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Welcome to the last edition of the Grapevine for the year which is full of community articles and information regarding upcoming events for the remainder of the year.

Parish Council News

As we approach November and Remembrance Day large poppies will be displayed throughout the village. Parish council members will lay wreaths at the church memorial and on the graves of war heroes Plowright and Day at the cemetery on Sunday 9th November on behalf of the village.

Christmas event planning is underway. This year's Community events will feature Tree lighting in East End Park with carols, refreshments and a Rudolph penalty shootout. Trees will also be placed in Black Bull Green and at the village crossroads. In a change to previous years the crossroads tree will be a memory tree where you'll be able to hang disks in memory of someone. The disks will be placed beside the tree for use.

The Christmas window competition is back along with an ask for us all to 'Light up Langtoft' and bring Christmas cheer throughout the village.

Further information on all events is contained in this edition of Grapevine and posters displayed throughout the village.

Precise of October's Parish Council minutes.

Annual Tree inspection. Pearce Arboriculture to undertake annual inspection

Safety Inspection annual report for Black Bull Green. Annual report received, no high-risk maintenance items noted. Once lottery decision received re: additional funding for playground enhancement annual maintenance strategy will be developed/executed.

Coronation Community Orchard Grant. To maintain our goal to improve afforestation Parish Council will be applying for additional allocation of fruit trees for planting in various locations throughout the village.

Penfield future events confirmed. Wildlife evening in the village hall Friday 16th January to include photo competition.
and a Winter Walk in February

Community Speed Watch (CSW) The purchase of CSW equipment was deferred as not enough volunteers have come forward from the village to create our own CSW team. It was decided to monitor Baston's campaign to gain insights and value. If villagers do come forward to volunteer the decision to purchase the necessary equipment and training will be presented back to council.

Cemetery gates. Maintenance work completed and gates re fitted. Thank you to Robert Peasgood who helped Cllr. Branch fabricate and refit the gates.

Donations. The Scouts Stamford and Bourne group requested a donation toward their poacher 2026 international jamboree. As several Langtoft children would be attending a £150 donation was approved (under s.137 Local Government Act)

Planning. PL/0070/23 Development. to extract sand and gravel with restoration to agriculture and nature conservation, import and processing of inert restoration materials, export of recycled aggregate, the creation of new public footpaths, the erection of associated plant and infrastructure and a new/altered access from the a15
Location: Thetford house farm, baston grid reference: 511598, 315335 was noted.

**Bev Farrington,
Chair, Langtoft Parish Council**

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There are 4 Yellow grit bins around the village, provided by Langtoft Parish Council and 2 Green ones supplied by LCC.

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Location of LCC Greens bins are Stowe Rd King St crossroads and East End Park.

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Future Parish Council meeting dates:-

*25th Nov 2025, 13th Jan 2026, 24th Feb 2026,
7th April 2026, 19th May 2026 7th July 2026, 15th Sept
2026 27th Oct 2026, 9th Dec 2026*

Meeting held in Langtoft Village Hall – 7:30 (7pm to 7:30 public forum)

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Dear Resident,

Winter is fast approaching, and Christmas will soon be here.

There is still much uncertainty around Local Government. Westminster is moving ahead with plans for reorganisation, though details remain unclear. While residents have been invited to share their views, it appears final decisions on council mergers will be made centrally. We are as much in the dark as you! A new authority is expected to form in 2027, fully replacing SKDC and LCC in 2028. Until then, it is likely our current roles will continue.

SKDC is progressing with its Local Plan, which will remain valid after the merger. This plan identifies sites suitable for housing to meet government-set targets. The next consultation on this is expected in the new year.

We're pleased to see speed limits painted on roads and hope motorists observe them. Please drive carefully this winter—our roads can be hazardous due to ditches and black ice. Everyone's safety is important. A proposed quarry north of Baston (LCC PL/0070/23), coupled with increased house building, raises concerns about increased HGV and commuter traffic on the already dangerous A15 and its junctions. We'd like safer roads for all, including cyclists, to promote active travel and reduce car use. Please comment on the application if you have concerns.

As mentioned in our last update, food waste collection begins in April 2026, with caddies arriving in the new year. A reminder—SKDC collects batteries weekly at the kerbside for recycling. Place them in a sealed clear plastic bag on top of your bin.

It's been a dry year so far, but if average rainfall continues, we could see heavy rain soon. While Langtoft is at low flood risk, nearby villages have been affected by flooding. For internal flooding, call 999. For non-urgent help, contact the Environment Agency's Floodline at 0345 988 1188.

Please get in touch if we can help with anything. And we would like to wish you all the very best for the festive season.

Vanessa and Rosemary

A message from some of our Ukrainian Families

Russia invaded Ukraine on 24th February 2022. It is heartbreaking to think that the war in Ukraine is still raging. An estimated 14 million Ukrainians were displaced from their homes, with the UK taking in around 250,000 Ukrainians through various resettlement schemes. National funding to assist councils with housing refugees enabled SKDC to purchase twelve new homes in Langtoft for these families. In 2023 a group of residents and the Parish Council purchased hampers to welcome the new families to our village. Since then, families have settled in, with children attending local schools and people finding work in the area. Not everyone has stayed and as families move out houses will be filled from the Council's social housing register. A few of the residents have written into the Grapevine with a seasonal update.

Hello everyone! My name is Olga Okopna. My son Dima, our cat, and I moved to this wonderful village of Langtoft in September 2023. I was so happy when they called me and handed me the keys on my birthday in August – it was a real gift! I wanted to express my admiration for the beauty of this village, the welcoming neighbours, and this wonderful new, warm home. I want to express my deepest gratitude to South Kesteven District Council for providing us with such a wonderful home. I'm so glad I'm not the only Ukrainian here; there are many Ukrainian families here, and we have our own community. It's wonderful that we've met British families and are able to connect. I wanted to share my delight at celebrating Christmas in the UK, in Ukraine everything is so different. It's so nice to observe other traditions, and even better, to participate in them. Thank you to the British government and all the British people who welcomed us so warmly.



Greetings. My name is Larisa. I'd like to share some of our Ukrainian traditions with you. Holy Evening is my favourite festive dinner. It takes place on Christmas Eve. Twelve Lenten dishes are served. Kutia is a must. Varenyky, borscht, fish, compote and cabbage are also popular. Dinner begins with the appearance of the first star in the sky.

Kutia is a traditional Ukrainian Christmas Eve dish. It symbolizes unity, remembrance, and blessings for the new year. Here's a recipe for you:



Ingredients:

1 cup wheat berries (or pearly wheat)
3 tbsp poppy seeds
1/3 cup honey
1/2 cup raisins (or chopped dried fruit)
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
Pinch of salt
Water for boiling

Cook the Wheat:

Rinse wheat thoroughly.
Boil in 2–3 cups water with a pinch of salt.
Simmer 1.5–2 hours until soft. Drain and cool.

Prepare Poppy Seeds:

Soak poppy seeds in boiling water for 15–20 minutes. Drain and grind using a mortar and pestle until a white liquid appears.

Soften Dried Fruit:

Soak raisins or dried fruit in warm water for 10–15 minutes, then drain.

Combine:

In a large bowl, mix cooked wheat, ground poppy seeds, raisins, walnuts, and honey.
Stir well. Adjust sweetness or moisture with extra honey or a splash of water.

Chill and Serve

My name is Polina and I have written a recipe for traditional borscht. Many Brits already know this wonderful soup, and I think this recipe will be useful. The classic recipe uses beef or pork. I prefer to make red borscht with chicken broth.

Ingredients

For the broth:

- * 1.5-2 liters of water;
- * 400-500 g of beef or pork (chicken).

For the frying:

- * 2 small beets;
- * 1 medium carrot;
- * 3 medium onions;
- * 4-5 tablespoons of vegetable oil;
- * a pinch of citric acid, 1-2 tablespoons vinegar (9%), or the juice of half a lemon;
- * 2 tablespoons of tomato paste.

Remaining ingredients:

- * 300 g of white cabbage;
- * 4 medium potatoes;
- * salt to taste;
- * 1-2 bay leaves;
- * herbs to taste;
- * 1 clove garlic — optional;
- * A pinch of ground cloves — optional;
- * A pinch ground black pepper — optional.

Directions:

Step 1. Cook the meat for 90 minutes in a large saucepan, skimming off any foam occasionally.

Step 2. Prepare the sauté

Wash and peel the beets, carrots, and onions. Grate the beets on a coarse grater and the carrots on a medium grater. Finely dice the onion.

Pour oil into a frying pan and reduce heat to medium.

Sauté the onions and carrots, stirring, for about 5 minutes. Then add the tomato paste, stir, and simmer for another 5-7 minutes.

Step 3. Assemble the borscht

Once the broth is cooked, add the shredded cabbage.

After 5-10 minutes, add the julienned or diced potatoes.

Season with salt to taste. Add the sautéed vegetables and stir.

Step 4. Add the bay leaf and finely chopped herbs. Cover and simmer for another 5-7 minutes.

For a spicier flavor, add some crushed garlic and black pepper. Let the borscht simmer, covered, for 5-10 minutes.

Three years ago, my daughter and I came to the UK, which opened its doors to Ukrainians fleeing the war. Here we received temporary protection. In the first year of our stay, we were taken in by an English family, for which we are very grateful to them and they will forever remain in our hearts. And two years ago, my daughter and I, as well as other Ukrainian families, received support in the form of social housing in a beautiful place - the village of Langtoft. This is a wonderful and safe place for people who have survived the horrors of war and need peace and improvement of their psychological state. Langtoft is a very picturesque village, with beautiful houses, there are many beautiful trees and various flowers near the houses, there is a lot of nature here. The sunrises and sunsets here are simply incredible, sometimes we take photos of them. There is a very cozy atmosphere here. Very friendly people live in Langtoft, although we do not communicate much with them due to the language barrier. But we always greet our neighbors and they always have a smile on their faces. As soon as we moved to Langtoft, representatives of the Langtoft community visited us and asked about our needs. We also keep in touch with them on messengers. It is very nice that we were surrounded by such care. We are very grateful for these expressions of attention. My daughter and I and other Ukrainian families received housing in beautiful new houses in Langtoft, everyone has their own garden near the house, they can decorate it with flowers, and the children have their own space to spend their free time. Our Ukrainian children have integrated well into English society, they study at local schools. Adult Ukrainians find it harder to adapt to another country, but these are the realities of life and we have to accept them. We have to readjust here and change our entire lifestyle for the sake of the safety of our children. We hope that the war in Ukraine will end soon and we will be able to return to our country, where we were happy together with our families and relatives. And now we are infinitely grateful to England, the community of Langtoft, the English people who surround us and support us. This manifestation of support and humanity from the British will forever remain in our hearts. With great respect and love to the English people, Albina.



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PPG NEWS

This month the PPG are helping to supervise the vaccination queues at Glinton and Deeping. Surgeries

We had a stall at the Lion's Duck race where we sold knitted Christmas figures and had a Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar competition. Moneys raised go towards the annual Drivers evening which is held at Deeping Sports Club. At present we have 27 voluntary drivers but are always looking for more!

The PPG will hold its AGM on the second Tuesday in November. A reminder that this is not an AGM for the practice.

The Autumn Newsletter will be publishes at the end of October. It includes some very interesting articles, and not least a farewell to Dr Phipps who retires in November.



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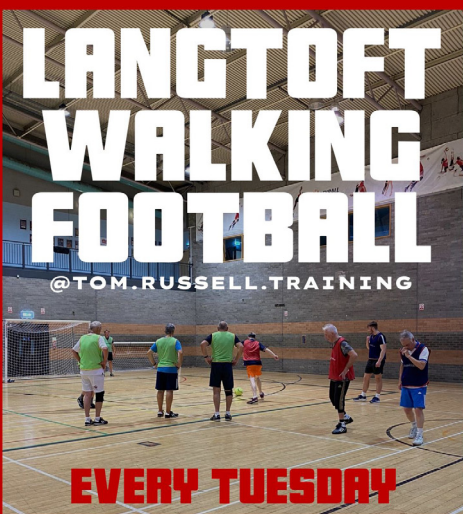
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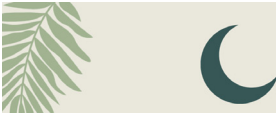


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Church News - The Ness Group.



The Ness Group

Our Regular pattern of services is as follows

First Sunday of the Month

Baston Morning Service 10am
Langtoft Holy Communion 10am
Thurlby Family Service 10am

Third Sunday of the Month

Group service of Holy Communion .
The venue for this service rotates between the three churches.

Please see our church noticeboards for details

Fifth Sunday of the month

Group service of Holy Communion .
The venue for this service rotates between the three churches.

Please see our church noticeboards for details

*St Michael and All Angels
Langtoft*



St John the Baptist, Baston



Second Sunday of the month

Baston Holy Communion BCP 8am
Baston Morning Service 10am
Langtoft Morning Service 10am
Thurlby Holy Communion 10am

Fourth Sunday of the month

Baston Morning Service 10am
Langtoft Holy Communion BCP 8am
Langtoft Family Service 10am
Thurlby Morning Service 10am

Mid week services

Mid week Services are held on a Thursday morning at 10am

1st Thursday Thurlby

2nd Thursday Langtoft

3rd Thursday Thurlby

4th Thursday Baston

5th Thursday Langtoft

St Firmin, Thurlby



Being Open to the Message of Hope

As the year turns and the leaves of November fall, we find ourselves in a season of reflection and anticipation. During Remembrance, we pause to honour those who gave their lives in the cause of peace. It is a solemn time — one that reminds us of the cost of conflict and the fragility of our world. Yet, even in the act of remembering loss and sacrifice, we encounter the quiet persistence of hope: the belief that light can emerge from darkness, that compassion and courage endure.

That same thread of hope leads us into Advent, a season of waiting, watching, and preparing. The world around us often rushes ahead to Christmas lights, shopping lists, and social calendars, but Advent invites us to slow down and listen. In the stillness, we hear the ancient promise: that God comes among us, not in power or splendour, but in the vulnerability of a child.

Hope is not wishful thinking or naïve optimism. It is a steady flame that endures through uncertainty, a reminder that love and goodness have the final word. To be open to hope means allowing ourselves to believe that renewal is possible: in our communities, our families, and in our own hearts.

As we move from remembrance through Advent and into Christmas and the New Year, may we carry that hope with us. Let it shape our conversations, our acts of kindness, and our willingness to see Christ's light in others. The message of Christmas, *Emmanuel, God with us*, assures us that we are never alone, and that new beginnings are always possible.

So let us pause, listen, and open our hearts once more to the transforming message of hope.

St Michael and All Angels Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2025

Saturday October 18th 10.30am -1.30pm *Craft Café in St Michael's church.*

Cakes, Bacon butties, Soup, Craft stalls

Monday 10th November

Final date for donations towards the Ukraine appeal 2025

Sunday 9th November 10.50am

Remembrance service

Saturday 15th November 10.30am -1pm

Cake and Bacon Butty morning, Cakes, Bacon butties, Soup, Lucky dip

Sunday November 30th 3pm

Advent Sunday Christingle service

Saturday 20th December 10.30am -2pm

Festive trees and treats Cakes, Bacon butties, Christmas Lucky dip, Raffle, Chocolate tombola

Tuesday 23rd December 7pm

Carols by Candlelight service

Wednesday 24th December 3pm

Crib service

Thursday 25th December 10am *Christmas Morning Family communion service*

The Hydes of Langtoft

Langtoft Hall which once stood where Barn Owl Close is today, was once the home of William Hyde. William was the grandson of a London merchant, Bernard Hyde, whose son Humphrey acquired property and appointments in Lincolnshire and Rutland through marriage.

Humphrey and his wife Sarah gave birth to William in Langtoft on November 10th 1635. He was educated at Queens College Cambridge and in 1658 married Mary, the daughter of Sir John Trollope 1st Baronet of Casewick.

As Sheriff of Rutland, William was responsible for conducting the general election of 1660 and signed the congratulatory address to King Charles II at his restoration. One of the government's first concerns was to re-establish control over the armed forces. The New Model Army was disbanded, and county militias were revived under royal authority. The Lincolnshire Militia in 1660 was part of this national reorganisation and William was appointed a Captain of the Lincolnshire horse militia. The militia served both as a local defence force and as a means of royal control, ensuring order and loyalty in the shires. William was also an active Justice of the Peace from 1660 until his death with responsibilities in Kesteven & Holland.

In 1678 parliament and the nation were alarmed by a fictitious report of a popish plot to assassinate the king and massacre the Protestants to bring about the succession of the Catholic Duke of York (James II). Parliament became completely unmanageable and in 1679 Charles disbanded it after it had sat for 17 years. From about this time the old names of court and country fell out of use and people were distinguished as Tories (King's supporters) and Whigs (opponents).

Three parliaments (known as the exclusion parliaments) met in 1679–1681 and William Hyde together with Sir Richard Cust were Stamford's members for all three. These election results were a blow to Lord Lindsey (Robert Bertie 15th Baron Willoughby de Eresby ;Grimesthorpe Castle) as it saw the rejection of his brothers Charles and Peregrine. The election of Hyde and Cust has been attributed to the decision of the Earl of Exeter (John Cecil 5th Lord Burghley) 'virtual proprietor of Stamford to use his influence' against the

Berties. Throughout this period, accession to the throne, Roman Catholic 'aspirations' and fear of another civil war dominated parliamentary business.

In 1682, Lindsey employed his authority as lord lieutenant to dismiss William Hyde from his militia captaincy. Although nominally a Whig, it seems possible that Hyde may have gone over to the court for, following Hyde's dismissal, Lindsey was reprimanded by the King. Sir Leoline Jenkins Secretary of State wrote "by express command of his majesty, to inquire the cause"

In 1683 Hyde went abroad accompanying Lord Exeter as a "gentleman soldier" on one of his many "Grand Tours" through France and Italy. During these tours the Earl was accompanied by much of his household with coaches, wagons and spare horses. He purchased jewellery, statues and paintings many of which are on display today in Burghley House.

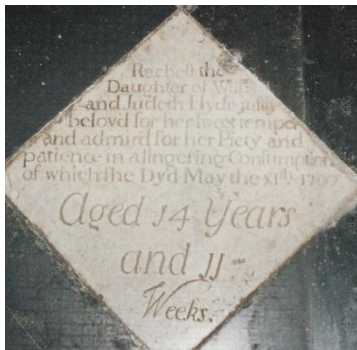
Hyde did not stand for parliament in 1685 but was re-elected for Stamford in 1689 and again in 1690. He died on 21st Nov. 1694 and buried in Langtoft. His memorial erected by his daughter-in-law reads:

Sacred to the memory of William Hyde senior who died 21 Nov. 1694 aged 59 years and Mary his wife (elder daughter of Sir Thomas Trollope of Casewick in the county of Lincoln Bar) who died 21 March 1677 aged 35 years by whom he had 3 sons and one daughter. He was the delight of his countrymen honoured with the title of honest¹, chosen frequently to serve in parliament as burgess of Stamford. A Senator most faithful to his God, King and Country.



A selection of the Hyde memorial silverware held by our parish church

The Hyde family continued to reside in Langtoft and in 1707, upon the death of Rachell Hyde, a legacy of £50 was bequeathed for the poor parishioners². This sum was used to purchase a small copyhold estate, which was subsequently sold for £450 in 1835, and the proceeds used to buy two houses in Long Sutton producing a rental of about £14. It is recorded that one third of the income was to pay for the education of eight children with the remainder distributed in bread and clothing. Sadly, Rachell had died aged just 14 years and 11 weeks. Her memorial plaque which lies with other Hyde family members beneath the church altar reads:



*Rachell the Daughter of Will. and Judith Hyde
justly beloved for her sweet temper and
admired for her Piety and patience in a
lingering Consumption³ of which she Dy'd
May the XIth 1707.*

At some point during the 18th century the Hydes link with Langtoft ended and in around 1792 the materials of Langtoft Hall were sold off in rooms and the hall demolished. Six generations of the Hyde family continued in Dowsby.

Footnotes:

¹ 'honoured with the title of honest' refers to the description of Hyde made by Lord Shaftsbury leader of the Whigs following the elections of 1679.

² The current Trustees of the Rachell Hyde bequest continue to provide gifts to the children of Langtoft school.

³ In the 1700's, 'consumption' was the common name for tuberculosis, a bacterial disease that primarily affected the lungs and caused severe weight loss and weakness. It presented as a persistent bloody cough, fever, fatigue, and night sweats, spread through airborne droplets from infected sputum. The disease was highly contagious, and often becoming an epidemic in Western Europe and a major cause of death, especially among young people.



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**Wednesday
3rd December 7pm**

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Judging Saturday 13th December

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Winner announced

Sunday December 14th December

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& via Life in Langtoft**

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Christmas Window Competition Entry Form

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LANGTOFT VILLAGE HALL - CHAIR REPORT AUTUMN 2025

The trustees are very pleased to announce that a new roof has been put over the entrance and kitchen area of our hall. This was achieved with funding for the FCC Communites Foundation and the work was undertaken by our own M&M Builders. We would like to express our thanks to both, the Fcc for their support with the funding and M&M Builders for doing an excellent job for us.

No longer will we have to climb onto the roof after heavy rainfall to remove the water! We would like to thank Graham and Peter who very kindly allowed us access down their land to do the work.

The hall continues to hold the usual events but we are always keen to here the views and ideas of residents as to what we can add to the repertoire - so please message us on our Facebook page or drop your ideas in our postbox.

Just a reminder that our A.G.M. will be held in the hall on 5th January 2026 - please come along and bring your hopes and wishes for 2026 with you!

May I and the trustees wish you all the very best Christmas, hope all your troubles are small ones and a peaceful 2026.

Liz Jarman - LVHMC Chair.

Langtoft Village Hall Management Committee
(Reg. Charity No. 501924)

COFFEE & CAKE

Langtoft Village Hall

Monday 3rd November
10am – 12noon

£5

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Choice of cakes



Event contact Sue Archer 07796 674654

CHRISTMAS BINGO

Langtoft Village Hall
Monday 8th December

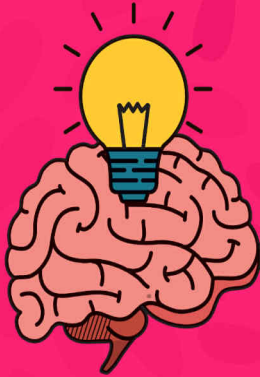
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Langtoft WI



As we move into autumn, it was time to think about decorating the church for the Harvest Festival. Members Julie and Olive did us proud once again, coming up with a beautiful design using multi-coloured pumpkins.



At our September meeting, Joe Whitehead, Head Gardener at Burghley House Gardens came to talk to us. Joe was entertaining, and informative. He was an accomplished speaker with no notes and a sense of humour. He also gave a very good visual presentation of various aspects of the gardens that he has developed in the last 8 years and explained that the aim is to have more wildflower meadows there. Everyone agreed that this was an excellent evening.

The national WI has a new supporter – Angel Strawbridge. The author, entrepreneur and *Escape to the Chateau* star describes herself as a lifelong fan of the WI. Throughout her career, Angel has championed creativity, community and traditional skills. She considers herself to have been extremely blessed to work with many wonderful women and describes a magic that's created when like-minded women are brought together. Her Vintage Patisserie business proved to be a huge success and she had 20 powerful women working with her, adding "they were just brimming with confidence, and I learned so much from them." Angel is best known for *Escape to the Chateau*, which was filmed with her husband, Dick. The chateau lets the couple indulge in their shared love of hosting and creativity. As well as hosting weddings at the chateau and filming for TV,

Angel has authored multiple books and Angel and Dick have travelled across the USA and Canada as well as the UK for their *Forever Home* tour. Next, the Strawbridge family are moving the show on to Australia. “There’s never a dull day, and we’re constantly changing our business to suit our ever-evolving family”, Angel said. Angel’s dedication to preserving heritage while embracing the future is inspirational. Source WI Life, Issue 149, July & August 2025.



Future Events

At our meeting on Monday, 20th October, we will be showing a virtual tour of London from the WI Learning Hub selection of talks.

On November 17th, Kenneth More will give us a talk entitled “You’ll Fly Laughing” – a humorous account of 34 years as an RAF Navigator.

We will be making up Christmas boxes for people in Ukraine again this year. This has become something of a tradition for us over the past few years and it is an activity many of us enjoy. More than anything, it is important to us that the Ukrainian people know that people in the UK are thinking of them, especially at Christmastime.

We look towards the New Year with great excitement, as we will be celebrating our **10th Anniversary!** Yes! – in February, 2016 we had our first WI meeting and we are so proud to be still going strong 10 years later.

All meetings are held at Langtoft Village Hall and commence at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome at Langtoft WI. Please see the posters around the village or contact our President, Jean Street on 01778 345037 for further information.

Sue Eales, Langtoft WI.

Nature Watch - East End Pond.

We had a very dry spring, which caused the pond to dry out back in May. This meant we lost most, if not all, of this year's newt tadpoles. It's disappointing, but the resilient adult newts will hopefully be back to breed again next spring. Because our groundwater levels are still catching up, the pond itself might not hold any water until mid-November. We'll keep our fingers crossed for rain!



You may have noticed some new additions near the west end of the pond. We planted six fruit trees (apple, pear, and plum) as part of the Coronation Community Orchard initiative. They fought hard and just about survived the hot, dry summer. The big willow trees we cut back last year are looking much tidier, as we've finished pruning their

side branches. We plan to continue "haircuts" for the tops every 2-3 years.

For everyone's safety, we've installed a new depth gauge in the deepest part of the pond. It's just a simple way to provide more warning information to all our visitors.



Our work on the grassland is really paying off for the wildlife. We're seeing a positive burst of wildflowers, with noticeably more Yellow Rattle, Crown Daisy, and Oxeye Daisy now flourishing during summer.

We didn't manage to tempt any swifts into their box this year, but we did have plenty of success with blue tits raising their broods. On a slightly cheekier note, we have

a very energetic Great Spotted Woodpecker who has apparently decided our bird boxes make for excellent drumming practice (and new holes!).



Best wishes,

Pete Coles and EEP Volunteers

Nature Watch - Penfield Nature Reserve.

Autumn is upon us which means lots of tidying and pruning activities to do to get the reserve ready for the winter. Even though we had a long hot dry summer the plants and trees at the waters edge, with access to a plentiful water supply have had a mammoth growing season.

Hurricane Amy hit us and we have had a couple of fallen trees to deal with to keep the paths open. Other volunteer activities over the past month have included fence painting, keeping the paths clear of brambles and nettles, scything the long grass and getting the waders out to trim the reeds in the ponds.



We have had some minor vandalism at the reserve, not by human hand, I am pleased to report but a bird. It has taken us a while to fathom out what has been attacking at least 2 of the bird boxes in Penfield and in East End park and why?. We now have video footage of woodpeckers hammering away, to create their own winter roosting sites.

A working party from Perkins in Peterborough have spent a day helping to progress the building of the newt pond. Many thanks to them all for their hard work.

On Friday 16th January 2026, we will be holding our annual presentation evening of wildlife in Penfield. At the same time the prizes for the wildlife photo competitions will be awarded and we have had diverse entries, including a cuckoo, a stonechat and a gecko. Our wildlife photographer reported recently that the bittern had returned to Penfield and promptly attacked one of his cameras.



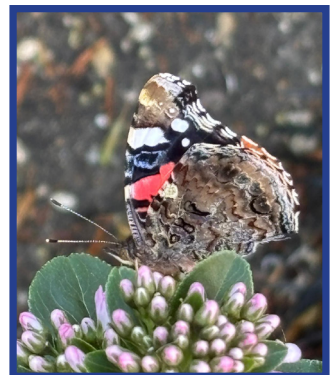
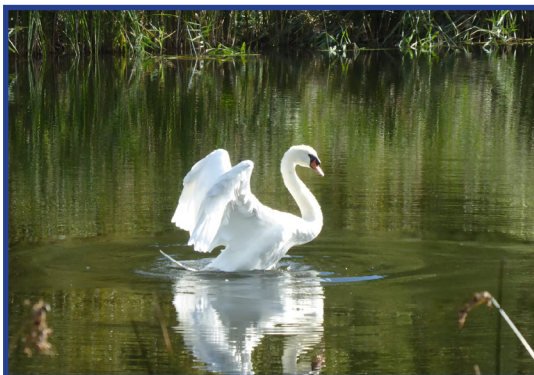
Photos of the Small Copper and Red Admiral

The Penfield Management team would like to pass on our thanks to Ann Kay, Jill Scothern and Olive Yates, who recently held a coffee morning and donated the £200 proceeds to Penfield. This money will be used to purchase bird feed, small consumable items, tool repair and replacement. Thank you ladies It was most unexpected and very welcome.

Continued thanks to the growing number of volunteers. 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 a volunteer or as part of the management team, please email clerk@langtoftparishcouncil.org 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's Baby and Toddler Group

Langtoft Village Hall

9.30am to 11am Fridays during term time

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12th September
19st September
26th September – No Bumps
3rd October
10th October
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Reading Partnership

We're delighted to have set up a new partnership with a school in Ukraine, offering our students the opportunity to connect with their Ukrainian peers on a project that celebrates the joy of reading.

Through the British Council's UK-Ukraine School Partnerships programme, funded by the UK Government, we've teamed up with Kharkiv Lyceum No.152 to collaborate on a *Reading for Pleasure* initiative



Together, we'll explore how reading can broaden horizons, build confidence, and support mental wellbeing – fostering meaningful connections through the shared power of stories.

Ms Bytheway visited Poland to meet with her partner teacher, Yana. Together they planned a series of engaging online sessions, which will begin with our Year 3 children. Year 3 have already written letters to the children in Ukraine.

On Thursday 2nd October, we held our Harvest Assembly. Once again, we were delighted to collect items for our local Foodbank (165kg worth!), which does a tremendous job supporting many families in need in our community with food parcels, household items and much more.



Open Days: We are holding our open days for those children starting school in September 2026 on Tuesday 4th November at 9:15am and Tuesday 11th November at 1:30pm and again at 4pm. No booking required.

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Tuesday	1.15pm - 2.15pm	Village Hall	Seatersize
Tuesday	7.30pm – 10pm	Village Hall	Langtoft Players
Wednesday	10am – 12 Noon	Bowls Club House	Bowls Coffee Morning
Wednesday	5.30 – 6.30	Village Hall	Texan Two Step
Wednesday	6.45pm - 7.45pm	Village Hall	Yoga
Thursday	5.30pm - 6.30	Village Hall	Stars of the Future
Thursday	7.30pm – 10.00pm	Village Hall	Langtoft Players
Thursday	7.00pm – 8.30pm	Langtof Church	Ness Group Singers
Friday	9.30am - 11.00am	Village Hall	Bumps 2 Four

Monthly

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