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If you think that a group or organization would benefit from a visit from Tony, then do get in touch. He would be pleased to hear from you. Surgeries are held regularly in both Banbury and Bicester. To book an appointment just contact Tony's Parliamentary Office in the constituency on **01295 673873**.

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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

## Be a 'Lollipop Hero'

### Lollipop Person Wanted for Langford School

Funding has been granted by the County Council for a Road Crossing Supervisor (a lollipop person to you and me) for Langford Village Community Primary School.

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In the Autumn, Olivia Clark, who is in Year 5 at Langford School, held a fund-raising coffee morning to raise £63 to help horses in the developing world

Olivia would like to thank everyone involved for all their help and support.

Well done Olivia!

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Thu	6.00am—9.00pm	9.00am—1.00pm, 2.00pm—5.30pm
Fri	6.00am—9.00pm	9.00am—1.00pm, 2.00pm—5.30pm
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	2 <sup>nd</sup> A Williams	83	£ 7.63	
Oct 08	1 <sup>st</sup> T Langley	28	£22.87	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> A Williams	101	£ 7.63	
Nov 08	1 <sup>st</sup> D Aust	3	£22.87	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> P Barnham	13	£ 7.63	
Dec 08	1 <sup>st</sup> W Crook	12	£22.87	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Y Henderson	6	£ 7.63	
Jan 09	1 <sup>st</sup> T Kingston	99	£22.87	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> L Lawrence	98	£ 7.63	

At the AGM Nick Cotter kindly volunteered to take over the 200 Club.

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"Having lived in Bicester for 12 years, and tried all of the Chinese options, this is by far the best. The crispy beef chilli is excellent - a family favourite."

Three winners will receive a £25 voucher each, so go on, try our tough quiz! In which famous square did the Nightingale sing:

- A Tiananmen Square, Beijing
- B Berkeley Square, London
- C Market Square, Bicester

**新 華**

Entries to be received by Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009, with the winner being selected at the LVCA meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be advised that week and announced in the next Langford Life.

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Email the answer marked 'Sun Wah' to [editor@langfordlife.org.uk](mailto:editor@langfordlife.org.uk).. or send the slip to Community Hall, Nightingale Place, Bicester.  
.....

Name:

Answer:

Address:

Phone Number:

### TAKE ME TO THE SQUARE DANCE

For six years, The Heyford Hoofers have been strutting their stuff at Langford Village Hall under the guidance of caller Bob Billingham.

Square Dancing is a wonderful activity for all the family and for all ages to enjoy. Dancing experience is not necessarily an advantage, but an ear for a good tune and the ability to laugh away the evening would certainly help. In fact, square dancing is fun-and-friendship set to music with groups of 8 dancers forming a square.

At only £2 for the evening, why not pop along and have a bit of fun at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evenings.

Contact Bob on 01869 600961 or visit [www.uksquaredancing.com](http://www.uksquaredancing.com).

### Consciousness: That annoying time between naps

**The United Sports Karate Association (USKO)**  
Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 Langford Village Hall

**Sport Karate** is a combination of traditional 'Wado Ryu' and Kick-boxing. The USKO believes that Sport Karate should be a satisfying and enjoyable experience for students of all abilities and aims to provide quality and expertise in the field of Martial Arts through teaching.

Jon Price and daughters Victoria and Rebecca have been running the Bicester branch of the USKO at Langford Village hall for the past five years, and offer a free first lesson for anyone who's interested.

Sport karate is suitable for men, women and children of all ages, so if you would like to improve your fitness, self defence, confidence and health, contact Jon on 325834 or at [onejonprice@hotmail.com](mailto:onejonprice@hotmail.com)

## GOOD FOOD EVENING

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**8 Longfields, Bicester: 7.30pm onwards**

***Come along and join us for a Good Food Evening; hopefully a Good Weather Evening as well.***

\* \* \*

***Cost £10 per couple and £2.50 for each child. Please also bring along a bottle.***

***Hot meal with salads/breads and plenty of good puddings/ice cream cones.***

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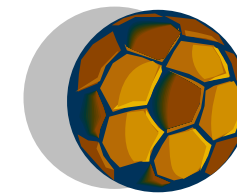
***Let Sue know you will be joining the crowd***

***Tel 01869 244292 [sue\\_clutterbuck@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_clutterbuck@hotmail.com)***

Congratulations to SPARTA LANGFORD, our local five-a-side team who won the championship last season.

SPARTA LANGFORD, currently in the Premiership, have been playing in the pitch-invasion league at the Bicester sports centre for three years. Their stylish kit owes much to their sponsor, Craig, former owner of THE NIGHTINGALE.

Well done guys.



Any enquires to Russell Johnson.

email- [russelljohnson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:russelljohnson@hotmail.co.uk) or mobile 07917807487.



## Who's Who On Your LVCA Committee

Post	Name	Tel no.
Chairman	Dominic Cotter	241504
Treasurer	Andy Hindley	321779
Community Affairs Committee Chair	Vacant	
Hall Committee Chair	Dominic Cotter	241504
Secretary	Mike Oke	360044
Bookings Manager	Kirsty Lowe	0777 8062743
Hall Manager	Abby Hughes	322465
Newsletter Editor	Mike Oke	360044
Newsletter Advert Co-ordinator	Ted Kingston	325821
Newsletter Distribution Co-ordinator	Alan Beattie	242425
Website Manager	Paul Langley	321908
200 Club Co-ordinator	Nick Cotter	322166

### Friction can be a drag sometimes

#### Situations Vacant

Andy Hindley has done some great work on the accounts, especially with regard to hall users, since stepping up to the plate as **Treasurer** at last year's AGM.

Recent promotion in the RAF is great news for Andy, but less so for the LVCA as Andy will not be available for a year. Anyone with a head for figures, who could help out, would be greatly welcomed.

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We would also love to hear from 2 or 3 more people interested in helping to set up a **social committee** for quizzes, wine tastings, parties etc. If you have any ideas, or would like to get involved, please don't be shy.

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Vacancies also exist for a **Minutes Secretary** and someone to help with the **compilation of Langford Life**... after all, two heads are better than one!

For all vacancies please contact Dom Cotter or Mike Oke.

## New Train Services Bicester-Oxford

### Newsflash from First Great Western

From 17th May, there will be 11 trains each weekday, instead of 8 at present (12 on Fridays instead of 9). The new trains leave Oxford at 10.00, 11.00 and 15.00, and return from Bicester at 10.29, 11.29, 15.29.

Commuter times will not change. Nor will Saturdays: 13 trains each way, starting from Oxford at 07.00; the last train back from Bicester at 22.50.



The other big change is a Sunday service, for the first time for more than a decade: 9 trains a day, starting from Oxford at 09.26, with the last one leaving Bicester at 22.03.

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## Chef Pete



**Get Cooking  
With Chef Pete**

In this new series to Langford Life, 'Chef Pete' shares a few of his favourite recipes, many selected from his travels around the world.

Even kitchen novices cannot fail to impress with Chef Pete's first recipe, so give it a whirl to jazz up salads, soups and barbeques.

All feedback is appreciated, so if you have any ideas of your own to spice up Langford Life, please contact the editor. Happy cooking!

### Garlic Croutons

#### Ingredients:

4 slices white or brown bread (fresh, thick slices)  
2 large cloves garlic, crushed  
50g butter, softened  
35g feta cheese



#### Procedure:

Toast bread one side only. Mash garlic, butter and feta cheese into a paste, spread over the untoasted side of the bread.

Remove crusts.

Toast until crisp and golden on surface.

Cut each slice into cubes.

Next Issue: Chocolate Truffles (optional alcohol), and a tried and tested recipe from one of my past voyages on the QE2.

"Bonne Appétit"  
Chef Pete

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Library, Old Place Yard: 01869 252181

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Bicester Police Station: 01869 320919

Langford Village CP School: 369021

Sports Centre: 01869 253914

### **Medical**

Langford Medical Centre: 245665

Mondays – Fridays:

0830-1030, 1100-1300 & 1600-1800

Saturdays (Emergencies only):  
1000-1130

Community Hospital: 01869 604000

John Radcliffe Casualty: 01865 741166

NHS Direct 24 Hours: 0845 4647

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Child Line: 0800 1111

Samaritans: 0845 7909090

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National Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

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Methodist Church: 240671

Salvation Army: 369160

Bicester Community Church: 244741

Elim Christian Centre: 252753

Hebron Gospel Hall: 277300

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