

Parish Magazine

May 2017

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ALDERCAR & LANGLEY MILL PARISH COUNCIL

2017 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

**All Parish Council meetings will be held at:
LANGLEY MILL BUSINESS CENTRE, AMBER DRIVE, LANGLEY MILL
Commencing at 6.30pm**

25th May 2017

22nd June 2017

27th July 2017

The Parish Council does not meet in August

28th September 2017

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings.
There will be a fifteen-minute period at the beginning of each meeting
when residents may address the Council

**The Parish Council offices are located at:
Langley Mill Business Centre,
Amber Drive,
Langley Mill,
Derbyshire
NG16 4BE**

**The office is open for business to the public
between 9.00am and 1.00pm, Tuesday to Thursday**

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Photograph: Cllr Clive Booth

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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 Monday 3rd July 2017
(items received after this date will not be considered).

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1985 (21(1)(a))

PARISH OF ALDERCAR & LANGLEY MILL – COUNCILLOR VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that vacancies have occurred in the Office of Councillor for the Parish of Aldercar & Langley Mill. The positions will be filled by co-options made by the Parish Council.

If you wish to apply or require further information, please write or e-mail to the address below:

Clerk to the Council,
Langley Mill Business Centre
Amber Drive, Langley Mill, Derbyshire NG16 4BE
Telephone:01773-717119
E-mail: clerk@almipc.co.uk
Deadline for applications is 31st May 2017

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

May 2017

Welcome to the May 2017 edition of the parish magazine. I hope you will enjoy reading it and that it keeps you informed of the work of the Parish Council and events taking place in our community.

Thank you to residents for their patience whilst the Parish Council moved offices to the Langley Mill Business Centre. I am pleased to say we are now fully installed in our new accommodation at the far end of Amber Drive and telephone lines and e-mail facilities are now sorted. The Council is pleased with its new accommodation which includes a meeting room and hope to be there for many years.



We try to listen to residents and meet their needs and that is exactly what we managed to do in March. Following the disappointing closure of the free car park in the village the Parish Council managed to secure access to land at the D and D Transport site on Cromford Road and we now have a new car park. The car park is open 8 am to 6 pm on Mondays to Fridays and 9 am to 5 pm on a Saturday and has the added security of CCTV monitoring. Shoppers and residents may park free for two hours.

Spring is now in the air, the lighter nights have returned and it is time to start brightening the village. The summer plants will soon be installed to add much needed colour and the Parish Council are planning to cultivate the traffic island near ASDA and revitalise the Hall Road Garden area. May I say thank you to County Councillor Paul Jones for supporting the latter two projects with a donation from his community grant fund.

Indeed, time moves very quickly it seems these days and summer will be upon us before we know it so I am pleased to announce two more coach trips to Chester and Mablethorpe. We try to do our best for residents and the family trip to Mablethorpe in August will be free for children. You will find the details later in the magazine.

Keep your eyes open in May as the Parish Council will launch a new website to keep residents up to date. The new website address will be www.almpc.co.uk

Having listened to resident's feedback, our e-mail address has been shortened to a more memorable version and you can now contact the council at clerk@almpc.co.uk

May I remind everyone that the Parish Council is here to serve you and we would be happy to receive feedback at any time. Remember it is **YOUR** Parish Council.

Finally, enjoy the better weather, keep safe and hopefully I shall meet some of you on the forthcoming coach trips.

Cllr Mick Fowkes
Chairman

LANGLEY MILL O.A.P. CLUB

Celebrating 60 years

Why not come and join us?

We meet at Bailey Brook Drive Centre, Langley Mill
every Wednesday
12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

We also have coach trips out
plus we go to the Eckington Centre for Christmas dinner.

We have bingo £1.50 for 6 books
& flyer x 2
Subs are £1.00 per week.
Free cup of tea & biscuit
Raffle once a month.

For more information contact
Lynn 01773 531 325
John 0784 282 2756

Langley Mill O.A.P. Club

JOIN US FOR . . .

ANOTHER STEP BACK

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH,
HEANOR

SATURDAY, 20th MAY 2017

10.00am - 3.00pm

A further stroll down
Memory Lane with the
Local History Society
featuring heritage talks
photo displays, etc



Another Step Back

HEANOR'S NEW HEALTH FACILITIES

RIISING FROM THE GROUND

Building work at the site of the new Heanor healthcare facilities is gathering pace as the careful preparation of the ground-works over the past weeks leads on to the more visible signs of the new building taking shape.

Contractors, A & S Enterprises, Limited moved on site at the beginning of November and have since been busy preparing the ground and setting up for the construction work, which is expected to be completed in late 2017.

Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust is leading the project, as the organisation responsible for the redevelopment of health services on the site of the former Heanor Memorial Hospital.



The start of work on Heanor's new health facility

The old memorial hospital, which opened in 1925, was demolished in October 2015 as unfit for the delivery of modern healthcare, after findings of asbestos initially forced its closure in September 2013. Amber Valley Borough Council formally approved plans for a single storey purpose-built health development, as a base for a range of health services for the local community, at the end of November 2015.





FREE COUNCIL PARKING RETURNS TO LANGLEY MILL

With the previous issue of this magazine we bought you the bad news that the FREE Parish Council car park on Parliament Square, off Cromford Road, had closed due to circumstances beyond the Council's control.



The site of the Council's new car park

With this issue, we are pleased to bring you some good news in that following negotiations with the owners of D&D Transport on the old Smith's Flour Mill site, a new car park has been created and FREE parking is once again available. Parking is limited to two hours, which should be plenty of time to do your shopping, get your hair done and enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

Cllr Clive Booth

THOMAS NORMAN GARDENS



Thomas Norman Gardens, North Street

It seems a long time since we told you about the planned refurbishment of the green area on North Street (officially known as Thomas Norman Gardens) and the plans to commemorate the service of a much-loved, former Councillor Marion Paisley, who sadly passed away in 2014.

There have been problems, but better news is to hand; all the problems have been overcome and work will commence in the next few weeks.

We look forward to seeing the finished refurbishment and a lasting tribute to Councillor Paisley.

Cllr Clive Booth

THE DISAPPEARING INDICATORS

Where are all the Indicators Disappearing to?

When I first learnt to drive a car, we didn't have the indicators that flashed giving all a knowledge that the driver and car were either turning right or left. We had either semaphores (which came from the side of the car and lit up) or, if you were not lucky enough to have these, the window on the driver's side was wound down the right hand went out of the window to indicate the car was turning right and if turning left the arm went in an anti-clockwise direction.



I vividly remember failing my first driving test by not using manual signals when told to. Oh, how I wonder how tests go today, the driver has an easy time indicating the direction he or she wants to go by clicking a switch.

The men of the day (my early driving days) used to say that the women of that time would only remember to indicate when their nail polish needed to dry. We used to laugh at them and take little notice of their jibes.

Over the last few years my sister and I have said we would not buy a modern car as few of them seem to have indicators. If they do have indicators they are seldom used. Many a time we have nearly had a horrendous accident on the Asda island, as no one seems to know how to indicate which way they are going.

The Motorway is another cause for our concern as drivers, whatever gender, don't give any idea whether they are overtaking or leaving the motorway by using the indicators.

So please to avoid accidents or delays from pile ups use the indicators that the manufacturers have provided. The highway code is a very good tool to use when driving, it will enable you to be a better driver and use those disappearing indicators properly and safely.

Would you please prove to those drivers that use their indicators that the manufacturers have not left them off certain cars? To all of you who drive enjoy your driving keep safe and use your highway code and of course your indicators.

Cllr Mari E Fowler (Miss)

ST JOHN'S RARISH CHURCH, ALDERCAR

At 10.30am on Tuesday, the 2nd May 2017 we shall be holding our next fortnightly coffee morning in the church.

Please come and join us, you will be most welcome.

St John's Church

THE SAGA OF ERNIE

Over the past few issues of this magazine, with the help of readers, we've been trying to identify a gentleman named Ernie. (You'll need to see previous issues for the full story.) With this issue, Langley Mill resident Peter West provides us with some more information.

He writes, 'His name was indeed Ernie Cross and he lived with his wife Ivy and daughter Valery on Peel Street. After his involvement with Langley Colliery FC he went to help with the MGOs under 18 team, which evolved into MGO Reserves. Ernie was one of those unsung heroes who freely give their time helping both youngsters and older amateur footballers to play.'

The MGO team went on to be quite successful and the team from the early 1960s is pictured here.

After the MGO, Ernie moved to Codnor Welfare to continue his good work with Les Grace and John Challenge.'

Our thanks to Peter for the information.



The M.G.O. football team in the early 1960s



CATHEDRAL CITY COACH TRIP

In the February issue of the Parish Magazine we asked readers where they thought the Parish Council should organise a trip to for this summer.

Well, the voting is over – the results are in - and we're off to the ancient walled city of

CHESTER!

Thursday, 15th June 2017

Fare: £10.00

Non-Parish residents: £12.00

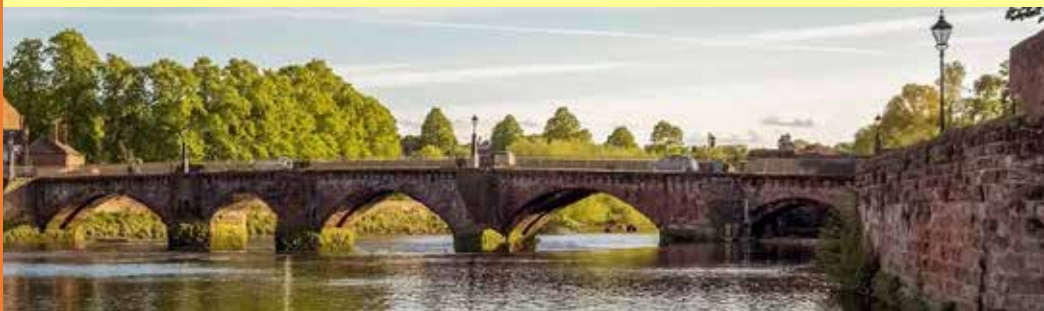
Leaving from outside Shop4U, Cromford Road
at 7.30am prompt

Leaving Chester for return journey at 5.00pm

To book seats, please contact the Parish Council office
Contact details are on page 2 of this magazine

As this trip is taking place in school term-time, young persons of school age will not be permitted to travel

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



FAMILY SUMMER SEASIDE COACH TRIP

Following onto the success of the family seaside coach trips of the past couple of years, the Parish Council is pleased to announce that it will run a similar trip again this year.

So, pack your sunscreen and sandwiches because we're off to

MABLETHORPE!

Tuesday, 8th August 2017

Fare: £10 for adults

Non-Parish residents: £12.00

CHILDREN TRAVEL FOR FREE!

Leaving from outside Shop4U, Cromford Road
at 7.30am prompt

Leaving Mablethorpe for return journey at 5.00pm

To book seats, please contact the Parish Council office
Contact details are on page 2 of this magazine

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Children up to and including the age of 15 qualify for free travel but **MUST** be accompanied by their parent or carer.

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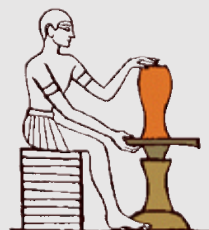
WHEELS OF TIME

Rolling through Langley Mill

We may take them for granted nowadays, but over the years the humble wheel has played a vital role in the development of the Aldercar & Langley Mill area.

Invented during the late Neolithic age, which makes them around 6,000 years old, the first wheels were potter's wheels used to create early receptacles.

These early potter's wheels were made of stone or clay, with a hole in the centre that dropped over peg in the ground, and had to be turned by brute force. Later, there came a time when one of our smarter ancestors, watching the potters at their work, must have recognised the potential for using a circular wheel to move loads by attaching it to an axle.



As time progressed the wheel was adapted for many more varied uses with some of these going on to play important roles in the development of Langley Mill. It was in recognition of this that, when in 2010 the Heanor & District Local History Society organised a heritage event in Langley Mill, they titled it 'Wheels of Time'.

The oldest discovered 'transport' wheel in Great Britain was recently unearthed in East Anglia and dates back around 3,000 years. Other items found with the wheel suggest it came from a horse-drawn cart, so we can presume that by that time carts had become useful tools for our ancestors.



Langley Mill & Aldercar Co-op delivery cart

When the first wheeled cart trundled through Langley Mill is, however, something we don't know, but we do know there was a river crossing over the Erewash here in medieval times that provided a link between Nottingham, Derby and Mansfield. By the 12th century a wooden bridge had been built over the river and **wheeled** carts would have undoubtedly have been using this for journeys to the recently built Codnor Castle.

The rattling wheels of carts of various descriptions would subsequently become heard around our area with increasing frequency. Not just horse-drawn ones either; other animals would have been put to the task of drawing them too, such as cattle, donkeys and even dogs. There would also have been human-powered hand-carts – and all would have been dependant on **wheels**.

THE BLACK STUFF

As soon as one of our ancestors picked up a lump of black coal from the surface of the ground and found that it would burn to provide warmth, the substance was in demand. It was no different in our area and once supplies near the surface were exhausted people had to start digging down to gather it from below ground level. One of the earliest methods for doing this was a bell-pit, which consisted of a shaft which opened out at the bottom onto a seam of coal. Miners were hoisted up and down the shaft with a winch, which was a rope or chain wound around a rotating drum – and a drum is, of course, nothing more than an elongated **wheel**.



*Bailey Brook Colliery
Headstocks*

As the coal mines got progressively deeper the mechanism for raising and lowering the miners became more complex, eventually culminating in the huge **winding-wheels** of the headstocks that came to symbolise coal mining across this area.

For centuries, the Langley Mill area had been mostly dedicated to agriculture, but when the Industrial Revolution took off in the 18th Century, the coal stocks lying beneath the feet of Langley Mill people took on extra significance. Demand for coal increased nationwide to power the new industries and warm homes and all this coal had to be moved across the country from its source to where it was required. The **wheeled**, horse-drawn carts of earlier eras could no longer cope efficiently with the increased scale of demand.



*A canal lock
gate cog wheel*

CANALS COMETH

A system to economically move the coal supplies (and other goods) in bulk had to be found – and the solution was the canal; a system of man-made waterways criss-crossing the country to link supply to demand. Horses were used to haul the new barges and, because of the reduced friction when pulling a floating barge and because there were no hills, each horse was able to haul up to fifty times more weight.

In 1779 the Erewash Canal was the first to arrive in Langley Mill, linking the village to the rivers Trent and Soar and via those to the cities of Nottingham and Leicester. In 1794 a second canal, the Cromford Canal, joined the Erewash and then in 1796 a third canal also joined at Langley Mill Basin, this time the Nottingham Canal.

All of these canals relied on lock-gate systems to raise and lower the barges as they progressed along the waterways. The Erewash Canal, for instance, had 14 locks along its length that raised the level of the water by 109 feet over its 11¼ mile route from the Soar to Langley Mill. Each of these lock gates depended on, you've guessed it, **wheels** to open and close the lock and sluice gates to speed the barges on their way.

THE AGE OF STEAM

The canals were very successful, but their days became numbered when, in 1804, Richard Trevithick put a steam engine onto tracks and used it to haul trucks. This was the birth of the railway age which would explode across the country through the following decades. In 1847 the railway reached Langley Mill when the Erewash Valley Line, built by the Midland Railway company, opened Langley Mill railway station.



A poster for the G.R. Turner company showing some of the varied rolling stock it produced.

Hauling goods in trains of trucks, on tracks, with a steam engine proved far more efficient even than moving the goods on the canals – and once again it was **wheels** at the heart of it. This time the flanged **wheels** of the engines, trucks and carriages that kept them on the rails.

Before we move on from Langley Mill's links to the **wheels** of railways we should mention G.R. Turner Ltd who had coach works on Bridge Street where railway rolling stock was built (all on **wheels**) for export around the world.

RIPLEY RATTLER

And it wasn't just on rails and canals where **wheels** were changing the face of transport around Langley Mill either. In 1913 a tramway running all the way from Ripley to Cinderhill in Nottinghamshire, via Langley Mill was opened. This service eventually extended its route right into Nottingham city centre to terminate at Upper

Parliament Street. In total the **wheels** of the trams rattled for 15 miles each way between the two termini and continued to do so for 20 years.

The tram service, which was known colloquially as the Ripley Rattler, became notorious as the most dangerous tramway in Great Britain. It gained this sobriquet because the single-track tramline required no fewer than 316 loops where the trams could pass each other. This meant the trams were swinging in and out of the passing loops continuously during each journey, much



A Ripley Rattler off the tracks on Station Road, Langley Mill

to the discomfort and danger of passengers and leading to many accidents. It even prompted the renowned author D.H. Lawrence to write of it in his short story, *Tickets Please*; *'This, the most dangerous tram-service in England, as the authorities themselves declare, with pride, is entirely conducted by girls, and driven by rash young men, a little crippled, or by delicate young men, who creep forward in terror.'*

There was also the General bus company, with a base at Langley Mill, that went on to become first the Midland General Omnibus Company when it absorbed the Midland bus company from Kimberley and then, eventually Trent Barton. Another Langley Mill company that made its fortune from **wheels**.

But of course, as mentioned earlier, not all **wheels** are transport related and we've had **wheels** in other areas of commerce that have thrived in Langley Mill too. For instance, we know there was a mill in Langley Mill before the Domesday Book of 1086 was written. It was probably a water-mill on the Erewash, but if there was a mill, then there were obviously a **mill-wheels**.

In the mid-1800s a new mill was built on Cromford Road by the Smith & Bowles company and in its early years of operation that too used heavy stone **mill-wheels** to grind the corn. These stone mill-wheels eventually gave way, in 1884, to a roller system.

There was also a windmill on Dunstead Hill that would have had a similar stone **mill-wheel**, driven by **cog-wheels**, to grind the corn.



*A worker
and potter's wheel at
Langley Pottery*

In 1865 James Calvert established a pottery on Station Road, Langley Mill which went on, through various partnerships and name changes, to become Langley Pottery. And of course, if you have a pottery you have to have **potter's wheels** and Calvert's Pottery was no exception.

The Pottery changed ownership and name several times over the years before adopting the name Langley Pottery in 1967. It finally closed in 1982 but left a legacy of high quality pieces eagerly sought world-wide by collectors.

So, there you have it. A partial history of the role of wheels (or maybe that should be the roll of wheels) in Langley Mill. I say 'partial history' because I am certain there are many other instances where wheels have played an important part in the development of our village. If you can think of any, please drop me a line at the Council offices (contact details on page 2).

CLlr Clive Booth



LANGLEY MILL CHILDREN'S SCHEME

COUNCIL FUNDING ENSURES SCHEME'S CONTINUATION

Funding from local Derbyshire County Councillor Paul Jones has ensured that a popular **free** local scheme for children and young adults during schools holidays continues. The Scheme, organised by Langley Mill Community Group, is held at Aldercar High School and provides a wide variety of events from physical activity, arts and crafts and is for ages 7 to 16 years. Held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with a free lunch included, the events are very popular – 85 young people attended the last session in the February half term. The facilities at the school are second to none.



*County Councillor Paul Jones presents
his generous grant cheque to the Group*

The funding of £16,700 is from the County Council's Community Priorities Funding and is used to help the scheme continue in partnership with **Ilkeston Football Club Academy**, with a new initiative which started on **Wednesday evening, 15th March 2017** to provide weekly free football skills and training sessions. Under 11s – 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and over 11s 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. all at Aldercar School. The project was introduced by John McCulloch, Vice-Chairman of the Group and Sheena Trower, Secretary, to provide continuity to the already successful activities.

The group is also in partnership with Aldercar High School to provide a weekly arts and crafts group every Wednesday evening 6 – 7 p.m. All welcome (free scheme).

Derbyshire County Councillor Paul Jones reported, "The £16,700 I have been able to donate from our Community Priorities Programme which has been set up to help

support the many hard-working community groups across the county who are going the extra mile to strengthen the areas they live in and help people to help themselves.

"This type of support is especially important at a time of shrinking Council budgets and this project in Langley Mill is an excellent example of how this funding can help provide activities for our youngsters during school holidays and in the evenings.

"This project, however, would not be possible but for the army of volunteers who support it and make it happen. They are the unsung heroes of this project. This funding is as much in recognition of their hard work and commitment to the community as anything else."



Some of the excellent art and craft work produced by young people at the scheme.

Sheena Trower, the Group Secretary & Organiser stated that, "Due purely to this valued funding award, the children's scheme will continue to develop in partnership with Ilkeston Football Club Academy, run by Head Coaches Steve Welsh and Paul Holland, supported with Chesterfield FC Coach and former Ilkeston FC player John Knapper. Their involvement cements a professional dimension to the development of the scheme. The effects of their training policy have been profound, with young people benefitting from structured, yet fun direction in sport, enhancing children's interest in physical activities through sport."

The events have run free of charge for all young people from the ages of 7 to 16 years old since 2009 and rely totally on funding from outside bodies. Derbyshire County Councillor Paul Jones continues as a robust supporter of the scheme since

taking his seat at the County Council. Derbyshire Youth Workers & Derbyshire Constabulary also provide staff to support the initiative.

To register your child for the scheme, please contact Sheena Trower on 07846 438426 or sheenatrower@hotmail.com for an application form from the Community Group.

Sheena Trower



Carousel Craft



We're not just about CRAFTING . . .

It's about Friendship, supporting each other and laughter too.

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Wednesdays 10.30am – 1.00pm
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Small session fee + Yearly Membership. Refreshments

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Community Hall, Ilkeston Road, HEANOR
Derbyshire DE75 7AG

Phone 01773-710939 or 07500937973

Or email – craftyone369@sky.com

www.facebook.com/craftingwithcarouselcraftgroup

**** Check our Facebook page for up to date opening times ****

The Group is aimed at anyone over 18, disabled most welcome

TURN AGAIN!

and join LM&ACRC charity and St Andrew's Church
for a Christmas Pantomime



COMING NEXT CHRISTMAS!

See the next issue of this
magazine for details of how to
get your ticket!

Come and join us next Christmas for
another laughter-packed
professional pantomime, delivered
by 'Every Cloud Entertainment'.

This will be the fifth time the
LM&ACRC has sponsored a
Christmas pantomime in Langley
Mill and it just gets better and better.
Don't miss it!

Clr Clive Booth



THE PENTRICH & SOUTH WINGFIELD REVOLUTION GROUP

Charity Incorporated Organisation Number 1106983

Funding raised by
The National Lottery
and awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund



The Pentrich & South Wingfield Revolution Group has been awarded a grant of £66,000 from Heritage Lottery funding for its exciting project commemorating the bi-centenary of the last and little known 'revolution' to have occurred in England

The commemoration will include all of the villages which were affected by this event, where information boards will be installed and guided walks led through areas. An Art Exhibition marking the event was launched at 28 Cafe in Belper on the 8th April. There will also be many other events.

The Langley Mill walk will take place at 2.00pm on the 14th May 2017, starting at from the Bunny Hop. Everyone is welcome to join in.

You can follow all the events on the Group's website at www.pentrichrevolution.org.uk or on Facebook www.facebook.com/pentrichrevolution

LANGLEY MILL UNITED CRICKET CLUB

The Club is delighted to announce that one of its former players, Samit Patel, is to bring a Nottinghamshire XI to Langley Mill this summer.

Samit, who is currently playing first-class cricket with Nottinghamshire, and his team will play against a Langley Mill United CC XI as part of his 2017 benefit year.

It promises to be a good and entertaining game, so remember the date and come along.

SUNDAY, 23rd July 2017
Langley Mill United CC

ClIr Steve Brown



Useful Contacts

Amber Valley Community Safety Partnership	01773 841652
Amber Valley Borough Council	01773 570222
Bounty (Pregnancy advice)	0800 316 9341
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
.....	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.
Derbyshire County Council Telephone 01629 580000	Consumer advice, education, libraries, public rights of way and footpaths, Social Services, street lighting, Trading Standards.
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 the public are welcome to attend.