



LANGFORD VILLAGE GETS - BUS SERVICE AND ANOTHER POST BOX, FULL DETAILS ENCLOSED.

THE LANGFORD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Langford Village Community Association. The Association was formed as a result of the public meeting on 26th November 1992. At the meeting it became obvious that the only way to improve the quality of life on Langford Village was to create a formal body to represent the views of the residents to the official bodies who decide on the development of our estate.

At present we are operating on a Steering Committee basis but we hope to formalise our Association with elections being held during June 1993.

Our Association has four Officers and Road representatives. The road reps, will act as a link between resident and Association, and will represent your views at the committee meetings. If you have any problems or concerns let your road rep know. They also hold copies of all meeting minutes which you can read.

Committee meetings will be held monthly usually at Garth House, Launton Road. You are welcome to come along. Your road rep will let you know the dates and times.

OFFICERS

Steve Williams	253329	Chairman
Allan Huddart	248554	Treasurer
Alison Williams	253329	Secretary
David Cooke	247893	Assistant Secretary

Martin Adams	322048	Shearwater Drive
Malcolm Swetnam	321220	Osprey Close
Eleanor Thompson	322425	Heron Drive (Falcon Mead 2+, Heron Drive 2-32)
Vince Brimble	322179	Heron Drive (nos. 34+)

ROAD REPRESENTATIVE

Dennis Vickers	320666	Ravencroft (odd numbers)
Paul Warriner	241373	Ravencroft (even numbers)
Peter Barnham	249593	Kingfisher Way (even nos. 2-110)
Roger Gambrell	247174	Kingfisher Way (even nos. 112+, all odd nos.)

Allan Huddart	248554	Merlin Way (all odd nos. even nos. 16+)
John Beazley	244516	Swallow Close (plus 2-14 Merlin way)

Ken Barton	249380	Kestrel Way
David Cooke	247893	Avocet Way

OTHER MEMBERS

Rev. Steve Hall 323635 Ravencroft
Attention All Avocet Way Residents

At present David Cooke is acting as your Road Representative for Avocet Way, but he lives elsewhere. We would like to here from anyone living in Avocet Way who would like to act as Road Rep.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

As you can see if you drive down Peregrine Way the building of the Community Centre, Shops and Surgery will begin very soon.

After discussing the Community Centre with Cherwell District Council on 13th January, we found out the Community Centre will belong to Langford Village Residents based on a leasing agreement between ourselves and the Council.

We need **YOUR HELP** to make the centre a success. We hope to form a Management Group for the centre and want to encourage as many different bodies and groups as possible to use the facility.

We also have a budget of £5,000 to spend on internal fixtures and fittings such as chairs, tables, electrical equipment, crockery, cutlery, litter bins, etc.

We can also have some say on the specification of internal fixtures such as types of washbasins, placing of doorhandles, etc. **WE NEED YOUR IDEAS URGENTLY.**

RING ALLAN HUDDART 248554 OR ALISON WILLIAMS 253329

Local Centre

Our Assistant Secretary, David Cooke has undertaken the task of fact finding on the provision of the local shopping centre, plus siting of a public telephone box, additional post box, and litter bins.

He reports that a start has been made on the building of the local centre. The shops will consist of a Macs supermarket plus three other shop units, of which one has planning consent for use as a hot food takeaway or restaurant. The shopping centre will be very similar in shape and size to that recently opened on the 'Southwold' estate. Plans are available for viewing.

We would welcome your views on any of the above matters, especially the siting of litter bins in our locality.

RING DAVID COOKE 247839 WITH ANY OPINIONS.

STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

Contracts have now been exchanged between Dr Street's Practice and the developers so the permanent surgery will now go ahead at the same time as the shops and community centre.

Councillor Barry Wood

Councillor Barry Wood has assisted us from the start and has agreed to be this Association's Local Council Representative. So far Barry has secured £5,000 for Langford Village play area equipment and is lobbying on our behalf on a number of items. He has also arranged for the use of Garth facility for our Association Meetings. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his help and bring to your attention that he is the man to contact if you have any matters relating to local or Council business.



NEW POST BOX

We have successfully negotiated the siting of a second Post box. The Post Office and Planning Office have agreed to site the Post Box on the corner of Kingfisher Way and Peregrine Way. We hope it will be installed within the next few weeks. Many thanks to Alison and Peter.

GOOD NEWS ON OUR BUS SERVICE

As a direct result of a lot of hard work and effort on the part of Dennis Vickers of our Association, THAMES TRANSIT HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE US WITH A BUS SERVICE!!!!

The service will consist of 16 seater, minibus and will operate every 20 minutes between Langford Village and Bicester. It will also coincide with connections on the Thames Transit route into Oxford.

The service will operate from approximately 7.30am to 6.00pm on Mondays to Saturdays. The service will be starting as soon as possible (bearing in mind that the Company need at least 6 weeks to get the paperwork rubber stamped by the traffic commissioners)

PENSIONERS - Apply for your bus pass at The Garth

LOOK OUT - for the service from Mid-March onwards.

Many Thanks to Dennis Vickers and Thames Transit

SCHOOLS

Longfields County Primary School, Longfields, Bicester, OX6 7QL. Telephone Bicester (0869) 252386. Headteacher J A A Hooper, B.A. As the nearest school you have to a neighbourhood facility at the moment, may I introduce you to Longfields County Primary and Nursery School?

We serve a large area in the south of Bicester and currently have around two hundred and seventy pupils, including Langford Village children, aged five to eleven on our roll. There are a further 52 children in our nursery who attend for five half day sessions a week and start at four years of age.

Early application is advised if you want a nursery place, since they are at a premium.

Our buildings are pleasant and modern, set in large grounds in a residential area, and can be approached either from Launton Road or from the town via Bell Lane.

We encourage parental involvement in the school in all its aspects and have an open door policy. A school prospectus and all other details of the school are available to visitors - whom we welcome.

UNDER 5'S?

There are approximately 150 pre-school children on Langford Village so one of the first things we wish to do with the community centre is to set up a parent and toddler group with a view to the possibility of getting up a play-group in the future.

Are you interested in helping to set this up? No experience necessary - just enthusiasm! We need to get going as soon as possible so we can apply for grants and start fundraising.

To get involved ring SALLY BISHOP 240642 or BRIDGET CHAPHAM 246608



WIN A MEAL FOR TWO

Logo Competition for 16 year olds and under

We need a logo for our Community Association letters etc. Could you help to design one?

The Logo should be drawn in black and white and should reflect the character of Langford Village Community Association and may include the letters L.V.C.A.

IF YOURS IS THE BEST DESIGN YOU WILL WIN A MEAL FOR TWO TO THE VALUE OF ~~£~~20 AT ANY HAPPY EATER RESTAURANT!!

Hand your logo design to your road rep. by Friday 12th Feb. Prize kindly donated by John Beazley.

DON'T FEEL LONELY

Sally and Bridget can also give you lots of information on Under 5's provision in the Bicester area and can introduce you to other mums in Langford Village. Give them a ring!

COURTYARD PLAYGROUP

Launton Road, Bicester
Telephone 247184
3-5 years
Tuesday-Friday 9.30-11.45am
Rising 5's Monday 9.30-11.45am

Children learn through play, caring staff, happy atmosphere. First steps to independence.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you have any items for our next newsletter please provide them in writing to the secretary, Alison Williams (phone 253329).

The next newsletter will have updates on:-

- i) Bus Service
- ii) Community Centre
- iii) funds received etc.

and particular details of local community play areas which we are currently looking into. We will also be providing information on your local Councillors and on any particular functions that they may have.

Hope you've found this Newsletter interesting and informative from it you can see that a lot of time and effort is being expended on your behalf to improve the environment of Langford Village. However in order to carry on the good work we need to raise funds to help towards the cost of phone calls, letters, newsletters and general organisation. We are therefore asking for voluntary donations. Road representatives will be coming round to introduce themselves over the next few days so please give what you can to them. All money will be held by Lloyds Bank PLC for Community Association use.

THANK YOU