

Langdon Parish Council

February 2022

In this first Langdon Newsletter of 2022 we look forward to the Summer when national celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will take place.

To mark The Queen's 70 years of service, a four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June will give communities the opportunity to celebrate and join in a programme of events, culminating in **The Big Jubilee Lunch** on Sunday 5th June. People are invited to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours perhaps by a street party or picnic, tea and cake or a garden barbeque.

You may recall that we celebrated The Queen's 60th Diamond Jubilee in Langdon with a children's party, themed fancy dress and activities on 4th June 2012. By way of a souvenir, children in Langdon were presented with a Langdon Jubilee Commemorative mug by the parish council.



If we are to repeat the success of the 2012 celebrations, the planning needs to get underway now! Some community groups in Langdon may have ideas in place already but working together may be a preferred approach. With this in mind anyone willing to help is invited to an open Jubilee meeting at the parish hall.

Let's make the June 2022 celebrations a great event to be part of!

**PLEASE BRING YOUR IDEAS AND
OFFERS OF HELP TO A MEETING
IN
EAST LANGDON PARISH HALL
ON
TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
AT 7.30pm**

DEVELOPING A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR LANGDON

A **Neighbourhood Development Plan** is a document produced by the local community to guide its future development. Once completed, it will be formally 'adopted' by Dover District Council as an official planning document that future planning applications will have to comply with.

The parish council decided to create a neighbourhood development plan in September 2020 and the Langdon Neighbourhood Area boundary has been approved by DDC. Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, the project is at last underway. A budget has been allocated from our precept, a start-up grant awarded from central government funding, and an external consultancy group appointed to work with the parish council steering group.

We are now at the stage to call for **expressions of interest** from Langdon residents, local organisations and businesses who would like to join the project group in developing the Neighbourhood Plan. If you would like to be involved in shaping Langdon's future please contact the parish council's clerk at clerk@langdonpc.org.uk.

WEST LANGDON VILLAGE GREEN

Known locally as The Fostall, the West Langdon Green is a protected open space and a registered Village Green which is owned by Langdon Parish Council. For many years, several residents have managed the green, cutting the grass and generally keeping the area in a tidy state. More recently the parish council has taken a more active role in the green's management and an annual budget is allocated for mowing and other costs.

Tree Management at the Green

In November 2019, Langdon Parish Council commissioned an arboricultural consultant to carry out a tree inspection of the trees on the green. The risk assessment indicated that two Common Ash trees adjacent to Waterworks Hill had advanced Chalara die-back and should be felled within 2 years. With the agreement of the DDC Tree Officer, a local tree surgeon will fell the two trees on March 7th and log the wood into short lengths suitable for residents to take for home use. The ground will then be cleared for a possible tree replacement project.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Budget and Annual Precept

Langdon Parish Council has agreed a new budget of £22,650 for the financial year 2022-2023. This budget will be part funded by a parish Council Tax precept demand of £16,000 for financial year 2022-2023. This represents a small annual increase of £3.86 in the parish council tax contribution on last year's property band D from £62.21 up to £66.07. The shortfall (£22,650 - £16,000) will be met from expected income and reserves. For more details see the appendix section of the council minutes for January 2022 at www.langdonpc.org.uk.

New District Local Plan: The first consultation on the Draft Dover District Local Plan (known as Regulation 18) and associated documents was open to public comment from January to March 2021. The results have been collated and can be viewed on the DDC portal at <https://dover-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>. Due to consultation feedback on some aspects of the first draft Local Plan, DDC's initial project plan, known as the Local Development Scheme (LDS) which sets out the timetable for the production of new or revised Development Plan Documents, has been updated. This means that the next consultation stage (Regulation 19 pre-submission), expected launch in February this year, has been delayed and is likely to take place in Spring/Summer 2022. The parish council submitted comments in March 2021 and will do so again when the Regulation 19 stage is announced. You can find more information by searching online for "[New Dover District Local Plan](#)".

Traffic Calming: KCC Highways has shared the traffic movement data for a 7 day period at Martin Mill and East Langdon back in October last year. The summary findings indicate that at Martin Mill the average speed was 19mph in the 30mph zone, "Compliance Very Good" and in the East Langdon 20mph zone the average speed of 19mph was rated as "Acceptable". You will need to examine the full data sheets to see the patterns of traffic movement throughout the 24 hour periods. The data can be found on the parish council website at www.langdonpc.org.uk/news.

Parish Council Grants: Three applications for project funding were made to the parish council in January. Langdon Playing Field Association: Car Park Surface Improvement £250; West Langdon Village Hall: Insurance Policy support £250; St Augustine's Public Notice Board £250 (s137)

Footpath ER44 - removal of hedge (ENF/21/00396) Martin

Following a report to the DDC Enforcement Team of the damage by felling of the replacement hedge, the parish council has received this response from the DDC case officer: "The contractor apparently mistook the hedgerow for a rough grass patch and felled it. I have been in contact with the developer who apologises for this mistake and believes that a lot of the whips have survived so will carry out supplementary planting during this current planting season. I will be reviewing the hedgerow at the end of the planting season in April 2022." The parish council will await a response from DDC in April.

Southern Water Ion Exchange Plant Construction at Martin Gorse

The agreed traffic management plan for the HGV access to the Southern Water Martin Gorse construction site is from the A2 Whitfield roundabout by way of Forge Lane. Southern Water have affixed a sign at Martin Mill as a point of "No Return" for construction site bound HGVs to turn around before accessing Lucerne Lane. Damage to fences and garden walls has already occurred when HGVs encounter the narrow lanes into Martin.. Therefore, no construction HGVs should access Martin Mill and Martin.

Residents are invited to report details of evidenced violations of this order to clerk@langdonpc.org.uk.

Latest Scam Attempts

With the prospect of travel opportunities, please be aware of an alleged NHS Covid 19 Passport scam doing the rounds. The email looks convincing but is nothing but a front to obtain credit card and bank details for "any future payments or refunds". The scam email has already been reported to the National Cyber Security Centre. Anti-fraud advice is available at www.kent.police.uk/fraud or www.kent.gov.uk/scams.

Winter Precautions—Be Prepared!

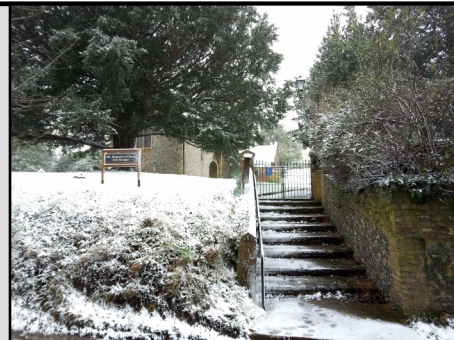
As mentioned earlier, although there are signs of early Spring flowers in the hedgerows and a hint of warmer weather, remember that in previous years we have experienced severe winter weather well into March. Being prepared is key to keeping safe in cold and icy conditions, both at home and when travelling. You can find useful information at KCC's online Winter Service www.kent.gov.uk/winter where travel news, road-salting routes, and health advice are published.

Yellow Wheelie Salt Bin at Martin

Residents and passers-by will have noticed the recent provision of a yellow wheelie bin containing road grit in place at the Lantern bus stop in Martin.

There being no KCC Highways Grit Bins in the centre of Martin, a portable bin has been placed there by Langdon Parish Council and is intended for the use of residents of Martin on a self-help basis in winter conditions.

The capacity is approximately 5 buckets and replenishment supplies can be freely obtained from the road grit contained in the dump bag presently situated outside the East Langdon Village Hall. As a courtesy to fellow residents, it would be appreciated if the grit could be replenished after use.



Snowfall at St Augustine's Steps
7th February 2021

CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

Church services at St Augustine's, East Langdon in March:

Sunday 6th	March	9.30 am	Family Service
Sunday 13th	March	9.30 am	Communion (BCP)
Sunday 27th	March	9.30 am	Mothering Sunday celebration with communion

In April services will take place as follows:

Sunday 3rd	April	9.30 am	Family Service - St Augustine's
Sunday 10th	April	9.30 am	Palm Sunday Communion - St Mary's, West Langdon
Sunday 17th	April	10.00 am	Easter Day Family Communion - St Augustine's
Sunday 24th	April	9.30 am	Communion (CW) - St Augustine's

"THANK YOU"

On behalf of the members of St Augustine's Parish Church, East Langdon, we would like to thank the local community for their generous financial contributions and presence during these past months. We have been able to remain open for services albeit with restrictions and look forward to your continuing support as we move forward.

We are a welcoming church and would be very pleased to see you as we move forward in worshipping God and serving you all. (Revd. J. Roger Broughton).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Saturday 14 May at St Augustine's guitarist Jamie Moore together with his wife, short story writer, Patricia Mahoney will bring us an evening of guitar music, song and short story telling. Details of the two artistes can be found at www.jamie-moore.com and www.patriciamahoney.com.

Tickets, to include cheese and wine, are £10 and can be booked by emailing hyde167@btinternet.com or by phoning 01304 853565. Jamie and Patricia will also have copies of CDs and books available for purchase.

This will be our first fund raising event for two years and we look forward to welcoming you.



Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop 2021

Well-attended and a great success! The next workshop is on 4th December



LANGDON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 25th April

An opportunity to hear reports from the parish council and local organisations. A guest speaker for the evening will be announced nearer the time.

Women only Self Defence Classes

First Tuesday in the Month
Starting March 1st, 7pm - 8.30pm
East Langdon Parish Hall.

Cost £10 per session

Contact Richard Fowler for details on
07805 592955 or www.oasistraining.net

Activities at the Parish Hall

Dog Training Classes

Contact Denise Coyle
07582 508843

Sewing Group

Contact Nikki Poulton
1npoulton@gmail.com

Coffee Morning Club

Tuesdays 10 until 11.30am

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Have you visited the recently-extended Café at Kearsney Abbey? It's well-worth a visit during a stroll around Russell Gardens and Bushy Ruff. Good food and friendly staff; a credit to Dover District Council! The Café is open daily from 8:30am–10am for takeaway, and from 10am–3:30pm for eat-in (hot food is served until 3pm).

COMMONWEALTH DAY 14th March

Each year local residents and Langdon Primary School gather at 10am at East Langdon village green to celebrate this event and witness Year 6 pupils raising the Commonwealth Flag and reading the Affirmation. **Please support us in our community event on Monday 14th March from 9.45am for this short and informal ceremony.**

CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Following the article in November's newsletter about growing concerns for our local environment and what we might do about it, there have been several expressions of interest from Langdon residents. These range from the poor state of East Langdon pond, tree-planting projects, developing wild flower areas to safe-guarding our local wildlife. There has also been a noticeable increase in footpath walking and cycling activities since 2020 when Covid-19 restricted our leisure pursuits to nearer home.

“The Queen's Green Canopy: Plant a Tree for the Jubilee” is a national tree-planting initiative launched to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. This scheme, managed by the Woodland Trust, is providing free trees and hedging to community groups who wish to improve their local environment. The good news is that following a successful application by Pippa Foulds (East Langdon), we will receive a March delivery of 165 tree saplings and hedging to plant at sites around the parish, including at the Parish Hall and Langdon Playing Field.

So can you spare some time to help the “Langdon Countryside” project? Please email:
Pippa Foulds - p.foulds@mail.com or
Chris Shaw - shawc01@hotmail.com

LOCAL CONTACTS AND SERVICES

PUBLIC DEFIBRILLATORS

Martin Mill: The Reception Office, Hawthorn Farm Holiday Park, Station Road, **CT15 5LA**.
what3words ///headings.spearhead.trickle

East Langdon: East Langdon Parish Hall, The Street, **CT15 5JF**.
what3words ///profited.teach.degree



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

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To contribute an article or help deliver, please email the editor Chris Shaw on shawc01@hotmail.com.

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Cllr Seb Willett	East Langdon	07530 189539

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

Coffee morning: Tuesdays 10 - 11.30am in the parish hall

Milk delivery: Dairy Crest 0845 606 3606

Community Warden: Steve Noddings 07977 982184

PCSO :- River Jarvis Call 101

Parish Council website: www.langdonpc.org.uk

Vicar: Rev Karen Reeves: 01304 853962

East Langdon Parish Hall: 01304 852097

Langdon Playing Field: langdonpfa@gmail.com

The Lantern Inn, Martin: 01304 852276

Grapevine Café & Shop, MM Campsite: 01304 853001

Langdon Primary School: 01304 852600

Dover Health Centre: 01304 865500

Parish Council Meetings

Usually every 3rd Monday of the month

February 21st - 7.30pm

March 21st - 7.30pm

[April 25th 7pm -7.30pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 - 9pm](#)

in East Langdon Parish Hall

Please check public noticeboards or www.langdonpc.org.uk for details

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