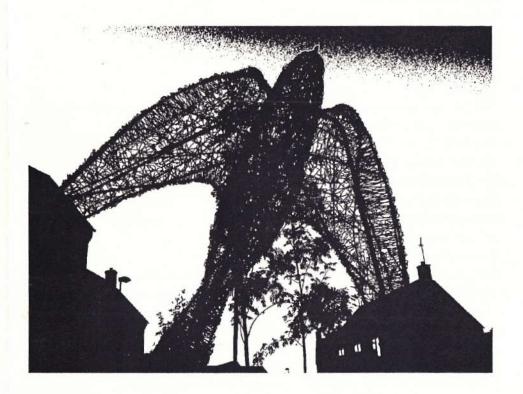
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The Newsletter of Langford Village Community Association (LVCA)



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LVCA exists to promote a community spirit and to improve the facilities and environment in Langford Village. Langford Life is published quarterly by LVCA and circulated free to all residents of Langford Village. The opinions of contributors are not necessarily those of the Association. Deadline for articles and adverts for the February issue is:- Fri 9th Jan 04.

The editor apologises to Cllr Les Sibley for omitting his name from the list of County Councillors in the last edition of Langford Life.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

let me or Chris know

Hello again! I must again thank Val Say for doing the hard work at compiling this issue.

We hope to have this issue in your letterbox in time to give you plenty of warning about forthcoming activities. There is a projected list of LVCA events for the coming year and mini-posters giving details for those in the near future. Please support these as they are our primary source of fundraising towards the upkeep and enhancement of the Community Centre. Those of you who have visited the Centre recently will have noticed the improved decor, blinds and the rails for hanging decorations at functions. We hope to have some new curtains in the not too distant future. The toilets are also due for a major refurbishment. We still have some Hall booking vacancies, both for regular weekday slots and for private functions at the weekend. Please contact Val for details.

At the AGM we raised a series of questions about a number of local issues. These were passed to councils and police etc and we have had responses from most departments. Our Community Affairs Committee will be following these up. In parallel to this the Committee has continued to work away behind the scenes trying to improve conditions for the community at large, especially in the subjects of open spaces, play areas, traffic management and street lighting. Look out for the children's "SpeedWatch" competition in this issue.

Some residents have asked for greater "visibility" of our councillors. To this end, we intend having a series of short articles by our Town, District and County Councillors. As the LVCA Constitution prohibits political bias, we have asked that the articles should not be a party political soapbox but a way for the councillors to introduce themselves and state what they are doing for Langford Village. The first contributions are in this issue and others have been promised. LVCA has a web-site at www.langfordlife.org.uk. It was set up on our behalf by a couple who have since moved away from the area and it has not been maintained. We would like to bring it up to date, increase its scope and keep it current. Chris Riley has offered to do this but has no experience in web-site building and maintenance. If you can help, please

Also included in this issue is information from several local government-funded, non-profit-making or charitable organisations in the area. Some are offering services that may be of use to you, some are asking for your assistance and others for your support in their fund-raising activities. Please give them your consideration as they all contribute to making a better community.

Ian Lawrence

241361 or iglawrence@lindian.freeserve.co.uk

Volunteers Needed for The League of Friends of the Churchill Hospital. The League of Friends of the Churchill Hospital raises thousands of pounds every year, as well as offering support to patients, visitors and staff and we are urgently seeking more volunteers. Helpers (ladies and gentlemen of whatever age who may be able to spare a few hours a week) needed between 8am & 4pm, Mondays through Fridays, to assist in the cafeteria to support those who already give their time. Contact Margaret Hughes or Iris Webb on 01865 225598. Assistance is given with travel expenses if requested.

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HALL MATTERS

I seem to spend a fair amount of time commuting between home and the Hall these days and I'm still behind with various hall matters! there are not enough hours in the day some weeks. I'm delighted to say that this term has started off so well with three new User Groups joining us and Toddler Time moving to two morning slots. The Hall redecoration has made a marvellous difference and the colour scheme has finally been approved of!! The increase in the hire charges has been implemented as and from 1st Sept with most rates going up by £1 per hour (considering it hasn't risen for years, and it is on a par with other halls, I think we've got it right). I'm putting in a list of slots available between now and Christmas just in case you need to book a children's party or family gettogether at the last minute! (ever hopeful to get in revenue, that's me!!) It's £6 per hr before 6pm and £12 after 6pm. There will also be the odd slot during half term week (Oct 28th) if you're stuck! Please feel

free to ring and check!

Sat	18 th Oct	2pm - 6pm	Sun	19 th Oct	All day
Sat	25 th Oct	2pm - 6pm	Sun	27th Oct	All day
Sun	2 nd Nov	All day	Sat	8 th Nov	6pm - 10pm
Sat	15 th Nov	2pm - 5pm	Sat	22 nd Nov	2pm - 10pm
Sat	29 th Nov	7pm - 10pm	Sun	30 th Nov	4pm - 7pm
Sun	7 th Dec	All day	Sat	13 th Dec	7pm - 10pm
Sun	14th Dec	All day	Sat	27th Dec	All day
Sun	28th Dec	Al day	Sat	3 rd Jan	All day

There are also some morning times available during the week for regular bookings so if you're desperate to start a Keep Fit class, day-time Latin Dancing for Adults, Knitting for Beginners, Book Circle etc, then please get in touch! I'd like to see a regular 'Coffee Shop Drop In' for all ages just for our residents to meet up and chat; there could be a Bring & Buy' stall and I am only too happy to run a Jigsaw Lending Library (I have over 150 puzzles available for people to borrow over the winter months). Is there anyone out there who would like to get this off the ground with me? Please let me know...

We welcome our new User Groups, Tina with Theatreland, Andrea runs Music and Movement for Children and Anne with the Rosemary Conley

Diet and Exercise Class. Our regular groups are always on the look out for new members – remember we have Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Guides, Toddler Time, Aikido, Karate, The Adult Group, WI, Bizz Kids, Ballet, and Square Dancing (which is doing very well and their members made a guest appearance at the LVCA Barn Dance for which we thank them very much indeed). Such diversity!! All the User Group contact names and numbers are listed on the noticeboard on the front door of the hall if you'd like to find out more about the groups.

I must away... keep in touch! Val Say, Hall Manager (320163)

LANGFORD TODDLER TIME

Langford Village Toddler Group has relaunched its new Toddler Time Sessions following the split from Cygnets Playgroup earlier this year. A committee was formed by toddler mums and many changes to the group have taken place over the past few months including the purchase of many new toys and equipment following an extremely successful May Fayre. Toddler Time is open from 10am to 11.30am on Mondays and Fridays. We offer a wide range of activities for families and carers with children under 5 years old including Messy Play, Song Time, Table Top Activities, Craft Sessions (led by our craft experts!) and Outdoor Activities and Baby Corner plus yearly events including Teddy Bears Picnic, Photo Sessions and Christmas Parties.

Langford Toddler Time is a non-profit making group and is organised by volunteer parents. We charge a nominal entrance fee of £1.50 for the first child and 50p for each additional child and if the 2^{nd} child is under 9 months, their entry is free of charge. This includes refreshments. SO if you think you would like to come along, just turn up at one of our sessions and we will make you feel very welcome!

Toddler Time Committee

HELP! Volunteer tea-person needed to help at Toddler Time Session on Friday mornings between 9.45am and 11.15am. (Guess who does the Monday slot? Yup! You got it! Hall Manager!) It needs to be someone without a toddler in tow, as children are not allowed in the kitchen and it frees up the existing Toddler mums to talk to other Mums, Dads and Carers. Interested? Please ring Val Say... thanks...



Our Firework Display is on Saturday 8th November at Pingle Field, Bicester.

Gates will open at 6.30, bonfire lighting at 7.00 and fireworks at 7.30 - all timings provisional.

There will be fairground rides and amusements for young children and food outlets on site. Tickets will be £3.00 for adults and children with under 5's free and £10.00 for family tickets purchased in advance - tickets will be available in local shops including Henry's Menswear, Wah Hong and Sun Wah Chinese Takeaways, O'Gorman's Electrical. Pingle Field is accessible on foot from Langford Village alternatively parking is available in Bicester Village or Market Square. Bicester Round Table is a registered charity - we support local charities and community groups with our fund-raising. Recent donations include 1st Heyford Park Scout Group for the purchase of camping equipment, sponsorship of a 'free' 'Try-A-Sport' day for local kids between the ages of 8 and 11 at the start of the summer holidays with professional sports coaching, purchase of special chairs for Ormerod School's nursery class for their special needs children, St John Ambulance (Bicester) for the purchase of an AED defribulator and cardiac monitor, payment towards the deposit on a Motability vehicle for a local family with a child with a debilitating illness. The list goes on...

'Round Table is a non political, non religious, club for men between 18 and 45.' We do two things: meeting to have fun and charity work in our local community. If you are interested in finding our more contact Matt Fincham on 01869 246138.

Matt Fincham Chairman Bicester Round Table

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Community Matters - LVCA Sub-committee report.

Your sub committee has been very active during the last couple of months in trying to resolve the issues you have raised. We are also trying to get your local Town Councillors to be more pro-active by contacting the LVCA when issues affecting Langford Village and the immediate area are being discussed at Council meetings. You voted them into power to look after Langford Village and yet a number of items have been decided without any of the residents being consulted!

Fly Tipping on Gavray Drive.

A success! The Council has obviously been embarrassed enough by Chris Riley that they have removed the largest unauthorised tip in Bicester. The area of tarmac uncovered is now being used for the running of electric model cars. We still have the more minor problem of the heavy goods vehicles parking in the blanked off entrances on Gavray Drive and throwing rubbish around the area.

Post Boxes.

A request for a box at the junction of Mallards Way and Grebe Road was rejected by the Town Council on the grounds that people driving to it would cause traffic problems! This is a typical example of our elected Councillors not talking to the residents as the issue could have been resolved by a simple conversation! They did suggest placing one on Corncrake, which we agreed is necessary but this would not solve the fact that Bicester Fields Farm would not have a box at all. They seem to have completely missed the point that post boxes should be within walking distance of the housing! Another letter and the decision has been taken to approve two boxes - another success.

Post Office

You may be aware that the One Stop shop in Nightingale Place is now part of the Tesco organisation. The original design for this building incorporated a Post Office within the rear of the shop but this has never been constructed. With some 5000 people living on the Langford Estate, the lack of a local Post Office within walking distance is not acceptable. The Post Offices at Ambrosden and Launton provide a much better service than the main one in Sheep Street as you can at least drive to them. To investigate the potential for our own Post Office, we have written to Tesco, with the approval of the manager of the shop, for their comment. I will keep you informed of progress or otherwise in future issues of Langford Life.

Fence for Alchester Terrace gardens

Another success. This main walking thoroughfare from the town to the estate was a mess and caused problems for the residents of Alchester Terrace. The Community Matters sub committee contacted the Town Clerk, who discussed the point with Westbury. Westbury agreed that the footway had not been finished adequately and their reconstruction of the old track to a level paved area had created a problem for the residents of Alchester Terrace as their

fence was only a couple of feet above the path. The residents and Westbury then agreed on the fence you now see. We have already raised the issue of the lighting column along this path being obstructed by the bushes and this is being taken up with Railtrack.

Tubbs Crossing clanging gate.

Railtrack have spent a considerable time trying to resolve this problem including fitting a wooden striker post. The gates must close automatically for safety reasons and their engineers have been working on providing a spring with the least amount of power to just close the gate. Let us know if this is still causing concern.

Lighting.

At last, the lights on the footbridge over Langford Brook have been repaired. Many of the other lights on the linear park are still not operating though in spite of numerous complaints from your committee. The observant amongst you may have noticed that the column numbers have changed, a sure sign that the columns are soon to be adopted by the Council. This fight still continues.

Unused and unavailable play areas.

These have play equipment manufactured from wood and the supplier is currently in dispute regarding the design of the equipment. Currently being resolved by the Town Council.

Speeding.

Mallards Way is not likely to be adopted for some time but the issue of the lack of the correct 20 mph speed limit signs has now been raised at the Town Council meeting in September for resolution. We are also pursuing the possibility of making the stretch of road between the two roundabouts on Peregrine Way into a 20 mph zone. For more information on the speeding issue see the report from Chris Riley in this issue.

Adoption of Footpath No 5. (This runs from the Langford School to the railway crossing on London Road).

Bicester Town Council is in the process of adopting this path on completion of the remedial work you may have observed being carried out to the surface. An interesting point has arisen regarding the fence alongside the path and running past houses 17 to 27 Sanderling Close. I understand from the Council that they consider this fence and hedge to belong to the residents, hence the reason why they have not repaired the vandalised rails. If you live along this stretch I would be very interested to know whether your deeds show this fence as part of your responsibility. Please contact me.

4 Storey Block of Flats on London Road.

As part of the CDC Local Plan the derelict site of Jubilee Garage had been identified for housing development. The LVCA noted this, recognising the reuse of a previously developed site as a good opportunity. The plans came before the Council for 56 'dwellings' in a 4 storey block of flats and were rejected on advice from the Council Planning Officers as contravening a number of policies

and for not being in keeping with the street scene. When the plans were resubmitted in exactly the same design but with the sweetener of a payment towards the Library and Schools, the Executive Committee passed them! I leave you to draw your own conclusions about the morals of this but we now have the potential for the highest density (112 dwellings per hectare) and the tallest building in Bicester on the edge of Langford Village! Yet again, your elected Councillors failed to contact the LVCA to discuss this issue before taking the decision to pass this eyesore.

Safety Fences at Footpath ends.

With the greater availability of electric mobility vehicles on the estate a problem of negotiating these safety fences is now apparent. Checking with the Oxfordshire Highways Authority, improvements can be fairly easily made. The engineers are to check all the barriers on the estate, ensure that the distance between the fences is 1.2 metres or they are angled or the overlap will be reduced to improve the angle for turning through the barriers. We must thank Mr and Mrs Miles for contacting us on this issue and Steve Bowden at the OCC Highways Department for his prompt and positive answer.

Vandalism.

There are still a few of the residents of the estate who are intent on destroying anything in their vicinity! We need to get through to them that they are actually damaging their own home area and that they are contributing to the rise in their own Council Taxes is very difficult. It does make life interesting for the committee but we could do with some help - anyone out there willing to take more action on behalf of Langford Village? Just get in touch...

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Langford Childrens Poster Competition

Win a Family Swim at Bicester & Ploughley Sports Centre

As part of the LVCA joining the **speed watch** campaign managed by Oxfordshire County Council, the LVCA have decided to promote the scheme by the way of inviting primary school children to design a poster that can be printed in a future issue of the Langford Life.

The poster can be up to the size of an A4 sheet of paper and should be themed around Langford Village and Road Safety. Perhaps illustrating some of the parks that are in close proximity to local roads. Or may be other well-known features such as the school, shops, the open spaces, stone circles etc. The poster could include words like "THINK" or "SLOW DOWN", and must be road safety related.

If the competition is successful then we hope to continue the campaign in future issues with more prizes.

The winning entry will receive tickets for a free family swim at Bicester & Ploughley Sports Centre kindly donated by Cherwell District Council. The tickets are for 2 adults and 2 children aged 3 to 15.

The competition is open to all children on Langford Village. Perhaps you may like to ask your teacher if your class would like to enter the competition.

All entries should be dropped off at the Village Hall with the child's name & age, guardian's name and your address and telephone number. Closing date is the 1st January 2004 so you have plenty of time to come up with ideas. Children may wish to submit more than one entry. The Chairman will judge the entries at the January LVCA meeting held on the second Monday of the month.

The winning entry will be printed in the next issue of the Langford Life.

Good Luck!!! Chris Riley

Many thanks to our sponsor "Bicester & Ploughley Sports Centre" who have donated the prize. The Sports Centre runs many activities for both adults and children and has a gym, swimming pool, indoor play area and much more. For more information on the facilities you can contact the centre on 01869 253914.

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THE RIVER, DITCHES AND PONDS

There are a number of water features within the park which play very different roles and are maintained in different ways. Langford Brook has not been changed at all during the development other than at a couple of points where the gradient of the bank has been reduced to increase the variety of habitats for wildlife. A small pond has been created at one of these points to create a refuge for amphibians and small fish adjacent to the main river. The river water quality is high and supports water mint, watercress and many other wildflowers. These plants are not cleared as they provide food and shelter for many of the fish and invertebrates living in the stream.

The ditches that run into the stream are important habitats for amphibians away from the currents of the main stream. In February and March, many of these ditches will be full of spawn. During the Summer when many of the ditches are dry, large mammals such as badgers use the ditches to move around the park. The large pond to the north of the sports pitches is a balancing pond designed to receive a large volume of water in a very short period as stormwater runs off the roofs of adjacent houses. The potential total volume of the pond is enormous and extends up to the play area below the road. The overall effect of the pond is to reduce the chances of flood damage further downstream by holding back the bulk of stormwater. The balancing pond also allows any grit and soil to settle out before the water reaches the main brook. This helps prevent the brook from blocking and causing very harmful flooding and also gives the pond a soft silty bed that is good for the plants and animals living in the pond.

The small pond to the south of the sports pitches was once used by a nearby Monastery to raise carp. It appears to be connected to the stream, as it rises and falls at roughly the same time although no connection has been found. The pond was increased in size and the lower branches removed from the old oak tree to allow more light to reach the water. Light helps to prevent the pond from becoming stagnant which can be a bit of a problem below trees. An area of thorny plants has been planted between the pond and the adjacent fence to provide an area for birds to nest and roost.

The shallow ditches parallel to the parkland road are known as swales. When the site is not otherwise flooded, road surface runoff collects in the swales where it eventually soaks into the soil. Any impurities in the water such as oil and petrol from cars will tend to be filtered by the reeds. The petrol evaporates and naturally occurring bacteria growing in the swales break down the oil into less harmful substances. In this way, the groundwater is replenished and kept fairly free from contamination. The swales also make great habitats for insects and amphibians and lots of different types of wildflower suited to the damp conditions.

From Councillor Nick Cotter, Bicester Town Council - South Ward
I was elected to the Town Council for the first time this May, and sit on
a number of committees namely; Planning, Environment, Policy and
Resources, Finance, as well as the working parties for Sports Provision
and in respect of the possible redevelopment of Garth House.
I chose to put myself forward as a candidate at the election, as
someone who lives in Langford Village, and is therefore very much aware
of the issues affecting people at a 'grass roots' level.

The area is one with a large number of young families, but also older people, single people, and including many residents new to the area. Living with my wife and young family in the area, I was particularly concerned about facilities and amenities for young people, and about the state of the play areas, and also the level of cleaning and maintenance of those areas.

Since being elected to the Town Council, I have asked for the local area i.e. Langford Village/Bicester Fields to be 'mapped', to show which areas have or have not been adopted by the Local Authorities concerned, and which areas accordingly come under the ownership/control of the Town, District, and County Council's respectively. I am pleased to say that this suggestion has been enthusiastically taken up, and I believe this plan will be finalised in the not too distant future, and it should be available for public Inspection, including at the Town Council offices at Garth Park.

I have taken up issues on behalf of local residents, in respect of 'fly tipping' on Gavray Drive, the regular emptying of bins in the play areas adopted by the Town Council, and with the local police in respect of intimidating behaviour by some youths in the children's play areas. The indications are that these matters have been, or are in the process of being resolved, or at least improvements have taken place.

Many residents ask me what the 'split' is between the responsibilities of for example the Town Council and Cherwell District Council. In fact the Town Council has responsibility for; Garth Park, the allotments, cemetery and a majority of open spaces and all play areas (as adopted). On planning issues there is provision to pass on local concerns to the South Area Planning Committee at Cherwell District Council and also matters can be taken up with Council Officers there. The Town Council

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I have enjoyed my time so far on the Town Council having been elected to serve a 4-year term. I would be pleased to take up any pressing local issues on behalf of fellow residents relating to my Town Council responsibilities. I can be contacted at my home address of 56 Heron Drive, Langford Village (telephone 01869 322 166) or by email at ncotter@darbys.co.uk

Nick Cotter

Town Councillor (Liberal Democrat)

From Councillor Lawrie Stratford, Bicester Town(South Ward) & CDC My name is Cllr Lawrie Stratford and I represent Bicester South on both Bicester Town Council and Cherwell District Council. I have been asked to introduce myself and say what I'm doing for the residents. In broad terms it's to try and improve facilities and amenities whilst working within sound financial practices. Unfortunately we cannot always deliver what residents want, frequently because it's outside of our control, or just not affordable. Some areas that I am currently involved with include working to secure the new hospital, opposing the asylum centre. I am also involved in working though improvements within our Landscaping Contract to deliver a better service for Bicester, I also serve on two committees looking at transport/traffic issues around the town and in particular we are seeking improved road safety, speed limits, especially in estate areas. Another important area that I'm involved with is bringing commercial leisure to Bicester, probably through major changes to the town centre. In addition to these areas I try and respond to individual issues raised by members of the public from anywhere in the Town, not just the South Ward.

Councillor Dan Sames, Bicester Town Council (South Ward) will be writing in the next issue of Langford Life.



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CHRISTMAS FAMILY DISCO

LANGFORD VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20th 7:30pm-11:30pm CHILDREN WELCOME

(Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult) LICENSED BAR TO 11:00 pm



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£4 ADULT, £2 CHILD, £10 FAMILY (2+2) CONTACT TONY FOR TICKETS 07771557086

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Sat 7th Feb Ladies Night, strictly adult & strictly ladies! 8pm - 11.30

Sat 28th Feb Leap Year Disco/Karaoke, 7.30 - 11.30pm

Sat 6th March Family Bingo, 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Sat 27th March Young People Disco 10-15 yr olds, 7pm - 10pm

Sat 24th April Young People Disco 14-17 yr olds, 7.30pm - 10.30pm

Sat 8th May Quiz Night, 7.30pm - 11.00pm Sat 12th June Family Bingo, 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Sat 19th June Midsummer Ball (Adults only) 7pm til late!

Sat 18th Sept Barn Dance, 8.00pm - 11.30pm

Sat 2nd Oct Young People Disco, 10-15 yr olds, 7pm - 10pm

Sat 9th Oct Family Bingo, 7.30pm for 8pm

Sat 16th Oct Young People Disco, 14-17 yr olds, 7.30pm - 10.30pm

Sat 6th Nov Guy Fawkes Disco/Karaoke, 7.30pm - 11.30pm

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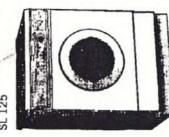
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