

KIRK LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER
SUMMER 2024

News and information for the community from the community

Welcome to the KLPC newsletter for summer 2024. You are welcome to contribute with news, events and anything of local interest. Just contact our chair at:

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We are on Facebook !

Kirk Langley Parish Council is always looking for ways to improve our communications with you. We have a website which is a useful source of information; offering signposts to services as well as minutes of our monthly meetings. It also contains details of current planning applications. We also push out our quarterly newsletter. However we think we can do more, and so we have recently set up a dedicated Facebook page. It will be managed by our Parish clerk, Sian Bacon and will be used to highlight news, make announcements and share information. It will help to highlight your concerns and any issues you have which we can use to inform our Parish Council meetings.

Defibrillators in Kirk Langley.

Several years ago, Kirk Langley residents generously raised funds for the installation of defibrillators around the parish. It is useful to know where these are located, so, for those of you who are new to the area, or who may have forgotten, here are the locations:

Village Hall, Meynell Langley Garden Centre, Old Telephone box on Ashbourne Road, Old telephone box at Langley Common and the Howardsons works on Ashbourne Road. The final, 6th defibrillator is going to be installed at the pavilion shortly

REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Did you know that is a legal requirement for every local parish to hold a parish meeting each year? It has to be held between 1 March and 1 June. The purpose of the meeting is to give the Parish Council and other local organisations an opportunity to let you know what they have been doing over the last year. It is also an opportunity for you to have a say on anything you think is important for the people of our Parish. This year our meeting was held on 18 April and was well attended. Our Chair started with a report from the Parish Council, this was followed by reports from a number of our local community groups. It was followed by a discussion about issues raised by local residents. Our Clerk, Sian, rounded off proceedings nicely with a finance report. Thanks are due to all our attendees.

Key take-aways from the meeting: -

The Board Game club... ...which is held 2 x per month (2nd and 4th Thursday) at the Village Hall. They are looking for new members. For information, see below. **Mama Blossom -YOGA** -(Monday morning and Wednesday evenings) Doing well -classes run Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings -but space is available!



Drama club

There will be a show in the autumn, and we are expecting great things of our local actors. They have spent the past few months honing their skills after all!

Wine appreciation

First Friday of the month. You will learn a lot about wine from the very knowledgeable presenter. Oh, and you can drink it too, apparently, as a bonus...**WI of Kirk Langley** -meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the church. There are 8 formal meetings and other events planned. It has a thriving membership of over 40. **St Michaels Church** has a thriving congregation. In addition to its regular Sunday services, the church opens every other week on Wednesdays from 1-4pm, as a drop-in session with tea and biscuits. It is dog friendly too! **Field Day committee** is always looking for help each year. Contact Ann or Steve Smith if you can give some of your time. Oh and pray for good weather.....**Biodiversity** the plans for the churchyard (outlined in the spring newsletter) were described and discussions followed about how to maintain the oak saplings. **Kirk Langley Cricket Club** There are 2 senior men's teams at present. They will be running all-stars sessions for 5-8 year olds from the end of May for 6-8 weeks weather-dependent. The cricket club is always looking for new members and needs ladies for a ladies team. Cricket is held on a Saturday afternoon and all are welcome. **Allotments** If any sites become free, the Parish Council will be notified so it can be advertised on the KLPC website.

Other issues

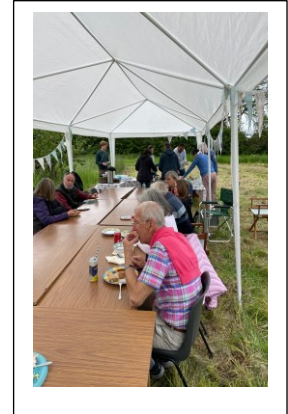
Residents raised issues about inaccessible stiles and agreed that gates are much better; they complained about potholes (of course) and raised concerns about potential tree removal at Langley Common following a planning application. In all, a wide-ranging and informative session. We have a lot going on here, but our local groups need your support, not only by attending events, but also in helping to run them. Without such support, these village events and groups will wither and eventually die. If you are new to the area, joining in is a fantastic way to get to know your neighbours and to feel part of a thriving community. Please come along next year to hear the complete version of the Parish meeting. It is a very friendly and welcoming event.

DOG POO !!!

It's time to talk about....Dog poo! (of course). This time, not a nag about clearing up (that goes without saying). We were asked by a resident to supply a dog bin for Flagshaw pastures. We asked for your views on the website and through the spring newsletter. No-one responded, therefore the PC has decided not to proceed. Should a group of residents get together with a location plan and confirm it is needed, we are more than happy to reconsider in future. Dog Poo is never far from our thoughts.... We are also aware that the bin on the field gets filled very quickly and may well have to add additional provision next year, the cost of which will have to be added to our budget. Until this is sorted, please do not place your "parcel" around the filled bin. If there is no space, take it home....

Cricket and the playground -they really don't mix, do they? After pondering the health and safety implications, we have decided that the playground should be closed when the adult cricket is being played at the weekend. Simply giving a warning to "take care" isn't enough. We don't want anyone to be hurt.

The Big Lunch took place on 1 June, at the Community Orchard. The food was lovely, the conversation entertaining and even the sun came out to shine! Thanks are due to Godfrey Meynell and his family and friends for organising. Next year he hopes for more people to join in. It is a lovely way to spend a lunchtime with fellow residents. If you are new to this area, do come along next year. It is a great way to meet everyone.



St Michael's Church needs some more Bell Ringers!



Due to the retirement of a few of our team and people moving away we are looking for volunteers to ring the church bells on a Sunday morning for 15 minutes, from 9.15 – 9.30. This is done on a rota basis and you would only be asked to ring once a month on a flexible rota. If you are interested in having a go or just finding out more details please contact Paul Buxton on **07857 191834**.

The Interregnum at St Michael's Church

At the time of writing this there is an advert out for a Vicar to take over the new Benefice of Kirk Langley, Mackworth, Mugginton, Longford and Long Lane. They will live at the Vicarage on Church Lane in Kirk Langley. Fingers crossed that we get some applicants!

Services

Services continue to be held every Sunday at 9.30am – further details can be found on the Notice Board on Church Lane or by visiting www.klmm-parishes.org.uk or

Kirk Langley WI

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a meeting or two before committing themselves to becoming full members. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the church at 7.30pm. Our future speakers are: **September 11th** – Kate Henderson on 'Genealogy: **October 9th** – Cathy McAteer on Russia: Its Peoples and History



WI members enjoying a walk past the bluebells at Calke Abbey in May

Village Hall Update...

Just some of the regular sessions that form the hall's calendar:

Wine Appreciation, *First Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall*

Mama Blossom sessions: Yoga for mother and babies, *every Monday, 9:45-11:45 a.m.*

Art Group *Monday afternoons, in the Village Hall - commences 1:00 p.m. All skills welcome.*

Moo Music - Baby and Toddler Group - *Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.*

KL Physio and Pilates exercise group - *Tuesdays: two 50 minute sessions, 6.30 and 7.30 p.m.*

Mama Blossom sessions: Yoga for pregnant women, *every Wednesday, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.*

Board Games Club, *every second and fourth Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30pm; contact Catherine Johnson on catherinemjohnson@hotmail.com*

The drama group remains active and is using the hall on selected Monday evenings. This will be more regular as they start rehearsals for their next production which is planned for 6 – 8th November. They are always looking for new members so if you're interested, please contact Jennie Wood on 07813 116864.

The hall is also popular for hiring for parties and provides the space and all the facilities you'll need for a successful celebration. The hall also has a good Wi-Fi connection so if you haven't got a satisfactory internet connection at home, please ask us about utilising the hall's facility.

We have recently submitted our show request form to Live and Local - the rural touring organisation. They produce a menu of over 100 acts for us to select from and we aim to put a show on this October and then Jan/Feb, April and May next year. Our choices will be confirmed in early July, so watch that space. Please come and support these top professional performances... it's on your doorstep!



Julia (Ma Bessie) Titus at a recent show

Save the date: The committee is planning another fundraiser for **Saturday 28th September; a Race Night.**

The First Saturday of the Month club continues to be popular, but we would like to see more of the village's newer residents. Please come by and enjoy some refreshments and meet some of the committee. We don't bite – honestly! 10:30 to 12:30.

The Management Committee is always on the lookout for new members so if you would like to play a part in helping us look after this valuable asset then please contact Ben on 07563 531811. For more information visit the hall's website... <https://kirklangley.chessck.co.uk/>, where you will find all sorts of useful information.

Richard Benfield, chair, Kirk Langley village hall management committee

Task force update

Thanks are due to members of the kirk Langley task force, who gave up their time on a hot sunny afternoon (one of the very few so far) to pull up some Himalayan balsam on Church Lane. This was not the best day to wear wellies and waterproofs and it was hot work. However dragging up these invasive plants by the roots, was "strangely rewarding"



Our task force (WhatsApp group) assembles to carry out jobs in the village. It could be helping to decorate the village hall or pavilion, clearing paths and so on. Could you help? If so contact **Lucy Baker on 07961 930387**. Remember, you can also help your community by

picking up litter when you see it, or by cutting back overgrown paths when you come across them. A pair of secateurs in the pocket will always come in handy around here....

Report from the Kirk Langley Field Day – 6 July 2024

After last year's washout, we all hoped for better this year. Conditions were difficult when the gazebo's were being put up, with gusts of wind swirling around the field,



but we were up and running at 1:30pm. By 2pm people were sheltering in the pavilion as the heavens opened, with a sudden squally shower sending everyone scuttling for shelter. The band simply hunkered down.

Within 10 minutes it was all over, and the sun came out and continued to shine cheerily throughout the afternoon, bringing the crowds with it. The band played



brilliantly and meanwhile the cake competition showcased our local talent. Many congratulations to our winners (below) and to everyone who entered. Even if you didn't win (cake judging being a matter of taste after all...) your efforts were really appreciated, and everything was sold. Copious amounts of cake were eaten throughout the afternoon, to add to the sausages, burgers and beers heartily consumed. Adding a bouncy castle to the mix was always a risk, but hopefully the major bouncing happened before the cake-eating. Our first aid team remained untroubled thankfully. This was a well-attended event and a real opportunity for everyone to meet and enjoy the afternoon. It takes organisation and commitment for it all to come together and thanks are due to all our volunteers, especially Anne and Steve Smith, who have organised everyone for several years. They are stepping aside now and need someone to lead the team next year. We also need more volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the more we can do on the day. So, go on...give it a go!

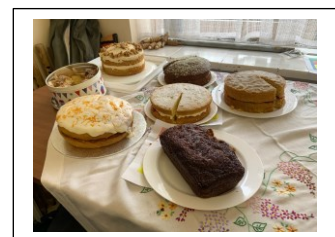
Winners cake competition

Adult

1st Catherine Johnson (rhubarb and ginger cake)

2nd Elaine Spencer (victoria sponge)

3rd Sue Wignall (walnut cake)

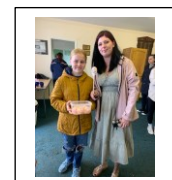


Children

1st Giles and Elsie Lawton-Sherwood

2nd Darcy Plackett

3rd Ellie Cresswell



Thanks to our Judges: Dawn Dagley, June Burton and Tracey Blythe

