

Langtree Parish Magazine

October 2015



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Langtree Rainfall

From Joan Lampard

I don't really feel that Autumn is here yet but it seems to have come around very quickly this year, I am starting to see the signs with cooler evenings and the conkers falling off the tree on our drive. I think next week will be a shock with the forecasted wet weather it will defiantly start to feel like Autumn.

I would like to thank Nikki for all her hard work, The magazine is really looking good this edition with plenty of new articles and pictures which she had collected. I would also like to thank everyone who spent time writing articles for us to include. I can see that the next few months there is plenty to look forward to and continues from what appears to have been a busy summer. Don't forget to get in your dates for the winter magazine.

Tom



	2012 (mm)	2013 (mm)	2014 (mm)	2015 (mm)
Jan	127	142	246	212
Feb	47	55	166	84
Mar	24	97	63	63
Apr	157	27	79	37
May	38	81	118	94
Jun	202	41	64	60
Jul	138	26	44	106
Aug	124	88	127	
Sep	101	63	9	
Oct	193	172.15	113	
Nov	167	116	97	
Dec	242	180.5	172	

	MM	Inches
2009	1081	43.24
2010	859	34.00
2011	955	38.2
2012	1560	62.40
2013	1089	44
2014	1298	51.1

Next Deadline

Please send in items for the Winter 2015 edition by Nov 21st to tom@langtree.net I can be reached on 01805 601502 or you can call Nikki on 01805 601118. Please send items as a word document, PDF, Jpeg or plain text in an email.

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This year's Picnic in the Park was an amazing success with the sun coming out and making it the stunning day it was. Thank you to everyone who came and joined us and helped to raise £221.73. A special thank you goes to Angie for providing some great music to create a wonderful atmosphere.

We are another step closer to getting a new climbing frame. We have put in a grant application to Awards for All which is part of the national lottery. We have applied for £10,000 the maximum we can, to help us reach our target. We have a number of smaller other applications in the pipeline so please keep everything crossed.

Our next event will be a Hot Pudding Night on 9th October. After the success of the last one it will again be £5 per ticket and will be in the parish hall between 7-10pm. The bar will be open to buy drinks. The puddings will be as yummy as last time but will be more in keeping with the time of year. So come and fill yourselves with as much as you can eat and have a good fun evening.

Tickets are available from myself or any park member, you can either call me on the number below or find us on Facebook "Friends of Langtree Park".

Once again thank you for all your support and remember if you think you could join us, we are always looking for new members, please just give us a bell and we will let you know of the next meeting.

Anna Lewis 01805 601580





Scarecrow competition -

Thank you Langtree for taking part in our first ever scarecrow competition. There were 17 great entries, which were judged using a criteria sheet. The judges were myself (Hayley Bond) representing Friends of Langtree Park, Geoff Bond for the parish council, and Sue Lee for the WI. We have raised £75 so it is another step forward in improving the park for our children in the future.

The 1st prize of Milky Way tickets went to the Folland family for Farmer Folland and Victoria the cow. The Heard Family received Big Sheep tickets for 2nd place with Mr & Mrs Potato Head. 3rd prize went to the Fuller Family who received a Merry Harriers voucher for Alice from Fifty Shades of Grey. Many thanks to all who took part, and brightened up our Parish with their very creative displays. Here's to next year.....

Hayley Bond
01805 601502



Henry Box



7th October 1944 – 20th July 2015

In July Langtree lost one of its long time characters. Henry Box succumbed after a mercifully short battle with cancer. He was not quite 71 years old. I had the privilege of being Henry's friend and along with other friends we were happy to be able to make his last few weeks as comfortable and pleasant as we could.

Langtree won't seem the same without him. His outwardly gruff nature hid a heart of gold and a work ethic that could put many an able bodied man to shame. Many of us used his love of gardening to help us out with our gardens and various other odd jobs.

Henry asked me to be his executor and until I took on that responsibility I was truly unaware of just how many people loved and cared for him. We will miss him, I will certainly miss him, and our village will never be quite the same.

Farewell Henry, rest in peace old friend.

Mike Evans

The Horse and the Frog

Chapter 1 – Waking Up

Freddie the frog was born in the village of Taddiport, near Torrington. He had just woken up from a long winter sleep. It is true that he felt very refreshed after his long rest, but he was also very hungry and more than a little confused. He then remembered having a very loving mother, but she was nowhere to be seen. He also had a hazy memory about a big sister, but that could have been just a dream. However he had no doubt at all about his mother. She had always given him very tasty food at mealtimes and extra special treats for being good. It was a very happy time. He remembered how kind and caring she was in other ways too, She had always made sure that his skin was moist and above all, that he was safe from harm.

Freddie swam the length and breadth of the pond where he was born but there was no sign of his mother. He then began to wonder if perhaps it had all been nothing more than a dream; after all he had been asleep for a very long time, but deep down he knew that he was right about his mother. She really had been there for him. Where could she be? Had she really forgotten that she had a little baby frog to look after? Whatever was he going to do? His big eyes brimmed over with tears of sadness. The last thing he remembered was being prepared for his winter sleep. His mother had wrapped him in a bundle of damp leaves and placed him gently against a large stone to protect him from danger while he slept. How could he ever forget how she had kissed him tenderly before she went to wherever-it-was? Surely nobody would ever love him like that again!

He then began to shout to anyone who could hear him – “Please help me find my mummy. I am lost and cold and hungry and I really need my mummy. She was the best mummy in the whole wide world and I want her back.” How he wished he had told her how much he loved her, but he had only just changed from a tadpole to a frog. How was he to know that such an awful thing would happen?

He finally settled down on a patch of grass to think about his hunger and loneliness. It would be wise, he thought not to wander too far from the pond, because if his mother did come looking for him, that would be her starting place. Oh what a happy day that would be!

Chapter 2 – Ned to the rescue

Soon the word got around that a little frog had lost his mother and was pining for her. Her mysterious disappearance had left Freddie feeling very lonely and insecure. In the true spirit of village life, people and animals join together to help anyone in trouble.

Two very kind gentlemen named Jimmy and Danny were the first to come forward. They both agreed that the grazing field in Langtree, which was a meeting place for the horses, would be the best place to start their search.

Whilst on their exercise runs in Fore Street, horses heard and saw many things. Word of mouth is a very good source of information and they knew many animals and people who were always happy to stop for a chat.



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Ned was the most popular horse in both Taddiport and Langtree. Curtains twitched whenever he trotted down the road on his twice daily runs. They recognised his hoof steps and would give him little gifts of carrots and other goodies from their gardens, so it was decided that he should be the one to get the search party going.

Ned liked frogs so he found it very easy to sing their praises. He reminded everyone that frogs play an important part in the ecosystem. They help farmers by keeping down the number of slugs, snails and other harmful pests that can ruin their crops. Gardeners are also plagued by insects as well so frogs are useful to them too. In summer they like to show off their produce in village competitions. The last thing they need is to have their chances ruined.

Frogs also have a good reputation in the world of entertainment. Kermit the Frog, the famous puppet character is loved by adults and children. He has a girlfriend called Miss Piggy who is also much loved. Frogs have even found a place in English Literature. Was it not a frog that turned into a handsome prince in the well know children's story.

The final thing Ned had to do was to arrange for posters to be displayed in all the supermarkets. The message was plain and simple:-

Freddie the Frog is searching for his mother
Please help us find her
Frogs are special! Frogs are cool!

All Ned had to do now was to wait patiently for something to happen. He so hoped that the news would be good. He would hate to deliver bad news to an animal that was so little and helpless. Maybe, after say, 2 days he would take a canter to the pond in Taddiport where Freddie was spending most of his time, dreaming of the day when his mother would return. Yes, it was time to pay him a visit, he needed cheering up!

Trudy Poulier (as told to Teaghan)

Church News

Mrs. Vanstone's letter regarding dog faeces in the Churchyard was discussed at the PCC meeting in July. We all feel for Mrs. Vanstone but other than fencing the Graveyard or having a 24 hour patrol there is little we can do. We intend to erect signs asking dog owners to clean up after their dogs, and we are happy to say that most of the dog owners we see are always carrying little bags. It is just a shame that dogs cannot read.

At this meeting the following was agreed.

1) A number of complaints have been received lately from house owners being unable to take their cars out of their forecourts due to people attending Funerals leaving cars across entrances. Most Funeral directors erect signs at the Hall Car park entrance, and we intend to ask the rest to do the same.

2) Some months ago Ethel Huxtable asked where the good Silver was and why we did not use it. This came as a big surprise to the rest of the PCC. as we knew nothing about other Communion Ware other than the pieces we use. After contacting various Church Wardens Geoff Folland asked his Father John(now 102) if he knew anything. His reply was that the rev. Wallington had deposited it in the bank in '79. Thankfully he remembered as we have found no record of the four pieces. These have now been valued & having obtained a faculty we will store them at the Cathedral vaults.

3) After an inspection we have started to repair the flooring on the north side of the Church. Hopefully this area will not be needed as we had to remove some of the pews.

4) A wobble test has been carried out in the Churchyard to test the safety of the Gravestones. Only two were found be dangerous and the owners have been asked to ensure their stones are safe.

Dates for your diary

Harvest Festival Tues Oct.6th Service 6.30 followed by Supper and Auction in the Hall.

Names to Mary Nicholls 01805 601235

Fri. Oct.30th. Wine & Wisdom in the Hall

teams to Sue Folland 10805 601254

Finally the Mid Torridge RBL will be attending the Church on Remembrance Sunday Nov. 8th. at 10.45

Patricia Soby Church Warden

Langtree WI

Our members decided that Morwellham Quay would be the destination for our August meeting. We met in the Parish Hall car park at 9.30am and debated whether we should go there or somewhere else because of the weather forecast. We chose to keep to plan A and set off together for Morwellham. We met in their car park and made our way to the entrance. We were 16 in number and this turned out to be to our advantage as we were entitled to a much reduced price! We quickly made plans which times and where we would meet up, and set about exploring everything. "Queen Victoria" was visiting at noon and we were surprised to be greeted by a very well dressed gentleman, who told us to come can learn the correct etiquette for greeting the queen! It has to be said that our secretary Nikki Poulter made such an effort that she was offered a position by the queen. (this will look good on her CV!) There is so much to see including, shop and houses of the times, rope making demonstrations etc., and a very scary school teacher that frightened the wits out of some of the children! There is also pottery, a chocolate experience, glass blowing, barrel making and costume hire among the things to see. Quite a few people were wearing costumes, staff and visitors alike. The time arrived for us to take the train into the mine! The driver sat us all together, which was great, and we enjoyed a very informative ride, and many photos were taken by our members. Some of which will be shown next month. Yes, it did rain, but everyone agreed that it had been a great success, and we are looking forward to our next WI outing.

Notes for your diary

October

21st – Decoupage (Original) - Stephanie Byott
Competition – Ideas for next year's programme!
Hostesses – Lynne and Sylvie

November

18th Nepal & Everest – Ivan Godfrey
Competition – An old school report
Hostesses - Mary N & Margaret

Visitors are very welcome £3.50 per evening. Phone Nikki on 01805 601118 with any queries.



Oh yes it is pantomime time again! As usual rehearsals will be on Tuesdays from 7.30pm - 9ish and the performances will run on 11th, 12th and 13th February 2016. An initial meeting to find out who is interested in being part of the cast – both acting and front of house/back stage will be held on Monday 28th September at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting but want to be part of the production in any way please let Sue Lee know. As yet we are unsure which panto to do as it depends on matching who we have available with the cast list but there will be 3 different scripts to look at and decide.

The August Bank Holiday Grand Mini Tour

Once again the Grand Mini Tour came through Langtree. For twenty minutes Fore Street was awash with Minis of every type produces and a few "pimped up" vehicles that certainly made the tour more interesting. Drivers and passengers in all kinds of fancy dress waved and beeped their horns for all the people who came out to watch.



Langtree Parish Hall

First a big thank you to all who were involved in any way for the 8th Parish Show held on Saturday 22nd August. There were plenty of entries (just over 500), and plenty of visitors to view the wide variety of exhibits.

The judges were impressed by the standard especially considering the rain and wind in the preceding week which undoubtedly spoiled some flowers. There were a few minor glitzes which hopefully we will improve upon for next year's show. The recipe for Brownies (taken from Master Chef Bible) was not good – several mentioned this! The Eats judge is going to forward some recipes which she knows works for next year's show.



There were some superb photographs again this year and next year each class will be more specific e.g. Flowers in one class and Trees in another. The standard of drinks especially sloe gin and wines impressed the judge and although the number of children's entries were down this year they were of a high quality.

There were a couple of errors on the schedule – a missing number, conflicting information on how to present onions and discrepancy on the number of biscuits etc to exhibit. And not enough tables and chairs for tea and cakes!! We will look at addressing these problems for next year and getting the schedule out in the New Year. Thank you to the WI for making and donating savouries and cakes and again special thanks to those who did not take their prize money. By the time judges expenses for lunch and travel were taken into consideration we made a small profit and donate £60 to the WI for their funds.

Unfortunately the 40's Night with AJ's Big Band was cancelled because of insufficient interest. This was due in part to the Farm Fest at Shebbear with 6 live bands but also a number of folk interested were away on the date set. AJ's was booked over a year ago and as the cost of the band is £1800 we did not want them to play to a small audience and make a huge loss at the same time. We have forfeited the deposit of £200 paid.

An Abba Tribute band has been booked for 14th November at a cost of £1100. I have been told that it is a very professional group with plenty of costume changes and own lighting set up. Can I ask if you would like to come to this event to book by 30th October so I know we have an audience! The cost is £12.50 there will be a bar, nibbles on the tables and a chance to sing along to your favourites . 8pm start.

Our autumn lunch will be held on Sunday 18th October at a cost of £12.50p to include a roast, 5 vegetables in addition to roast potatoes, a selection of lovely deserts, cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee and a small glass of wine or juice. Please book with me on 01805601602 .It would be helpful if you could let me know if any vegetarian meals are required and also if there are any specific allergies. I know that some of our regular guests need gluten free so both our cauliflower cheese and gravy are thickened with cornflower. Our Christmas lunch will be held on Sunday 6th December at a cost of £15.00. This is always a sell out so please book early!

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Sue Lee

Other events in the Hall are:-

6th October Harvest Supper approx 8pm after Harvest Festival Service in the church

9th October Friends of Langtree Park are holding a winter pudding night Come and try some of the delicious puddings £5.00 Bar available.

Friday 16th October Country and Western 7.30pm Bring and share supper Phone Pat 601495

Friday 23rd October Joint concert with Newton St Petrock Male Voice Choir and Barnstaple Ladies Choir

Friday 30th October Wine and Wisdom in support of Friends of The Church

Sunday 29th November Hunt Lunch

Friday 11th December Christmas Auction 7.30pm any goods or services gratefully received. Half the proceeds of this auction will be donated to Air Ambulance

Film Night

Film nights are now going to be a regular occurrence usually on -1st Thursday of the month. start time 7.30pm Cost £2.00 for a lucky ticket with a cash prize.

The programme up until Christmas is a follows:

Thursday 1st October

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel- All star cast including Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Richard Gere, Bill Nighy. Excellent reviews A second hotel is opened with a wedding in progress

Wednesday 4th November

The Fault in our Stars (12) Two teenage cancer patients begin a life affirming journey to visit a reclusive author in Amsterdam. Romantic comedy

Thursday 3rd December

A Royal Night Out (12) On VE Day in 1945 as peace extends over Europe Princess Elizabeth and Margaret are allowed out to join the celebrations. It is a night of excitement!

We will also be organising family friendly films for the younger children and not so young in the Parish! The first will be Shaun the Sheep on Saturday 10th October at 4pm. Other films to be shown include Minions, Home and Turbo.

Langtree Short Mat Bowls Club

Anybody wishing to try their hand at bowls is very welcome to join us in one of our roll-up sessions, held every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30-3:30 or on a Wednesday evening at 7:30-9:30. Please check first for the evening session which may be dependent on the number of league matches being played.

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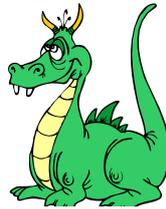
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An Adventure on Dartmoor by Mary Goaman

Since last year we four "ladies who lunch", namely Joy, Ruth, Sylvia (Ruth's cousin) myself have wanted to visit Widecombe in the Moor. The weather forecast was good so we packed our picnic and set off. We stopped at D & S supplies at Winkleigh for a cuppa and browsed around their interesting store. We had been advised not to go to Chagford as the roads were up, so we went down to Moretonhampstead and turned right to Postbridge. We were held up by bullocks and sheep not wanting to move, but we eventually passed the "Warren Inn" where their fire has been burning continuously since 1845. Joy said "are they copying Emmerdale?" "tis the other way round" was the reply!

We made a left turn at Two Bridges then headed down the hill to Dartmeet where suddenly we hit a rock/stone and blew a hole in the front tyre! Oh no....We pulled into a driveway and tried to phone the AA on Ruth's mobile but there was no signal. So Ruth and I headed off down the hill to find a house with a land line. The AA only provided a recorded message and then cut us off.

Meanwhile back at the car, a man and his wife had tried to come out of the driveway I had parked in, Joy was quick to tell them what had happened. We tried 4 houses but there was no one home, we eventually found someone. I went inside to make the call and Ruth waited outside, which proved to be a good idea.

Luckily she remembered what colours we were wearing and after telling him he came down the hill to find us, saw Ruth outside the house and stopped and took us back up the hill to the car. Joy was busy directing traffic round the car, and our kind stranger who was on holiday with his wife started to change wheels. Luckily, another motorist stopped to help, and then yet another man from the same driveway appeared with a sledge hammer, to persuade the nuts to move! We were on a slope and as they jacked up the front, the rear of the car started to rise off the road, so they asked Joy and myself to sit in the boot with our legs dangling over the back! A bit of weight comes in handy sometimes!

My spare tyre is one of those stupid foxy little spare wheels and the men were very insistent that we must not drive fast or corner hard, and to change it as soon as possible. While all this was going on Ruth and Sylvia were on deck chairs in the field opposite, watching!

A local lady told us there was a big funeral at Widecombe that afternoon, and also advised us that the nearest tyre place in Ashburton 7 miles away. None of the men would accept any donation for their help. Good Samaritans still exist. We learned we were the 6th burst tyre on that stone/granite/rock, the council knew about it but no action so far.

We had our picnic at Dartmeet, then to Ashburton for a new tyre, next back over the moor to Princetown In the car park the meter was one of these new-fangled machines you had to put in the registration number of your car. The problem was, the keys were not in alphabetical order and some of the letters had worn off, and the whole thing was very low down. I had to get on my knees to put the numbers in! Obviously made for a Dartmoor pixie! I think Joy took a photo.

We had a lovely cream tea and headed for Tavistock, stopping for photos on the way as it was so clear and sunny. Maybe next time we shall get to Widecombe!

Speeding in Stibb Cross and Langtree

In a previous article in the Parish Newsletter I explained the potential for organising a "Speed Watch". This was in response to very many complaints made to the Parish Council regarding vehicles speeding through our Parish locations.



Disappointingly we received only one response to a request for volunteers. I am now repeating the appeal. We need a minimum of six volunteers, but the more the better, to be trained in the use of the radar speed detection 'gun'. They would be required to undergo a CRB check and would also be attested as Police volunteer assistants, with absolutely no commitment other than as Speed Watch volunteers

If you want active attention to the problem of speeding when the Police are normally unable to operate, for whatever reasons, then the remedy is in our own hands. It is pointless to complain and then when an effort is requested ignore such requests. So, if you want an active response to speeding, don't hold back, volunteer. Again, contact me on 01805 601166 if you are interested.

If there are insufficient volunteers then we cannot continue along this route, and a potential lifesaving initiative will not come to fruition.

Mike Evans Parish Clerk

Whist Drive

There will not be a Whist Drive on the fourth Thursday in September because of the set up for a wedding taking place on the following day. Instead it will be 1st October, one week later at the same time of 7.30pm.

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Forge Fest 2015

Re and Dave would like to thank all the crew, musicians, and everybody who helped to make this year's Forge Fest such a great success.

We managed to raise £730.11 in aid of Little Bridge House Children's Hospice, breaking last year's record.

A further thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event, and a note for next year's diary – Forge Fest 2016 is on August 6th!

Dave Watkins

A Riddle for you from Jacqueline Knox

- My second is in absent and also in search []
- My third is in Cross and also in Berry []
- My fourth is vodka and missing in sherry []
- My fifth is in Forches and also in Thorne []
- My sixth is in oats but never in corn []
- My seventh is in tractor but not in plough []

- My eighth is in Magpie but not in How! []
- My ninth is in Stowford and also in Collacott []
- My tenth is not in Langtree but is in Withacot []
- My last is in Union and also in Dragon []

Look at the stars when you're out in your wagon
The answer's above you and always shines on

Let's Sing!

Several people have asked me if it is possible to start a singing group /choir in Langtree. In order to proceed I need to know if we have enough people, therefore if you would like to join such a group please contact me 01805 601485

Sylvie Smith

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9 Nov	5 Days	Scenic South Wales & Swansea T & T	£245
16 Nov	5 Days	Great Yarmouth & Thursford Show T&T	£300
16 Nov	5 Days	Norfolk & Thursford Spectacular T & T	£250
20 Nov	4 Days	Norfolk & Thursford Spectacular T & T	£235
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07766604188 / hayleybond81@gmail.com before 1st October



From our Local Councillor

It's now been over three months since the District Elections took place and the dust has settled. Torrridge District Council has 36 elected Councillors and when all the results came in, 16 were newly elected. I must say that everyone has settled in well and all Committees are now fully operational.

A couple of months ago there was a big shock when we saw the demise of South Molton Recycle - a Company that had for many years dealt with the recycling demands of Torrridge residents. Despite the fact that TDC had very little warning that SMR had gone into Administration, both Officers and Councillors swung into action. The public were asked via posters, announcements on local radio and a message on the TDC website to either hold onto their recycling or take it to their local recycling centres. Temporary collecting skips were placed at several locations in the Torrridge area to help residents dispose of their recycling.

Two weeks after the Administration announcement the recycling service, complete with replacement vehicles and some new staff, was up and running again. As larger vehicles were being used it was possible to reduce the number of collecting rounds from 9 to 5 and still give the same service, and cover the same areas, as before. On the first day of operation the crews worked a longer than usual day and collected over 20 tonnes of recycling. The average collection is 15 tonnes. The service, several weeks later, is running smoothly with just the occasional problem to be ironed out. TDC thanked the public for their co-operation during the massive task of starting a collection service from virtually nothing. This was a superb effort from the recycling team.

During my election campaign I spoke with many people and a topic that arose on several occasions was vehicles speeding through both Stibb Cross and Langtree. As such, at a Parish Council meeting a couple of months ago, I asked that the Speedwatch programme be instigated. For this programme to go ahead at least 6 volunteers are required before PCSO Baker is able to offer training. An advert requesting volunteers to form a Speedwatch Team was placed in the last edition of Langtree News and, to date, only one person has come forward. I'm sure that many people in our villages are unhappy with speeding drivers so I can't understand why there has been such a poor response to the advert. In short, no volunteers so no Speedwatch. This is disappointing as residents have indicated to me that they would like a safer environment as they walk and drive through our villages. If anybody is interested in helping to form a Speedwatch team please contact the Parish Clerk – Mike Evans.

Torrridge District Council is moving to a single customer reception centre at Riverbank House, Bideford. This will take place by April 2016. This will help them to provide a single reception point for all services, answer enquiries at the first point of contact, improve their customer contact, reduce the number of council offices and reduce their costs. The cost reduction is obviously vital in these times of austerity. We all know that Central Government is trying to save costs in any way that it can. As a result the money given to DCC, and ultimately Torrridge, is to reduce over the next couple of years. Torrridge District Council are carrying out a public consultation exercise lasting 8 weeks to try and get their customers to tell them what issues they foresee from the move to a single reception point. The consultation will last from 27th July to 21st September. Forms can be completed at Bridge Buildings, Town Hall Bideford or at River Bank House Bideford. Alternatively the consultation form can be completed online at the TDC website. It is important that anybody that has any thoughts with regard to this important change should let their opinions be known to TDC. It's no good complaining later if your needs have not been addressed. If you don't complete the consultation form nobody will be aware of what your needs are.

I'm glad to see that the hole in the road at Fore Street that I reported to Highways was eventually patched. It didn't take too long in the grand scheme of things. There are many outlying roads that have far worse potholes and have been in a poor state of repair for much longer than Fore Street was. I frequently contact DCC Highways with regard to the state of the roads. If you are aware of damage that is in need of repair then please report it to Highways via the DCC website. Again, if the problems are not reported nothing will be done because nobody is aware of the issues.

Finally, I'd like to mention land at the Crescent in Langtree.. I understand that residents would like to use this land for either allotments or a Community Garden. A residents' representative approached the Parish Council who, as I understand it, have written to TDC requesting advice with regard to a Community Garden and the possibility of this land being used for such a scheme. TDC prefer to correspond with Parish Councils acting on behalf of resident groups such as this one for continuity, as it is felt that over a period of time residents come and go, but the Parish Council will always be there. Either way, allotments or Community Garden, I will be following this issue with interest. Meanwhile, on with the summer..... Kind regards, David Hurley

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All proceeds go towards Little Bears Pre-School Registered charity number 1036017.

Brainteaser Answer

Tom and Andrea grow marrows. The last letter of each grower's name are the first two letters of the vegetable they are growing.

Petersmarland Book Group:

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, from 7.30 – 9ish.

We borrow a book from Torrington Library, who order 10 copies of a book we have chosen. And then talk about it – what we have liked (or not liked!). If you would like to join us, we would be delighted to see you.

We meet in each other's houses, so please contact Trish Ward (wardmarland@gmail.com) to find out where we'll be this month.

One of us lives in Langtree, so if you would like a lift, please contact Pat Chappell 01805 601733 (patchappell@btinternet.com)

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The Shebear practice offers a day a month in the Langtree Parish Hall. We would very much welcome seeing patients or bringing medication that has been requested. We would need a phone call and we will try to accommodate the request.

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The soil is crucial to our crops, our health, for helping limit flooding, absorbing excess carbon in the atmosphere and sustaining the environment. Let it be degraded by pollution, over farming, or erosion, and we have lost a precious heritage for good effectively.

Take a handful of soil – don't be afraid to get your hands dirty - and give thanks. Especially in this harvest season. And maybe, after all, the health of the soil is related to the health of our soul.

Yours,

Martin Warren.

Services at All Saints

11 th Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion
18 th Oct	1.00am	United Service (at Methodist Chapel)
25 th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion
1 st Nov	9.30am	Morning Prayer
8 th Nov	10.50am	Remembrance Service
15 th Nov	11.00am	United Service (at Methodist Chapel)
22 nd Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion
29 th Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion: Celebrating Ministry Preacher: Archdeacon of Barnstaple
6 th Dec	9.30am	Morning Prayer

From the Registers

Baptism: *Welcome to the Church family.*

7th Jun Sonny Coles

Wedding: *Congratulations!*

6th Jun Rachel Vanstone and Matt Gordon
4th Jul Ceri Brown and Bill Tucker

Harvest Celebrations

Sun 4th October

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Bible Christian Bicentenary Celebrations

This year marks the bicentenary of the Bible Christian Church which was founded by [William O'Bryan](#), a Wesleyan [Methodist local preacher](#), in October 1815 in North [Cornwall](#). The first society, just 22 members, met at Lake Farm in [Shebbear](#) on October 9th 1815. There had been a mini-revival following the preaching of Daniel Evans, the curate at St Michaels, Shebbear. William O'Bryan enlisted the help of the Thorne family at Lake Farmhouse to form a society. O'Bryan's missions took him all over Devon and eventually to Langtree where on the Green(?) he was met with hostility including the throwing of stones! The Thornes thought Langtree people rather ferocious but eventually his message hit home and Thorne House began meetings until the first chapel was built. The congregation outgrew that building and so the new chapel was built up the road. The denomination was strong in the Westcountry but spread out to Canada, Australasia and China before merging with other Methodist groups in the early 20th century.

From 2 – 9th October 2015 there will be an exhibition of photos and display of the history of the Bible Christian movement at Lake Chapel, Shebbear. On Friday 9th October there will be tea from 5pm – 6.30pm followed by a Celebration at 7pm with music and drama. Please look out for posters nearer the time for more information.

Shoebox appeal



It seems early to start talking about Christmas but it will soon be time to gather together all those empty shoeboxes that you have stacked in your wardrobes and cupboards for the Samaritans Purse Christmas shoebox appeal! If you like knitting then I have some patterns for knitted purses, bags and a bumble bee puppet (hats, gloves and scarves are always welcome) along with the usual items such as toys, pens, colouring pencils, small colouring books, toothpaste, toothbrush, flannel & soap. Last year we had some coffee mornings where we chatted, wrapped shoeboxes and shared coffee and cake together. We are hoping to do the same again this year so please look out for posters with the date/time and come and join us for some cake!! Our boxes last year (we sent 65) were delivered to the local collection point at Black Torrington and then went to Exeter for further checking and distribution to needy children in other parts of the world.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service was on Sunday 20th September at 11am with Rev Stuart Fuller leading the worship. Our Supper and sale of produce is on Monday 21st September at 7.30. We have much to thank God for and you are all welcome to come along and share in our thanksgiving services.

Sunday Services and Bible Study

We would love to see you at any of our services on a Sunday at 11am or on a Thursday evening at 7.15pm for our bring and share meal and Bible Study (please check with Mary on 601350 as we do not meet every Thursday!)

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Notes from the Parish Council

Well here we are again. Not a lot has happened at the Parish Council since the last Notes, except we have signed a revised Section 106 for the development at Southlands Drive, so again watch this space. I still live in hope that the five affordable houses and the football field will happen.

What dreary weather we have had for the summer holiday. But the Picnic in the Park did happen to fall on a pleasant day and was a great success, even though we had a mice infestation on that day.

The Scarecrow competition has also brightened up the parish and I hope this will now be a yearly event. Many thanks to the Langtree Park committee.

We are still looking for volunteers to take on and staff the Speed Watch Initiative. It takes eight people to be trained by the police and we so far have two. So if you want to be trained to use the speed gun and stop the speeders in Langtree, this is your chance. Please get in touch with the Parish clerk.

We do seem to be getting a few accidents at Wonders Corner, there is a sharp bend before Wayside, please take care. We are looking into this, but are not sure if it is down to speed or a slippery road surface, (probably both).

We have actioned the purchase of a new bench at the top of Church Lane to replace the old one, we are going to dedicate it to the late Henry Box who spent many an hour sitting on it watching the world go by and chatting to the parishioners.

I reiterate that if you have any issues do come along to the meetings on 2nd Thursday of the month at the Parish Hall in the Leader room.

Geoff Bond – Parish Council Chairman



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I'm a married mum of one teenager and I live in Bideford. I have spent that last 20 years working in local government but a couple years ago I decided sitting in an office wasn't really doing it for me anymore, and against a backdrop of cutbacks and redundancies I decided that some re-training might be a wise move. I settled on Beauty Therapy! What could be better? I get to meet great people, perform lovely treatments that make them feel pampered and relaxed plus I get to be my own boss!

I decided to come out to villages as I understand that public transport is patchy (due to more cutbacks!) and getting into town maybe time consuming, so a service that comes out to villages might be useful.

I am also keen to keep my services affordable – often salon price tags for treatments make them occasional treats, but the reality is the majority of what you are paying for is the overheads of their premises. I keep my overheads low and concentrate on giving my customers a quality treatment at a price they can afford on a regular basis.

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I will be at the Langtree Hall Leader Room on these dates -

16th October 1pm - 5pm

13th November 10am - 2pm

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We would welcome anyone who would like to come along and join our group. Please feel free to pop in on a Thursday morning or give Laura Coles a call on 01805 601666 for more information

Crib anyone??

A couple of months ago I took a chum to the Dragon and taught him cribbage. The lesson attracted another chum and by the end of the evening both were playing to a reasonable standard of competence.

Others showed an interest in what we were doing and with the dark evenings approaching I was wondering if we could raise enough novices and players to have a crib evening say one a month, once a fortnight from say October though to March. Get in touch with me, Terry, on 601602.



News from Langtree Community School

We waved a fond farewell to our Year Six pupils as they left us at the end of July to move towards secondary education and feel sure they will by now have settled into their new routines. We were pleased to welcome Sue Mills to our Leavers' Assembly to present The Tinky Mills Cup to this year's worthy recipient, Tommy Hillyer, who symbolises Tinky's unforgettable character. In recognition of hard work across the school, special awards were presented at the end of term to a child in each year group who has demonstrated either academic achievement or outstanding personal attitudes. For example, an award in Reception year group for Kindness and Helpfulness; in Year One for Independence; Year Three for Hard work and Determination; and Year Five for Sport and Fair Play, plus awards for attendance.

The PTA's Summer Fair was a huge success, attended by George Pig (Peppa Pig fans were very excited), and raising a whopping £641 towards PTA funds which will be used to help pay for some new play equipment on the all-weather play area at the front of the school.

We are very excited, in a sporty sort of way, to be able to progress to the Silver Award part of the Sainsbury's School Games - a multi-sport programme designed to motivate and inspire young people across the country to take part in competitive sport. Congratulations and thanks are due to Miss Preece for her hard work co-ordinating the work that goes behind achieving this, and to everyone who has organised or supported events.

With the Autumn Term now underway, we are already looking ahead to December and some of the festive events we have to plan. This includes two Christmas Plays (main school and Foundation class); Christmas Dinner and Carol Service; and our PTA's Christmas Fair. Please click onto our webpage for more details about any of these events as they become available.

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Langtree History Group - Mike Roe

The History Group has retired for its annual summer holiday like many other people. We will resume our meetings again on September 23rd.

Since my last report for the magazine we have been involved with the Weare Giffard history group who invited us to a walk around Berry Castle in Huntshaw Woods. Two of us went along and had a very interesting morning looking at the site which at present is covered in trees. These are to be removed quite soon and a further visit will be possible for an improved view the site.

Our group welcomed Erica Henderson who gave a very interesting talk on her early life and memories of Langtree. She is the granddaughter of Rev Bernard Hallows, rector of the parish some 80 years ago. The Rev Hallows and his wife are buried in our parish churchyard. We were also happy to welcome 13 visitors from around the parish to hear Erica's talk.

Our final act before our summer break was to hold a mini table top exhibition, showing some of our recent achievements, at the Church Fete.

If there is anyone out there who would like to join our informal group you would be most welcome. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the village hall except August and December. To contact the group please phone me on 01805 601114.

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Pilates – PH – Term Time only Mon 9:30pm till 10:30pm

Body Blast - Parish Hall Mon 6:15pm to 7:15pm

Short Mat Bowls – (PH)

Mon 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Wed 1:15pm – 3:30pm & 7:30 - 9:30pm

Shebbear Surgery Health Club

Last Tue of the Month 2-3pm

Clubs and Groups

Hobbies, Arts and Crafts Group Tue 10:30 to 12:30 (PH)

Parish Whist Drive - £2 entry - 7.30pm (PH) – Fourth
Thursday of the month

Little Acorn's Thurs 9:15 to 12pm (PH)

Woman's Institute

7:30pm to 9:30pm - 3rd Wed of Month(PH)

History Group

7:00pm to 9:00pm – 4th Wed of month (PH)

TGIF Club 2nd Friday of Month, 3.15pm – 5.15pm (PH)

Bible Study and Meal – Thursday Evenings 7:15pm (MC)

Other Services

Mobile Post Office at the (PH) Car Park

Mon to Wed & Fri 11:40am to 13.05am

Parish Council Meetings

7:30pm to 8:30 – 2nd Thu of the Month

Social Events

Mon 28th Sept Panto Meeting 7.30 pm (PH)

Thu 1st Oct Whist Drive 7.30 pm (PH)

Film Night 7.30pm (PH)

Sat 3rd Oct WI "Posh" Tea 3.00 pm (PH)

Sun 4th Oct Harvest Festival Service 11.00 am (CH)

Tue 6th Oct Harvest Service 6.30 pm (CH) followed by
Supper and Auction approx. 8.00pm (PH)

Fri 9th Oct Hot Pudding Night 7pm (PH)

Sat 10th Oct 4.00 pm Film – Shaun the Sheep (PH)

Fri 16th Oct Country and Western Night 7.30pm (PH)

Sun 18th Oct Autumn Lunch 12 midday (PH)

Fri 23rd Oct Concert - Newton St Petrock Male Voice
Choir and Barnstaple Ladies Choir (PH)

Wed 4th Nov Film Night 7.30 pm (PH)

Sun 8th Nov Remembrance Sunday 10.45am (CH)

Sat 14th Nov Abba Tribute Band 8.00 pm (PH)

Sun 29th Nov Hunt Lunch (PH)

Thu 3rd Dec Film Night 7.30 pm (PH)

Sun 6th Dec Christmas Lunch 12 midday (PH)

Fri 11th Dec Christmas Auction 7.30pm (PH)

PH–Parish Hall CH–Langtree Church MC–Methodist Chapel