

# Langford Life



## Alice Wows Langford



A magical performance of Alice in Wonderland by the Oxford Touring Company played to a sell-out Langford audience in January. Despite numbering only three, the professional cast worked wonders to create a memorable evening. Thanks to Matt Fincham and Tamsin Ireland, and to 'All Aspects' for their sponsorship.

Watch out for the next performance and book early to avoid disappointment.



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## Changes on LVCA Committee



Having been Chairman of the LVCA for three years, Dom Cotter, the voice of BBC local radio, is standing down at the AGM in September. Thanks Dom for keeping us all in order... sort of!

The other big thank you goes to Michelle Roe, who has been brilliant and worked tirelessly as Hall Manager. Good luck with the move, Michelle.

Thanks also to Peter Kavanagh for his stint as the Editor of Langford Life.

With the juggling around of hats, Tamsin Ireland is now Secretary, Hilary Thorne is looking after Hall Bookings, with Bob Rudge co-ordinating the Distribution of Langford Life.

In conjunction with the various changes, we are looking at the future of Langford Life, its frequency and whether it should appear in this format. Any feedback and ideas would be greatly appreciated: to anyone on the committee (see page 10), via the website ([www.langfordlife.org.uk](http://www.langfordlife.org.uk)), to the editor or pop along to a 'First Thursday' - see below.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Happy reading

*Mike*

Email: [editor@langfordlife.org](mailto:editor@langfordlife.org)

## First Thursdays at The Nightingale

Whether you've just moved to Langford Village or have lived here for years, 'First Thursdays' is a new initiative encouraging people to meet and find out what's going on in the community. If you have any ideas, areas of concern, or simply want to meet your neighbours, pop along from 8.30 onwards to The Nightingale on the first Thursday of each month.

Residents of Langford Village are also welcome at the meetings in the Village Hall at 8.15 on the second Monday of the month, but First Thursdays provide a more informal opportunity to get to meet members of the committee, plus others, for a chat and socialising.



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





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Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening',  
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Regular hall users will have noticed the new kitchen makeover,  
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hard work, and to Michelle Roe and Nicki Holt for co-ordinating  
this. Further improvements are planned.



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**Advance Notice: AGM for the LVCA is on Wednesday 21st September 7.30 pm**



# 1st Langford Village Scout Group



The Cub Pack (ages 8-11) has had a very busy term with the Cubs working towards their Communicator, ICT and Artist Badges. We entered teams into a number of District events giving us the opportunity to mix with other Cubs in the area in a friendly and mildly competitive way! We had a team win the "Scrapheap" Challenge and go to the County finals (well done Harry, Danny and Cameron) where they enjoyed making Space themed models. The Swimming Gala was fun for our team of 12, giving them the opportunity of swimming in competitive races.

Our greatest success, however, was our Chess Team of Ewan Hodgson, Alexander Pryce and Joseph Tyack who won not only the District event but also the County Trophy and were crowned Cub Scout County Champions in January. Well done boys we are all really proud of you!



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## Hall Schedule

### Mondays

Baby & Toddler Group 9.15-11.15

Cubs 6.30-8.00 pm

Ladies Circuit Class 8.30-9.30 pm  
(except 2nd Monday)

LVCA Meeting 2nd Monday each month 8.15 pm

### Tuesdays

Music Box 9.30-11.30 am

Freestyle Dance 4.00-5.30 pm

Beavers 6.00-7.30 pm

Square Dancing 8.00-10.00 pm

### Wednesdays

Post Natal Exercise 10.00-12.00 am

WI 1.30-3.30 pm (1st Wed only)

Judo 3.30-6.30 pm

Aikido 6.30-10.00 pm

### Thursdays

Little Kickers 9.15-11.45 am

Rainbow 4.30-5.30 pm

Brownies 6.00-7.30 pm

Ig-nite Youth Club 8.00-9.15 pm

### Fridays

Baby & Toddler Group 9.15-11.15

Ballet 3.30-9.00 pm

## Fun and Friends



The Beaver Colony also run a busy and active programme and have enjoyed many indoor and outdoor activities including a torchlight walk in the woods and a junk modelling day with other Colonies in the District!

We are on the lookout for new and enthusiastic adults to help run our Colony as our current Leader, Sarah, will be moving away in the summer.

There are no formal qualifications needed, just a sense of fun and enthusiasm.

We are asking people to think about whether they could give some time to helping us, either on their own but ideally with friends/others.

- Do you enjoy working with young children?
- Are you ready for a new challenge in your life?
- Could now be the right time to start a new hobby and interest?
- Do you want to get involved with the Community and help others?
- Are you recently retired, maybe work part time or have children who have left home?
- Have you recently moved to the area and want to make new friends?
- Perhaps you were a Scout or Venture Scout in a previous life and would like to relive your youth!
- Age and gender are no barrier so would you be interested in helping?

The Beaver Scout Motto is 'Fun and Friends', which forms the basis of our weekly programmes from 6.00-7.15 each Tuesday evening (term time only).

The Colony opened in 1994 when the Village Hall was first built and has served the community ever since.

It would be a **terrible shame to see it close** so if you would like to know more about Beavers and how you could maybe help in some way then **please call Ellie Thompson on 01869 322425.**



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Three winners will receive a £25 voucher each,  
so go on and enter the competition.



Two white rabbits are hiding in these pages.  
Find those rabbits!



Entries to be received by Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011, with the winner being selected at the LVCA meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be advised that week and announced in the next Langford Life.

Email the answer marked 'Sun Wah' to [editor@langfordlife.org.uk](mailto:editor@langfordlife.org.uk).  
or send the slip to Community Hall, Nightingale Place, Bicester.

Name: Answer: Page Nos:

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### **Litter Pick**

In the spring litterpick on Saturday 8th April seven sacks of rubbish were collected by 15 volunteers... most of whom were sensible enough to disappear before the camera appeared. Bacon rolls were provided courtesy of Hilary Thorne.



If you've noticed less litter of late, it's thanks to a few noble souls who have taken it upon themselves to make our streets and pathways cleaner, headed up by our very own 'Litter Tzar' Richard Auger.

See the website for the next litterpick...  
[www.langfordlife.org.uk](http://www.langfordlife.org.uk)

Richard would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the team.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name,  
is so he can tell when he's really in trouble

### **Tesco Expresses**

Tesco Girls Carol McVay, Amanda Delaney and Yvette Loizeau all completed the London Marathon on Sunday 17th April.

Every painful step of the 26.2 miles was worth it in raising nearly £3,000 for the St John Ambulance. Further donations can be made using any of the above names on [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)



### **GAVRAY DRIVE—Statement from Gallagher UK**

"We are hoping that Cherwell will be in a position to determine our two applications very shortly; we have provided all the technical information requested and the matter is in their hands. The result of the CPO Inquiry into Chiltern Rail's acquisition of part of our site is due to be published 'this summer' according to the Programme Officer; this also affects our timetable. All things being equal (!) we still hope to start the ecological and archaeological mitigation work next Spring with work on the development itself starting in Autumn 2012."

When Langford Village WI was formed in 1997 it was hoped that afternoon meetings might attract young mums with children at the local primary school. However, this did not happen.

Did younger women think the WI was only for retired older women who had spare time on their hands? This is not the case. Over the last few years, new WIs have been formed with members in their 20s and 30s, who thoroughly enjoy themselves learning new skills, sharing interests, making new friends and getting involved in campaigning on issues relevant for today.



We are always seeking new members, so if you are 16 or over, why not visit us? We meet in the first Wednesday of the month in the Community Hall at 1.30. If you need to be at school to pick up children at 3.15 that won't be a problem.

Why not try the National and Oxfordshire website for more details or give me a ring on 01869 325834

Beryl Mann

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