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Langford Life Newsletter

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From your Langford Village Community Association
(LVCA)

**This year volunteers from your Langford Village
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Continued with the upkeep and management of the Langford
Village Hall.

Maintained the LVCA financial accounts and arranged for the
accounts to be independently audited.

Worked with the Community Payback programme. Arranging
in the hall for cleaning of all the chairs, freshening up the hall
and improvements in the garden.

Worked with the Bicester Community Association sharing ideas
with other Community Groups in the Bicester area.

Maintained the Langford Village website.
www.langfordlife.org.uk

Attended monthly LVCA meetings—all welcome, Langford
Village Hall, 8.15pm, on the 2nd Monday of each month.



What about next year?

Many different community projects ongoing such
as litter picks and a welcome pack for new Lang-
ford Village residents. We also hope to completely
refurbish the kitchen in the village hall!

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Langford Village Community Association
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Editorial

Peter Kavanagh

Welcome to issue 64 of the Langford Life Newsletter, I hope you find the contents enjoyable to read. I need regular contributions for the newsletter and welcome articles for publication. If you have anything you wish to share or you know someone who would like to feature in an article in this newsletter—please get in touch with me.

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Peter Kavanagh

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Editor

Disclaimer

The LVCA exists to promote community spirit and improve the facilities and environment in Langford Village.

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Hall Bookings Manager

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Hall Schedule

Mondays

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Cubs 6.30-8.00pm

Ladies Circuit Class 8.30-9.30pm (not 2nd Mon)

LVCA Meeting 2nd Monday each month 8.15pm

Tuesdays

Music Box 9.30-11.30am

Freestyle Dance 4.30-5.30pm

Beavers 6.00-7.30pm

Square Dancing 8.00-10.00pm

Wednesdays

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WI 1.30-3.30pm (1st Wed only)

Aikido 6.30-10.00pm

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Message from the Chairman of the General Committee

Dominic Cotter

As Chairman of the LVCA I would like to update you on a few of the many things which make Langford Village such a vibrant place to live. This year, we have again been lucky to have a group of committed volunteers who have kept the hall going and the Langford Life magazine active.

We see our main responsibility being the upkeep and the management of the hall, a fine facility used extensively by the community. To give you an idea of its usage, in any one week there are typically 15 regular groups and societies comprising over 300 people.

Of course, running all this, keeping the hall clean and well maintained, and organising opening and closing rotas, especially for the casual bookings, is a logistical nightmare. I really don't know how we would function without two ladies; the ever-faithful Kirsty Coombes, who is Hall Manager, and more recently, Michelle Roe, who is Chair of Hall Committee and Hall Bookings Manager.

Another big thank you this year must go to Maggie Kavanagh, who took over as Treasurer at short notice last year. And whilst Maggie was only able to be with us for nine months due to professional studies, she has helped re-organise the finances. Maggie also provided a smooth handover to our new Treasurer, Roger Winson, also playing a large part in encouraging him to see that this was a role he could not live without! Thank you Maggie.

We have been pleased with increased links with the very active Friends of Langford Village School who used the hall for an excellent barn dance. We look forward to closer links with them over the coming months. Matt Fincham also arranged a Great British Tea Break fund raising afternoon for the Lymphoma Charity, raising £309.20 in the process.

With the closing of the 200 Club, funds of £688 were distributed, with half going to Langford Village School for playground equipment, the remainder being distributed between the non-profit making hall user groups.

Involvement with the Community Payback programme has been another highlight. This was almost exclusively arranged by Michelle Roe, and has seen various jobs carried out, including cleaning all the chairs, freshening up the hall and work in the garden. They even assisted with the litter-pick morning.

We also continue to work with the Bicester Communities Association, sharing ideas with other community groups in the area, and we are grateful for Pauline McCreadie in organising this.

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Please remember that we are just volunteers, and so how much can be accomplished is limited. We are always keen to hear from others who might like to help in any way, be it delivering Langford Life, helping with opening and closing the hall, or maybe coming to our monthly meetings.

Best Wishes

Dominic

Who's Who On Your LVCA Committee

<u>Post</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Tel no</u>
Chair of General Committee	Dominic Cotter	241504
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Short Story Competition

Thankyou to everyone who entered the short story competition in issue 63. Please do not feel disappointed if your story is not published here. The standard was very good.

Congratulations to **Ann Thomas** winner of the short story competition, as published below.

Bear Facts

“There’s never been as much excitement in Langford Village as when all the bears arrived to begin new lives... but let me start at the beginning. My name is Bruno and I’m a once much loved but now abandoned brown teddy bear. For many Christmases, my home has been at the bottom of a draughty, wicker basket, in Harry’s old room. I exist in here, day and night with a large collection of other tired toys. You will know that toys and bears come ‘alive’ when grown ups aren’t around, well for a long time now, this hasn’t been possible, because nobody loves me any more!

My life was perfect once, laughing children, sunny days, comfy nights. There were big smiles, kind words, kisses and cuddles, all for me! But now, those happy days are just a fading memory. Through a gap in my basket, I see tall, hurried, almost unrecognisable adults who have replaced Katie, David and Harry, the children I once knew. I’m over here, please look my way! Again I wait and nothing. Another unhappy, empty day passes. Untouched, unwanted, unloved.

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Suddenly, I see a light and hear distant voices! They're getting closer. Someone approaches my basket and my lid slowly squeaks open. The light is bright but I manage to see the smiling face of a little girl with long blonde hair who caringly supports my back and lifts me up and out of my basket. She looks at me lovingly and places me in her arms".

"Hello" she says, "my name's Jess. Will you be my friend?"

"I like that a lot and find I can relax, allowing her clean smelling hair to fall over my face. I can hardly believe this is happening to me. I nuzzle my head into Jess's shoulder. She smells just right."

"Can we keep him please Mummy, Daddy? I promise I will look after him".

"Jess kisses me on the nose and whispers",

"We're going home now Bruno".

"I somehow know that with Jess, I will be happy.

Jess and I told my story to some important people who said that all bears, everywhere, who had been neglected, had to be found new, caring homes. It was a wonderful sight to see all the bears walk into Langford Village where they know they will always be safe and loved.

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Here to make life a little easier

By Kim Rogers, Deputy Headteacher.

So much has happened here at Langford School since the last article it's difficult to know where to start.

Firstly I hope you all had a pleasant summer: as I write Jack Frost has visited and the days are definitely getting shorter. The summer seems such a long time ago but so many fantastic events took place so I will start there.

Year 6 production Joseph

The highlight in July was our very successful production of 'Joseph'. Talk about biting off more than you can chew!! Credit must be given to the children who worked hard to learn the 22 songs to a performance level in only five weeks. This was the first time Year 6 had performed a musical and the memories will stay with them forever.

Football

Our under 9s football team qualified to play in a finals match against Watlington School at the Kassam stadium a few weeks ago. It was a hard fought game, against some very good players and unfortunately Watlington were the eventual winners winning 4-1. The children and staff would like to thank their supporters for the all the cheering throughout the match. The staff would also like to thank Mr Coaker and Mr Hodgman for giving up their Saturday to attend.

Focus for this year

In our quest to be as good as we can be this is what is happening at the moment.

- A trial of yoga lessons in the PE curriculum
- Keyboard lessons have been introduced by the music service
- A weekly clarinet lesson for all Year 4 children
- Golden time is being introduced across the school as a system to promote good behaviour

Visits in the 1st term

To kick start our topics Year 2 visited Gaydon motor museum, Year 3 visited the Roald Dahl museum, Year 5 have been to Swindon rail World War 2 day and Year 6 received a visit from hands on heritage, a company who helped the children with their history curriculum.

New staff

We welcome Mr Selsdon to our school. Mr Selsdon has relocated from Hertfordshire and has already settled into all aspects of school life. Mr Selsdon is teaching a Year 2 class. **Continued on Page 8...**

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Skills and talents

If any members of our community have a particular skill or talent that they could offer our 'we like a challenge' group of children then please pop into the school to see myself. Thank you to Mrs Honour for providing an Art challenge workshop and Mrs Morris and Mrs Welham for providing maths challenge groups. The children loved the activities and we hope to run new ones over the next few terms.

Kim Rogers
Deputy Headteacher

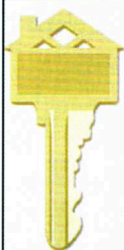


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