

Parish Magazine

August 2016

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CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

ALDERCAR & LANGLEY MILL PARISH COUNCIL 2016

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

The Parish Council does not meet in August

22nd September 2016

27th October 2016

24th November 2016

The Parish Council does not meet in December

There is a fifteen-minute public participation period at the beginning 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

The opinions expressed in articles within this magazine are the opinions of the authors and may not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Parish Council.

Cover picture: The Mill Stream – the River Erewash near to the point where it passed Smith's Flour Mill.

Photograph: Cllr Clive Booth

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Would you like to advertise your business in this Parish Magazine, which goes free to every household and business within the parish?

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 the next issue is Wednesday, 5th October 2016
(items received after this date will not be considered).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

August 2016

Welcome to the August edition of the Parish Magazine, which is full of information and articles for residents of the Parish. Hopefully there is something of interest for all.

I would like to start by thanking my fellow Parish Councillors for re-electing me to serve as the Parish Council Chairman once again during 2016/17 and I'm sure that with the help of my Vice-Chairman, Clive Booth, and all of the other Councillors we can continue to provide as many quality services for residents as possible. I am proud to undertake the role of Chairman once again.



Summer is finally here and with its arrival the Parish Council are once again, by popular demand organising a coach trip to Blackpool for families on 11 August 2016. This follows the successful trip to Scarborough which took place in June. First child free!! - Details about tickets and arrangements can be found later in the magazine.

Summer is also a time of flowers, and I wish to thank Plantscape for their help in organising the beautiful floral displays on the lampposts throughout the village, I'm sure you will agree they really bring a touch of colour to the area.

Of course, as a Parish Council, we have to be planning far ahead into the winter and we are currently considering arrangements for grit supplies, Christmas gifts for the over 65s and Christmas Lighting and if you have any views on these please contact the Clerk.

All of these initiatives cost money and I am pleased to announce that the Parish Council, through restructuring and sound financial management have managed to produce a considerable surplus in last year's accounts. This surplus means that we have some additional money to invest in services in the coming year, and again we would be pleased to receive any views of residents as to what initiatives we should support.

If you are a local group, the Parish Council has a small budget to provide small grants that could help you deliver your aims. Again, for details, contact the Parish Clerk.

We will this summer, be refreshing and relaunching our website to bring it up to date and ensure it is user friendly whilst providing the information that you would wish to see. Keep your eyes open and by mid-September we should be up and running.

The footpath at Pottery Lane now has Street Lighting and I would like to thank Amber Valley Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council for their support in finally getting this project off the ground.

Before I sign off, I would like to wish all residents of Aldercar and Langley Mill, a lovely relaxing and safe summer. Remember if you have any views or suggestions on how the Parish Council can interact with the community please contact the Clerk.

The offices are open from 9 am until 1 pm Monday to Thursday. You will find our staff both friendly and approachable.

Finally, it is with deep regret that I have to report the death of Mrs Emma Mickleburgh, proprietor of the Hair Company shop on Cromford Road, who passed away on the 7th July after a short illness. Members and staff of the Parish Council join me in sending sincere condolences to the family.

Cllr Mick Fowkes
Chairman

FOUR MORE YEARS



May I say a big thank you to the residents of Langley Mill and Aldercar for the trust they have put in me by voting on the 5th of May and giving me a second term as their Borough Councillor.

Also, thanks to my agent Eileen and friends and family who delivered leaflets and canvassed on my behalf.

In my first term I met and dealt with some wonderful people; some problems were solved, some are ongoing and some were lost, but we cannot win them all.

I will carry on supporting the local residents to the best of my ability and look forward to the next four years as your representative at Amber Valley.

My door is always open, so if you have any problems please do not hesitate in calling either by telephone (01773 710659) or by e-mail (b.gratton40@talktalk.net).

Cllr. Brian Gratton

COUNTY COUNCILLOR PAUL JONES

Langley Mill Children's Centre

I am pleased to be able to inform you that our Children's Centre on Bailey Brook Drive is NOT one of those which has been identified for closure. I was able to make the County Council realise that this was a valued resource within our community and its loss would have a detrimental effect. Thankfully they agreed with me.

Bailey Brook Drive and Gregory Avenue join the Thriving Communities project

A small area of Langley Mill and Aldercar has been chosen to be part of the *Thriving Communities* project.

Local communities have a lot of informal networks, groups and organisations who do a really good job in supporting people in tough times. But, sometimes help from organisations doesn't get to the right people at the right time and in other cases things should have been done much earlier to stop problems arising.



Thriving Communities is about working alongside local people, groups and organisations in this part of Langley Mill and Aldercar to explore new ways to help support local people. We want to look at how public services could work differently or do things in new ways to make sure they better support local families and communities.

I've been out and about in the local community talking to local residents. There are some really positive ideas coming forward. We want to build on these and encourage people who aren't involved at the moment to take part. By working together, we can make sure that the area is a positive place to live and support is there when people need it.

We have been trying out the *Thriving Communities* way of working in other parts of Derbyshire and it is beginning



...for people living with dementia, their family and friends.

St Andrew's Church Hall, Station Rd, LANGLEY MILL Friday July 8 th 2016, 1pm-3.45pm ▲ Seven Brides for Seven Brothers Friday December 9 th 2016, 1pm-4.15pm It's a Wonderful Life ▲	
Strutts Centre, Derby Road, BELPER Friday September 23 rd 2016, 1pm-4.15pm On The Town ▲ Friday February 24 th 2017, 1pm-4pm Easter Parade ▲	

Films start at 1.30pm – Make friends over tea and cake
Fun activities, chat and reminiscence

Cost: £4 (includes refreshments)
 Patrons with dementia may bring one carer, family member or friend for free.

Please book in advance: Tel: 07449 732322
 Or email: matineederbyshire@gmail.com

For further information and future screenings please see: www.artsderbyshire.org.uk/matinees






to show real success, so we are confident that we can make a positive impact.”

Over the next few months the project will focus on:

- Meeting local people and local groups to understand more about day to day life and getting a feel of what’s good.
- Developing ‘Team Langley Mill and Aldercar’ – a group of people who work together to help support people.

If you want to get involved in the project, please e-mail thrivingcommunities@derbyshire.gov.uk or call Ellen on 01629 538439 for a chat.

Community Priorities Programme

In addition, the County Council has identified areas within the Aldercar & Langley Mill area that will be eligible for a part of our community support fund.

The *Communities Priorities Programme* allows County Councillors to apply for funding for projects within their areas which would benefit most from financial support.

Projects would need to meet strict criteria and be based in communities where Government research shows the level of need is highest.

Examples of the type of activity which could be eligible for support include:

- buying tools and equipment to support activities such as developing a community garden which could also be loaned or shared with other groups for community events
- renovating community buildings which result in increased local use
- setting up community-based sustainable eating projects
- covering start-up costs for new groups such as residents' associations
- funding training activities to encourage more people to volunteer.
- The scheme would run for two years and councillors would be asked to identify proposals for their allocated spend by the end of July this year.

Areas that would be eligible to benefit would be identified using the English Indices of Deprivation 2015 and the funding allocated to each area would be calculated using a sliding scale according to the level of local need.

All successful projects would need to meet strict criteria including:

- show how local people have helped to design or plan the activity
- support the county council's ongoing work to build thriving communities
- show how the activity and its benefits can be sustained beyond initial funding
- meet an identified need and be delivered within agreed timescales
- show what difference is being made.

Projects ineligible for *Community Priorities Programme* funding would include those which promote religious or political beliefs, involve buying land or buildings or have already benefited from funding from us.

If you have any ideas of scheme which may be eligible for this funding, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at pauljones@derbyshire.gov.uk with an outline of the proposal.

Cllr Paul Jones



A FAMILY DAY OUT

There are a few seats remaining on the coaches for our Summer 2016 family day out to the seaside at ...

BLACKPOOL

on Thursday, 11th August 2016

FIRST CHILD GOES FREE!

(additional children £5 each)

Adult fare: £10.00

Leaving from outside Shop4U, Cromford Road
at 7.30am prompt

Returning at 5.00pm from Blackpool

The trip is initially open only to residents of the Parish, but non-residents may apply for tickets and will be allocated them if seats remain unfilled.

The price for adult non-residents is **£12.00** each,
but **FIRST CHILD STILL GOES FREE!**
(additional children £5.00 each)

To book your place, please contact the Parish Council office. Contact details are on page 2.

NB. Parents/carers of very young children are required to bring their own child seat.



St Andrew's Church has been running a Foodbank for over 3 years now and in this time it has been able to help many local families at their hour of need. We recognise that many of us suffer financially at times, such as the unexpected bill coming along or sudden redundancy, and the Foodbank is there to help at such times.

If you are in need of food, come along on a Friday afternoon between 1.30pm and 4pm and we will be pleased to help you, or in real emergencies ring 07407 634683.

If you are able to donate any food, please come along between the above times, or alternatively, we have a donation box in Asda shop in Langley Mill.



Volunteers Jean and Phil Bailey ready to serve at the Foodbank



Along with the Foodbank, we are also running a Community Café which is generally on the second Friday of the month at 12.00 noon, where we provide a 2 course cooked meal for only £2. Ring 07407 634683 to confirm the next date.

St Andrews Church
– loving and serving Langley Mill for over 100 years

Andrew Whysall

HELP US KEEP THE PATHS OPEN

Aldercar & Langley Mill is a large Parish, criss-crossed by a network of footpaths that provide walkers with hours of enjoyment rambling along their routes.

Here at the Parish Council we want to ensure that these pleasurable routes remain open and accessible to all. We have a schedule that sees each footpath inspected at least once or twice a year, but we are also aware that things can change quickly. A tree might fall, a fence collapse or rampant foliage start to overwhelm a path.



A wooden footbridge provides a pleasant, rustic scene on one of Aldercar & Langley Mill's many footpaths - and only a couple of hundred yards from a main road.

Can you name where it is?

To help us to keep the footpaths of our Parish accessible, I therefore encourage all you walkers to let us know at the Council office whenever you come across developing problems on any of the many footpaths. This will allow us to address the situation and thus ensure the pathways remain open and accessible to walkers.

Please call us at the office on 01773-717119 or e-mail us at clerk@aldercarandlangleymillparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr. Clive Booth

CHIP SHOPS

Thinking of the fast food outlets in Langley Mill, i.e. KFC, MacDonald's, etc., you might think they're a modern phenomenon, but actually the village had its fair share of fast food shops in the form of chip shops and one café around fifty years ago.

Marshall's had a two table café next to Bill Phillips' bike shop, which at that time was situated where the MacDonald's restaurant now stands.

There were also four chip shops in Langley Mill; Teather's operated from a wooden hut on Parliament Square which is now the site of the Council car park off Cromford Road. Coincidentally, the above mentioned Bill Phillips later moved his bike shop into the same wooden hut after Teather's had moved out.

Then there was Hodgkinson's on Bank Street, looking down Campbell Street. He was assisted by Arward who, despite being disabled, regularly came to watch us boys play football, cricket, stick and peggy, etc. on the Queen Street recreation ground.

The next one on the list is still a chip shop to this day, situated on Station Road it was, in the past, run by Hopewell's, but nowadays is known as the New Taste House.



Bill Phillip's outside his Parliament Square shop that was earlier Teather's chip shop.

The final chip shop I can recall was Langley Mill's answer to 'Open All Hours'. It was a general store come chip chop situated on Peel Street and run by Ernie. If Ernie had had a brown smock coat, a moustache and could say 'Granville, fetch yer cloth' it would have been an almost perfect copy of Arkwright's corner shop.

Alan Brougham

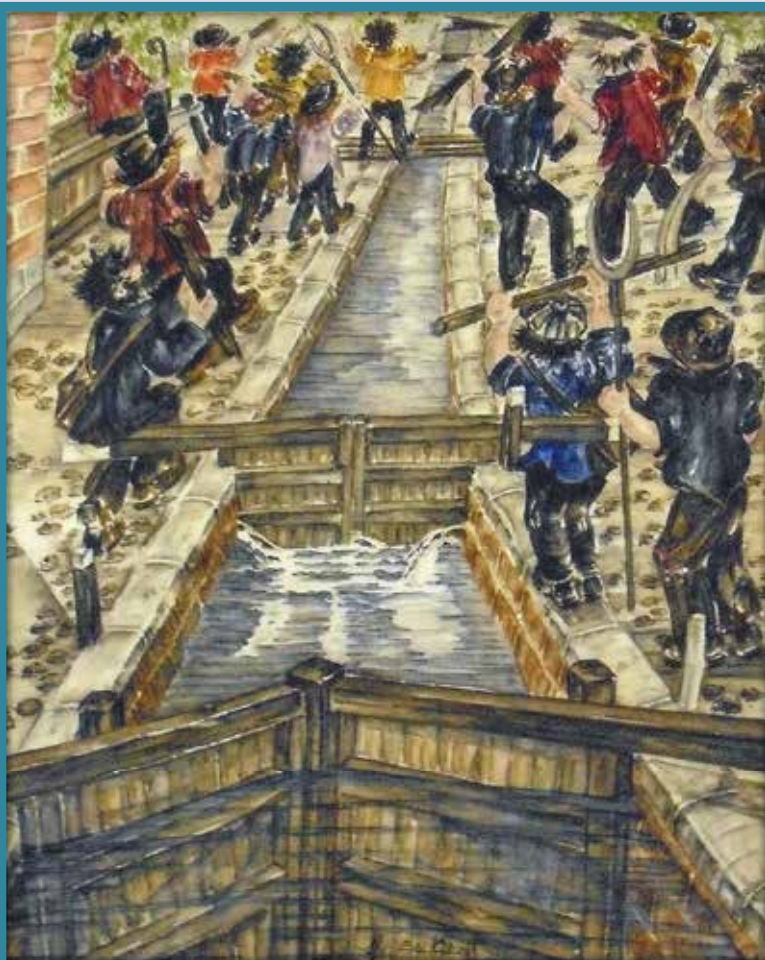


Arkwright & Granville
Could Langley Mill be the inspiration for 'Open All Hours'?

PENTRICH REVOLUTION BICENTENARY



The Pentrich & South Wingfield Revolution Group has commissioned a series of paintings as part of its project to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the event. Two centuries ago the marchers passed through Langley Mill and the painting reproduced below, titled 'Passing the Lock Keepers Cottage' recalls the event



The organising group are looking for a sponsor to assist with the framing of the above painting. If you feel you can help, please contact the organisers at:
www.pentrichrevolution.org.uk/



PENTRICH REVOLUTION BICENTENARY

LANGLEY MILL'S PART IN THE STORY

On the 10th June 1817, at 6am, the landlady of The Junction Navigation Inn at Langley Mill, Mrs Ann Goodman, wife of the licensee suddenly found herself confronted by several hundred thirsty men. They told her they meant no harm, were only sticking up for their rights and asked if could they have some ale?

The men had no sooner drunk their beer and set off in the direction of Nottingham, when a group came back with a wounded man.

Mrs. Goodman was informed that he had accidentally been shot and someone asked her to fetch a doctor. Another man then arrived - it was James Hill of South Wingfield - saying he felt faint because he was the man who'd done the shooting. He had been forced to carry a gun, he said, and it had gone off by mistake.

The victim was unlucky. Samuel Davenport, an Eastwood surgeon, was called by George Weightman who asked him to attend to a man.

Davenport arrived at the place where the wounded man, Charles Walters, the nephew of George Turner of Pentrich Lane End, was lying with a wound in his thigh. Once told that the men were going to affect a revolution he hurried home without tending the patient. James Turner rode back to Pentrich on Booth's pony to fetch a cart to carry him home; fortunately, Charles Walters did recover.

N.B. The Junction Navigation Inn named above is nowadays The Great Northern.

THE ARTIST - Norma Gent



Based in Alfreton, Norma is a versatile local artist with a wide range of subjects from pet portraits to scenes, from caricatures to family portraits with the odd tractor thrown in. Flowers are her speciality.

Norma has been a professional artist for twenty-five years and has exhibited at The Ideal Home exhibition, Derby, Erewash and Chesterfield museums and the BBC Artfile.

She now shares her talent by teaching others her skills at watercolour classes and workshops on a regular basis.





Hall Park
Academy

Hall Park Academy Open Evening



Parents of pupils currently in Year 6 are invited to
attend our Open Evening on

THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER
AT 7:00PM

The evening will consist of a presentation by
Executive Principal Mr Burns OBE,
Headteacher Mrs Dyce and Deputy Headteacher
Mr Sherlock, followed by a tour of the school.

"In 2015 GCSE results were above national average in all of the key
measures, including 5 A*-C in English and Maths and according to the
Department for Education's Performance Tables,
this puts Hall Park Academy as the most improved school
in Nottinghamshire in 2015" (Mrs Dyce-Headteacher).

Hall Park Academy
Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3EA
T: 01773 786212 - E: office@hallparkacademy.org.uk
W: www.hallparkacademy.org.uk

ALDERCAR & LANGLEY MILL PARISH COUNCIL

Accounts for year ending 31st March 2016

approved by internal auditor
subject to external audit by Grant Thornton



INCOME

Precept	£86,000.00
Amber Valley BC grants	£11,638.66
Allotment rentals/Parish trips	£2,593.00
Newsletter adverts	£50.00
Children's scheme	£2,795.63
Bank interest	£24.10

EXPENDITURE

General administration	£31,772.12
Salaries and N.I.	£25,866.85
Parish maintenance and improvement	£10,104.04
Christmas and other activities	£9,734.50
Allotment expenses	£3,019.09
Children's Scheme and young peoples activities	£1,722.37
Section 137 expenses	£750.00
Civic expenses	£365.00

SUMMARY

Total Income	£103,101.39
Total Expenditure	£83,333.97
Increase in funds	£19,767.42

A PANTO FOR THE PARISH 2016

FREE TICKETS FOR RESIDENTS!



Come and join us at St Andrew's Church, Langley Mill on **Tuesday, 20th December 2016** (7.00pm) when the Langley Mill and Aldercar CRC Charity stages its 2016 'Panto for the Parish'. This will be the fifth show staged by the Charity in recent years and once again the trustees have decided that it should be **FREE** to residents of the Parish.

ALADDIN

The pantomime will once again be performed by the respected travelling theatre group, Every Cloud Entertainments (previously known as Fame Factory Spotlight).



We have 180 tickets available and these will be given free to residents of the Aldercar & Langley Mill Parish upon application. If we receive more than 180 applications, then the tickets will be allocated by a lottery draw.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply for your free tickets please complete the application form on the facing page and return it to A&LMCRC, Panto, 29-31 Cromford Road, Langley Mill, Notts. NG16 4EF.

Alternatively, you may telephone 07721-036906 or e-mail to the address below.

lmacrc@hotmail.co.uk

IMPORTANT: Please include all the information requested on the application form overleaf in your phone or e-mail application.

N.B. Please do not apply for the free tickets unless you intend to use them. Last Christmas, quite a few people who had received free tickets did not attend on the night, thus depriving other people, who would have liked to attend, of the opportunity.

DEADLINE for receipt of applications is the **30th November 2016**

RESTRICTIONS

Applicants must reside within the parish of Aldercar & Langley Mill.

No unaccompanied children below the age of 14 years will be admitted.

Cllr. Clive Booth

Please enter me into the draw for the FREE Aladdin pantomime tickets.

Name:

Address:

.....

..... Postcode:

Number of tickets required:

Breakdown of tickets: Children Adults Seniors:

Telephone: e-mail:

DEADLINE for applications: 30th November 2016

Performance date: 7.00pm, Tuesday, 20th December 2016

Venue: St. Andrew's Church, Langley Mill

Please return this completed form to:

29-31 Cromford Road, Langley Mill NG16 4EF

Alternatively, you may telephone or text 07721036906

or e-mail lmaccr@hotmail.co.uk with the same information.

WE SHOULDN'T LAUGH ...

Following the exhortations in the last issue of this magazine for drivers not to park their vehicles in restricted areas on pain of receiving a parking ticket, it was rather embarrassing that the first person to be caught and fined was one of our own Council team! (And, no, it wasn't me ... !)

That team member, who foolishly parked on Cromford Road, is now wearing sackcloth and ashes. He or she is also £80 pounds lighter in the pocket. It just goes to show that no-one is exempt. So, let me reiterate here that parking wardens are working in the village and that they WILL issue parking tickets if they find persons parking in contravention of regulations.



CLlr Clive Booth

GOODBYE TO JIFF

LANGLEY MILL UNITED CRICKET CLUB



It is with great sadness and a heavy heart, that we announce the passing of former Captain and team mate, Jeffrey Wharton. Jeff, or 'Jiff' as he was known in the game, was an extremely talented bowler who played an integral part in the Millers journey to Division 2. Although a fierce competitor on the pitch, Jeff was also known for his smile, laid back attitude and humour that could turn any tense situation into a moment of laughter.

Jeff arrived in the UK in 2005 where he played for Stainsby for 3 seasons, taking 112 wickets and scoring just shy of 1000 runs. Jeff helped them to the League Division 2 South title in 2007. Mark Greaves remembers about when Jeff arrived over here, 'Jeff settled in like he had been playing all his life at Stainsby. He was a talented cricketer and one of the most genuine blokes to have played for Stainsby Hall Cricket Club. I recall batting with him against South Wingfield in 2005 and he ran them ragged running singles that simply did not exist. Jeff will never be forgotten at Stainsby Hall Cricket Club'.

Jeff went on to join Glapwell in the 2008 season, playing for two seasons and taking a total of 63 wickets at an average of 23.14. Former team mate Dean Graney has written a few lines below about Jeff's time at Glapwell.

'Jeff was a well-liked character, very much a team player and a genuine worker while on the field, never afraid to take the ball and give it his best shot'.

He topped the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League Championship bowling averages in 2008 with 33 wickets at 16.97. The season also saw Jeff's best bowling figures for Glapwell, 7 for 8 including a hat trick away at Waleswood CC where he was absolutely unplayable and helped to bowl them out for 35!

Jeff enjoyed the banter during games, a bit of traditional 'Aussie' sledging, but at the end was always there with a handshake and congratulations to the opposition if they'd

won, swilled down with a beer or two!

On one occasion after practice, Jeff was first to the bar trying a few bottles of Brothers Pear cider that was a new addition to our bar. He told us on the following Saturday he'd had to pull over at the services and sort himself out, not realising it was 7% proof!"

Jeff moved to Langley Mill in 2010 where he played for four seasons until his return home to Queensland, Australia, where Jeff, Leanne and Bethany set up home and had a son called Joey.

During his 4 years at Langley Mill Jeff took 153 wickets and scored just over 1000 runs, including 5 fifties, he was a key player during their rise to Division 2 in 2011.

During his last season with the Millers Jeff was the captain and helped the Millers maintain their Division 2 status. Former captain and team mate Andrew Bailey recalls a couple of special days for Jeff with the bat and ball. Jeff's best bowling figures for the Millers were 6-13 in which he was unplayable; one opposition player was bowled and said 'What have I done wrong?' Jeff just ran past him and said, 'Too good for you mate' in typical Aussie style! The other memorable day was with the bat, Jeff scored 94 in just 53 balls which included 9x4 and 6x6. Jeff needed to be away by just gone 5pm so I said, 'Open the batting, then we won't miss you later on if required'. As much as he tried to get out, it just kept going further and the Alrewas team was shell shocked when we knocked 243 off in 36 overs!



In all Jeffrey took an impressive 342 wickets at an average of 22 with best bowling figures of 7 for 8 and scored 2550 runs with his highest of 94 during his 9 seasons in the UK.

During a recent cup game at Langley Mill a minute's silence was held in memory of Jeff, with many people who knew him or played with him attending.

We offer our condolences to his family in the UK and also back home in Australia at this truly tragic time.

Andrew Bailey



LANGLEY MILL CoE INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Well, we are drawing to the end of another very busy and exciting year in our wonderful little school and what a fun-filled, action packed year it has been!

Starting in September we welcomed our 42 new starters into the Reception classes with lots of visits and courses for parents to ensure the children settled well into their first year of full time schooling. They've all worked so hard and are looking forward to moving into Year 1 next year.

Our contribution to the well dressing event at St John's was once again well received as we portrayed our school in mosaics under the theme of '*The History of Langley Mill*'. After this we have continued to visit our local churches each term, making Christingles, walking through the Easter Story and presenting our Year 2 children with their leavers Bibles.

Charity fundraisers have featured highly throughout the year as pupils, staff, parents and governors raised money for those less fortunate than themselves. Our cake stall in aid of MacMillan Cancer research sold out of goods very quickly, due to our talented staff and parent bakers, and our superhero themed day raised lots of money for Children in Need as well as being lots of fun! Our annual Valentine's fundraiser, with a love themed red and pink concert, raised over a hundred pounds for Headcase Cancer Trust in memory of Mrs Speirs, an ex-teacher of our school who sadly passed away a few years ago. This certainly put us all in the mood for love as well as serving as a reminder of a much loved lady and her impact on our school community. Our year of raising money finished with a donation to Sports Relief from our Spring Fayre collection.



Our focus on literacy has remained a priority this year, with National Poetry Days celebrated in October (Light) and March (Spring) and National World Book day in March. The children loved reciting poems to their peers and creating stories for the creative Magic Keys they had made at home. The Ofsted Inspector commented that this event created a real 'buzz' about books and reading and writing in our school when she inspected in March of this year, giving us an overall 'good' judgement.



Sport has featured heavily throughout the year and selected children have attended a number of sporting competitions with dance platforms each term, athletics and invasion games in the autumn, striking and gymnastics events in the spring term, football tournaments in the summer and an 'ACES' day in May (All Children Exercising Simultaneously). All children will get to showcase their physical talents in our end of year competitive Sports' Day which is always a fantastic event, with crowning of the best Year 2 high jumper as the grand finale!

Our concerts have as always have been highly praised and this year was no exception. Our collection event for the Langley Mill food bank coincided with our autumn Harvest Festival and the children loved telling their parents all about the harvesting time of year through songs, dances, poems and stories. In the Spring, our Easter Concert was packed to the rafters and everyone was amazed at the entries into this year's 'Easter in a Shoebox' competition. What a creative group of children, parents and staff we have! And our Spring Fayre, with hook-a-duck, cakes, tombolas, spring crafts, planting sunflowers, refreshments and gifts ended a super term. Christmas was, as always, a special time of year, with a wonderful Nursery ABC nativity and school Christmas concert based around winter flowers. We even had parents of children who have now left the school returning to spectate as our concert is renowned for being a spectacular event!

Anti-bullying work has been a thread running through all areas of school life all year and our annual Anti-bullying week in November began a year of 'bucket filling' events. The children have learned lots about how they treat people and make them feel by filling their invisible buckets (and not dipping into them!). Renewal of the Derbyshire County Council Anti-bullying STOP award in March confirmed our quality and effective work around anti-bullying.

Our home-school partnerships have remained strong all year and parents and families have been invited into classes each term to partake in a range of activities with their children, as well as attending parent share days and workshop events. They've listened to Christmas songs and shared mince pies, read favourite stories in

class, helped with art and craft sessions, attended weekly awards assemblies and learned lots of reading and phonics through tailored workshops. We cherish and nurture these links with home, seeing them as vital to giving the children the best possible start.

Lots of visitors have been welcomed into school to add enrichment to the curriculum. The children listened to a wonderful local storyteller give a talk about the local canal and an Olympic hammer thrower inspired the children into striving for excellence and aspiring to be the best. We've also had experts training the children on bike, fire and rail safety to keep them all happy and safe.

We can't forget our Queen's birthday celebrations in May when our red, white and blue themed day was used to celebrate the 90th birthday of our reigning Monarch. The children loved learning about London and the Royal family and went on to paint some fabulous portraits of Elizabeth II. We will finish our amazing year as we started, welcoming in our new children who will start school in September, as well as sadly saying goodbye to our Year 2 leavers who are moving on to pastures new.



All in all, what an exciting and eventful year we've had. If you get the chance to visit us, please do so. We're always excited to welcome visitors to our school and showcase our talents and have nursery and school places to offer. Both Ofsted and Church Inspectors gave high praise for our school in their recent inspections and we'd like more opportunities to share our good work with you all.

Have a great summer everyone, with love from all at your local Langley Mill Infant School & Nursery.

Miss Scrivens
Headteacher

LET THERE BE LIGHT! - EVENTUALLY

It's been a long time coming, but after first being reported in this magazine as a project in progress in February of 2014, I am pleased to report that the promised lamp standards along the resurfaced Pottery Lane footpath have now been installed.

Foot passengers can now walk the length of the pathway, both pre-dawn and post-dusk, with their way illuminated.

The footpath has not yet been officially adopted and until it is the Parish Council will pick up the bill for the running cost of the lights which is anticipated to be around £1,500 per annum.

Pottery Lane runs between Station Road, opposite its junction with Milnhay Road, to the railway footbridge that connects to North Street. The pathway also runs on past the footbridge to give access to Bridge Street and the Queen Street recreation ground. Its name comes from the fact that it used to run along the side of Langley Mill Pottery.

Cllr Clive Booth



Useful Contacts

Amber Valley Community Safety Partnership	01773 841652
Amber Valley Borough Council	01773 570222
Bounty (Pregnancy advice)	0800 316 9341
Future Homescales (General Enquiries)	01773 573100
Future Homescales (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
.....	or 0800 198 668
Police	0345 123 3333
Non emergencies, please dial	101
Emergencies, please dial	999
Needle & Syringe hotline	0800 0925 131
SPODA	0800 0685 718
(Supporting anyone whose life is affected by some 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 Telephone: 01773 570222	Building regulations, bus shelters, Council Tax, concessionary fares, dog wardens, housing (referrals), planning matters, recreation parks, refuse collection/recycling, registry office, register of electors. Consumer advice, education, libraries, public rights of way and footpaths, Social Services, street lighting, Trading Standards.
Derbyshire County Council Telephone 01629 580000	
Aldercar & Langley Mill Parish Council Telephone: 01773 717119	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.