

LANGLEY PARISH NEWS

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*Letter from David Burton,
Chairman of the Parish Council*



Dear Residents

Please can I ask you to make a note of the Annual Parish Meeting due in May.

This is not a meeting of the Parish Council but a Parish meeting organised by the Parish Council to enable you to have the opportunity to listen to the past year's events and activities from all the local clubs such as Bowls, Art Club, Mother & Toddler, Dance School, etc. Also, it's a chance for you to share your thoughts, concerns and ideas for Langley.

Your Parish Councillors will provide a brief round-up of their achievements over the year and their plans and aspirations for the year ahead and we will also be joined by your Borough and County Councillors; Cllr Paulina Stockell and Cllr Eric Hotson and PCSO Richard Kirby will provide a summary of the year's crime statistics.

If there is a specific issue you would like to add to the Agenda or would like any further information, please contact your Parish Clerk on 842461.

Look forward to seeing you on the 4th May.

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 4th May 2010, 7.30pm
Langley Village Hall, Main Hall.

Refreshments will be available.

A celebration to *thank*

Dr Czaykowski

for everything he has done over the last 30 years is being organised by some of his former patients.



For an opportunity to say thank you to Dr Czaykowski, everyone is welcome to a reception to be held at Langley Village Hall from 3–5pm on Sunday April 25th and a presentation will be made at 3.30pm.

All are welcome

If you would like to contribute to the presentation gift please contact Doreen c/o Orchard Surgery. Cheques to be made payable to M Leeks (Dr Czaykowski account).

Play Area – New Pathways and Slide = no more mud !!!

At long last, work in the play area is now complete with safety surface pathways joining all the play equipment and eliminating the big muddy puddle by the entrance gate. The play area enjoys lots of use by the youngest residents in the Parish and this will make it even better for them. The slide on the muddy mound has been re-built with a proper set of steps for the tiny toddlers to use; when the mound was removed this left a gap in the boundary and a new run of fencing has been put in to make the area secure. The first section of Hornbeam hedging has been planted to match the existing hedge and this will eventually be continued to replace the conifers which hide the corner of the play area and becomes an inevitable magnet for those wanting to 'get up to no good'. Finally, in order to remove the broken chain link fence and barbed wire the conifers had to be cut back harder than was anticipated. Please bear with us until we get some fresh planting to restore the visual impact.





Village Hall Management Committee News

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting of the Langley Village Hall Management Committee is to be held on Tuesday 27th April at 7.30pm.

Anyone who is a resident of the area over the age of 18 is entitled to vote, so please do come along and help select the Committee for the next year. Or even get involved !!



A call to lend a hand in verse by Pat Sayers, current Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee

EARLY START

*There's a rumbling grumbling at the Village Hall
an apathy sad and depressing.
A feeling that much is lost by us all
from inertia, very distressing.*

*Wake up all ye residents and lend us an ear,
the Annual Fete which we hold so dear
is in desperate need for volunteers,
plates for smashing and books to cheer.*

*Tombola items and unwanted gifts,
your Committee needs you to give them a lift.*

*Suggestions, ideas, won't go amiss
please rally round and add to our list.*

We are meeting to plan, so come cheer us up

there could be biscuits and something to sup
Team 1's invited to the Village Hall for a Caya-side tournament to be held at Kings Wood Primary School on Saturday 17th July starting at 10am. Age group from 13-16, costing just £1 per person.

There will be a boot fair and activities for all the family. Contact Steve on 843822 to join in the fun.

DIARY DATES

Rural Farmers' Markets, held on the first and third Wednesday in the month 9.30am–1pm. The next Markets 7th & 21st April, 5th and 19th May, etc.

AGM – Tuesday 27th April, 7.30pm.

Monday 30th August – **Fete** (more details to follow).

Regular Village Hall Clubs and Activities

Monday	Ballet (Children) 4.15pm Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm
Tuesday	Over 60s Club – (alt. Tuesdays) Ballet (Adult) 5pm Belly Dancing 8pm
Wednesday	Rural Market 10am (1 st & 3 rd Wednesday's in the month) Ballet 5.45pm Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm
Thursday	Mother & Toddler 1pm Karate – 6pm Morris Dancing 8pm Youth Bus (alt. Thursdays)
Friday	Mobile Library 12pm Martial Arts 6.30pm
Saturday	Ballet (Children) 9am
Sunday	Football

News from PSCO Richard Kirby

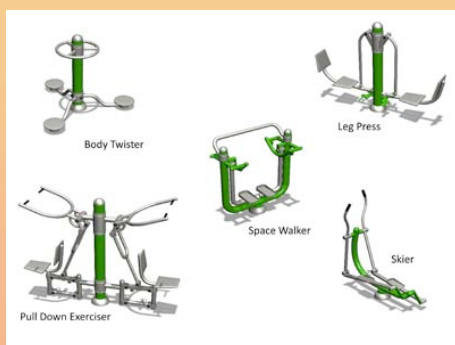


On the 19th February, we parked the mobile Police Station at the Village Hall during half-term to engrave the young people's bikes with their postcode and at the same time took the opportunity to discuss their needs and issues in the village.

PC Steve Older ran a recent operation to tackle the issue of fly tipping in rural areas and the team issued twenty-four fixed penalty tickets to lorries either over the 17 tonne limit for the B2163 or wider than the 6' 6" width restriction for the bridges.

Finally, can I just remind all residents not to leave valuables on show in your vehicles.

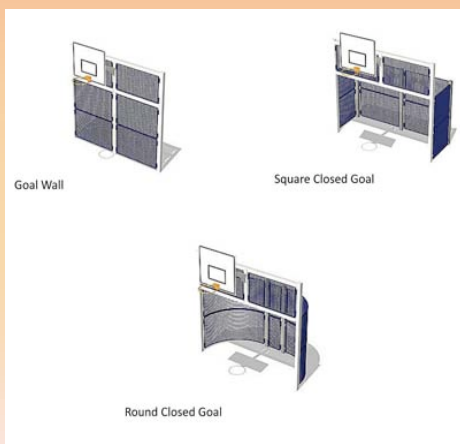
New Equipment for the Playing Field?



The Parish Council is considering purchasing new equipment to be located on the Playing Field, however, before any decisions are made they need to know if it is the right type of equipment and

will it be used? The exercise equipment is suitable for all ages from teenagers to the elderly, but we need to know if this equipment appeals to you? Would you use it? Is it the right type of equipment? If you have 5 minutes to pass your feedback to your Clerk, Nicola – please do so, she would really appreciate it. Please contact her on 842461.

As for the ball wall, again, it is important that the right type of wall is selected and the location is agreed by all concerned.



It is hoped that a ball wall will stop the side of the Village Hall being used as a goal mouth – so again your feedback is most welcome and needed.



LANGLEY RURAL FARMERS' MARKET



Easter Market on Wednesday April 7th with activities for the children

By popular demand, Langley's Rural Farmers' Market, held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month in Langley Village Hall and Car Park will now be starting at the earlier time of 9.30am and going until 1pm.

An Easter Market is planned on Wednesday April 7th. All are welcome, so why not bring the whole family? As it's the school holidays we will be organising fun activities for the children.

Our market has become the focal point of village life. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes and pastries are available, so it's the ideal place to meet up with a friend, have a cuppa and do some shopping.



What makes our market special are its stallholders, which include some great Kentish characters. Their produce is all grown or produced locally, the quality is high and, unlike some Farmers' Markets, the prices are affordable.

We have a baker from Headcorn selling freshly baked bread and delicious pastries. Homemade jam, marmalade, pickles and plants from St. Mary's Church and knitwear, embroidered linens, cuddly toys, delicious scones, flapjacks and fruit cakes are available from the Heart of Kent Hospice Stall. The Traditional Cheese Dairy offer award-winning cheeses made from unpasteurised cow, ewes and goats milk. New from February 2010, a French delicatessen stall run by Eric Chauvel, offering charcuterie, saucisson and a large selection of delicious olives and a selection of pork sausages and other meat from East Sutton Park Farm.

Further information: Cheryl: 01622 862962 or call the Parish Clerk on 01622 842461.

Freighter Visits

Saturday 3rd April 2010
11.30 – 12.15 – Shepherds Way
12.30 – 13.00 – Grasslands Cul-de-Sac

http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/recycling_rubbish_and_waste/weekend_freighter_service.aspx

Fault Reporting

Maidstone Borough Council

Fly-tipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Dog Fouling, Street Cleaning – 01622 602162 or via their website www.digitalmaidstone.co.uk

Kent County Council

Potholes, street lights, blocked drains, vegetation and other road issues 08458 247800 or via their website www.kent.gov.uk

Community Services

Green Garden Sacks – now available from the monthly Parish Clinics - £2.50 a roll.

Newsletter Reader Service – call the Parish Clerk for assistance.

This Newsletter is available in large print if required – contact the Parish Clerk

Copies of Meeting Minutes are available to view from the Parish Clerk or they can be viewed on the parish website as follows:

www.langley-kent.org.uk

Kent Police contact numbers:



PC Steve Older & PCSO Richard Kirby 01622 604392
Dial 999 if there is a threat to life or crime in progress
Text for the Deaf : 'police' to 60066
Non emergencies – 01622 690690
Maidstone Community Safety Unit – 01622 602472
Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111 – call anonymously with information about crime.

Email: maidstonerural.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk

General:

Citizens Advice Bureau – 01622 752420
Trading Standards – 08454 040506
Fire Safety – 01622 774126
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Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meet on the **third** Tuesday of every month (except August) at 7.30pm, Langley Village Hall. Interim meetings are held should any planning applications arise which, due to MBC timescales, cannot be held over to the following meeting. The agenda will be displayed on the Parish notice boards and the website and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Parish Clinics for the Residents

The Clerk is available on the first Wednesday of every month from 9.30 to 11.30am in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. Free tea and coffee available. Come and speak to your Clerk to raise any concerns, ideas, projects or suggestions you may have.

You can now purchase the MBC green garden sacks at these clinics.