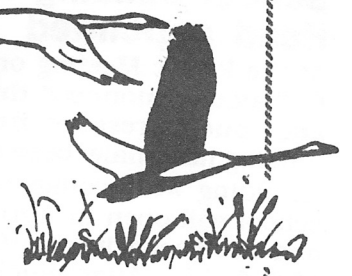


The Langford Life

The Newsletter of Langford Village Community Association



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Langford Village May Fete

It is with regret to advise that we will unfortunately be unable to incorporate the Fun Run at the Fete due to the clash with the VE Day Celebrations and the logistic problems this causes. However we hope to run this event together with the Road Team Challenge and Music Quiz later in the summer.

Fear not! We will be holding a Traditional Village Fete with a special walk in aid of MacMillan Nurses.

Langford Village May Fete
Sunday 7 May
2.00pm

Something for Everyone including:

Bouncy Castle

Tombola

Afternoon Tea

Beer Tent

Book Stall

Bash the Beaver

Target Practice

Games

And Much More



We look forward to seeing you!

Family Barn Dance

Sunday 7 May
7.00 pm - 11.00 pm

Dancing to Mouse & Trousers

Bar

Refreshments

Adults - £2.50

Under 16's - £1.00

Tickets available from your Road Rep, Macs & at the Fete
Buy now to avoid disappointment!



A Macmillan Miles Nearer to Helping People With Cancer

The Macmillan Appeal was launched in 1994 and aims to raise £100 million in 3 years to cover the cost of expanding existing services and introducing innovative new projects. Macmillan works to improve the quality of life of people with cancer and their families at all stages of their illness.

The 1995 Nationwide Macmillan Mile Challenge involves people of all ages paying £1 and covering a mile in any way they can. LVCA has decided to support such a worthy cause organising a circuit at the fete.



Pay £1 to walk
1 mile

or



You could be different and hop, skip, jump, run, cycle, dance!

Whatever mode you choose we look forward to you joining us on
Sunday 7 May

Start 1.30pm
Register from 1.00pm

Want to know More?

If you want more details on the Macmillan walk or wish to help in anyway then please contact Linda Lawrence on 241361.

If you would like to run a stall at the fete or offer your help on the 7 May in anyway then please contact Al or Sarah Rogers on 323927.

David or Catherine Cooke will arrange to collect any books you have for the **bookstall** (tel: 247839) or you can bring them along on the morning of 7 May.

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

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School Building Starts Head appointed

At the Public Meeting on 6 March, Cllr. Catherine Fulljames announced that after 5 years hard work and much pressure from the local community, funding has finally been agreed for our new school.

Building work commenced on 13 March and the school will open in April 1996 with 7 class rooms and a roll capacity of 210 children between the ages of 5 & 11. After much debate it has also been confirmed that a nursery for 52 children will open at the same time (26 in the morning, 26 in afternoon).

A temporary Board of Governors has been established who will oversee the initial development of the school - the majority live on Langford Village including the Chair Barbara Stevenson, Vice Chair Peter Jones, LVCA Committee Members Fr. Steve Hall and Tony Brown. Other residents include Alison Williams, Susan Potter, John Millington, Jane Shouler and the Secretary Marion Mayos. Other Governors are Cllr. Arthur Winter, local Head Roy Blatchford and teacher Honor Hollis.

The Governors are please to announce the appointment of a Head Teacher - Mr John Moffitt, who has been the Head of Deddington Primary School for the last 5 years.

Barbara Stevenson stated:

"The Governing body are totally committed to providing the best possible school together with the highest standards of education for the children of Langford Village.

We are delighted to have appointed such an enthusiastic and talented Head as John Moffitt. He will commence his duties in September 1995 and together with the Governors will initially be involved with the many tasks that need to be undertaken to ensure the successful opening of the new school. He is very keen to make contact with potential parents and we will advise residents of appropriate opportunities to meet him."

The catchment area for the school will be the boundaries of Langford Village. If you have a child aged between 3 & 10 and would like him/her to start at the school in April 1996, could you please contact Steve Kemp at the local Education Office on 01 865 810604.

Are you new to Bicester?

Need to know where the banks are?

Need to know where the Job Centre is?

Want to know where Dean's Court is?

These and other questions can be answered by collecting your *Free* copy of the Bicester Official Guide from the Bicester Town Council Offices in The Garth, Garth Park, on Launton Road or telephone 252915 or 320007.

You can also collect your 'Welcome to Bicester' pack at the same time, which contains leaflets about leisure events/the Library service/Crime Prevention/Bus and Rail timetables plus much more.

LVCA - Change of Chairman

Allan Huddart has unfortunately had to resign from his post of Chairman with effect from 6 March due to work commitments. Val Say the current Secretary has temporarily taken on the role of Chair until the AGM in June. Val said:

"We are very grateful for the time, effort and hardwork Allan has put into the Community over the last couple of years. Certainly he has made a personal and significant impact for the good of the residents of Langford Village and we wish him well".

Jubilee Lake

Concern has been expressed recently about the Lake and Cherwell DC and Thames Water are in the process of carrying out tests to ascertain exactly what is causing the water pollution. Residents are reminded that the Lake is a functional "Balancing Pond" and takes excess water off the roads and drainage system and you are therefore requested not to pour oil down your drains.

The Lake itself is extremely deep and with the steep embankments and large underwater pumps could prove very dangerous should someone fall in - care should be taken at all times - it is not a play area!

Hedges on the Linear Open Space

I have received a letter from a Richard Gault in the Leisure Services Department of Cherwell DC regarding the above. He has been contacted by a Mr Schneiderman of 114 Ravencroft who would like the hedge adjoining his property laid, which would promote new growth and strengthen the hedge. Anyone with an interest in the hedges, be they ones bordering their property or elsewhere on Langford Village should contact Richard on 01 295 252535 Ext. 4114 for further information.

Langford Village Afternoon Club

- Are you at home during the day, perhaps retired, a homemaker, working part time/shifts, or unable to work at all?
- On your own?
- With plenty of spare time?
- Would like to meet other people in a similar situation in Langford Village?

If so, would you be interested in forming a social club at the Village Hall? Val Say (Tel 320163), Tony Brown (Tel 322563) or your Road Rep would love to hear from you. Don't delay, Call today!

Is your Letterbox Safe?

Don't worry said I to my son who was ill,
I'll deliver the papers, it'll be a thrill,
He waved me goodbye with a grin,
Some hours later he asked why I was so forlorn,
As he looked at my hands all battered and torn,
No the dog didn't get me,
The letterbox did!

By Catherine Cooke - 17 Osprey Close

Are there any more budding poets out there? I'd love to hear from you too - Ed.