

Langtree Parish Magazine



Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Langtree Parish Magazine. As always we would like to offer a warm welcome to all newcomers to the Parish and hope that you enjoy our legendary hospitality.

In this issue you will find reports of events throughout the run up to Christmas and accounts of a few of the things we did this summer, including lots of your photographs. Many thanks for those.

We are pleased to inform you that we have consolidated our rates for advertising space and means of payment. You will find this announcement on the back page after our regular Local Contacts and What's On listings. There is still no charge for entries in these listings.

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

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It is also available from James French or Ray Weston and 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	59
May	94	57	42	30	24
Jun	60	108	120	8	85
Jul	106	30	93	35	46
Aug	142	65	97	85	109
Sep	101	109	127	91	165
Oct	58	51	72	75	
Nov	179	141	126	135	
Dec	163	47	163	189	

	MM	Inches
2010	859	34.0
2011	955	38.2
2012	1560	62.4
2013	1089	44.0
2014	1298	51.1
2015	1299	51.1
2016	1132	45.0
2017	1193	47.0
2018	1154	45.4
2019	740	29.1

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Langtree Chapel News

Harvest Festival: Our Harvest Thanksgiving services were on September 15th led by Peter Cole (followed by a bring and share lunch) and on Monday 16th led by Rev Rob with a supper and sale. We were reminded that in our busy lives it is important to stop and see the glory of God all around us. After the service we continued fellowship over supper followed by an auction of produce with all non-perishable items being donated to our local foodbank.

'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.'

Bible Study: We are continuing with our study on the book of Revelation led by Rev Andrew Baguley on October 3rd, 10th and 17th starting with a meal at 7.15pm (bring and share) followed by our Bible study at 8pm. After this we will continue on Thursday evenings (subject yet to be chosen). We invite you to join us on any or all of these dates.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal: We are planning to fill Christmas shoeboxes again this year for children around the world who are in need. Our packing party was on October 19th from 10am – 1pm with tea/coffee and cake. This year we are not allowed to send sweets or toothpaste because of stricter import regulations but there is still a wide range of items that we can put into the boxes. I have knitting patterns if anyone wants to knit hats, purses or finger puppets. For further information please contact me (Cathy) on 01805 601247. There are lots of ideas and information on the Operation Christmas Child website. <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>. We usually include stationery items, hat and gloves, soft toy, flannel, soap, toothbrush, items such as a small musical instrument, skipping rope, toy car, hair accessory etc depending on age of child.

Services for October/November/December starting at 11am unless otherwise stated:

Oct 6th	Parish Church Harvest Festival (United Service)
Oct 13th	Mrs Vivienne Sheriff
Oct 20th	Local Arrangement
Oct 27th	David Ley (Communion)
Nov 3rd	Nancy Hall-Tomkin
Nov 10th	United Remembrance Service at Parish Church at 10.50am
Nov 17th	Rev Rob Blackhall
Nov 24th	Julia Spencer
Dec 1st	Toy Service
Dec 8th	United Service at Parish Church
Dec 15th	TBA
Dec 22nd	Carol Service 11am
Dec 29th	TBA

With all God's blessings

Cathy



Community Friendship Meetings

A small group of us have been getting together on a fortnightly basis now, for a few years. It's a sort-of Christian bible study group. We have used some of the Scripture Union Life Builder booklets to focus us: the Women of the Old Testament and the Parables were ones we particularly enjoyed. The last one we tried was about angels, and, although we enjoyed the subject, we didn't find the booklet and its questions to us very helpful. So now we have planned some sessions on 'prayer' ourselves, and are, as we feel able, leading these sessions, ourselves. Our first session, when we each brought our favourite prayers, was particularly moving.

We come from different backgrounds and traditions: Roman Catholic, Methodist, C of E and sceptic/still searching which is great, because we bring our different perspectives and insights - and our doubts and queries.

We meet in Langtree, in each other's houses, where we can, on Thursday mornings, from 10-12 am. If you, or anyone you know, would like to join us, or to visit to see if you would, please give me a ring – you would be very welcome.

Pat Chappell 01805 601733 or email patchappell@btinternet.com

"Our Thursday meetings are a time for contemplation, friendship and support – I love them" (L)

". . . a time of relaxed exploration of biblical subjects and fellowship" (M)

"I was a lonely soul, calling out for friendship and my prayer was answered by way of this group. . . . we pray to God for ourselves and for the world at large. I am still enjoying the friendship" (U)

Names changed, of course!

Parish Hall Bar

Following the "retirement" of barman extraordinaire Terry Attridge, we have agreed to be the current custodians of the Parish Hall bar. As such we thought it may be a good time to ask if there are any new volunteers, over the age of 18, who may be interested in joining our small band of bar staff. If you are interested in helping out with the occasional paid shift please call us on 01805 601570.

Many thanks Adam & Sue Craske.



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District Councillor David Hurley

In the last edition of Langtree News I wrote about many new Councillors being elected and also the fact that TDC now have a Lead Member for Climate Change. I also wrote that Torridge had supported a motion to make the Council carbon neutral by 2030. Judging by some of the comments that have been made at meetings I have attended this issue would appear to be the only thing that is presently occupying some minds. In fact, one suggestion was made that all monies spent by TDC should be to the benefit of the Climate Change issue. Whilst I accept that there are obvious changes to our climate, and these can hardly be ignored, to commit all Torridge spending to combating these changes is plain madness. What about the statutory services that a local council has to provide. These include services like social care, environmental health inspection and planning. In addition the collection of waste and recycling and also Council Tax. Around 80p per pound collected is transferred to Devon County Council which allows education, social services, economic development and roads to be funded. Fortunately sense prevailed and the aforementioned suggestion was not supported.

I mentioned previously about the resurfacing of Fore Street in Langtree. I don't know if it is coincidence or not but Devon County Council have now installed an above ground Automatic Traffic Counter (ATC) in Fore Street. I'm not sure why this has been installed, maybe it is another question I can ask when I attend the Highways Parish and Town Council Conference in October at Merton.

I have recently become a Councillor Advocate for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (a what I can hear you say? Exactly my thoughts when I was asked if I would do the job). This role is basically a link between the public, District Council and the OPCC. I attended a meeting in Exeter recently where several topics were discussed including Operation Snap whereby recorded dashcam footage of poor and dangerous driving can be sent to the police for evaluation. The scheme has only been running for a couple of months and I understand that over 50% of the submitted footage has resulted in Notice of Prosecutions being sent out. I mentioned this initiative previously, and here is the link <https://operationsnap.devon-cornwall.police.uk/> Also it is nearly a year since months since the Devon and Cornwall Police NoExcuse team were formed and in that time they have issued 2685 traffic reports, made 238 arrests and seized 704 vehicles. They have also conducted 95 positive roadside drug tests and 50 positive breath tests. Hugely impressive stats for a small team. Also mentioned were Speedwatch teams and the review of the system used to set up these teams. Streamlining has taken place which should make the start up process of these teams much easier and faster.

Talking of Speedwatch. I was at Shebbear Parish Council shortly after attending the meeting in Exeter. It was pointed out that the speedgun used by the Stibb Cross Team had been unserviceable for some time so the team had not been able to carry out any checks. I contacted the PCSO responsible for the team and was assured that a new gun would be with the team shortly. I believe this has now happened.

Now for something completely different. Some time ago TDC asked for information with regard to empty properties in the Torridge area to be submitted to the Council. Many reasons exist as to why much needed properties lie dormant. One is that the owner/landlord does not have the funds available to renovate the property and bring it up to a habitable standard. TDC is working with Wessex Resolutions CIC (Community Interest Company) to offer owners of empty properties fixed rate loans of up to £20K to carry out works to bring empty homes back into use. Wessex Resolutions are a not-for-profit lender funded by Torridge District Council. Owners are given time to renovate the property prior to selling, letting or moving in. If properties are let, there are no restrictions in respect of who the properties are rented to or indeed what rent is charged. To find out more click on this link <https://tinyurl.com/ybkwn7pl>

You may have read in the local press that TDC have signed a contract with Red Earth (Developer) to completely revamp the area in Bideford known as Brunswick Wharf. This is the land to the left of the old bridge in Bideford when travelling in the direction of East the Water. This area is presently a blight on the landscape and has been derelict for the best part of 60+ years. A consultation is to be held shortly prior to a planning application being submitted. I must say that I look forward to the redevelopment of this site. (or should that be sight). and with a hope that the much improved appearance of this area will prompt other developers to come forward. There are certainly other areas that would benefit from financial investment.

As ever I can be contacted by email councillor.hurley@torridge.gov.uk or phone 01805601604

David

Langtree WI Seventieth Anniversary



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. 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.

Contact Brian on. 01409 211287. or. nancy-smith@hotmail.co.uk.

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So what's on at Langtree Parish Hall?

Before giving information on future events I must just give a little bit of feedback on the two very successful events held in August. The first was the return of fun day which was very busy and drew in large crowds especially for the football matches and the tug of war. It has been decided that next year's event will be bigger with additional games and stalls and the possibility of either a band or disco in the evening. The date has been set for Saturday 1st August 2020. The other event was the Parish Show. Entries were down in the children's classes and floral art but overall the Hall looked lovely with all the other exhibits and as usual the beautiful photographic entries. Next year's show has been set for 22nd August. A week later than usual due to other bookings. The schedule will be published in the next newsletter.

Grant applications have continued to raise further funding for the next big project which is the construction of a multi Games area (MUGA) behind the school fence. As mentioned previously £30000 has been awarded by Community Asset Fund and now we await to hear from Postcode lottery trust, Awards for all and Coastal recycling.

The carpets in the foyer and Leader room are to be replaced. The one in the foyer was put down in 2007 and although commercially cleaned annually is difficult to keep fresh. Considering annual footfall of approximately 12000 it has lasted well!

The other maintenance issue we are looking at is replacing the oil-fired boiler with a ground source heat pump. This is early days but quotes are being obtained to see if it is a viable option. The boiler was installed when the hall was built in 2002 and it is showing signs of wear and parts have needed to be replaced. Furthermore, our oil costs are in the region of £6000 a year as well as contributing to greenhouse gas emissions. It is thought that if a ground source heat pump was installed there would be no need for oil and the renewable heat incentive would mean no cost for heating. A win win situation!

The 2 defibrillators in the Parish one by the Hall and one by Travis Perkins have come to the end of their leases. Donations of £1000 were received at a party and this will be used towards replacing the Hall defibrillator. The one at Stibb will be financed by Langtree Parish Council.

Unfortunately for some there was not enough interest in performing a pantomime in 2020. Some regular cast members would be away and others wanted a year off but might be interested in treading the boards again in 2021. We do need some fresh faces!!

Probably too late for this newsletter but as previously advertised, Mountain Music is coming to the Hall on Thursday 24th October at 7.30pm. This is performed by Little Bulb Theatre and is one of 37 venues across Southern England.

On Sunday 24th November at 2.30pm Postman Poet – The life and songs of Edward Capern. This celebrates 200 years since his birth and follows the steps of this Victorian Postman Poet of Bideford, Afternoon tea of scones and cake will be served in the interval. Tickets £7.50

Other events are as follows -

Saturday 23rd November 10am	4pm Christmas Craft fayre
	7.30pm Wine and Wisdom, organised by Torrington Rotary
Sunday 24th November	2.30pm The Postman Poet
Sunday 8th December	from 12.30pm Christmas Lunch - Sorry Sold out
Thursday 12th December	Auction of Gifts and Promises - Proceeds to MUGA

As always we have a range of private events over the next couple of months. These include 2 health and wellbeing courses, 3 birthday parties, 2 charity nights with dinner and music, and 2 Christmas lunches.

Sue Lee, 01805 601602

Langtree Parish Hall, www.langtreeparishhall.co.uk

Langtree Community Garden

Well I suppose that's about it for the Summer months, let's enjoy the changing of the leaves, evenings in in front of the fire, and all the lovely winter meals.

We in the community garden have been enjoying the fruits of our labours, and still are, with a few remaining soft fruits, potatoes, runner beans, curly kale, swiss chard, spinach and leeks. Of course we have also had cut flowers and herbs.

There will still be lots to do, clearing all areas of finished matter, continue finishing the veggie area and putting lots of organic matter on throughout the winter months. We are also preparing an area ready for a bigger and better wild flower meadow, and building bug hotels to help attract wildlife to the area.

In the new year we are going to contact various groups who may be interested in sharing the garden as our group is too small to manage the whole area ourselves. We will let you know on all progress.

We also have a big thank you to the Balsdon Trust for another helping hand with expenses and are hoping to purchase some fruit trees with the donation.

Once again any contributions will be gratefully received . . . please just phone me

Sue Leach on 601348

Keep warm and well.



Langtree Fun Day and Parish Show





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

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

Dear Friends,

Uncertainty is a fact of life. We live with it and have to cope with it. The situation over Brexit is hugely uncertain. Surely we can make a decision after 3 years, when we thought we had made one anyway. For those living and working here from other EU nations, it is very unsettling; for those trading with Europe (and many of our farmers and small businesses are), it also makes for very uncertain times.

As Brits we should be used to uncertainty really, shouldn't we. We never really know what the weather's going to do tomorrow. Will it rain, will the sun come out, is it going to snow? It keeps us constantly on our toes.

The truth is we don't know whether anything will happen tomorrow – or even indeed in an hour's time. Life is inherently uncertain. How often have we seen it happen to someone – or known it ourselves: a bomb-shell is dropped which changes so much. It might be the sudden diagnosis, the news of a friend having died, being made redundant, a break-in or so much more. Or, of course, it can be things that we normally would see as much more positive – but can still be a shock: 'You're pregnant', 'Would you marry me?', 'You've won the lottery.' Ok, the last one doesn't happen very often, but all sorts of things do create uncertainty – it sets us off in unexpected directions. And it takes a while adjust - if we do at all.

So to have a basic certainty underlying all those uncertainties is really important. It's like knowing the planet is basically secure even if an earthquake strikes. Only even that is not so sure these days. And it's that underlying certainty that people find in faith. Here is a God who can be trusted. Even if the worst should happen, we are safe with him. We may not understand it all and not be able to make head or tail of what is happening, but we can still know there is a God we can turn to and trust.

And with Jesus that extends even to death. Even in the face of death, his life overcomes. With him there can be certainty of life even as we face the reality of death. And surely Brexit can't be that bad – can it?

So turn to that God who helps us know that certainty with him. With the birth of Jesus, we celebrate a God who comes amongst us, who shares our uncertainties, and who helps us live with them and still have hope.

Yours,

Martin Warren.

Services at All Saints

3rd Nov	9.30am	Morning Prayer
10th Nov	10.45am	Remembrance Service
17th Nov	11.00am	United Service (at Chapel)
24th Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion
1st Dec	9.30am	Morning Prayer
8th Dec	11.00am	Family Service: Christingle
15th Dec	11.00am	United Service (at Chapel)
22nd Dec	6.30pm	Carol Service
25th Dec	10.00am	Christmas Communion
29th Dec	11.00am	Joint Service (at Buckland Filleigh)
5th Jan	11.00am	Harvest Service
12th Jan	11.00am	Family Service
19th Jan	11.00am	United Service (at Chapel)
26th Jan	9.30am	Holy Communion

New and experienced bell ringers are welcomed at the church on a Thursday evening from 7:30pm for an hour or so - Mark Highet 01805 601197



From the Registers

Baptism: Welcome to the church family

11th Aug Isla Chapple

Langtree Parish Council

The Parish Council have been actively seeking grant funding for the Multi Use Games Area which is to be constructed in the recreation field. A third of the funding has been granted and we are waiting to hear about the balance. We will be able to schedule construction when the funding is in place. When we are closer to delivering the MUGA we will be looking to set up a Sports Committee who will be responsible for promoting the use of the area as well as scheduling activities and the on-going maintenance.

We are also 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.

Work has also been on-going in the dog walking area. Paths have been laid out, there have been several sessions pulling out ragwort, and the Great War commemorative oak trees have been restaked. We have also applied to the Woodland Trust for further trees and 60 of these should be delivered in March 2020 for planting.

Over the past few months the council has also been actively reviewing a number of planning applications; working with Devon Highways about the roadway and footpath requirements of the parish; and has received a presentation form Torrington 100 a NHS sponsored programme for linking the community closer to its medical and social needs.

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

Leigh Pollinger

Let There Be Cake

We started this community meeting place for Stibb Cross last September. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 2:00 - 4:00 at The Old Chapel at the main crossroads in Stibb Cross. We offer homemade cake, locally roasted coffee and locally blended tea; but more importantly is an opportunity to share some time together with neighbours you may or may not already know. There is no charge, but contributions supporting various charities are welcome. Over the last year we have collected over £150 shared between MacMillan, Edukid, Samaritans and the RNLI.

After a summer break we will begin meeting again from the 3rd September. We have limited parking available but if you need a lift, please call or email us on 01805 601622 or oldchapelstudiosnd@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you to everyone who has come over the last year and we look forward to welcoming some new neighbours in the year ahead.

Jon, Tina and Barbara.

Hobby Group

I am happy to say our Hobby Group still flourishes and warm welcome awaits any newcomers. We are a happy group that enjoy meeting every week and catching up on all the news and of course putting the world to rights!!! We are pleased to help each other if needed, and there is always lots of laughter as well. If this sounds like something you would like come along one Tuesday morning at 10.30am and try us out.

Ring Sylvie 01805 601485 for more details.

Complementary Therapy

Sarah Dowson Reiki & Reflexology Practitioner

*To provide a therapy that works well alongside conventional medicine.
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of the receiving person, enhancing their emotional well-being.*

There are many varieties of therapies to choose from. The therapies I offer currently are Reiki & Reflexology. I work from 'My Healing Shed', a summer house in my garden at Stibb Cross. I will soon be offering Hand Reflexology and Indian Head Massage.

You may be thinking I have no idea what these therapies are, I have heard of them but I am not sure what they mean or I have enjoyed different therapies in the past and I am keen to try these again.

Reiki means Universal life force energy. This is a form of energy healing and works by the practitioner being a channel for the energy to flow through and reach the client. This can be given as a hands on or hands off therapy and the client remains fully clothed.

Reflexology works by gently massaging reflex points on your feet that correspond to specific areas of your body. Your feet are a map of your whole body. The client remains fully clothed for this therapy apart from needing to get to your feet.

I offer a very warm welcome in a relaxed environment. My therapies are personalised to the individual needs of the client. For example if unable to lie flat on the treatment couch, I can raise the head of the couch and rearrange pillows to make you more comfortable. If you would prefer, treatment can be given on a reclining chair.

My 'Healing Shed' provides a safe haven for you to feel calm and relaxed. I use candles, lights and I have relaxing music playing in the background.

If you like the sounds of this then why not give me a call. We can discuss your individual needs and book an appointment convenient to you. I can also do home visits if required.

I offer Gift vouchers too, so you could treat your family and friends to a treatment. Great idea for Christmas gift or just to let someone know that you care.

We all deserve some 'Me Time' but none of us are very good at fitting it into our busy lives....

My working days vary but I usual offer treatments on Wednesdays and Fridays but we can discuss alternatives options if required.

***Call me, Sarah Dowson on 07502 207321 I also have a Facebook page
advertising my healing business, Restful Rainbow Therapies.***

I look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you into my 'Healing Shed.'

Thank you for taking the time to read my article.

Love Sarah xxx

Autumn

Autumn Term News from Langtree Community School

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Summer Holiday Project: It was lovely this year to return to school in September to freshly decorated rooms and corridors within our main building. We are grateful to local company WMS, Bideford for their help to achieve a great result!

MacMillan Cake Sale: On the 27th September we held our annual MacMillan Cake Sale in the school hall, with help from our Year Six children. Cakes were available to buy during afternoon play and families were welcome after 3.30pm. The total raised was £115.

Harvest Show: On the 14th October all families, friends and relatives were warmly invited to join us for our Harvest Show, where each of our classes showcased a curriculum-themed activity for everyone to watch.

Asda Green Token Giving Programme: For anybody who shops at Asda Bideford, as from 1 October – 31 December, Langtree School is taking part in the Green Token Giving Programme, simply pick up a green token at the checkout, and when leaving the store, make a vote by placing your token into the Langtree School slot. Once voting has closed the tokens are counted. First place is awarded £500 whilst second and third places receive £200 each. Thank you to our PTA for nominating Langtree School for this programme.

Sporty Events: During this term lots of our children have taken part in some sporty events, these included Wheelchair Basketball held at Tarka Tennis Centre run by Tarka Otters Wheelchair Basketball Club coaches. The afternoon was enjoyed by our children and gave them a real insight into inclusive sport. There was also a tennis coaching/festival day hosted by the Atlantic Racquet Centre in Bideford, where children were able to improve their tennis skills under the instruction of qualified tennis coaches.

Foundation Stage 'Stay and Play' Sessions: Friday 1 November (Halloween); and 6 December (Christmas-themed) 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 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!

Our Christmas events include:

Main School Christmas Play: Monday 9 December (Langtree Parish Hall);

Foundation Christmas Play: Monday 16 December (Langtree Parish Hall),

Traditional Carol Service: Wednesday 18 December, All Saints Church, Langtree.

Louise Cook

Devon County Council - Cllr Andrew Saywell

It has been another busy month representing Langtree and Torrington Rural at County Hall. Most of the major surface dressing and patching works within Langtree have now been completed in the Parish, though since my last article I'm delighted that the long awaited and much needed resurfacing and patching works on the Stibb Cross to Powlers Piece road have at last taken place.

Normally I update readers on the work Devon County Council is doing locally however I thought for this month I would give readers a broader update that covers some of the pan-Devon work that the County Council does.

Starting on a 'favourite' subject of ours – potholes – I hope I am not tempting fate by reporting that the number of recorded potholes is down from this time last year and are below the monthly average for October. I would like to think that this is in part to the substantial amount of resurfacing and repair work that has been taking place across the County, but particularly in Torrington Rural with resurfacing and patching works taking place in the last two years on the A3124, A386 and B3227 as well as numerous country roads in our villages.

Nevertheless, a harsh winter can cause a huge amount of damage to the road network. As the nights draw in DCC Highways will be making their final preparations for winter, having taken delivery of 8,500 tonnes of salt at the beginning of October to ensure that the salt barns are fully stocked at 23,500 tonnes for the winter. The gritters and snow blowers have also been serviced and all are ready for action.

The winter does of course also bring pressures on our Health and Adult Social Care Services, and officers from DCC will be working closely with the NHS to ensure our vulnerable residents and those in need of services will be protected. At the time of writing work is already underway to allocate the Winter Pressures grant money which for Devon comes to £3.6 million and will be distributed through the local Devon districts to fund specific projects in each area.

In the September Spending Review, the Chancellor announced an extra £1.5 billion for social care. While this is welcome, there is an element of this funding that is expected to be raised through the council tax precept rather than central government funding. Depending on the formula used to distribute this Devon County Council can expect around an additional £15 million in funding, with the possibility of a further £7 million potentially raised through a Social Care Precept.

As well as looking after vulnerable adults, Devon County Council also cares for vulnerable children as well. Devon now has 771 children in care and while the pressures for looking after these children remains high, I was delighted to hear that the County Council has recently recruited a record number of new Foster Carers. 50 new Foster Families have been recruited following the introduction of a new scheme of allowances at the start of the year. Our Foster Carers do an amazing job in looking after some of our most vulnerable children and I am glad that the Fostering system in Devon is taking in more carers.

As ever, if there is any County Council matter you need any help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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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 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 pay £1.00 per person each evening to cover the cost of hiring the room.

Here are some items of local interest from 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

LANGTREE W.I.

The monthly meeting was held on October 18th, Mrs. Rouquette being in the chair.

Members much enjoyed a film show.

Miss E. Ley was appointed delegate to the annual meeting at the Theatre Royal, Exeter.

The Institute hopes to have a series of dress-making classes in February. Several members are attending a cookery class at Bideford, while some are going to an officers' meeting at Barnstaple.

At a recent concert nearly £15 profit was realised and it has been decided to give £5 to the Langtree Men's Club.

The competition for a coloured felt article resulted; 1, Mrs. Courtice; 2, Mrs. Hearn and Miss Hearn; 3, Mrs. Harris. Black felt article: 1, Mrs. Hill; 2, Mrs. Sutton.

A concert, arranged by the W.I., was held on October 13th and was much enjoyed by a large audience, the room being filled to capacity. The programme consisted of three sketches, ballet and tap dancing by the Bideford School of Dancing (Torrington), songs, duets, recitations and community singing led by piano accordion and bones. Thanks were expressed by Mrs. Rouquette to Frithelstock W.I. who gave an amusing sketch, to Mr. R. Glover and Mr. W. Brock and to the Bideford School of Dancing, and all other who had helped in any way.

Mr. S. Ley was M.C. and Miss E. Ley was accompanist.

LANGTREE W.I.

The monthly meeting was held on April 19th when Mrs. Rouquette (President) was in the chair. An invitation has been received from Torrington W.I. for ten members to accompany them on a trip to Dartington Hall on July 4th.

Arrangements have been made for a party to visit the Sterling Chick Farm at Okehampton on May 24th.

Interesting reports were given by Mrs. Rouquette on the Group Meeting at Frithelstock and by Mrs. Carter on the Spring Council Meeting at Ilfracombe. Miss Smyth Richards gave a report on Denman College and members were interested to learn of various courses open to country housewives.

On March 29th a party of twenty visited Buckleigh Laundry and all had an enjoyable and interesting afternoon.

At a dance on Friday, April 14th, Miss V. Lucas, of Berry Cross, was chosen as "Miss Langtree."

In the competition for doughnuts, from a recipe in "Home and Country," first was awarded to Mrs. Denford, and all the other entries gained points.

LANGTREE W.I.

The Institute's first birthday party was held on February 13th, each member bringing a friend.

Invitations were also sent to School managers and School teachers.

During supper, which was mainly given by the members, the birthday cake (kindly presented by Mrs. Scott) was cut by Mrs. Rouquette (President) who said how much all seemed to have enjoyed their first year as an Institute.

After supper came a programme of old time dances and games. Prize-winners were: Spot Valeta, Miss D. Hutchings and Miss P. Jellow; spot St. Bernard waltz, Mrs. E. Vanstone and Mrs. S. K. Hill; Statue St. Bernard waltz, Miss Jean Squire and partner; passing the parcel, Mr. Fisher; musical mats for children, Master G. Vanstone; musical mats for over 60's, Mr. Lewis. The holder of the lucky entrance ticket was Mrs. R. Curtice.

Mrs. R. Curtice with her piano accordion, Mr. R. Glover, singer, and Mr. B. Brock, with his bones, led the community singing. Mr. Brock also gave a turn on his own.

A vote of thanks on behalf of the visitors was given by Mr. S. Ley.

LANGTREE W.I.

A poultry whist drive, organised by members of Langtree W.I., took place at the Old School, Langtree, recently and was well attended. Mr. J. Folland was M.C.

Prizes were won by the following: Ladies—1, Mrs. Stacey; 2, Mrs. Northam; 3, Mrs. R. Dymond (Torrington); consolation, Mrs. W. Slade. Gents—1, Mr. H. G. Down (Atherington); 2, Mr. L. A. Pett (Shebbear); 3, Mr. A. Dymond; consolation, Mr. W. Northam. The raffle for a box of groceries was won by Mr. A. E. Soby and an iced cake by W. Leverton (Newton St. Petrock).

Refreshments were given and served by members of the Institute.

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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)

Friendship Group - Thursdays 10am - 12pm,
Pat Chappell 01805601733

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

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