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parish of Langwith

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More in store as the sun sets on summer

Autumn is here once again and the nights are starting to draw in, meaning it will soon be time to keep cosy and warm indoors!

But, as you will see inside this issue of the Langwith Gazette, not only have there been some lovely events over the summer, there are still lots more super activities planned for everyone to enjoy over the coming months.

Also more Christmas lights are due to be installed by the Parish Council this year as we enter the festive season. See page 23 to find out how you can help ensure this year's festive display is brighter than ever, and possibly win prizes in the process!



Your District Councillors

If you have any issues relating to the District Council please feel free to contact either of your two councillors by email or phone to chat to or arrange an appointment to meet.



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Please remember the Parish office is open for people to drop in on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday morning 9am–12 noon.

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- **Phone** – 01246 242424
- **Email** – enquiries@bolsover.gov.uk
- **BSL Video Call** – a three way video call with us and a BSL interpreter. It is free to call Bolsover District Council with Sign Solutions, you just need wifi or mobile data to make the video call, or call into one of our Contact Centres.



- **Call with Relay UK** via textphone or app on 0800 500 888 – a free phone service provided by BT for anyone who has difficulty hearing or speaking. It's a way to have a real time conversation with us by text.
- **Visiting** one of our offices at Clowne, Bolsover, Shirebrook and South Normanton.

Brand new play area now open on Recreation Road at Langwith Junction

This new play area was funded through Section 106 contributions from the new Gleeson Homes development on Station Road at Langwith Junction.

Over the summer local children have really enjoyed the new play equipment and their families were also extremely pleased when Langwith Parish Council installed some new picnic and seating benches for the adults to enjoy a spot of fresh air whilst keeping a watchful eye on their youngsters.

However, it is so sad to report that yet again some mindless individuals have seen fit to vandalise one of the new swings. Fortunately, it was quickly spotted by Parish Caretaker Simon, that one of the screws had been removed from a swing, and he was able to ensure it was fixed before a child could have ended up falling from the swing and sustaining an injury!

If you see that someone has tampered with or vandalised any of our public facilities please report it to the office numbers on page 2. But, more importantly, if you see any such criminal behaviour occurring then please report it directly to the police.



Vandalised swing swiftly fixed by Parish Caretaker Simon.



Dragonfly Development

In the space of just one year Dragonfly Development Ltd has been set up as a council owned company, employed staff, re-engaged local contractors, established a board of directors, put into place sustainable working practices, and has also completed several prominent build projects!

We aspire to provide modern, well equipped, and good quality homes for our residents and investing in Dragonfly Development Ltd has made this so much simpler to achieve.

The company's very first project was in fact right here in Langwith Parish, with the completion of 19 lovely new council properties on Willow Close at Whaley Thorns. These fantastic homes are timber

framed and have a number of energy saving measures which benefit the tenants, including air source heat pumps, electric vehicle charging points, as well as insulated panels to help lower energy bills.

The construction of five gorgeous new bungalows on West Street and a further seven new properties on Moorfield Lane are progressing well.

But Dragonfly Development Ltd is not just about house



celebrates its first birthday!



building, as Cllr Steve Fritchley, Chairman of the Board of Dragonfly Development Ltd, said, "Our primary aim at present is to provide good quality accommodation for local people, but, we are also interested in developing commercial buildings, looking at leisure opportunities and town centre buildings in order

to help boost our local economy."

Work has just commenced on Dragonfly Development Ltd's biggest project to date, the new Roseland Park & Crematorium in Shirebrook.

This will provide a state-of-the-art facility which includes a tranquillity garden, a service hall, a flower courtyard, and gardens of remembrance and is the first of its kind to be

built in Bolsover District!

Cllr Fritchley added "We have always been proud of our financial record and our hard working staff and we know that Dragonfly Development Ltd will help not only to maintain, but also to improve the services we provide and help to rejuvenate Bolsover District for many years to come."

Keeping our youngsters entertained in Langwith

There are lots of wonderful community events for young people to enjoy in Langwith Parish.

During the school summer holidays local youngsters thoroughly enjoyed both the Extreme Wheels Roadshow activities which were held on the recreation ground at Langwith Junction on Tuesday afternoons, as well as trips to Pleasley Vale when the kids were picked up by

minibus from the village hall at Whaley Thorns on Wednesday mornings and dropped back off again after their adventures. Both of these activities were provided by us, but sponsored by Langwith Parish Council.

On Wednesday evenings youngsters are now enjoying the new round of free arts and music sessions for 11–16-year-olds, which started in September, and

are held in the community centre building, behind the village hall on Portland Road. These sessions are led by our Community Arts Officer.

Inspire Karate & Kickboxing sessions are available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings also in the community centre building.

Please call Deborah in the Parish office for further information on any of these activities.





Halloween PARTY

Tuesday 31st October 2023

4pm-6pm

At: The Whaley Thorns & Langwith Village Hall

Kids Disco and Entertainment

Prizes for best fancy dress

Spooky Buffet and Treats included

Tickets £2 per child

For residents of Langwith Parish only

Available to collect from the Parish Office at

Whaley Thorns and Langwith Village Hall

Places must be booked due to limited availability



Langwith Parish Council continues to work together with Rhubarb Farm

Langwith Parish Council and Rhubarb Farm have been working together on projects to support the local community.

Rhu-Baby is a lovely community shop intended to help families with all the necessary equipment and clothing etc which is needed for babies and toddlers.

The goods are all in super condition and are available for just a small affordable donation.

Rhu-Baby is open from 9am until 12noon on Friday mornings and is located in the old caretaker house at the end of the village hall at Whaley Thorns.

The Langwith Food Hub, which is run jointly by Rhubarb Farm and Langwith Parish Council, continues to be popular with local residents.

The Food Hub is open to all and operates much like a market stall. Anyone who attends pays a flat rate of £4 for a carrier bag full of food which they select from the items on offer. The produce available varies from week to week but includes lovely seasonal vegetables and fruit as well as other store cupboard items.

As we approach the winter months the timings of the food hub have slightly changed, with the sale of food commencing at 9.30am and

finishing at 10am although anyone attending the food hub is also welcome to stay on for a cuppa and a natter.

For any further information about the Food Hub, or if you would like to come along and give us a hand on a Friday morning, then please contact Deborah in the Parish Office (01623 746498) or you can speak to Mel at Rhubarb Farm on 01623 741210.

Langwith Parish Councillor Yvonne Mather was thrilled to win the Best in Show award with her fabulous knitted cakes which she entered into Rhubarb Farm's Langwith Show!

(See more from Langwith Show on page 10)





New time from October:
Friday mornings 9.30am until 10am

At Whaley Thorns Village Hall,
Portland Road, Langwith

THE WEEKLY LANGWITH FOOD HUB

Open to everyone – just come and fill a bag
with food of your own choice for **£4**



Meanwhile, up at the farm...

The Langwith Show, held on 2nd September this year was a great community event and attracted lots of visitors from the local area and further afield.

There were more entries than ever before in the popular produce show which really did showcase lots of effort and talent!

The show included trade stalls from local small businesses selling all sorts from homemade crafts, woodwork, baby products and natural dog treats. There were also service stalls offering information and support on a multitude of subjects from gambling, suicide awareness, and blood pressure and health checks!

The activities on offer were for the whole family and included amongst others the hugely popular Alpaca walking, inflatables, and fair rides.

Shirebrook Miners Welfare Brass Band (pictured above) also provided some popular musical entertainment on the village green.



Visitors were also wowed with entertainment which included Belly Dancing and a Viking encampment battle in the show ring!

Café mural - Rhubarb Farm were thrilled to gain the expertise of Gabby, a University Art Student, who lead a team of volunteers and support staff in creating some wonderful murals on the walls of the Rhubarb Farm Café (pictured below).

The Café is at the heart of Rhubarb Farm and the outside is visible to all who take a seat on the village green area either daily eating their lunch, or at one of the many events which take place at the farm.

The artwork, drawn up by Gabby, portrays the staff, volunteers, animals and produce of the farm and

everyone involved enjoyed the process and agrees that it has created a vibrant piece which now brilliantly brightens up the village green area.

Rhubarb Farm Shop is now open on Fridays from 10am until 3pm, and on Saturdays from 10am until 1pm.

On Saturdays people are welcome to walk around the farm and see the animals as well as popping in to enjoy a piece of homemade cake from the café.

The Farm Shop sells seasonal fresh produce grown at the farm as well as other locally sourced staple produce. You will also find honey from the farm's bees, eggs from their hens, homemade pies, pickles, and jams and lots more besides.







RHUBARB FARM PUMPKIN PATCH

OPEN WEEKDAYS FROM
FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER
UNTIL
MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER
10AM-3PM

FREE ENTRY

FARM SHOP, REFRESHMENTS, TAKE A
LOOK AT THE ANIMALS, PHOTOZONE

Rhubarb Farm, Hardwick Street, Langwith, NG20 9DR,
Telephone 01623 741210

**IN THE DEEP DARK NIGHT.....
RHUBARB FARM PRESENTS**



HALLOWEEN

SCAVENGER HUNT & STORY TELLING

**CHILDREN
£3 EACH
SNACK INCLUDED**



**BOOKING ESSENTIAL
01623 741210**

**FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER
5-7 PM**

**LISTEN TO THE EERIE HAPPENINGS OF RHUBARB FARM
IN OUR SPOOKY SNUG AREA, BY THE WARM FIRE.
TOLD BY OUR VERY OWN STORYTELLER AND AUTHOR
OF THE BOOK .**

RHUBARB FARM, HARDWICK ST, LANGWITH, NG20 9DR



Back in school... after 84 years!

Mrs Sarah Bacon, the principal of Langwith Bassett Junior Academy was pleased to welcome back into school Mr George Thomas Lowe.

As a boy George attended the school from 1931 to 1939 along with his siblings. He brought with him a very interesting book dated 1894 – 1994 which contains a diary of school life over the years including snow days, school trips, and disease outbreaks. George now lives in Blackpool but made a trip to the Academy to look at how things had changed and to present the treasured book to Mrs Bacon.

Langwith Bassett school is 130 years old next year and will be holding a special event, so if anyone has any memories or



photographs which they would like to share, the school would be very interested so please do get

in touch via email at info@langwithbassettacademy.org or phone 01623 742236.

Governor vacancy

Langwith Bassett Junior Academy is looking for a School Governor.

Do you have a passion for learning and self-development? Do you have

the time and capacity to commit to four meetings per year? If you have the willingness to take on responsibility, support the academy and hold it to account for delivering excellent education, then

the school would love to hear from you!

If so, please contact governance@astonctrust.org or call 0114 287 1181

Litter Picking Heroes



The Langwith and Shirebrook Litter Heroes are a friendly group of locals who have had enough of seeing other people's litter blighting the area's beautiful landscape and posing a threat to wildlife and instead of moaning chose to take some positive action!

The group was established four years ago with equipment initially supplied by us and a bin funded by Derbyshire Parks, the group has collected and removed tonnes of cans, crisp packets, bottles, and sweet wrappers from the village's streets, parks, and green spaces.

Of course it would be better if nobody ever dropped litter, threw litter out of car windows, or failed to clear up after themselves after a party in a car park.

But, until that day, from places that need to be cleared regularly like Pit Hill, Main Street, and Poulter Park car parks, to spots which once cleared seem to stay quite clean such as the back path between Langwith and Langwith Junction, the Litter Heroes will keep trying to make a positive difference!

If you feel willing and able to do something about litter too, then you would be welcome to join the Litter Heroes.

They have a regular meet up on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9am at Whaley Thorns / Langwith train station car park. People can pick by themselves or in small groups and children are welcome too. Members return to the car park around 11am to drop off the rubbish and hand in any borrowed equipment such as bags, hoops, pickers and high viz vests.

Changes to these dates and times as well as details of any extra litter picks to tackle problem areas, are posted on the group's Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/langwithlitterheroes

Why not become a litter hero?



Eyes down!

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Langwith Residents Bingo Group meets on alternate Monday evenings from 6pm until 8pm in the Village Hall on Portland Road.

The bingo sessions are open to everyone and feature cash prizes. The entrance fee, which covers light refreshments is just £1.

The Residents Bingo Group also likes to have an occasional trip out, and in August they enjoyed a day trip to Mablethorpe.

The sessions are run by Parish Council Chair Sandra Peake along with Sarah Harrison.

For any further information please contact Sandra Peake on 07971 374397.



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Yoga and Reiki to start in village hall

Mother and daughter duo, Debs and Holly are starting up a new group offering yoga and Reiki.

This will be held in the village hall on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm until 8.30pm, starting on Wednesday 25th October.

Each session will include

around 50 minutes of beginner yoga, followed by 45 minutes of group Reiki with guided meditation or guided mindful breathing. Reiki styles will vary from week to week but will include Angel Reiki, Atlantis Quantum Reiki, Antojai Quantum Reiki or Antojai 5D Manifestation Reiki.

There will be 14 yoga mats available to borrow, but people are encouraged to bring along their own.

Each two hour session will be £5 per person. For further info please contact Holly on 07707 080830, or Debs on 07909 818094





Happier, healthier,
connected.

Langwith & Whaley Thorns **50+ Social Activity Hub**

£1
per session

at Langwith and Whaley Thorns Village Hall
10am-12 noon, Thursdays from 9 November 2023

- Table tennis
- Pickleball
- Free tea and coffee
- Badminton
- Board games
- ...and other activities!
- Bowls
- Social areas

For more information contact:

Tom Lodge on **01246 242364** or **tom.lodge@bolsover.gov.uk**

Wayne Hatton on **01246 242362** or **wayne.hatton@bolsover.gov.uk**

Deborah Watson **01623 746498** or
admin@langwithparishcouncil.gov.uk

Award winning pony trekking right here in Langwith

Derbyshire Pony Trekking, one of the leading pony trekking establishments in the country, is based right here in Langwith. They offer treks around our wonderful local countryside including Poulter Country Park, Scarcliffe Park Woods and the quaint villages of Whaley and Elmtou, with some of the longer treks venturing along to Creswell Crags.

It is wonderful that Derbyshire Pony Trekking, which is a local company, employing local people, has in fact attracted people from far and wide and has a very large following on social media.

They offer treks all year round and like to give a very personal experience with treks led at their customer's pace, whether it be fast or slow. Small groups are taken out to allow customers to totally relax which ensures



their trek is much more enjoyable.

Derbyshire Pony Trekking pride themselves on providing the best off-road horse riding in the Midlands! The treks are completely safe for beginners and experienced riders alike, and with a multitude of different routes to ride each trek is different.

They believe that their extra care has helped them to win the Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence/Hall of Fame/ Travellers Choice every year for nine years running from 2015 to 2023!

Basic tuition is given to all

riders on arrival and helmets and high vis tops are available to hire if people do not have their own.

If you are interested in pony trekking then pre booking is essential using the contact details listed below.

- Telephone: 07557 106679
- Email: derbyshire-trekking@hotmail.co.uk
- Facebook message www.facebook.com/DerbyshirePonyTrekking

Please note that as they are often out on treks, the best way to get in touch is generally by text or email.



Wednesday Tea Dance

On Wednesday afternoons in the village hall at Whaley Thorns a lovely friendly group of dancers enjoy an afternoon of sequence dancing.

The Tea Dance session runs from 1.30 until 3.30 and everyone is welcome to come along and join in!

Don't worry if you are not experienced, as whilst the group are not teachers, newcomers will always be welcomed and helped to pick up the dance steps.

During the afternoon the group enjoys a refreshment break of tea and biscuits.

The group also arranges special events for seasonal occasions such as Halloween and Christmas.

Each session is only £2 per person, so why not come along and meet some new friends whilst keeping active!

If you would like any further information about the group then please feel free to call Ken on 01623 743577.



Get fit with Langwith Boxing Club

Boxing is one of the most effective ways to get in shape and maintain good physical health, and it is also a lot of fun!

Langwith Boxing Club is based upstairs at the Longwillows Sports and Social Club off Main Street in Langwith and offers sessions for over 18s on

- Tuesdays 6.30 – 7.30pm
- Wednesdays 7.30 – 8.30pm
- Thursdays 6.30 – 7.30pm

The club uses boxing training to help individuals – it is not about getting punched – it is

about sweating and pushing your own limits. One-to-one sessions are also available.

Some of the basic benefits of a boxing workout include:

- Cardio with major calorie burn
- Muscle toning, sculpting, and gain.
- Stress relief.

The club is trying to keep costs as affordable as possible and is offering monthly money saving membership schemes.

Two sessions per week will be priced at £24 per month, saving £16, whilst for all three sessions the monthly fee will be £36 per month,

saving £24.

The pay as you train fee of £5 is available if you wish to simply pay as and when you can attend.

So, if you are looking not only to get fit and tone your muscles, but also to try something new and learn new skills, why not come along as you will also see the benefit of reducing your stress levels and meeting new people.

If you would like any further information, then please contact: Mark on 07825 690286



Langwith Whitestar FC

After winning the local treble last season, Langwith Whitestar FC has had a successful start to the new season.

The club is growing and happily now boasts a second pitch at its home ground and also three teams playing.

With almost 100 players and registered officials on the

books, Langwith Whitestar is working in partnership with Langwith Parish Council which owns the sports field and is hopeful to gain funding and sponsorship in order to improve the facilities on site.

Whitestar FC would ideally like to establish some youth teams as part

of the club but are in need of some willing volunteers to manage them.

If this is something you would enjoy or if you are interested in the club and would like to join or can help in any way,

please contact the Club Chairman Kyle Barnes on 07860 226856 or email Kylebar23@hotmail.co.uk



Capture photography

Langwith Society Christmas Tree and Window Competition

We all love a Christmas display and we would all secretly love to know whose is the best!

The Langwith Society want to encourage everyone to enter their festive family competition so we can find out!

They are offering cash prizes for the best decorated tree in a garden and the best decorated house window.

Tree - To enter the tree competition your tree must either be a tree already in your garden or be a tree erected especially for the competition. It can include lights and must be visible from the road.

1st Prize £50, 2nd Prize £25 and 3rd Prize £10.

Window – To enter the window display competition your window must again be visible from the road and can include lights.

The competition is **FREE** to enter.

Please complete and submit your entry form by 15th November 2023 to be included in the Trail Map. Visit <https://forms.gle/u5oF3zYjkYSDZWqA8>, scan QR code adjacent or collect a printed entry form from the Parish Council office in the village hall at Whaley Thorns.



Competition rules:

- The location of the tree or window must be in one of the Langwiths or the Whaleys.
- Decorated trees or windows must be complete by 8th December 2023.
- Before 18th December a judging panel will pass by your property. They will be looking for style, originality, and impact.
- Members of the public will also be able to vote for their favourite once the Trail Map is available on 8th December.
- Winners will be announced on 20th December at Langwith Bassett Hall, Upper Langwith at the end of their Christmas Carols Event.



Christmas 2023

with Langwith Parish Council



Children's Party
Saturday 2nd December 2023

Disco, games and
festive buffet provided



**Senior Citizens'
Christmas Lunches**
Week commencing 7th December
at Whaley Thorns
and Langwith Junction



For more information

Telephone: 01623 746498

Email: admin@langwithparishcouncil.gov.uk

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