



# The Langford Life

The Newsletter of  
Langford Village Community Association  
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## A NEW YEAR

My first job as Chairman must be to thank Linda and Ian Lawrence for all the hard work that they have put into the LVCA over the past few years. Although they have stepped down from their pedestals of power they are still with us on the Main Committee, and Ian is Vice Chairman this year.

Our main aim for the coming 12 months is to raise enough funds to put an extension on the hall for storage. As many of you know the hall is so well used that storage has become a major problem, with a lot of equipment permanently sitting in the main hall and the office. Tony Brown has taken on the challenge of 'Events and Fund Raising'.

Val Say is back as Hall Chairman, Colin Duckworth has taken on my old role as Environmental Chairman, Jane Moore has taken on the job as Minutes Secretary, and we welcome Jason Graham who is running the Langford Boys Football Team under the umbrella of the LVCA.


The remainder of the main committee is much as it was at the end of last year, but we can always use the help of any willing person to spread out the work load, and achieve more for the community and the hall. Starting from 13 September the General Meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month. Please make a note in your diaries, we would love to see you there.

John Warman – Chairman, LVCA



### 200 Club – Important Notice for all members!

As from Monday 13 September 1999, the 200 Club draw will take place on the second Monday of the month at the LVCA General Meetings, at 8.15 pm in the Village Hall, Nightingale Place.

All are welcome to attend.



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## Fundraising and Fun

If you have visited the community hall recently, you will know that there is a desperate need to extend the building to provide much needed storage space, which will benefit all users.

The bad news is that the cost of the extension is estimated to be in the region of £20 000, and whilst the committee is examining the availability of grants and other funding sources, it is likely the majority of the cost will have to be raised within the community.

So now the fun bit: we need your ideas on fund raising, and let's enjoy ourselves whilst we are doing it. Some ideas that spring immediately to mind include discos and quizzes, karaoke and horse racing evenings.

Do you have any ideas? If you have, please contact Tony Brown on 322563. A list of events will be published in the next newsletter.

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### 200 Club - latest results

May	1st Prize - Number <b>8</b>	£22.50
	2nd Prize - Number <b>5</b>	£7.50
June	1st Prize - Number <b>23</b>	£23.60
	2nd Prize - Number <b>44</b>	£7.90
July	1st Prize - Number <b>19</b>	£26.25
	2nd Prize - Number <b>85</b>	£8.75
August	1st Prize - Number <b>63</b>	£37.88
	2nd Prize - Number <b>88</b>	£12.62

The draws take place on the second Monday of the month.

New members are always welcome, and the cost is £1 per number per month, payable by cash, cheque or standing order for a minimum of six months.

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### AGM

I would like to thank all of you who came to this year's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 3 June. It was a very well attended event, with a good "question and answers" session involving local members and officials from Bicester and Cherwell District Councils, including the Mayor of Bicester, representatives from Westbury Homes, and our local bobby. Apart from the poor condition of the landscape maintenance around the estate (a never ending story), the future of the land between Gavray Drive and the railway lines was one of the main interests. Many of you will know that the developers are proposing a change of use for this land from "Light Industrial" to housing. A straw poll showed an overwhelming majority in favour of some form of leisure facilities on part of the site. We would love to hear your comments. I fully intended to end the evening at about 10.15, but the questions kept coming and we finally finished well after 10.30, with more to ask. Don't be shy next year, it's usually a lively event.

John Warman - Chairman, LVCA

### Langford Village Babysitting Circle

Fancy a night out but you can't afford a baby sitter?

Did you know that there is a 'Babysitting Circle' up and running on Langford Village?

Michelle Whittaker is the main organiser, and would love to hear from any parent who is interested in joining in.

The idea is that participating parents take it in turns to baby-sit for each other, saving on the cost of babysitters and having the comfort of knowing that a mum is looking after your own children.

If you are interested, or would just like more information, please call Michelle on 327961.





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## Environment Committee Report

*"It is not a question of what the Environment can do for us, but what we can do for the environment."*

(with apologies to JFK)

Having just taken over the Chairmanship of the LVCA Environment Committee, I thought it a good time to say something about the work we do. As our title suggests, we are concerned with the Village environment – the lake, litter, the footpaths and cycle-ways, and facilities we think that Langford Village needs. In the past we have complained about the upkeep of the shrubbery and grass verges; we have campaigned to have some of the footpaths resurfaced and the barriers widened for the sake of wheel-chairs and buggies; we have asked for more litter bins, more telephone kiosks and our own post office. Sometimes we have been successful, but at other times we have failed to acquire what we think the people in Langford Village should have. Nevertheless, we shall continue striving to improve our environment. If you know of any problem that falls into our area of concern, please let me know. We promise to consider it and, if we feel it to be something that we could pursue with some measure of success, then we will. Of course, if anyone would like to join the Committee, they would be most welcome.

However, not all the problems we identify are the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council, Cherwell District Council or Bicester Town Council. There is an on-going problem of litter and dog-fouling (despite the threat of a heavy fine). Dog-fouling is a particular problem on the grass around Jubilee Lake where the children stand to feed the ducks. This is both unpleasant and unhygienic. The Council provides bins for both of these problems; it is up to us and our children to use them.

We have a very pleasant place in which to live, but it could be better. Help us to make it so.

Colin Duckworth

Chairman, LVCA Environment Committee

Tel: 325581

## Japanese Flower Arrangement

On Saturday 28 August 1999, from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm, there will be a **Demonstration and Seminar** on Japanese Flower Arrangement at the Langford Village Hall. You will get the opportunity to try the flower arranging yourself, and all is provided. The instructor is Shoko Nagashima, who is Professor of "Ikenobo" School, Japan. The event is coordinated by Tomoko Hisasawa.

The Demonstration and Seminar are free, but there is a nominal £2 charge to cover refreshments and hire of the hall.

For tickets or information please call Pat Durrant (9 Kingfisher Way, phone 248690).



## See You On The Web



If you haven't visited our web site yet, then it's about time that you did. If you don't own a computer with access to the Internet then why not use someone else's.

The address is **[www.magic-carpet.co.uk/langfordlife](http://www.magic-carpet.co.uk/langfordlife)**

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## LVCA Committee Members and Officials (as at 14 July 1999)

Chairman	John Warman (369526)
Vice Chairman	Ian Lawrence (241361)
Treasurer	William Patience (240380)
Cashier	—

General Secretary	Val Say (320163)
Minutes Secretary	Jane Moore (245960)
Hall Chairman	Val Say (320163)
Hall Bookings	Naomi Green (246606)
Environment Chairman	Colin Duckworth (325581)
Environment Vice Chairman	—

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200 Club - (PTA)	—

Events and Fund Raising	Tony Brown (322563)
Langford Boys Football	Jason Graham (322820)

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## LVCA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month in Langford Village Hall at 8.15 pm.

Dates for the next few meetings are:

13 September

11 October

8 November

13 December

10 January

Everyone is welcome, so please come along and join us sometime.

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***L'esprit*** HAIR  
DESIGN

The Langford Village hair design salon in Nightingale Place, has now been open for over 2 years. How time flies by! Pauline is pleased to announce she has a new stylist, Sam, joining the salon on 24 August. She is now looking for a trainee as well.

Anyone who likes the idea of working in the salon for a few hours, perhaps on a Saturday or the evenings to start off with and then training to be a hair stylist, please contact Pauline on 01869 247261.

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### A Fun Run Thank You

This year's fun run was a great success (and yours truly escaped this time without injury). It could not have been such a success without the help of the marshals, so on behalf of the organisers (Val Say and John Warman) I would like to thank all the marshals who gave up their time for the pleasure of others.

Of course there would not have been a Fun Run at all without the runners and walkers, so a big thank you to all that took part as well. Hopefully there will be even more competitors next year.

John Warman – Fun Run Organiser





## CAN YOU HELP?

Want an excuse to get out and about?

We are currently looking for more people to join our group of volunteers who deliver the Langford Life newsletter.

If you think you can help, please call Sandra Pilkington on 320899.

## Hall Self Help Day

The first of a series of 'Hall Self Help Days' was held on the afternoon of Saturday 14 August 1999.

Some general maintenance was carried out at the village hall, plus we managed to complete a number of jobs that needed doing, from cleaning the light shades in the main hall to easing the front door.

If you are good at odd jobs, have specific skills (e.g. a carpenter, plumber or painter/decorator), or are just willing to lend a hand, then we could use your help.

The next Hall Self Help Day will be on Saturday 2nd October, from about 1.30 pm.

One of the major jobs is to put in a mop sink, and we need a good frame for it to stand on. We are also planning on doing some painting and decorating.

If you would like to help please just turn up, or call John Warman (369526) or Val Say (320163) for more information.

## 1st Langford Village Scout Group

The summer term for the Cubs and Beavers has been as eventful as ever. Firstly, congratulations to Akela and her husband on the quick but safe arrival of Brett – born on the way to the JR! The Cubs enjoyed meeting him and making cards with ambulances on!

The Sixers and Seconders joined with other cubs in the District for a great weekend camping, which included a day out at Broughton Castle dressed as Roundheads and watching the antics of the Warwick Guard.

The Beavers had a very enjoyable evening with Launton and Ambrosden Colonies for their annual sports event.

Our stalls at the Langford Village Fete were very successful, particularly the "Sweetie" Lucky Dip, the prizes for which were very kindly donated by Tibbett and Britten – with our thanks.

In September the Cubs will be working towards their World Friendship Badge and along with the Beavers will be making "Friendship Boxes" to send to the children of Kosovo. We will be asking the boys to sort through their things in order to fill the boxes with all sorts of items, such as crayons, pencils, pens, paper, and small toys and games, e.g. from crackers or from Macdonalds. If you would like to help us fill the boxes (which will be ice-cream carton size) then please either give your items to a Cub or Beaver or contact me on 322425 and I will arrange collection.



Finally, many thanks to the parents who have helped recently on our rotas. These have unfortunately become a necessity now in both sections due to the continued lack of leaders/regular adult helpers. Both the Beavers and the Cubs have lengthy waiting lists, but we do our best to ensure as many boys on Langford Village get the opportunity to experience Scouting as possible. If you would like to help us in our endeavours, then please call me!

Ellie Thompson, tel 322425

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### **What is the Internet - OKAY, The "NET"**

*What is the Internet, what can it do for ME and how can I join in the action?*

These are some of the questions that are quite often asked.

#### **What is the Internet?**

The word Internet came about by two words, International and Network. This, in its simplest terms describes the Internet as an International Network of computers. It is also referred to as the 'World-Wide-Web'.

The Internet was originally designed for the US military, some 30 years ago, as a way of transporting information around the world at the speed of light. In the event of war, because of the unique way the Internet works, if part of this network collapses, the information will still get to its destination via an alternative route.

#### **So what can the Internet do for me?**

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*yourname being your own choice of name if available*

@ Denotes it is an email address and is pronounced 'at'

*magic-carpet.co.uk is the name of your ISP.*

**What do I need and how do I 'Surf the Web'?**

**What is POP3 Email?**

**I run a small business - how can Email and a Web Site benefit me?**

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### **Noise From The Building Site**

In recent weeks residents have been disturbed by the contractors starting work very early around Langford Village. Unfortunately I was on holiday and so unable to take any action at the time. A gentleman telephoned one of our committee members complaining that the Cherwell District Council were not interested in doing anything. As the gentleman did not leave his name I would appreciate it if he would call me on 369526 so that I can take the matter up with the council.

John Warman – Chairman, LVCA



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## Langford Village Fun Day

This year's fun day was a great success. The morning started with the Two Ponds Plod at 11.30, with the fayre being opened at 2.30 by the 'King and Queen'. In the evening there was a disco in the school. Unfortunately the weather was not as kind to us as it was last year. At least the rain held off, and the dull day did not spoil everybody's enjoyment.

The winners of the fun run were:

**Men** 1st Chris O'Connor  
2nd Alan Smith  
3rd Nick Cherry

**Boys** 1st David Ingram  
2nd Chris Wright  
3rd James Wallace



**Ladies** 1st Melanie Bracken  
2nd Zoe Wyat  
3rd Jackie Wilson

**Girls** 1st Lisa Avery  
2nd Fay Belson  
3rd Emma Mace

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