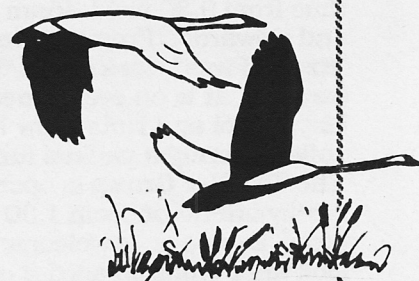




# The Langford Life

The Newsletter of Langford Village Community Association

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## Message from the Editor

May I apologise for the length of time that has elapsed between issues 4 & 5 of The Langford Life. The arrival of Alister Ryan Thompson on 6 July has taken up much more time than I had first anticipated!! Now he is 3 months old I am hoping that life will be less hectic and more productive!

## Do You Want to Win £200?

If so read on.....

The Pub Owner, John Kerrison, has laid down the gauntlet and is challenging residents to come up with a name for the new hostelry. Get those thinking caps on straight away - come up with something original and it *could be you* winning the prize of £200!

There is no time to waste. Send your ideas, in a sealed envelope, together with your name, address and telephone number to me at **15 Heron Drive by 31 October.**

## Road Reps

Welcome to Colin Duckworth of 22 Merganser Drive and Lorraine Hunt of 31 Goldcrest Way - many thanks for agreeing to represent these roads. Due to family commitments we say goodbye to Susan Carghill of Avocet Way - thanks for your past help. There are still a number of roads that are either unrepresented on the Committee or are so large additional help would be appreciated, these include Shearwater Drive, Avocet Way and Heron Drive. If you would like to help LVCA in any way then please have a chat with either Val Say on 320163 or our Membership Secretary Mick Deeley on 324457.

## Calling all Football Fans

Are you aged between 17 and 35?

Live on Langford Village and enjoy a game of football?

Would you be interested in setting up a football team to play in the local Sunday League next season?

If the answer is yes to the above then register your interest by calling Andy Beaumont on 243858. Make sure you leave your name and address.

## The Village Hall

The Hall is provided for the use of everyone in our community. As well as our regular user groups and fundraising activities the hall can be hired for events such as **Birthday Parties, Wedding Receptions or Christening Parties.** In fact, **any event where you don't want to use your own home.** Members of LVCA hire the hall at reduced rates so if you aren't a member contact Mick Deeley on 324457 to find out how to become one.

Our regular user groups are Playgroup, Toddler Group, Tumble Tots, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Adult Ballet, Karate and a Diet Clinic. If you wish to find out about any of these groups either phone the person named below or call in at the Hall during the group's opening hours.

Playgroup	Mon-Fri	9.30-11.45am	324290
Toddler Grp	Tues & Fri	1.30-3.00pm	324290
Rainbows	Thurs	9.00-7.00pm	322179
1st LV Brownies	Weds	6.00-7.30pm	248082
2nd LV Brownies	Fri	5.45-7.15pm	240216
Guides	Thurs	7.30-9.00pm	322488
Beavers	Tues	6.00-7.15pm	322425
Cubs	Mon	6.30-8.00pm	322425
Tumble Tots	Weds	1.00-4.30pm	01865 68443
Adult Ballet	Tues	8.00-9.00pm	01296 730538
Karate	Weds	7.30-9.00pm	01296 770331
Diet Clinic	Alt Mon	7.30-8.30pm	01865 793897

**To hire the hall outside these hours please contact Linda on 241361**

## The Fun Run

Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported the Fun Run and Disco.

Congratulations to Merlin Way who this year reigned supreme in the Road Team Challenge. I understand that a good time was had by everyone who took part. It was a shame to hear that this was not as many as in 1993 and 1994.

Keep the following dates in your diaries:  
**2 December Christmas Dance**  
**5 May 1996 May Day Fete**

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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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**Deadline** for the inclusion of articles in the next issue: 31 January 1996

## Langford Cygnets

Cygnets **Playschool** is open everyday during term time from 9.30 to 11.45am for children aged 3 years and upwards. From this term there is a special "Rising Fives" class called **"From Cygnets to Swans"**. It is on every Tuesday following the normal Playschool and runs from 11.45am to 12.45pm. The children bring a packed lunch.

The **Toddler Group** is open every Tuesday and Friday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.00pm during term time. Everyone is welcome to join us who have or look after children aged 3 or under. Drop in for a coffee and chat whilst the children play. For further information please contact Andrea Edwards on 246321 (Playgroup) or Judith Leach on 240209 (Toddlers).

## 1st Langford Guide Company

As you are probably aware, we try very hard to look after the Recycling Centre in Langford Village.

On checking our facilities we have noticed on several occasions that the area has been untidy, with people having left other rubbish by the recycling bins. Please could you take your boxes and bags home with you when you have emptied their contents into the appropriate bin. LV Recycling Centre is for glass, cans and paper only.

If by any chance the bin you wish to use is full, please take your items home and contact us so that we can check up on the Councils emptying date. Please help us to "Keep Langford Village Tidy".

## Litter and Louts

We have received a letter from The Manager of the Sun Wah Chinese Takeaway, Vincent Ng, concerned that his business is being affected by "... a group of teenagers who have continually loitered outside my premises." He goes on to say: "... the teenagers are disruptive and must cause customers discomfort. I am also concerned with the level of littering that I must emphasise is not caused by customers of mine!"

He has requested that we solve this problem together. Do you have any practical and sensible suggestions as to how this could be achieved? Your views and ideas would be appreciated.

Mr. Ng ends his letter by saying "... this behaviour is to stop forthwith since the area in front of the shop is for access only and is not a play area, meeting place for groups of youngsters or a place for people to loiter when they have nowhere else to go." I think he's hit the nail on the head - don't you? Ed.

## 1st Langford Village Scout Group

We are pleased to report that David Potter saved the day and the Beaver Colony has remained open. The Beavers have recently been on a Wild West Fun Day, visited the Fire Station and had a sports evening. The Cub Scout Pack started in September and the lads made their Promises last week. The boys are looking forward to gaining badges, camping and other outdoor activities. A team took part in the local Mastermind Quiz and had a good afternoon.

The Group will hold their **Annual Christmas Sing-a-Long on Monday 11 December** from 6.30pm. All residents are welcome especially the "Old Folk" and those living on their own.

## Langford Village School

Hello may I introduce myself. My name is John Moffitt and I am the headteacher of Langford Village School. As you may know I took up my post at the beginning of September. The prospect of opening a brand new school, a once in a lifetime opportunity for a headteacher, is both challenging and exciting. I have been busy setting up the school office at St Edburghs School and beginning the preparation for the opening of the school in April. This will entail appointing staff, purchasing resources, equipping it with furniture and most of all meeting with parents and children who will transfer to or start a new at Langford School.

**Register of Interest** - One of my major tasks has been to take charge of the "Register of Interest". Over 150 children are currently on this register. If you might want to send your child to the school and have not placed their name on the register then please contact me at St Edburghs. Langford School's telephone number is **369021**.

This register only records your interest and is not a final commitment on your part or the school's. Application forms will be available later this month when you will be able to confirm your application for a place at the school. This form will be automatically sent to all families, accompanied by the next parent/school newsletter.

Places for the **nursery** are being administered in the same way. At this stage names will be taken and placed on a register of interest. This does not guarantee a place. The policy for admissions and application forms will be available in November.

**It is not too soon to register this interest** if your child is younger than 4. The school is being built in 2 phases. The first phase is for 7 classes and the nursery. There are plans for a further 4 classes. This will depend upon future numbers of children wanting to attend the school and whether finance is available. The case that can be argued by the Governors will be greatly strengthened if we have an accurate record of the number of children living on Langford Village between the ages of 1 and 4.

**Community Meeting** - I hope that I might be able to meet most prospective parents personally before the school opens in April. In addition the Governors of the school would like to invite you to an Open Evening in November to meet us and for you to hear about how the school is developing. It will be a time for me to talk about what I feel LV School will stand for, for you to ask questions and to find out about how your child will join the school. The Governors anticipate that this might be a very well attended meeting. As the capacity of the hall is limited to 150 we propose to repeat this meeting on two nights.

**Friday November 10th, 8.15-10.00pm**

**Friday November 17th, 8.15-10.00pm.**

To help with the organisation there is a reply slip at the end of the newsletter which you should return to the school office.

**Co-Opted Governor** - The Governors are looking to find a new co-opted member. If you are interested and think that you have personal qualities or experience which would help in the development of a new primary school please contact the school office for further details.

Please return this slip to Langford Village CP School, C/O St Edburghs School, Cemetery Road, Bicester, OX6 7BB or Telephone 01869 369021 stating which meeting you will be attending.

Name..... would like to attend Langford Village CP Schools Open Evening on November 10th/November 17th (Delete as appropriate)