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THE VOICE OF THE VILLAGE

Princess Ruby Slippers, another fun-packed production from the Oxfordshire Touring Theatre Company, delighted children and adults alike. The professional cast performed their extravaganza at Langford Hall on Saturday 24th November. A harassed mum struggling to find five minutes peace, evolved into a helter-skelter story of favourite fairytale characters. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all, thanks to the efforts of Tanya Langley and her team. Be sure to watch out for the next OTTC production in the spring, Ain't Misbehavin', a Fats Waller Musical Revue.



Win a meal for two at Rigoletto's— details on p.5

Dear all...

I wanted to take this opportunity to say how pleased I am to have been elected as the new Chairman of the Langford Village Residents Association.

Before I talk about our plans for the coming year I wanted to thank Susan Brunskill for all her hard work in the role over last few years. She has set in motion important work including plans for the extension of the hall and all sorts of community initiatives.



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A herogram also goes to Matt Fincham who has not only edited Langford Life, but has also organised a number of litter picks which has resulted in piles of unwanted rubbish ending up at the dump, rather than on our streets.

Caption describing picture or graphic.

I currently work at BBC Radio Oxford and regularly present the Breakfast Show, so am well aware of issues which come up around the county. I have lived on Langford for around seven years now with my wife Kate and my two children, six-year-old Jessica and little Charles, aged 19 months. Not only are people friendly here, but we have some excellent facilities available to all of us.

It is an exciting time for Bicester, what with work starting on the new multi-million pound town centre development, and plans for thousands of new houses. This means that this community will be more important than ever and it is up to us to really use our own facilities like the village hall.

I would urge you, before thinking of having your children's party at another venue, to consider holding it right here. Not only has the hall got ample facilities, but it also has a garden and is great value for money.

Over the coming year please feel free to call on me or any member of the committee with any ideas you have and we, with all of your help will do our best to make them happen.

Best Wishes

Dom

Dominic Cotter



Hi,

In the absence of anyone else, you've been lumbered with me as your editor for the next few issues – how many remains to be seen. Matt Fincham is a tough act to follow, but I will try hard, and with your help I hope to produce an interesting, informative and entertaining newsletter.

A Freudian slip is when
you say one thing...
and mean a mother.

Whilst I have a few ideas, I need articles from the people of Langford Village. This is your voice-piece and I will try to be even-handed in what I include. I welcome all contributions, be they observations, celebrations, concerns and updates on issues likely to be of interest to others. Apart from all the activities in the hall, plenty goes on in Langford Village, like street parties and Christmas celebrations amongst groups of residents. Please let me know of these events. I can help publicise them, and also report on their success to share ideas which might encourage others.

If you read anything which inspires, annoys, amuses or otherwise impels you to respond, I would be delighted to hear from you. I would particularly welcome constructive ideas for the magazine, and if we have a cartoonist or photographer in our midst who can add to the overall presentation, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

As I say, I will do my best to make this production as readable as possible. I also see it as my personal responsibility to help our Chairman avoid BBC media-speak and words like 'Herogram'. I can see I have an uphill battle ahead, so wish me luck.

Mike

Michael Oke

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Which Hollywood superstar is known as the Italian Stallion?

- A Danny DeVito
- B Sylvester Stallone
- C Joe Pasquale

Entries to be received by Saturday 12th January 2008, with the draw taking place at the LVCA meeting on Monday 14th. The winner will be advised that week and announced in the Spring Edition of Langford Life.

The meal for two is to be redeemed before July 2008. The booking is for an evening or lunchtime, with the exception of Saturday evenings. Anything can be selected off the menu, but drinks are not included.

Email the answer to editor@langfordlife.org.uk. or send the slip below to the Editor, Community Hall, Nightingale Place, Bicester.

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Indoor nets are held at Bicester Leisure Centre 11.00 am – 12.00 noon from Sunday 6th January to Sunday 30th March.

Contact Simon on 01869 343134 simon.pettit@mazars.co.uk, or Sathya on 07867 666167 skvj06@aol.com for further details.

Brain cells come and brain cells go... but fat cells live forever.

Stop Press!

The first carol singers were seen on Langford Village on Thursday 29th November.

Christmas seems to come early every year. Does anyone know if this can be beaten?

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Who's Who On Your LVCA Committee

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Community Affairs Committee Chair	Vacant	
Hall Committee Chair	Susan Brunskill	249768
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The LVCA is a voluntary body which meets on the second Monday of the month at the village hall. Starting at 8.45 pm, we aim to be over within an hour or so. We have lots of ideas to help keep Langford Village the special place it is, but a few more volunteers would be most welcome.

We like to have fun as well as get things done, so if you have any ideas, would like to get involved, or if you would simply like see what we do, please pop along, or get in touch with Dominic Cotter.

A team of thirty or so people deliver Langford Life every few months. Our thanks go to them, and we would be happy to welcome anyone else who would like to help in this valuable work. For further information, please contact Alan Beattie, the distribution co-ordinator.

Apart from Dom's thanks at the front, I would like to thank Steve Newman for all his work with the LVCA over the years. Building community spirit does not just happen, and it's thanks to the efforts of people like Steve that Langford Village is such an enjoyable place to live. Thanks Steve, and all the best.

School Crossing

As a mum of a six-year-old attending Langford School and a two-year-old who will be attending, I am very concerned about the issue of safety on Peregrine Way. At 8.45 am and 3.15 pm it is extremely busy, with parked cars restricting your view and lots of traffic on an otherwise quiet road. We often have to wait some time to cross the road, as the traffic rarely makes allowances, in terms of speed, for the fact that they are passing a school and there are lots of young children about.

Some older children walk to school unaccompanied and the number of parked cars often obscure their vision. The single and double-decker busses also pass at these times, and do not slow down very much.

I believe we need to address this issue as a matter of urgency, and I would like to see either a pedestrian crossing or speed ramp to make drivers more cautious of school children crossing. Also, reinforcement of parking restrictions would be useful.

Concerned parent

Right to Reply

We are keen to encourage debate, so feedback to this and other issues would be appreciated. From the AGM it was apparent that concerns exist regarding various traffic-related aspects of life on Langford Village. A meeting will be organised early next year to discuss these, so please get in touch if you would like to be notified. The date will also be posted on the Langford Life website: www.langfordlife.org.uk

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LVCA '200' Club Winners

Winners since the last issue of Langford Life are:

August

1st (48) W Patience

2nd (65) C&M Duckworth

September

1st (66) A Smith

2nd (53) L Gray

October

1st (87) A Williams

2nd (44) R Browne

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The '200' Club Lottery is drawn at the LVCA meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Community Hall.

How Does The LVCA '200' Club Lottery Work?

You pay £1 for each number chosen and if 'Lady Luck' smiles on you, you could be walking away with a bag of lovely lolly.

How Can I Join The Winners?

Contact Sharon Gray on 01869 320224 or pop into the School Office and grab a form.



Disclaimer

The LVCA exists to promote community spirit and improve the facilities and environment in Langford Village.

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