

# Langtree Parish Magazine



Welcome to the latest edition of the Langtree Parish Magazine.

In this issue you will find details of events that happened over the Christmas period and information about other upcoming events. If you would like to advertise in the magazine please note that we have consolidated our rates for advertising space and means of payment. You can find the details on the back page after our regular Local Contacts and What's On listings. There is still no charge for entries in these listings.

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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](mailto: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	119
Nov	179	141	126	135	173
Dec	163	47	163	189	181

	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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## Community Friendship Meetings

When a group of us 'slept out' (in Shebbear church) early in December last year we were raising funds not only for The Big Sleep Out (an international charity) but for The Harbour Project, in Bideford. I have come across a couple of people who use Harbour and have visited it myself. I am hugely impressed with the way they support homeless and vulnerable folk in Bideford. For one man I met, this place was clearly a haven, a refuge for him where he goes regularly, for friendship, warmth and acceptance.

As I understand it, Harbour relies entirely on charitable donations. There is no state funding. Harbour is open 4 days a week, and one of the services they provide is a hot meal.

During the sleep out I met Lorna, who volunteers there. She is one of the cooks. Talking to her it seems as if Harbour relies on donations of food, and some fresh food bought by the volunteers themselves. Most of the donations are, necessarily, I suppose, tinned.

However, we ALL need, and deserve good food. Fresh food is good food. It struck me, as a gardener, that locally, many of us grow fruit and vegetables, and many of us grow more than we need and can use. And there are always those 'gluts' when we can't give away enough, because our neighbours have had the same glut!

***Would it be possible to set up a collection system in the nearby villages whereby we could collect any surplus and pass it on to Harbour . . . . .?***

It shouldn't be difficult and beyond our wit, to organise this, surely? To provide for our 'neighbours' and to reduce food miles . . . . .

Please do contact me - Pat Chappell (018050 601733) or stop me in the street, if you are interested and would like to be involved in any way.

Butts Meadow, our community garden, donates some veg.

### Parish Hall Bar

As the Green Dragon has closed its doors we have been asked by several people if the Parish Hall Bar could be open to the public. We first opened on Christmas Eve and had a lovely evening so decided to see if there would be continued support on Friday nights throughout January. So far it's been really well supported and we have met some lovely people and seen faces we haven't seen for years. So we have decided to continue through February and March, as long as there isn't a private booking in the hall the bar will be open on a Friday night.

People are more than welcome to come along and enjoy a drink, have a game of darts or cards or even bring along their dominoes to play!

For dates the bar will be open - keep your eye on the notice board or check out the Langtree Parish Hall Facebook page where I'll post the dates as well as details of upcoming events in the hall.

Hope to see you soon - Adam & Sue



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## **District Councillor David Hurley**

Hello again. I hope that you had a pleasant Christmas and New Year and that 2020 brings you all that you wish for.

Let me start by saying how pleased I am that at long last the affordable houses (well most of them) at Langtree Meadows have now been occupied. This saga went on for far too long and, as I've said before, the people that suffered the most were those that wanted to buy the properties. Now that they are in and making the houses their homes I wish them every happiness for the future.

Last year ended with a General Election and I think there was a collective sigh of relief when a majority Government was elected which would allow Parliament to function as it should, dealing with important issues, both long standing and immediate. Many of these issues have been held in abeyance for too long I believe. With a working majority decisions can be taken with, hopefully, little or no hold ups in the proceedings. I hope in the Governments rush to thank the voters in the North, by way of financial inducements and new projects, they don't forget that the South West is in need of assistance also.

With all the rain that has fallen over the past few months problems with our local roads have reappeared. The pothole problem and general deterioration of our roads is not restricted to our area but is Devon wide and as such the money available to repair them is not sufficient. I have reported several potholes but as ever it's a case of waiting for action to take place. Please report problems to Devon County Council, be it a pothole, flooding, street lights or one of many other categories, go to their webpage <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> and do so there.

Towards the end of November all TDC Councillors received notification from Councillor Anna Dart that she was standing down as Leader of TDC, a position she had held since being elected in May. She cited a number of reasons for this decision and felt it was better for all concerned if she took this action. Subsequently at the next Full Council meeting that was held in December the Deputy Leader Cllr Ken James was elected Leader, and Cllr Claire Hodson was elected Deputy Leader.

Once again at this time of year all Councils start to consider their budgets for the forthcoming months. When you read this your Parish Council will have already decided what the increase to their precept will be. The decision to be taken at Torridge this year will be interesting as there are so many new councillors with many differing opinions.

Should you wish to do so, I can be contacted at [councillor.hurley@torridge.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.hurley@torridge.gov.uk) or 01805601604

Until next time...

Kind regards  
David Hurley

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Mrs Joy Green would like to thank everyone who sent Birthday Cards for her 86th Birthday. She was overjoyed with all the cards and presents which came to her. Neighbours were all wonderful, she had 3 days of folk in her home so after 3 days she was very tired, but really enjoyed every minute of it.

Thank you all very much for making my Birthday so special.

## Langtree Market

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

With our stall holders alongside Sue Lee and 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 firewood. 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](mailto:nancy-smith@hotmail.co.uk).

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Enjoy a great Breakfast in lovely surroundings.  
Everyone welcome.

You can be sure of a warm welcome so please support our generous Big Breakfast organisers if you can. The money raised through Big Breakfast, which is generously sponsored by Phillip Dennis Foodservice, will help North Devon Hospice care for local people who are suffering from the impact of cancer and other life-limiting illnesses. All hospice services are provided completely free of charge, but it costs over £5 million each year to care in this way. For other Big Breakfasts in North Devon and Cornwall borders, please visit our Big Breakfast webpage on [www.northdevonhospice.org.uk](http://www.northdevonhospice.org.uk)

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

Happy New year to all. There have been new exciting classes booked for the new year which may be a time for some of us to join and get fit and lose those pounds put on over Christmas! These include dance exercise on Mondays from 9.15am-10 am and Tuesdays 6.30.-7.30pm and yoga on a Friday 9..15 - 10.15am.

We have had considerable works done over the Christmas holiday period. The car park has had several tons of gravel spread, the Hall floor has been sanded and revarnished and new carpet has been fitted in the foyer and Leader room.

We have raised over £3500 from the Christmas Lunch and Auction and this will be put towards funding for the MUGA (multi use games area). Thank you to all who donated puddings for the meal and gifts and promises for the auction. One auction lot proved to be a bit of a bargain! 2 bottles of French red wine vintage 1994 were donated and originally came as a gift from North Devon Meat. The two bottles sold at auction for £12 but when the buyer checked the label on the Internet was shocked to learn that it was possible to buy one bottle for£364! The bottles had been stored in a barn so the condition of the wine was not known but I understand that it has now been drunk but not worth £364!

Funds raised this year will be used towards the installation of a ground source heat pump. 1800 m of trenching has to be made in the dog walking area for pipes to be laid. The bar will also be open most Fridays when the hall is not booked for an event. See the hall notice board for details.

Events booked include

**Sunday 15 th March Big Breakfast 9 am - 12.15 pm for The North Devon Hospice**

**Sunday 5th April Spring Lunch for Ground source heat pump.**

Private events include Tarka farmers production, Torrington Swimming awards, Torrington Methodist Lunch, a Golden wedding celebration and AGM and dinner for North Devon Show organisers.

If you would like more information on any of these events please contact me on 01805601602.

Sue Lee

# Langtree Community Garden

Hello Folks,

Not only time for a new issue of magazine but a New Year and decade. Where does time go.

We have great hopes for the Community Garden this year, Pam in Church Lane donated her unused GreenHouse, we laid some sheeting down to kill weeds in the area we are going to place it. We want to have paving slabs around the outside and attach the green house to breeze blocks to secure against strong winds.

We have invested in lots of lovely seeds, so need to get cracking getting panes of glass fitted and the whole thing up and running,

We have also been working on our wild meadow, the grass started to take over so have been doing lots of raking over to help seeds along.

There is always lots of weeding to do, and we are continuing to mulch paths between veggi beds, soft fruit areas and our shrubs etc.

The area of slabbing outside our meeting room and shed needs enlarging, we would like to put some seating on there and we also need a potting area constructing.

All in good time, but we would really love some willing hands.

Also if there are any groups out there that could use an area to create a happy learning and working area, please contact us.

We are looking forward to getting out there now, it seems to have been a very long and wet winter.

Here's looking forward to spring, and lots of fresh air.

As usual anyone who either has plant donations or would like to join us please contact us on 01805601348 and speak to Sue Leach.

Happy 2020.

## *Joy 2020*

**Fri 6th – Sun 8th March**

Celebrating the goodness of God in our midst.

The bishops of Devon will be hosting events across north Devon in schools, with a beach clean-up, at a lifeboat station, with businesses, etc, etc

Local to us:

Sat 7th Morning - Holsworthy Market

Sat 7th Afternoon - Big Sing at the Big Sheep

Sun 8th 3pm Joy 2020 Worship at Rosemoor

plus

Celebration of creativity: exhibition at Rosemoor

Saturday and Sunday

Free access

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

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

Many of us will have flown with Flybe, especially with it being based at Exeter. We may even know people who work for the company, and so will have felt the pain of the recent threat to the airline. But it does seem somewhat strange that just at the moment when a company is being confronted with people flying less - as all indications of climate crisis suggest we must learn to do - the government, on our behalf, steps in to reduce costs, and so presumably encourage more people to fly again. Just what are we thinking of? I have every sympathy with people telling me – normally with great delight – how they have got a bargain price for a flight to Glasgow, or Norwich, or wherever. It seems a no-brainer, when train travel is so expensive and often crowded. But so often those bargains cover up the true costs involved. And too it's those regional flights that are so damaging environmentally with huge amounts of fuel burned in the going up and the coming down.

We have to start thinking differently. So here's a chance – Lent is approaching. Traditionally a time to re-think our habits and examine our ways. Climate crisis demands of us not just a few adjustments here and there, a tweaking every now and then. That simply will not do. Indeed every change so far seems to have made matters worse. 'Oh, car engines are more efficient, so I burn less petrol per mile ... that means I can go further!' Result: just as much CO2 produced.

Actually we need a whole new attitude, a whole new way of life – what Jesus called a change of heart. It's a way that values people before property, the world before wealth, relationships before luxury. It might all feel too big a change – 'I'm too old', 'Life is too hard', 'I'm far too busy' – and probably it is on our own. We need each other. And God promises us his help too, if we ask. Maybe we can make a difference. Use Lent this year to have a go. And that has to include flying less for those of us that do.

Yours,

Martin Warren.

#### Services at All Saints

1st Mar	9.30am	Morning Prayer
8th Mar	11.00am	Family Service
15th Mar	11.00am	United Service (at Chapel)
22nd Mar	9.30am	Holy Communion
29th Mar	11.00am	venue to be arranged
5th Apr	9.30am	Morning Prayer
10th Apr	5.00pm	Worship at the Cross (Good Friday)
12th Apr	11.00am	Family Communion for Easter
19th Apr	11.00am	United Service (at Chapel)
26th Apr	9.30am	Holy Communion
3rd May	9.30am	Morning Prayer

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



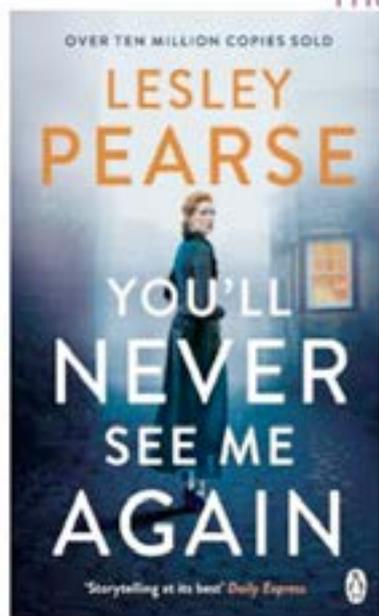
From the Registers

Funerals: Our prayers for the bereaved

20th Dec      Pete Roberts

# A Festival of Female Voices

Thursday 5th March to Sunday 8th March



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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Women's Well-Being Day** with a Healthy Lunch – with Lou Banfield

The Great Hall - 10am to 4pm  
£25 (included lunch)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Wild Wisdom, Women Writing their way Home** - Creative writing workshop for women, with poet and 'Word Witch'  
Siobhan Mac Mahon

The Oak Room – 10am to 4pm £20

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

**Dare To Be You Workshop** by Judith Kingdon, Founder of Star Shapers®

The Great Hall – 9.30am to 1.30pm £20

**Finding Your Voice Workshop** with Jackie Juno, multiple Slam Winning Poet

The Oak Room – 2pm to 4pm £20

**Fun Dance Workshop** with Rita Farmer

the Great Hall – 2:30pm – 4:30pm £10

**Outspoken! - Open Mic Evening** with Jackie Juno – The Great Hall 7.30pm £8

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March - International Woman's Day**

*This is a Fundraising Event for North Devon Against Domestic Abuse*

Debra Simmons - Relationship Hell to Relationship Heaven.

Sarah Brown - Overcoming Trials and Adversity

An audience with International best-selling author, Lesley Pearse (The Great Hall) 7pm

£20 all day includes cheese and wine!

For more information contact festival organiser Anne Tattersall on 0797 1696292 or email  
[townandcommunityhall@gmail.com](mailto:townandcommunityhall@gmail.com)

To book your tickets log on to: <https://preview.tinyurl.com/vvjsj2c>

# Langtree Parish Council

It has been a reasonably quiet couple of months for the Parish Council mainly dealing with business as usual activities.

We were unfortunately unsuccessful on a couple of grant applications for the Multi Use Games Area in Langtree and to upgrade the play area in Beech Road, Stibb Cross. Over the next few weeks we will make further applications for funding and hope these will be successful.

The football pitch is available and we are looking to set up a group responsible for the active use and management of the pitch and area. It is likely that the set up will be a stand-alone arrangement separate from the Parish Hall and Parish Council although having close links to them both. If you are interested in being involved with setting this up then please let me or any of the Parish Councillors know.

60 trees have been donated by the Woodland Trust to the Parish Council and it is intended to plant these in the dog walking area behind the Parish Hall. The trees will be delivered in early March and it is intended to plant these out by the end of the month. We will advertise when this will happen and will request volunteers.

Potholes – these are not the responsibility of the Parish Council but of Devon County Council. They have a very good website where holes and many other highways issues can be reported at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

And finally - Langtree Parish Council has a small amount of money that it can award to groups in the parish who bring a benefit to the community.

The type of activity that these funds can be used for include:

- the project should be something which makes the local community a better place in which to live, work or visit;
- it should benefit people who live in the parish;
- there must be clear evidence that local people support the project and are involved in carrying it out;
- each group may only make one application per financial year

If your group is seeking funds that fulfil the above criteria then please write to Leigh Pollinger, Parish Clerk at email address [leigh.pollinger@gmail.com](mailto:leigh.pollinger@gmail.com) by 10th March 2020.

Regards

Leigh - Parish Clerk

## Hobby Group

Hello Hobbyists, a warm welcome awaits any prospective new members. We meet every Tuesday morning at 10.30 – 12.30, with tea/coffee and biscuits at around 11am. Our members have many assorted hobbies, knitting, crochet, sewing, drawing etc. so anything goes! Come along at 11am, have a tea/coffee with us and see if it's something that appeals to you. At the moment we are meeting in the main hall and the cost is £1.50 per morning. Sometimes we will have to meet in the Leader room and then the cost is £1.00 per morning.

Any queries call Sylvie 01805 601485

# Complementary Therapy

## Sarah Dowson Reiki & Reflexology Practitioner

*To provide a therapy that works well alongside conventional medicine.  
Complementary therapies can aid relaxation and improve the mind body and soul  
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 sound 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. A great idea for a 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

# Langtree Community School News

Langtree Community School Langtree Torrington Devon EX38 8NF

School: T: (01805) 601354 E: admin@langtree.devon.sch.uk W: www.langtree.devon.sch.uk

The end of the Autumn Term is always busy with lots of extra events happening. The first of which was the main school Christmas play "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw" which took place in the Parish Hall for an afternoon and evening performance. The children put on two wonderful performances which were enjoyed by all who came to watch.

On the Wednesday lunchtime, just before the end of term, a truly magnificent Christmas dinner was enjoyed by over 100 eager adults, including staff, governors and volunteers, and of course all our children. Amanda and Andrea our kitchen staff worked non-stop from the early hours of the morning to produce a fabulous feast.

After the Christmas lunch we held our traditional Carol Service at the Church which was led by Reverend Martin Warren. Thanks go to him for use of the church and Mr Ley for playing the organ for the service. A special thanks to Langtree Bell Ringers for ringing the church bells ahead of the service and offering our older children the chance to try their hand at this traditional hobby.

Class F performed their Nativity Play which was, as always, a total delight and was watched by over eighty parents, friends and relations of Class F children and left only a few dry-eyes in the parish hall that morning.

The PTA once again held a wonderful Christmas Fayre, with lots of stalls, refreshments, raffle and even a chance to meet Father Christmas. Again thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event, we are waiting to hear the final figures but it looks like another incredibly successful Christmas Fayre.

Starting back now in the Spring Term we are delighted to welcome Mrs Laura Mitchell to Langtree School every Thursday and Friday when she will be teaching Year 5 and 6 children, enabling Mr Smale to come out of class to meet his Head teacher duties.

As always the children at Langtree School are continuing to take part in lots of sporting events including High Five netball league and the football team hope that they will be able to arrange some future football fixtures and be able to use the new recreational field.

At the end of this term all classes will be showcasing a glimpse of what they have been up to in the Spring Show, again to be held in the Parish Hall on Monday 23rd March 9:30am, everyone is welcome!

## Langtree News Article – DCC Cllr Andrew Saywell – for Winter 2020

I would like to start my first article in 2020 by wishing all readers of Langtree Parish Magazine a prosperous and successful year ahead. As we go into the new decade, I believe it will be one of increased opportunities for local government as the new Government is likely to press ahead with the 'devolution agenda'. How that will pan out in Devon remains to be seen but I would not be at all surprised if by the end of the decade our current system of Parish, District and County Councils will look very different to what we have now.

But for the time being, the day to day work of our Councils continue. Here in Langtree, I know the issue of speeding through the Parish is a concern for a lot of residents. Back in the autumn of last year, following on from a discussion at the Parish Council I asked Highways if they could do a speed survey of traffic through the both Langtree and Stibb Cross.

This was duly done. At the time of writing this article I am still waiting for the figures for Stibb Cross however the statistics for Langtree are as follows:

Westbound traffic, mean speed of 27 mph.

Eastbound traffic, mean speed of 27.3 mph.

The average flow of westbound traffic was 582 vehicles in one day and eastbound traffic was 550 vehicles.

These surveys are essentially anonymous as motorists are recorded using traffic counters or unmarked vehicles and not with a police car – so motorists should not be slowing down artificially because they have suddenly spotted a police vehicle! I think it is reassuring that the results came through below the speed limit but nevertheless just because the average speed was below the limit, it does not mean all the vehicles were driving below the limit. I will keep a watching brief on this and if there are any further developments I will let readers know.

On more pan-Devon matters, the start of the year has seen the approval by the Fire Authority of revised changes to the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service compared with the consultation which was published last summer. I am a member of the Fire Authority and I was pleased the revised set of proposals did not see large scale station closures and instead approved a new payment system for on call or 'retained' firefighters, alongside more flexible crewing arrangements and a new duty system for fulltime firefighters which will free up personnel to crew new 'roving' appliances. These crews will carry out home safety visits and community safety and prevention work throughout Devon and Somerset.

A lot of the media coverage about the Fire Service concentrated on 'cuts' however the proposals were never about making cuts to save money but to reform the service. Working practices in the fire service fundamentally have not changed significantly since the 1970s and many of our on-call fire stations were struggling with crew shortages and being able to keep their fire engines available during the working day.

While some stations may need to be relocated in time due to population growth and new infrastructure there is and will not be any threat of closure to our nearest local stations in Torrington, Bideford, Holsworthy and Hatherleigh. While Appledore was originally earmarked for closure, its coverage area does fall under Bideford and the new crewing and payment arrangements approved by the Fire Authority should help to improve the availability of the fire engine at Appledore.

If you have any questions or comments about the Fire Service changes, I would be very happy to hear from you. Equally, if there are any pressing County Council matters you need any help with please don't hesitate to contact me.

# Langtree History Corner

Have you moved into Langtree Parish in the past year or two? I hope you have settled in well and 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](http://www.bidefordarchive.org.uk)

**LANGTREE.**

On Sunday evening the Rector (Rev. E. J. Hall, M.A.) preached his farewell sermon to a crowded congregation. He thanked his churchwardens, past and present, for their kindly efforts, also the choir members, past and present, ringers, Sunday-school teachers, and all who had helped him in whatever way to carry out his ministry.

Harvest home services were held at Stibb Cross United Methodist Chapel on Sunday and Thursday last week. The public tea was well attended. The following ladies presided at the tables: The Misses Fishleigh (2) and Sanders, while Mesdames Squires and Ellis did the cutting up.

Harvest home services were held at Siloam on Sunday, and continued on Monday last week. On Sunday afternoon the preacher was the Rev. W. R. K. Balkwill. On Monday there was a public tea, presided over by Mesdames Cleverdon and Jas. Pope. In the evening there was a public meeting, with Mr. E. Moore in the chair, and the speakers were Mr. Mignard and the Rev. J. Honey.

**LANGTREE.**

A social has been given by the Rector and Mrs. Hall to celebrate the coming-of-age of their only daughter, to whom a solid silver rose bowl, on an ebony plinth, with inscription, and a scroll of 84 names, were presented by Mrs. W. Hackwill, in a few well-chosen words. Miss Hall said she should always remember her many friends in the parish. The Rector, on behalf of his daughter, thanked the subscribers for the gifts, and the churchwardens for their present of a Barum ware jug. Songs were contributed Mr. and Miss Hall, and the Rev. E. H. F. May (Roborough), who also played many records on his gramophone. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "For they are jolly good people" and the National Anthem.

**LANGTREE, DEVON.**

MESSESS. BRADDICK & SON will offer for sale at the Green Dragon, Langtree, on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1914, at 6 o'clock p.m. TEN FREEHOLD AND LEASEHOLD

**COTTAGES AND GARDENS**

In or near Langtree Village, in 3 lots.

For particulars see bills, or apply to the Auctioneers; or to Messrs BAZELEY, BARNES & BAZELEYS, Solicitors, Bideford.

*By Order of the Mortgagees.*

**LANGTREE, NORTH DEVON.**

MESSESS. J. J. BRADDICK & SONS are instructed to Sell by Public Auction at The Green Dragon, Langtree, on THURSDAY, the 11th day of MARCH, 1897; at 6 for 7 p.m.; all those

**3 COTTAGES,**

with the STABLES, SHEDS, PIESTYES, and GARDENS appurtenant thereto, situate in the Village of Langtree, and now in the respective occupations of Messrs William Sanders, Robert Vadden and John Saunders.

The premises are held for the unexpired residue of a term of 1000 years, created in the year 1823, at the yearly rent of 2s.

Further particulars may be obtained of the AUCTIONEERS, or of

MESSESS. HOLE & PEARD,  
Solicitors & Notary Public, Bideford.  
Dated 22nd February, 1897.

**LANGTREE.**

There being no rector in this parish, through the resignation of Rev. E. J. Hall, there were no services in the morning for the last two Sundays. Both evening services, however, were conducted by the Rev. Wyer Honey (Vicar of Marland St. Peter).

The Evening Continuation School commenced its winter session on Monday evening last, twelve members being enrolled.

Lectures on "Feeding Stuffs" are being given in the Schoolroom on Thursday evenings by the County Council Instructor.

Miss B. C. Newbey, assistant mistress at the day schools, has resigned her appointment. She has been appointed to a similar position at High Bickington Schools.



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## Community Advice...

Due to my parents recently receiving a barage of these calls (3 in the space of an hour) I wanted to highlight one of the latest forms of telephone scam happening at the moment, which hopefully could help others alleviate worry should you receive such a call...

Beware the new scam where fraudsters call to say there is an arrest warrant in your name - from a genuine HMRC number

Fraudsters are phoning victims to say an arrest warrant has been made in their name because of unpaid taxes or outstanding debts. But even more sinister, the fraudsters are cloning phone numbers used by HM Revenue and Customs so that it appears as if the phone calls are coming from the trusted authority.



The automated message asks people to press a button on their phones to speak to someone, warning that if they don't they could face serious legal consequences.

The number is usually displayed on a person's phone as 0300 2003300 – the official number of HMRC. On some phones, when the call comes through HMRC appears on their screen as if that is the genuine caller.

However, while the number appears to be a genuine it is in fact from fraudsters looking to trick unsuspecting victims out of their money.

An HMRC spokesperson says: "HMRC takes security extremely seriously. We are aware that some people have received telephone calls from individuals claiming to be from HMRC. We have a well-known brand, which criminals abuse to add credibility to their scams.

"These scams often involve people receiving a call out of the blue and being told that HMRC is investigating them. If you can't verify the identity of the caller, we recommend that you do not speak to them."

Known as spoofing, there has been a surge in this type of scam in recent years.

As well as cold calling, fraudsters also leave voicemails and use text messages asking victims to call back on the number provided.

When victims call back, they are told that there is a case being built against them for an outstanding debt and they must pay immediately.

Fraudsters will often ask for payment in iTunes gift card voucher codes as they can be easily redeemed and sold on. The scammers don't need the physical card to redeem the value and instead get victims to read out the serial code on the back over the phone.

A spokesperson for Action Fraud says: "This type of contact is designed to convince you to hand over valuable personal details or your money.

*"Don't assume anyone who has contacted you is who they say they are. If an email, phone call or text message asks you to make a payment, log in to an online account or offers you a deal, be cautious and report it to Action Fraud."*

### What you can do to guard against the fraudsters

**1) Recognise the signs - genuine organisations, such as banks and HMRC, will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, password or bank details**

**2) Stay safe - do not give out private information, reply to text messages, download attachments or click on links in emails you weren't expecting**

**3) Take action - forward suspicious emails claiming to be from HMRC to [phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk) and texts to 60599, or contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 to report any suspicious calls or use its online fraud reporting tool**

**4) Check Gov.uk for information on how to avoid and report scams and recognise genuine HMRC contact**

### **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  
Amanda Reeves - 01805730460

### **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  
Stibb Hollow Farm B&B - 01805601777

### **Emergency Details**

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

Police e  
mail:

[melissa.baker@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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)

**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

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

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