

# LANGTONS' AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## The Times They Are a-Changin'

Autumn Edition 2020

as the title of Bob Dylan's 1964 album says. I begin this editorial with the sad and premature death of David Hardy. David always had his finger on the pulse of the community and set up this Newsletter in 2010/11. He realised how much the The Langtonian was missed when it finished with Rev. Barbara's move up north. The layout is still the same, particularly the Directory on p17. I think of David every time I update it. David also joined East Langton Parish Council when I did in 2003 and served for 5 years. He was also a trustee of the Hanbury Trust for many years. David also moved me and my piano into the village in 1996 when he had his removals business. He will be greatly missed.

Times are a-changin' with our Zoom church service and Parish Council meetings (both open to everyone) and my husband's Skype piano lesson and orchestra rehearsal. But haven't we seen this before ( I do like the 'Long View' on radio 4)? Have a look at a couple of things on p9 that I came across. I remember my mum



20<sup>th</sup> Sept 1961 - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

having groceries home-delivered from Worthington's in Leicester but it was by a boy with a basket on the front of his bike! It is good to have these new pop-up shops coming to our villages and I'm pleased they are advertising with us.

We are now hopefully, subject to current government restrictions, able to have some of our regular events however — on Saturday the Ride & Stride, Sunday & Wednesday Heritage Open Days and our Harvest Festivals.

Keep well & stay safe.

*Roz Folwell*

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### Well Done Welham

The Big Butterfly Count 2020 ran from Friday 17 July to Sunday 9 August.

Welham did the most counts - 5, Thorpe and Church Langton 2, West and Tur Langton, Stonton and Cranoe 1

The counts were for 15 minutes. During the 13 counts, 185 butterflies from 13 species were noted. The most common were the **small white** (66) and **small tortoiseshell** (35). The field counts recorded the most butterflies.

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## East Langton Parish Council

Parish Councillors—Roz Folwell, Chair; Martine Browne; Stuart Cartwright; (Church Langton) John Loney and Heather Munro, Vice Chair (East Langton)  
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**Annual Parish Council Meeting** At the meeting held on 6th May the above councillors took up office with the Chair and Vice Chair voted as per last year.

### **Planning & Enforcement**

**19/00876/REM – erection of 17 dwellings (reserved matters of 18/00904/OUT) Church L**

The Wildlife Corridor has been widened to 2 metres and an ecological survey of local ponds has taken place. The PC will wait until all amendments and reports have been submitted and will make a response at that point.

**20/00838/FUL – erection of 9 dwellings, The Causeway, Church Causeway, Church L**

This application has been withdrawn. It breaches Policy ENV6 of the Neighbourhood Plan as the land is within the Area of Separation of the two villages.

**Housing Needs Survey** The purpose of the survey was to investigate the need for affordable housing the Parish. 37 of the 162 questionnaires were returned (23%). The survey identified a need for 1 new affordable home. Further data on housing in the Parish was also published and will be able to view on the PC website shortly.

**Diocesan Field** The council's bid to rent the field was not successful. Following this decision, a letter was sent to the Bishop of Leicester who responded to say that he is assured that the land remains accessible to residents through the public footpath. The land was leased to the highest bidder. The PC has tried to contact the tenant via the agent without success. The field is designated as a site for Open Space, Sport and Recreation by Harborough District Council who have advised that the designation does not necessarily mean the site is used for formal sport or recreation.

**Defibrillator in East Langton** This has now been fitted on the wall of The Bell public house.

**HDC Parish Boundary Review** The PC has requested that the properties in West Langton Parish but in Church Langton village be included in East Langton Parish. The review has been postponed due to Covid-19 and is not anticipated to commence until January.

**Dog/litter Bins** Two bins have been installed in Church and East Langton. Positive feedback has been received on Social Media.

**Water Shortage** A Skype meeting was held with the Chair of Tur Langton PC, and representatives of HDC and Leicestershire County Council. We now have a clear and quick line of communication with both councils and Severn Trent should a similar situation arise again.

**Footpath A79—Diocesan Field to Thorpe Langton Road** A notice reminding people to keep to the footpath to protect the crop has been written by the PC in consultation with HDC.

### **Finance**

The PC accounts were displayed on the Parish Noticeboards from 6/7/20 to 14/8/20 for public scrutiny. They can still be found on the website.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

*Meetings are now taking place digitally and are **open to the public**.* The Link and Agendas are available on the Parish website, Parish Noticeboards or from the Clerk.

**The first Wednesday of every month, alternating Full Parish Council Meetings with Planning Application Meetings (if required).**

Roz Folwell, Chair, East Langton Parish Council



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## LANGTON COMMUNITY HALL



Having been closed since the outbreak of the Coronavirus, we are pleased to announce that the Langton Community Hall is now open again to regular users. Church Langton Primary School returned with its Breakfast and After School clubs from 2 September and regular users are returning in stages from 14 September.

Trustees have worked hard to make the Hall safe for all who use it and have introduced enhanced cleaning arrangements and new safety procedures in line with government guidance. We have had to consider adjusting the timings of group sessions where necessary to avoid groups moving around the Hall in large numbers at the same time and are regulating the use of the kitchen and toilets to minimise contact. The capacity of the Welland Room and Hanbury Hall have been reduced to maintain social distancing. All regular users have been involved in developing the new measures and an updated risk assessment and supplementary conditions of hire have been agreed by users prior to their return.

In this fast-moving situation, Trustees are committed to following government guidance as it is updated and will ensure that the use of the Hall remains compliant with best practice.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to accept one-off bookings or requests for regular sessions from new users until we have tested and where necessary revised the new working arrangements, but we will be reviewing this position around the end of the year and will keep people informed about the progress we are making.

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Gary Kirk Langton Community Hall Trustee

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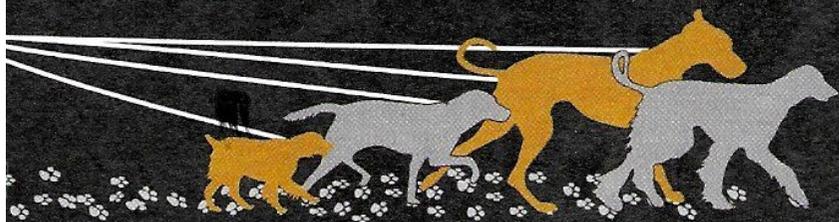
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## The warning of Climate Change in 1912!

## Why did Leicester Escape the Great Plague of 1665?

During the famous Great Plague of London in 1665 Leicester miraculously escaped, unlike some other towns in this county. For Leicester took the strongest precautions to keep Londoners out and the Leicester-London carriers were told that on returning from metropolis they were to provide places outside the town to "air their goods". That year's Mayor, William Callis, was an apothecary, so he perhaps anticipated the need for strong preventative measures. Consequently the Corporation, through its prompt action, saved many lives and severe administrative expenditure. London's deaths that year were c.70,000, but only Leicester's St Martin's parish showed twice the normal death toll.

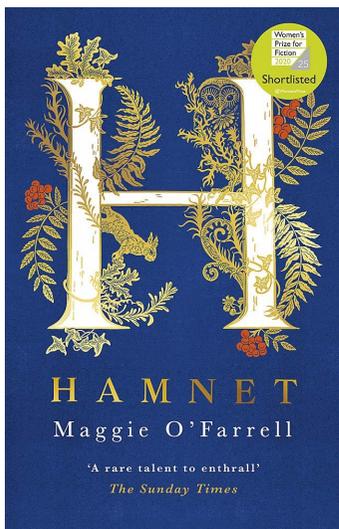


“Cathedral in Touch Newsletter” 06/09/20

# VE DAY



My gran standing between the men to the left of the table in Leicester.



## Book Recommendation

### **Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell**

A fantastic novel which focuses on the life and character of Shakespeare's wife Anne (renamed Agnes) on his beloved son Hamnet who died of the plague aged 11 years.

Shortlisted for the Women's prize for fiction, this is definitely one of my top books of the year. JL



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### Mobile Library



Tur Langton	Church	10.00— 10.10	<b>First Monday</b>
Church Langton	School/Playgroup	10.20— 10.45	
West Langton	The Triangle	10.50—11.00	
East Langton	Bell Inn	11.05—11.15	5th Oct
Thorpe Langton	Bakers Arms	11.20—11.40	2nd Nov
Welham	Main Street	11.50—12.00	7th Dec
Craneo	Crossroads	12.05—12.15	

### **Second Tuesday**

Shangton	Post Box	11.10-11.20	13th Oct
Stonton Wyville	The Manor	11.30-11.40	10th Nov
Glooston	The Cottages	11.50-12.00	8th Dec

**The library bus operates 'click & collect' but will also select books for you.**

### Welham Services



Sunday 4th October 6.00pm Harvest Festival

Rev. Ian Gemmell

Sunday 1st November 9.00am

## CHURCH MATTERS

To say the last six months have been difficult, is certainly an understatement. Most of us feel like we have been under house arrest; and now that we are able to get out a bit more, feel dressed to rob a bank! I think we have managed to get to this stage fairly unscathed, some have been stricken with Covid 19; that the Virus has not ripped through our communities like a plague of Biblical proportions says something of our national psyche to obey the rules and regulations. On the whole, we are a law-abiding nation! Once this thing has been put to bed for good (we live in hope) it will be a watershed moment in history. As with the passing time of the Second World War, when our parents/grandparents invariably would start a sentence on a very regular basis saying ‘before the war’; we too will say, ‘before Coronavirus’ for the next few decades!

It has also been a very difficult time for those of us who love to worship in God’s house; the fact that we could not go into our Church buildings to pray for the nation, the world, as we have all struggled to contain the virus has been hard. For those we love, for those we know who have been taken from us, for those who have struggled and continue to struggle both before Lockdown and because of Lockdown. For those who suffered illness, whether from Covid 19 or from other illnesses, for those who face financial hardship because of it. Yes, we prayed at home and on our Zoom Services; but in our Church buildings, the very stones are steeped in prayer from several hundred years of worship, that’s what makes them so special; never mind that they make our villages look pretty!

Only now, are we getting our Churches open again for Worship. Reverend Alison Booker, our Area Dean, has been taking it very carefully, not to rush to open all the Churches in the Launde Deanery at once, especially those Benefices without a member of clergy in post. All Church buildings must have a Risk Assessment. Thorpe Langton held a Service on Sunday morning 6<sup>th</sup> September, the first to open in our Benefice.

**Shangton are holding an ‘outdoor’ Harvest Service’ on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 6.00pm and Church Langton will hold Morning Prayer on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am.**

No singing is allowed and vulnerable adults/children are not encouraged to attend worship. The wearing of face mask is mandatory and hand sanitizer must be used before entering the building and when leaving.

Going forward, it is hoped to have a Worship Service in each of our village churches in the Benefice, there will only be one Service per week for the time being. The main reason is the lack of clergy under the age of 70! The Church of England has stipulated that no one over the age of 70 can lead worship or play the organ/keyboard. At present, no date has been set for October Services. We will endeavour to get the word out once we know.

Maxine Johnson Lay Incumbent of The Langtons and Shangton

## Remembering Those We Have Lost

### David Hardy

During this period, the Church was opened for a service; I was determined to hold David Hardy's funeral in there. David had been a bell ringer and drummer in the Worship Band; his mother had been on the PCC for years. I knew this was something David would have wanted and so did Gail and the girls. It took a Risk Assessment and a deep clean by two of the girls from David and Gail's cleaning business to make it possible. Others made the church look wonderful with flowers, which came from villagers' gardens who felt honoured to give them. It was a magnificent turnout by the village and wider community, lining Church Causeway as we walked up the road to the Church to pay their respect to a lovely, warm hearted man who loved his village and did more than his bit for the community. In normal times, the Church would have been packed.

MaxineJohnson

### John Cox

John was born in West Langton then moved at the start of the war to Tur Langton where he was to live until 1962. He attended Church Langton Primary and Secondary Modern Schools. His best friend was John Walker who remained a lifelong friend. On leaving school John worked on the Stanhope Farm with his father until called up to do his National Service in 1952. He served in Malaya from 1952 to 1954 during the so called Malayan Emergency. Following leaving the forces he worked briefly at Gartree airfield before joining British Rail where he stayed for 37 years. When he moved to Church Langton he lived in Church Causeway and then Thornton Crescent.

He was an active member of the village community, playing darts for the local pub team and then helping reform the Church Langton bell ringers. John would also very often referee the junior football matches on the sports field, on one occasion famously sending off Church Langton's best player (Stevie Holland!). John joined the Royal British Legion. He was to be a member for over 25 years and for many those years was a leading County Standard Bearer.

Though John had moved from The Langtons in 1978 his heart remained there, very often cycling over to support events and visit friends until he was over 80.

John was born in West Langton, brought up in Tur Langton, raised a family in Church Langton and drank in East Langton. A true son of the Langtons!!

Mark Cox

### Betty Brooks

Betty moved from Birstall, to Back Lane now called Church Lane, Church Langton in the 1950's when her father went to work for Philip Kendall at Home Farm. When she started work in Wigston she would get the train from East Langton station down the hill on the B6047. In 1960's Betty and her husband Gordon moved into Thornton Crescent then Church Causeway. She went to work in the Primary School kitchen and Gordon had half an allotment in the village. Betty was the longest living resident in the village. The internment of Betty's ashes will be at St. Peter's at midday on 2nd October .

Brooks family



## St. Peter's Saving and Celebrating Our Heritage

The National Lottery Heritage Fund Project finishes at the end of this month. The aisle and chancel roofs have been replaced, and illustrated talks were given on the work undertaken. Learning about the heritage of the church is now built in to the curriculum of the primary school as well as the formation of a 'history detectives' group to research aspects of the church, and the heritage of the church has been interpreted through the production of a Visitor's Guide. This will also be available for public access in a repository on the church website.

We are disappointed that we were unable to hold the performance of The Messiah (another aspect of the Project) along with a whole series of events we'd planned throughout 2020. Our next big renovation aim for the church, is the refurbishment of the churchyard walls. They are Victorian and probably rebuilt as part of the 1866 renovations but after 134 years are in need of repair. This again is very expensive and not part of the National Lottery grant. The loss of income from the events has been a real financial set back. Let's hope that next year we can realise our planned events.



Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm

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Maxine Johnson 01858 545745 [maxinejohnson.1@btinternet.com](mailto:maxinejohnson.1@btinternet.com)

This year the National Trust Heritage Open Days are taking place between **11<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September**. There are a host of activities in the City and County, on-site and digitally.

For more details of places taking part go to [www.heritageopendays.org.uk/](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/)

## Festival of Archaeology

The Festival will take place from 17<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November.

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Church Langton 11.30

Thorpe Langton

## Wednesday

Hallaton 8.30-9.00

Medbourne 9.00-10.00

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# The Langtons' Directory

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Bell Ringing, Church Langton	Betty Morley	01858 545426
<u>Langton Community Hall</u>		
After School Club	C L School	01858 565237
Harborough Table Tennis Club	Vaughan Allington	01858 466034
LCH Bookings	Maxine Johnson	01858 545745
LCH Chairman	Anthony Lawton	01858 540097
<u>Glooston Village Hall</u>		
Bookings	John Neilson	01858 545700
Chairman	Alistair Chapman	01858 545483
<u>Public Houses</u>		
Bakers Arms - Thorpe Langton	Tim & Kate	01858 545201
Langton Arms - Church Langton		01858 545396
The Bell - East Langton	Mic	01858 545278
The Crown - Tur Langton		01858 545264
Church Langton School	Mr. Roddy	01858 545237
East Langton Parish Council	Alison Gibson	0 7763177707
Tur Langton Parish Council	Alison Gibson	07437 563394
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**This publication is delivered to all the Langton Villages, Shangton, Stonton Wyville, Welham, Cranoe and Glooston.**

If you are planning events or want to let the community know what has been going on

**the next publication will be printed at the end of November**

**for December, January and February.**

Contact Roz Folwell on 01858 545160



# CHURCH LANGTON CE (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Summer Term News Stories

### Painted Pebbles

For those of you who have been able to walk around the village during the past few weeks you will no doubt have seen some wonderful painted pebbles which have been made by Jessica (y6) and Abigail (y1). They have been appreciated by many local residents and their artwork has also featured in the Joules Journal.



### Headteacher Challenge

Thank you for all of the photos of cooking which have been shared this week, great to see what you have been up to.



### Mr. Roddy's Message

It has been a pleasure to welcome the pupils back to school for the beginning of the autumn term. It has been a busy summer of preparation for the reopening of the whole school and we are very grateful to the support received from the Langton Community Hall trustees who have assisted during these months.

We are delighted to welcome new families to the school community and while some elements of the school day have been adjusted it has been a pleasure to see the children settle back into the routines.

The focus of our worship over the summer term and in the opening of term has been sharing positive stories of hope during what has been a very challenging time for all of us. The children's achievements during lockdown have certainly been part of that.

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## Leadership and Management

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