Plumber - 01409240240
KJ Bromell – PVC Windows - 01288357020

Other Services

P&S Sanders - 01805601280
Peter Hearn Septic Tanks - 01805601286
ACM Web Site Design - 07812772638
Beamtree Interiors - 01805601785
DES Mobile Repairs - 01805601546
Jo Wilson-Duffy Gardening service - 07572579422
Qualified Math Tutor - 07884232308
Accountant/Book Keeper - 07884232308
GW Architects Ltd - 01409281362

Suppliers

TT Fire Wood - 07884080171
Bridgeman's - 01409261321
Grascott Firewood - 01409281393
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:
melissa.baker@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Local Contacts

Parish Hall Bookings - 01805601602
Langtree Church - 01409281424
Langtree Methodist Chapel - 01805628041
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