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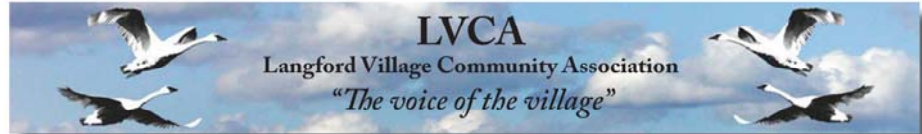
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This picture of a serene swan on Langford's Jubilee Lake comes courtesy of the lens of Bob Rudge. Bob wasn't even aware of the revamped design of Langford Life with the flying swans, so he is doubly clever. Thanks Bob.



 ★ **Win Dinner for Two at The Old Chapel** ★

Susan Brunskill



It's no exaggeration to say that Susan Brunskill has been a mainstay of the LVCA over recent years. Posts she has held include:

- Treasurer for 1 year;
- LVCA Chair for 2 years;
- Hall Committee Chair for 2 years;
- Treasurer & LVCA Chair for 1 year.

Susan now feels she has earned a breather... some people!

In addition to helping rebuild the committee when the hall was in danger of closing, Susan's greatest satisfaction has been to "...provide the people of Langford with the opportunity to have fun with others they might never get to meet otherwise, making Langford an even more enjoyable place to live."

Susan is as good as her word. Following the recent birth of Thomas (pictured), Susan and Dan have moved... to another house on Langford.

Thank you Susan for all your hard work.

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 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

Message from the Chairman

Hi,

I'm not a great one for long evening meetings, especially as I have to be up at 4.30 am, so I've been pleasantly surprised how constructive and concise LVCA monthly meetings have been. It is my aim to finish these in under an hour, and we usually do.

A good pun is its own reward

As they leave the committee, I would like to thank Susan Brunskill, Sharon Gray, Dianne Duncalf and Malcolm Clamp for all their efforts over the years, and I'm delighted to welcome Andy Hindley to the team as Treasurer. We've had great fun this year with the OTTC production of Princess Ruby Slippers at Christmas and the Wine Tasting in April, which was sensational. It's also been great to see how well the hall is being used, and when this is refurbished we have great plans for even better facilities.

You can hear our plans for the coming year at the AGM on Wednesday 10th September—details on page 7. It's all right, we've had nominations for all the key posts, so there's no chance of being press-ganged!

It is my intention that the AGM will last no more than one hour, after which you'll be able to share a glass of wine or two and have a chat with local councillors and those on the LVCA committee.

Please try to come along - we'll be starting at 7.30 pm.

Many thanks

Dominic

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Competition Winners

Congratulations to Ray Honour of Hawksmead who won Sunday Lunch for 4 at The Nightingale.

The Lady with the Lamp was, of course, Florence Nightingale.

Well done Ray!

Malcolm Clamp is standing down as LVCA Treasurer at the AGM following his move to Thame.

Malcolm, with his larger-than-life personality, will be much missed.

Thanks, Malc.

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	2 nd A Williams	96	£ 7.50
June	1 st Tony Brown	46	£23.25
	2 nd Louise Willy	43	£ 7.75
July	1 st C&M Duckworth	65	£22.87
	2 nd Mrs & Mrs Smith	93	£ 7.63

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 07778 062 743

Having run the 200 Club for the past eight years, Sharon Gray, Langford's very own answer to Alan 'Deadly' Dedicoat, is now stepping down. Langford Village owes you a big thank you Sharon.

The fund-raising objectives of the 200 Club having been met, and also due to the decreasing number of people taking part, it will be proposed at the AGM that the 200 Club be formally wound up. If this motion is passed, any outstanding monies will be shared among the usual good causes.

Cheers!

A big thank you to all those involved in the excellent wine tasting evening.

Simon Gardiner from SH Jones did a great job teaching us techniques for developing a more discerning palate, although after the first four or five wines my attention was waning...and by wine number 8 we were all past caring! Thank goodness there was plenty of cheese and nibbles to help it all go down.

40 people attended, and for many it was their first experience of a LVCA event. I personally met three people from my own road I had never spoken to before. If it is repeated I will certainly be recommending it to my friends and neighbours, especially as we can walk there.

A great evening, so well done all concerned.... Hic!

Mychelle



Competition

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Which top London restaurant is famous for celeb spotting:

- A The Mavis
- B The Ivy
- C The Norah

Entries to be received by Saturday 11th October, with the winner being selected at the LVCA meeting on Monday 13th. The winner will be advised that week and announced in the next edition of Langford Life.

The meal for two must be redeemed before November 31st 2008. The booking is for any evening or lunchtime, except Saturday evening. Anything can be selected off the menu, but drinks are not included.

- z Email the answer marked 'The Old Chapel' to editor@langfordlife.org.uk or send the slip to the Editor, Community Hall, Nightingale Place, Bicester.

Answer:

Name:

Address:





Hi, I'm Sarah Ritchie, a Police Community Support Officer who patrols Langford Village with my colleagues above, Abbie Newall, James Water-son and Nadia Naeem. We also patrol the Glory Farm area of Bicester.

I have worked for Thames Valley Police in the role of a PCSO since 2006 and transferred to Bicester from Slough early this year as my family moved here.

As Police community support officers our aim is to really engage with people from our communities, working with police officers, partner agencies and the community to tackle ongoing problems in the areas where we patrol. We deal with antisocial behaviour, provide a police presence at events as well as visiting schools, youth groups and organised clubs and of course regularly patrol the streets and parks in the area which we work.

Our team is always happy to talk to members of the public and, please, when you see us on patrol, do come over and talk to us. If we are not on patrol and you want to talk to someone about a non-emergency, there are other ways of contacting us. Every Tuesday from 14:30 until 15:30 one of your neighbourhood team will be outside Langford Village Primary School. We are there for you to talk to us about anything that you feel is affecting you and other members of the community, or even if you just want to pop along for chat and meet us.

Email us at Bicester.neighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or call us on 08457 505 505, asking to speak with Bicester Neighbourhood team. We are also aiming to start a neighbourhood surgery in your area, details of which will be confirmed soon.

Now that I have introduced myself and the team and you know a little bit about what we are here for, please say hello to us when you see us out and about and always feel free to stop one of us for a chat.

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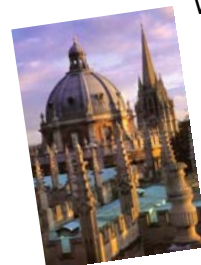
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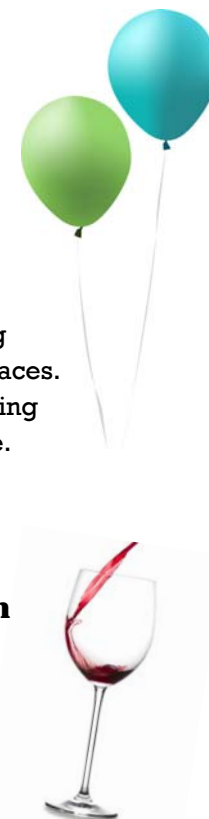


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Who's Who On Your LVCA Committee

Post	Name	Tel no.
Chairman	Dominic Cotter	241504
Treasurer	Malcom Clamp	245667
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Hall Committee Chair	Susan Brunskill	249768
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Thanks to Dianne Duncalf for all her help with hall bookings



What do Gabby Logan, Lesley Garrett, Angela Rippon & Lulu have in common?

Answer at the bottom of the page.

Girlguiding is the largest organisation for girls and young women in the UK, with around 600,000 members. Today it is as popular as ever, with a waiting list of girls

wanting to join. On Langford Village we have Rainbows and Guides, plus two Brownie Packs, but help is required to cater for even higher demand.

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YOU CAN HELP THE WOMEN OF TOMORROW BY VOLUNTEERING TODAY!

A: They were all Girl Guides.

Annual General Meeting

Langford Village Community Association AGM

7.30 pm on Wednesday 10th September 2008

Community Hall, Nightingale Place

At this year's AGM we will be outlining our ideas for next year, and would welcome any suggestions you may have for the wider benefit of Langford Village, be it social events, traffic issues, or perhaps a neighbourhood watch scheme.

After what is hoped will be a short meeting, there will be the chance to get to meet members of the committee over a glass of wine, so please do pop along to find out what's going on and meet fellow Langfordians.

See you on the 10th!

Energizer Bunny Arrested! Charged with battery.

From the Editor

This AGM Edition of Langford Life sees a few goodbyes, saying thank you to several people who have served faithfully over the years. Without them we would not be able to achieve anything... not even run the hall.

Of course, goodbyes also provide the opportunity for hellos. A new treasurer is waiting in the wings, to be introduced in the next issue. There is also room for new blood and fresh ideas, so don't be shy if you want to get involved.

We would particularly welcome 4 or 5 people to form a new social committee. The only requirement is that you are not boring... if you have a friend or two you can drag along to help, so much the better.

Pop along to the AGM or contact Tanya, Dom or Mike - details p10

Fair Trade



At this year's Bicester Carnival two Brownie packs won second prize for their Fairtrade float, appropriate in view of Bicester's aim to become a Fairtrade town. With 350 Fairtrade towns throughout the country, our Town Council is supporting Bicester in seeking Fairtrade status.

Those working for this in Bicester would welcome your help. Buying tea, coffee, bananas and a variety of other goods bearing the Fairtrade logo helps those in developing countries get a fair price for their produce and improve the life of those in communities so much poorer than our own. You might like to encourage your office, school, sports group, church, hairdressers, surgery or other group to use Fairtrade coffee and tea, which can be bought in a variety of outlets.

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