



# The Langford Life

The Newsletter of Langford Village Community Association



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## Notice of Public Meeting for all Residents of Langford Village Monday 6 March 1995 7.00pm (for approximately 3 hours) at Langford Village Hall

You will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions directly to Ward Councillors, Planning Officials, School Governors and the Local Police.

Our named guest list includes:

Bob Duxbury		Chief Planning Officer - Cherwell District Council
Barry Wood		Chairman - Cherwell District Council
David Marriott	}	Cherwell District Council Leisure Services and also
Vickie Zielinski	}	Management of the Community Centre
Erica Coomber		Rowlandson Company re shopping centre and car park management
John Kerrison		Langford Village Pub Landlord
John Crowther	}	Landscaping and
Jeremy Sacha	}	Environmental issues
Doreen Stewart	}	Ward Councillors for: Avocet Way, Kestrel Drive
David Markham	}	Ravencroft & Shearwater Drive
Catherine Fulljames	}	Ward Councillors for all the other roads
Douglas Spencer	}	on Langford Village

The objective of the meeting is to allow our official guests the opportunity to present and discuss the future development of Langford Village and Bicester.

The Meeting Agenda will include the following:

- \* Public House with plans to view
- \* Housing on Pub Site
- \* New School with Plans to View
- \* New By-Pass - Railway Tunnel Work and plans
- \* Increased Traffic Movements along By-Pass
- \* Commercial Development along Railway Embankment
- \* Public open spaces and Play areas
- \* Landscaping and Environmental issues - including Jubilee Lake and shrubs
- \* The integration of Langford Village with Bicester Town

Time permitting, there will also be an opportunity for personal questions/issues to be addressed during a surgery time, which will be allocated towards the end of the main agenda.

If you would like to ask questions then please complete the Question Form (Appendix B). This will enable our guests to attend with fully prepared and detailed answers. A copy of your form will be returned at the meeting to enable you, where possible, to personally ask the question. **Question Forms should be returned to Chairman, Allan Huddart, 33 Merlin Way, (Tel: 248554) by 25 February.**

Langford Life is published at least quarterly by the Langford Village Community Association (LVCA) and circulated free to it's members.

LVCA exists to promote a community spirit and to improve the facilities and environment in Langford Village. Membership of the Association is by annual subscription of £1 per household.

The opinions of contributors are not necessarily those of the Association.

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## Langford Village Christmas Party

The Christmas Party was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 19 December and a great time was missed by those unable to attend!

The party went with a swing and everybody entered into the spirit of things. The highlight of the evening was the draw for the LV Christmas Raffle.

A big Thank You to all those who attended and many thanks to everyone who helped with the organisation. We hope to see you all again at the next village function- watch this space!!

## LV Christmas Prize Draw

### Lucky Prizewinners

There were 20 prizes in all the first 3 winners being:

Rev. J Nixon	-	Boeing 737 Flight Simulator
Linsey	-	Colour Television
Mr Branch	-	Mountain Bike

The prizes were donated by the following:

- \* CSE Air Training School, Kidlington Airport
- \* Wadleys of Bicester
- \* JJ Gallagher    \* Unipart    \* Macs Supermarket
- \* Jardines Chemist    \* Tesco    \* Canderel
- \* RAF Bicester Gliding School    \* LVCA

A profit of £610 was raised from both the party and the draw, £50 of which has been donated to Bicester Cottage Hospital. The remainder of the monies will be used to purchase storage sheds to house equipment used by the Community Association and Village Hall User Groups.

## Is Your Road Represented??

Some roads on Langford Village are unfortunately not represented on the committee which may mean your views are not being heard. You may also be receiving notices, the newsletter and other information much later than other residents or indeed missing out altogether.

We require extra help with:

Avocet Way	Lapwing Close
Ravencroft	Merganser Drive
Goldcrest Way	Whimbrell Drive
Heron Drive (Beazer Homes)	

If you would like to know more about how you can help and become involved then please have a chat with Val (320163), Allan (248554) or Ellie (322425).

## Dates for the Diary

27th February	LVCA Committee Meeting	7.30pm
6th March	Public Meeting	7.00pm
10th March	Proposed Race Night	TBA
27th March	Hall Management Meeting	7.45pm
4th April	Meeting re Fun Day	7.45pm
1st May	Meeting re Fun Day	7.45pm
7th May	Fun Run & Fete	All Day

All the above will be held at the Village Hall. LVCA General Committee Meetings are held every other month and are open to ALL residents.

## Scoop That Poop !?!

I have received the following letter from a Mrs White of Merlin Way:

"I live in a beautiful house in a decent area but am I able to appreciate it? NO!

Wherever I go in Langford Village, I have to watch where I walk due to the increasing amount of dog muck left by irresponsible owners. It is on the pavements and on the grass and all around the lake.

If I go for a relaxing walk with my children I am constantly telling them to watch where they tread.

There is plenty of room in Langford Village for people and dogs but a few irresponsible owners with no thought for others - and in particular children - are spoiling it for everyone."

If you have any views yourself on this particular subject then please let me know.

## May Day, Fun Day, Run Day

Put Sunday 7th May in your diary to ensure you don't miss out on the Fun of our Annual Fun Run and Fete. There will be stalls, games, a Road Team Challenge, a Bar-B-Que, Music Quiz and Family Disco.

FUN FOR ALL. NO MATTER WHAT YOUR AGE!

Watch out for more details.....

## Race Night - Friday 10 March

A fun evening when you can chance your luck and see if you can back the winning gee-gee! You may even be lucky enough to own your own horse for the night.

Further details to follow. Watch the notice board in the Hall and Macs Supermarket.

## It's Your Newsletter!

Don't forget that there is a suggestion box in the foyer of the Village Hall into which you can place your ideas and contributions for the newsletter. I am always interested to hear your news and views, so let me know what is going on in your neck of the woods!

You may prefer to give me a call or drop me a line - my details are at the foot of the front page. - Ed.

## St Edburgs Church

A special service is being held at St Edburgs Church, Bicester, on Sunday 12 February at 10.30am.

The Address is to be given by Mr David Haylett, Diocesan Stewardship Adviser. He will be speaking about the problems the "Church" has with rising day to day running costs and how it's work is hampered by a shortage of money.

By attending the Service you would not be committing yourself to anything, except listening to what should prove to be an interesting and informative talk, on a subject affecting all who worship at St Edburgs whether infrequently or on a regular basis.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.



The New Year has started with an active programme for both the Toddler and Playgroup. If your children are under 5 why not come along on a Tuesday or Friday afternoon between 1.30 and 3.00 to join in the fun. To keep the children amused we have a climbing frame, little house, play dough, drawing and toys and games of all sorts.

We are open to all - Dads and Mums with a bump, Children under 5 and their parents and anyone else on the estate who would like to visit us. On a Tuesday afternoon we have the kind help of 2 ladies who come and serve the tea and coffee for us. We desperately need help on a Friday afternoon in the same way, if you feel you could assist, even if your children have now 'fled the nest', then please call Sally in 240642.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all of those who helped in anyway with our pre-Christmas fundraising.

If you require further details on the playgroup or wish to put your child's name on the waiting list then please call Janine on 324290.

We are always seeking new toys. If you have any Duplo, Playmobile, a cassette recorder or anything else your children have outgrown and would like to donate to the group, then please call Sally on 240642.

## Langford Village Youth Club

Unfortunately, due to resignations from the Youth Club Committee, we will be closed until further notice.

The Youth Club:-

- \* Meets on Friday evenings between 7.00 & 9.00pm in the Village Hall, during Term time.

- \* Is open to all youngsters aged between 10 & 16. Membership is £1 per year.

- \* Is in urgent need of help to run the club, from both experienced and inexperienced adults. Can you commit yourself to a couple of hours on a regular basis, even if it is only once a month?

- \* If you are interested in helping your community then please ring Steve-323635, Colleen-322616 or Tony-249583.

- \* Is in urgent need of people to sit on the Club Committee to assist in the organisation of the club. Experience is not essential.

It is with regret that we cannot re-open until we receive your support. Without help, our youngsters will lose a valuable source of social development.

## Langford Village Scout Group



The Beavers have been burning off the excesses of Christmas by keeping fit and finding out how their bodies work. We have also had an evening doing scientific experiments - luckily no one blew up the Hall!

We hope to start a Cub Scout Pack (ages 8-11) very shortly. The Groups in the Town remain full and we have recently had to ask boys to leave Beavers as they are too old. Before this will be possible we will need additional help with the Beaver Scout Colony (ages 6-8).

Do you enjoy a challenge, fun and adventure? Enjoyed being a Scout or Guide? Recently moved to LV and wish to meet new people? Aged 18-65?

If you can answer "Yes" to any of the above or just want to know more on how you can help Langford Village be a successful Group, then please give Ellie a call on 322425. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm. Do not feel you can only support us by giving a regular commitment. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Cherwell District Council Sports Roadshow

If you are aged between 5 and 14 year and would like to try your hand at a variety of indoor and outdoor sports and recreational activities then now is your chance.

The CDC Roadshow will visit the Village Hall between 10.00am and 12 Noon on 22nd and 24th February. There will be a charge of £2 per session.

Feel free to pop along and have a go.

## "The Van"

### A mobile advice & information service

For young people aged 14 - 25 years will be coming to Langford Village Shopping Centre each Monday evening between 7.00 & 8.30pm, from 30 January and 6 March.

Sit and relax and get advice about things that worry you or that you simply want to know about.

For more information Telephone 0865 794524

## Childrens Photographs

Colin Randall of Photoscene will be at :

Jardines Pharmacy, Langford Village (Tel:323008) on 23rd & 24th February to take your baby and children's photographs.

Please pop into the shop for further details.

# Membership of Langford Village Community Association

## The Community Association exists to:

1. Foster the spirit of the Community
2. Provide opportunities for the creative use of leisure in response to local needs
3. Identify Community needs and promote appropriate, caring responses, to strengthen the work of local organisations and to provide opportunities for individuals to undertake voluntary community service.
4. Provide a corporate voice for the community it serves and actively co-operate with the local authorities.
5. Enable people to grow in confidence and skill through active involvement and in doing so, to foster democracy and active citizenship.
6. Provide and manage a community building and help to make it a focal point for the social, recreational, educational and cultural interests of the neighbourhood.
7. To serve the whole community and in order to do so to take steps to ensure it's membership, activities, premises and management are accessible to all within that community.

## Cost

Just £1.00 per household per year, running from January to December

(Please note that the membership fee of £1 is payable at whatever time during the year you may join)

## Benefits

1. Regular issues of The Langford Life Newsletter.
2. Reduced admission prices to LVCA functions.
3. Reduced hire charges for use of the Village Hall.
4. Invitation to bi-monthly meeting.
5. 2-way contact with the "Road Reps".

**Please return your completed Membership Application, in an envelope, together with your £1 fee, to the Road Rep. indicated below. Alternatively you may place it in the box provided in Macs Superstore.**

Avocet Way	Macs Superstore
Falcon Mead	B & L Owen, 14 Falcon Mead
Goldcrest Way	L Lawrence, 2 Pipits Croft
Heron Drive	D Beaumont, 9 Heron Drive or E Thompson, 15 Heron Drive
Kestrel Way	S & K Bowerman, 61 Kestrel Way
Kingfisher Way	P & S Barnham, 2 Kingfisher Way or V Say 98 Kingfisher Way
Lapwing Close	L Lawrence, 2 Pipits Croft
Merganser Drive	D Cooke, 17 Osprey Close, or Macs
Merlin Way	A Huddart, 33 Merlin Way or M Deeley, 24 Merlin Way
Nightingale Place	Macs Superstore
Osprey Close	D. Cooke, 17 Osprey Close
Peregrine Way	L Lawrence, 2 Pipits Croft
Ravencroft	Fr. S Hall, 75 Ravencroft or Macs
Shearwater Drive	M Adams, 28 Shearwater Drive or Macs
Swallow Close	T Brown, 17 Swallow Close
Whimbrell Drive	Macs Superstore

## LVCA Membership Application Form

Family Name(s): .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: .....

Telephone No.: .....

Children:    Date of Birth .....    Age .....    M/F .....    Date of Birth .....    Age .....    M/F .....

Date of Birth .....    Age .....    M/F .....    Date of Birth .....    Age .....    M/F .....

Existing Membership Number (if applicable): .....

The Association would like to hear from people who have skills which would benefit Langford Village. If you would like to help in any way, then please indicate below:

Skills to offer: .....

Please comment on any issues you wish to draw to the Committees attention .....

Signature(s) of all persons over 18: (1) ..... (2) .....

**Please return the completed form, in an envelope, together with your £1 fee to the Road Rep. indicated. Receipt will be acknowledged by the issue of a Membership Card. Thank You.**

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## Public Meeting Questionnaire

Your Name:

Address:

Telephone No:

Question(s)

Addressed To:

**Please Note:**

Questions will be dealt with, in the first instance, in the order of the formal agenda.  
Please ensure this form is returned to Allan Huddart, 33 Merlin Way, by **25 February** at the latest.