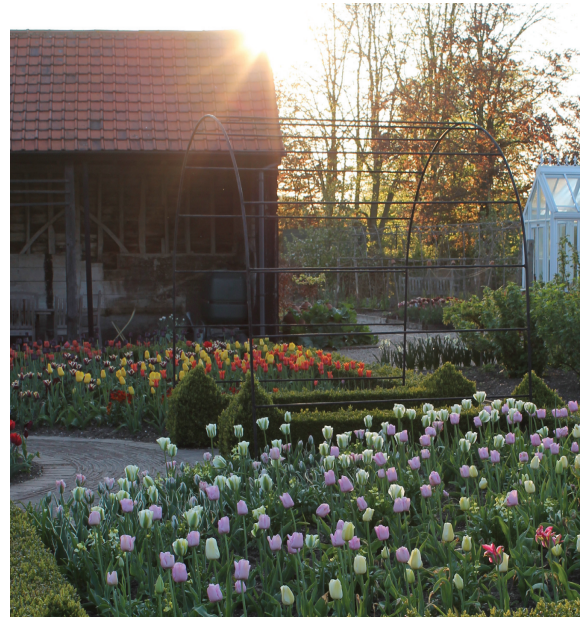


## Ulting Wick – a village gem

Hidden away at the junction of Ulting Lane and Crouchman's Farm Road, the beautiful garden of Ulting Wick is centered round a 17th Century farmhouse and three listed black Essex barns. The gardens have been redesigned, extended and developed over the past 15 years by Philippa and Bryan Burrough, and now cover eleven acres.



The barns provide structure and a backdrop for the wonderfully exuberant planting. Drifts of snowdrops and daffodils herald

the end of winter and carpets of tulips bring in the springtime. Tulips are a big feature at Ulting Wick, but particularly in the Old Farmyard which forms the heart of the garden. Philippa began transforming the gardens in 2004 from what was once the old working farmyard. Although the ground was full of rubble and rubbish, she could see its potential. Now, after several years of immense hard work planting and nurturing, the gardens dazzle in every season, with swathes of herbaceous borders, mature weeping willows, ponds and woodland settings. Colour-themed garden 'rooms' provide great interest, and drought-tolerant borders and a newly-created wildflower meadow provide other areas of interest throughout the season. There is also a highly productive vegetable garden with a Victorian-style greenhouse – every gardener's dream – and Philippa grows many of the plants from seed in the greenhouse, including all the summer bedding.

Ulting Wick has also been featured in Country Homes & Interiors, Country Life, Country Living, Essex Life and The English Garden magazines, as well as in publications by The Royal Horticultural Society. The garden was featured on BBC Gardener's World (Nov last year) and Gardens Illustrated (the most beautiful of all gardening magazines). The next public opening of the garden is on Sunday 15th September from 2pm – 5pm in aid of the National Gardens Scheme. It is also open to private groups by appointment.

For further information about the gardens visit [www.ultingwickgarden.co.uk](http://www.ultingwickgarden.co.uk), or telephone 01245 380216.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

As we go to press we are still hopeful of someone coming forward to sponsor the next issue, or this will be the last one you have, and we'll be back to a white A4 sheet of paper again. It would be a great shame as there has been a terrific amount of interest in the project and the information that we have been able to give within its pages. **So, if you would like to see this publication continue, we need funding for the future.** The Parish Council has no money of its own for this, and it would not be right to precept the village for it, so we are very dependent on local benefactors for this. If you feel you can help, please do get in touch.

## Superfast Broadband

There is now a prize if you register for Superfast Broadband. You need to visit: [www.superfastessex.org](http://www.superfastessex.org) and click on 'register for broadband' for a chance to win a Dell Tablet. The Superfast Broadband Project continues to speed along, and Essex County Council has now taken a big step forward to begin upgrading the network. The government have indicated they are keen to see the Essex project move as quickly as possible, which is great news for the county's residents.

The Superfast Essex Programme, which oversees the project, has received a huge response to its survey with over 10,000 people having given their thoughts - one of the highest ever survey responses for the Council. Essex County Councillor Kevin Bentley, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, said: "This level of response is a good sign that Essex is serious about broadband and that many residents and businesses have expressed a need for superfast broadband. We will continue to urge others to register their need as the team works on delivering the project."

So, there is still a chance for you to have your say: take part in the survey and register your interest in Superfast Broadband, and you may win a Tablet.

## Village Picnic



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## LANGFORD & ULTING PARISH COUNCIL

### ACCOUNTS SUMMARY 2012/13

#### INCOME

2011/12		2012/13
5000	Precept	6700
1	Rent	1
4	Interest	4
1000	Grants	3208
224	VAT refund	804
<b>6229</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10717</b>

#### EXPENDITURE

2011/12		2012/13
2532	Administration	2806
126	Election	-
698	Newsletter	1014
753	Streetlights	1686
676	Churchyards/Grass cutting	5201
322	New computer/printer	-
230	VAT	809
<b>5337</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>11516</b>

#### BANK

6296	Balance at 1st April	7188
6229	Add Total Income	10717
(5337)	Less Total Expenditure	(11516)
7188	Balance at 31st March	6389

## Newsletter Items

Don't forget that if you have an item of interest you would like to share, please send it to my new email address: (IreneA@lepra.org.uk) or to 11 Ulting Lane, Langford CM9 6QB. We are always in the market for local news stories. If you are new to the village, or have mislaid any of them, back issues of the newsletter are available and can be forwarded to you on request, or pick up a copy from the 'Heavenly Supplies' shop in St. Giles' Church, Langford.

### Parish Council

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# Meet your Parish Clerk ...

## Jenny Clemo



Jenny was born in Wanstead in 1955 and lived in Woodford, Harlow and Danbury as she grew up. She went to Maldon Grammar School (which became The Plume School in 1970), and then to Exeter University where she studied Chemistry and Maths. After spending one year as a chemist at Standard Telephones and Cables in Basildon, Jenny was accepted on a graduate training scheme with ITT in Brighton and qualified as an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. After marrying John in 1981, an opportunity to transfer to the ITT factory in Basildon came up and they bought their first house in Great Baddow. They decided to buy Ulting Cattery in 1986, after their first daughter was born, so that they could live in the country. Jenny has never regretted this decision and loves the open air life with their cats, visiting cats, ducks, chickens and five goats. She continued to work at ITT as Financial Accountant and during this time two more daughters were born. As business at the cattery built up, she gave up full time work. In 1990, Jenny was approached by the Parish Council Chairman, Peter Hedge, who suggested that she might like to apply for the job of clerk. She has enjoyed this job over the last 22 years and values being able to contribute to the community. Training is an important part of any job and Jenny has recently updated her knowledge of council law and procedures by completing the Certificate in Local Council Administration and passing with distinction. She also worked part time at Anglia Ruskin University supporting disabled students with their studies. Other interests include gardening, reading, knitting and she has been a leader with the 2nd Hatfield Peverel Brownies since 1990.

## Parish Clerk's Role

The clerk is appointed by the council to provide administrative support and advice and to implement council decisions. Instructions are taken from the council as a corporate body, not from individual councillors. The clerk is the proper officer and the responsible financial officer.

Duties include:

- Serving and issuing all notices required by law including a specific duty to summon councillors to meetings
- Maintaining financial records and administering council's finances including preparation of budgets, VAT returns, internal and external audit
- Providing legal advice to assist council's decisions
- Retaining records and documents as required by law
- Attending meetings of the council and keeping minutes

Responsibilities include:

- Carrying out lawful instructions of the council
- Acting professionally, objectively, independently
- Providing information
- Advising and assisting with policy making
- Dealing with all correspondence
- Clerk may act for council under delegated powers
- Issuing precept to Local Authority
- Dealing with electors
- Effectively managing council resources

## Langford & Ulting Village Hall

The Village Hall, shared with Ulting, is a converted 18th century cowshed which retains many original features including beautiful brickwork. The Parish Council purchased the building from the Essex Water Company in the 1980s and the transformation from working farm building to village amenity was undertaken by Plater, Inkpen and Downie' and won them a Conservation Award in 1994. It has excellent access for wheelchairs, and is available for hire for various functions, including private parties, educational talks and courses and the annual Art Show which attracts hundreds of visitors. During term time the hall is also home, during the day, to the 'Little Oaks' nursery school. To make enquiries about hiring the hall, please telephone Sarah Buckley on 07887 658 190 before 9 p.m.





## Did you know?

### Langford & Ulting once shared a clergyman

Although now two very separate ecclesiastical parishes (Langford belonging to the Maldon & Dengie Deanery, and Ulting to the Chelmsford Deanery), we once shared a clergyman in the form of the Revd. Charles Verney Shuckburgh.

Born in Goldhanger in 1804, to Revd. Charles William Shuckburgh, Rector of Goldhanger, and his wife Henrietta, Charles gained his BA at Trinity College, Oxford, before being ordained on 2nd March 1828 in the Chapel Royal in St. James' Palace. He married Elizabeth Lucy Luard from Wickham [Bishops] in Essex on 23rd May 1837 at All Souls Church, Marylebone.

On 22nd October 1841, Revd. Charles Verney Shuckburgh, MA, Curate of Roxwell, and Chaplain to the Right Hon. Countess Nelson, was instituted to the Rectory of Langford, vacant by the resignation of the Revd. Charles Matthew. He was also presented to the Vicarage of Ulting, void by the death of the late Revd. Wm. Bailey, June 1843, and until 1848 he was both Rector of Langford and Vicar of Ulting.

He died on 11th May 1872, aged 68 in London, and is buried in St. Giles' churchyard on the right hand side of the porch. His wife died in 1898 and was laid to rest in the family vault in Langford churchyard beside her husband, her mother and her sisters. Unfortunately we do not, at this stage, have a photograph of Charles, but if anyone has one, or knows where to find one, we would be very grateful to hear from you.

### Places of Worship

#### St. Giles' Church, Langford

Rev. Peter Low – 01621 841274

Email: revbikes@btinternet.com

www.stgileslangford.org.uk

Services at 9 a.m. every week

1st Sunday – Holy Communion

2nd Sunday – Matins

3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday – Holy Communion

#### All Saints Church, Ulting

Rev. Stephen Northfield – 01245 380958

Email: SRNorthfield@aol.com

Services of Holy Communion at 9 a.m. on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month

## And speaking of religion....

Many churches are named after Saints. St. Giles' church, Langford, is no exception, but have you ever wondered who he was?

Giles, born in 640 AD in Athens, was the son of wealthy nobles. His miracles began when, as a young man, he met a sick beggar. Moved with pity, Giles gave the man his splendid tunic, and the moment he put it on, the beggar was restored to health. When Giles was 24 both his parents died and, stricken by this loss, he gave all his possessions to the poor and embarked on a life



of poverty and humility. But his astounding miracles stopped him living in obscurity, so he sailed to France, finding peace in the forest of Nimes. Here, a hind, being hunted by the King of the Goths, came to him for protection. The arrow shot by the king hit Giles instead, and mortified that he had injured this gentle hermit, the king built the monastery of Saint-Gilles-du-Gard near Nimes c. 673 AD. Through this injury Giles became the Patron Saint of Cripples and beggars, and later of 'lepers.' The 'leper' hospital in Maldon was named after him, and several Rectors of St. Giles', Langford, became Masters there.

Giles was also one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers – a group of 'auxiliary' saints venerated together because prayer to them was thought to be particularly effective. Giles was invoked against plague. Unlike the other Holy Helpers, Giles lived to a ripe old age. When he died on 1st September 720 AD, his grave became a shrine and place of pilgrimage, and many European towns claimed to hold 'relics' of him.

A more detailed booklet on his life and works is available in St. Giles' Church.

## Business in Focus – R. Pipe Insurance Consultants



R. Pipe Insurance Consultants are independent Insurance brokers and financial advisors, established in 1977, and deal with a wide range of leading and niche-providing insurers. This enables them to provide the right choice of products for their clients.

Roy said: "It is strange how events change the direction of one's life and what an impact luck has. I was born over my father's butchers shop in Maldon High Street at the outbreak of war. Educated at Maldon Primary School and later at Maldon Grammar School, I was not an outstanding achiever, but after a stint in the Air Training Corps, I joined the R.A.F. It came as a shock to be subject to harsh discipline and drill instructors, and I must admit I telephoned my father at the end of the first week and asked to come home. He told me to stick to it.

"I trained to be a personal secretary to Station Commanders and served in the R.A.F. for six years. On returning from a year on Christmas Island, I met my wife, Merle who, at the time, was working at Barclays Bank. I chose to leave the R.A.F. when we married, and found myself with no job. Luck first struck when I was offered a job as a Prudential Agent in Chelmsford which led me into insurance. I spent ten years with them and had the plum agency of Writtle where we were living at the time. I found myself in a comfortable rut as the income was good. Fortune smiled again when a fellow agent applied for a position with the Scottish Mutual Assurance Society, was accepted but failed his medical. He suggested I should apply. As a result, I was accepted and became a consultant with a company car.

After five years, having moved to Maldon, I realised that I was an employed person with a self-employed person inside trying to get out. At the age of 37, knowing that it was now or never, I took the plunge to start my own business. I was able to rent a shop premises from Wenlocks which had lain empty for two years and took two weeks to clean up ready for opening. Insurance Brokers did not have a good name in Maldon - three had come and gone in the past including one to prison. I chose to call myself an Insurance Consultant because it

sounded more professional. I had eight years unopposed, but I had always planned to have offices in Maldon, Witham and Braintree: large enough to be strong; small enough to be able to manage.

Fate struck again when, in 1988 I saw a new development in Witham with two shop units. One was still available, and I asked for 48 hours to set up the finance and I bought it. Then in 1994 I took over George Savage Insurance in Braintree so, after 20 years, I had achieved my target. We are now a Limited Company, very much a family business as my son Gary is a Director and runs the Maldon Office, my daughter Stella is also a Director and runs the Braintree office, as well as being training and compliance officer, and my brother David, is Manager of the Witham office.

So how did I end up in Langford? My father bought Langford Lee in 1951. A complete surprise for my mother as, unbeknown to her, he went to the auction and came home and announced that he had bought it. Langford Lee, therefore, became the meeting place for the family at large and since we bought it in February 1991, the extended family has continued to gravitate to us."

As a sole proprietor Roy based his business on sound advice and very personal service. The same work ethic carries through to the present time. The business continues to grow and has an enviable reputation for service and permanence in the insurance world.



### Have you noticed...

Have you noticed that we seem to have a lot more sparrows this year? The noisy little visitors have been making their presence well known in the area of late – how wonderful when we thought they were disappearing. Did our last issue's plea to help them have something to do with it I wonder?

## The Old Vicarage, Ulting



This very unusual house was made a Grade II Listed Building on 14th November 1985. A somewhat large building for so small an ecclesiastical living, this most attractive early 19th Century building fronts onto Crouchmans Farm Road in Ulting. The Old Vicarage is traditionally constructed of Gault brick topped with a grey slate roof. The tall lattice windows in the original part of the building have unusual gothic glazing bars.

White's Directory of Essex for 1848 noted that 'A New Vicarage House has recently been erected of white brick,' so it is clear that the building was not used as a Vicarage after that. In 1949, the artist and photographer Humphrey Spender moved into

the building where he lived for the next 20 years.

In 1968 he commissioned a modern house and studio in the grounds of the Old Vicarage from the architect Richard Rogers, where he lived until his death in 2005 (see Langford & Ulting Newsletter Vol. 2. Issue 1, Autumn 2012 for more information on Humphrey.) In an interview by Cathy Courtney in 1999 for the Oral History Project of the British Library, Humphrey said he had been looking for a house, and "...an agent wrote to me saying, '... you being a painter, I know you're not going to like this particular thing, but here is a house in a place called Ulting, which is an ugly old Victorian vicarage.' So I came down straight away, thinking, now he's got it absolutely wrong, it sounds exactly the kind of house I would like. And when I got here, I thought, this is it. And there's a lovely Victorian vicarage. Incidentally a Victorian alteration from an originally, quite ancient place, and I bought it straight away."

The Old Vicarage has extensive outbuildings which have been absorbed into the general run of the house, including rooms over the old Coach House. Prior to its sale in 2012, the Old Vicarage had been owned by the same family since 1968.

### Community Diary – June-September

#### **Saturday 16th June**

Heavy Horse Show, Museum of Power (ticket prices t.b.a.),

#### **Tuesday 18th-Friday 21st June**

Oval Park Appeal, Council Offices, Maldon District Council

#### **Tuesday 2nd July**

Parish Council Meeting, LUVH, 1930

#### **Sunday 7th July**

Lilleshall Steam Day, Museum of Power (Adults £6, Concessions £5, Child £2.50)

#### **Sunday 14th July**

Classic Campervan and Vintage Fair, Museum of Power (details t.b.a.)

#### **Sunday 4th August**

Bike meet, Museum of Power (Adults £6, Concessions £5)

#### **Thursday 15th August**

Dot Outdoor Theatre Company – Lady Windermere's Fan, Museum of Power (Tickets £10 or £12 on night)

#### **Saturday 31st August**

OPEN DAY, St. Giles' Church, Langford, 1000-1400, Admission Free

#### **Sunday 1st September**

St. Giles' Patronal Festival Evensong Service, 1830, St. Giles' Church

#### **Tuesday 3rd September**

Parish Council Meeting, LUVH, 1930

#### **Sunday 8th September**

Village Picnic, LUVH, 1230 onwards

#### **Sunday 8th September**

American & Custom Car Show, Museum of Power (Adult £6, Concs. £5)

#### **Saturday 14th September**

Concert by 'Vintage Brew', St. Giles' Church, Langford, 1930. Tickets £7.50 (including refreshments)

#### **Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th September**

Heritage Weekend – Free entry to Museum of Power



## Langford Rector Revd. Charles Gough Littlehales - a First Class Essex Cricketer

At one time Langford village boasted several sports teams, including tennis, football and hockey, but the most important was, of course, the cricket team.

Photographs of our sporting folk have been hard to find, although names of those involved are known thanks to the parish magazines of the day. From 1894 to 1930 two consecutive Rectors of St. Giles' Church were part of the team. Now, thanks to the kindness of Richard Cooper of the Essex Cricket Museum, a picture of one of them – Revd. Charles Gough Littlehales – is to hand.

He was born on 20th May 1871 at Bulphan, Essex, the son of the Revd. Walter Gough Littlehales, Rector of St. Mary the Virgin, Bulphan. He was educated at Forest School, Walthamstow, before attending Exeter College Oxford, where he gained his BA in 1893 and his MA in 1896. He was made Deacon in 1896 by the Bishop of St. Albans. In that same year he made his First-Class cricket debut as



a wicketkeeper for Essex against Surrey in the 1896 County Championship. He made five other First-Class appearances for Essex, the last against Leicestershire in the 1904 County Championship. An article in the 'Essex Review' Vol. 13 of 1904 entitled "Cricket in Essex: A Resume of the past season" by Robert Cook stated: "...The Rev. C.G. Littlehales, who made a promising appearance at the end of the season...comes from Mistley – and he is well worth a place in the eleven..."

The rather poor photograph of the 1902 Essex team shows Revd. Littlehales on the far left of the back row in his striped blazer. He was Curate at Goldhanger with Little Totham from 1896-1900,

and in April 1900 he married Anna Snell, daughter of Canon Snell, Rector of Wickham Bishops. He was Curate of Mistley with Bradfield, from 1900-1905, Curate of Whitchurch, Berkshire from 1905-1908, then Vicar of Blidworth, Nottinghamshire from 1908-1914.

In October 1914 he succeeded the Hon. Revd. F.E.C. Byron as Rector at Langford, just after the outbreak of the Great War. It was a particularly difficult time to take over, but Charles threw himself into parish life, and once the war was over, built up the re-formed Cricket Club to something of its former glory. Charles was a great boost to the Langford team (which had at one time boasted a present and a future Lord Byron among its members!)

Charles left Langford in July 1930, and moved to the Vicarage of St. Andrew, Allensmore, Hereford, to take over following the death of their former Vicar.

He died on 28th August 1945 at Corner Cottage, Wickham Bishops, after a short illness, and was buried in St. Bartholomew's Churchyard there, on Friday 31st August. He was much respected and loved by all who knew him.

### Neighbourhood Plan Focus Groups

#### Saturday 29th June

Langford & Ulting Village Hall  
(for Langford)

#### Saturday 6th July

Crouchman's Barn (for Ulting)

These workshops/focus groups are intended to let you know where we are in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan and, more importantly, for you to be involved in the decision making process looking at and discussing, in small groups, some of the main areas that will feature in the Plan. Do come along and join in, it's your chance to put forward your views and have influence on what happens in the Plan; the sessions will run for approximately two hours including a coffee break and will start at 10.00am. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Public Footpaths - Beeleigh – Ulting Church



This is a lovely little walk which takes you along the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation Canal. From the B1019, take Golf Course road beside the Museum of Power in Langford. If you are driving, there is limited parking at the end of the road before Renne's red brick

bridge. Cross the bridge and turn right. Beeleigh Falls are one of the best kept secrets in Essex. The weir system controls the point where the Rivers Chelmer and Blackwater meet the sea. Below the weirs the river is tidal and the brackish water provides a valuable reed bed habitat and there are plenty of birds to be seen. Above the weir the fresh water is ideal for kingfishers who can often be seen if you are patient. To continue onto Ulting, go straight over the weir and cross the canal at Beeleigh lock and carry on up the footpath. For a short, but well worthwhile diversion, once you've crossed the falls, take the path round to the left and, crossing over what used to be the tide race for the mill, the remains of Beeleigh mill (which was destroyed in 1875 in a fire) can be seen next to Beeleigh Falls House. The flow of the Chelmer ran underneath the mill when it was in operation as barges pulled up to unload their cargo of grain. The milling gear, Wentworth steam engine and 'Elephant' boiler are still intact. Further on up the road you pass Beeleigh Grange Farm with excellent views over the river, and turn left at Abbey Turning to catch a glimpse of the beautiful Beeleigh Abbey, home of the late Christina Foyle of the world renowned Foyles Bookshop, and now the home of her nephew, Christopher Foyle. The Abbey, founded in 1180 (although most of the remains are 13th century) is not currently open to the public (except at certain specified times) but can be viewed from the footpath. If you have taken this detour, retrace your steps back to Beeleigh Falls and cross the canal.

Follow the gentle landscape of the Chelmer past Sugar Mill Cottages (see Vol. 2 issue 2. Spring 2013) to Hoe Mill Bridge, taking time to watch the activity at the lock. From here you need to follow

the road to Ulting past the old quarry which is now a nature reserve, past Ulting Lane on your right and Ulting Wick on your left and into the village. Once past the school, take the path to the left to reach Ulting Church is set exquisitely on the bank of the navigation canal. Built in the 13th century this little Grade II listed church was restored in 1873, and is only accessible on foot from the village.

If you decide not to go onto the road at Hoe Mill, you can follow the canal up to Ulting Church, but you will be on the other side of the water and will not be able to access it.



## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

In answer to several enquiries about public rights of way, we can advise you of the following:

### Shoots

It is not a specific offence to shoot across a public right of way, but to do so could amount to a common law nuisance, wilful obstruction of the Highway under the Highway Act 1980 or intimidation and safety issues for the user.

A person of the shoot cannot restrict or close a path that the public have a right to use whilst a shoot is in progress. This would be considered to be a criminal act as the obstruction is wilful.

Having said that, there are ways to overcome the situation, it just requires some common sense and pre-planning for all parties involved.

### Crossfield paths

Widths: Public Footpath one metre, Public Bridleway two metres. Public Byways should never be disturbed or have any crop interfering with the surface. The path should be reinstated within fourteen days of the first disturbance; this allows further work to be carried out in connection with this first disturbance and then twenty four hours thereafter. The path is required to be firm and level with a clear indication of the line, without interference from the crop. This only applies to commercial crops and not to grass or meadow land.