



The new woodhenge *Photo by Tim Dyer*

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Laurian's hollyhocks

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# Welcome

Plenty to report on as usual. The gardening and conservation groups have been enjoying the growing season and the social groups have also focused on outdoors. A reminder to be wary of ticks whilst out and about - on page 5.

There are two welcomes and two important obituaries, Hugh Tregelles and Gerald Brewer. Their lives remind us how much changes so quickly. Some of Gerald's childhood memories are on page 22.

There's a barn dance coming up on September 28 and, after a quiet August, several regular activities return in the Autumn including Bud Vue and Café Plus.

*Tryphena Huntingford and the Round About team*

## Summer reads

I suggest "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd" by Agatha Christie. First published in 1926, it is one of her best and the most unusual. Set in Devon, with Hercule Poirot, it will keep you guessing.

*Laurian Cooper*

I suggest "Himself " by Jess Kidd. When 26-year-old Maloney arrives in an Irish village hoping to find the answer to his past and why he was left on an orphanage step as a baby, no one could predict where his search for the truth would lead him, least of all Maloney! This tale with sharply drawn characters, laugh out loud comedic moments, poignant ghosts and beautifully written descriptions, is a superb novel that is well worth the space in your suitcase. You will be recommending it to all your family and friends! Magical!

*Fiona Barber*

**Front cover:** On 25th June we had a planned power cut in Chipley, which it transpired was to allow replacement of a twin power pole on the hill between us and the church. The work provided me and Alfred with a great educational opportunity to watch from the upstairs window as all the vehicles assembled and workmen wandered about doing various things. On the downside the poles were moved to the field boundary and my view of the village now has a "Woodhenge" on the skyline... National Grid give and they take away!

*Tim Dyer*



# What's On

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Fri 9 August	Friendship Circle: Sidmouth trip		
Wed 14 August	Police beat surgery	Jubilee Hall	2 –3 pm
Wed 14 August	Jazz Night	Jubilee Hall	7 for 7.30pm
Mon 19 August	Blood Donation	Jubilee Hall	11am-8pm
<b>Tue 20 August</b>	Langford Ladies: foraging walk at Harpford Farm	Harpford Farm	7pm
Fri 23 August	Friendship Circle: Summer buffet	Jubilee Hall	11am-12.30pm

*\* Below are weekly events held at the Jubilee Hall. This list is not exhaustive so please check for further details at: [lbjubileehall.com](http://lbjubileehall.com)*

*Sun	Table tennis	Jubilee Hall	10.30-11.30am
*Mon	Baby & Toddler Group -In termtime	Jubilee Hall	10am-12pm
*Tues	Fitness	Jubilee Hall	10-11am
*Tues	Pilates	Jubilee Hall	11.30-12.30pm
*Tues	Tai chi and Qigong	Jubilee Hall	1.30-2.30pm
*Wed	Short Mat Bowls	Jubilee Hall	10-midday
*Wed	Bridge	Jubilee Hall	1-3.30pm
*Wed	Art Class	Jubilee Hall	10am-12pm
*Mon & Wed	Ladies Boxing Fitness	Jubilee Hall	6-7pm
*Fridays	Dance	Jubilee Hall	9.30-10.30am

## Broken wing mirrors

Whilst collecting roadside rubbish from the River Tone towards Langford Budville, my daughter picked up five wing mirrors before reaching Ramsey Farm, only a few hundred meters up the hill! Perhaps this adds to the argument for extending the 20mph zones beyond village centres.

*Tryphena Huntingford*

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

# BARN DANCE

WITH HOPPING MAD

AT THE JUBILEE HALL  
DOORS OPEN AT 19.30



**ADULTS £10**  
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(16 AND UNDER)

LIGHT SUPPER, SHARING PUDDING TABLE & PAYING BAR

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# News from LB Parish Council

## The Triangle Wildflower Area

A few years ago, your Parish Council was approached to endorse a project to create a wildflower area at one end of the Triangle, to not only plant many wildflowers, but to also see what would grow naturally. Your Parish Council was happy to give its full support then, and we are delighted to maintain that support now. It was initially a 5-year experiment which is approximately halfway through. At the end of that period the overall success of the project can be assessed, and a decision made as to the merits of continuing with it.

I appreciate from time to time some residents may feel the designated area is not in keeping with the remainder of the Triangle, and in truth it never will be, given it is being nurtured for a different reason. However, please do not lose sight of the fact that the overwhelming majority of the Triangle is still available for families to play ball games or walk through the woods etc and that will always be the case.

However, it is important to consider the main benefits of the wildflower area:

- (1) there has already been the growth of rare flowers including a pyramidal orchid (a photograph of this beautiful flower is included in this edition, pg17).
- (2) the primary school use it on a very regular basis to learn about plants and insects, and
- (3) As volunteers cut the grass and the paths the Parish Council has been able to reduce its expenditure for grass cutting on the Triangle by a small percentage, which means we will potentially have some funds available to spend on other important things.

I appreciate we have the Somerset Wildlife Trust reserve on our doorstep, but anything like this is not an either/or, so the wildflower area simply adds to the area's biodiversity and rare flower interest which is a true positive. There is a noticeboard by the area, which is updated regularly to enhance everyone's learning. The Parish Council is keen to support people who volunteer their time to manage an important area of interest, and for that they have our thanks.

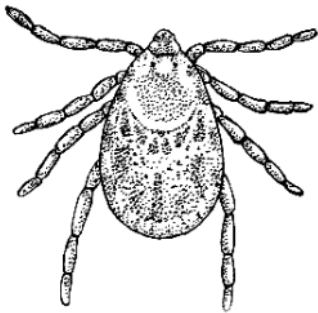
Please take the opportunity to explore this wonderful unique area.

*Derek Sowden, Chairperson*

# Please be "TICK AWARE"

School holiday season is upon us, which means outdoor family activities happen more frequently. I would like to encourage everyone to be 'tick aware'. Ticks are very much a part of our countryside, and for most occasions people may get bitten with no serious side effects other than a bit of irritation, but there are a small percentage of ticks that carry Lyme Disease. I know, from the experience of my wife, that Lyme Disease is a painful and debilitating condition which can last a lifetime.

On your return from any countryside outing, please make sure you examine closely all family members for any sign of ticks who have attached themselves. Only remove them with a proper tick removal tool. If you develop any sign of a circular rash around the bite site, then contact your GP immediately for treatment with antibiotics, which for most people is sufficient to avoid any further problems. However, 30% of people who are bitten by a tick do not get this rash, so if you feel an increase in body pain or extreme tiredness, then contact your GP giving them the symptoms and the fact that you were recently bitten by a tick.



I can definitely recommend looking at the Lyme Disease UK website, [lymediseaseuk.com](http://lymediseaseuk.com), which has a vast amount of information.

Please do not stop enjoying the countryside around us, but protect all family members simply with the due diligence needed afterwards.

*Anon*

A reminder to cover up, tuck your trousers into your socks and wear long sleeves if you walk through the woods on the Heathfield

*Michael and Laurian Cooper*

# Friendship Circle

Our meeting on June 28 was the AGM, which was made more enjoyable with cakes (and apples for the healthy option). The next meeting was an interesting talk from Mike Follet about growing and showing fuchsias. He gave lots of tips about which composts and feeds to use and how to take cuttings.



The next meetings are:

August 9 – Sidmouth trip (fully booked)

August 23—Summer buffet

All meetings are 11am to 12:30pm in the Jubilee Hall (unless otherwise stated).

The £2 entry includes one raffle ticket.

*Sheila Faulkner*

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# Café Plus profits

Café Plus has generated a surplus of approximately £500 in the last year. Some money has been used through the Community Fund but we have also started an initiative to put up and pay for 20mph signs in the parish. There seems to be quite a bit of positive energy around this idea so more news on this to follow. We may also have some money left over for the school.

Thanks in particular to those who donate such fabulous cakes without which the cafe would be no fun and our community funds would be reduced.

*Tryphena Huntingford*

The **Art Group** meets every Wednesday in the village hall committee room; 10.00 - 12.00. We pay £4 which covers hire cost and tea/coffee/biscuits. If anyone would like to know more, please email Pam at [pjayfarr@gmail.com](mailto:pjayfarr@gmail.com)





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SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 10AM-12.30PM

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TABLE TOP SALE  
SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 10AM-12.30PM

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ANTIQUES ROADSHOW  
SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 10AM-12.30PM

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WREATH MAKING & FESTIVE ACTIVITIES  
SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER 10AM-12.30PM

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

Please contact [lbcafeplus@gmail.com](mailto:lbcafeplus@gmail.com) for more info

# Welcome to :

## Andy and Sioned Barton at 2 White Oaks

Andy and Sioned actually moved to Langford Budville in March 2022 from the Tavistock area when Sioned started her job in this area as a community consultant in palliative care. However, Andy has only just moved in “properly” as he recently left his post as army chaplain and is about to take up the job of vicar in West Tone Benefice, which includes Thorne St Margaret. With thanks to the village for making them feel very welcome here.

*Tryphena Huntingford*



## Vash and Matt Simpson at Beech Lea



Welcome to the village Vash and Matt Stimpson! Vash and Matt moved from Plymouth into Beech Lea about 6 weeks ago and are loving village life. Vash is an HR and Health & Safety Consultant whilst Matt is a Director at Thirsty Work Water Coolers. Together with their very handsome British Bulldog, Mr Pig and their two grown up sons Foster and Cameron,

they are enjoying being able to walk to the pub and into the lovely countryside on their doorstep. Vash is a keen runner and Matt is a dedicated follower of the Exeter Chiefs. They are both looking forward to becoming part of the Langford Budville community so if you see them around the village do say hello!

*Fiona Barber*

# Farewell to Hugh Tregelles

Hugh Tregelles died peacefully at home on 6 June 2024, aged 93, with his family around him. A funeral service was held at St Peters Church, Langford Budville on 26 June 2024.

Born in Burnham-on sea on 3 august 1930, Hugh was the eldest of two sons to Herbert Gower and Evangeline. He attended the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth and remained as a naval sub mariner rising to become First lieutenant. However, he began to realise that it was not for him and in 1956 bought a small farm, Outerweeke, near Kingsbridge in the South Hams where he farmed pigs, dairy cows, arable – a sprinkle of everything.

He met his wife, June, at Kingsbridge badminton and squash club and they married in 1959. Having been blessed with two daughters Jacqui and Dawn, they moved to a larger farm, Newhouse Farm in Kittisford in 1962. This farm became the love of their life and so began 55 years of being the beating heart of the Kittisford community, especially the church, where Hugh was church warden and treasurer as well as gardener, decorator, builder, odd job man and so on.

He was always building something, including renovating one of the barns purely to house the renowned Kittisford barn dance – prized by the community. Hugh retired from farming whilst at Kittisford before moving to Langford Budville with June in 2017.

The Tregelles's door was always open and welcoming to anyone and Hugh was always helping people, getting stuck into projects whether digging floors for his daughter in the Australian heat, or delivering meals on wheels and newspapers in the community – his energy and stamina was something to behold. He somehow always found time



for his hobbies too, attending art college in Taunton and becoming a member of Somerset Society of Artists, successfully submitting a painting to the Royal Academy of Art summer exhibition. At the age of 50 he took up the clarinet and initially joined Taunton and then Uffculme orchestra.

He was described by many as a true Christian, never requiring thanks nor recognition for all he did; son-in-law Jack, in his groom's speech, stated he was the nicest and kindest man he knew. Devoted husband, father, grandfather, to Laura, Paddy, Merryn and Hugh and great grandfather to a further two Hughs, Emily, Minoli and most recently Sienna June. Hugh was simply the most extraordinary selfless man, best remembered for his laughter which could be heard at any and every given opportunity. He was totally devoid of any airs and graces, totally devoid of any malice, eschewed any form of pomposity and always saw the best in people, and so quite rightly Hugh was highly and widely respected and has left an enormous chasm in many lives.

*The extended Tregelles Family*

## Farewell to Gerald Brewer

As many of you may know, Gerald sadly passed away on the 17th April this year, after having spent 87 years living in Langford Budville. Last year I met up with Gerald on a few occasions to talk about his life in Langford Budville and these are just a few memories of his long and happy life. (His childhood memories are on page 22.)



Gerald did National Service, becoming a Private in the Somerset Light Infantry and was sent out to Cyprus. He had a short term in action to relieve another regiment, but was delighted to return back home, not really enjoying life abroad. During the earlier years following National Service he worked for Foxes in the wool rooms, blending wool into bundles which then went for spinning. He had three suits made from Foxes material one of which was his wedding

suit.

In between work Gerald enjoyed the dances held every Saturday evening at the Men's Club in Langford Budville. Gerald met Ann, who he later married, at the Barley Mow in Rockwell Green where her parents ran the pub. Christmas Eve was spent drinking at the pub and he first set eyes on Ann during the Christmas of 1955 when he was just 17. Gerald married Ann in 1963, the start of a long, happy marriage which lasted for 61 years. Sadly, Ann passed away on the 20th January this year.

Gerald served on the Parish Council for 30 years, dedicating a great amount of his time dealing with parish matters and problems. During that time Gerald would have known most people in the village and was a dab hand at getting things sorted. He and Ann played a huge part in raising money for the village hall and getting it built.

He was very supportive of the school and the parish children were always a priority for him. During the latter years every pupil of the school will have memories of seeing Gerald outside his bungalow in Swifts, with a smiling face, waving at the start and end of the school day. One could almost say he acted as a guardian to the school. He organised village celebrations for the Silver and the Golden Jubilees, along with many other milestone village events. Many of us will have Jubilee mugs given to our children which Gerald organised.



Gerald loved sport and was particularly gifted in cricket. He was a skilled batsman and played for Nynehead. He played to county standard and was noticed by Somerset CC. He also liked a game of rugby and football, but cricket was definitely his forte and priority.

Gerald was a true country man who gave a huge amount to the village along with his wife Ann. They have both left an impressive and long-lasting legacy for which we can be truly thankful.

*Rebecca Osborne*

## Christening



Ralph Olivier Mancini-Tirant was christened at St Peter's Church on Sunday 5th May. He is the grandson of Jayne and Chris Mancini and the 3rd great grandchild of Valerie Pitman. He is the seventh generation descended from the Brewer family. His grandparents flew in from the Seychelles to attend the christening. A party later followed at the jubilee village hall.

## St Peter's News

Services continue as normal with communion at 11.15 the first Sunday each month and morning worship at 11.15 on the third Sunday. However please make a note in your diary of **Harvest Festival on Sunday 20th October at 5.30 pm**; do join us for a general thanksgiving celebration to be followed by drinks and canapes.

In the next few months we are planning to fund raise, not only to keep the church going but to instigate much needed repairs on the organ and on the clock. So do watch this space!

*Laurian Cooper*

# CHURCH SERVICES    Revd Helene Stainer 01823 400305

Date	Langford Budville	Runnington	Thorne St Margaret
4 August	11.15am Holy Communion service	Join Langford	Join Langford
11 August	Join Runnington	10.30am Lay-led service	Join Runnington
18 August	11.15am Non Communion service	Join Langford	Join Langford
25 August	Join Runnington	9.30am Holy Communion service	Join Runnington

Please note that there are no services at Thorne St Margaret this month.

## Petertide service

Our vicar Helene Stainer celebrating 20 years since ordination at our Petertide service on 30th June. This was attended by members of the other churches in the Milverton benefice to which St.Peter's and Runnington now belong.



# Langford Budville Primary School

It has been another busy period at school with lots going on. This time of year is always busy when we spend time preparing children for their next stage of learning, particularly important for our Year 6 children moving onto secondary school. The older children have spent time getting to know their new class teachers in preparation for the new academic year.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, the school held its annual Sports Day at The Triangle. A lovely day was had by all where parents, carers and grandparents cheered on their respective children in a variety of sports. Every child was awarded a certificate for participation and the winning group was announced. The day culminated in a photo-finish in the parents' race!

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, the school was inspected by Ofsted. This was under a Section 8 inspection, which is ungraded. Through their findings, Langford Budville CoE Primary School remains to be a 'Good' school. Key findings included the high-level provision in place for vulnerable learners and how the outdoor curriculum is supporting the development of the rest of the curriculum. Our therapy dogs even got a mention! This result is particularly significant following a period of turbulence in leadership and general instability in the school.

As we approach the end of the school year, my first year as Head of School, we are excitedly preparing to open Seedlings, our new preschool setting. This early years unit will provide key provision to our youngest of children (2–4-year-olds) and will then support transition for these children as they enter our Reception cohort.

I would like to take this moment to thank everyone for their on-going support since starting here in September '23. As a school, we have achieved so much but this could only have been achieved by collaboration with our wider community.

*Jonathan Moise-Souch, Head of School*



Roots to Grow,  
Wings to Fly



Moorland Federation



# SEASONAL TREAT

## CHILLED COURGETTE AND TOMATO SOUP

*In case summer ever arrives here is a nice alternative to gazpacho. This recipe serves 4.*

### Ingredients

Olive oil  
12oz grated courgette  
4 + 1 chopped garlic gloves (or to taste)  
1 pt passata (or passata/stock mix)  
Basil  
Salt and pepper  
Crabapple jelly  
Lime juice

- ◆ Fry courgettes briskly in olive oil for approximately 3 minutes, stirring all the time.
- ◆ Lower heat and add 4 garlic cloves. Cook for 2 minutes.
- ◆ Add liquid and simmer for approximately 10 minutes.
- ◆ Remove from heat, add basil and remaining garlic.
- ◆ Taste and adjust with jelly and/or lime juice.
- ◆ Blitz and sieve if liked. Taste and season.

Serve very cold with crusty bread.

*Sheila Faulkner*

## Planning Applications-updates

21/24/0007 Erection of extension to Unit 2a Lowmoor Industrial estate, Tonedale, Wellington. Decision yet to be made.

21/24/0008/AGN Application for prior notification for the election of an agricultural storage building at Newlands Farm, Higher Wellisford Road, Thorne St Margaret- Decision yet to be made.

21/24/0006/PIP Application for permission in Principle for the erection of 2 No. dwellings with electric charging points and upgrades to foul water system at the Field of Study, Milverton Road, Runnington, Milverton. A decision has yet to be made.

# Greener Langford Budville

*Ian Loudon ifloudon@googlemail.com*

## *Public rights of way*

The Conservation Group has recently had reason to be in contact with the officers who are in charge of public footpaths in Somerset. This is partly because a partnership is planned whereby groups like ours can sign up to do clearing of the paths and repairs of stiles. But there is another, more worrying reason for contact being necessary.

Several people locally have made use of the Council's interactive map to report a blockage on the Jubilee Trail, where two signposts seem to have disappeared and an electric fence erected round a field with horses thus blocking the path. This leaves walkers no option but to turn back. A landowner must not erect new fences across rights of way without the permission of the local authority, even if a stile or gate is fitted and the council website states, "It is an offence to destroy or damage a sign or waymark."

The interactive map makes it easy to report problems. Look for Explore Somerset, click on the + on the bottom left of the page, then click on the public right of way where you believe there is a problem. You can also see where other problems have been reported and whether action has been taken. There are over 9000 public rights of way in Somerset so it is not surprising that action is not instant but my experience is that they will contact you on receipt of a report and also on completion of any action.

But we are hoping that this annoying blockage can be treated urgently – possibly before this issue of Round About- with the footpath signs restored and the Jubilee Trail made viable again.

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## *Jubilee Wood Party*

The plan was to celebrate the progress of the wood and to encourage the view that it is for the benefit of the whole village. So, it was great to have such a lively gathering to tend to the trees and enjoy some lovely cakes and savouries. After eighteen months the trees are flourishing with a low rate of failures. We now await an inspection from the Woodland Trust which will also offer an opportunity to gain



advice on future practice. Their planting instructions were that the central trees should be not more than two metres apart which is clearly intended to allow for some failures or perhaps for the trees to decide for themselves who will win the battle for space.

## *Pyramidal Orchid*

This rare orchid has recently appeared on The Triangle in the area managed for wild flowers. See piece on pg4.





Greener Gardening Group

# GREENER GARDENING GROUP

The GGG continues to have a mix of local meetings and visits in the summer. Our social ‘bring and share’ supper was at the Langtons’ wonderful garden in Wellisford on a perfect summer evening (not easy to pick this year) and the food made one sorry for those who weren’t green gardeners and missed it –see left.

Sarah organised a return visit to Blue Shed flowers. This is Pam’s impression of the trip:

*How better to spend the dry end of a very wet day than at Blue Shed Flowers?*

*Clad in sensible dungarees and boots, our charming, effervescent and amusing host was eager to share her knowledge and compare notes on the challenges of gardening alongside slugs and blackfly.*

*Tucked away in leafy surroundings beside a former mill house, Jan, who started life as an artist, tends her cutting garden and weaves wreaths, bouquets, posies and flower arrangements with whimsical artistry. Her arrangements are airy and beautifully crafted.*





*On a patch of land surrounded by woodland and meadows, Jan gardens ethically and organically using the No Dig method of continually adding to the soil with mulches from local sources. There is also a poly tunnel for the protection of the beautiful Chandos Beauty Rose and poppies in pastel shades.*

*For her customers, knowing that the beautiful flowers in her creations are all locally grown with no air miles must be so uplifting and rewarding.*

Future activities planned include a visit to a garden centre with a difference, and a Gardeners' Question Time with a local landscape gardener. Why not join us with a query needing an answer?

*Christine, Jackie, Pam and Sarah*



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# LANGFORD LADIES

Llama Farm in June. There's a great photo of Zena on the inside cover illustrating this fun event.

Summer Party in July. Perfectly summed up by Lynne, "Super evening for LL. Pam, Sarah and John worked so hard and the sun shone ☀️"

Foraging walk in August. Please note the change of date to Tuesday 20. A walk and talk around Harpford Farm at 7pm followed by supper. Please bring a salad to share. Contact: Tryphena tryphenahuntingford@gmail.com

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## Langford Budville Hustings



*Labour candidate, Jonathan Reece Barter; Green candidate, Laura Buchanan; moderator Julian Mellor; Lib Dem candidate (elected) Rachel Gilmour; Reform candidate, Frederick Keen*

On Thursday 23 May Rishi Sunak, in the pouring rain, called a General Election. I wondered whether we could get all five Parliamentary candidates from the new Tiverton and Minehead constituency to come to Langford Budville village hall and take part in a Question Time type debate. Within 24 hours of being invited, only the Conservative candidate had not accepted.

Every member of your Parish Council, plus representatives from the village hall, agreed to be part of the organising and planning team and the use of the hall was offered at no charge. There was much to get to grips with. Advertising, planning the

layout, a multiple sound system, booking in of up to 150 interested people, refreshments on the night etc, etc.

I was interviewed about the event on 10Radio, plus they wished to record the evening to be relayed on their radio station soon after. Also, we were able to get Somerset Live to hold a live X (Twitter) feed during the whole debate, which meant the good name of Langford Budville was going to be widely publicised across a very large area.

With just a few days to go all 150 seats were taken up, and, after holding a run through of everything planned before the Saturday, we were ready to go. Thankfully, a number of volunteers came forward to help with car parking, putting out all the seats, audience microphone management, and manning the bar etc, which was a great help on the night.

Come the evening the Conservative candidate still hadn't agreed to attend, but he had emailed a statement he wished to be read out in his absence. His statement was read exactly how he had written it even where he referred to Langford Budville as Langdon Budville!

We received a number of questions on various key topics and the ones to be asked were independently chosen by the moderator. Where possible they were asked by the person who submitted the question, and all candidates were given plenty of time to answer them to the best of their ability. The interaction between everyone who attended and the candidates was a brilliant example of democracy in action.

The two hours went incredibly quickly, and at the close it was clear the event had been a great success : it was reported widely across all the media.

*Derek Sowden, Chair – Langford Budville Parish Council*

The event provided a rare opportunity to appreciate politics at a local level. Although all the candidates were local, the debate (managed superbly by Julian Mellor) really brought out the different interpretations of national party policies at a local level. Subjects included difficulties accessing healthcare and the challenges of teachers who are having to buy their pupils pencils! Retention and recruitment of staff working within the state systems featured highly. The detail of managing an education free market also got an airing. Climate change concerns highlighted major policy and knowledge differences between candidates, particularly around the practical potential of renewable energy generation (tidal generation?), the role of agriculture and the capacity for individuals to make reductions in energy consumption. The acknowledged need for more housing clashed (fairly politely) with the desire for preserving the current rural way of life. *Ed.*

# Childhood memories of Gerald Brewer

Last year I met up with Gerald on a few occasions to talk about his life in Langford Budville and these are just a few of his childhood memories.

Gerald lived with his parents, 3 brothers and a sister at 1 Sunnyside. During the war Gerald, along with the other village children, enjoyed getting sweets from the American soldiers who were canvased up on Langford Budville common. Pocket money was earned by collecting acorns for the butcher up at Springfields, which were fed to the pigs. Another exciting pass-time for Gerald was pinching his grandfather's ice creams (he made them to sell). Gerald and his friends would sneak away to their den on the common to consume them. Scrumping apples from various orchards in the village was also deemed great fun.

Gerald attended Langford Budville School and often hitched a lift on the back of the steam lorries which travelled through the village and were slow enough to cause no harm. At school the playground surface consisted of ashes from Foxes Mill and the children managed to make a slide from the boundary hedge down onto the road; if caught they received the cane and to counteract the pain they would smear their hands with soap. Gerald found school of little interest, the only lesson which awakened any curiosity was "shops" where the children had to visit the pretend shop in the corner of the classroom, buy a list of produce and work out the total cost.

At Christmas Gerald and his siblings would hang their stockings up and invariably receive a piece of coal and an orange, very occasionally a present. One special gift that Gerald cherished was a wooden train made by his father from a log of wood and beer tops for the wheels.

There used to be a beautiful, antique bier (a trolley on which a coffin could be transported) in Langford Budville and the bearer was an old man who lived in a tumbled down cottage which had a tree growing beside it. Gerald and his friends used to climb the tree and throw apples through the holes in the roof to hit the old chap when he was in bed. Later the house fell into ruin and was left empty, the children used to hide in it to watch coffins being taken on the bier to the church.

Food was scarce and as a teenager Gerald and his friends did a lot of rabbiting. If a chicken ceased to lay it was consumed.

There was a mobile skittle alley which used to come out over the summer months in



the village orchard for skittle evenings and Gerald took his turn to be on duty, taking care of it. Gerald remembers spending hours cleaning plums off it, which had fallen from the orchard fruit trees.

At Chipley there used to be a mill where Gerald would work for a bit of money during his teens. Work included pulling logs which travelled downstream and were then attached to Smart the horse with chains to get them to the timber yard. Gerald would ride home on Smart at the end of his working day.

*Rebecca Osborne*

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## Defibrillators

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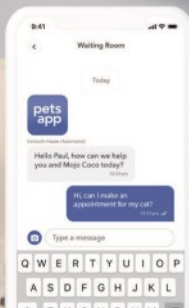
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