

# Langdon Parish Council

September 2019

## PARISH UPDATE



**Last summer the Parish Council, in partnership with St Augustine's Church, started 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 inscriptions record 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 the Remembrance Sunday Services on the 10th November this year and on future occasions.

**On Sunday 28th July 2019 a Dedication Service was held to mark the final stage in the project.**

Some 30 parishioners and several living relatives of those named on the memorial gathered to share family memories and honour those who lost their lives during the First or Second World Wars.

More information about the names on the memorial can be found at The Dover War Memorial Project [www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk](http://www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk) or the Roll of Honour website [www.roll-of-honour.com](http://www.roll-of-honour.com).



War Memorial Dedication Ceremony  
28th July 2019

Langdon Parish Council would like to thank St Augustine's PCC, The Cleary Foundation, KCC Member's Grant Fund (Steve Manion) and local parishioners for contributing to the memorial fund.

Chris Shaw, Chairman to Langdon Parish Council.

## LANGDON MUSIC EVENING WITH THE ORANGE CIRCUS BAND

*Join us for an evening of wild playing, beautiful harmonies and boundless energy guaranteed to raise the roof and warm the hearts.*

*"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."*

**Book  
Now!**

**East Langdon Parish Hall  
Saturday 23rd November 7.30pm  
To book tickets at £10 call**

**Chris Shaw 852097 or Jannine Hyde 853565.**



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### East Langdon 20mph Zone—a Polite Reminder

In 2016 the 20mph limit was introduced along The Street in East Langdon in response to safety issues raised by school parents and local residents. Although a partial success, we still hear reports of motorists driving too fast through the village or in some cases, out from the Westside turnings. Please be vigilant!



### New Community Warden

St Margaret's and Langdon have been assigned Steve Noddings as our local community warden. Steve is keen to get acquainted with our area and will attend parish council meetings and the East Langdon Coffee mornings as work patterns permit. He can be contacted by phone on 07977 982184 for local non-urgent matters; otherwise use 101 or 999 in the normal way.

### East Langdon Village Green

We are in discussion with KCC Highways to clarify the legal position when the parish council and local volunteers install or undertake maintenance works on the green. KCC Highways recognises that local residents may wish to make use of and improve village greens under its ownership but as the registered owner, KCC needs to approve any new works including an accurate record of things that are on the highway along with ownership details and adequate liability cover. As regards public liability cover for volunteers undertaking work, the parish council's insurance policy does include cover providing that it is authorised and certain conditions are met.

### Village Ponds

The two ponds in our parish add to the character of the local area but they also serve another purpose, to drain water from the highway. Although a pond may be privately owned, KCC Highways has powers to divert water into a pond and undertake silt clearance as necessary to maintain the drainage facility.

The recent weather patterns of heavy rainfall followed by hot dry summers has resulted in the pond silt traps being clogged up and then water levels becoming very low, causing distress to any wildlife living in the pond. At East Langdon, the residents of Church Mews who collectively own the pond had been in



discussion with KCC Highways to get the silt trap emptied and the pond cleared. KCC required all livestock (fish) to be permanently removed before any work is started and this is where the discussion has stalled. The parish council is now involved and the discussion re-opened with KCC to see if work can be scheduled whilst the pond is very low and (sadly) there are no signs of fish in the water.

### Parish Footpaths and Public Rights of Way

In Langdon we are fortunate to have good public footpaths which link into adjacent parishes and wider heritage trails. The parish council is keen to ensure that paths are kept clear and councillors have been asked to check the state of routes in their area. If you would like to help monitor our PROWs please send updates to our parish clerk. You can access the KCC Public Rights of Way map by searching at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk).

### Heritage Watch

Heritage crime is any offence which targets the historic environment. It includes crimes against archaeological sites, churches, castles stately homes and historic shipwrecks. It also includes crimes against cultural property and museum collections.

Heritage crime covers a wide variety of criminal activity which can cause loss or damage to heritage assets forever. These include – architectural theft, in particular the theft of metal and stone, anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, arson, unauthorised excavation and metal detecting (also known as 'night-hawking') damage by vehicles and the trade in illicit cultural property.

To find out more about this type of crime visit <http://heritagewatch.co.uk>.

### Langdon Loathes Litter

In July we reported an interest in voluntary litter-picking around the parish to reduce the amount of rubbish being left in the hedges and roadside verges. To support the initiative, the parish council will purchase some sets of litter picking equipment which residents may wish to borrow for the task. Anyone volunteering to litter-pick along our country lanes should familiarise themselves with KCC's risk assessment guidelines as below:

"Safety of people working on roads, including volunteers is paramount. KCC will not endorse, support or insure volunteer activities taking place on roads of 40 mph or above. This is the standard that KCC has set, although under no legal obligation to do so"



## CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

You are warmly invited to join us for a traditional Harvest Festival:

**Sunday Oct. 6th      10.00 am      - St Augustine's, East Langdon**

**Sunday Oct. 20th      9.30 am      - St Mary's, West Langdon**

Gifts of non-perishable food items will be sent to Dover Food Bank. Monies collected at St Augustine's will go to "Farm Community Network."

**Apart from the above Harvest Festival services, the regular weekly services start at 9.30am following the schedule below:**

**1st Sunday      Family service East Langdon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday      Communion (Book of Common Prayer) East Langdon**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday      Communion (Book of Common Prayer) West Langdon**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday      Communion (Common Worship) East Langdon**

**29th September Four Churches Service 10am at St Margaret's Church**

**This will be Rev Diane Fawcett's last service before retirement.**

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**Remembrance Sunday this year falls on 10th November** and we invite you to join us at a civic service to be held, weather permitting, on East Langdon village green around the new war memorial, at 10.45am. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in St Augustine's church.

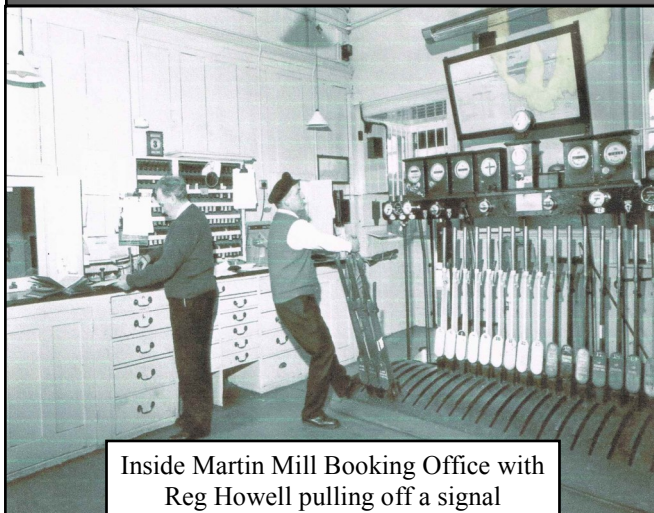
Please contact the church warden, Anthony Hyde on 01304 853565, if you would like to lay a wreath on behalf of a local organisation.

### MODERN CHRISTIAN PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**Paul and Louise Strutt extend an open invite to a modern Christian Praise and Worship evening** at their home in Martin Mill on Wednesday 9th October 7:30pm - 9pm. For all enquires please call 07786243716 or just turn up on the night. This is a free event!

The address is Martinvale Farmhouse ( Martinvale Clinic), Station Road, Martin Mill.

### HISTORIC LANGDON—MARTIN MILL RAILWAY STATION



Inside Martin Mill Booking Office with  
Reg Howell pulling off a signal

In June 1881 the railway between Dover and Deal was opened, with a station close to the Martin windmill. The station had several sidings, animal pens and a large goods shed to serve the needs of the surrounding rural communities.

In 1934 the separate signal box was closed and the functions transferred inside the booking office.

In the photograph opposite you can see the lever frame signalling controls and the ticket office window behind signalman Reg Howell.

The booking office also housed the local post office and the service window is at the left end of the counter.

The booking office was heated by a cast iron coke stove which made the room warm and cosy during the winter. With the kettle always on the boil, visitors were often invited in to share a cup of tea and catch up on local gossip.

Reg Howell lived in East Langdon and was the main fund-raiser for re-building the parish hall and purchasing the playing field. Working at the station, he never missed an opportunity to promote village events or sell raffles tickets to the travelling public! We remember Reg with great fondness.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### NEW YOGA CLASS

A local YOGA class has started in East Langdon parish hall on Monday evenings starting at 6.30pm.

**Suitable for all abilities and ages!  
Qualified Yoga Instructor**

Call Francis on 07828 456333 for more details or just come along on the evening

### LANGDON SHORT MAT BOWLS



Did you know that the Langdon Short Mat Bowls Club meets on Tuesday and Friday evenings in East Langdon Parish Hall?

If you would like to try the sport why not come along at 7.30pm or give Alan Bignall a ring on 852958 for more details?

#### Regular Activities at East Langdon Parish Hall

Activity	Days	Times
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

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

### MERCHANT NAVY DAY

September 3<sup>rd</sup> has been known as Merchant Navy Day since 2000.

That date marked the anniversary of the start of World War 2 and the torpedo sinking of the merchant vessel SS Athenia that very same day.

Our thanks to Cllr Tony Minns for “Flying the Flag” on the green.



### 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:** Steve Noddings 07977 982184

**PCSO Oliver Parker:-** Call 101

**Parish website:** [www.langdonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.langdonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

**Vicar, Rev Diane Fawcett:** 01304 852179

**East Langdon Parish Hall:** 01304 852097

**Langdon Playing Field:** [langdonpfa@gmail.com](mailto: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**

October 21st 7.30pm

November 18th 7.30pm

December 16th 7.30pm

January 20th 2020 7.30pm

### PARISH CLERK

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