

Langdon Parish Council

July 2019

PARISH UPDATE

WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT



Last summer the Parish Council, in partnership with St Augustine's Church, proposed a project to mark the centenary of the ending of World War one by placing a memorial on East Langdon village green. The project took longer than expected to complete but on 26th June the granite memorial was finally installed.

The memorial records the people of the parish who lost their lives during the first or second world wars. The 24 names have been taken from the memorial plaques in St Augustine's Church, East Langdon and St Mary's Church, West Langdon. By displaying the names on the village green we hope that more people may pay their respects and take part in future Remembrance Sunday Services.

As the final part of the project we invite you to join us on the village green at 10.30am Sunday 28th July when a short dedication service will take place. If you know of anyone related to those names on the memorial, please let them know of the dedication service event.

LANGDON MEMORIAL DEDICATION SERVICE

**SUNDAY 28th JULY at 10.30am
EAST LANGDON VILLAGE GREEN**

LANGDON PLAYING FIELD

Langdon is very fortunate to have a well-equipped recreation area and open space which is the envy of many other parishes. The four acre site was purchased in 1979 and registered as a charity to provide leisure, sports and play facilities for the parish and surrounding communities. The site also acts as a community hub, very popular with families and attracting visitors of all ages.

Recognising the importance of the playing field as a factor in community well-being, Langdon Parish Council has always funded the basic running costs of insurance, grass cutting and safety inspection by an annual grant. However, on-going repair and maintenance costs have to be found by fund-raising and donations which is always a concern for the charity volunteers who look after the facilities.



As part of an on-going upgrade programme the management committee recently built and installed a new set of embankment slide steps at a cost of £600; other repair works are scheduled to follow.

Although the field facilities are inspected weekly, the field is un-supervised, and we rely on visitors to play safely and look after the equipment. Sad to report, there has been a recent spate of minor damage and tampering with play equipment which is potentially dangerous and a drain on the charity funds.

If you spot a problem, please report it to Chris Shaw on 07971 579096. Thank you.

LANGDON POST OFFICE

Special Change of Opening Time. The Post Office hours will be from 1-4-pm on Tuesday 23rd July to allow the Langdon Primary School to hold their Year Six Leavers Service in the parish hall.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting

Each April the parish holds a public meeting to receive reports from the Parish Council and other local organisations to learn of their activities over the last 12 months. The public are entitled to ask questions and have their say on anything they consider important to the Parish.

It is traditional to have a keynote topic after the formal reports and this year we were privileged to an extremely interesting talk on Prehistoric Discoveries in the Langdon area by Keith Parfitt, a nationally recognized professional archaeologist.

Keith, a local resident of East Langdon, presented many interesting facts and history of our area using slides and maps. He pointed out that the area is rich in prehistoric history but most of this is not visible due to the intensive ploughing and farming that has taken place. He used a series of aerial maps to highlight the surface signs such as crop growth and soil patterns which indicate possible Prehistoric, Iron Age or Roman settlements. Using Google aerial maps, Keith urged would-be archaeologists to look for signs of ancient ditches, trackways and circle enclosures and burial mounds hidden underground. Thank you Keith for a great talk and “Happy Googling!” The minutes of the evening’s proceedings including the Chairman’s Report can be found at www.langdonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk.

KCC Highways Scheduled A258 Road Works

A frequent topic at parish council meetings, the increase in traffic cutting through from the A258 Dover-Deal road through our narrow lanes is a serious cause for concern. The scheduled roadworks along the A258 between the Jubilee Way and Deal will continue into the autumn so the rat-run traffic will be with us for some time. Take care along the lanes! Search <https://kent.roadworks.org> for planned works.

Door-to-Door Sellers and Scams

In recent weeks, the Parish of Langdon has been visited by peddlers who have no permit to operate in the area. When challenged they may show an identity document which is self-fabricated and totally bogus. On occasion where personal cheques have been requested in preference to cash for goods, there are reports of criminal manipulation of those personal cheques. Therefore, you are advised not to purchase anything from these doorstep callers whatever their cover story may be.

Kent County Council Trading Standards continue to issue warnings against uninvited rogue traders who offer building repair services. One current scam is to offer to repair a householder’s damaged roof after the very same person had lobbed a brick onto the same roof!

Several properties within the Parish have external letter boxes. These external boxes provide the opportunity for theft of post. Stolen items often include credit cards and their associated PINs. These stolen items and the information contained therein are then used for fraud and for identity theft. Should you feel the need for an external post box, then those boxes should be made secure to prevent unauthorised removal of post.

Langdon remains a pleasant and safe place to live. Nevertheless, please remain alert to such opportunists, keep watch for your neighbours, and report suspicious activity directly to the Police by phone (101) or 999 in an emergency. The Country Eye App for mobile phones gives you the ability to photograph an event, record the date and time and to pinpoint its position by GPS while at the same time making a report to the Police.

Who are your Langdon Parish Councillors?

Following the parish council elections in May and a recent co-option, all seven seats are filled. Now at full strength, the parish council is reviewing the key areas likely to affect community life over the next 4 years and asking councillors to take on an “overseeing role” for some of the identified topics. Keeping in touch with the community is important and we would encourage you to bring any concerns or ideas to your local council representative. The full list and contact details are on page 4 of this newsletter.

Local Policing Update

The parish council receives crime statistic and Neighbourhood Watch reports but they are not current nor detailed enough to be of much use. Sergeant Ben Norbury of the Dover Community Safety Unit is in charge of the local PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers) and is keen to improve the service to local parishes within the constraints of his allocated resources. Similarly, Lee Kidd, local Community Warden manager, has communicated that a new Community Warden will be assigned to St Margaret’s and Langdon in August.

East Langdon Village Green

Although the Green is owned by KCC Highways, over the years the parish council has overseen its use and the installation of some artefacts and seating. We are grateful to volunteers, past and present, who cut the grass, suggest planting schemes and generally take an interest in the area. The parish council suggests that a planning group is formed to shape the future design and management of the green so that everyone works together.

CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

Rev Diane Fawcett is to retire in October. Diane has been the vicar of St Margaret's Benefice which includes the parishes of East Langdon, West Langdon, Westcliffe and St Margaret's since January 2010. We will be very sad to see her go but thank her for the support that she has given us and we wish her well in her retirement.

The Annual Garden Party to raise funds for the maintenance of St Augustine's was held this year at Langdon Court hosted by Peter and Sheila Pound on a beautiful summer evening. A record sum of £1150 was raised by the many guests and supporters.

We hope that, weather permitting; the **2019 Remembrance Service** can take place on East Langdon village green around the new memorial which honours the fallen from our local communities in both world wars.

If anybody is interested in ringing or learning to **ring the church bells** please contact our church warden, Anthony Hyde on 01304 853565 or email hyde167@btinternet.com.

Our regular monthly church pattern continues throughout the summer and you are warmly invited to join us at any time. If you are a bit apprehensive, why not try the family service which is informal and followed by coffee and a chat? Services start at 9.30am as follows:

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| 1st Sunday | Family service East Langdon |
| 2nd Sunday | Communion (Book of Common Prayer) East Langdon |
| 3rd Sunday | Communion (Book of Common Prayer) West Langdon |
| 4th Sunday | Communion (Common Worship) East Langdon |

CONGRATULATIONS TO EAST LANGDON CRICKET CLUB



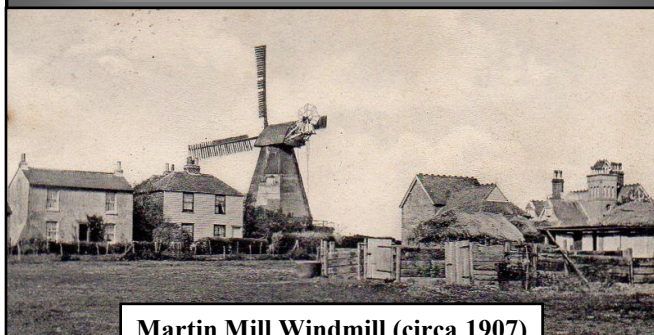
This month East Langdon Cricket Club held its centenary celebration to mark 100 years of local cricket. Based at Martin, the home ground is in a lovely location and has great facilities. It has a great atmosphere and is perfect for all the family to enjoy. For further information please contact Wayne Smith on 07771882070 or follow on Facebook and Twitter.

BRIC-A-BRAC CRAFT FAIR



Our thanks go to Olive O'Dell who organised this June event at East Langdon Parish Hall. There was a good response from local stall-holders who came with an interesting range of new and second-hand items for sale. The hall received a £100 donation from the proceeds.

HISTORIC LANGDON



Martin Mill Windmill (circa 1907)

Historical references suggest that the mill was in existence by about 1769, having been moved from St Margaret's village. Known as Martin Windmill, it was built on land where the bungalow "Millstone" now stands and operated commercially as a corn mill until 1923. The mill became unsafe after storm-damage and the sails were removed for safety reasons. The base was converted into a dwelling but slowly deteriorated until the remaining structure was demolished in the 1960s.

LANGDON LOATHES LITTER!

There seems to be an increase in litter around our parish. Noticeably in the verges, lanes and the playing field, there are discarded drinks cans and fast-food packaging.

Several residents have suggested a Langdon-wide litter-picking day when a mass clear-up is organised. The parish council is supportive of the idea and will publish a date on the noticeboards when the annual verge-cutting has been done so that any hidden rubbish can be collected.

We know that individuals regularly pick up litter in their locality; hopefully this campaign might encourage more people to join like-minded residents!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LANGDON MUSIC EVENING

The Orange Circus Band
East Langdon Parish Hall
Saturday 23rd November 7.30pm



"Whilst having a hand in roots, rock and gospel music, and updating traditional songs taken from The Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia - The Orange Circus Band produces original music that has a wholly unique, fresh sound. You can expect wild playing, beautiful harmonies and boundless energy guaranteed to raise the roof and warm the hearts." **To book tickets call Chris Shaw 852097 or Jannine Hyde 853565.**

Regular Activities at East Langdon Parish Hall

| Activity | Days | Times |
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| Langdon Post Office | Tuesday and Thursday Mornings | 9 – 12noon |
| Coffee Mornings | Tuesday Mornings | 10 – 11.30 |
| Langdon Short Mat Bowls Club | Tuesday and Friday Evenings | 7 – 9pm |
| Dog Training Classes | Wednesday (am) and Thursday Evenings | 9 – 12noon 5.30 – 9pm |
| Dog Training Classes | Wednesday Evenings (not all year) | 7.30-9.30pm |
| Parish Council | Third Monday in each Month | 7.30-9.30pm |
| Langdon School Dance Class | Wednesday Afternoons (Term time) | 1.30-3pm |
| Keep Fit Club | Saturday Mornings | 9 – 10am |
| Village Meetings | Wednesday Evenings | 7pm |

The Langdon Newsletter is funded and published by the parish council four times a year. It is distributed free to every household in the parish to keep in touch with our residents. If you would like to contribute an article please contact the editor, Chris Shaw. We would love to hear from you!

LANGDON PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Council

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| Cllr Chris Shaw (Chairman) | East Langdon | 01304 852097 |
| Cllr Tony Minns (Vice chair) | Martin | 01304 852810 |
| Cllr Shaun Craft | West Langdon | 01304 820097 |
| Cllr John Dyer | Martin | 01304 852772 |
| Cllr Seb Willett | East Langdon | 07530 189539 |
| Cllr Barbara Price-Stephens | Martin Mill | 07818 851180 |
| Cllr Jane Watson | Martin Mill | 07930 828635 |

LANGDON QUIZ EVENINGS

A big "Thank You" goes to Veronica King who has been running quiz evenings in the parish hall for the last 5 years. Starting in April 2014, the eleven fun quizzes raised £1880 for the parish hall funds as well as donations to other local charities. Veronica has decided to step back from organising more quizzes and we hope that someone else might like to help run future quiz evenings.



Chris Shaw

PUBLIC DEFIBRILLATOR

Located at The Reception Office, Hawthorn Farm Holiday Park, Martin Mill

The defibrillator is owned and managed by Langdon Parish Council, accessible 24/7.



In the event of an emergency FIRST DIAL 999 and ask for an ambulance.

This information is posted on all parish council notice boards.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Post Office: Tuesday and Thursday 9.00-12.00
 East Langdon parish hall.

Coffee morning: Tuesday 10.00 - 11.30 EL parish hall.

Milk delivery: Dairy Crest 0845 606 3606

Community Warden: . Call 07977 982184

PCSO Oliver Parker:- Call 101

Parish website: www.langdonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Vicar, Rev Diane Fawcett: 01304 852179

East Langdon Parish Hall: 01304 852097

Langdon Playing Field: langdonpfa@gmail.com

The Lantern Inn, Martin: 01304 852276

Hawthorn Farm Campsite Shop: 01304 853001

Parish Council Meetings

Every 3rd Monday of the month

East Langdon Parish Hall

August 19th - 7.30pm

October 21st 7.30pm

November 18th 7.30pm

West Langdon Village Hall

September 16th - 7.30pm

PARISH CLERK

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