

Langford Life



Gavray Drive Consultation



Photo by Bob Rudge

A condition of Cherwell District Council extending the time period for Gallagher Estates to develop Gavray Drive is consultation with the residents of Langford Village via the LVCA.

To help shape the new development see pages 2-3.



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Gavray Drive Update - Draft Master Plan

Outline Planning Permission was originally granted in 2006 for “Residential development (including affordable) incorporating a County Wildlife Site together with land reserved for a primary school, community facilities, public open space, rail chord and structure planting.” In 2011, Gallagher Estates sought to extend the life of the consent which had stalled because of the economic downturn.

Cherwell District Council (CDC) resolved to extend the life of the planning permission on 8 September 2011, subject to conditions and a Section 106 Agreement.

One condition stipulates consultation with the LVCA on the draft master plan before it is agreed with CDC. For further details see opposite.

In brief, the draft master plan includes:

Housing	Areas of open space
Areas for play	County Wildlife Site
Rail chord	A Primary School

In terms of landscaping, the masterplan:

Retains the County Wildlife Site, newt ponds and hedgerows;

Proposes ‘Gavray Meadow’ west of the brook comprising wetland, meadow and a hedgerow belt;

Provides local public spaces focused on preserved trees and play areas and

Includes a Village Green and School Square.

For recreation, the master plan incorporates:

A ‘Play Hub’ comprising a Neighbourhood Equipped Area of Play (NEAP) for teenagers and seven Local Areas of Play (LAP) for younger children.

Ecological measures seek to protect and minimise affects on ecology, including providing:

Your Comments are Requested

- ✦ grassland habitat west of Langford Brook;
 - ✦ north/south linear habitat between the railway corridor and Gavray Drive suitable for butterflies;
 - ✦ restoration of grassland habitat within County Wildlife Site;
 - ✦ most hedgerows will be retained with new hedgerows planted;
 - ✦ restoration of three field ponds with six new ponds for newts;
 - ✦ significant financial contributions towards the management and maintenance of open space protecting butterflies;
 - ✦ pollarding mature willows;
 - ✦ bat boxes;
 - ✦ bird boxes;
 - ✦ appointment of Ecological Clerk of Works;
 - ✦ establish a Wildlife Management Group to monitor & review the WMP;
 - ✦ Interpretation boards;
- Information Packs to residents and school children.

The full draft master plan can be viewed on the LVCA website.

Any comments can be sent to the LVCA at Langford Village Hall, Nightingale Place, marked 'Gavray Drive'. Alternatively, phone Richard Auger on 248802, or email: arulds2@aol.com

The master plan will also be discussed at the LVCA meeting on Monday 14th May at 8.15 pm. All welcome, so please come along.

Comments can also be directed to:

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Many thanks

Bob Rudge

Langford Life Distribution Co-ordinator

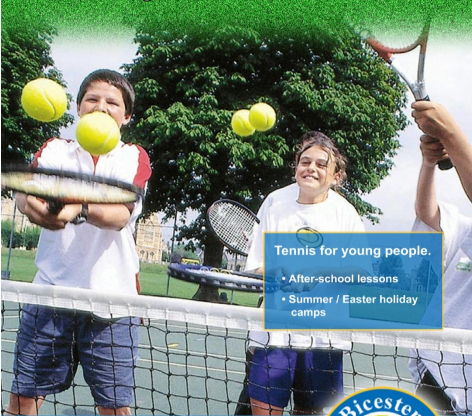
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LVCA Meeting 2nd Monday each month 8.15 pm

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

Private Booking 5.00-7.00pm

Community Orchard

Hopes for a Community Orchard in Langford Village.

Quietly nestled on the edge of Langford village lies an inconspicuous oasis, a beautiful green space once lovingly planted and tended by persons unknown, now a wilderness in need of some caring attention. So a few of us are attempting just that, and we'd love you to come and join us! We'd like this to become Langford's Community Orchard. The idea is that anyone can come and get involved, be it getting your hands dirty, identifying things, or if that's not your cup of tea then there's always the behind the scenes tasks to be done like admin, publicity or fundraising for example. Then everyone can reap the rewards... literally!

Just to whet your appetite then, in the orchard there are Apple, Pear, Cherry, Mulberry, Walnut and Hazel-nut trees, Blackcurrants, Blackberries and Raspberries. There's an abundance of Elder trees for those very useful flowers in the spring, and there's plenty of Blackthorn for our rare Brownstreak butterfly friends who only lay their eggs on that shrub, and many types of Bumble Bee when the blossom is out. That is just some of it; we find something new almost every visit!



We have been joining Bicester Green Gym with permission to remove brambles that have overwhelmed some of the fruit trees; this task is nearly complete but if we get the lease then there will be plenty more to get stuck into! If you want to wander down there, it's on the left of the long straight path that runs from the fields and Mallards Way to the rail crossing on London Rd, near the top opposite Nuthatch Way.

You don't have to be any sort of expert; you might just like the idea of joining in something new and eating raspberries while you do it, or you may have a specific interest that draws you to it. Whatever your ability, age or knowledge, if you would like to know more then please contact us FAO Orchard at grassrootsbicester@yahoo.co.uk



Also if you know anything about the history of the site or who planted the orchard in the first place, we'd love to hear from you!
Orchard Steering Group

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Such was the enthusiastic response in the last issue of Langford Life, that a fourth prize has been added this time.

Answer the questions and one of the four £20 prizes could be yours:



- 1: What Year was the Wah Hong established?
 - 2: How much is the 'Lunch Time Special'?
- (Answers can be found on the menu or the website:
www.wahhong.co.uk)

Entries to be received by Saturday 12th May 2012, with the winner being selected at the LVCA meeting on Monday 14th.

Email the answer marked 'Sun Wah' to editor@langfordlife.org.uk.
or send the slip to Community Hall, Nightingale Place, Bicester.

Answer: 1
2

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

SUN WAH WAH HONG

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I have always been inspired with the following story:

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?"

The youth replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

"Son," the man said, "don't you realise there are miles and miles of beach and thousands of starfish? You can't make a difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said, "I made a difference for that one."

I am so tired of all the negative things that happen in the world, and not being one to sit back and accept this situation, I am going to make a positive difference by doing at least 3000 random 'acts of kindness' in a year. I commenced my endeavour on 30th November 2011 and began recording my 'acts of kindness' on a Blog:

<http://doingtengoodthings.blogspot.com/2011/11/making-difference.html>

These acts of kindness may not be life changing or heroic, but they will make a positive difference to someone's life.

I have decided to call my quest, 'My Ten-a-Day', and have calculated that I must do at least 58 good deeds a week to reach my target of 3,000+ You are most welcome to follow my Blog... ...but what would be really cool would be to start your own acts of kindness.

Richard Auger is the LVCA
Community Affairs Co-ordinator



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There is a road bike run every Saturday and Sunday morning at 09:00 hrs starting from Bicester North Railway Station. The Saturday ride usually involves 60+ miles at a good pace requiring riders to be fit and somewhat more experienced.

There are two rides on a Sunday of between 35-70 miles — the shorter ride is ideal for those new to club riding. These rides are structured to combine a friendly social outing, but with the feeling of achievement and improved fitness. Take a look at the Club Rides Calendar for current information on both road and off-road rides.

There are also Open and Club time trial events in the summer, on the perimeter track at RAF Weston on the Green, providing a safe, traffic free environment.

Road runs require a suitable road bike, either racing or touring/audax style; mountain bike runs can be ridden on any suitable mountain bike but please note these runs can get very muddy!

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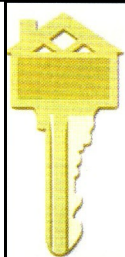
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The LVCA

is a voluntary organisation to promote community spirit and improve the facilities and environment in Langford Village.

We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 8.15 pm at the village hall.

All residents of Langford Village are welcome. Do come along and join us.

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