



Parish Magazine

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CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS ALDERCAR & LANGLEY MILL PARISH COUNCIL 2016

All Parish Council meetings will be held at Neal Court Community Centre, off Andrews Drive, Aldercar, Langley Mill NG16 4HQ (access from Upper Dunstead Road). Meetings start at 6.30pm.

25th February 2016

24th March 2016

28th April 2016

26th May 2016

There is a public participation period at the commencement of each meeting, when residents may address the Council.

The Parish Council offices are located at:

Bailey Brook House,
Amber Drive,
Langley Mill,
Derbyshire NG16 4BE.

(Bailey Brook House is the first building on the right as you enter Amber Drive from Aldred's Lane.)

The Parish Council office is open for public visits as follows:

Monday to Thursday - 9.00am and 1.00pm

Telephone: 01773 717119

www.aldercarandlangleymillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Email: clerk@aldercarandlangleymillparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Cover picture: The second Cromford Road Christmas Fayre in full swing.
Photo: Paul Mason

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SPREADING THE WORD

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If you would like to advertise, please send your draft copy to the Parish Council office (address on page 2) for consideration. The Council reserves the right to reject advertising, at its discretion, without explanation.

Prices are: half page £25, full page £50.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

Thank you to everyone that contacted us with comments or who submitted content for this issue of the Parish Magazine. We are always pleased to hear from readers and to receive items for possible inclusion.

**The deadline for items for next issue is
Friday, 8th April 2016**

(items received after this date will not be considered).

Chairman's Report

February 2016

I would like to wish all people in Aldercar & Langley Mill a very Happy New Year.

Regrettably the New Year did not get off to the best of starts as I was saddened to hear just after the Christmas Festival that Leaderflush were making everybody redundant. I hope that in the near future they can move on and hopefully gain future employment elsewhere. I know it is not easy but let's hope.



The Cromford Road Christmas Festival (see the photos later in this magazine) was a great success. The wide variety of stalls and entertainments attracted people not only from our own Parish but from farther afield too. It is really good to see the way that the Cromford Road end of our Parish has been transformed over the past few years with the introduction of quality retail businesses.

And not only on Cromford Road are things looking good for we seem to be moving from strength to strength in our Parish. As Chairman of the Council, I was recently invited to cut the tape to open the new Esso Garage on Derby Road. As well as the usual things associated with a petrol station, this outlet also has a Greggs, a Subway and Costa Coffee. We really do appear to be spoilt for choice of late.

Also, moving on just 100 yards down the road from the Esso petrol station, it is nice to see that the renovation of the former Mill Public House has now been completed turning it into a very smart looking kitchen showroom facility with dwelling flats on the upper floors.

I was also pleased to represent the Parish Council at the Great Northern just before Christmas when the landlord there put on a free Christmas lunch for people from the Parish aged 65 and over. It really was a fine meal and a wonderful event. All thanks to the landlord, Oisín and his volunteers for their efforts in delivering this magnificent Christmas treat.

With the premises on Cromford Road all taken, what a difference this makes to our Parish. A huge thanks must go to Alex Stephenson who has turned the former Potters Snooker Club building into a thriving business centre. The lights that he put up himself at Christmas were superb and he has informed me that he has a waiting list going into double figures waiting for units, does that surely say just how far we have come in our Parish over the last 4 to 5 years.

Our coach trips continue to be very well received, so I am happy to confirm that on Thursday the 16th June we will be going to Scarborough. Take a look elsewhere in the magazine for the details.

Finally, before I forget I must welcome our newly appointed Locum Clerk Mr Andrew Sharpe who will be with us hopefully until we can appoint a permanent Clerk.

Councillor M. J. Fowkes
Chairman of Aldercar & Langley Mill Parish Council

Vacancy For A Clerk To The Council

The Parish Council will shortly be advertising for a Parish Clerk and seeking applications for the post. The Parish Clerk is the proper officer of the Council responsible for advising the Council on procedures and maintaining Council records.

Full details of the position will be advertised on the Council website and noticeboards during February. If you are interested in applying and require further information, please contact the Council by telephone on **01773 717119** or by e-mailing to **kerry@aldercarandlangleymillparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Christmas Biscuits

For Christmas 2015 the Parish Council once again made a gift of a tin of biscuits to persons over the age of 65 in the parish. In total over 250 people benefited from the initiative.



This year the biscuits, were a 370g tinned luxury assortment of Vinnie the Pandas own favourites. Both the Parish Council and Vinnie, hope all the recipients enjoyed their gift.

County Councillor

Paul Jones



I hope it is not too late to wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year. I think we all agree that the Parish Council did a wonderful job with their Christmas decorations and Carol Concert. Well done.

However, the new year was tinged with the sad news of the closure of Leaderflush. At the time of writing we are hopeful that a buyer can be found for the business, but in the meantime the County Council are working with the Borough Council and Job Centre Plus about supporting those workers made redundant.

It was pleasing to see the new Heanor Library open early in December and I think we will all agree it is a very fine building

The County Council have recently introduced to the growing list of trades offered financial advice and currently have 12 companies signed up to this category. These Trusted Traders are able to provide tailored advice to older people wanting help with matters like care fees, pensions and investments. For more information about free financial advice available you can contact the County Council on tel: 01629 532451. I would strongly advise our more senior readers to take advantage of this opportunity.

From 2 January you will be able to exchange unwanted electrical goods for a golden ticket giving you the opportunity to win one of 15 £100 cash prizes. From hair-dryers to hedge-trimmers and toasters to TVs, there's a range of household appliances you can take to your local recycling centres.

We're launching a new youth grants scheme with young people making the decisions about where money is spent. Projects around the county which provide activities for young people will be able to apply for a share of £50,000. Details are available by contacting the Council either via the website at 'Something to Say' section of the YouThinc website or telephoning the Council direct.

The Prime Minister has suggested that the County Council increase the Council Tax by 2% to compensate for the loss of government funding to Adult Social Care, unfortunately this would raise only £5m against the £20m per year needed and so the Council is still looking at ways of making savings which will involve reducing the services it provides to residents.

Finally I was pleased to attend a presentation at Heanor Fire Station to the staff in recognition of them raising the most money in the East Midlands area for the firefighters charity.

Cllr. Paul Jones

Christmas Dinner At The Great Northern



On the 7th December 2015 many of the more mature members of our community were welcomed at the Great Northern public house in Langley Mill by the landlord, Oisín O'Conchubhair and a small voluntary army of staff and helpers. All had given up their time to work for free to provide a stunning FREE Christmas lunch for all the invitees.

The photographs on this page capture some of the atmosphere of the day.



Scarborough Coach Trip



With Spring on the horizon, now would seem a good time to start thinking about those longer and warmer days that are on the way. I am therefore pleased to announce that the next of the Parish Council's popular coach trips will be to . . . (trumpet fanfare!) . . .

SCARBOROUGH

on Thursday, 16th June 2016

Cost is just £10.00 per ticket for residents of the Parish
In the event of there being spare seats non-residents are invited to join us for £12.00.

With stunning scenery, glorious clean, welcoming beaches and many other attractions, including museums, shops, eateries and amusement arcades, Scarborough is the ideal place to visit for a fun filled day out.



Coaches will depart at 7.30am prompt from outside the Shop4U store on Cromford Road and will depart Scarborough for the return journey at 5.00pm.

BOOKING

To book your seat on the trip, you can contact the Parish Council by any of the following means:

Telephone: 01773-717119

E-mail: clerk@aldercarandlangleymillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Post: A&LMPC, Bailey Brook House, Amber Drive,
Langley Mill, Derbyshire NG16 4BE

Cllr. Clive Booth

What's In A Name?

In another of our occasional looks at how things in the Parish got their names, we'll focus this time on Cromford Road. Now, I suppose it is a bit obvious that the reason it's called Cromford Road is because it leads to Cromford - but fortunately there is a bit more to it than that. Indeed, it was actually an Act of Parliament in 1766 that probably led to the adoption of the name.

The 'road' certainly existed well before 1766 and in its earliest form was probably no more than a muddy track leading from the bridge over river Erewash at Langley Mill to the Norman castle at Codnor. The present bridge over the Erewash at Langley Mill (nr. McDonald's) was built around 1830, but it is likely that earlier bridges would have stood at or around the same point for centuries before. We know, for instance, that there was a bridge there or thereabouts in 1310 and probably a less substantial one there as early 1204.

Anyway, it was in 1766 that an Act of Parliament was passed allowing the establishment of a second turnpike road through Langley Mill. (The first, the Mansfield to Derby turnpike, had been approved two years earlier.) A turnpike road is a road where the controlling body is allowed to collect tolls from users for the maintenance of the highway.

Once the new Langley Mill to Cromford turnpike was completed it became well-used by mail and other coaches on their journeys between Manchester, Buxton, Nottingham and points in between. Then, when Richard Arkright opened a cotton mill at Cromford in 1771, it provided a useful link between the textile centres of Cromford and Nottingham bringing even more traffic through Langley Mill. This would have continued until after the Cromford Canal, was opened in August 1794.



The Aldercar Lane toll gate

There was a toll house for collecting tolls near to where the kitchen shop now stands opposite McDonald's (long demolished) and another (which can still be seen) on Aldercar Lane.

So there you have it, Cromford Road is called Cromford Road because of a 1766 Act of Parliament no less.

Beauty and the Beast Pantomime



The Langley Mill & Aldercar CRC charity staged its fourth annual 'Panto for the Parish' at St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday, 5th January 2016. Once again performed by the travelling County Durham troupe, Fame Factory Spotlight, it had all thrills, spills, excitement, ghosts, heroes, villains and corny jokes, oh and the water pistols, that we've come to expect from pantomime.



Over 100 people turned up to watch the free performance and from their reactions throughout the show, particularly those of the children, they weren't disappointed.

Clr. Clive Booth







On the 15th November 2015, Cromford Road at Langley Mill was once again closed to traffic as local traders took it over for the village's second annual Christmas Fayre. The weather was, perhaps, a bit unkind, but that didn't stop hundreds of people turning up to check out the numerous stalls, sideshows and attractions

All the images on these two pages were captured by local photographer, Paul Mason, who has kindly allowed their use in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr. Clive Booth





Langley Mill United Cricket Club



Langley Mill United Cricket Club would like to invite you to our ground, entrance on Amber Drive (Off Aldreds Lane), Langley Mill.

We have games every Saturday from Saturday 23rd April, through to Saturday 17th September 2016.

Our club is run by a great team of volunteers, and provides a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for all ages.

Our bar is well stocked with bottled beers and ciders, as well as soft drinks and snacks. Hot food is available on request.

Visitors welcome, membership is only £5 for the season.

If your children fancy getting involved; we are always on the lookout for juniors to add to our growing crop of talented Mini-Millers, with a view to progressing and sponsoring them through to County or even National level, with the help of our excellent coaching staff (ex Mini-Miller, Samit Patel, is currently in South Africa as a member of the England Cricket Squad). Or maybe just come along for some fun, friendship and sporting activity.



Training sessions are held at Aldercar School on Thursday evenings (from 28th Jan, 20:00 for juniors, 21:00 for seniors)

New for 2016 - LMUCC will be running a Sunday team, the aim being to encourage adults to get involved, along with giving junior players the opportunity to play in a more challenging environment.

ClIr. Steve Brown

All enquiries at:

www.lmutd.play-cricket.com/contact_us

LMUCC Web Space: www.lmutd.play-cricket.com/

"The Millers" Club Merchandise: www.cricket-box.co.uk/acatalog/

www.facebook.com/LangleyMillUnitedCricketClub/

Christmas Lights

What did you think of the Parish Council's Christmas lights over the festive season?

I think most people were happy with them, but we are aware that a few people were disappointed because they did not extend to a wider area.

The Parish Council made the decision that the lights would be confined to more or less the main roads through the village (Station Road, Derby Road, Cromford Road) as it believed that was where most people would get to see and enjoy them.

The Council has to work within a budget and this budget will at present not extend to additional lights. The display as it stands already costs in excess of £10,000 per year and to add more trees would quickly see the cost spiralling.

We will soon be discussing next year's Christmas lights at one of our meetings, where we will look at all aspects of the display, as we do every year, before deciding how to proceed. If you have any comments or suggestions to make regarding the Christmas lights, then please let us have your thoughts at the Council office (contact details on page 2). Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Cllr. Clive Booth



Step Back In Time



On St. George's Day, Saturday, 23rd April 2016, the Heanor & District Local History Society will be staging a FREE event at St. Lawrence's Church, Heanor celebrating the rich heritage of the town and its surrounding area - including Langley Mill and Aldercar.

The event, which will run from 10.00am until 3.00pm, will include themed photographic displays, two talks on local history, a rolling slideshow of images, a quiz and so on. Light refreshments will be available.

It promises to be an entertaining day, so why not join History Society members for a 'Step Back in Time' to see and hear how we used to live

Cllr. Clive Booth



THE PENTRICH & SOUTH WINGFIELD REVOLUTION GROUP

The Pentrich Revolution Bicentenary 1817 - 2017

Plans are well under way to hold a year-long commemoration of the revolution's bicentenary in 2017.

The events and activities planned include:

- Old and new books on the revolution will be reprinted and released.
- Paintings depicting scenes from the revolt have been produced.
- We have created fourteen walks in the area of the original march along with a walk in the area of Australia where some of the men were transported to and then settled in.
- There will be local exhibitions of information at community events and venues.
- We are planning a one-off weekend of commemoration events, with entertainment on the weekend of the original march.
- Descendants of the revolutionaries will be invited from across the world.
- We will develop a range of literature for the commemorations, including leaflets and flyers, and pamphlets for historical walks.
- We will target local schools, providing them with balanced resources on England's last armed rebellion and encourage the children to take part in commemorations.
- Education outreach will include plays, poetry, re-enactment and music.

Anyone wishing to become part of this amazing local history project, please contact: Sylvia Mason

Sylviamason@uwclub.net

www.facebook.com/pentrichrevolution

Website under construction.

Claiming our Place in History

©Painting By Margaret Rose

Join The Revolution!



The Group responsible for the exciting Pentrich Revolution Bicentenary project identified on the facing page, are seeking the help of artists, both amateur and professional, to help in the completion of an art project.

If you can help, please get in touch with the Group via its Facebook pages at:
www.facebook.com/pentrichrevolution
www.spanglefish.com/pentrichrevolution

Further, although it's a long way in the future, you may care to make a note in your diary that the Heanor & District Local History Society will be extending its season in 2017 until the 13th June 2017 to incorporate a talk on the Revolution.

Cllr. Clive Booth

Nature's Gift

We stock a large selection of vitamins, minerals, herbal and homeopathic remedies. Stockists of Solgar, Viridian, Pukka, Vogel, Weleda, Faith in Nature and many more . . . We also stock high quality gifts and hand painted cards.

A warm and friendly welcome awaits all.

Nature's Gift, 19 Iris Place, Cromford Road,
Langley Mill, Nottingham, NG16 4ED
Tel: 01773 711778
naturesgift2015@hotmail.com



Join The Revolution!

Nature's Gift

Community Connections HORTICULTURAL SHOW

One could have been excused for thinking an alien invasion was underway if they'd stumbled into St. Andrew's Church Hall on Sunday, 25th October. There were certainly some weird and wonderful creatures on the loose.

What was really going on though was Aldercar & Langley's first Horticultural Show, which had been organised by the community group, Community Connections. 'Vegetable animals' was just one of the many categories people were invited to enter creations under – and, boy, some real creativity was shown.

Here are a few photographs of some of the entries:



A vegetable mole, crab and a couple of centipedes.



A vegetable hedgehog, spider and starfish



Some expert pumpkin carving.

Apply For A Small Grant

Each year the Parish Council sets aside a small pot of money from which it makes available small grants to organisations and groups working and delivering services within the parish.

These small grants, generally £25, £50 or £100, are distributed at the June meeting of the Council each year. Last year they went to Langley Mill & Aldercar Wednesday Club, St. John's Church Youth Section, St. Andrew's Food Bank and the First Erewash Scout Group.

The grants need to be applied for, so if you are working in the Aldercar and Langley Mill area with a group or organisation that would benefit from a small award, then please apply providing the information below.

Closing date for applications: 6th May 2016

N.B. Application for a grant does not automatically guarantee approval.

Name of organisation:

Address:

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Activity of Group:

Number of members in Group:.....

Number of members resident in Aldercar & Langley Mill.....

Annual Group income: Annual Group expenses:

Contact details: Name:

Telephone no.

E-mail address:.....

Please forward your application to:

Aldercar & Langley Mill Parish Council, Grant applications,
Bailey Brook House, Amber Drive, Langley Mill, Derbyshire NG16 4BE

Useful Contacts

Amber Valley Community Safety Partnership	01773 841652
Amber Valley Borough Council	01773 570222
Bounty (Pregnancy advice)	08003 169341
Future Homescapes (General Enquiries)	01773 573100
Future Homescapes (Emergency Repairs)	0800 3283159
Homelessness	01773 573100
Escape	01773 765899
(Amber Valley & Erewash Domestic Abuse Support Service)	or 0800 0198668
Breakout (Young Persons Substance Misuse Service)	01332 349867
	or 0800 5871455
Connexions Derbyshire	0115 930 2636

(An information, advice and support service for all 13 to 19 year olds and for people up to 25 who have learning difficulties or disabilities or both.)

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

(Enabling people to pass on information about crime, completely anonymously; calls cannot be traced.)

Derbyshire County Council 01629 580000
0800 198 668
or

Police 0345 123 3333
Non emergencies, please dial 101
Emergencies, please dial 999

Aldercar & Langley Mill Safer Neighbourhood Team 01773 769582
(Police House, 123 Cromford Road, Langley Mill)

Needle & Syringe hotline 0800 0925 131
SPODA 0800 0685 718

(Supporting anyone whose life is affected by someone else's drug use)

Unity Derbyshire 0845 1302 271

(A drugs and alcohol agency offering a fully integrated service.

Outreach sessions in Belper.)

Victim Support 01773 719500

Council responsibilities

Amber Valley Borough Council	Building regulations, bus shelters, Council Tax, concessionary fares, dog wardens, housing (referrals), planning matters, recreation parks, refuse collection/recycling, registry office, register of electors.
Telephone: 01773 570222	
Derbyshire County Council	Consumer advice, education, libraries, public rights of way and footpaths
Telephone 01629 580000	Social Services, street lighting, Trading Standards.
Aldercar & Langley Mill Parish Council	Allotments, bus shelters, floral displays in the parish, Hall Road and Godkin sites, grants to local organisations, maintenance schedule for public rights of way and footpaths, street and footpath cleaning, consultation on parish planning matters, organisation of monthly Parish Council meetings to which public are welcome to attend.
Telephone: 01773 717119	