

WHAT'S ON

during the week at the community centre

Please check with the contact person as times may change

Other new activities may appear. Check our notice board and website

** denotes term time only

Monday:

**Buggy Club @ 9.30-11.30 longfurlongbuggyclub@hotmail.com

**Rainbow Guides @ 17.45-18.45 Jo Ovenden: 07894706601

Zumba with Thea @ 19.45- 20.45 (finishes at end of May)

3rd Monday of month, Berkshire Family History Society @ 19.00-22.00

....Abingdon@berksfhs.org.uk

Tuesday:

**Yoga @ 10.00 - 11.30 Sue Little: s.littlecmi@btinternet.com

Self & Body Fitness Pilates @ 19.30-20.30pm Alex Druce:

selfandbodyfitness@gmail.com

**3rd Abingdon Guides @ 19.30- 20.30 3rdabingdonguides@gmail.com

1st Tues of month, Blue Sky Café @ 11.00-15.00 www.BlueSkyEcoCafe.org.uk

Wednesday:

**Pilates/Zumba Gold @ 9.30-10.15 & 10.30-11.15 info@gemmapearcefitness.co.uk

Slimming World @ 17.00 and 20.00 Kevin: 07568092964

**Brownies @ 18.00 - 19.30 Robyn:

5thabingdonbrownies@oxfordshiregirlguiding.org.uk

2nd Wed of month, Friendly Cuppa @ 14.30 - 16.00 Jane: 07890 024076

Thursday:

Slimming World @ 9:00 - 12.00, 17.30 - 20.30 Kevin: 07568092964

**Singing Circle @ 10.30 - 11.30 Jill: 07986 419122 jillward99@yahoo.co.uk or

Tania: 07773 125483 tania@familyrussell.me.uk

Dojang X Martial Arts Academy @ 17.00 - 18.00 Sabrina dojangx@gmail.com

07938537310

Line Dancing @ 18.30 - 20.15 Claire: rhinestonerhythm@hotmail.co.uk

Friday:

No Pilates 9.00 - 10.00 in Nov/Dec but restarts in January. Gemma:

gemma abitable gemsy9@hotmail.com

Sweaty Mama 11.00 - 12.00 Susie Snell: susiesnell@sweatymama.com

Little Kickers 17:45 - 18:45 Anca & Marius Sadhu oxfordsouth@littlekickers.co.uk

Saturday

Little Kickers 9.00 - 12.45 Anca & Marius Sadhu oxfordsouth@littlekickers.co.uk

1st Saturday of month, Steps Caroline Hoyles: hoyles@ntlworld.com

Sunday:

Christchurch on Long Furlong @ 10.00 at the school hall: james.whymark@cca.uk.net

Long Furlong Link

Spring 2025

Community Centre updates!

It's spring, and the Long Furlong Community Association committee has been dusting off the constitution. The association is a registered charity, and as such has a duty to consult local residents on any review of the constitution. It can be found under the heading 'Community news' on the website:

<https://longfurlongcommunitycentre.wordpress.com/>

If you would like to comment on it, or if you have any questions about it, please email longfurlongcommunity@gmail.com by the 12th May. The committee will be finalising the revisions to the document at their meeting in early June. Thanks!

Whilst you are on our website, you will be able to see the new charges for hiring one or both halls. Charges had stayed the same since 2018, but due to the increases in energy costs etc. it has been necessary to raise them a little. So now, for people living on the estate, the charge for hiring 9:00-13:00 is £37 for one hall or £55 for both halls combined; for hiring 13:30-17:30 is £45 for one hall or £70 for both halls combined. For information on how to book, see the end of this newsletter.



Easter, Christchurch on Long Furlong

Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday service, 10am at the school hall

20th April Easter Sunday service for all ages, will include baptisms. 10am at the school hall.

There is a church service every Sunday at the school hall at 10am, not only at Easter. On the 3rd Sunday of most months there is a special service called "All In" at 10.00 when everyone (children and adults) stay in church together.

Everyone is welcome if you would like to give it a try.

For mid-week activities, e.g. Friendly Cuppa, Singing Circle etc. see

<https://cca.uk.net/long-furlong/> or phone the church office: 01235 539172

From the Poppy Man

November seems a long time ago, but we would like to give you this this message that we received from the local representative of the Royal British Legion: "Many thanks to all on Long Furlong who once again supported this year's door to door Poppy collection so brilliantly. You gave an amazing £1,057.40 and, as an extra bonus, it didn't rain this year! Thanks again for consistently supporting this worthy cause, see you next year."

What's in a name?

Langley Road and Hanson Road

Yes, two in one this time! Henry Langley (also spelled Langlie) was mayor of Abingdon from 1645 -6 and 1653-4, followed by John Hanson as mayor, 1654-56. Langley and Hanson were both old boys of Abingdon School. They are named (with two others) as the petitioners on a 1654 petition to Oliver Cromwell which demanded that the headmaster, Rev. Huish, be dismissed. (Cromwell had become Lord Protector the previous year as a result of the Civil War.) Huish was accused of spending too much of his time conducting services at St Nicolas' church and encouraging a '*profane, superstitious and disaffected party*' in the town. Huish had supported the King in the Civil War, whereas Puritans were now in power in the town, and wanted to get rid of him.

Langley was a shoemaker's son and on leaving school, studied at Pembroke College, Oxford. He became a preacher, and a tutor at the college. For a time, he was also Master of the college due to a letter of recommendation from the '*inhabitants of Abingdon*' which was read out in the House of Lords. However, since he was a staunch puritan, he was thrown out when the monarchy was restored.

Hanson is mentioned in the historical record as a commissioner for Berkshire in a 1650 Act of Parliament. (Abingdon was the county town of Berkshire at that time.) The Act was to raise a '*Monthly rate of £120,000 for maintenance of Armies in England, Ireland, and Scotland, for four months*' because they were short of money for defence from '*desperate Evils*'. Berkshire had to contribute *One thousand eight hundred three score and six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence* (about £192,600 in today's money).

Our footpaths

This particularly relates to the path running alongside the bridleway. Avid readers of our County Councillor's Facebook page will have seen this: "A request has now been formally raised to side-out these paths to full width, and to try and reclaim the wooden edging of the path without damaging the surface... It has also been reported to Biffa and requested that they sweep the paths and clear detritus". Hooray!

Roadworks

No further news at the time of going to press. However, work on the Lodge Hill slips has started and the junction is due to open in summer 2026.



Contact us

See: <https://longfurlongcommunitycentre.wordpress.com/community-news/>
To book one or both halls at Long Furlong Community Centre on a casual basis or to make an enquiry, please email bookingsec.lfca@live.co.uk
For rates see: <https://longfurlongcommunitycentre.wordpress.com/hall-hire/>
The hall hire booking must include enough time to set up and clear away.
To hire a hall on a regular basis, please email regularhire_lfca@yahoo.com
For non-booking enquiries, email longfurlongcommunity@gmail.com
Or find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/longfurlongcommunity/>

Advert Mini Professionals Dance Academy are holding an Easter Camp at the community Centre during the school holidays
07th to 11th April from 9am-3.30pm.
Contact Sophie: office@mpdance.co.uk

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