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Langham Village History Group

- 2nd Jun 1826** To be Sold by Auction, By Mr Beaver. On Thursday the 8th day of June, 1826, at Langham, in the County of Rutland on the premises of Mrs Barfoot.
- All her neat and very useful Household Furniture, Brewing and Dairy Utensils, and other Effects; comprising four post and half headed bedsteads and hangings, 4 good featherbeds and bedding complete; sets of parlour, house, and bedroom chairs; oak dining, Pembroke, card, tea, and dressing tables; bureaus and chest of drawers, night tables and wash-hand stands, eight day clock, pier and swing glasses, square and bed round carpets, window curtains, tea trays and waiters, fenders and fire irons, kitchen requisites of all sorts; China, glass, and earthenware; dairy utensils, small copper and brewing tubs, several iron bound barrels, wood and glass bottles, and other effects. Particulars are given in printed catalogues, and may be had at the public houses in the neighbourhood, place of sale, and of the auctioneer at Oakham. - Sale to begin at Ten o'clock in the forenoon.
- 21st Nov 1828** To be sold by auction by Mr Beaver. - On Thursday the 27th day of November, 1828, at Langham, in the County of Rutland, on the farm belonging to Mr Sharpe Barfoot. About 50 Tons of exceeding well got HAY, in nine lots, which may be taken off the land. The sale to commence punctually at Two o'clock in the afternoon, in the Closes adjoining the road leading from Langham to Burley. Credit will be given for the Hay until the 25th day of March, 1829, or 6d. In the pound discount for ready money.
- 28th Nov 1834** To be sold by auction. Sometime in the month of January next, a farmhouse, with barn, stables, cow house, and other outbuildings, orchards, garden and about 7 acres of good pasture land, in the village of Langham, in the County of Rutland, now in the occupation of Mr Edward Hammond.
- For further particulars apply to Mr William Tydd, of Ashwell; or to Mrs Latham and son, solicitors, Melton Mowbray.
- 31st Aug 1838** Votes for Rutland. To be disposed of by private contract, several Freehold and Copyhold Houses and Land, situate in the several parishes of Oakham, Barleythorpe, Langham, and Braunston.
- Also 40s. per annum Land tax, comprising 21 Votes for the County of Rutland. Full price and further particulars, apply personally to Mr Robinson, solicitor, Oakham.
- 17th Oct 1838** To RW Baker, Esq., Cottesmore: W Sharrad, Esq., Langham; and Mr R Smith, Burley, as a Deputation to me from SE Jones Esq., Gentleman.
- Do allow me to return my sincere thanks for your visit to me on Monday last, and to say how fully I appreciate the motives which impelled you to persuade me to leave the town, to preserve me (to use your own expression) from the stronghold.
- I do assure you, I have during the last twelve months been so accustomed to intimidation, and (not to write harshly) to all the little trickery belonging to it, that the threat of an Exchequer or other process, will not drive me from my stronghold. I am, Gentleman, Yours most respectfully,  
WH Lawrence. Oakham, October 17th, 1838.
- 24th Jan 1874** The adjourned inquest on the body of Elizabeth Williamson, daughter of Francis and Eliza Williamson, of Langham, who was found dead in a well near to her father's house, was held on Friday, the 16th inst., Before W. Shield, Esq., Coroner. After the evidence of Dr Seaton, of Oakham, who had made a post mortem examination, and other witnesses from Melton, where the deceased had lived, the jury came to the conclusion that the deceased drowned herself whilst in a state of "Temporary insanity."
- 4th Jul 1874** The Parish Church. - We understand that the restoration of the fine old Parish Church of Langham will shortly be commenced, the committee having accepted the tender of Mr Fast, builder, Melton Mowbray, for £2671 10s., So that, including a sum of £132, the estimated cost of rehangng the bells, the total amount which will be required is £2803 10s. The estimated funds at present at the disposal of the committee, supposing every promise fulfilled, is somewhere about £1826. Several contributions have lately been received, and much help will still be required before the needful amount is raised.

- 16th Aug 1874** All persons are requested to refrain from Sporting upon the Manors of Exton, Horn, Whitwell Cottessmore, Barrow, and Langham; and Gentleman are particularly requested not to Sport without written permission upon the several manors of Brooke, the Priory of Brooke, Preston, Ridlington, Uppingham, Beaumont Chase, and Lands in Braunston and Barleythorpe, in the County of Rutland; and Pickwell and Welham, in the County of Leicester, - Poachers and other trespassing will be proceeded against. By order, RW Baker agent to the Right Honourable the Earl of Gainsborough. Exton Park, August 16, 1847.
- Viscount Campden requests that Gentleman will abstain from Sporting upon the Manor of Flitteris Park, in the County of Rutland. Poachers and other Trespasses will be proceeded against. By order, RW Baker, agent to Viscount Campden. August 16, 1847.
- 24th Sep 1887** Parish Church - to the editor - Sir, - May I trespass on your valuable space to state my reason for giving up the office of Vicar's churchwarden for the above parish? I was neither tired nor neglectful of my duties, but could not attend the service in the parish church with a proper feeling, after the behaviour of the present curate to myself and family, and other highly respectable families in the village. Thanking you for inserting the above letter, - I am, sir, yours truly, Richard Westbrook Baker. The Hall, Langham, Sept. 22nd.
- 16th Mar 1889** Since the examinations in July, 1888, in the engineering department of University College, London, the following certificates and honours have been awarded to G. A. M. Baker, Langham Hall: - Civil Engineering, 3rd class certificate; results in Physical Experiments, second certificate of honour, 1st Class; Engineering Laboratory Work, 2nd Class certificate; Senior Graphical Drawing, 1st certificate of honour, 1st Class, and prize; General Engineering certificate, granted by the Council, for satisfactory work done during the three years' course.
- 1st Jun 1889** Removing Pigs without a Licence. - Mr Thomas Shuttleworth, Butcher, of Langham, was a witness in a case at the Melton Petty Sessions, on Tuesday, in which a grazier named John White, of Burrough, was summoned and fined £2 and costs, for moving to pigs from Langham, which he purchased of Mr Shuttleworth, to Burrough contrary to the order of the Local Authority, on 24th April. At the close of the case, Mr Shuttleworth applied for his expenses, when the Chairman told him that the magistrates could not grant them, and he ought to think himself fortunate that he had escaped so easily, as he must have known that he was acting in contravention of the orders of the local authorities in allowing the pigs to be taken away.
- 25th Jun 1890** George Sewell, the deaf and dumb son of Frederick Sewell, blacksmith, of this place, who is eight years old, was recently elected to our home the deaf and dumb Institution, Old Kent Road, London; and his father and mother wished to tender their sincere thanks to all who have so kindly helped to secure his admission.
- 12th Jul 1890** The Feast. - The time honoured custom of celebrating the greatly misunderstood "village feast" was observed here as usual. It began very properly with a series of special services at the parish church, on Sunday, the preacher in the morning being the Rev. J stock. M.A., Curate of Langham; in the afternoon the Rev. G. A. Turner M. A. Rector of Cold Overton, and in the evening the Rev. W. M. Lewis, senior curator of Oakham. The choir sang an anthem and appropriate chants and hymns. The collections, which were in aid of the expenses of the church, amounted in all to £4 4s. Including £1 sent by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. J. Mould, Oakham. There were the customary festivities during the early part of the week, and hospitality was the order of the day everywhere while the feast lasted. On Monday, a cricket match was played between the village and Little Dalby and Burton Lazaars; on Tuesday with Old Dalby; and on Wednesday with Whissendine; in each of which engagements the visitors were victorious. A quoit match was to have come off between the village team in Whissendine on Monday, but as the latter was not present in full force, the contest was abandoned. This (Saturday) afternoon the return quoit match between Langham and Melton will be played in Mr G. Staffords home close.

- 4th Jul 1892** Cookery Classes, under the auspices of the Technical Instruction Committee of the Rutland County Council, were commenced in this village on Wednesday. Miss Mabel Rotheram was the demonstrator.
- 4th Jul 1892** Cricket Club. - The annual meeting of the members of Langham C.C. was held up at the Black Horse Inn, on Saturday night. The Captain (Mr Hubbard) presided. The accounts for the year having been received and passed, several matches were arranged for the ensuing season. The following officers were appointed: - President, Lord Lonsdale; vice presidents, Col Brocklehurst, Col Jarvis, F Hamlyn, Esq., and W Baird, Esq.; Captain, Mr Herbert Hubbard; sub captain, Mr WT Hayr; secretary, Mr Samuel Laxton, Jr.; Treasurer, Mr E Marshall; committee, Messrs. R Wright, E Tomlin, J Hayes, G Isaacs, and H Faulks.
- 17th Feb 1894** The Gale - Considerable damage has been caused in this village by the Gale, especially on Sunday night, slates and tiles been blown off the roofs, but the thatched roofs have suffered most. The large hand of the Church clock was broken off by the force of the wind. Happily, no personal injury was sustained.
- 30th Mar 1895** Through the kind gift of Mrs Brocklehurst, Ranksborough, two new lamps have been placed in the chancel of Langham Church. They are similar in pattern to the other lamps, and will more effectually light that part of the sacred edifice, and prove a great boon to the choir.
- 18th Sept 1897** In a competition open to the United Kingdom promoted by the Master Baker's Association, and held in London, Mr R. G. Isaac, of the Post Office in this village, was awarded the certificate of the Association for the excellence of purity of his bread.
- Mr Hugh Wright, of Langham, won his heat and the final in the one mile bicycle handicap at the athletic sports promoted by the Gainsborough Onward Cycling and Trinity Football Clubs, on Saturday. On Monday, the same rider carried off the mile bicycle handicap, and also the one open to the County of Rutland at Oakham sports.
- 1st Feb 1901** Home from the war. - On Friday, January 18th, Mr R. W. Baker arrived in Langham, home from the war in South Africa. He was met by several friends at Oakham railway station, where a carriage was waiting for him. On his entry into the village, the carriage was stopped, the horses taken out, and admiring and patriotic men pulled him along into the front of the school, where lights were placed, so that he might be seen. Much handshaking, with old friends and acquaintances then took place, and Mr Baker had to make a speech, which he did - to everyone's delight.
- 5th Sep 1914** Timely Help. - The children of Langham have sent to the Earl of Gainsborough, through Mrs Dawson, £2 11s. 2d., To be given to the fund in Rutland for the relief of distress caused by the war. Last week, thirty flannelette nightshirts were also sent to the Red Cross Society, worked by the people of Langham and Barleythorpe. The material was forwarded by the Red Cross Society. This week, twelve calico nightshirts have been sent by Mrs Dawson, worked by the villagers.

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