



# The Langford Life

The Newsletter of Langford Village Community Association

Issue 9 - November 1996



## Chairman's Notes

The Editor asked me for some notes for the Newsletter, so I have put pen to paper to let you know some of the important issues that we are dealing with on your behalf. I won't go into all the tiny details but just make reference to the biggest things that have been going on recently.

### Development

Many of you will remember the battle we had with the proposed Unipart development on the land south of the railway line. Well, recently I was approached by the Chairman of Rokold a European Refrigerated Transport company based on the Launton Road. The Chairman wanted to relocate from the current site to a new site on the Eastern Perimeter Road.

Not wanting to make the same mistakes as had been made in the past, he set up a meeting with the Developers, London Metropolitan, LVCA (myself) and Launton Village Committee. The meeting was very constructive but again brought out the self same problems that we had experienced before. The Developers now realise that problems such as noise, the environment and the maintenance of amenities are sensitive matters that are high on our agenda. Don't worry. Rokold are not about to build on the land, the price was too high. Let us hope that others who wish to build south of the railway are as direct as helpful as Rokold.

### Cherwell Leisure Strategy

The Head of Sport and Leisure at CDC recently sent us a copy of the new proposed strategy for consultation. The Strategy talked in general terms about promoting a healthy lifestyle for the people of Cherwell but we otherwise found it of little practical help in laying out a clear picture of the way in which CDC were going to resolve the problems of the lack of open space and amenities in and around Bicester. We have replied and spelt out in direct terms what we would like to see and have also suggested a discussion with the CDC officers to discuss the problems. Hopefully they will agree to such a meeting in the near future.

### Design Guidance-Design and Layout of Employment Sites

Some of you will remember the promise made by Alan Jones of CDC at the LVCA AGM in June 1996, to produce guidelines for the use of the commercial land surrounding Langford Village. We finally received the draft for consultation the other day. It is clear from the guidelines outlined that CDC has paid a lot of attention to the matters that concerned us during the Unipart problem. To give them credit they have made some good suggestions but they have also missed a number of important things concerning Transport and Ecology. We have responded and hopefully they will take note of our concerns.

### Articles

Lastly, could I ask any of you who have a story to tell, or an idea, expertise or an experience you wouldn't mind sharing with us all in the Newsletter to please forward it to Ellie Thompson the Editor.

Thank you till the next time.  
Richard Conway-Hyde

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Alan & Diane 243731



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**Deadline** for the inclusion of articles in the next issue: 7 January 1997



## Langford Village Travel Club

Following the very good response to the advertised trip to Calais, a total of 43 residents enjoyed the experience of travelling through the Channel Tunnel at 140mpm on the Le Shuttle, duty free bonanza and shopping at Cite Europe.

To ensure the success of future trips I have booked the Village Hall on 30th November at 8.00pm in order to form a Travel Club. The agenda for this meeting is 3 guest speakers who will advise on the following:

1. Future day trips ie. Calais, Brugge, Alton Towers, Exbury Gardens, etc.)
2. Long weekends staying 2 nights ie. Paris, Tulip Fields & Amsterdam, Disneyland Paris, etc.
3. Theatre Trips - London, Birmingham NEC, etc.
4. Cost of membership and benefits to members
5. Election of a Committee to run the Club

We have just returned from a day trip to Brugge and we are planning a trip to Manchester on the 7th December. If you would like to know more about this trip, which includes a tour of Old Trafford, then see the posters in the shops, Doctors surgery and Village Hall or call Anne Cumberland on 324016 or myself, Derek Hurrell on 322518.

## Residents Questionnaire

Elizabeth Wilkins has asked me to thank all those residents who gave their time to complete her questionnaire when she called on them during the summer. She tells me that she is currently analysing the results and hopes to provide us with a report shortly. I hope to be able to report further on her findings in a future issue of The Langford Life.

## Langford Village Youth Group

The next Disco will be on Friday November 22nd between 8.00pm and 11.00pm for young people aged between 13 and 17.

The entry price is only £1.00 and light refreshments will be available. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Tony on 322563 or Julie on 324249.

Support from adults would also be welcomed to help develop activities for young people, again please contact Tony or Julie if you can provide help.



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## Environment Matters

Since the last Langford Life each member of the Environment Committee has been pursuing a separate matter and we have the following to report.

We have received written responses from CDC concerning area cleaning and rubbish collection. Street bins should be emptied daily. If you have evidence to the contrary or are concerned about dirty streets, CDC need specific details (dates, exact locations, nature of problem) and they will attend to it. Ring 01295 252535 and ask for the Environmental Health Dept.

The builders are responsible for ensuring mud is cleared from the roads. If you wish to complain the speak to our Community Policeman. He must have evidence (Vehicle registration numbers and times) if he is to take action.

The builders permitted working hours are 0800-1800 weekdays, 0800-1300 Saturdays. No working Sundays, Bank Holidays or other statutory Public Holidays. If you are disturbed outside the permitted hours the ring CDC on 01295 252535 and ask for Mark Harmon in the Environmental Health Dept. He needs detailed timings, locations, names of contractors whose lorries are delivering/moving soil etc. if he is to help you.

Bicester Town Council wrote to say they would consider our request for some extra rubbish bins at their September meeting. The Press reported that the request had been approved but we have not had written confirmation of the decision. One new bin has appeared.

Representatives from CDC Leisure Services Dept met members of the Committee in August and walked around the Village to view the problems of overgrown shrubs, area maintenance, grass cutting, open spaces, Jubilee Lake, access to paths etc. They took lots of notes and promised to take action. Over a month later there has been little evidence of work. A strong letter has been written to the Head of Leisure Services. A response is awaited.

BT have confirmed they will be installing a public call box near the shops - at last!!!

We have received no further information on how the Cygnets died on Jubilee Lake. If you have any details, please let us know - ring Ian on 241361.

We would welcome Environment Committee members from the areas of Kestrel, Avocet, Goldcrest, Hawksmead, Swansfield, Partridge, either to assist in pursuing general environment matters or just keeping an eye open in your area. A job shared is a job halved! Please ring Ian Lawrence on 241361.

## Advertising

To place an advert in the Langford Life call Ellie on 322425. Fees to business customers start at £10 and we distribute to 1500 homes.



## Entertainment/Fundraising News

The Entertainment Committee are working hard to raise funds for the Community and provide activities and events for all our enjoyment. Please support them in their endeavours. If you have any ideas you would like to share with them or simply wish to join in the events organised then call Tony on 322563.

### Dates for your Diaries:

15 December Table Top Sale - Cancelled  
17 December First Lottery Draw  
21 December Family Disco See details on page 1  
26 January Table Top & Car Boot Sale 2-4pm  
14 February Family Disco See details on page 1  
4 May Annual Fete, Fun Run, Barn Dance

To book a pitch for our **Car Boot Sales** call

Tony 322563, Val 323385, Karen 324237

Prices are £5.00 for a Table  
£4.00 for a Car Pitch  
£1 discount for advance bookings  
Light refreshments are available.

**A Christmas Raffle** will be launched at the Disco on November 2nd. There are many prizes including a First Prize of £150 cash.

The draw will take place at the Christmas Disco on December 21st.

## Langford Village Lottery

The LVCA are pleased to announce the monthly Langford Village Lottery Draw commencing in December.

Profits from the draw will be split equally between the LVCA for help in supporting Community Activities and Langford Village Primary School.

50% of funds collected will be allocated as prize money at each monthly draw. The cost of each draw chance per month is only £1.00.

Anyone over the age of 16 is welcome to participate in the draw - full details and an application form are attached to this newsletter.

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## Chequers Cookery Secrets

As Head Chef to the Prime Minister at Chequers I am frequently asked for recipes and menu ideas. I have therefore decided to contribute a cookery Column to the Langford Life. This first recipe is one of my wives favourites and definitely not recommended for weight watchers!!!

### Honey Creme Brule

1/2 pint double cream  
1/2 pint single cream  
4 eggs  
2 egg yolks  
50 gm clear honey  
50 gm demerara sugar



1. Gently heat the double and single cream together
2. Mix eggs, egg yolks and honey in a large bowl
3. Pour on the hot creams and mix thoroughly
4. Place in an ovenproof serving dish and cook in a tray of hot water in the oven - gas mark 4 - until the mixture sets and browns slightly (about 30 minutes)
5. When cold place demerara sugar on the top and grill until the sugar caramelizes
6. Chill thoroughly and serve with soft fruits

### Cookery Clinic

**Question:** What can I do with the large broccoli stems that are left when the florets are removed before cooking?

**Answer:** Peel off outer skin with a vegetable peeler, cut into even pieces and use as part of a stir fry vegetable dish.

If you have any cookery queries then ring me on 243731 and I will attempt to answer them in future editions.

Alan Lavender

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## Langford Cygnets

Cygnets **Playschool** is open everyday during term time from 9.30 to 11.45am and is a thriving social opportunity on Langford Village for children aged 3 - 5. It has spacious, recently built facilities, with a caring team of organisers who are DPP trained and qualified. The Playschool boasts plenty of varied equipment, all recently purchased.

If you would like to know more about Cygnets Playschool, even if your child is not yet 3, but you would like to join the register, or if you would like to visit the Playschool in action one morning to see it for yourself then please contact Andrea Edwards on 246231.



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 cup of tea and a chat whilst the children play. We look forward to meeting you.

## Needlecraft Circle

Are there any cross stitchers or needlecrafters who would like to join a needlecraft circle, meeting probably monthly in each others homes? Positively no committees or membership fees involved. New stitchers and those who would like to learn would be most welcome.

If interested, then please contact Rebecca Taylor, 19 Heron Drive, Tel: 322463.



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## Bletchington Silver Band

The above have written to us to advise that they will be playing Christmas Carols in and around Langford Village on Tuesday 17 December 1996, commencing at 7.30pm.

## 1st Langford Village Scout Group



The Cub Scout Pack are busy celebrating 80 years of Cub Scouts - yes they have been about that long!! The theme for the celebrations is Around the World in 80 Days and the Pack have to undertake a number of challenges between now and the 16th December. We have "visited" Peru and found out about the Inca Pyramids and the boys are busy collecting 80 copper coins and we hope to "Adopt a Wolf" at Whipsnade Zoo with the money raised. We have made Diva Lamps to celebrate the Hindu Festival of Light in November and are looking forward to Dola Dave coming to the Pack to tell us about some Indian Traditions and Customs. We have written to Cubs in New Zealand and are going to be growing miniature 'bonsai' gardens for our trip to Japan!! The Term will finish with a big Welcome Home Party in December.

The Beavers are busy also and they have been growing bulbs and also paid a visit to the swimming pool.

The Group will be Carol Singing on Monday 9th December, so listen out for their dulcet tones!

We are busy raising funds for camping equipment as we have the opportunity of attending the Oxfordshire County Scout Camp next July. There will be many activities for the children and it will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to camp on this scale. We are therefore determined that every boy who wishes to go will be able to do so. This is a huge task for us to undertake, as presently we have very little and tents and cooking stoves do not come cheaply!

As always, we are looking for Adult help, particularly with the Beaver Colony. If you would like to know more about Scouting on Langford Village then please give Ellie a call on 322425.

## LVCA Meeting Dates

The date for the next LVCA Committee meeting is Tuesday 7th January 1997 at 7.30pm. at the Village Hall. You are reminded that these are open meetings and all residents should feel free to attend.

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## Langford Village Community Association Lottery

The LVCA are pleased to announce the launch of the Langford Village Community Lottery.

**Who benefits?** - Profit from the Lottery will be divided equally between the LVCA for funding community activities and Langford Village Primary School.

**How will it operate?** The cost of each monthly draw will be **£1.00 per chance**.

Participants may purchase as many chances as they wish.

The entry form below should be completed with details of your name and address and the number of monthly chances you wish to purchase.

If more than one person in your household wishes to participate, then please photocopy the entry form and make a separate named application.

Each chance will be allocated a separate draw number and notified to participants.

Payment will only be accepted by standing order to a bank account of the LVCA which has been established specifically for this purpose, and will be subject to regular independent audit.

Participants may choose to pay per chance (by standing order) in advance eg: monthly (£1.00), quarterly (£3.00), annually (£12.00).

A standing order authority form is attached, please complete and return with the entry form as detailed below.

Payment should be received in the LVCA bank account by completion of work on the final day of each month ( please note participants should allow 3 working days for transfer of funds ) to ensure participation in the following month's draw.

**50% of funds collected will be allocated as prize money.**

**There will be 2 prizes - The first prize will be equal to 75%, the second prize 25% of the total prize money for the month.**

The draw will take place in Langford Village Hall on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm under the supervision of LVCA officials. Participants are invited to witness the draw.

**The first draw will take place on December 17th 1996 .**

Every effort will be made to pay prize winners within 48 hours of the draw.

Prize details will be published in Langford Life , the school newsletter and posted in public areas of Langford Village Hall and the School .

Participants may terminate their draw subscription at any time by cancelling their standing order.

Please tear off the entry form below and return , with your completed bank standing order authority, in a sealed envelope to : Ian House, 115 Merganser Drive, Bicester, Oxon , (phone 248434 )  
or your LVCA road representative

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### Langford Village Lottery Application Form

<b>Number of Chances per month applied for .....</b>	<b>Draw Number(s)</b>
<b>Price £1.00 per chance per month</b>	<b>(To be allocated)</b>
<b>The draw will take place the third Tuesday each month</b>	
<b>Name.....</b>	.....
<b>Address.....</b>	.....
<b>Phone Number.....</b>	.....
<b>I am over 16 years of age</b>	.....
<b>Signature.....</b>	.....

Langford Village Community Association has been registered by Cherwell District Council for the purposes of Section 5 of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976.

Promoter- Tony Brown, 17 Swallow Close , Bicester, Oxon. (Phone 322563)





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