

# The History of the Squeaker 1980-2022

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# Early years

- Founded in February 1980 by Evelyn Hickox
  - Preceded by a booklet entitled “We like Langrish, Ramsdean too!” published in September 1979
- Named “The Squeaker” after a recently defunct “Hants and Sussex News”
- Typed on a typewriter, put together using cut and paste and copied on an old duplicating machine



# Later years

- Publishing taken over by Jenny Potter using Microsoft Publisher and copies made by Tooling Products and factory successors
- Editing passed on to John Hopewell and then gradually to Rosemary
- Printed by Doris in John Harris's garage, John's office in Clanfield and finally at East Meon vicarage
- I initially assisted Rosemary before taking over as editor in 2020 on her death
- Print copies suspended because of Covid

# THE SQUEAKER



Langrish and Ramsdean  
news

No. 1

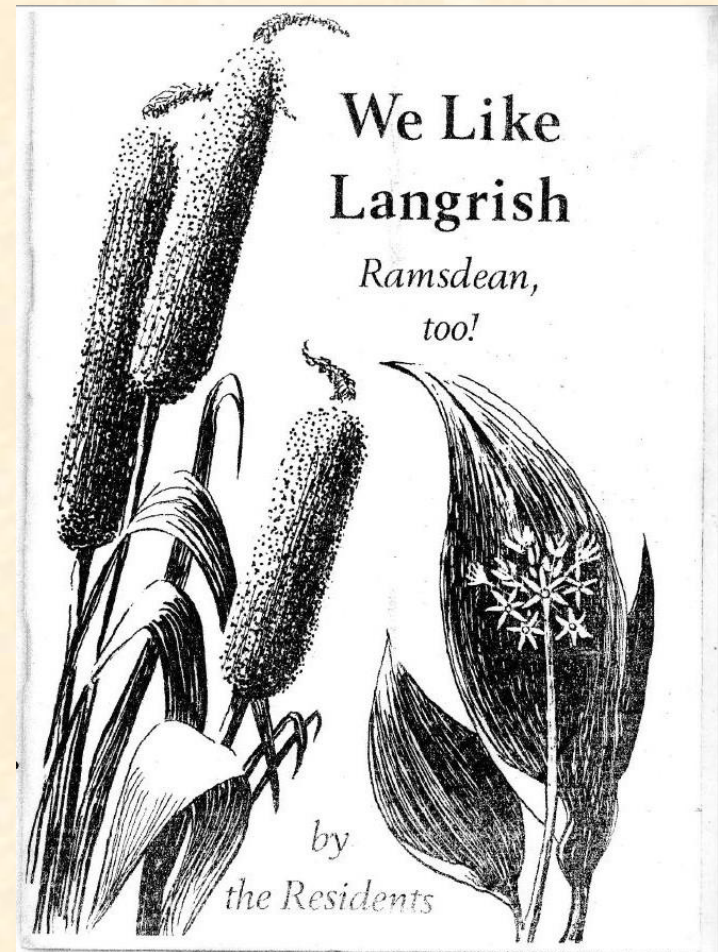


# WHO'S WHO

- Chairman of Langrish Parish Council - Mr. Tom Luff: Barrow Hill Farm, Ramsdean
- Councillors - Mrs. Dandridge, Mrs. Doughty, Mr. G. Lambert, Mr. Ripper, Mr. N. Talbot-Ponsonby
- Secretary to the Council - Mrs. Moody
- Incumbent Rev'd. R. Smith, The Vicarage, East Meon
- Churchwardens - Mrs. G. Deadman & Mrs. R. Ripper
- Treasurer to P.C.C.- Mr. P. Morris.
- Secretary to P.C.C.- Mrs. Hickox

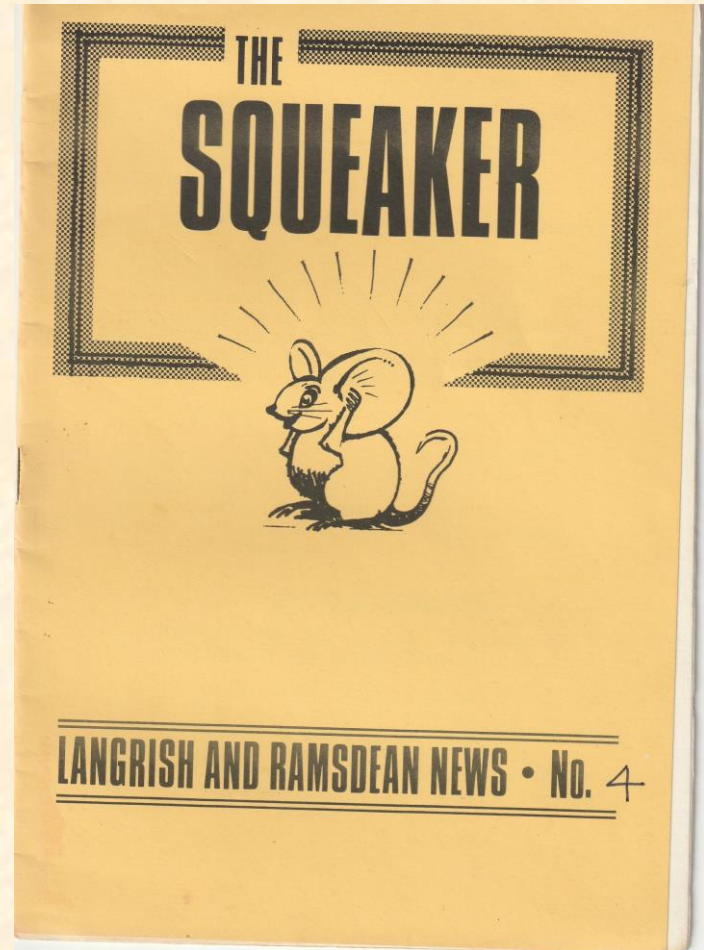
# THE LANGRISH BOOK

- We would like to thank everyone who has supported us and made the book a success; of 500 copies, we have only 2 left.
- The financial position is as follows:  
Gross receipts to date £356
- Expenses paper & printing...£ 129.60
- Envelopes & stamps...£40
- Profit.....£226
- If you have any suggestions as to how this money should be used, please send them to Tom Luff



# Squeaker Format

- From the mousehole
- Parish Council News
- Ramsdean Jottings
- Langrish Jottings
- Church News
- Farming News
- Children's Corner
- Market Place
- Village Calendar
- Who's who



# 1980

- How to pay for the repairs to the church roof
- Use of the church for social functions
- Placing a WW2 memorial in the church
- Parking at Reeds Meadow
- Route for Petersfield Bypass
  - Green, orange or brown route
- Noise from the A272
- Repair of the Manor Farm dovecote
- First Ken Hall Moto-Cross meeting





# 1981

- Church locked a night due to insurance problems
- WW2 memorial completed
- Brown bypass route recommended by PC
- Langrish bus shelter erected under the guidance of John Deadman
- Opening of Langrish House Hotel with restaurant in the cellars
- Royal wedding picture on Langrish Green



# 1982

- Scramble track protests
  - Ken Hall and other scrambles
- Village Hall proposed
- Ancient track survey
- A272 speed limit requested
- Danger of A272 – C28 junction
- Parish council did not ask for any precept
- John Bailey wins ploughing prizes “as usual”

# 1983

- Site for Village Hall approved
- More and more complaints about scrambles
- Improvements made to A272 C28 junction
- Hard standing for cars on Ramsdean Green
- Retirement of Mrs Hickman, the village post lady
- Open day at the Langrish Dovecote
- Cricket match on Church Meadow
  - Wicket keepers John Bailey and Rick Ricketts



# 1984

- Hornbeam tree planted on Langrish Green
- Planning permission granted for new recreation ground
- Mrs Tidman becomes Squeaker assistant editor
- Planning application made for new block of flats at The Close
- Peter Wadsworth becomes new vicar of East Meon and Langrish
- John and Rosemary Hopewell move into the Old Vicarage

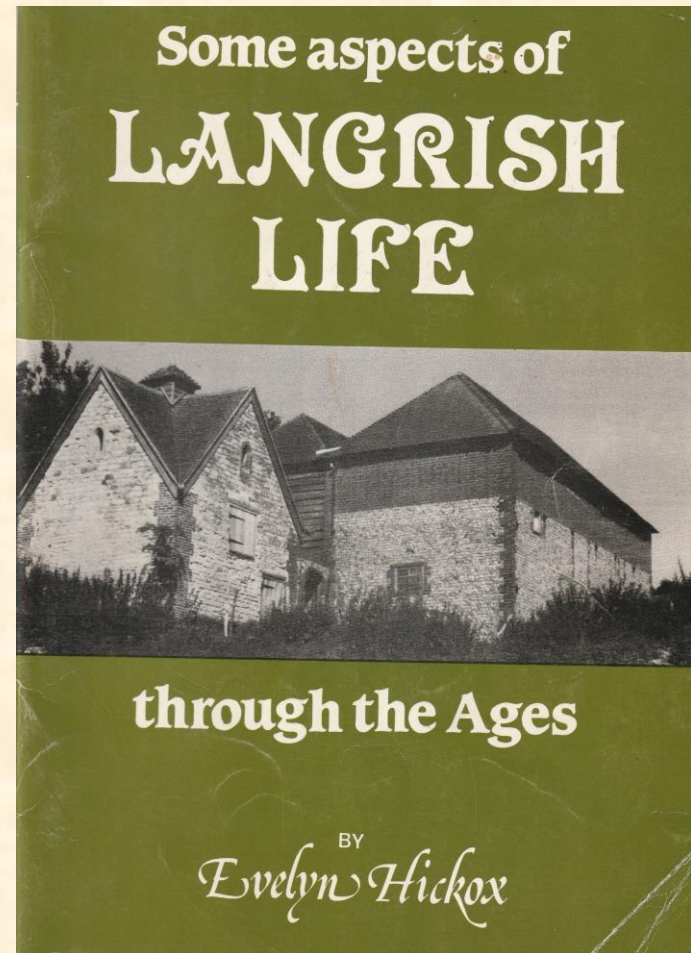


# 1985

- NTP resigns as parish councillor due to pressure of work
- George Lambert dies after 30 years on the parish council
  - Causes delays on movement of recreation ground
- Further discussions on A272 speed limit

# 1986

- Publication of “Langrish Life through the Ages”
- Marriage of Graham and Debbie Luff
- Village Hall plans abandoned
  - Survey commissioned on providing a meeting room at the church
- Sewerage problems at Reeds Meadow!



# 1987

- 40 mph speed limit turned down
  - Only 1 fatal accident in 5 years!
- Detailed plans for church meeting room produced
- October Squeaker delayed due to lack of electricity
  - This was caused by the “Great Storm” which devastated local trees



# 1998

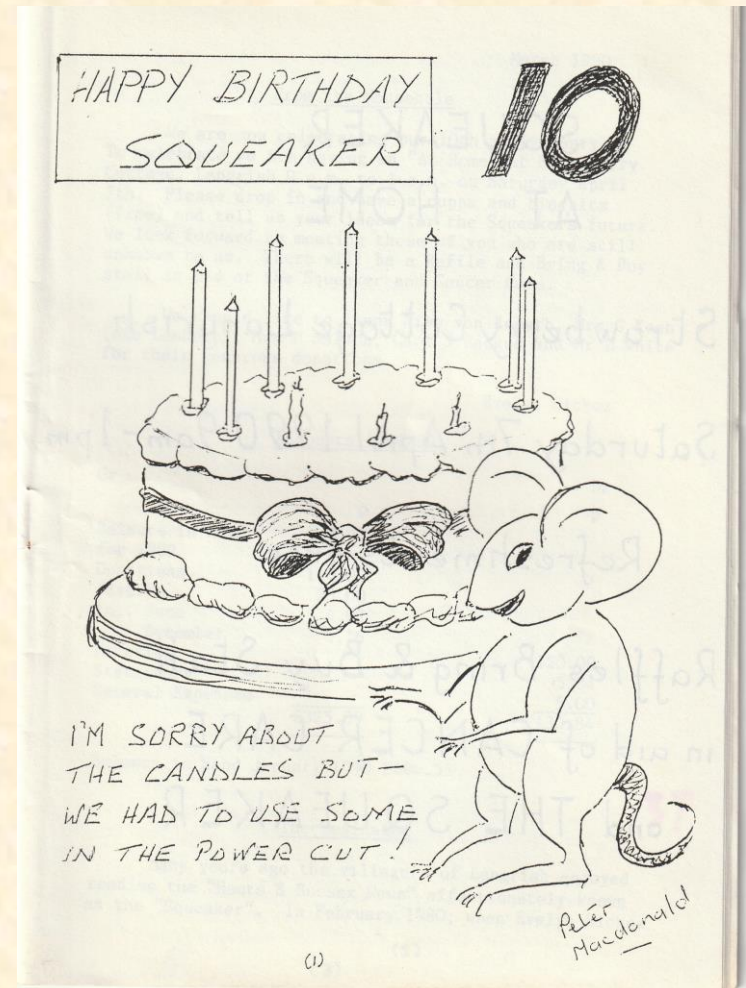
- Hornbeam tree on Langrish Green dies
- “Reduce speed” signs placed on A272
- Plan to put kerb stones around Ramsdean Green
- Concern about lack of space for new burials in the churchyard
- Plans for church meeting room abandoned
  - Village Marquee has been a success



# 1989

- Rev April Richards joins as deacon for East Meon and Langrish
- Debate over the expansion plans of Tooling Products
- Rosemary Ripper resigns as churchwarden
- Planning permission for in-fill dump at Ham Lane refused
- Squeaker future uncertain due to lack of typists

# 1990



# 1991

- Tom Luff resigns as Parish Council Chairman after 16 years as chairman
  - Peter Lambert elected Chairman
  - Alison Meggason joins parish council
- David Smith becomes managing editor of The Squeaker
- Airey houses at Reeds Meadow to be demolished
- Dead hornbeam tree on Langrish Green to be removed
- Table stolen from St Johns

# 1992

- Sue Ryder charity reopens cancer care beds at Bordean House
- Plans approved for re-development of Reeds Meadow
- Death of Norman Southwell who had farmed in Ramsdean for over 50 years
- 37 children from Chernobyl visited Petersfield and surrounding villages





# 1993

- Three recent accidents (one fatal) on A272
  - Traffic survey commissioned
- Church organ renovated at cost of £7,600
- Investigation of placing TRO on North Stroud Lane
- St Johns: use it or lose it survey
  - 137 responses, 50% described as churchgoers
    - 23% under 35, 51% between 35 & 65, 31% over 65

# 1994

- Barriers on the BOATs with TROs to be introduced to stop 4WD vehicles
- Planning permission refused for go cart track at Bordean
- New Stroud Parish Council formed
  - Proposed footpath from Stroud to Langrish
- Proposal to discontinue The Squeaker dismissed

# 1995

- “Friends of Langrish Church” Group formed with aims to:
  - Get people together socially
  - Maintain the church building
- 40 mph speed limit introduced on A272 in Langrish
- “Friends” start talks at the Isaac Walton

# 1996

- Peter Wadsworth retires as vicar of East Meon and Langrish
- Complaints about noise and disturbance from caravans at Manor Farm
- Death of Evelyn Talbot-Ponsonby
- First “Friends” ploughman’s lunch
- Terry Loudon inducted by the Bishop of Portsmouth as vicar on 22 September



# 1997

- Closure of Sue Ryder Home at Bordean House
- Factory extension by Tooling Products
- 8 new houses at Reeds Meadow completed
- Tom Luff retires as Governor of Langrish school after 30 years of service

# 1998

- Drainage problems at Reeds Meadow
  - Construction of storm drain into drainage system at The Close
- Nigel and Robina TP move back to Langrish House and reopen it as a hotel
  - Give talk to “The Friends” on LH history
- Headstone erected on the grave of Admiral Robinson

# 1999

- Dispute over tourist signs on the A272 for Langrish House and Ye Old George Inn
- Evelyn Hickox
  - Time to put The Squeaker to rest
- Roger Deadman elected to Parish Council
- Philippa TD elected as EHDC councillor
- Charles and Jane Sprinks become churchwardens

# 2000

- John Hopewell becomes joint editor of The Squeaker
- Outline planning for two story building in The Close discussed at Parish Council
- September Squeaker produced electronically using Microsoft Publisher and has first pictures
- Alison Meggeson retires as Chairman of the Citizens Advice Bureau





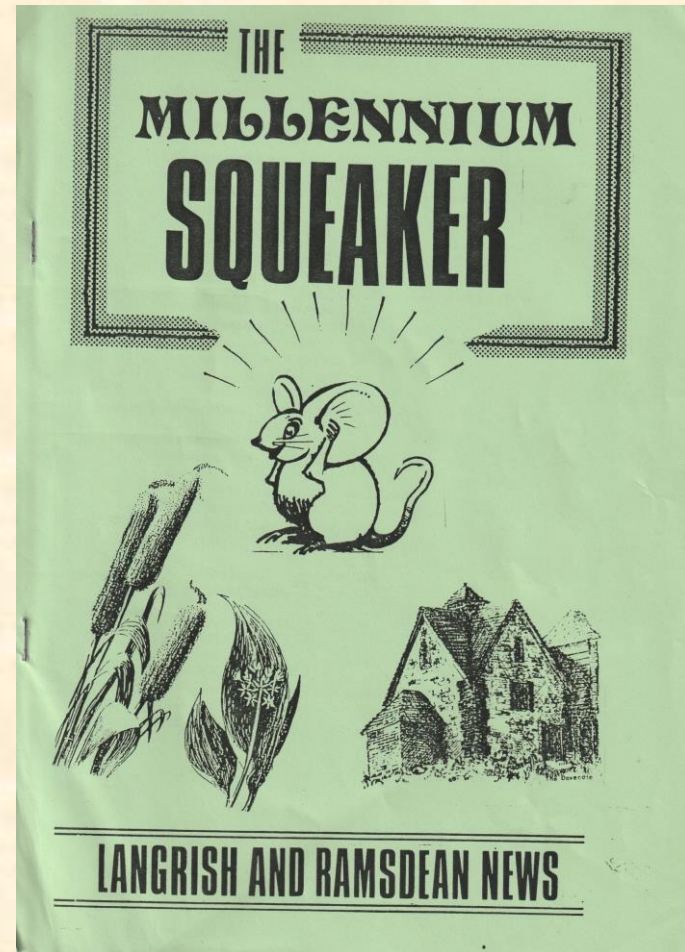
September 2000

## **Alison Meggeson**

In July this year, on the occasion of her retirement from the Citizens Advice Bureau, of which she had been Chairman for some years, Alison was presented with a certificate of commendation. It was given for her “hard work at all levels on behalf of the Petersfield and District Citizens’ Advice Bureau, undertaken over many years with sensitivity and verve.” So now she can devote all her time to her remaining activities –Parish Council, her horses and her husband. (Nothing to be read into that order!)

# Millennium Squeaker

- Special A4 edition
- Millennium Photo
- Final edition prepared by Evelyn Hickox
- Full of Langrish memories
  - The Club
  - Growing up in Langrish
- Recipes
- Terry Loudon 2K article



# 2001

- “Langrish Lake” appears over A272
- Debate on South Downs National Park
- Fireworks at Langrish House
- Sermo TP established
- Church in crisis



# 2002

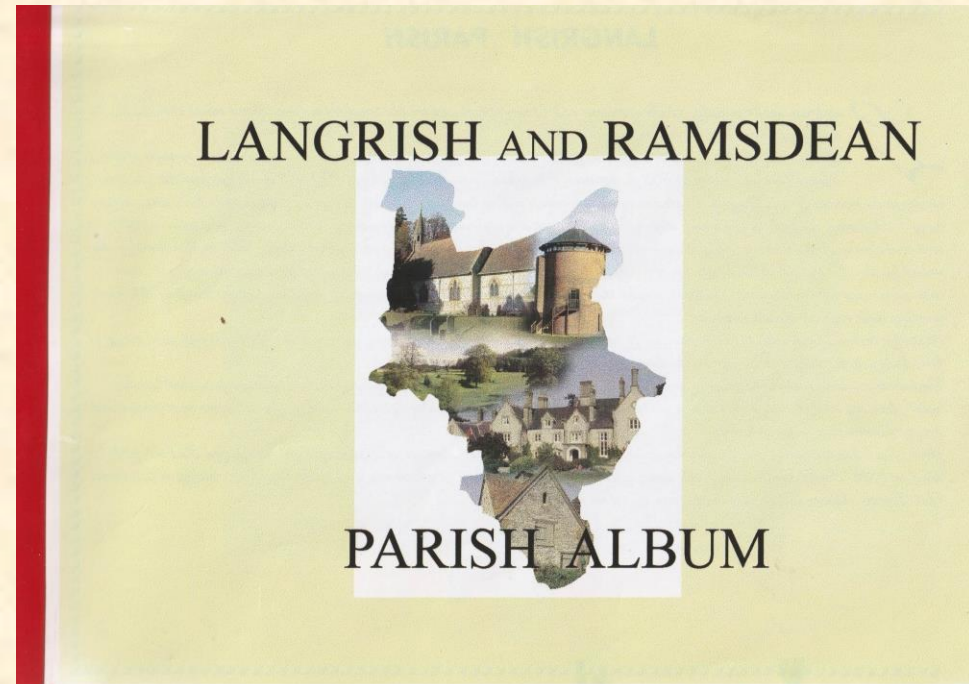
- New footpath from Langrish Green to St Johns
- “Langrish Lake” drained
- Terry and Alison Loudon married
- Deaths of Evelyn Hickox and Karl Andreasson
- Golden Jubilee celebrated
- First Friends meeting at Langrish House





# 2003

- New Squeaker website
- Village Plan started
- North Stroud Lane repaired
- Parish Album published by John Hopewell
- Marjorie Day elected as EHDC councillor
- Proposal for residential development on factory site



# 2004

- Sermo attains long term lease on factory site
- Village Plan and Design Statement published
- Tom Luff stands down as a parish councillor after 52 years service
- Petersfield Museum opens to the public

## Langrish and Ramsdean



## Design Statement

# 2005

- Parish Council acquires ownership of land next to Reeds Meadow
- Ramsdean telephone box removed
- Roger Deadman elected as Chairman of Langrish Parish Council
- Langrish House is Routiers “Country House Hotel” of the year





# 2006

- New mains water main for Langrish
- Colin Norgate opens new workshop at Manor Farm
- The “Friends of Langrish Church” changes its name to “Langrish and Ramsdean Friends”
- Ramsdean post box “disappears”





# 2007

- “No Through Road” sign proposed for North Stroud Lane
- John Harris takes over the printing of The Squeaker for the 100<sup>th</sup> edition
- Ramsdean post box reinstalled
- First application for 30mph speed limit turned down
- New house in The Close



# 2008

- Parish council complains to RAF Odiham about helicopter flights after midnight
- Money found to create recreation ground at Reeds Meadow
- 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TPs running Langrish House Hotel
- 30mph speed limit for A272 and C28 in Langrish



# 2009

- “No Through Road” sign erected on North Stroud Lane
- Major repairs completed to church stonework
- Langrish Meadow officially opened and then vandalised within 3 months
- 30 mph signs erected on A272 and C28
- Bench placed on Langrish Green in memory of Gordon Rattray





# 2010

- SDNP comes into existence
- Langrish makes national TV news
- Parish Plan task force formed
- Michael Meggeson passes away





# 2011

- New Parish Plan published
- Parish Design Statement produced as a separate document
- Death of Tom Luff
- Village Enhancement project plants first bulbs on Langrish Green



# 2012

- Diamond Jubilee celebration at Langrish House
- Planning application made for permanent scramble track at Ham Lane
- Langrish Meadow hedge cut and laid
- Sapper Morris's name added to war memorial
- Burning of toxic waste at Bordean Nursery



# 2013

- Ian takes over Squeaker website, joins Parish Council and starts campaign for superfast broadband
- Retirement of Terry Loudon and PC Dave Baker
- Scramble track at Ham Lane “reinstated to pre 2010 state”





# 2014

- Langrish Lake returns
  - 24" of rain in Dec/Jan
- Jane Ball appointed vicar of East Meon and Langrish
- Ham Lane scramble track planning application refused
- Swings and a bench installed on Langrish Meadow



# 2015

- Death of John Hopewell
  - Editor of the Squeaker 1999 - 2015
- Roger Deadman retires from Parish Council
  - New Chairman is Rosemary Hopewell
- Commemorative stones for Admiral Robinson and Sgt Horlock installed
- Charles and Jane Sprinks stand down as churchwardens





# 2015 continued

- Map boards installed on Langrish and Ramsdean noticeboards
- Roger and Sylvia attend Buckingham Place garden party
- 100 year old church organ repaired
- 2 arrests made after vandalism along A272



# 2016

- Last visit of Mobile Library to Langrish
- Two new kissing gates and one stile installed in parish
- Home Farm Cottage burns down
- Katy Garner becomes curate of East Meon, Langrish, West Meon and Warnford
- The Squeaker now printed at East Meon vicarage



# 2017

- Lengthsman project started
- Langrish House drawing room re-established
- Defibrillator installed in Langrish
- Home Farm cottage emerges from the ashes





# 2018

- SLR installed on C28
- Ramsdean once again represented on the Parish Council by Debbie Luff
- Bus shelter on Langrish Green repaired
- Survey on future of The Squeaker and The Friends
- Village Facebook Group set up
- New bench on Ramsdean Green





# 2019

- Superfast broadband reaches Langrish
- The Squeaker now produced with Microsoft Word
- Langrish House bus shelter repaired
- Doris becomes British citizen (as well as German!)
- Katy Garner leaves to become rector in Somerset



# 2020

- Covid strikes
  - Online Squeaker only
  - Squeaker supplements
  - No church services
- Five more kissing gates installed
- Rev'd Mary Jepp the new associate priest for West Meon and Warnford
- Death of Rosemary Hopewell



# The recurrent themes

- The church is running out of resources and money
- Can the church be made more use of by the community?
- Noise and danger from A272 traffic
- Parking on Langrish and Ramsdean Greens
- BOATs being ruined by motorised traffic
- How can we involve younger residents with village life?

# The Squeaker archive

- Doris has a complete set of paper copies
- Produced on paper only: 1-71
- Microsoft Publisher: 72-74, 76-87, 97-145
- Microsoft Word: 146-158
- Plan to produce a complete digital record and then host on EMHG website so everyone can access it



**ANY QUESTIONS**