

GRAPEVINE

Langtoft



May to June 2024

Langtoft Parish Council Contact details

The Parish Council use four ways to communicate with you:

- Website : <http://langtoft.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>
- Facebook : [Langtoft Parish Council](#)
- Noticeboards : Stowe Road, A15 Crossroads and East End Park
- The Parish Clerk - Sarah Gresty clerk@langtoftparishcouncil.org
Tel: 07718900848

The Parish Council consists of:

Chairman – Colin Gamble colin.gamble@langtoftparishcouncil.org

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4 Vacant Seats

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Cllr. Rosemary Trollope-Bellew cllrr.trollopebellew@southkesteven.gov.uk

Cllr. Vanessa Smith Vanessa.smith@southkesteven.gov.uk

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WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

Welcome to the return of the Grapevine magazine. There have been many changes at the Parish Council over the past year hence the break in its publication. We intend to continue publishing the magazine regularly albeit with a combination of online and printed copies. If there is anyone with experience who could help with the editing of the magazine in the future we would be pleased to hear from you.

Most of the major decisions which affect the future of our village are not in the control of the Parish Council but made by the District and County Councils although we can of course give our opinions. We have included in this edition a list of What the Parish Council Does.

There are however many small changes we can make to improve life for residents in Langtoft. Work continues at Penfield and the East End Pond project thanks to our wonderful volunteers who carry out other work for us as well. Some of the things we are currently looking at include providing village 'gates' at the four main road entry/exit points to the village to hopefully assist with traffic speeds, further improvements to our two parks: - East End and Black Bull, we have also been asked by the District Council to possibly take ownership of the Sports Field and Pavilion which we are currently considering.

Finally, we still have vacancies on the Parish Council for new members, if you would like to be considered we would be delighted to hear from you.

Colin Gamble - Chairman of Langtoft Parish Council

Future Editions of the Grapevine Magazine

The Parish Council have had to consider rising costs of printing, the environmental impact and the logistics of distributing the Grapevine magazine to every household.

Some households may not wish to receive paper copies.

Future editions will be available to view on the Parish Council website.

We have taken the decision to continue to print a limited number of copies which will be available to collect from the Village Post Office and the Church Porch and the Waggon and Horses Pub if they are agreeable.

The next edition will be June/July.



Annual Parish Council Meeting

Langtoft

Cheese & Wine evening

Friday 10th May

7pm - 9pm, Village Hall

Get to know your Council & village
Community group's

Hear how we provide services to meet
local amenity needs and drive community
connections through social events and
activities.

We look forward to meeting you and
hearing how we can further work
together to address the local needs of the
village

Children most welcome.

Langtoft Parish Council - Responsibilities and the main work undertaken in any one year

Managing East End Park and Black Bull Green

- Managing the grass cutting
- Cutting the hedges and organising tree inspections
- Regularly inspect and maintain the play equipment (refurbished the slide with volunteer labour), arrange annual ROSPA inspections
- Supporting the restoration of East End pond (with the help of volunteers)
- Installing gym equipment (funded by grant)

Wellbeing and Environment

- Organising events and activities such as celebration of national events (jubilee and coronation), Christmas tree (light switch on carols), Reindeer trail, annual footpath walk, litter pick
- Negotiate for permissive paths consent to be renewed and the footbridge to be renewed (with volunteer help)
- Fund Penfield Nature Reserve; for the benefit of nature and enjoyment of nature (managed by volunteers)
- Regular litter picking around the centre of the village by the gardener
- Manage the flower planters around the village
- Provide and manage the defibrillators

Manage the Cemetery

- Mowing and maintaining the cemetery
- Administration including booking of plots, liaising with resident, bereaved, undertakers and stone masons and marking out plots for burial

Other Village Services

- Provide **allotments**

- Publish the **Grapevine** (assemble, print and distribute)
- **Winter Road Gritting** of West End and Stowe Road through to King Street when ice is forecast (East End is gritted by Lincolnshire Highways)
- Maintain the bus shelters
- Manage the speed monitors
- Purchasing appropriate tools and equipment
- **Planning** – assessing, listening to residents and responding to all planning applications
- **Liase with District and County Councillors** to ensure that Langtoft’s voice is heard
- **Highways** – periodic meetings with local Highways Officers
- **Councillors and Clerk** to represent the Council and village at external meetings as appropriate
- To draw up and maintain an **Emergency Plan**
- Consider and process **donation requests**

Governance and Administration

Legislation sets down certain activities that the Parish Council has to undertake such as:

- Hold regular Parish Council meetings throughout the year including an Annual Meeting, open to the public
- Hold an Annual Parish meeting
- Keep accurate accounts, monitors the budgets, produce reports for each meeting, publish the payments, arrange internal and external audits within the stated timescale
- Respond to correspondence from villagers
- Obtain insurance to cover third party risks and council property
- **Communication** via our website
- Maintain a **Risk Assessment**
- Funding **Election Costs** as necessary

Penfield Nature Reserve.

Its spring again and Penfield like our gardens at home is waking up from its winter sleep. The trees and flowers are in bud and the reserve is looking green again after 4 months of grey/brown hue.

That's not to say that nothing has been going on, the volunteers have been very busy, clearing paths, erecting dead hedging, pulling up self set saplings and doing our best to stabilise the paths using gravel that we "borrowed back" courtesy of Hanson's quarry at the end of Outgoing road.

The bird feeders at the reserve continue to attract blue tits, great tits, long tailed tits, gold finches, a family of robins, the squirrel and we have filmed several deer eating the peanuts that have fallen to the floor. The bittern is back it was heard booming in the last week, and a number of swans, coots, moorhens and ducks have over wintered on the large lake. A keen birder spotted a Firecrest last week and we understand we are right at the edge of their range. We cleaned out the Sand Martin box in the new year, it was unused last year but there have been sightings of the sand martins down at Deeping lakes already so we are hopeful this year. 18 out of 19 of the bird boxes that the Langtoft primary school constructed in 2022 were used for nesting which is a fantastic result.

Larger animals such as roe deer, muntjac, hares, rabbits and an otter family have all been spotted at the reserve and filmed footage of these animals and many of the birds, butterflies, moths and flowers have formed the basis of the many presentations that we have given to WI, Mothers Union and other groups.

The open day this year is planned for Saturday 8th June and with luck we will exceed the 50 or so visitors that we had last year.

We are working with the Langtoft Primary School and are planning 3 activities (pond dipping, bug house analysis and moth traps) for the year 6 pupils to have an out of school field trip at the end of May

We have been very fortunate to have secured some funding that should allow us to build the long planned and awaited viewing gallery and provide a number of way markers and information boards around the reserve.

Many thanks to David, a villager who turned up at the reserve and presented us with 2 bat boxes, these will be put up in the next few weeks and it will be interesting to see what use they get as we know that there are at least 3 species of bat that visit the reserve.

Continued thanks to the growing number of volunteers who turn out to help with the work on site. We are all of a certain age and would love to encourage younger participation if we can. If any one would like to help out the Penfield team, either as an on site volunteer or as part of the management team, please email clerk@langtoftparishcouncil.org and we will be in touch. On site work parties usually take place on Wednesday mornings from 09:30 to 12:30 and occasionally on Saturdays too. Children under 16 are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Andy Hallam

Chair Penfield Management Group



Langtoft WI

By Sue Eales

A lot has been happening at Langtoft WI since our last Grapevine article. Here is a report of two of our most recent talks.

A Journey Helping Ukrainian People

Langtoft WI was delighted when two volunteers who deliver aid to Ukraine agreed to tell us about the impact that the donations we make have on the lives of ordinary people living in terrifying conditions. Will Thompson and Justin Tilley have so far received over £250,000 in donations, have made 14 trips to Poland with 50 tonnes of food and other supplies plus more than 40 generators, 1000s of torches and batteries and, in November 2023, they travelled with two ambulances and several vans, leaving them behind for Ukrainian people to use. They also delivered more than 600 gift boxes for Christmas, some of which were donated by Langtoft WI members. Some of the money has been spent on summer camps for children, giving them respite and psychological support. They have even introduced the game of cricket to Ukrainian people!

For Justin and Will, this is all about communities coming together to help other communities in need. They stressed the importance of making it personal, using photographs to ensure that communities in Ukraine know that people like them in UK are thinking of them. Similarly, people in the UK know that whatever they make/donate is going to someone like them.

Sometimes emotional, with the speakers almost in tears at times, this was Justin and Will's first presentation and our members and guests were captivated by their story.

Professor Sir Jonathan Van Tam Kt. MBE, DM, FMedSci

The guest speaker at our Federation Annual Meeting in March was none other than Professor Sir Jonathan Van Tam, who everyone will remember from the Covid briefings during 2020, 2021 and into 2022.

Sir Jonathan explained his background. He told us that he had been told at university to be authentic, remember your roots and stay in touch with the people you serve. This he has always striven to do. He always remembers that communication is how well you are understood, not how well you speak. Sir Jonathan then talked about the progress of the Coronavirus and the increasing knowledge and data available at the time, but he admitted that communicating the unknown to the public was extremely difficult.

There was an evolution from social intervention, ie “stay at home” and “social distancing” to medical intervention, ie the vaccination programme. Sir Jonathan explained that, at some point during a conversation between him and Sir Patrick Vallance, the idea of a ‘Vaccine Task Force’ was mooted. They were both adamant that the task force should have ring-fenced money and should be left alone to take calculated risks, setting its own priorities outside government. When they approached the Prime Minister, they found that he had an appetite for risk and a Venture Capitalist was recruited to lead the task force. This turned out to be the correct decision and the task force was empowered to buy into vaccine development with no guarantees. The MRHA (Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency) waived its normal strict rules, allowing the vaccine research data to be sent to them as it came in whatever format without having to worry about correct page numbering etc, which also played a large part in making the vaccines available as quickly as possible.

Sir Jonathan talked us through a typical Downing Street briefing day from getting the call 24 hours prior to the briefing, making preparations on the train to London, having a cup of tea with Larry, the cat at 10 Downing Street and standing on a box at the podium as he is not very tall. Finally, he gave us some of the lessons he learned as a leading expert during the pandemic – don’t panic, don’t clutch at straws, take calculated risks, always speak the truth to power, reserve the right to speak independently, choose battles carefully, begin with the end in mind, plan fall back positions and set red lines.

It was an honour and a privilege to be in the presence of such an influential person whose decisions affected all our lives and a long standing ovation was received calmly and humbly by Professor Sir Jonathan Van Tam.

Easter Church Window Decorations

As usual, members of Langtoft WI decorated our church windows for easter. We used paper flowers, pom poms, eggs, birds and bunnies. I am sure you will agree that the end result was colourful and cheerful.



Future Meetings

Our May meeting is on 20th May and features a talk by Julie Kinnear called “Wonderful, Wicked Wallace Simpson”. We have welcomed Julie Kinnear before and this promises to be a very entertaining presentation.

At our meeting on 17th June, we will welcome Adam O’Meara who has a mobile business selling artisan cheese and bread. Adam’s talk is entitled “Bread & Cheese”.

Meetings are held in Langtoft Village Hall and begin at 7.30 pm.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at Langtoft WI. For further information, please call our president, Jean on 01778 345037.

LANGTOFT VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Registered Charity No. 501924



FASHION SHOW

Monday 29th April

7:30pm start

Langtoft Village Hall

Tickets £6 - includes a glass of fizz

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Doors open 7pm

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LVHMC contact: Sue Archer, 07796 674654

Langtoft Bowls Club – Playing Fields off Manor Close PE6 9NB

Open Day

Sunday 12 May

1000-1400

Everyone is welcome to come along and have a go for free, spectators are also welcome. Refreshments available

All equipment will be provided, please wear flat soled shoes or trainers.

Visitors also welcomed any
Wednesday morning 1000-1200



A New Season Beckons

At this time of year bowlers are keen to get outside and start playing after 7 months in hibernation.

Hopes are high for teams and individuals and this coming season offers us new challenges to face. A return to the very strong Peterborough Premier League, two teams in the Peterborough League which we managed last year but this season we are going to have to field two teams on a Monday evening, two teams on Tuesday afternoons and a higher Division for our Saturday squad whilst retaining our place in the top division of the Stamford League is always intimidating.

We are re-introducing a Thursday afternoon internal league with a different format as well as our regular internal competitions, starting with the popular but challenging Langtoft 19! A novel format created during COVID where you play against your opponent from opposite ends of the green.

There is of course plenty of room in our schedules for anyone who wants just a social game.

We have attracted some new members this season from neighbouring Clubs, perhaps recognition of how well our green plays. They will be welcomed, as will anyone else who would like to come and try the sport of bowls. There is an Open Day on Sunday 12 May between 10 am and 2pm when anyone can come and try the game for free. If you cannot make this event, come along on any Wednesday or Sunday morning at 1000 when you will be welcomed and will have an opportunity to have a go.

Visitors wishing to have an inter-office challenge evening or a similar social event are invited to please get in touch, and we will see what we can offer. The hedge facing the Pre-School has been lowered to allow passers-by to better see what is going on and you can come in and take a seat to watch any time we are open, you might even get offered a cup of tea.

This year we have a new Committee with some fresh ideas as we continually look to move forward and improve our Club. I am sure that we can rise to the season's challenges with the goodwill and enthusiasm of our members.

Nick Carr

Club Chairman

langtoftbowlschairman@gmail.com



BUMPS
2 four
... Langsett baby & toddler group ...



Friday Fun at BUMPS 2 Four

It's been a busy term at Langtoft's baby and toddler group – Bumps 2 Four. We meet every Friday during term time at the Village Hall from 9.30 – 11am and always have lots of activities and toys out for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. And of course, there's always a hot drink and biscuits for parents and carers and a chance to chat.

We've been getting excited about spring, so have had lots of spring crafts and messy play out to play with. We celebrated World Book Day with lots of stories and we made Hungry Little Caterpillars.



Our messy play is always a huge hit with all ages. One of the very popular plays was when we had science week and the kids loved playing with vinegar and squirting it on baking soda to make it bubble.

We had a special treat for Mother's Day and made decorated plant pots one week and then the following week we planted them with pansies.

On the lead up to Easter we held an Easter raffle. We raised £48, which will go towards new resources for the group.

Coming into the summer terms we'll be getting outside as much as possible with our water toys, so if you are attending the group, it's a good idea to bring a spare set of clothes. We'll also be celebrating Father's Day and having sessions around the circus, pets, baking and construction.



Everyone is welcome: parents, grandparents, carers and childminders. Each session is just £2 per family. Just turn up, no need to book.

Bumps 2 Four is on every Friday during term time at Langtoft Village Hall from 9.30 – 11am. Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with all the news. Search for Bumps 2 Four.





Join in
the Friday
fun!



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Come and enjoy a night at the races!



RACE NIGHT

Saturday 18th May 2024

Langtoft Village Hall

Doors open: 7.00 pm First Race: 7.30pm

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & NIBBLES



(NO FOOD PROVIDED)

Hot drinks available



Grand Raffle

TICKETS - £6.00

Available online at TicketSource

www.ticketsource.co.uk/langtoft-village-hall-management-committee or scan the QR code



Book a Table of 8 and get a FREE bottle of Prosecco!

LVHMC Event contact: Sue Archer 07796 674654 / Sarcher321@sky.com

East End Pond – Restoration

Following one of the wettest winters on record, the pond has been at its fullest for several years. Water started to appear in late October and gradually rose until it peaked at about 1.5m deep. The water level will now continue to decrease as we get drier weather and the underlying ground water levels fall.



Stage 1 pollarding of the self-set willows in the pond basin was carried out at the beginning of October. Brush was chipped and removed from site to go for biomass fuel. As part of the improvements to wildlife habitat, the pollarded timber was used to create a log pile and stag beetle pyramid. Various information boards have been placed around the pond to illustrate how these habitats can be created in your own garden.



New colourful stems have already started to sprout from the pollarded willows. With regular pollarding, a new crown will be formed and the trees will resemble the shorter stubbier willows typically associated with a Fenland landscape. As in this picture taken along the Whittlesey Wash.

As to the wildlife, ducks have been present and newts should be arriving into the pond ready to breed. We also have blue tits in the nest boxes.



Happy days - Pete Coles and EEP volunteers.



May at St Michael's

Craft cafe Saturday 18th May 10am-2pm, Crafts stalls, cakes, bacon butties, tombola. To book a stall please contact Claire Naylor 01778 343717

June at St Michael's

Cake and bacon butty morning Saturday 15th June 10pm-1pm
Cakes, bacon butties, Lucky Dip, Bits and Bobs

Midsummer afternoon tea to celebrate Armed Forces Day and to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D Day 2.30-5pm.
Tickets Adults £10, children £5. Tickets will be available from Debbie Howard, and Langtoft Village shop

July at St Michael's

Cake and bacon butty morning Saturday 20th July 10am-1pm
Cakes, bacon butties, Lucky Dip, Bits and Bobs

August at St Michael's

Cake and bacon butty morning Saturday 17th August 10am-1pm
Cakes, bacon butties, Lucky Dip, Bits and Bobs

Spring has finally sprung, the longer days and the sunshine accompanied by the spring flowers everywhere bring joy and hope to the world. I have to say that my chickens are enjoying the warmth of the spring sunshine after weeks of looking as if wellies and macs would be a better look than their sodden feathers and having the dogs trot back from their walks clean and dry is another bonus. Everything seems easier when we are not wet and muddy.

Spring is England at its best and as the biblical flood waters have gone and the fields are at last beginning to dry out, it is a time to celebrate the beauty of our creation, in all its wonderful detail. The green spaces around our churches offer a wonderful opportunity to embrace some peace and be still, listening to the bird song and looking at the many plants which make the ancient spaces so rich and diverse, because they are ancient just like our churches.

As the warmer weather and longer days come, embrace the joy and wonder of creation and if you would like to give thanks to the God of creation, why don't you come along to a service, you would find a warm welcome and friends, some you may know and some you have yet to meet.

God bless you this spring.
Carolyn



LANGTOFT VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

First, we would all like to say Welcome Back Grapevine! You have been missed!

The LVHMC has undergone some changes since the last Grapevine as, sadly, we lost one of the long serving committee members – Sarah Castley. Sarah loved the village hall and was right there at the beginning and has worked tirelessly for at least 40 years! Sarah is sorely missed but her presence is in the very bricks and mortar of the building.

Also, Jeannette Pearson has resigned as Chair to concentrate on new projects. We would as a committee like to say “Thank You Jeannette” for all your hard work and all the best with your future plans.

We also said goodbye to Mick Fisher who has been the Treasurer many years - “Thank you Mick” and all the best for the future too.

The new Chair is Liz Jarman and the new Treasurer is Sue Archer and other committee members are Sue Brotherhood (W.I Representative), Vylma Denniston, Yvonne McCulloch, Philippa Simpson (Bumps 2 Four Representative) and

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Mark Skinner (Langtoft Players Representative.) We also welcomed a new committee member at our April meeting - Bev Farrington (Parish Council Representative) and thank Colin Gamble, Parish Council Chair for his support whilst on the committee.

We are looking for more people to come onto the committee to help promote the hall and organise events. So, if you think you could help keep our lovely hall up and running, please get in touch.

We also would like to ask if anyone could volunteer to be a “Friend of the Langtoft Village Hall”. This would involve helping put out and away our tables and chairs at LVHMC events and helping with light tasks to keep our hall looking spick and span!

We have a variety of events coming up in 2024, please see our separate post for details.

Over the past year we have had some wonderful events such as King Charles III Coronation party where we provided a scrumptious buffet free of charge to mark the prestigious event, our usual Bingo sessions always a good Monday night out! Puzzles, paperbacks and Bacon Butties proved, as always, a winner and our Christmas Craft Fair was a sparkling success!

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Last but by no means least – our Numbers Club is in need of more members! The cost is £12 per year and the numbers are drawn at our monthly meetings and the prize money is £40 for the first number drawn, £5 each for the following two. Again, if you would like to help support the hall in this way please call or email the undermentioned contacts.

We do hope that we will see you all our events and we all wish you good health and happiness for 2024.

Emjarman28@gmail.com

Mobile: 07947439905

Chair and Booking Clerk

Joclingo@yahoo.co.uk

Numbers Club

**WHY NOT ADVERTISE
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PLEASE CONTACT

The Parish Clerk - Sarah Gresty
clerk@langtoftparishcouncil.org

Tel: 07718900848




WHAT TAKES PLACE IN LANGTOFT VILLAGE HALL EACH WEEK?

- Monday Stars of the Future (Langtoft Players) 5-6:30pm
- Tuesday Yoga 9:30-10:30am
Seatercise 1:15-2:15pm
Chris Fit Exercise Class 6-7pm
Langtoft Players 7:30-10pm
- Wednesday Yoga 6:45-7:45pm
- Thursday Langtoft Players 6-10pm
- Friday Bumps 2 Four 9:30-11am
Boogie Dance/Exercise Class 6:15-7:30pm
- Saturday Chris Fit Exercise Class 8:30-9:30am

More details of all these groups and activities can be found on posters at the Hall, or on Facebook.

**Book the Hall for your own Activity or Event by
calling the Booking Clerk on 07947 439905**

LVHMC FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2024

- Monday 29th April Fashion Show 
- Saturday 18th May Race Night 
- Monday 10th June Summer Bingo 

Further details can be found on Facebook and on
Posters up around the village.

***We greatly appreciate the support shown for our events and
look forward to seeing everyone again soon!***

LANGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

NUMBERS CLUB

An easy way for you to support your Village Hall

HOW DOES IT WORK?

£12 buys one annual membership number

Draws take place monthly with a first prize of £40 and two further prizes of £5 each.

Winners' prizes are delivered to their home address and the names of the winners are published on our Facebook page and in our outside noticeboard.

After the prize monies have been paid out, the remaining membership fees go into the Village Hall funds to help pay for its upkeep.

All participants must be over the age of 18.

Numbers Club rules can be found on our website
www.langtoftvillagehall.co.uk

HOW CAN I JOIN?

Complete a membership application form (to be found in this Grapevine) or pick up a form at the Village Hall. Send your completed form to our Administrator with your payment.

Alternatively, visit our website to complete an online application and pay by bank transfer.

***Join today and you could be our
next Winner!***

LANGTOFT VILLAGE HALL NUMBERS CLUB APPLICATION FORM

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

(to be allocated)

Name.....

Address.....

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Email address.....

I/we agree that if we wish to cancel this subscription I/we will inform
Langtoft Village Hall Management Committee of this decision.

Signature.....

Date.....

Payment enclosed £
Sent by Bank Transfer

**Please return this form to:
Mrs Joanne Clingo
26 Cloven Ends, Langtoft
Peterborough, PE6 9LF**

**Cheques payable to: Langtoft Village Hall Management Committee
Bank Transfer to Metro Bank
Sort code: 23-05-80
Account number 51318625**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GOOD LUCK!

THE HYDE & MOSSOP CHARITY

Registered Charity No. 24668

The Charity of Rev John Mossop and Rachel Hyde has been in existence for a long time. The Rachel Hyde Charity was founded in 1707. This involved four cottages in Sutton St Mary being left to the village, the rents to be used for educational purposes. (Two cottages unaccounted for). The remaining two cottages were sold in 1944 with the money being invested in Treasury Stocks the interest from which was drawn annually.

The Rev. John Mossop Charity was founded in 1833 in which a three-acre field situated along Cross Road Langtoft was left to the Parishes of Langtoft and Baston. The yearly rent is shared equally between the two villages.

The two Charities were merged in 1892 and registered with the Charity Commission. This new and amalgamated Charity was administered by four Trustees (now five). The original Trustees in 1892 were the Rev. Henry Holden, Mr. Henry Atter (Churchwarden), Mr. George Peasgood and Mr. Joseph Frank.

The money from the Charity was originally administered on St Thomas's Day. "Books were given as prizes to the children and gifts of cash to the poor and needy"

In the mid 1960's the position held by the Churchwarden was reviewed by the Charity Commission and it was decided the position should be held by two people nominated by the Parish Council, each for a four-year period. The other Trustees, the Vicar and two co-opted residents of Langtoft (each for a five year period), remained the same.

The current Trustees are: Rev Carolyn Bailey, Mrs Debbie Hallam (Chair), Mrs Velma Denniston Mrs J Clingo, Mrs S Archer and Mrs Diane Valentine. The Clerk is Mrs Yvonne McCulloch

Now days the charity provides token gifts to the village school leavers (Y6) at the end of the summer term, token gifts to nominated (over 90) residents of Langtoft at Christmas and to those bereaved.

The money from the original 1944 sale of the cottages is now invested in fixed interest securities via Blackrock Charinco Fund for charities and the field is still let. The Charity has a small regular income from these investments but relies on donations from local organisations to maintain the level of gifts distributed.

Clerk Mrs Y McCulloch, The Barn, 3 West End, Langtoft, PE6 9LS.
E.mail yvonnemcc11@gmail.com

News from SKDC district Councillors

As your District Councillors we are very pleased to see that the Parish Magazine has been reinstated. Whilst we recognise that in today's society news moves faster than ever before, we also realise that there are many people who are not on social media sites or who prefer to receive information in more traditional ways. This is something that became very clear to us after feedback we received last year.

SKDC Local Plan

More recently, details about the SKDC Local Plan, which includes a newly proposed allocated site for housing in Langtoft, have been shared online; and whilst Vanessa has tried to draw people's attention to this in her recent newsletter, she is also aware that sometimes such correspondence can be overlooked. We therefore welcome this opportunity to keep residents informed. We would like to wish the production team (part of the Parish Council) every success. If you can support them, please let them know.

Regarding the Local Plan, the consultation on the Draft document has now closed. There will be another consultation later in the year when the Pre-submission document is complete (Regulation 19). This should also include a more up to date flood risk assessment, something that we are aware has been among the concerns raised regarding the proposed site for around 55 houses just north of Dickens Close.

Please get in touch if there is anything you would like us to help with. We are here to listen and be a voice for the community.

District Council issues include most planning issues, waste collection, social housing and some grounds maintenance.

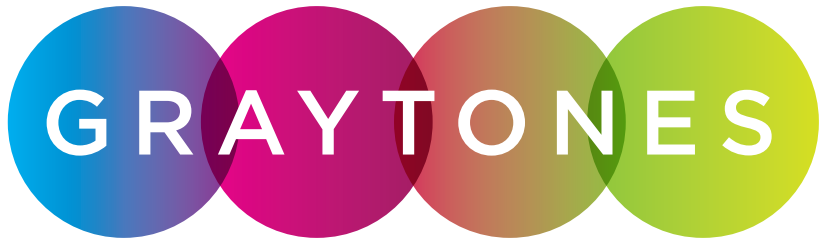
County Council issues include education, highways, quarrying and social care. (Langtoft has one County Councillor, Cllr Phil Dilks and two District Councillors)

Best wishes,

Cllr Vanessa Smith (vanessa.smith@southkesteven.gov.uk) and

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

(cllrr.trollopebellew@southkesteven.gov.uk)



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