

Langdon Parish Council

April 2023

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Langdon Newsletter in which we have featured several events for your information.

LANGDON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 17th APRIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 17th April at 7.30pm in East Langdon Parish Hall. The parish holds an annual meeting at which local residents can receive reports and ask questions of the parish council. This is an informal community event where local organisations are invited to make presentations and meet with other parishioners.

The guest topic for the evening will be Langdon's Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Refreshments provided!

DOVER DISTRICT AND PARISH ELECTIONS 4th MAY

VOTER ID
Are you ready?



East Langdon Parish Hall will be our polling station for the parish council and ward elections on 4th May between 7am and 10pm

Up to seven parish councillors can be elected for Langdon Parish Council and two Dover District Councillors for our ward of Guston, Kingsdown and St Margaret's-at Cliffe.

The list of candidates was published on the DDC website and at the Whitfield offices on 5th April.

There are 7 candidates contesting the 2 Ward seats. The five candidates nominated for Langdon Parish have been elected uncontested. A Notice of Vacancy will advertise the two vacant seats in May.

Please remember that to vote you must be on the electoral register and take 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.

VILLAGE PHONE BOX LIBRARIES

The two community libraries are opening again after the winter break. Our thanks go to Joan Miller at West Langdon and Clare Winwood in East Langdon for keeping them well-stocked.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY EASTER FROM WEST LANGDON GREEN



LANGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

We are pleased to report that our Langdon Neighbourhood Plan is well underway with good attendance from local residents at several workshops.

Both the "Vision and Objectives" evening and the "Local Green Spaces, Views, Heritage assets and Rights of Way" workshop generated interesting group discussions about our neighbourhood communities and countryside. Currently we are identifying and documenting the open green spaces in Langdon. More information is on the parish council website.

The King's Coronation Celebrations in Langdon

Plans are underway in Langdon to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III during the weekend of 6th to 8th May. The community events so far are as follows:



Sunday 7th at 10am at East Langdon Green: **Coronation Thanksgiving Service.**

Sunday 3pm - 5.30pm, East Langdon Parish Hall: Parish Tea Party & Children's Entertainment. *(See the separate letter for party and Mugs)*

Monday afternoon: Martin: Garden Party.

The Lantern Inn will be hosting celebration events over the weekend.

The parish council will present a free souvenir Coronation Mug to all children under 16 in the parish and additional mugs may be purchased.

Please see the enclosed letter and order form for more details.

PARISH ROUND-UP

NEWS FROM ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

Our vicar for the four churches of the Benefice of St Margaret's including St Augustine, East Langdon and St Mary's, West Langdon has had to retire for reasons of ill health. Kaz only came here in March 2021 and her poor health seriously disrupted her last six months with us. We wish her well and hope she fully recovers. We are now in interregnum and will wait for the process of appointing a new vicar to begin. As always, St Augustine's remains fully open and operational.

Our replacement lath and plaster south aisle ceiling has been completed but we now await the rewiring of the chancel and south aisle before decoration can take place. It has been a lengthy process not helped by doing the work during the winter months. We remain hopeful that all work, removal of scaffolding, checking and retuning the organ plus giving everything a good clean can take place before the end of April.

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible on East Langdon Village Green at 10.00am on Sunday 7th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

Anthony Hyde, Church Warden

Services at St Augustine's, East Langdon:

Sunday 9th April **9.30am** Easter Day Family Communion (CW)
Sunday 23rd April **9.30am** Communion (CW)
Sunday 7th May **10am** East Langdon Green Coronation Thanksgiving Service.

Sunday 14th May **9.30am** Communion (BCP)

St Mary's Church, West Langdon
Good Friday 7th April **5pm** Reading of the Passion Story from John

Sunday 28th May **10am** Bishop Rose to lead the Benefice Service at **St Margaret's**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Dover District Council Draft Local Plan Update

The Dover District Draft Local Plan to 2040 was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination on Friday 31st March 2023. This includes the land allocation in East Langdon (SAP46) for up to 40 dwellings. This site has also been submitted for outline planning approval before the Local Plan has been examined. (see next paragraph for details).

Planning Application DOV 23/00370

Proposal: Outline application for erection of up to 40 dwellings (matters reserved except access)

Location: Land off The Street East Langdon CT15 5JF.

(The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated. The proposed plan is a departure from the development plan, affects a Right of Way and is a Major development.) Ref. DDC Public Planning Notice.

The parish council considered this application at an Extraordinary Meeting on Monday 27th March. The Public Speaking session heard strong opposition to the proposed outline development from the 30 members of the public. The parish council unanimously recommended refusal based on the proposal being contrary to the current District Core Policies.

The site lies outside the defined settlement boundary of East Langdon, on productive agricultural land. The proposed development would result in an unacceptable intrusion into the countryside, contrary to Core Strategies DM1, DM15, and National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2021, paragraphs 167,169. The additional 40 dwellings would increase the number of houses in the village by 60%. The narrow roads network of Langdon would suffer further congestion from the additional traffic movements. See the Minutes of the meeting at www.langdonpc.org.uk/agendas-and-minutes for details. Residents are encouraged to make their own comments on this application using the DDC website at www.dover.gov.uk/planning and [View Planning Applications](#) Ref: 23/00370.

LANGDON PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Current Councillors

Cllr Chris Shaw (Chair)	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 Barbara Price-Stephens	Martin Mill	07818 851180
Cllr Jane Watson	Martin Mill	07930 828635
Cllr Seb Willett	East Langdon	07530 189539

Parish Council Meetings

Monday 17th April: Ordinary Meeting 7pm - 7.30pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 - 9pm

Monday 15th May: Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7.30pm

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

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