

# LANGLEY PARISH NEWS

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## A word (or two) from your Chairman, Cllr David Burton.

We have been working very hard on your behalf meeting with our County Member Cllr Eric Hotson, members of Kent Highway Services and our neighbourhood policing team about road safety and pedestrians crossings within the Parish and one of the things we keep being told is that the road crash statistics do not place us high enough on the league tables to receive priority action.

For the last 2 years, Nicola our Parish Clerk has been keeping a log of accidents and on comparing this to the official statistics it would seem that many incidents are not officially reported. So we would really encourage you to make a point of reporting all incidents, including the minor ones too, to the Kent Police (including the Parish Clerk at the same time), so that the decision makers are fully informed.

On a similar note, the same procedure applies to crime. We have recently applied for a Kent Community Warden and in the application we wrote about the problems experienced within Langley, for example, vandalism and anti-social behaviour at the Village Hall and Langley Lakes, but most of these incidents are not officially recorded in the crime statistics which is ultimately what the decision may be based on. If you are a victim of any crime, no matter how minor, report it as it will add to the statistics which will ultimately influence the decision making process.



# Langley Fete

## Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August

### Starts at 1pm

Langley's annual fete has a host of attractions and stalls for you this year, here's a taste of some of the exciting attractions lined up so far:

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| Family Fun Fair               | 'Soak a Bloke'                                |
| Lots of side stalls and games | Face Painting and other children's activities |
| Entertainment in the Arena    | Tractors + Classic Motor Cycles               |
| Youth Bus – Dance Show        | Ice Creams, Food and Licensed Bar             |
| Ballet Show                   | + much much more .....                        |

For more information call : Pat Sayers 862557



### Langley Fete

#### Children's Activities Competition Time !


It's time to get creative this year again as there will be a competition for the best glove puppet and 'face on a plate'. So, if you are aged up to 5, 5 - 7 and 8 -11 get cracking with a sock and odds and ends to make a puppet. Bring your sock creation along to the 'Children's Activities' stand on the day and win PRIZES. £1 per entry.

OR why not make 'a face on a plate'. Grab a paper plate (or a plate that mum will let you have) and stick pasta, wool or anything you can find which will make your 'face'. Same age ranges apply and remember to bring your entries along to the stand on the day. Lots of PRIZES to be won. £1 per entry.



What are you waiting for ?! Get sticking, drawing, designing and have fun !

Well done to our local neighbourhood police team.



**Lucky Number Draw**

Remember to cut out and bring this coupon to the fete – the draw will be at 3pm and the lucky winner will receive a Hamper but you have to be in attendance at the draw.

**Lucky Coupon Number:**



## Village Hall Management Committee News

Contacts: Pat Sayers, Chair 862557  
 Clare Hampson, Secretary 862894  
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### Rural Markets - Summer Dates

By popular demand we now have summer dates for our Rural Markets in the Village Hall Car Park (with refreshments in the Village Hall). Tabletops can be provided: £2 for residents and commercial producers pay £5.

Wednesday 5th August 11-1pm  
 Wednesday 26th August 11-1pm  
 Wednesday 9th September 11-1pm

The Rural Market will continue fortnightly on Wednesdays 11 – 1pm after 26th August, i.e. 9th September etc. We have the option of moving the event to the Village Hall (thanks to the generosity of the Village Hall Committee) if the weather turns cold and wet, so aim to continue until December and beyond...

Please help spread the word about Langley's Rural Market. The more support we receive from local people, the more stalls we'll attract, and the longer we'll be able to keep the market going.

Small producers don't be shy, all are welcome, including children during the school holidays – remember small is beautiful, whether it's just a few cabbages or works of art!

Our Parish Clerk, is taking bookings on 01622 842461. If you want more information or would like to help out with the market call Cheryl Taylor-Maggio on 01622 862962.

### FETE BOOK WORMS

Just to let you know that the books on sale at this year's fete are not the old ones from last year!! They have been newly donated this year!!

### CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have any suitable prizes you can donate for the Fete tombola? If so, please call Pat on 862557 - she'll be very pleased to hear from you. Thank you ☺

### LANGLEY & THREE SUTTONS OVER 60s CLUB

We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at Langley Village Hall and we are looking for new members within the Langley area.

So, if you are sitting indoors and looking for a little company and if you're over the age of 60 come along and join us for a cup of tea and a chat. We also have outings visiting places like The Cotswolds, Eastbourne, boat trips and many more places throughout the year, along with two holidays.

If you would like more information, then contact Maria Mackelden on 01622 861783 or 07860 734772.

Annual Fete – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1 – 5pm **DIARY DATES**

Rural Markets, Wednesday's – 5<sup>th</sup> August, 26<sup>th</sup> August and 9<sup>th</sup> September at 11am. Then fortnightly until further notice.

Over 60s Lunch Club – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, and Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Bookings only – call Dee 861487

Medway Dog Training Club, 50th Anniversary Celebration – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon

### Regular V.Hall Clubs/Activities

<b>Monday</b>	Ballet (Children) 4.15pm Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Over 60s Club – (alt. Tuesdays) Ballet (Adult) 5pm Belly Dancing 8pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rural Market 11am (fortnightly) Ballet 5.45pm Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Mother & Toddler 1pm Karate – 6pm Morris Dancing 8pm Youth Bus (alt. Thursdays)
<b>Friday</b>	Mobile Library 12pm Martial Arts 6.30pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Ballet (Children) 9am
<b>Sunday</b>	Football am

For further information contact David Bennett

## Parish Councillor Vacancy

Following a recent resignation, there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on Langley Parish Council. Have you ever wanted to contribute more to your community? Want to know what's actually involved? Please read on .....

### Becoming a Parish Councillor

To appreciate what is involved in being a Parish Councillor you need to know what a Parish Council is, and what it can and cannot do. We have to get the image of the Vicar of Dibley out of our mind and understand that the Parish Council is nothing to do with the Church or the Diocese; nor is it a voluntary and community sector body.

*"Your Parish Council is the local authority closest to the electorate"*

A Parish Council is a separate legal, corporate entity. First created by the Local Government Act of 1894.

A Parish Council also provides services for the local people. These can range from recreation grounds, play areas, allotments, nature reserves, and a cemetery. What can be provided is down to the Parish Council. There is a list of the activities that a Parish Council has the power to provide. Like any statutory body it can only do the things for which the law or any governing body document gives a power.

The Parish Council has one particular asset that is extremely valuable – it has the ability to set a Precept (sum of money), which is collected from all residents through the Community Charge system.

With the right to levy a form of taxation come some duties. In particular a duty to behave in an ethical manner according to a Code of Conduct (declaring interests and leaving the room when likely to be prejudiced) and a duty to have the annual accounts subjected to audit under the aegis of the Audit Commission.

*"Training is available and support will be found from colleagues, the Parish Clerk, as well as from the Kent Association of Local Councils"*

You may feel uncertain about the knowledge required to be a Councillor and may feel overawed by those who have done the job for years. Rather like the story of the Emperor's New Clothes – the simple question was the key to what was going on. All good Councillors should use the key word – "Why?" on a regular basis. Remember – training and support is available.

So, if you want to do more for your community, if you want to spend your time productively, and if you can think, listen and act locally – **why not consider becoming a Parish Councillor?** How? When this vacancy arose a notice was placed on the parish notice boards inviting an election. Since no one chose to stand for election within the fourteen day period the Parish Council is now able to co-opt a Parish Councillor onto the Parish Council, which is the usual procedure in these circumstances. For this particular vacancy, the Parish Council is specifically looking for people with a strong interest in planning, local environmental issues and traffic and roads.

If you are interested in applying for this position  
contact:-

Nicola Dawkins, Parish Clerk, 10 Warmlake Cottage,  
Chartway Street, Sutton Valence, Maidstone, Kent,  
ME17 3JA - Telephone 842461.

## Freighter Dates

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August

11.30 – 12.15 – Shepherds Way  
12.30 – 13.00 – Grasslands cul-de-sac

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

11.30 – 12.15 – Shepherds Way  
12.30 – 13.00 – Grasslands cul-de-sac

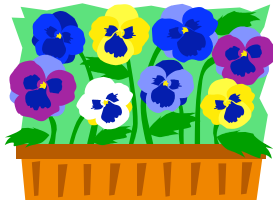
### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November

11.30 – 12.15 – Shepherds Way  
12.30 – 13.00 – Grasslands cul-de-sac

This service can no longer collect electrical items  
more information can be obtained from MBC.

## Flower Planters

Three out of the six village planters are sponsored as follows:



1. Mrs Knott – Ulcombe / Heath Rd planter
2. Bowls Club – Village Hall planter
3. G Charlton & Sons – Pear Tree Cottage planter

There are still three more available at:-

1. St Mary's Church
2. Heath Road by the Village Sign
3. Opp. Crown & Horseshoes

Please contact the Clerk if you would like more information.

## Need to contact the Parish Council?

Please write to the Parish Council c/o the Parish Clerk at :  
**10 Warmlake Cottage, Chartway Street,  
Sutton Valence, Maidstone, Kent ME17 3JA**  
or e/mail [parishclerk@langley-kent.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@langley-kent.org.uk)

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council meet on the **third** Tuesday of every month (except August) at 7.30pm, Langley Village Hall. The agenda will be displayed on the Parish notice boards and the website and members of the public are welcome to attend. Copies of Meeting Minutes are available to view from the Parish Clerk and they can also be viewed on the parish website as follows:

[www.langley-kent.org.uk](http://www.langley-kent.org.uk)

## Parish Notice Boards + Website

Just a reminder that the Parish notice boards and the website contain all the up-to-date information you need for parish matters.

The notice boards are located at Porters Walk, Village Hall, opposite Crown & Horseshoes and Grasslands.

## Monthly Parish Clinics - Parish Clerk

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 for all. Come and speak to your Clerk to raise any concerns, ideas, projects or suggestions you may have.

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Contact</u>
David Burton, Chairman	Planning & Development, Business Forum, KIG	862595
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Catherine Craven, Councillor	Parish Plan Actions	861291
Ray Cuthbert, Councillor	Village Hall, Allotments, Youth	863417
Janet Palmese, Councillor	Highways, Speedwatch	842305
Tony Haylor, Councillor	Police Liaison, Parish News Dist, Culverts/Drainage	861189
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