

Langton Green Village Society

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Newsletter – September 2016

Dear Member,

A LONG HOT SUMMER!

Well it doesn't suit everyone (and the grass is beginning to turn brown!) but we have had some gloriously hot sunny days recently. Sadly, even though they have been regularly watered, the hanging baskets in the village have had to be refurbished. Volunteers from the Village Society got together earlier in the week to introduce some new colourful planting which will hopefully see out the season.

GATWICK

You may have noticed a fairly constant stream of 'arriving' aircraft over Langton Green during July and the first part of August. Seemingly, summer had truly arrived for us all. Well, there has been some very recent, important news for everyone concerned by the noise from overhead aircraft.

From Monday 15 August the flight landing swathe for planes coming in to Gatwick was officially re-widened, effectively negating NATS and the CAA's plans to create a narrow superhighway over a number of villages in west Kent, including ours. Ultimately planes coming in to land at Gatwick from the east will be guided over a larger area which we should definitely notice by having fewer planes directly over us. However, it's not over "till the fat lady sings" and all community groups will be watching progress with interest. The challenge will be to stop any backsliding by Gatwick/CAA/NATS.

The above news hopefully represents some progress on one issue, but another battle is about to impact the same communities – **NIGHT FLIGHTS**. Through the diligence of others we have recently been alerted that Gatwick have just applied to **reduce** night flight landing charges next year, to make them significantly cheaper than the daytime charge (they are presently the same). Put simply, Gatwick are **YET AGAIN** trying to increase flights regardless of the damage it causes to communities. Far from being the good neighbour they claim to be, Gatwick are showing themselves to be the opposite, no doubt as a fight back against having to agree to flight path widening. Once again we need your help in making your views known. Check the 'Night Flights Fight' Stop Press in the link below to see how you can help.

Further information can be found here - <http://www.langtongreen.org.uk/home/latest-news/>

QUIZ NIGHT

All Saints' Church are holding a Quiz Night in the Langton Green Village Hall on Saturday, September 24th at 7 for a 7.15 pm start. Tickets are £10 and include a fish 'n chip supper. There will be a pay bar and raffle. Tickets are available from Fleur Jackson on 01892 862859

CAR WASH

Langton Green Classic Car Club are holding a Car Wash on Sunday, September 18th in the car park at the Village Hall from 9 am to 3 pm where all proceeds will go to Hospice in the Weald. It is being held in memory of James Miller, a Langton resident and car club member who recently passed away. £10 per car.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2016

Despite our best efforts at chasing members subs for 2016 there are still about 100 members who have not paid their £5. This money helps the Society to support its aims so if you have not yet paid you can either make a payment via BACS to sort code 55-70-13 account 08419639 [remember to include your surname and initials in the reference], or deliver a payment to Helen Fuller at 9, Newlands. Better still set up a standing order, full details of how to do this are on the website.

The Village Website is maintained by the Village Society and has further contact information on it –

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