

Bicester Youth Bus

Langford Village is hosting the Youth Bus on Tuesday evenings between 6.30-8.30 pm in April and 7.00-9.00 pm throughout the summer from May.



The Youth Bus, run by Oxford County Council, provides a whole host of fun activities and stimulating discussions aimed at 13-19 year-olds. The location is yet to be confirmed, but the pavilion on Bicester Fields looks to be favourite. The LVCA website will confirm the venue, but one thing is for sure — it will be difficult to miss the stylish, multi-coloured bus.

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Hall Schedule

Mondays

Toddlers 9.15-11.15am

Flair Dance 4.30- 6.30pm

Cubs 6.30-8.00pm

Post Natal 8.00-9.00 not 2nd Mon

LVCA Meeting 2nd Monday each month 8.15pm

Tuesdays

Music Train 9.30-11.30am

Beavers 6.00-7.30pm

Square Dancing 8.00-10.00pm

Wednesdays

Post Natal 10.00-12.00

WI 1.30-3.30pm 1st Wed only

Karate United 6.30-7.30pm

Aikido 8.00-10.00pm

Thursdays

Brownies 6.00-7.30pm

Fridays

Ballet 3.15-7.30pm

Sundays

Private Booking 5.00-7.00pm

Editor's Note

Hi,

A date for your diary is the Wine Tasting Evening on Thursday 24th April (see page 6). It should be a great event tasting and learning about New World wines, so it is advisable to book early.

A best friend is someone who knows everything about you and likes you anyway.

The litter pick is four days earlier, on Sunday 20th April. Children are welcome, so why not make it a family event. It is always good fun, as well as helping to keep Langford Village spic and span. Details are on page 7.

I would also like to draw your attention to page 10. Lots of fun vacancies exist, but we are particularly in need of a Treasurer as Malcolm Clamp has moved from the area and so is standing down. He's happy to arrange a handover, so if you can spare a couple of hours or so a month, please get in touch with Dom Cotter. Thanks, Malcolm, for all your hard work.

This is your magazine, so please don't hesitate to get in touch with any suggestions or contributions – feedback is always welcome... and you can use the website for this as well now!

Finally, you can also support us by entering the competition for Sunday Lunch at The Nightingale. The question might be a bit taxing, but it is multiple choice so you've got a one-in-three chance of getting it right.

Happy reading,

Mike

editor@langfordlife.org.uk

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Fri	6.00am—9.00pm	9.00am—1.00pm, 2.00pm—5.30pm
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Competition Winners

Congratulations to Eric and Sheila Palmer of Shearwater Drive for winning the meal for two at Rigolletto's.

The Italian Stallion, is, of course, Sylvester Stallone.

Enjoy your meal guys!

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	2 nd A Williams	83	£ 7.75	
February	1 st R Conway-Hyde	4	£22.50	Contact Kirsty Lowe (Hall Manager) 07778 062 743
	2 nd A Williams	101	£ 7.50	
March	1 st A Williams	83	£22.87	
	2 nd W Crook	31	£ 7.63	

The '200' Club is drawn at the monthly LVCA meeting.

Choose an available number, pay £1 and if 'Lady Luck' smiles, you could be walking away with a bag of lovely lolly.

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

Having a Street Party?

If you are holding a street party this summer, drop me an email, and, who knows, a picture might be on the front of Langford Life!

Cole's Law:

Thinly sliced cabbage.



Ideas are forming regarding the redevelopment of the village hall.

If you have ideas and/or design/architectural experience, please Let us know.

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Win Sunday Lunch for four at The Nightingale

Craig Walker, manager of Langford's pub, *The Nightingale* has kindly offered a prize of Sunday lunch for 4, including dessert, for this issue's tough quiz, so have a go... you never know, you may work out the answer and be the lucky winner!

In addition to a wide selection of beers and wine, *The Nightingale* offers great pub fayre every night of the week apart from Mondays. Lunchtimes are well provided for too, so pop along and support your local.

The Pool team play on Monday nights, so if you want to get in the team start practising. Cricket is planned for the balmy summer evenings, so if you fancy a game, pop along and have a word with any of the staff. The emphasis is strictly on fun, so don't worry if you haven't played for years – all are welcome.

The Nightingale has Sky Sports, showing top football matches and other key sporting events. Craig has lived on Langford Village for several years, but he still retains his New Zealand twang, so be prepared for some friendly banter when watching the cricket test series later in the summer.

Which Florence was known as 'The Lady with the Lamp'?

- A Florence from the Magic Roundabout
- B Florence Llewellyn-Bowen
- C Florence Nightingale

Entries to be received by Saturday 10th May 2008, with the draw taking place at the LVCA meeting on Monday 12th. The winner will be advised that week and announced in the next edition of Langford Life.

The meal for four is to be redeemed before September 2008. Drinks are not included.

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

Answer:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Wine Tasting Evening – Thursday 24th April 8.00 pm

Langford Village Hall

Further your knowledge of New World Wines with this special event hosted by wine buff Simon Gardner from Wine Merchants S.H. Jones. As well as tasting a diverse range of eight wines, there'll be an opportunity to ask questions and impress your friends!

Meet up with fellow thirsty Langfordians or bring along a few friends and make up your own table... and there's no need to worry about who's driving.

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Published by Tony Baldry MP, The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

Letter to the Editor

Bicester Blight!

Everyone in Bicester must have smelt the odour emanating from the chicken farm at Ambrosden. Maybe we experience it more on Langford Village, being closest, but what to do about it? More often than not, evenings and weekends are the times I would go outside and notice the smell. If it was strong enough to be nauseating, I would search Cherwell District Council's website and ring the complaint line. Having left numerous messages, I confess that it is the sum total of my actions.

However, one warm evening in August, the smell came into the house through the open windows. It was disgusting. I, once again, rang the complaints line and left a message. However, this time, I followed up the following day with a phone call and actually spoke to someone! Apparently nobody else had complained, but they promised to follow up. Soon afterwards, I received a letter from an individual in CDC, explaining that they had visited and everything seemed to be OK, but they would monitor the situation. Then, nothing..... I rang and emailed this person, but to no avail. I either had to leave a message, to which there was no response, or received an "out of office" to the email.

Finally, I rang the general number and was passed around to six different people; it seemed that no-one knew who dealt with odour pollution. Maybe, this is why no-one complains!!

Today, over 6 months from the reported incident, I received an email from CDC advising that the Environment Agency has taken over responsibility for odour pollution. So, I rang the number and logged the problem. I actually got to speak to someone, got a reference and a promise of a return call. However, unless we all take action, a single complaint will have no effect. Consider when you want to sell your house, or your family come to visit, or you are having a BBQ on a summer's evening – and the smell starts drifting over!! The complaints process may have put people off in the past, but hopefully by publishing the number more widely, people will start to take action.

When you call the number, don't be put off by the options. If you listen to them all, you won't find one that mentions "odour pollution". However, select option 3, which will take you through to an operator who will log your call. They work 24/7, so preferably you should call at the time. And... it's a freephone number!

Environment Agency Tel: 0800 80 70 60

Please report all incidents — only by all our actions

will something be done!



Who's Who On Your LVCA Committee

Post	Name	Tel no.
Chairman	Dominic Cotter	241504
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Situations Vacant

If you are new to Langford, or feel the time is right to get more involved, the LVCA always appreciates new ideas and an injection of enthusiasm.

We require:

- Treasurer – vacancy as of September
- 200 Club School Rep – vacancy as of September
- Artistic skills to liven up this magazine
- Volunteers to deliver Langford Life
- Architect/designer to assist with the development of the Village Hall
- Ideas and contributions to the Langford Life magazine

Don't worry, you don't have to undertake all of the above... we are happy to consider volunteers for each individual function!

If you enjoy compiling crosswords/codewords/ or quizzes, get in touch and we can include a puzzles page in future editions of Langford Life.

Litter Pick



Litter Pick – Sunday 20th April

10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Meet at Langford Village Hall

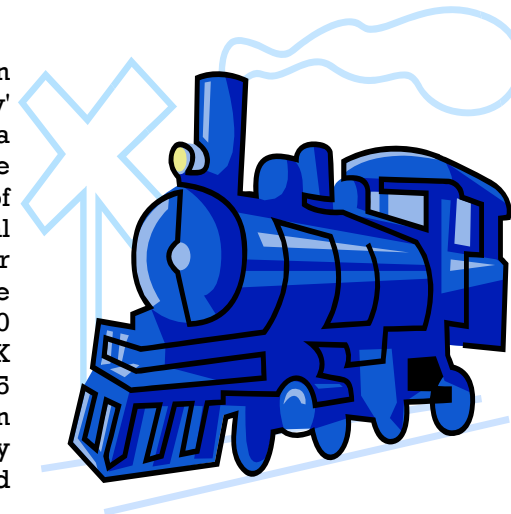
You may have noticed how great the Jubilee Lake looks following recent attention. To further enhance our local environment a litter pick is being arranged for Sunday 20th April. It's a family event so bring along the children as well... if you can get them out of bed!

Drinks and biscuits are provided afterwards!

If anyone dreams in colour...it's just a pigment of their imagination.

Oxford to Bedford Rail Link

More information is available on plans for the 'East-West Railway' to link Oxford and Bedford, via Bicester and Bletchley. These plans, which have the backing of the South-East England Regional Assembly, as well as a number of local authorities, could involve double track and hourly 100 mph trains, cutting Oxford-MK journey times to as little as 35 minutes. Even the slow option promises hourly or half-hourly trains between Oxford and Bicester taking 12 minutes!



See the links below for more details.

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As many residents may remember, Langford Village WI was formed in 1997, so we will be celebrating our 11th birthday in April. We began with 8 Chiefs and no Indians. Over the years our numbers have fluctuated – we have made new members whilst others have moved away.

At the AGM in March Julia Alderton became the President. We have an exciting, varied programme of speakers arranged for the next year and we are hoping to organise other activities. We are affiliated to the Oxfordshire Federation of W.I.s and many of our members take part in activities arranged by the Federation.

People still seem to think that all we do is make Jam and sing 'Jerusalem'. This is not so. Although the W.I. movement was started to help, educate and support rural women, we are now considered as a voice to be heard nationally, particularly as a campaigning body. We also have fun and we have the opportunity to learn new crafts, etc. We are always seeking new members, so why not come and join us!

We meet the first Wednesday of the month 1.30-3.30 pm in Langford Village Hall, Julia would be pleased to hear from you, or why not just come along.

More information go to www.oxfordshirerwi.freeuk.com

Julia's number is 01869 252813

Beryl Mann

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

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