



LGVS AGM 16 Sept 2024

[Covering the 2023 Financial Year (Jan to Dec) and highlights from 2024 Year to Date]

Committee Admin

- The meeting was not quorate in accordance with the constitution - 16 attendees not meeting 20 threshold, however all agreed to proceed in the spirit of not wanting the constitution to hold us back from progress.

James Bowdidge - Chairman's report

- James described a successful 2023 and more recently, how we have raised significant amount of money through the fete
- This is money to support people doing good things for our local community
- However, we don't have hands on support to do as much any more (both committee members and volunteers)
- We have adopted more of a facilitation model, where people volunteer (e.g. Amba's clothes sale) and we help to connect to enable them to be successful
- In 2023 we formed a Community Interest Company (CIC) to enable the cafe to continue at the Pavilion Hub.
- Wonderful events take place in the Pavilion Hub, e.g. Downs syndrome group we saw this evening dancing.
- Stuart Smith is Chairman of trustees of village hall - rep of LGVS - are we happy for Stuart to continue to represent the LGVS? Unanimously agreed.

Mark Gamble - Fete 2024

- Mark shared a note of appreciation for the Fete Committee - incredible amount of support
- Weather was against us - wind and rain - keeping gazebos on the ground was difficult (some we lost, will need to replace)
- Football (European Championship) happened to be on the same day - coincided with the end of the fete which took football away
- Great success, despite weather and football
- Band - Groove Platform - excellent; dog show; tug of war - all very good

- Main purpose - bring the community together; real success; Josie did it all in the past
- very grateful to all who helped Mark
- Also to make some money for the community - Mark worried we would make as much as 2022 (Diamond Jubilee, sunny day, Josie was doing it) - turnover c.20% down but made £10,000
- On the gate - Jeremy & Lucy did an incredible job
- What will we spend it on? Hospice in the Weald; LGVS will use to support the things we already support (xmas tree, hanging baskets); chunk to support the Pavilion to keep it going; save some for 2026 fete (2-year cycle) - time consuming to do each year
- Next Fete 4th July 2026
- Next year along the lines of the post Covid party; local event.
- Thank you to everyone who helped
- Mark will share an update for the website

Emma Stevens - Church update

- Plan is to have 1 vicar joined up with Speldhurst, Ashurst and Groombridge - joint Benefice - 4 churches, 1 vicar
- Since Lyn left, long process, early July 2024 advert published in Church Times (£1,200 for 4 weeks)
- Will live in Rectory in Speldhurst
- Emma, Sally-Anne and PCC co-responsible for maintaining Langton vicarage - at personal cost - may need support from LGVS
- Wardens meeting with Archdeacon office to discuss how many applicants, if any - tomorrow 4pm
- 7-9 October interviews
- Need somebody community spirited - determined to fit
- Still 3 months' lead time (Feb'25 earliest)
- Emma and Sally-Anne carrying all the services (lots of work)
- Last Sunday Emma had 34 at the 8am service; 12 to the 10:30
- House belongs to the Diocese
- Waiting for Diocese to give us permission to clear up the garden

Jeremy Stirling - Gatwick

- 70% land from the East
- Gatwick busiest single use runway in the world - 55 movements an hour (takeoffs and landings) - using tech to improve throughflow
- 35% on top of worst ever in 2019
- To mitigate - plane technology has got better - no more screaming planes
- Flying low, night flying - still a problem
- Govt committee has finished public work
- One piece of (possibly) good news - govt authorised increase in traffic in a London airport - City airport - business airport - want more people on business trips so city airport a good place to start. Alternative is Gatwick being a leisure airport (70%).
2014 what Britain needs air traffic - Heathrow 70% business
- Only 30% from SE - cost of getting people to the SE; new train line needed - lots of environmental reasons why Gatwick expansion a bad thing
- Need to build a new town 20k workers

Treasurer's Report 2023 - Dave Whittaker

- Total receipts £23,334.86
- Total expenses £26,968.48
- Net deficit £3,633.62
- Surplus brought fwd £31,066.89
- Cash holdings £27,433.27
- Strong income from 2023 quiz (x2) £1,700 total
- £5,000 raised from sale of old marquees
- Support of Fringe festival broke even (£10k in / out)
- Donations to Langton church £2,000, Bursary £250, Gatwick support £250
- Other notable expenses: Picnic bench at the Rec £500, A264 planters £700, Aerial photos £300, Hanging baskets, Xmas tree and school hamper £400
- Langton Life expense £1,980
- Income from membership subscriptions £1,190
- Our membership subs are not enough to cover basic costs (Langton Life) so we've asked to increase to a minimum of £10 where possible. Question over short term viability given lack of engagement, dwindling membership and over-reliance on fete income.

James' conclusion

- We are struggling with engagement
- Lots of suggestions to 'please do this for us' - we cannot support
- AGM well publicised - however only 16 people here, all of which are either on Committee or directly involved some other way. No general members in attendance despite emails and social media advertising.
- This is how we support you, to coordinate
- Langton Life a big commitment
- Jeremy Stirling made an offer to bang the drum - to get more supporters
- Rebecca Leach to support Jeremy to door-knock [Rebecca, Emma Stevens, Jeremy 'make Langton great again'] - LGVS committee will meet before end of 2024 to agree approach and narrative.

Financial Summary for the Year ended 31 December 2023

RECEIPTS:	2022	2023
	£	£
Events	652.45	2,530.79
Village Fete	24,870.81	10,350.64
Members' Subscriptions	1,400.00	1,190.00
Other		9,263.43
TOTAL RECEIPTS	26,923.26	23,334.86
PAYMENTS:		
Events	851.76	1,295.72
Village Fete	8,190.31	10,312.73
Donations	1,127.00	2,500.00
Capital Expenses	3,200.00	7,484.81
Administration Expenses	2,554.09	1,066.75
Langton Life		1,980.00
Village Amenities	1,699.36	2,328.47
TOTAL PAYMENTS	17,622.52	26,968.48
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	9,300.74	(3,633.62)
BALANCE SHEET		
AT 31 DECEMBER		
	2022	2023
	£	£
Surplus brought forward from previous year	21,766.15	31,066.89
Surplus produced in the current year	9,300.74	(3,633.62)
Total surplus carried forward	31,066.89	27,433.27
Cash holdings at 31 December	31,066.89	27,433.27