

Langdon Parish Council

February 2023

Welcome to the first Langdon Newsletter of 2023. Following on from the parish-wide survey delivered to every household in October, we are running a Neighbourhood Plan community workshop on 21st February. This is an opportunity for you to see the survey results and help shape Langdon's Development Plan for our community. Looking further ahead to May is when the coronation of King Charles III will take place and communities are invited to join the celebrations planned for the weekend.

LANGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Vision and Objectives Workshop

on Tuesday 21st February
East Langdon Parish Hall 7- 9pm

Come and join us to share your views for a strategy, policies and projects for our area until 2040.

Programme:

- Results of parish survey
- Parish profile
- Visioning activity
- Identifying key themes
 - Community facilities
 - Character and design
 - Transport
 - Environment
 - Economy
 - Housing
- Setting objectives for the key themes

Refreshments provided!

For more information contact Chris Shaw:
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LOCAL ELECTIONS 4th May 2023

Dover District Council Electoral Services have announced information on the voting arrangements for the local District and Parish Council elections on Thursday 4th May.

To vote you must be on the electoral register and bring a **photo ID** to the polling station. Full details and help with voting can be found at www.dover.gov.uk or by phoning 01304 872344, including how to stand as an election candidate.

There are information events for prospective candidates at 10am on Wednesday 15th March and 6.30pm Thursday 16th March at the DDC offices.

The Kent Association of Local Councils website at www.kentalc.gov.uk is also a good resource.

CORONATION of KING CHARLES III

Buckingham Palace has announced details of the Coronation Weekend, 6th to May 8th as:

Saturday: **The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort.**

Sunday: A special Coronation Concert and the communities Coronation **Big Lunch.**

Monday: **The Big Help Out**, which will encourage people to try volunteering and join the work to support their local areas.

The parish council asks if there are plans to organise any local village or parish events similar to last year's successful Platinum Jubilee celebrations? Some funding has been set aside. Please email the parish clerk with your ideas!

CHURCH SERVICES UNTIL MARCH

St Augustine's, East Langdon

Sunday February 26 th	9.30am	Communion BCP
Sunday March 5 th	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday March 12 th	9.30am	Communion BCP
Sunday March 26 th	9.30am	Communion CW

St Mary's, West Langdon

No services until 2nd April

Our church is a little colder this winter as we are having to replace the south aisle ceiling that was in danger of collapsing. As the building is listed, it took time to obtain all the permissions but work finally began in mid-December. The area remains partitioned off inside the church, the ceiling is down and removed, the timber framework and supports for the ceiling have been completed and now the lath and plaster is being applied. At least three coats will be applied before finalising with decoration to a particular specification. We hope the work might be completed by Easter and all the scaffolding removed, the organ cleared of its protective casement so that we can resume full use of the church – and maybe it will be warmer! We have received financial help from our Insurer and two local charities that support church renovation repairs. This significantly cushions the cost of over £20,000 that we have been required to spend to meet the stringent, and necessary, demands of work on a listed building.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF

Parish Council Budget and Annual Precept: Langdon Parish Council has approved a budget of £23,060 for the financial year 2023-2024. The budget will be part funded by a Parish Council Tax precept demand of £16,000 for financial year 2023-2024. This is calculated to keep the parish council tax contribution of £66.15, almost the same as last year's property band D of £66.07. The shortfall (£23,060 - £16,000) will be met from income and reserves. The parish council's finances are published on the website at www.langdonpc.org.uk.

Highways Improvement Plan (HIP): Many comments have been made about pedestrian safety in Langdon parish, speeding vehicles along our narrow lanes and the general increase in traffic. Having taken advice from KCC Highways, the parish council will create a HIP to record comments and suggested improvements for KCC to consider. As part of improving our road safety, the application of a 30mph parish-wide zone on all approach routes is being considered. A feasibility exercise and map will be prepared as part of a parish HIP proposal which can also inform planning applications and the Neighbourhood Plan.

Defibrillators in the Parish: Andy Blake of The Lantern Inn has suggested the need for a defibrillator in Martin rather than having to access the ones at Martin Mill or East Langdon in an emergency. The parish council had obtained a quote from London Hearts charity of £1235 for a unit and external case. A national government-funded scheme is to be launched in the Spring which will fund community units in a £1M project. The parish council is in discussion with Andy Blake and Tony Kenyon to finalise the most suitable site, likely to be The Lantern (availability of electrical power and a well-known central location). Local fund-raising and parish council grant support are also under consideration with a view to a summer installation date.

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

Dover District Council Local Plan—Land at East Langdon for up to 40 dwellings (Ref LAN003/SAP46)
The December newsletter featured an update on the DDC Draft Local Plan and its final preparation for submission of documents and information to the Secretary of State (Regulation 22). An independent inspector will then carry out a public examination of the plan for fitness of purpose and compliance (known as Regulation 24). At the end of the examination the Inspector will send a report to the Local Planning Authority (DDC), recommending whether or not they can adopt the plan, probably in early 2024. **Until this time, there is no certainty that the land at East Langdon will be in the Local Plan or that planning permission will be approved.**

Gladman Developments Ltd is the “Land Promoter” working with the land owner to bring the development proposal SAP46 to fruition. As part of their community engagement programme they have invited most Langdon households to “Have Your Say” at www.your-views.co.uk/eastlangdon and view a “Concept Journal” of a possible site layout with supporting descriptions. Some residents have already responded, often reflecting earlier comments which were submitted to the DDC Local Plan consultation. If you have comments to make about this proposal, take up this opportunity to “Have Your Say” using the Gladman’s **your-views** website.



Commonwealth Day Monday March 13th: Each year local residents and Langdon Primary School gather at 9.45am on East Langdon village green to celebrate this event and witness Year 6 pupils raising the Commonwealth Flag and reading the Affirmation. Come and join us for this short and informal ceremony.

This Newsletter is published by the parish council four times a year 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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Cllr Seb Willett	East Langdon	07530 189539

Parish Council Meetings

Usually every 3rd Monday of the month

February 20th - 7.30pm

March 20th - 7.30pm

April 25th 7.00 - 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting April 25th 7.30 - 9.00pm

in East Langdon Parish Hall

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

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