

LANGTONS' AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Spring Edition 2021

Nature at it's Best!

I hope you enjoy this season's collection of articles and items—there's something for everyone.



A big thankyou to our four wonderful photographers .

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Here's another, edited excerpt from the Leicester Mercury the Record Office in Wigston published on social media.

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This drawing shows seven of the architectural highlights of the Langtons, and was produced for an exhibition on the five villages.

- 1) St. Peter's Church, Church Langton
- 2) West Langton Hall
- 3) St. Leonard's, Thorpe Langton
- 4) East Langton Walls
- 5) Church Langton rectory
- 6) Tur Langton church
- 7) Hanbury Schools, Church Langton



CHURCH LANGTON

The energies of the women of the village produced amongst their number an artist.

About six years ago, some of the women of the village decided to get together and have a bash at painting and Mrs. Margaret Watson of The White House discovered that she had a new talent and interest.

FLOWERS

The walls of her home are now decorated with the most attractive paintings. Her forte is painting flowers, but she also paints people and places. For Mrs. Watson it has remained only a hobby, but it has made her popular as a demonstrator of her talent at local meetings.

She has recently qualified as an Associate of the Institute Linguists and has now started a French and Italian degree course at London University.

Church Langton is the only village of the five apart from Tur Langton to have a shop, Post Office and village hall.

The village has an active Mother's Union and youth club. Villagers can play badminton at the church hall and there is hope of reviving the village football club to play on the field behind the Hanbury Institute.



Local artist, Mrs. Margaret Watson, of The White House, Church Langton, with some of her paintings.



The magnificent Church Langton rectory.



A view of the Hanbury Schools at Church Langton, named after the man who had in mind big things for the village, the Rev. William Hanbury. He became rector in 1753.

Mother's Union

The Langton's had a thriving Mother's Union at one time. Rosemary Lake, from Tur Langton, recalls how members of the Mother's Union from all The Langtons prepared the posies of flowers for the Mothering Sunday service. Little bunches of snowdrops and primroses were collected from gardens, tied and taken to St. Peter's, Church Langton, on trays to be blessed and handed out to all the mothers. It was a well attended service as the Mother's Union had so many members.

The service began with the banner being paraded down the aisle. Rosemary says that when her mother passed away the banner was draped over her coffin. She also says the Mother's Union always made the teas at the annual fete held in the grounds of the Old Rectory, Church Langton. The banner can be seen in the chancel of St. Peter's.

Mothers' Union is an international Christian charity that seeks to support families worldwide. Its members are not all mothers or even all women, as there are many parents, men, widows, singles and grandparents involved in its work. Its main aim is to support monogamous marriage and family life, especially through times of adversity. Wikipedia



Local Artist Accepted for Prestigious London Exhibition

Maxine Dodd, in Church Langton, was over the moon to hear that her painting has been accepted by the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours for their 209th show. It is the largest exhibition of its kind in the world, showcasing over 400 of the best contemporary water-based media paintings from around the globe.



'Operation I'

"I painted it last year as part of a small series inspired by the lockdown - the images were taken from BBC News reports and also the programme 'Hospital' which followed the staff and patients at the Royal Free Hospital in London.

This scene shows an operation in progress, the doctors and surgeons working in full PPE - I wrote a piece about it on my website at the time - I felt the lighting and the intensity of expression and concentration on their work had a look of a classical painting like a Caravaggio or Rembrandt."

Maxine Dodd

<https://maxinedodd.com/2020/06/13/hospital-3/>

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Easter Treats From Mint & Ginger Coffee House



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East Langton Parish Council

Parish Councillors—Roz Folwell, Chair; Martine Browne; (Church Langton) Heather Munro, Vice Chair (East Langton) Irene Ward (East Langton)
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Budget / Precept for 2021/22

The precept has increased by £517 compared to the 20/21 year, from £5,277 to £5,794. This 10% increase equates to an average of £3 per household per year.

The following budgeted expenditure estimates have increased from the 20/21 year estimates:

Salary + £63.00

Street Furniture Maintenance + £60.00

Subscriptions + £10.00

VAT + £10.00

Litter bin maintenance (emptying) + £200.00

Purchase of new litter bin + £285.00

Section 137 + £20.00 (to pay for a poppy wreath)

Details of the breakdown of the budget for 2021/22 can be seen on the Parish Council's website at <https://www.eastlangtonpc.org.uk/finance.html>

John Loney The Parish Council wishes to thank John for all his hard work and devotion following his decision to stand down. John joined the PC in 1996 making this his 25th year!

Neighbourhood Plan In addition to retaining the existing policies, the Review has identified 2 small sites for housing allocation, seeks to reinstate the settlement boundaries, protect the 'Lottery' gravestone, protect the field containing the Thorpe path and protect important views.

Regulation 14 consultation will commence in the near future. This is a 6-week minimum period where all statutory consultees and those who are impacted by the NP will be given the opportunity to comment. **It is essential that people respond to the NP once consultation has started to express a view on the matters of importance to them.**

Flooding Under Bridge B6047 A natural flood management scheme in Smeeton Westerby is being undertaken by a partnership between Welland Rivers Trust and Harborough Woodland. The work involves reinstating historic meanders in Langton Brook, create ponds and plant trees.

Cllr Folwell has met with Chris French from Welland Rivers Trust to discuss the scheme and find out more. It is hoped more landowners will come forward to contribute more land for natural flood management.

Cllr. Phil King reported that HDC are hoping to have a meeting with the Environment Agency and Leicestershire Flood Authority to see what the problems are and what they are going to do about it. A proper hydrologist study and analysis needs to be undertaken.

Parish Council Meetings - Meetings are currently taking place via Zoom and are open to the public. The Link is on the Agendas 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).

Wanda Jill Ferguson 1934 - 2021

Puffin was a lady who was happy in the company of anyone, be they a duke or a dustbin man - she was a country person, farmer, an accomplished horsewoman, cook and charity worker. Her life had four major chapters.

Born in Chelsea on 7th June 1934, Wanda Jill (or Puffin as she became known for playing like a train when young), was the only child of John Forsyth-F Forrest and Judy. John was the youngest of 12 brought up at Querns which is now Cirencester hospital, plenty of aunts and uncles. Judy had been born in a farming family near Shaftesbury, Dorset. The first seminal moment in Puffin's life was losing her father when she was just six years old.

In June 1942, her mother married Bill Yates, a Yorkshireman who owned a cloth manufacturers in Leeds with his brother Tony. They lived at Claxton Hall near Castle Howard where Puffin's childhood was one of ponies and dogs. Her first job was with Roland Wards in Piccadilly, selling sporting books (1952/53). In 1953 Bill divorced Judy having run off with Judy's best friend. This was the 2nd seminal moment in Puffin's life. She loved Bill dearly and he had been a strong supportive father figure through her teenage years. She never saw or heard from him again.

Puffin always felt that Yorkshire was her roots and she was happiest with farming families. "headhunted" she said, Puffin joined Anglo Irish bloodstock agency - run by Frankie More O'Farrell, in Bond St. (1954/55) In 1955 she met Angus in Yorkshire where he was adjutant of the Queen's own Yorkshire Dragoons and the 3rd chapter of her life began. They moved to Germany where Jakes was born in 1957 and then to Bovington Camp, in Dorset where Ivan was born in 1959, and then to Shop Farm, Bryantspuddle, Dorchester.

After postings to Loch Erne, Northern Ireland and Cyprus (where he went alone) Angus was posted to the Leics. & Derbyshire Yeomanry; renting first at Ashley and then buying Leadclune Court in 1964, as it was midway between the two grandmothers in Hampshire and Yorkshire.

Puffin loved hunting with the Fernie and Cottesmore, making lifelong friends with local farmers and country people; and eventing in the 1970s in local 1 & 2 day events. She was an excellent horsewoman and still riding into her 80's. Summer holidays were spent in St. Mawes, Cornwall where the family had a house for 55 years. Puffin was no sailor, but loved walks with the dogs along the cliffs. In 1982, the longest and darkest year her life, began with the death of Angus - killed by a dangerous driver - the 4th seminal event in her life.

To many people's surprise Puffin decided to stay at Leadclune Court and take over the farm. This gave her a life-line, and strong links to the local farming community. She often said that she could not have done what she did without the support she was given and while she was loyal to those who supported her over the years they returned that loyalty and devotion - many of those whether in Leicestershire or Cornwall had worked with the family for over 40 years .

She was an active charity worker, to be found standing in all weathers in Market Harborough collecting for Marie Curie or RNLI, or cooking for charity events. She was awarded for her commitment by both. She was very much an integral part of our small community and she loved Church Langton and the village loved her. She had been in some pain for a year, and had a very peaceful and quite sudden end - she would have hated being in a care home away from her animals. Jakes was lucky to be with her in her last hours.

Puffin was one of life's great characters and will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Maxine Johnson



Pete's Seat

East Langton Parish Council are pleased to have installed the memorial seat the family of Pete Huckle have donated in remembrance of him. Pete was diagnosed with leukaemia in 2014 and sadly passed away at the age of 32 in 2019.



Pete was taken under the wing of the then landlady Vikki Dakin (nee Bird) and James Ball the chef at the Langton Arms as a pot washer then helping with food preparation. This led to him going on to train as a chef in the RAF.

Pete loved living in the village. His seat is very fine and a tribute to him.

St. Peter's Churchyard

A visit to St. Peter's Churchyard will see that a transformation has taken place. Two very large ash trees, which had grown close to the north wall, damaged it significantly and had to be removed. The new build on the plot bordering the churchyard necessitated the rebuild of the wall. We received substantial donations from villagers, for which we, the PCC, are extremely grateful; we could not have attempted this work otherwise, as grants were impossible at short notice.

Work is continuing, with more clearing around the Churchyard and removing ivy from the church wall, which will need to be inspected by the structural surveyor. We know there will be more work to do on the churchyard wall especially on the western side; this will take time, obtaining grants is a slow process! Bare areas will be seeded so that it can be mown and kept tidy. All this work could not have been done without a team of volunteers who have helped at some point during the last twelve months and for whom we are most grateful. Harborough District Council have requested that we plant at least one tree to replace what we have removed. We are at present, making preparation to plant a memorial tree for those whom we have lost from the village during the Pandemic; even though Covid was not the cause. *Maxine Johnson*



Momentos of Puffin

A total of £810.00 was raised in donations from Puffin's household effects. This is a magnificent achievement considering the restrictions which were in place. This amount will be split between the RNLI (Falmouth branch) and St. Peter's Church.

Thank you all in Church Langton and those invited, for supporting the event; so many people said what a wonderful gesture it was. Both Jakes and Ivan were so pleased by the turnout and achievement. They were equally touched by comments and nostalgic memories etc, that were made regarding Puffin and the Major. It was so good, that folks who no longer live in the village were able to attend who remembered her from years back! We all agreed, "an end of an era".

The contents that were left over have been distributed to various charity shops etc. *Maxine Johnson*

The Langtons and Welham Benefices



Light at the end of the tunnel...

Spring has always been a season where we begin to see signs of hope in the buds and first leaves, in a way it is the light at the end of the winter tunnel. However, we all know that it is foolish to believe at the first leaf that the winter weather has gone – I can remember a fair few ‘White Easter Sundays’ possibly more than I can remember ‘White Christmas’ I think! Signs of hope as we move forward out of what has been a very strange and for some extremely difficult time are most important but I’m conscious that I don’t want to get ahead of where we really are, I need to live in the present no matter how hard that might be.

Those of you who have experienced bereavement in this time will know how hard that has been, restrictions, the fact it’s hard to even let people know and last but by no means least the distance we have to keep.

All of these things will pass, we will see light not just at the end of the tunnel but we will find ourselves walking in light again, chatting, hugging, singing – all these will come, the hard things is we still don’t know when.

We are hoping and planning to have a physical service in Church Langton Church on **Easter day at 10.30am and Welham at 9am** – you will be able to come in person! We are of course keeping all the covid-secure measures required but I still hope for a time of celebration together even if we can’t yet sing together.

This Easter will no doubt still be different, as Christmas was, but I look with hope for the signs of change and long with all of you for the time when we can meet without restriction and celebrate together.

I continue to pray for our whole community,
every blessing

Rev’d Alison

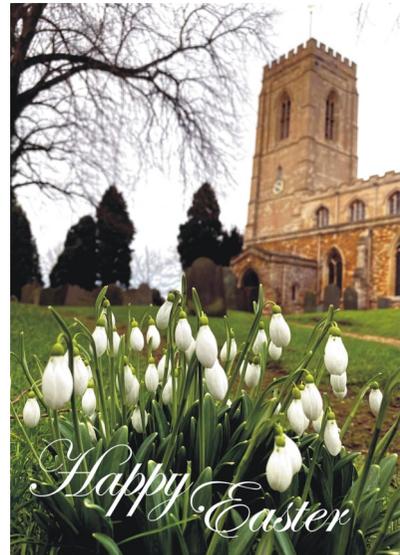
**Services to be confirmed—check notice on church door or
churchlangton.org website**

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Happy Easter



Happy Easter

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William Hanbury - A Digital Persona for St Peters Church

Working with young people aged 16-25 to become 'Digital Curators', St Peters Church is looking forward to bringing 'William Hanbury' to life through a new social media platform, that will share historical insights from the village's history, run competitions, for the local community and schools to engage with and compliment a wealth of local events, festivals and activities, in a creative effort to dynamically engage visitors and enhance the visitor experience of both physical and digital visitors to the parish.

The Digital Persona project offers young people hands on 'Digital Curator' roles, enabling them to develop news skills and experiences and transferable relevant skills.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the new project can join a special 'Zoom Information' event that's taking place on April 12th at 7:30 PM. Staff from the Documentary Media Centre in Leicester will be sharing insights into the project and ways for members of the community can get involved.

We're looking forward to sharing more details of the project as it develops, and hope you enjoy engaging with our William Hanbury Digital Persona when we launch in the coming weeks!

For more information about Digital Personas contact: Tina Barton - docmediacentre@gmail.com or Roz Folwell - r.folwell@btinternet.com

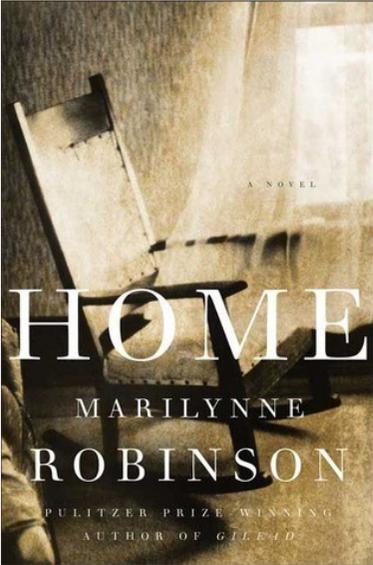


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Book Recommendation



This season I have chosen the author **Marilynne Robinson**, from a recommendation by **Abbot Christopher Jamison** on Radio 4's 'You & Yours' 23/02/21. Abbot Christopher, a Benedictine monk and former Abbot of Worth Abbey, West Sussex, partnered with the media production house CTVc and the youth charity 'Million Minutes' in 2020 to produce 'Alone-Together', a web based online resource for people living through the Covid-19 crisis.

He advocates gratitude (for what we have), rhythm (doing creative work & reflection) and kindness (reaching out to someone). He also says to read well—good novels and cites Marilynne Robinson as her novels show grace at work when things are going wrong.

Jane Lawton recommends **Home** from the number she has written. The novel chronicles the life of the Boughton family, specifically the father, Reverend Robert Boughton, and Glory and Jack, two of Robert's adult children who return home to Gilead, Iowa. **Home** is a moving and healing book about families, family secrets, and the passing of the generations, about love and death and faith. It is Robinson's greatest work, an unforgettable embodiment of the deepest and most universal emotions. *Roz Folwell*

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Since Mrs. Ferguson has so sadly passed on, it leaves myself and Hilary the vast task of decorating the Porch, Font (Mrs Ferguson's Speciality), windows and pedestals. We don't always decorate all of these, but if we can get enough to help, the church would look amazing on the main above services.

You don't have to be a regular church attendee, or a professional flower arranger, you just need to be willing to have a go. I am certainly nowhere near a professional, but I enjoy messing about, seeing what is achievable.

If you think this is for you, or it's something you have always meant to have a go at but never got around to trying, pop your name forward, or come and have a chat. It would be lovely to meet some of our new villagers that have moved in, maybe we already have a professional amongstst you? If so, maybe you could teach me?

Sue 01858 545427

Randomly Setting off Fireworks is Bang Out of Order

The Langtons' & District Newsletter has been asked to remind people of the 'Firework Code'. This is from a local resident and horse owner who experienced the abortion of a foal just after Christmas, caused by fireworks being let off nearby on Christmas Eve. The horse endured a huge amount of pain and suffering which was so easily avoidable, had the owner had the chance to put her in the stable. She developed blood poisoning and a secondary complication called Laminitis, she remains in the stable, making slow progress. At this stage we can only hope she will make a full recovery.

On 4th November 2020 a dog was killed on the B6047 near the Railway Bridge, after being spooked by a firework. Around 50% of all animals suffer acute fear from fireworks. If owners are warned that fireworks are going to be let off then they can take precautions to prevent distress.

The Law

It is an offence under the Animal Welfare act 2006 to cause any unnecessary suffering to any captive or domestic animal. Fireworks must not be set off near livestock or horses in fields, or close to buildings housing livestock. Anyone planning to set off fireworks in a rural area should warn neighbouring land-owners in advance.

Many people are not aware how much stress and suffering fireworks can cause to animals, particularly horses. As flight animals, fireworks can frighten even the most sensible of horses.



You must not set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except for: Bonfire Night, when the **cut off is midnight**. New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the **cut off is 1am**.



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Reduce Your Waste

Buy things with less packaging, buy reusable products and avoid single use.

Recycle

Recycling a drinks can can save enough energy to power a TV for up to 4 hours.

But.....Reduce Waste Contamination

In Leicestershire, up to 4,000 used nappies every day, alongside a tonne of food waste and countless articles of clothing each month have to be extracted from piles of recyclables, often by hand. It's dirty work.

These contaminants account for just some of the 5,500 tonnes of soiled material that go to waste each year, costing the council around £500,000 to dispose of.

Recycle Right

Empty, rinse, and dry all bottles, jars and containers

Place lids back on

Packaging should be empty

Items should go in loose

Flatten cardboard and keep it dry

Put shredded paper into an open-topped box or wrap in paper

Scrunch foil into a ball

Find Out More

About Leicestershire's recycling processes, from kerbside collection to sending on for reprocessing at the Casepak sorting facility Leicester.

The short video 'A brief guide to Leicestershire recycling' is just over eight minutes long located on the LCC website here: <http://www.lesswaste.org.uk/recycle/>

Back Lane, East Langton

A big thank you to the lady Womble who collected all the rubbish along Back Lane. Below is just a sample of the amount people had thrown away. RF





GROW A SUNFLOWER



Kibworth & Fleckney Rotary club are holding, this spring, a **Sunflower growing competition.**

As you are aware, charities are experiencing great difficulty in raising funds due to COVID. Help them in their hour of need by donating **£5 or more** to our just-giving page -

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/growasunflower2021> to register (& if you wish to pay by cheque) email- **keith.senior@btinternet.com** with your name and address

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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 May for June, July and August.

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Church Langton CE (AIDED) Primary School



Church Langton Primary School News

We were delighted to welcome all of the pupils back to school on 8th March. The first week back involved many opportunities for the children to reconnect with staff and friends with a focus in our worship on sharing the many different emotions that they will be experiencing. During the first eight weeks of the spring term we had about a third of the school attending either as children of key workers or as vulnerable pupils.

Our remote learning offer was significantly developed during the autumn term and so we were able to provide recorded and live lessons as well as scheduled live interactions with pupils throughout the day. This was aided by the donation of laptops from members of the community and Hanbury Charity and our provision of SIM cards to ensure all could access our remote learning provision which was provided using Microsoft Teams.



Improvements to our school We are excited to have received funding from the Department for Education to replace the mobile classroom which is currently used by our oldest pupils. The new classroom will be added to the main building and will be a significant enhancement of the learning environment. We are also pleased to be able to make repairs to many areas of the roof of the school

buildings and this is part of our ongoing aims of improving the facilities available to the pupils.

World Book Day

We are always keen to share the importance of Reading and despite not having everyone in school we were able to mark World Book Day. This included an extreme reading competition with some very imaginative entries. Year one have been enjoying Supertato by Sue Hendra as their focus book over the last few weeks and have loved creating their own super veg and writing their own comic strips.

If you are interested in finding out more about our school, which serves all of the Langtons as well as many other local villages and towns, then please contact the school office on 01858 545237 or office@clp.learnat.uk



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"Children embrace staff's high expectations of them. ... Children respect the gentle and patient staff who help them to understand the feelings of others" – **Ofsted 2020 – Outstanding**

Personal Development

"Staff ensure children receive opportunities that link to their individual next steps and interests across the whole curriculum which helps to ensure very good progress" – **Ofsted 2020 – Outstanding**

Leadership and Management

"The manager and deputy manager are passionate about providing the best quality service to children and their families" – **Ofsted 2020 – Outstanding**



"I am glad that it has been recognised that, at Hanbury Kindergarten, children are well supported and benefit from excellent learning experiences in our safe and secure environment and I would invite you to visit us in our delightful rural setting." Julie Hitchcock



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