

Langdon Parish Council

December 2022



***BEST WISHES FOR
CHRISTMAS
AND THE NEW YEAR
TO EVERYONE!***



The recent chilly north winds are a sharp reminder that winter is here!. Compare this with those exceptionally long spells of dry and warm weather in June and July when the nation celebrated The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Wimbledon and many other open-air events. The long range forecast into January 2023 gives us no clues as to what to expect but with rising energy and food prices please ensure you can keep warm and safe during the cold season. The weather can change very quickly as in February 2018. Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it - your family, neighbour, parish council, or church.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

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AT
EAST LANGDON
WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER
6.30 pm
followed by
seasonal refreshments at
Church Farm Mews.
There will be a collection for
Demelza House.
Everyone welcome
(Don't forget your torch!!)

Carols On The Green is an open-air community event to welcome the Christmas season. It's a great opportunity to meet friends and sing carols around the Christmas Tree.

St Augustine's provides support for the Parish's Christmas Tree that will be lit and decorated for all to see. Please feel free to tie a memorial ribbon or card onto the tree for whatever memory you want to leave.



The Beast from the East, 2018

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN DECEMBER

St Augustine's, East Langdon

Sunday 18th 4.00pm Carol Service

Saturday 24th 11.30pm Midnight Communion

St Mary's, West Langdon

Sunday 25th 9.30am Christmas Day
Communion BCP

The PCCs of both churches wish you all a joyful, blessed and peaceful Christmas.

ST MARGARET'S CHRISTMAS TREE AND CRIB FESTIVAL

St Augustine's provided an Advent Tree and stable as their entry to the festival held in St Margaret's Church from 24th-27th November .

The cribs were watched over by life-sized Nativity figures from St Mary's, West Langdon.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF

Dover District Council Local Plan Consultation

Hopefully you will be aware that Dover District Council approved the final draft Local Plan (regulation 19) in October and that the final public consultation closed on Friday 9th December. Langdon Parish Council has submitted further comments relating to the potential development for up to 40 dwellings at East Langdon, and the impact this will have on local services and increased road traffic. Comments from local residents were also included. Following the public consultation, the submission version will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate alongside the responses received and supporting documentation.

The Inspectorate will then carry out an independent public examination of the Plan for fitness of purpose and compliance with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Michael Gove's recent announcement that the Government is considering further changes to the planning system may relax pressure on delivering centrally-directed house-building targets. We await with interest!

Langdon Neighbourhood Development Plan

Langdon Parish Council has decided to develop a Neighbourhood Plan which, if approved, will put in place a strategy, policies and projects for our area until 2040. Neighbourhood plans can provide for new facilities, or allocate sites for housing, employment, recreation or wildlife. If successful at referendum, a neighbourhood plan will become part of the statutory Development Plan for the area and be used by the parish council and Dover District Council to make planning decisions.

A key part of the consultation process is to seek views from the community and the recent questionnaire which was delivered to every household was part of this process. Out of 241 "Have Your Say" questionnaires delivered, 71 have been completed, somewhat lower than hoped for. However, the parish council will continue to develop the plan and some residents who indicated that they wanted to be involved have been contacted by email.

Early in the New Year the parish council will be hosting a Neighbourhood Development Plan workshop as part of the plan-writing process. The meeting will be to discuss the questionnaire results and it is likely to be held as a weekday evening session (a Monday or Tuesday) or a Saturday morning in the parish hall. We would like as many residents as possible to be involved in the Plan's development so if you haven't yet been involved, you still can contact Chris Shaw at chair@langdonpc.org.uk to join the group.

Parish Council Grants for local organisations

The parish council has a modest annual budget allocation to assist with community projects. Applications should be submitted no later than Monday 6th February. More details from the parish clerk.

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

Following the recent Hedgerow Replacement Notice being issued by DDC Enforcement Team, a new row of saplings have been planted but which only span half the original hedge length. The parish council will contact the DDC to report the current situation and ask that the wildlife corridor is fully restored.

Winter Precautions

As we move into the winter season we should be ready for the cold weather, ice or snow making travel difficult. KCC Highways maintains the yellow roadside grit/salt bins, additional grit is stored at the parish hall car park. Winter safety and travel advice can be found at www.dover.gov.uk/weather and www.kent.gov.uk.

Service of Remembrance Sunday 13th November

Over 40 people took part to remember the names inscribed on the war memorial at East Langdon Green. Our thanks go to Anthony and Jannine Hyde who led the service, organised the music and played "The Last Post."

This Newsletter is usually published by the parish council four times a year and distributed free to all Langdon households.

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

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Parish Council Meetings

Usually every 3rd Monday of the month

December 12th -7.30pm

January 16th - 7.30pm

February 20th - 7.30pm

March 20th - 7.30pm

in East Langdon Parish Hall
Please check public noticeboards or
www.langdonpc.org.uk for details.

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