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# Stamford Mercury

**1722 Aug 23rd** Stolen or Strayed on 6 July last, from Humphrey Dalby of Crowland in the County of Lincoln, a black Mare full 14 Hands high, with a Star and Snip, and a G Brand on her Shoulder, and a switch Tail, if not altered. Also her fole sic, being black, and a narrow ball Face. Whoever gives notice of them, so as they may be had again, to Humphrey Dalby of Crowland aforesaid, or to Edward Dalby of Langham near Oakham in the County of Rutland, shall have half a Guinea Reward and reasonable Charges.

**1723 Jul 4th** Stolen or Strayed from Langham in the County of Rutland, on the Monday in the Night, being the 1st of this Instant July, a black Gelding about 14 Hands high, with a Blaze on his Face, a cut Tail, a white Foot behind, 8 Years old, worth between 6 and 7 Pound. Whoever shall bring, or send, or give Tidings of the said Gelding, so as he may be had again, to John Cant of Bisbrooke near Uppingham in the County aforesaid, shall have half a Guinea Reward and reasonable Charges, without any Questions ask'd.

To be sold - A New Milch'd Ass and a young Foal, at Williams Smith's at Coleoverton Lane End near Sir George Beaumont's Coal Pits, near Ashby de la Zouch in Leicestershire. [AG interesting in that this article indicates where coal pits were located, and maybe the source of coal delivered to Exton as part of Langham leases.]

**1724 Mar 26th** To be let from Lady Day last at Langham in Rutland, Nine Closes of very good grazing land, containing about 180 acres, late in the tenure of Thomas Welsh, William Musson and Thomas Woad, Enquire of Mr Robert Ridlington of Edith Weston or of Mr Thomas Ridlington of Glaston.

**1732 Feb 15th** To be Sold or Lett - A milched ass and foal. Enquire of John Holmes of Langham in the county of Rutland.

**Feb 21st** Note an example of the times - For Apr 3rd. A Cock fight for 4 guineas a battle at the house of Mr T Waples of Oakham.

**Dec 7th** To be Lett and Entered upon that Lady-Day next, at Foston, near Grantham, Lincolnshire, A Large Farm House, Dove-Coat, Barnes, Stables, and &c., With eight Oxcgangs of Arable Land, with Commons for Beast, Sheep, and Horses; also three Wongs, two little Closes, and some Freehold Lands, with a Cottage, if required, for the Command of a Labourer. Enquire of John Cheselden, Clerk, of Pickwell, near Melton, or Mr William Burton at Allington, near Grantham aforesaid.

Also at Langham in the County of Rutland will be sold a small Copyhold Estate by the aforesaid Mr Cheselden, both at reasonable Rates.

## ***London News - Diseases and Casualties this week***

Diseases - Aged 43, Cosumption 109, Convulsion 156, Dropsy 28, Fever 72, Smallpox 38, Stillborn 8, Teeth 40.

Casualties - Drowned accidentally 4, one in the River Thames, buried at Christ Church, Surrey, one at St James, Westminster and two at St Margarets Westminster. Excessive drinking 2, Killed accidentally by a dray (a woman) buried at St Leonard in Shoreditch 1, Overlaid 2, Suffocated, buried at All Hallows, Barking 1, Threw herself out of window, buried at St Leonard in Shoreditch 1.

Christened 387, Buried: 603 Increase in burials this week: 119

Whereof have died: Under 2yrs old - 227, Between 2/5yrs - 46, 5/10yrs -16, 10/20yrs -16, 20/30yrs - 48, 39/40yrs - 48, 40/50yrs - 54, 50/60yrs - 56, 60/70yrs - 47, 70/80yrs - 22, 80/90yrs - 22, 90yrs upwards - 1.

**1733 Dec 27th** Sheriff of Rutlandshire appointed William Fowler Esq.

**1737 Jul 28th** To be sold very reasonable at Langham near Oakham. A very good and fashionable Harpsicord with full compass of keys, and a very good tone, a handsome walnut tree case, with brass locks and hinges, newly belly'd and put into good repair. Enquire of Wm. Casterton at Langham aforesaid. NB the said Wm. Casterton makes violins, bass viola, spinets, harpsicords and organs, gentlemen etc. having instruments out of repair may have them neatly mended by him either at Langham or their own houses.

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- 1738 Apr 27th** To be Let immediately. A House, Orchard and two or three closes adjoining with all conveniences for a private family and near to the Church at Langham near Oakham in the county of Rutland exempt of all dues and kept in repair by the Landlord. Enquire of Wm. Mason at the George Inn Oakham or Tobias White at Langham, and know further.  
[Noted ; Several cockfights advertised over the last year also highwaymen in Lincolnshire]
- 1739 Apr** [Richard Turpin (trial March 22nd ) Hanged Apr 14th having said to the hangman that he was Dick Turpin; placed in deep grave. Apr 26th the body stolen , recovered and reburied in slaked lime.]
- 1740 Jan** [Severe frost, many deaths on Thames as boats damaged and capsized by large ice. Also river Severn frozen over.]
- 1740 Aug 21st** James Francis of Langham in the county of Rutland, drover, went to London about a fortnightsince and has not since been heard of. He is about 5ft 2inch high a dark complexion dark brown hair had on a drab colour coat. Whoever gives notice to the Overseers of the Poor of Langham aforesaid shall be well rewarded for their pains.
- 1740 Sep 18th** [Several large Pike were stolen from Lord Gainsboro's Exton Park pond. Reward for information 10 guineas]
- 1740 Nov 8th** [Large storms - considerable chimneys damaged and deaths noted in southern areas. A windmill blown down in Stamford, a coachman blown off his coach and died near Stamford. Several deaths in fields in Leicester, Northampton and Lincoln.]
- 1740 Dec 8th** Breakout from Oakham Goal - William Morris (horse stealing), Robert Wilkinson (house breaking). Reward five guineas for two or two guineas for one.
- 1741 Apr 30th** Whereas there happened to break out a very bad fire at Langham in the county of Rutland on the 17th of this instant April in the night: This is to give notice to the Publick not to relieve any person that goes about to gather for it, there will be a proper method taken for the relief of the poor sufferers.
- 1741 Jun 4th** To be sold at Langham in the County of Rutland - a convenient copyhold messuage consisting of four rooms on a floor with a Barn and Stable thereunto belonging, all in good repair together with an orchard of about three roods of ground well planted with all sorts of good choice fruit trees. Note there is right of common on the Pastures. Enquire of Mr Jeffrey Porter or Mr Love both in Oakham in the same county. - (Repeated in June 11th edition).
- 1741 Jul 2nd** To be SOLD or LETT at Michaelmas next at Langham in the county of Rutland a well-accustom'd Bake-House with a little Home Close belonging to it, both Copyhold. Enquire of Thomas Sewell, Langham aforesaid.

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- 1743 Dec 9th** Stolen or Strayed the 12th of November last out of Langham Lordship in the County of Rutland, a dark Chestnut Gelding, coming 5 years old, with a Raze in his Face, four white feet and a white spot under his Belly, branded with R.L. Upon the near Shoulder, about fourteen Hands three inches high and has a cut Tail. Whoever gives Fyndings of this said Gelding to Mr Sergeant of Castor near Peterborough or Mr Robert Stafford, Bookseller in Stamford, Uppingham and Oakham or Mr Wm Hubbard of Langham Shall receive half a Guinea reward and all reasonable charges.
- 1744 Jan 19th** Appointment of Sheriffs for the year ensuing :  
Rutlandshire Henry Skill Esq. — Dead (!)  
Two other counties similarly!
- 1744 May 24th** We the Inhabitants of the Town of Oakham in the County of Rutland do certify, that the aforesaid Town is entirely free from the Small-Pox, and has been so from the 8th of April 1744.  
Witness our Hands,  
Tho Healey Apothecary                      John Fardell Constable  
John Healey Apothecary                      William Carter  
Nat Langstess Church Warden              Tho Davie High Sheriff.
- 1744 Nov 29th**  
Lost on the 4th of this Instant November, from Richard Hubbard, Butcher of Langham in the County of Rutland, a young black Greyhound Bitch; She has some White about her Neck, her Legs and Tail. Whoever gives Notice of her to Richard Hubbard aforesaid, so that She may be had again, shall have five shillings Reward.
- 1745 Oct 7th**  
The Gentlemen and Clergy of the County of Rutland are desired to meet on Friday Morning next the eleventh of this Instant, at eleven of the Clock, at OAKHAM, to consider and promote the proper Measures to be taken for the Support of His Majesty's Government, and the Security of His Kingdom, against the Attempts of a Papists Pretender, or any Foreign Invasion.  
WINCHILSEA  
GAINSBOROUGH  
HARBOROUGH  
EXETER.  
[Note reports of Rebel uprising in Scottish Borders and taking of Edinburgh and Carlisle]
- 1745 Oct 17th** Reported Stamford October 16th  
We hear from Oakham in the County of Rutland that at a general Meeting of the Nobility, Gentry and Clergy, on Friday last, an humble Address to His Majesty, produced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Gainsborough, was read, and unanimously agreed to and signed by all those present; they appointed another Meeting to be on Friday next to consider of the properest Methods to raise Man and Horse, and discipline them for the Defence of His Majesty's Person and Government.
- 1747 Jan 15** A large commodious freehold house, slated, three rooms of a floor, with garrets, cellars, barns, stable and other good conveniences, situate at Langham, Rutland and now in the tenure of Mr Henry Browne.
- 1754 Oct 10th** To be sold at Langham in the County of Rutland A Messuage and Homestead late the Estate of Jonathan Edgham deceased. Enquire of Richard Hubbard Butcher of Langham aforesaid or William Waddington of Blaston Leicestershire.
- 1767 Jan 29th** A servant of Mr Hubbard's of Langham, returning from Melton, was lost in the late storm of snow; he was got to near home, as to be heard to cry out at his Master's house, and tho' several persons went out to seek him he perished before he was found.

*1767 Feb 4th* Stamford Feb 2nd Last night the Stamford Fly, in which were five Gentlewomen and one Gentleman, and 8 outside passengers, was robbed by a single Highwayman, before he had got to the first Turnpike. The Gentleman who was in the Fly, having a large sum of money about him, begg'd of the Ladies their protection, and to have leave to lie at their Feet; by which means he escaped the jaws of the Lyon, and in return for their Civility and Protection, he bore all their expenses to Town. We hear the HERO,s journey to Town was to purchase a Commission in the Army.

## THE STAMFORD MERCURY

*1777 Apr 3rd* Thomas Cole of Langham in Rutlandshire, Grocer. To appear April 21, 22 and May 10, at the Crown, in Stamford, Lincolnshire. Attorney, Mr. Wyche, in Stamford. - Thomas Wright and Daniel Harrop of Fenchurch Street, London, Haberdashers and Co-partners - John Gun of Birmingham, Druggist, Grocer, and Chandler. - Isaac Moses Alman, of Bristol, Silversmith

*1786 Aug 25th* A few days ago died suddenly, Mr Dawson, of Langham, in the County of Rutland

*1786 Oct 5th* On Tuesday last as one Woods, a servant to Mr Sharrard, of Langham, in the County of Rutland, was loading some stubble, the horse suddenly going on, threw him off the wagon, dislocated his neck, and before any medical assistance could reach him he expired.

*1788 Jun 20th* On Friday last five convicts, from the jail at Oakham, passed through this place, on their way to London, when they will be put on board the fleet bound for Botany Bay. Amongst them were Young, for stealing a mare from Mr Butt, of Exton; Sherwin, for assaulting a person near Langham, by throwing stones at him from behind a hedge; and Palmer, for stealing some hogs, the property of Dr Lucas, of Edith Weston.

*1788 Apl 11th* Stamford, April 11 - Monday se'nnight died, Mr Richard Hubbard, of Langham, in the County of Rutland, horse dealer.

*1790 Sep 24th* Notice to debtors and creditors - All persons who stood indebted to Robert Kilby, late of Langham in the County of Rutland, Grazier, at the Time of his decease, are requested forthwith to pay their respective Debts to Charles Hubbard, Sen. of Langham aforesaid, Butcher, his Executor.

And all Persons who have any Demands upon the Estate and Effects of the said Robert Kilby, are requested to send an Account of the same to the said Charles Hubbard, in order that they might be discharged.

*1791 Apl 9* John Henshaw, Clerk. Melton Mowbray

Written: - I hope them that find me will read this at the inquest that will be held over my body. That I have taken every penny back that I borrowed from Stephen Poching and Thomas Vorle, residing at Leicester; and I further pray that these two men carry me to the grave, and if they refuse they both be flogged until they do. Oh, my poor head! And after my funeral these two men be hung and their bodies burnt. I pray if they try to obtain my insurance money from my four boys-my mind, oh, it is gone. I hope no one will follow me to the grave, and that I be buried in a corner to myself; and that no service be read over me - only for them to pray for the Lord to have mercy upon my soul. And I pray that the coroner send this to those two men for a warning for them not to send four fatherless boys to the grave. And I also pray no one shall stand or stamp on my coffin. (Signed) Francis Smith, Langham Oakham.

*1791 Apl 22nd* Notice is hereby Given, the Trustees of the Turnpike Roads, under an Act of Parliament passed in the 20th Year of his present Majesties Reign, for the Repairing and Widening of the Road between Bridgeford Lane, in the County of Nottingham, and the Bowling Green at Kettering, in the County of Northampton, will meet at the White Swan In, in Melton Mowbray, on Tuesday the 10th Day of May next, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, in order to consult about erecting a Side Bar across a certain Road which leads from Langham, in the County of Rutland, to Cold Overton; and that a certain Gate commonly known or called the Pasture Gate, situated near the Town of Langham.

- 1794 Nov 31st* Weather - The Right Hon. the Earl of Gainsborough has lately given twelve waggon loads of coals to the poor of Exton, Cottesmore, Barrow, Ridlington, Langham, Brooke, and Whitwell.
- 1796 Jun 24th* This week was married at Langham, Rutland, Mr Riley, of Barleythorpe, to Mrs Jackson of the same place.
- 1799 Aug 15th* A Meeting of Proprietors of Estates in the said Parish and Hamlet, will be advertised in due Time.
- 1799 Sep 6th* RUTLAND, COTTESMORE and BARROW intended INCLOSURE Notice is hereby given, Application will be made to the Honourable House of Commons the next Session of Parliament, for Leave to bring in a Bill  
For dividing, allotting and inclosing the open and common Fields, commonable Lands and waste Grounds within the Parish and Precincts of Cottesmore and Hamlet of Barrow, their two adjoining and belonging, in the County of Rutland.

## THE LINCOLN, RUTLAND AND STAMFORD MERCURY

- 1801 Aug* Oakham Man and woman from Clipsham executed for stealing a sheep.
- 1805 May 13th* A SCHOOLMASTER WANTED at LANGHAM, in the County of Rutland. The Salary £15 per Annum, besides the Privilege taking Scholars and other Advantages. A Person of good Character, and well recommended, may apply the Vicar and Churchwardens the said Parish.
- 1811 Feb 22nd* John Riley, of Langham, Rutland, begs leave to inform the public in general, that he has purchased a large quantity of Deals of various lengths, likewise Deal Poles, Deal Timber, and Wainscot Oak, which he intends selling off on reasonable terms, for ready money, at his house at Langham aforesaid. Those who please to favour him with their orders, may depend upon the strictest attention being paid to them, and thankfully acknowledged.
- 1813 Mar 3rd* Bourn 28th Feb 1815 - JOHN TEAT, Damask and Diaper Weaver, grateful for past favours, begs leave to inform his friends and the public, that, for their accommodation, he is now weaving, from three to nine quarters wide, an entirely new and elegant assortment of Damask patterns, which, from their quality and great beauty, he doubts not will be found well worth the attention the curious. Ladies' and gentlemen's names, place of abode, date, Ac. executed in the first style. Persons appointed to receive orders for the above work: Mr. J- Pridmore, flax-seller, Colsterworth; Mr. J. Penney, schoolmaster, North Luffenham; Mr. W. Sewell, weaver, Langham; Mr. Wm. Pridmore, flax seller, Long Sutton.
- 1816 Apr 24th* Ringing - On the 13th inst. Was rung at Oakham, by the Langham society of ringers, 43 different five-bell peals, making 5160 changes, in three hours and thirty-five minutes. - These ringers, we understand, back themselves against any set in Rutland upon Oakham bells.
- 1816 May* Notice to repair Holbach Bridge, between Langham and Whissendine.
- 1817 Jul* Turnpike Road from North end of Bridgeford Lane, Nottinghamshire to the Bowling Green at Kettering Northants. Tolls for auction at the White Lion Melton. Langham gate £171, Burton gate £270, Melton gate £341.

1817 Sep 28th A game of cricket was played at Ashwell, in Rutland, on Monday last, between eleven match players of Langham, and Ashwell club, which was won by the latter, having five wickets to go down.

Langham 1st Innings		2nd Innings	
Thorpe - c. by Wm. Hinman	0	b. by Hinman	2
Davis jun. - b. by Gutridge	0	b. by Hinman	1
Sewell - b. by Gutridge	5	b. by Gutridge	1
Davis sen. c. by H Chambers	3	b. by Gutridge	5
Faulks - run out	1	b. by Hinman	0
Rudkin - b. by Wm. Hinman	1	b. by Gutridge	0
Almond - b. Gutridge	3	b. by Hinman	8
Hubbard - b. Wm. Hinman	0	c. by Webster	0
Speed - b. by Wm. Hinman	0	b. by Gutridge	5
Hubbard Wm. - b. by Gutridge	0	not out	0
Cox - not out	2	b. by Hinman	7
Byes	8		5
	23		34
Ashwell 1st Innings		2nd Innings	
Hinman jun. - b. by Hubbard	0	b. by Rudkin	1
Hinman sen. - b. by Hubbard	0	run out	0
Chambers jun. - c. by Cox	12	b. by Hubbard	5
Gutridge - b. by Rudkin	4	not out	6
Hinman Wm. - b. by Davis	4	run out	2
Webster - run out	2	b. by Rudkin	1
Marshall - c. by Almond	1	not out	2
Harris - b. by Davis	2		
Dunmore - b. by Rudkin	11		
Chambers Thomas - b. by Rudkin	0		
Chambers sen. - not out	2		
Byes	3		0
	41		17

1818 Dec 25 On Monday last, aged 62, Mrs. Ann Faulks, of Langham, Rutland. About three months ago as she was laying some sticks on fire, her clothes caught the flames, and no person being at home but her aged mother (who is 95 years age), she ran out into the yard all a blaze, and Mr. Stephen Messing, of Langham. who was passing at the moment, with all the humane promptness possible, by throwing her down succeeded in extinguishing the flames before any one came to his assistance; but the arms, breast, and neck of the unfortunate woman were so much burnt, that she scarcely got out of her room after the accident, and died from its effects on Monday last.

1819 Jan 8th Genteel RESIDENCE, LANGHAM [*Not sure of the location*], Rutland to be SOLD by AUCTION, By Mr. Beaver, At the George Inn, Oakham, on Saturday January, 1819, between the hours 8 and 5 in the afternoon, subject to such conditions sale as shall be then and there produced; A Modern built Genteel MESSUAGE, fit for immediate reception of respectable Family, and well-adapted for Hunting Box, being situate Langham, in the county Rutland, nearly in the centre of the Earl of Lonsdale's, the Duke Rutland's, and G. Osbaldeston. Esq.'s fox hounds. The Leeds mail and other coaches pass the garden daily. The house comprises, on the ground floor, two excellent parlours, large kitchen; scullery, cellar, dairy, pantry, brewhouse, and all other requisite Out offices; also six handsome chambers. There are also good Stabling, Coach-house, Pleasure and Kitchen Garden, and a Close adjoining, containing altogether nearly Three Acres. To be entered on 5th March, 1819. For further particulars apply to T.B. Rudkin, the 'owner, on the premises; if by letter, post paid.

During a heavy storm of thunder and rain last Sunday afternoon, the church of Carlby, five miles north-east of Stamford, was greatly damaged by a fireball, and the parishioners experienced a remarkable escape from personal injury. At the usual time for ringing in for afternoon service, the clerk went to the rectory-house, when the Minister (the Rev. T. Hurst) expressed a wish that the ringing should not begin till the tempest, which was then coming on in sable majesty, should have passed over. In consequence of this, most people remained in their houses, whilst the elemental strife of hail, rain, thunder, lightning, and wind, increased sublimely in the heavens. About five minutes past three o'clock, a dense cloud which hung over the church was observed to emit a ball of fire, which several persons who saw it described as being as large "as a peck measure." The descent of this body was accompanied with an explosion of such terrific loudness as seemed to shake every building in the parish to its foundation, and the alarm of the inhabitants was excited by it to the highest possible pitch. As soon as some degree of composure was restored, it was found that the electric matter had entered the steeple of the church at the window on the west side, and had from within struck the wall on the east side with such force as to knock out the stones for a very considerable distance; the fire then dropped into the church, through the roof - exploded in the church, as it is believed, the mischief done to the windows and many interior parts of the building being considerable - and then passed upwards again through the roof, at another place, driving down part of a contiguous side wall, tearing up and melting lead in an extraordinary way, and leaving the joists and rafters of the roof in flames, which were happily soon extinguished by the heavy rain that was falling at the time. The storm lasted for half an hour, and, as our respectable informant assures us, frightened the parish almost to death! One quarter of the spire of the church is ripped out, and the belfry is blocked up with the stones; so that a very serious expense of repairs will fall upon the inhabitants and proprietors in Carlby. Many stones from the steeple and parapets were hurled into the church; and, as the visitation occurred just at the time when, if the tempest had not been foreseen, the parishioners would have been nearly all assembled at divine service, their escape from destruction must be considered as most providential.

**1822 Jan 4th** Langham, near Oakham, Rutland, T. HACK receives in his House a limited number of young Gentlemen, on the following moderate terms: Per Annum.

For those under the age of 12 years £15-0-0; Above that age £ 16-0-0; Entrance £0-10-6  
Washing and Mending £ 1-10-0.

The course of instruction is English, Latin, and Greek Languages, Writing, Arithmetic, Gauging, Book Keeping, Land-surveying, Mensuration, Euclid, Mapping, Drawing, &c.

Thomas Hack has been in the habit of instructing young gentlemen several years. The kindest treatment and due attention paid to the morals and religious principles of those intrusted to his care. School re opens January 8th, 1822.

**1824 Oct** A special vestry was called at which it was agreed that no pauper keeping a dog should receive parochial relief.

**1825 Sep 9th** The Annual General Meeting of this Society will be holden, in the National School-room, Uppingham, at 12 o'clock Noon on Thursday the 23rd and a Meeting of the Committee for the purpose of considering the report presented to Revd. Twopenny, Secretary. Little Casterton, Sept 6th, 1825.

The Secretary requires the favour of the several Members the Committee (In compliance with resolution last Report) to have the several Schools assembled for examination at the days hours hereafter mentioned, and to send him, as soon as convenient, a return of the names of the Subscribers, and of the number Scholars of each sex, both of the Sunday and Day Schools:—

Monday	Sept 10th	Ketton School, at 10 o'clock at Noon, (sic); North Luffenham School, at one in the Afternoon
Saturday, Wednesday, Sept 14th	Sept 10th	Empingham School, at 10 in the Morning. Exton School, at 10 in Morning Cottesmore School, at one in the afternoon
Friday,	Sept 16th	Greetham School, at 10 at 10 in the morning, Thistleton School, at one in the afternoon.
Monday,	Sept 19th	Oakham School, at 10 in the Morning; Langham School, at one in the Afternoon.
Thursday	Sept 22nd	Uppingham School at 10 in the Morning.

Sheep-stealing at Oakham : William Beaver, aged 25, was charged with stealing two ewes, the property of Mr Matthew Laxton, of Greetham; and Nicholas Beaver, his father, aged 60, with feloniously receiving the same.

The prosecutor occupies some land at Oakham, where the younger prisoner was his shepherd, and had the care of 45 lambs and 84 ewes. On the 14th of September last, he sent for the ewe's home, when two were missing. On being questioned about them, the prisoner said they had died of the "red water;" and upon being required by Mr. Laxton's Greetham shepherd to give up the skins, after some search he produced one skin from the hedge of a close adjoining his master's (but which was sworn by the shepherd, not to be the skin of his master's sheep), and gave the shepherd half a crown to take home to his master in lieu of the other, "that it might not be supposed he had lost one." — The sheep, together with one belonging to Mr. Sharpe Barfoot of Langham, were afterwards found upon the farm Mr. Joseph Bellaers of Langham, who proved that he had purchased them of Nicholas Beaver, for 36s. apiece, upon Preston hill, as he was driving them to Uppingham market in September last, about 9 o'clock in the morning: the elder prisoner (Mr. Bellaers said) was a sort of shepherd and had been in the habit of selling sheep for persons in that neighbourhood. — The Rev. Heneage Finch proved that the depositions of the two prisoners taken before him had been made without any promise or threat being held out and added "quite the contrary." — The Judge asked, what did you say to them, Sir? - The Rev. Gentleman replied, that he had cautioned them not to say anything to criminate themselves and warned them against entertaining any hope that such disclosure would be considered a mitigation of their offence. — The Judge: Then, Sir, excuse my advising you to avoid that practice in future: I know it is customary with many magistrates to caution prisoners not to criminate themselves, but in so doing exceed the bounds of their duty, and often defeat the ends of justice. It is sufficient for the magistrate to leave it to the prisoner's option; taking care not to hold out either threat or promise. — The three sheep were produced at the magistrate's; Wm. Beaver confessed that two of them were Mr. Laxton's, and one was Mr. Barfoot's; and that he had requested his father to sell them, - telling him that they were the property of Mr. Beedman of Braunston, who had entrusted them to him (Wm. Beaver) for sale; and that his father would find the sheep in Mr. Saddleworth's close (adjoining Mr. Laxton's.) — Nicholas Beaver's evidence confirmed the story of his son as to whose sheep they were and added that he (Nicholas) had driven them from Mr. Saddleworth's close and sold them to Mr. Bellaers, without knowing that they had been stolen; and that he had given the money they sold for to his son.

The Judge, in summing up, observed that it was certainly in favour of the father's innocence, that he had sold them on the public road in open day, and that the sheep were not driven by him from Laxton's close, because if the son had not wished to conceal from his father that they were Laxton's sheep, he might have had them driven at once from Laxton's close.

The Judge found Wm. Beaver guilty, and acquitted Nicholas.

The Judge said that sheep-stealing was, under any circumstances, a very serious crime, but in this case the prisoner's offence was aggravated by the fact of the sheep he had stolen being his master's property, — an aggravation which would fully justify the leaving him for execution. But there was a circumstance in the prisoner's case which would induce the learned Judge to recommend that his life should be spared, — that was, that his father had been charged with having feloniously received the stolen property; and although, added his Lordship, he has been very properly acquitted by the Jury, yet the verdict of Jury is a very different thing to one's own private opinion, and I have no doubt that he knew perfectly well that his son had stolen them. — It was under the feeling that the young man had been led away by the evil precepts and example of his father, that his Lordship would spare his life. The best thing he could do with him would be to separate him from his father, which he should by advising that the prisoner be sent out of the country. — Sentence of death was then recorded against him.

There was another indictment against Nicholas Beaver, charging him with having stolen a sheep from Mr. S. Barfoot of Langham, with whom he lived as a shepherd; but from the evidence not being strong enough to warrant a conviction, the prosecution was abandoned.

Setting Fire to a Barn and Ricks at Langham : Against Robert Christian, aged 17, charged with setting fire to premises of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain at Langham on the 8th Sept, last, no true Bill. Before N.G. CLARKE, Esq., King's Counsel. Burglary at Langham. - William Bentham, aged 27, Thomas Tyers, aged 24, and James Bennet, aged 19, were indicted for burglariously breaking into the dwelling-house Mr. William Mantle, tailor and draper, of Langham, in the night of the 31st of October last, and stealing from his shop a large quantity of drapery goods, of the value of 15l and upwards. The door of the shop (which is a part of the dwelling house) was secured by the prosecutor about 9 o'clock on the night of the robbery, and between six and seven the next morning it was discovered that the shop window (which does not open, but is secured by two iron stanchions, sufficiently wide asunder to admit of a small person's forcing himself between them) had been completely demolished, and four shelves entirely cleared goods. Between one and two o'clock in the morning two men were seen to pass through the turnpike-gate leading to Cold Overton (which is also the nearest road from Langham to Leicester), by Mary Sewell, who resides near to it, and who opened her bed-room window and saw that the men had large packs upon their shoulders; in a few minutes they were followed by a third, also coming in the direction from Mantle's shop, who on perceiving that he was observed turned back — *Thos. Thorpe*, who lives a few yards on the other side of the gate, about the same hour saw a man leading a donkey through a gap in the witnesses' garden hedge, in order to avoid passing through the turnpike-gate. Between 12 and 1 o'clock the next day Tyers applied at the lodging-house of *Mrs. Pitts*, in Abbey Street, Leicester, very near to a place called the Rookery, for lodgings for himself and two others: he had with him two bundles and a new hat, and in about half an hour was joined by the other two prisoners, Bentham and Bennet. About 8 in the evening Bentham and Bennet were apprehended by three constables of Leicester, whilst leading two donkeys laden with goods towards the Rookery: a few minutes afterwards they apprehended Tyers at *Mrs. Pitts*'s; but at the moment they were securing him, another man (no doubt an accomplice) rushed into the house and seizing the bundles which Tyers had taken with him made his escape with them. [Property to the amount of more than 30l was stolen from the prosecutor's shop, but he has not at present recovered above half of it.] — The goods found upon Bentham and Bennet were identified by the prosecutor, as was also a small book which was taken from the pocket Tyers: Bennet and Tyers were proved to have been drinking together at the Crown taproom in Oakham on the evening of the robbery, and Bentham was proved to have been at his brother's house at Oakham on the same evening. Bennet (a mere boy in appearance) in his defence, said that on the evening of the robbery he lent his ass to Bentham to go to Leicester, and that he went to Leicester the next day to fetch it back, when he was seized by the constables; whilst Bentham declared, that he had sold the donkey to Bennet. and that he followed Bennet to Leicester for the money; and Tyers protested that he had had no fellowship with either of the prisoners. The Jury found them all *guilty*. The Judge observed that they had been convicted of a capital offence of certainly an aggravated nature: he had, however, known nothing against them before that day; they were none of them very old; and perhaps if their lives were spared, and they were sent out of the kingdom, they might reform themselves, and make amends to the society of the country they would be sent to, for the injury they had done the society of this; but it would be great injustice to the inhabitants of this kingdom, ever to suffer such offenders to return to it — The prisoners immediately exclaimed, "Thank you, my Lord;" and Bentham, with an air of impudent hardihood, added, "*I am very willing to leave this country; I hope I shall do better in another, for I have done very badly in this.*"

1826 Jun 9th Death - Langham, on Friday last, Mr. Thos. Hack, schoolmaster, aged 39.

1827 Aug 3rd Horse-stealing at Langham : William Smith, aged 20, the son of a respectable miller at Langham, with whom he was residing at the time of committing the offence, was convicted of stealing on the 19th of March last, a cart mare, of the value £20, the property of Mr. John Meadows, of Cold Overton, from a close in his occupation at Langham.

Wm. Faulkes, who shepherded for Mr. Meadows at Langham, proved that the mare was in the field at 6 o'clock on the evening of Monday the 19th of March, and that at 6 o'clock the next morning she was gone.

Mr. John Meadows, senior stated that in consequence of information he received from Mr. John Clark, of Helpston, he went that place about a week after his mare had been stolen and found her in that gentleman's possession: she was a cart mare, big with foal.

Edward Exton, the keeper of Hambleton tollbar, proved that a man rode through that bar about half past one in the morning of Tuesday the 20th of March on a heavy-looking horse.

Mr. John Clark, farmer, of Helpston. stated that about half-past six on the morning of the 20th the prisoner arrived at his house and wanted to buy some straw. Witness sold him a load: as they were going to the straw-stack, prisoner offered to sell his mare, and said that his father had sent him to sell her at Stamford fair, but that he could not succeed in disposing of her there: witness complained of his not taking better care of her and observed that she was not in a condition to sell, being very jaded and dirty. The prisoner accounted for her appearing so dirty, by saying that he had put her up at the Black Horse public-house in Scotgate, Stamford, and that she had been tying down without having had any litter under her. Witness bought her for £15, £7 in money, and a load of straw, which he valued at 8l. . and which the prisoner promised to fetch at the end of that week or the beginning of the following: he never fetched it. and the next Friday the witness saw an advertisement in the newspaper describing such a mare as having been stolen in consequence of which, he immediately wrote to Mr. Meadows, who went over and owned the mare. — In cross-examination by Mr. Miller (who kindly undertook the prisoner's defence gratuitously), the witness stated that he thought £15 was a fair price for the mare on that day, and that at his request the prisoner gave him a written memorandum of his name and residence, "William Smith, Langham." which proved to be his real address.

When Mr. Justice Holroyd was about to sum up. the prisoner's counsel suggested to his Lordship that there was nothing to prove that the prisoner's father had not delivered the mare to the son with orders to sell her - The learned Judge then re-stated the evidence, and remarked on the favourable circumstance for the prisoner that he had given his real name and address; if he had only received the mare her to have been stolen, he could not be convicted under this indictment; but the Jury would judge of the probability of the story he had told about his father's ordering him to sell the mare at Stamford fair, from the circumstance of her having been stolen after six o'clock on the Monday night, and sold the next morning at half past six.

The jury immediately found the prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced to be transported for life.

William was initially sent to the prison hulk "York" at Portsmouth arriving there on 17th Sept 1827. On the 7th November 1827 he departed Portsmouth for Tasmania on the convict ship the 'Marmion'. The 'Marmion' was one of twenty-five convict ships to sail in 1827, carried only male convicts. Her captain was Mr W Wright, the ship's surgeon was Henry G. Brock; four of the convicts died during the 120-day voyage. The ship arriving at Hobart, Tasmania on 6/7th March 1828.

Convict Record : Smith William convicted Rutland, ship Marmion, 27 July 1827 Life, transported for horse stealing Gaol report — Good Hulk report — Good Convicts gave their own short version of the offence on arrival. William said he was convicted for stealing a horse from the Pastures belonging to Mr Meadows of Cold Overton, he lived with his father, a miller and his mother in Langham. William said that he was single, a protestant and worked almost all his time for his father.

1827 Oct 12th At Langham, on Monday last, aged 80, Mr. William Berridge, landlord of the Black Horse.

1829 Apl 24th THE TITHES of the GRAZING Lordships of LANGHAM and BROOKE, in the county of Rutland, containing 4200 Acres, thereabout.—The above are secured by an Exchequer Decree, 1819, and consist of Agistment and all other Tithes, except Corn and Hay in Langham and Corn and one-half of the Hay in Brooke. To a responsible tenant, with security, the above will be let at very low rate, with or without a roomy new Brick House, Cottages, Malt-kiln, &c., and any quantity (not exceeding 200 Acres) of Land, of excellent quality. Apply (if letter, post paid) to Mr. Stimson, Crown Inn, Oakham.

- 1831 Jan 14th The Rutlandshire Association for the prosecution of Felons, for offences committed upon the property or persons of subscribers residing within the county of Rutland. Call to a meeting at the George Inn Oakham Jan 22nd. Among the subscribers:- from Langham - Thomas Darman, George Fowler, Jane Jackson, - Mantle
- 1833 Feb 4th Important to SCHOOLMASTERS. To be LET, and may be entered upon at Lady-day next. A Capital Dwelling HOUSE, situate in St. John's street, Stamford, well adapted for an Academy, having most spacious Play Ground at the back, and walled round.—The above has been for many years in the occupation of Mr Godwin, and contains dining-room, school room, kitchen, cellar, and five large sleeping-rooms, with everything requisite for the above establishment. For further particulars apply to Mr. Dain Langham or to Mr. Henry Hayes, St. John's-street, Stamford.
- 1838 Oct 19th To R.W. Baker. Esq., Cottesmore; W. Sharrad, Esq., Langham; and Mr. R. Smith, Burley, as a Deputation to me from S.E. Jones, Esq.
- Gentlemen, Do allow me to return you 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 Strong hold.
- 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 any other process, will not drive me from my *Strong hold*. I am, Gentlemen, Your's most respectfully, W.H. LAWRENCE - Oakham, Oct 17, 1838.
- 1839 Feb To the Editor of the Mercury - Sir, – it was stated in your paper of the 25 January that “Lord Barham last week sent £10 to the poor of Langham, which was distributed in coals.” This account is partially incorrect. It is true that Lord Barham gave £10 to the poor of Langham, but only £7 was distributed in the above-mentioned way: the remaining £3., it appears from the statement of the parishioners, was kept back by the Curate and a certain lady (scarcely known beyond the limits of the village, though there celebrated for her ladylike attachment to parish business), and appropriated by them to a different object, viz. The providing of a dinner for the children of the National School. This would have excited little displeasure amongst the inhabitants of Langham, had it been given to all who attended the school: but the individuals who thought fit thus to expend the money (no doubt, from very disinterested motives), confined the treat exclusively to those who were scholars in the church Sunday school, and withheld it from others who were connected with the Dissenting Chapels in the village, but who nevertheless regularly attend at the National School.
- Three little boys, after having been kept at their lessons until the dinner was placed on the table before them, were then sent home, being told by the humane and impartial persons who had the management, that they could not partake of the feast, because they did not go to church on the sabbath.
- This conduct, we are assured was contrary to the intentions of the noble Lord, who is well-known liberality towards the Dissenters gives no countenance to such practices. I may just state, also, that the Baptist and the Wesleyan congregations in the village, incensed at this illiberality, united to give a dinner and tea to the children of their respective schools, on Wednesday.
- Hoping that the exposure of this case will prevent its repetition, and that the time is not far distance when party feeling will not be permitted to violate the dictates of humanity and justice, I am, Sir, your's, &c., - [MF – Lord Barham became Earl Gainsborough in 1841]
- 1839 Oct 11th The Tithe Commissioners for England and Wales hereby give Notice, that a copy of the Draft of Award of the Rent-charge to be paid in lieu of Tithes in the township of LANGHAM, in the parish of Oakham, in the county of Rutland, has been deposited at the house of William Smith, of Langham aforesaid, farmer, situate in the said township, for the inspection of all persons interested in the Lands or Tithes of the said township: and the Commissioners further give Notice that, pursuant to the Act for the Commutation of Tithes, a Meeting will be holden for the purpose of hearing any objections to such Draft Award by any persons interested as aforesaid; and that such Meeting will be held at the house Henry Stimson, known by the sign of the Crown Inn, in Oakham, in the said county of Rutland, on Thursday the Twenty-fourth day of October, 1839, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon.

Jan	5	6	7	8	9	10	
7am	29	29	19	6	19	27	°F
2pm	32	32	23	14	26	32	°F

- 1841 Jan 15th** Record of frosts in a Rutland village:-  
Advert for Rutland Agricultural Society Christmas Show - One of the stewards - Mr. W. Sharrad Langham (Miller's son or daughter to be educated at respectable school, account to be taken in flour)
- 1841 Feb 12th** Highway Robbery - £20 Reward  
Whereas Mr. Thos. Hayes of Langham, Publican and pig jobber on his way from Stamford Market on Friday 29th January last about half past six o'clock was robbed on Barnsdale Hill of forty pounds by two men. Whoever will give information of the offenders shall on conviction receive the above reward by applying to the said Thos Hayes.  
Mention of Rutland Farmers and Graziers Club call for special General Meeting by chairman Richard Westbrook Baker
- 1841 Aug 6th** The Will of Mr. Foster, of Thistleton, " Item — My mind and will is, and I do hereby order and appoint that one sufficient and fit person yearly for ever be chosen, in every parish of Exton, Empingham, Greetham, Thistleton, and Langham, in Rutland, to chosen by the several and respective Ministers, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of each parish respectively; which said several Schoolmasters shall be sufficient and able to teach and Instruct without their paying anything for the same, all such poor children being inhabitants within each of the said several and respective towns and parishes of Exton, Empingham, Greetham, Thistleton, and Langham, the English Bible and Catechism now used the Church of England and established by the laws of England, and whose parents, by reason of their poverty, are not able to teach and procure their said children to be taught and instructed as aforesaid; and which said children shall be allowed and disallowed by the said Ministers, Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the said several parishes aforesaid. To each and every of which said Schoolmasters for each and every town of Exton, Empingham, Greetham, Thistleton, and Langham aforesaid, — and to each and every of their successors forever, being elected and chosen as aforesaid — I give and bequeath the sum of 10l per annum, to be paid then by my executors and assigns, out of the rents and profits of the aforesaid lands and tenements, at Michaelmas and Lady-day half-yearly, &c. And my further mind and will is, I do hereby order and appoint, that every of the Schoolmasters of each respective parish, to whom 10l is given as aforesaid, shall be a single person, and shall follow no other employment,—unless the Minister or Ministers of any of the aforesaid parishes shall think fit to take upon him or them to teach and instruct the poor children their parishes as aforesaid, then the said Minister or Ministers so doing I do certify to be a schoolmaster according to this my will." Your's, VERITAS.  
*(This was part of a letter to the editor pointing out that recent appointments had been given to married schoolmasters)*
- 1841 Aug 27th** Some new Revising Barristers have been appointed for this part of the county and some new decisions will probably be the consequence. Mr. John Hildyard is appointed for Rutland (instead of Mr. Richardson whose decisions in the case of Langham voters has been so important).
- 1841 Sep 3rd** All persons are requested to refrain from sporting upon the Manors of Exton, Horn, Whitwell, Cottesmore, Barrow, Langham and Gentlemen are particularly requested not to sport without permission on the Manors of Brooke, the Priory of Brooke, Ridlington, Preston, Uppingham and Beaumont Chase in the county of Rutland and Pickwell and Welham in the county of Leicester. Exton Park August 26th Poachers and others trespassing will be proceeded against by order of R. W. Baker Agent to the Right Hon. the Earl of Gainsborough.
- 1841 Oct 1st** Sale at Langham - To be sold by Auction by Messrs Burton & Clarke on Thursday 7th day of October 1841 upon the premises of Mr Thos Speed of Langham who is declining housekeeping. The neat and useful Household Furniture, Potatoes, Onions, Store Pig and Effects. The Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock. Catalogues may be had at the place of sale and at the Auctioneers.

The Earl and Countess of Gainsborough and suite arrived at the Bell Inn, Leicester, on Monday night last, and on Tuesday morning proceeded to Exton Park. Upon entering his estate about 4 miles south of Melton, his Lordship was met by a number of his tenantry and others from the adjacent villages of Pickwell, Whissendine, &c., And before they reach Langham they were joined by a great concourse of horse and foot (headed by a band of music), all anxious to testify their respect to the Noble Earl and Countess on the restoration of their family titles. At the schoolhouse, they were received by a deputation; and after they had alighted and examined the school and the children assembled, William Sharrad, Esq. Addressed the Noble Earl in a very impressive manner, to the following effect: –

“We, the inhabitants of Langham, and others intimately connected with its welfare, beg leave to approach your lordship with feelings of gratitude that our beloved Sovereign Queen Victoria has in her wisdom and love of justice restored the ancient titles of Gainsborough to your family. We, therefore, most respectfully approach, and address you as the Right Honourable Charles Noel, Earl of Gainsborough, Viscount Campden, and Baron of Ridlington, and sincerely congratulate your lordship upon that event, which has afforded so much satisfaction to the inhabitants of the County of Rutland. We especially wish to embrace the present opportunity of offering our heartfelt thanks for your great liberality and consideration in erecting this handsome and useful schoolhouse; and, in furtherance of its object, that your amiable and highly esteemed Countess has made those arrangements for the education of youth in this and other parishes which will serve the cause of morality, virtue, and religion. We trust that we are not taking too great a liberty in offering to your accomplished daughters our congratulations upon their acquisition of new titles.

Permit us likewise to felicitate your lordship and family upon the marriage of your son, the Viscount Campden. In conclusion we pray that her Most Gracious Majesty may long continue to uphold her exalted character, and reign as she now does in the hearts of her loyal subjects; and may the recorded virtues of the House of Gainsborough in former days be fully borne out by your lordship, its present representative, and also by your successes. May your generous and kind-hearted Countess continue to exercise those well directed acts of goodness and benevolence so universally acknowledged and duly appreciated. And may the Ladies Noel, now present, participate in those Christian feelings, as well as the absent branches of your family. In the names of the ladies and gentlemen assembled, and of those who from peculiar circumstances are unable to attend, we offer to your Lordship and Countess our unbound thanks for years the opportunity of expressing our sense of your continued kindness to the inhabitants of Langham and the County of Rutland.”

The Earl of Gainsborough replied in a very excellent speech, touching upon the several points of the address, assuring the assemblage that he had sincere gratification in offering his assistance and support to every institution in the County having for its object public good; and in reference more particularly to the building of this school, in which the Countess of Gainsborough had taken so much interest, he could add that he desired most cordially that it should be found to answer the expectation of its sanguine friends. The party then proceeded to Oakham, joined by hundreds of fresh pedestrians and equestrians.

On reaching the agricultural Hall, at the request of its officers the Earl and Countess alighted; and the great room being crowded almost to suffocation, Mr George Smith, on behalf of the members of the Society (of which is Lordship’s president), and on behalf of the town of Oakham, felicitated the Noble Earl on the honours which had reverted to himself and his progeny, in the following words: –

“My Lord, – As one of the officers connected with this building, I am requested by this assembled party to express their sincere pleasure at seeing you and your amiable family again among them, and to express their sincere gratification that the ancient titles of your house should have descended upon the head of one in every way so worthy to receive them. The return of a nobleman like yourself to this our little County, is at all times a gratifying event; but when he comes, like yourself loaded by his Sovereign with well-deserved honours, it enhances, if possible, the high respect and esteem in which your lordship is held, and adds to the many reasons we have for that esteem it would be

presumptuous in me, my lord, to attempt to a numerate those reasons; but allow me to say that I hope the building just passed at Langham will stand for a long course of years as a proud monument of your Lordship's usefulness and liberality, and that ages yet unborn will have to bless you for the greatest all advantages, the means of learning the right way in which to steer through life. And again, my lord this very building in which I have the honour to address you has being greatly assisted by your fostering aid; and your Noble countess has condescended to work for hours in this very room to raise an edifice to be devoted to the use and benefit of Agriculture.

In fact, my lord I believe there is not a public institution in this county but what receives your benevolent and kind support. Then, if we pass from walls to Earth, and I am rightly informed, there is not a village on your lordship's estate but what has a portion of garden allotted to comfort and assist the poor and meritorious labourer. We are quite aware and actions like these bring their own reward, – far, very far superior to our humble but sincere praises, and transcending even the titles and honours we this day so cordially congratulate you upon receiving; but before I sit down, allow me to express one's sincere and core dual wish, in which, I am sure, everyone who hears me will join – that your lordship and amiable Countess, and your family, they very long continue to reside amongst others in the full possession of health and every other earthly blessing; and when it shall please God to deprive you of your temporal coronet, may give you 'Crown eternal in the heaven's.'

The Earl of Gainsborough, much affected by this address, assured the numerous assembly that it was his sincere wish, and that of his family, to merit the titles of nobility by a right application of the means of usefulness which Providence had placed in their hands to dispense.

Upon quitting the hall, the party received fresh reinforcements, and proceeded to Barnsdale Hill: here they were joined by others, so that by the time they reach the new entrance lodges many hundreds of horsemen lined the road, through which the carriage passed, flanked by thousands of persons on foot, to all of whom the noble Earl and the beloved Countess, as well as the Lady Louisa Noel bowed most affably and gracefully.

Upon arriving at the gates, the company took their leave, and the noble party entered their Home Park amidst the hearty cheers and the sincere good wishes of the people of Rutland, who had assembled from almost all parts. At this moment the bells of Exton were ringing and the band playing, and the loud roar of Canon announce the arrival at the gate, where they were received by Mr Parsons and Mr Pilkington, the architects, and the leading persons of the extensive buildings which the noble Earl is executing, and then by the steward of their estates, and were escorted by Park keepers and others to the house.– The schoolhouse at Langham has been lately built at a cost of £1200.

**1841 Dec 3rd** Rutland Agricultural Show took place Tues. and Weds last in the Rutland Riding School at Oakham.

Class XVIII. To the owner of the best cow in milk to have calved in her full time within nine months of the time of showing. John Almond of Langham a 2yrs & 9mths old heifer has calved 2mths was bred by himself from a son of Mr. Baker's Sheridan dam by Red Rover and fed by him on grass and hay. - second premium of 2 F.

Class XIX. To the owner of the best heifer under 2yrs & 9mths at the time of showing. John Edgeton of Langham a two years 8mths old heifer bred and fed by himself on grass only. - first premium of 4 sovereigns.

Offered by the Hon. Viscount Campden for Swedish Turnips cultivated on the ridge system in quantities not less than 5 acres and situated in the county of Rutland. Mr. H J Rudkin of Langham Lodge - highly commended for his management.

Sweepstake of 1 sovereign for the Best Pig.

Mr. J Snodin of Langham, his fat Pig was one of several pigs commended

- 1843 May 3rd** Alarm respecting the banks  
 This part of England has experienced the climax of alarm and distress by the failure of a bank at Leicester - that of Messrs. Clark, Phillips, and Co. which is supposed to have out paper as the circulating medium in Leicestershire, Rutland, Northamptonshire, and part of Lincolnshire, to the amount of more than £150,000.  
 As early as Monday the 17th instant, there were unpleasant rumours respecting the conduct of the firm, who were stated to have made large and injudicious advances to some persons who had failed, particularly one person in Leicestershire, to an extraordinary amount. A slight run upon the bank commenced in consequence on Tuesday, and continued until Friday evening the 21st, when it was found that it was not likely to cease.  
 On Saturday morning, the following notification was placed in the window of the bank:-  
 "Leicester and Leicestershire Bank - Messrs. Clarke, Mitchell, Phillips, and Smith regret to announce, that, in consequence of a sudden pressure caused by malicious rumours which have been industriously circulated, it has become necessary that a temporary suspension of the business of the bank should take place. The public may rest satisfied, that no individual can sustain any loss, and that arrangements will be made for rendering the inconvenience resulting from the present step of as short duration as possible. Leicester, April 22, 1843".
- 1843 May 3rd** The agitation which this event has produced in a wide circuit of country is extreme, and has of course brought on a run to some extent upon several other banks. "Clarke and Phillips," it is well known, did more business than both the other Leicester banks put together. It was stated, on their first stopping payment, that they would reopen on Tuesday: then "Thursday or Saturday" was named. The delay, of course, has increased the panic, and all sorts of rumours are prevalent. "Clarke and Phillips" were Treasurers for nearly all sick clubs and benefit societies in the town and county of Leicester. The five pound notes have this week been sold at prices as low as 50s. Clarke and Phillips have branches at Lutterworth, Melton Mowbray, Uppingham, and Oakham. We regret to state, that the bank of Messrs. Goddard and Co. of market Harborough, stopped payment on Monday.
- 1843 Nov 24th** Inquest at Langham by Mr Jones on body of David Hall, labourer aged 24yrs. A single man, an orphan lodging with Francis Williamson was found dead in a well.
- 1844 Jan 11th** £200 REWARD - ARSON and WILFUL BURNING  
 WHEREAS in the afternoon of Sunday the 31st day of December last, a BARN containing Beans and Barley, in the occupation of me, MATTHIAS MANTLE, Langham, in the County of Rutland, farmer, situate near to that village, was feloniously and maliciously SET on FIRE, with the intent to destroy the same and the Corn Stacks adjoining.  
*Notice is hereby given*, that a reward of One Hundred Pounds will be paid by her Majesty's government, and a further reward of One Hundred Pounds by myself, making together Two Hundred Pounds reward, to any person who shall give such information and evidence as shall lead to the discovery and conviction of the Incendiary or Incendiaries.  
*And notice is hereby further given*, that a communication has been received from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, that he will advise the grant of her Majesty's most gracious pardon to any accomplice, not being the person who actually set fire to the said premises, who shall give such evidence as shall lead to the same result. MATTHIAS MANTLE
- 1844 Jan 12th** MATTHIAS MANTLE begs to present his best thanks to the Inhabitants of Langham and the Neighbourhood generally for their kind intentions in so promptly assembling to assist preserving his property from the late Fire which took place upon the adjoining premises of Wm. Roe  
 W. ROE humbly begs to offer his sincere thanks - to the Inhabitants of Langham for their kind assistance in extinguishing the FIRE on his premises on Sunday, Dec 31.
- 1844 Oct 4th** The Earl and Countess of Gainsborough left Exton Hall Monday last for Gainsborough House, Cavendish-square, London, her Ladyship having to resume her waiting Queen (for month) on her Majesty's return from Scotland; after which the Earl and Countess purpose returning to Exton to entertain extensive circle of relatives and friends. During their late short sojourn of five

weeks, they have displayed their usual liberality amongst the labouring classes and the school: all the poor villagers and labourers' wives, amounting 110, have been entertained with tea and plum cake in the afternoon, and strong ale. Last week the girls' school, amounting to 96 members, down the old hall to a sumptuous tea and cake entertainment, and afterwards rewards were distributed by the amiable Countess, according to the merit of respective scholars, three only being excluded for misconduct. The festival was opened and closed with hymns of praise to the Author and Giver of all things. Afterwards Boys' school entertained in the same way, the number for Exton and the adjoining parishes amounting to 115, & rewards were distributed as before. The same liberality has been also extended to her Ladyship's school at Langham. The whole of these Institutions supported solely by the Noble Countess, who takes the most lively interest them, devoting an hour every Sunday morning to the leading class girl's teaching, and in the evening strengthening them in gospel truths.

- 1847 Jan 8th** Death. At Barleythorpe on the 30th ult. Susannah youngest daughter of Mr. W Clarke, blacksmith, aged 4 years and on the 2nd last Elizabeth his eldest daughter aged 17. Mr Clarke has experienced of three of his children in a month, from the effects of typhus fever.
- 1847 Jan 15th** Typhus – Barleythorpe a village which parishes with the Deanshold of Oakham has lately been very severely scourged with typhus fever; but it is hoped the change of weather will prove salutary to those who continue unrecovered. The kindness of the Lady Eleanor Lowther towards the poor victims has been very exemplary, she having furnished them with wine, porter etc. in liberally prescribed rations.
- 1847 Jan 22nd** At the Christmas Show to be held in the Riding - House Oakham on 30th November; Mr H J Rudkin of Langham Lodge is one of the stewards.
- 1847 Feb 5th** At Empingham Petty Session - Thos Seville and Thos Hubbard old offenders and notorious poachers, both of Langham, appeared to answer on information laid by John Todd gamekeeper to the Earl of Harborough, upon the charges of trespassing and carrying a gun in pursuit of game, in the lordship of Whissendine. Defended by Mr Atter of Stamford and dismissed.
- 1847 Feb 26th** Death - At Langham on the 14th inst Eliza youngest daughter of Mr Sharpe Barfoot aged 16 - on the 22nd Mary eldest daughter aged 21. Mr B has lost his wife and 2 daughters (the whole of his family) in a fortnight from the terrible scourge typhus fever.  
Death - At Langham, suddenly, on Monday last, Sarah widow of Mr Daniel Smith, cottager, advanced in years.
- 1847 Mar 19th** On Friday last an inquest was held at Langham, by J.E. Jones, Gent, coroner, on the body of Adam Hoggard, aged 22 years, who hanged himself in an outbuilding belonging to his master (Mr. Dorman, farmer) the preceding day. – Verdict, temporary insanity.  
[MF 20 May 2010] The 1841 census return shows Adam Hoggard, (15) servant to William Smith (Farmer). Willam Hoggard (45 - Ag Lab), Ann Hoggard (75), and Susannah Hoggard (14). Thomas Dorman (50 - Farmer), Ann Dorman (50), Jane (15) & Matthew (14) Robert Clarke (45) - servant to Thomas Dorman). Both Hoggard and Dorman are described as "Born in Langham"  
The 1851 census shows Thomas Dorman as 62yrs remarried to Jane (48 - born Chelsea) with no children at home or living in the village - There is no fit for Jane even if she had married and stayed in the village.  
However there is: Thomas Dorman (30 - Groom), Elizabeth (29 - wife, Toll Gate Collector), Ann (3, daughter) & George (11 months).
- 1847 Mar 26th** Langham in Rutland. To be sold by Auction by D S Royce.  
On Thursday the 1st day of April 1847 on the premises of Mr Sharpe Barfoot of Langham (who is changing his residence ). The whole of his neat and genteel Household Furniture, Dairy and Brewery Utensils and Effects; catalogues of which may be had, at the place of sale, and at the Auctioneer's Oakham.
- 1847 Apr 30th** Died at Langham on Sunday last Mrs Fabling, widow of W. Fabling Esq of Stapleford, advanced in years.
- 1847 Jun 11th** Died at Langham on 2nd inst Wm Smith, Gent, aged 60.

- 1847 Jun 18th** LANGHAM BRIDGE - PERSONS wishing to CONTRACT for the ERECTING of a NEW BRIDGE in Langham may see the Plan and obtain the Particulars for the same of Mr. T. Swingler, Surveyor. Tender must be forwarded on or before Saturday, June 26th, 1847. Langham, June 16th.
- 1847 Jun 25th** Married - At Whissendine on Saturday last (by th Rev H Appleby), Mr Thom Swingler, grazier, of Langham to Mary, eldest daughter of the late Mr John Stanhope of the former place.
- 1847 Sept 1st** Rutland Agricultural Show:  
The best Mare exhibitor – a premium of £2 awarded to Mr Snodin of Rocot Lodge.  
Also best Foal £2 to Mr Snodin.
- 1847 Oct 1st** To Butchers, Graziers and others  
To be sold by auction by T Shuttlewood on Monday the 4th day of October 1847 upon the farm of Mr W Smith of Langham, deceased. The whole of his valuable and well bred LIVE STOCK and KEEPING : consisting of 22 Meated Short-horn; 182 Sheep viz:- 27 wether lambs, 20 ewe ditto, 14 shearlings, 24 theaves, 7 fat ewes, 45 fat two-year sheep, 41 tuppung ewes and 1 ram; 3 horses viz:- useful black cart mare about 8 years old, superior grey ditto with a fine colt foal, and a black nag mare.
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| 62 acres of KEEPING viz:-                                 | A  | R | P |
| A Close East of the Railway, called the Great Havens      | 31 | 0 | 0 |
| A Close West of the Railway, with a Stock of Well got Hay | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| A Close near to the above, with a stock of Old Hay        | 4  | 0 | 0 |
- The Auctioneer begs the company will meet at the Close called the Great Haven, adjoining the third bridge on the Oakham Canal and about halfway between Oakham and Ashwell, where the sheep will be penned for inspection by Eleven o'clock. The Stock is good, and worthy the notice of Butchers and Graziers generally. The keeping is of excellent quality and will be let up to Lady-day 1848. Credit for the Keeping will be given, upon approved security, until the 15th of March 1845. The Sale to commence at Twelve o'clock.
- 1847 Oct 1st** The Infirmary of Stamford and the Rutland Dispensary of Oakham, will be benefited by the benevolence of the late Mr W Smith, Grazier, of Langham, to the amount of £500, that gentleman by his will having left such a sum to be divided between these valuable institutions, at the death of his housekeeper, which took place last week. The late Mr Smith also left £19 19s to be divided amongst the necessitous poor of Langham; the distribution is deferred till Christmas.
- 1847 Oct 22nd** Oakham Wharf To be SOLD by AUCTION by D S Royce Amongst various builders items is 'blocks of Mansfield and Langham stone'
- 1847 Oct 22nd** LANGHAM near Oakham Unreserved SALE of Wheat, Barley and Oats for ready money Messrs BURTON and CLARK will SELL by AUCTION on Monday next the 25th of October instant on the Farm of the late Mr John Henry DAIN at Langham in the county of Rutland the following lots of Corn viz.
- |                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| A Stack of Wheat the produce of | 6½ Acres       |
| Ditto of Barley the produce of  | 4½ Acres       |
| Ditto of Oats the produce of    | 4 Acres 1r 30p |
- The Sale to commence punctually at Three o'clock in the afternoon  
(Noted Nov 5th Purchase of Oakham Canal by the Midland Railway)
- 1847 Nov 5th** Marriage - At Oakham on Tuesday last ( by the Rev Chas Spencer Elliot Rector of Whitwell) the Rev John Bucknell Chaplin to Oakham Gaol and Curate of Langham, to Charlotte third daughter of John Ellington Jones Esq Surgeon of Oakham.
- 1847 Dec 17th** Langham near Oakham - To Railway Contractors and others. To be Sold by Auction by Messrs BURTON and CLARK On Monday the 27th December 1847 upon the premises of Mr PRIDEAUX the Noel Arms Inn in Langham in the County of Rutland

- 1847 Dec 17th** 4 Capital Draught HORSES and Nag ditto excellent workers and in sound condition; in-calf COW and barren ditto; good broad wheel Wagon, narrow wheel Drag; 4 ½ inch wheel cart; light spring ditto with Harness, Tackle complete (nearly new) for six horses; 26 corn Sacks (nearly new), excellent Bran Mill, Saddle, Bridle, quantity of Pickaxes, Hammers, Bars of Iron, Rakes, Gauges etc. etc. The Sale to commence at 12 o'clock. The above are the property of Mr George Steel and disposed of in consequence of his having finished his contract.
- 1848 Jan 7th** Cottesmore Hunt Meet on Friday Jan 14th at Langham
- 1848 Jan 14th** Died at Langham on Tuesday, Tho. Cunnington Labourer aged 44
- 1848 Jan 21st** Died at Barleythorpe Hall on the 15th Margaret Sampson, laundry maid, of consumption; aged 32
- 1848 Apr 7th** Barleythorpe. Important Sale of very valuable Household Furniture, Plate, Glass, Books, Paintings and Plates (by the first Artists) in beautiful Carved, Gilt and Maple Frames, Good Ale and Casks, Wine etc. T. Shuttlewood respectfully intimates that he has received instructions from the Trustees of the late Mr Horsley to sell by auction on Tuesday and Wednesday the 11th and 12th days of April 1848.
- 1848 Apr 21st** Died at Langham on the 14th inst much respected Mr T Shuttlewood formerly for many years an eminent butcher at Oakham, aged 61.
- 1848 Jun 16th** The Whit Monday railway excursion train from Oakham, Stamford etc. to London was not very extensively patronised, probably owing to the unsettled state of the weather. Former grounds for complaint were not repeated and the passengers arrived in London in about six hours. In the return on Tuesday the managers of the railway showed a liberal and conciliating spirit: the day being stormy those passengers who had tickets for the open trucks were not compelled to travel in the exposed manner but were accommodated with covered third class carriages.
- 1848 Jun 23rd 1848** Oakham – This town on Friday last was a day of general mourning in consequence of the funeral of Lady Lucy Eleanor Lowther. The fine-tuned death bell in Oakham Church tolled from eleven until three and most of the shops were closed. Similar tokens of respect took place at Langham. The family were expected to arrive at Barleythorpe yesterday.
- 1848 Jul 7th** Died at Langham on the 24th ult. Mary wife of Hy. Beaver labourer aged 74
- 1848 Jul 28th** Died at Langham on the 16th inst. Mr John Spreckley miller eldest son of Mr Prideaux of the Noel Arms inn. He was a member of the Gainsboro' Lodge of the Nottingham Union of Odd Fellows and his remains were followed to the grave by a number of the brethren.
- 1848 Sep 8th** Cricket - A match is expected to be played at Oakham on Monday next between the Loyal Albion Club and the Langham and Burley club: much interest is felt in the result.
- 1848 Sep 28th** One of the trains on the Wakefield, Pontefract, Doncaster and Goole line, on the St Leger day at Doncaster departed from the Wakefield Station with three engines, and was half a mile in length. Married at Langham on the 21st inst (by the Rev H Hayton) Mr George Ellingworth of Oakham to Miss Ann Hubbard of the former place.
- 1848 Oct 15th** Married at Whissendine on the 5th inst (by the Rev Appleton vicar) Mr Henman, farmer of Teigh to Sarah the eldest daughter of the late Mr G Fowler, school master of Langham and niece of Messrs W and S Fowler, farmers of the former place.  
Died at Langham on Saturday last Mrs Mary Smith, widow aged 87.
- 1848 Oct 20th** The superiority of Rutland ploughing has been demonstrated in Derbyshire the first prize at the recent Northmolton Agricultural Meeting having been awarded to Wm Bellairs, formerly of Langham, whose skill as a ploughman when a resident in his native county was frequently the subject of admiration at the Cottesmore meetings. Bellairs is in the employ of Mr Rt Smith of Exmoor Devon (formerly of Burley near Oakham) and he ploughed with an implement made by Mr Bird of Casterton. In the course of a speech made by Mr Smith at the Northmolton anniversary he said experience had taught him that the Rutland plough would be found highly useful in that part of the country.

- 1848 Nov 3rd** Warning to Threshers and Farm Servants. During the past week Mr Bellamy of Langham, Rutland, has sustained the severe loss of five young and valuable horses, from their having eaten of wheat out of a field-barn. That they should have access thereto may appear surprising; we therefore subjoin the man Berry's account of his having unfastened a door which leads directly into the field where the horses were. He and his son had been threshing and were on the point of leaving for the night, when a rat ran out from behind some sheaves of wheat and escaped through the door: it was followed, and on their return, the man states, he fastened the door; immediately after which a second rat appeared, and ran in the same direction as the former, and this also was followed. The man does not recollect who was the last to re-enter the barn (egress being from the opposite side), but he says that he closed the door and inadvertently left it unbarred; and we may add that no circumstance has yet transpired which would justify us in doubting his statement, however much we may blame his negligence.
- 1848 Dec 1st** At the 18th anniversary of Rutland Agricultural Contest. Among the awards were;-  
 Class 18 To the owner of the best Heifer under 2 years and 6 months old £4 to Ann Woods of Langham.  
 Class 19 To the owner of the best Heifer calf under 6 months old £2 to John Edgson of Langham.
- 1849 Jan 5th** Rutland Sessions Oakham - Jan 4th  
 Daniel Price alias Wm Oliver age 28 pleaded guilty to stealing a pair of shoes, a pair of trousers and a flageolet. — 21 days hard labour.  
 Francis Halburt 29 pleaded guilty to stealing a silk handkerchief – 21 days hard labour.  
 Thos Brown 15 pleaded guilty to stealing a quantity of horse hair and rags – 21 days and once whipped.  
 Geo Louth 20 pleaded guilty to stealing a strike of barley – one day imprisonment.  
 Wm Copley 20 pleaded guilty to stealing a quantity of mutton – 12 months hard labour.  
 Josiah Alfred Thorpe 28 pleaded guilty to stealing a smock-frock and a basket – nine months imprisonment.  
 Thos Waldon 30 pleaded guilty to slaughtering and stealing part of a wether sheep the property of J.M. Wingfield Esq of Tickencote – 10 years transportation.
- 1849 Feb 23rd** Langham – Joseph Cooper with one William Glen of Barleythorpe, entered the the Noel Arms Inn on Sunday night the 11th, and on being refused more drink, Cooper assaulted the landlord (Prideaux) and severely cut and bruised his head and one arm against the fire-grate; the medical attendant (Mr Dyer) pronounced him in danger for some days. Cooper was secured by the parish constable, who proceeded to hunt the immediate neighbourhood for a magistrate, but in vain; a wider cast was made, with cart and horse, chief constable of police etc. (a county expense!) and by night the ruffian was lodged in Oakham gaol: on the following Monday two acting magistrates attended, and finally committed him. Cooper has recently served a term in Leicester gaol for an assault upon a publican at Scalford; and he is one of those numerous “Rutland squatters” who have taken up their abode in the highways and by-ways with their horses, donkeys and dogs and share their neighbour's property by right.
- 1849 Feb 23rd** Disturbing a Congregation – On Saturday the 17th inst. Stephen Meadows, Wm Wigginton, John Watson and Chas. Thorpe were summoned before the magistrate at Oakham, for going into the parish church of Langham and wilfully disturbing the clergyman the parish clerk and the singers, by howling, imitating the crying of a child, whistling and making other noises. The evidence showed that about 15 persons went into the church for the express purpose of making these noises, and the four summoned were the worst behaved. The clergyman did not press the case; and the magistrate, after admonishing them, gave them a fortnight for paying the expenses, as they pleaded poverty. If the case had been pressed, each of the offenders must have found two sureties in £50, or gone to gaol till the quarter sessions. The Act has made the penalty in these cases £20, or imprisonment till it be paid. It is a pity the magistrates have no power to impose a smaller fine.

- 1849 Mar 2nd** Great Northern Railway extended to Grantham making a faster route to London than via Stamford with consequent loss of Stamford's business This loss attributed to the excessive demands of the Marquis of Exeter for £400 per acre for land not worth 1/5th this amount and building of a boundary park wall along his estate.
- 1849 Jun 1st** Died at Langham on Thursday the 24th ult in her 84th year Mary widow of the Rev Wm Baker formerly Rector of Lyndon and South Luffenham.  
Died at Langham on the 21st ult Mrs Ann Edgson aged 75 widow of the late Mr W Edgson grazier.
- 1849 July 15th** Langham Rutland. To be Sold by Auction by Mr T. Shuttlewood on Wednesday the 1st of August 1849. The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Dairy Requisites and other Effects of the late Mrs BAKER of Langham deceased;- catalogues of which may be had of the Auctioneer. The Sale will Commence at 11 o'clock, High Street Oakham July 24th 1849.
- 1849 Oct 5th** County of Rutland - Sir John Wilmot Baronet of Lincoln Inn, being appointed Barrister to review lists of voters in Election of Knight of the Shire, will make a circuit of the county and hold courts for Revising of Lists of Voters at times and places as listed; Castle at Oakham on Tuesday 9th of October at 10 o'clock for parishes; - the list includes Langham  
NB Overseer of Parish must attend or a fine will be required not exceeding five pounds nor less than twenty shillings.  
Oakham – An inquest has been held this week at Langham by J.E. Jones Gent, Coroner, on the body of Mary the wife of Christ Sewell, labourer, who died suddenly the previous evening. Verdict visitation of God.
- 1849 Oct 12th** Oakham - Friday last was kept as a day of general fasting and humiliation at this place, and the villages of Egeleton, Brooke, Braunston and Langham. The shops were all closed in Oakham and there were two services in the church, which were attended by very large congregations.
- 1849 Nov 9th** Married - At Oakham on the 28th ult Mr Vincent Pullin, baker, Northgate St. to Mary Ann second daughter of Mr John Rudkin of Langham Lodge.
- 1849 Dec 7th** Rutland Agricultural Society Competition, 19th Anniversary - among the entries were:-  
Cattle and Sheep  
Class 5 Owner of best Steer above 1 and under 2 years old £3 to Mr T Woods of Langham  
Class 6 Best Heifer above 2 and under 3years old fed on vegetable feed for six months, £3 to Mr Thos Woods of Langham  
Class 8 To the owner of the best Milch Cow £2 to Mr J Almond jnr of Langham  
Class 10 Best Bull over 1 and under 2 ½ years old £3 to Mr John Almond snr of Langham.  
Class 11 To the Exhibitor of the best Mare for agricultural purpose. A premium of £2 to Mr H J Rudkin for a four year old mare bred by himself.  
Class 14 To the owner (being a tenant occupier of not more than 30 acres) of the best Milch Cow. £5 to John Edgson of Langham; and £2 to Ann Woods of the same place.  
Class 16 To the owner (being the tenant occupier of not more than 30 acres) of the best Heifer Calf under 6 months old. £2 to John Edgson of Langham  
Premiums to Labourers etc..  
Class 4 To the Team-man or Waggoner (married or single) for sobriety and honesty £1 to Wm Sewell 6 years with Mr H J Rudkin of Langham Lodge.  
Class 6 To Female Servants for long service. £1 to Mary Thorpe 5 years in the service of Mrs Eliz. Dain of Langham.  
At the dinner afterwards one of the speakers giving a toast was J Clifton Esq (son-in-law of Col Lowther and formerly MP for Lancashire).
- 1850 Jan** Cottesmore Hounds meet in Langham  
Fri Jan 11th at eleven  
Fri Jan 25th  
Fri Feb 1st  
Fri Mar 9th
- 1850 Feb 1st** Died at Langham on the 25th Mr Chas Hubbard, grazier, formerly a respected butcher and well known for many years at Oakham and Stamford. Aged 61

**1850 Mar 1st** Oakham - Amongst the 'Fashionable departures' from this town is that of the Rev. W.H. Hill one of the Curates of the Rev Heneage Finch. He disappeared with railway speed, to the dismay of sundry butchers, bakers, grocers and other tradesmen, as well as of some persons who had possessed a few spare pounds for loans. Mr Hill came to this part of the country from the remote county of Hereford. It is remarkable that in the useful annual publication called the 'Clergy list', he was last year called "the Rev W.H. Hall, Curate of Oakham".

**1850 Aug** The churchwardens of Langham have commenced an active subscription in aid of funds for the purchasing of an organ for the church. Though as long as the pews of the church are suffered to remain a disgrace to the beautiful edifice it is not to be expected that the parishioners will care about the organ.

**1851 Jan 10th** The Cottesmore hounds had a remarkably fine day's sport on Saturday last. The meet was at Langham and the first fox was found at Ranksborough after a smart burst he was killed at Little Dalby. The second fox was found at Cold Overton Park Wood, he went away at once for Lady Wood, then for Owston, to Launde, Robin-a-Tiptoe, touching on Tilton Wood on to Skeffington village, at the same top speed for Rolleston, away again for Noseley to Shankton Holt and the hounds ran into him at Ikston three gaters after a run of an hour and forty minutes which for good pace, good hunting and country (as was observed by two or three old sportsmen present) has not been equalled for some years. We understand that the present huntsman quite knows his business and gives much general satisfaction.

**1851 Jan 24th** Oakham Turnpike Road; Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the trustees appointed for carrying into execution an Act of Parliament passed in the thirty fifth year of his late Majesty King George Third which initiated "An Act for repairing, altering and improving the Road leading from the Great North Road in the town of Stamford through the town of Oakham to the Great North Road aforesaid at or near the house called the Cross Guns in the parish of Greetham in the county of Rutland" will be holden at the Crown Inn in Oakham aforesaid on Saturday the 25th day of January next at twelve o'clock at noon, for the purpose of revising and (if thought expedient) reducing from the first day of October next, certain of the Tolls payable at the several Turnpike Gates upon the said road.

Leicester - the World's Industrial Exhibition; A crowded meeting on Tuesday was told of railway companies' provisions for travel & accommodation to London for the exhibition. Midland railway would run cheap trains - at a penny per mile - so fares from Leicester and back would be 8s 6d. The agent calculated that a working man could go, return and board and lodge in London for four or six days at 30s to £2 and he would add 10s for sight seeing too.

**1851 Apr 25th** The organ now erected at the Parish Church of Langham will be opened on Sunday April 27th when two SERMONS will be preached in aid of defraying the Expenses of the organ. Services to commence at 11 and 3 - Mr. Fernley of Melton Mowbray will preside at the organ accompanied by a select Choir

Census returns - Oakham district - [District total compared 1841 500 increase]

Parish	Occupiers	Inhabited Houses	Uninhabited Houses	Male	Female	Total	Change from 1841
Ashwell	53	53	3	130	137	267	44
Burley	43	43		105	125	230	-22
Cold Overton	19	19	3	42	64	106	-12
Cottesmore	111	104		318	283	601	77
Greetham	140	135	8	371	342	713	131
Knossington	52	52	3	115	115	230	-22
Langham	151	145	4	333	295	628	37
Whissendine	176	176	3	239	275	514	

- 1851 May 16th** Oakham Court (May 9th);  
 In a jury of 5 Mr. Henry John Rudkin of Langham - Case concerning sale of a horse.  
 After jury had requested seeing the horse they returned to the Crown Inn, were locked in at 6 o'clock and remained in consultation until 8 the following morning "having neither fire, candle, meat, nor drink". At that hour the Judge enquired whether agreed and the jury replied in the negative saying no probability of doing so whereupon His Honour discharged them.
- 1851 Jun 27th** County of Rutland Purchase and Sale of Game. - Notice is given that in pursuance of an Act of Parliament passed in the second year of the reign of his late majesty King William the fourth intitulated "An Act to amend the Laws of England in relation to Game" her Majesties Justices of the Peace acting in the said county will hold a Special Sessions at the White Horse Inn in Empingham on Monday the 7th of July next at 10 o'clock for the purpose of granting to any person being a householder or keeper of a shop or stall within the said county and not being an innkeeper or victualler or licensed to sell beer by retail nor the owner, guard or driver of any mail coach or other vehicle employed in the conveyance of the mails of letters or of any stagecoach, stage wagon, van or other public conveyance nor being a carrier or higgler nor being in the employment of any of the above mentioned persons, a LICENSE empowering the person granted such license to BUY and SELL GAME in the manner as in the said Act is mentioned.
- 1851 Jun 27th** Benjamin Adam Clerk to Justices Oakham 23rd June 1851  
 IMMIGRATION to NEW YORK; For New York to sail on 5th July next. The splendid fast sailing first class passenger ship JULIA HOWARD A1, burden 1000 tons, coppered and copper fastened. W. C. BUCKLEY Commander. Lying in London Docks. This beautiful ship has been viewed and approved by her Majesty's Emigration Commissioners under whose superintendence she will be dispatched. The chief and intermediate cabins are fitted with every necessary comfort and convenience, the between decks are unusually lofty and well ventilated being therefore admirably adapted for the accommodation of steerage passengers.  
 The following provisions are supplied weekly to each passenger without extra charge viz. :- 2½ lb of biscuits, 1lb of flour, 2lbs of rice, 5lbs of oatmeal, ½ lb of sugar, ½ lb of molasses and 2 oz of tea. To secure berths a deposit of 30s is required which can be sent by postal order and the balance to be paid before embarkation. The rates of passage are fixed unusually low. For further particulars apply to Messrs. S. Stibbes & Co. 16 Nicholas Lane, Lombard Street, London. [Note following week the departure date was 12th ]  
 Rutland courts — Prisoners sentenced, :- on 12th inst. (by the Judge of Oakham Court) Jos. Sharpe labourer of Barleythorpe for 40 days at the suit of Wm. Innocent of Langham.
- 1851 Jul 12th** Oakham County Court (July 5th); Ogden (horse dealer of Tugby) versus Harley (merchant of Oakham) 3rd Sitting of the case mentioned on 16th May; Among the witnesses called for defendant:- Mr. H. Hayes of Langham, Mr. H. J. Rudkin of Langham Lodge; After ¼ hour the Jury verdict was for the Defendant. The Plaintiff intended to apply for a new trial.
- 1851 Aug 8th** Died at Langham on the 1st inst. after a short illness Mr John Gregory aged 63.  
 To be sold by Auction by Messrs. Barton & Clark. On Wednesday next 13th August 1851 upon the premises of the late Mr John Gregory at Langham near Oakham All his neat and useful HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, IMPLEMENTS and LIVESTOCK consisting of 2 good dairy cows, barren ditto, 2 stu(rk?) rearing cattle, 13 sheep, 2 pigs, a useful harness horse and a mare and foal etc. the whole of which are fully described in handbills to be had at the place of sale and at the auctioneers. The sale to commence at 11 o'clock.  
 Notice All Persons to whom the late Mr Gregory stood indebted at the time of his decease are requested to forward an account thereof to the Auctioneers in order that the same may be forwarded to the executors and (if found correct) discharged and all persons who stood indebted to Mr Gregory are requested to pay the same immediately at the office of the Auctioneers Melton Mowbray.

**1851 Aug 15th** Small Allotment System in Rutland; The 22nd Annual examination of the small allotments upon the estates of the Earl of Gainsborough on the 29th & 30th ult. when prizes awarded by Mr Hawley of Oakham, Mr Burgess of Ridlington Park, Mr Rudkin of Langham Lodge, who kindly acted as judges. [NB locations mentioned were Uppingham, Ridlington, Whitwell, Exton, Bourne, Cottesmore but not Langham!].

The system of letting small allotments of land in Rutland was established by Richard Westbrook Baker Esq. of Cottesmore in 1830. "Each occupier has one rood and a half of land which is divided into three equal portions the cropping of which is explained in Rule 4" That the land be occupied in the following manner viz. one third (and no more) with potatoes, one third with cabbage peas beans onions carrots or any other green crop and the other third with wheat barley and any kind of grain "The rotation of cropping fixed upon divides the working operations and is found yearly to produce valuable commodities for the service of the family and keeps the land always in a proper state for a new tenant Mr Rudkin has acted as judge in the years 1834, 1836, 1837, 1839 and 1845.

		A	R	P	
Lot 1	Road Close	8	0	0	Pasture
Lot 2	Riley's Meadow	5	3	0	Eddish
Lot 3	Cole's Meadow	4	0	0	Eddish with stacked HAY about 15 tons
Lot 4	Great Wood Wang	45	0	0	Pasture
Lot 5	Far Meadow	5	0	0	Mowing grass
Lot 6	Far Meadow	6	0	0	Eddish with stacked Hay about 7 tons
Lot 7	Over-piece	10	0	0	Eddish with stack of Hay about 6½ tons
Lot 8	The Seeds	6	0	0	Oats
Lot 9	Eleven-acre Close	4	0	0	Beans
Lot 10	Eleven-acre Close	3	0	0	Wheat
Lot 11	Sharpes Close	3	0	0	Wheat
Lot 12	Stack of Hay				Stack of Hay in Home-yard about 8 tons

**1851 Aug 22nd** Valuable livestock, horses, agricultural implements, crops of wheat beans and oats, grass keeping about 27 tons of well got hay etc. to be sold by auction by DS Royce (without the least reserve) on Thursday 28th August 1851 on the farm and premises of Mrs Charlotte Faulks of Langham (who has given up her land).

31 sheep viz. 18 ewes and theaves and 13 lambs. 10 beasts viz. Milk cow in full profit, in-calved cow, barren cow, 4 yearling heifers and 3 yearling calves. 2 HORSES viz. handsome 2 year old filly and good work horse. 3 PIGS viz. in-pigged gilt and 2 store pigs. The Agricultural IMPLEMENTS consist of narrow wheeled wagon, good broad wheeled cart, good winnowing machine, blower, Ransome plough, horse tackle, 40 round ladder, short ladder, drop rake, forks etc.

Also the Growing Corn, Grass Keeping (until 10 October 1851) and HAY in following lots:

The Livestock and Implements will be sold for ready money - Credit on approved joint note security will be allowed for Corn, Hay and Keeping until the last of January 1852 and the purchaser will be required to pay a deposit of 10% at the time of sale in part payment. There is a barn for thrashing the corn.

The company are requested to meet at the Road Close situate midway between Langham and Cold Overton where the sale will commence with the stock at 12 for 1 precisely and with the Keeping at 3 in the afternoon.

**1851 Sept 5th** J. Cave begs to announce to the gentry, clergy and the public that he is favoured with instructions from Mrs LUCAS to offer for Unreserved SALE early in October next the whole of her elegant and modern HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS

**1851 Sept 19th** To be LET and entered upon at Michaelmas next; A Genteel RESIDENCE pleasantly situated in the parish of LANGHAM near Oakham consisting of dining and drawing rooms, good kitchen, 6 sleeping rooms, water closet, cellars and every convenience, with stabling, coach house etc., good Garden, and with or without 3 acres of fine Grass Land now in the occupation of Mrs. Lucas. For further particulars apply to Mr Rudkin, Langham Lodge near Oakham.

OAKHAM UNION - REWARD £2; Absconded - DAVID HARRIS leaving his Wife and Family chargeable to the Parish of Langham having deserted them at Exmoor Forest in the county of Devon. He is about 30 years of age, stands 5' 6" or 7" high, is of fair complexion, light hair and marked with the smallpox. Whosoever will give such information as shall cause the above named person to be apprehended shall receive a Reward of £2. By order H. Hough Clerk of the Union. Oakham Sept 17th.

A cricket match was played on Tuesday between eleven of the Oakham club and eleven picked players from the villages of Langham, Ashwell, Burley, Greetham and Exton. It was won by the former in one innings with 95 runs to spare. The Oakham party scored 160 against 33 and 32.

**1851 Sept 26th** Revision of Lists of Voters; Among parishes listed is Langham.

Important SALE of elegant and modern HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE to be SOLD by AUCTION by James Cave on Weds and Thurs October 8th & 9th 1851. The following handsome and genteel HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PONY PHAETON, double set of harness sweet Ale Casks, Kitchen and Culinary Requisites etc. the property of Mrs Lucas of Langham who is changing her Country Residence; comprising elegant drawing, dining and suites of bedroom furniture, telescope mahogany dining tables; occasional side, writing and card tables; rosewood loo table, mahogany drawing and dining room chairs; easy chairs in leather, chintz and damask, with rosewood and mahogany frames; whatnots; handsome Axminster, Brussels and Kiddminster carpets and hearth rugs; handsome druggets; four-post, half-tester French, camp and French bedsteads clothed in rich damasks, chintz and dimity hangings; wardrobes, chests of drawers, dressing tables, work stands and bidets, in suites of bedroom furniture, damask, moreen and chintz window curtains, poles and cornices, pier and dressing glasses in gilt and mahogany frames, sofa stuffed in hair, with four feather pillows; feather beds, bolsters and pillows; wool, hair and straw mattresses; kitchen and culinary requisites; glass, china and earthenware; pony phaeton, very light, nearly new; two sets of pony harness, etc. etc. :

The whole may be viewed two days before the sale. Full particulars will be given in catalogues which may be had of the Auctioneer or Mr G. S. Cunnington, Oakham, eight days prior to the sale.

The Auctioneer begs to call the attention of buyers to this important sale of furniture etc. The whole has been recently purchased, is of excellent quality and to be sold without reserve.

**1851 Oct 3rd** Repeat of above sale notice. - Repeat of above 'to Let' notice.

**1851 Oct 10th** Sale of Modern and Genteel HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, LIVESTOCK ETC. D.S. ROYCE begs to announce that he has had directions from Mr Edward ARNOLD (who is leaving his farm) to SELL by AUCTION on Thursday the 23rd October 1851 on the premises at LANGHAM, the whole of the Modern, Genteel HOUSHOLD FURNITURE, Dairy Utensils, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, LIVESTOCK, POTATOES. etc. etc.

Further particulars will be duly announced. - Oakham October 7th.

**1851 Oct 17th** To be sold by AUCTION by D.S. Royce on Thursday and Friday October 23rd and 24th 1851 upon the premises of Mr. EDWARD ARNOLD at Langham (who is leaving his farm). The whole of the modern and genteel HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Glass, China, Kitchen Requisites, Dairy Utensils, Sweet Casks, Agricultural Implements, neat Gig on steel springs, set of Harness, Live Stock, about 10 quarters of good Potatoes and numerous other Effects. Each days' sale is fully particulared in catalogues, which may now be had of the Auctioneer, Oakham or on the premises at Langham. The Furniture etc. will be sold on Thursday and the Agricultural Implements, Live Stock, Dairy Utensils etc. on Friday commencing each day at 11 o'clock. Oakham October 13th 1851.

- 1854 Feb** Inquest that Langham by JE Jones on body of male illegitimate child, son of Sarah Jane Faulkes. Young woman neglected to call medical assistance and child lived for only four hours.
- 1854 Aug 25th** On Thursday the 17th Last, the foundation-stone of new Baptist Chapel was laid at Langham, by the Rev. J. Jenkinson, pastor of the Baptist church at Oakham, who, after reading and prayer by Mr. Haymes, organist Independent chapel Oakham, delivered address appropriate to the occasion.
- 1855 Feb 27th** To the Editor of the Mercury.  
 Sir,—I am a kind of “Citizen of the World,” and feel almost as much interest in one place as another, and pretty much interest in all. I take the liberty, therefore, of asking whether or not the inhabitants of Langham take any interest in anything? I happened to be in this part of Rutland last Sunday, and, as I take an interest in all churches, visited the one at Langham. It has a beautiful exterior for an old parish church, but imagine my surprise when I entered and found water descending from the roof, and extending over five or six pews in length, then running a short distance, and lastly forming a body of water in the middle isle of the church. On making enquiries of those who are acquainted with the strange fact, I have been informed that it has been in this state during six weeks, and what is more strange, that the proper persons have not even attempted to remedy it, but suffer it to continue in this dilapidated condition. Nor is this all, for I have been informed also, that the church clock has not worked during six weeks, and all through the negligence of those whose business it is to see that the church and clock are kept in proper repair. I think a person in office ought to have “mens sana in corporo sana.”<sup>1</sup> I enquired, at the commencement of my letter, if the inhabitants of Langham take any interest in anything? I may say I am glad to find that they are fully sensible of the unnecessary inconvenience to which they are exposed. I am, Sir, your’s obediently, A Traveller
- 1855 Apl 13** Rutland Petty Sessions, April 2, before J.M. Wingfield, Esq. (chairman). Sir G.J. Heathcote, Bart., M.P., J. Eagleton, Esq., and the Revs. J.H. Fludyer and J. West — John Pretty, farmer, of Empingham, was summoned by John Evelyn Clements, Exton, for non-payment of wages. Paid 10s and discharged.  
 Wm. Mason, E. Cooper, and Wm. Brown, all of Oakham, were charged with assaulting Thos Dorman, toll-collector, Langham. The assault arose about a ticket, which they gave Dorman, dated 29th March, and it being a quarter to 1 o’clock on the 30th he refused to let them through until they paid the toll, which they did, and then demanded the ticket back. Dorman refused, when two of them got out of the cart and took it from him by force Mason and Cooper were fined £1 each, and 6s. costs: there being no evidence adduced against Brown, he was discharged. There was second charge against Mason and Cooper for assaulting Elizabeth the wife of Thos. Dorman, at the same time, but it was not entertained.  
 Hugh Brown, sawyer, of South Luffenham, was convicted of assaulting his wife Ruth, and sentenced to one month’s hard labour. Ann Kirby and Jane Brown, of South Luffenham, were convicted of wilfully damaging a dead fence, the property of Mr. Jos. Cliffe, Pilton, and fined 7s 6d. each, including costs, or 14 days’ imprisonment. Allowed 10 days to pay the same.  
 Thos. Sharpe, of Holywell, was charged by Sarah Cook, of Langham, with being the father of her bastard child. Complainant failing to prove her case, it was dismissed.  
 Geo Meadows, Edw. Knight, John Mundy, and Wm. Gale, all of Langham, were charged by Joe Adcock with disturbing congregation of Wesleyan Methodists. Discharged with caution as to their future conduct.
- 1855 Jun 15th** The opening of the Baptist Chapel at Langham on Thursday and Friday next is expected to prove very attractive. On each day the Hon and Rev Baptist Noel is announced to preach; the bazaar, containing more than a 1000 articles will doubtless produce much company on the Thursday.  
 Religious Intolerance - Last week the Rev H. Whitley, Curate of Kingston, refused to bury the corpse of a child, aged two years, named John Luntley, son of Mr. Luntley, High Street Hereford, because he had not been baptised. On the refusal of the Rev gentleman to read the service, the Rev G. Cozens, Baptist minister, who was present offered to give an address at the grave. Permission to do so was, as might be expected, refused by the Curate. “It does not matter”

said Mr Cozens "I will stand outside the wall, and give an address". Leaving 'Consecrated ground', he thus went out of the churchyard and, the coffin being placed on the wall, gave the address from an adjoining field. The coffin was then taken to the grave, and the father, with unfaltering voice, said "My dear boy, I commit thee to the ground in sure and certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life". And so he may the rites of "Christian burial" being refused not with standing. But here the question naturally arises, is this the law of the Church on the point. In reply to a letter on this subject in a similar case the Archbishop of Canterbury writes :- the Curate of your parish is obliged to bury with the usual forms the corpse of a dissenter, provided the church service be not objected to. Again not long since proceedings were taken in the Court of Arches against the Rev H Henslow Perpetual Curate of the Parish of Wormgay Norfolk who refused to bury the corpse of Sarah Bowden a parishioner who had not been baptised in the Established Church and the judgement pronounced in this case by Sir Hubert Jenner Fust was that the rev defendant be suspended from the ministry for three months.

**1855 Jun 22nd** Leicestershire Hunt - Langham near Oakham, Rutland - To be Let and may be entered in immediately, Langham House with Three Acres of Grassland, Pleasure and Kitchen Gardens, good Stabling, Coach House and all requisite offices. It is situated 4 miles from the Cottesmore Kennels and 8 miles from the Melton and is in the immediate vicinity of four packs of hounds. For further particulars apply to Mr Rudkin, Langham Lodge, the proprietor or to D.S. Royce auctioneer and general agent, Oakham.

A portion of Prince Albert's Own Leicestershire Cavalry and the Rutland Militia had a 'field day' in Exton Park on Weds last on which occasion the Earl of Gainsborough's extensive grounds presented a very gay appearance. The cavalry were under the command of Viscount Campden and the militia of the Hon Hy. Noel. The day being extremely favourable, the park was visited by considerable numbers of persons from the surrounding district. During the afternoon the progress made in Military Tactics by the men was severely tested, and the manner in which they went through the various evolutions elicited the approval of the officers; and the spectators generally seemed to take great interest in the proceedings particularly when the cavalry and infantry engaged in mimic battles near a wood. The exercise terminated at 4 o'clock after which the cavalry proceeded to the village of Exton to partake of a dinner at the expense of Lord Campden. It would seem that several chargers which took part in the field practice had not seen much action because at the discharge of the firearms they escaped from their riders and made off to distant parts of the park. Several of the "regulars" on recruiting service appeared at the ground in the new military uniform.

**1855 Jun 29th** The use of the Tread Wheel has been discontinued in the Lincoln City prison and such of the prisoners that know trades now work at their trades in their several cells. The earnings are carried to the credit of the prison so these prisoners now help to maintain themselves.

The chapel recently erected at Langham as a village station of the Baptist church at Oakham was opened for division worship on Thursday June 21st and following days. Three sermons were preached by the Hon. and Rev. Baptist Noel on Thursday and Friday; the Rev. J. Jenkinson preached on Sunday afternoon; and the Rev. J. T. Brown of Northampton in the evening.

The prayer was offered on Thursday by the Revs. J. Green, T. Gammidge, T. Lomas and B.W. Noel. A public meeting (over which Richard Harris Esq. Mayor of Leicester presided) was held on Thursday evening and was addressed by the Chairman and also by the Rev. T. Lomas of Leicester, the Rev. J.N. Robjohn (independent) of Wymondham, the Rev. R. Broomfield (Wesleyan) of Oakham and others.

A second public meeting was held on Friday evening at which addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. Jenkinson (chairman), the Rev. J. Salisbury, the Rev. T.M. Thorpe, the Rev. J.T. Brown and Messrs. Islip and Haymes. A bazaar in aid of the building fund was open on Thursday and Friday and public tea provided on both those days. The services were held in a large tent erected near the chapel. They were all numerously attended and deeply interesting. To the credit of the voluntary principle, the total receipts exceeded £138 in addition to nearly £150 previously contributed.

## The Lincoln, Rutland and Stamford Mercury 1859

- 1859 Jan 7th** Oakham January Fair - Valuable Live Stock, Winter Keeping and Hay the property of the late James Jackson of Oakham. To be sold by Auction on Monday the 10th of January 1859 in the Fair at Oakham at 11 o'clock. 32 Well bred SHEEP viz. 16 capital in-lambd ewes, 14 superior in-lambd theaves and 2 ram lambs. 8 Beasts viz. 1 in-calvd heifer and 7 barren heifers. Also at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the above named day will be LET by Auction until Ladyday next at the respective Fields, 32 tons of good Winter Keeping together with about 4 tons of Well-got Hay situate near the Langham Gate-house and adjoining the Railway between Oakham and Ashwell in Fields called the Havens.
- 1859 Mar 26th** LANGHAM near OAKHAM. Two Freehold Cottages, Garden or Building ground. To be sold by AUCTION by T. Shuttlewood.  
At the Noel's Arms Inn in Langham, in the county of Rutland, on Thursday the 31st day of March 1859, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to such conditions of sale as will be then produced All those Two stone-built FREEHOLD MESSUAGES or TENEMENTS with Out-buildings, and about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an Acre of excellent Garden Ground adjoining, pleasantly situated in Langham aforesaid now in the occupation of Mr. James Shaw and Mrs. Ision, at the yearly rent of £15. The Land is well adapted for Building purposes. To view the Property apply to the tenants, and for further particulars to the Auctioneers Oakham.
- 1859 Jul 15th** Oakham County Court July 12th Before Sergeant Miller and a Jury.  
Henry Hayes v John Henry Rudkin. - Plaintiff and defendant both reside in Langham, the former being also in the employ of Mr. Hauley, Merchant, of Oakham. The action was brought to recover damages for an assault committed on the 4th of April last when plaintiff had his leg broken from a fall caused by the defendant. Both parties are members of the Society of Nottingham Odd Fellows, held at the Noel Arms at Langham, of which society the plaintiff was and the defendant is secretary. The dispute arose upon the right of being admitted into the club room during "the making of a brother"; upon which occasion, for the purpose of expelling plaintiff, the defendant seized Hayes by the collar, threw him down, and thereby broke his leg. Apart from the serious result of the affair, much amusement was caused in court by the examination on the part of the defendant, of the "Royal Grand Imperial Highness, Father or Master" and other officials belonging to the society. After a Trial of three hours, the jury found a verdict for plaintiff, damages £20. Mr Atter appeared for the plaintiff and Mr Law for the defendant.
- 1859 Aug 26th** Oakham - The annual meeting of the Commissioners for the letting by auction the tolls arising from the several gates from the first day of October next, for one year, at the Crown Inn Oakham. Richard Westbrook Baker in the chair the following were the lettings Stamford field Hambleton and Burley gates £326 being an advance over last year's letting of £96; the Cottesmore and Greetham gates were let for £120 being an advance of £50. These advanced resources of £96 enabled the Commissioners to order that 644 tons of Mountsorrel Granite be provided and deposited in the several parishes according to a table prepared on or before Sept 30th. The early harvest will afford ample time for the carting of materials upon roads before they become softened with the later rains and thereby prevent what was too frequently seen in the winter, heavy material carted over and spoiling one part of a road in order to mend the other.
- 1859 Sep 9th** County of Rutland.  
Notice is given that John Balguy Esquire of the Middle Temple Barrister-in-law being the Barrister appointed to revise the Lists of Voters in the Election of Knights of the Shire for the County of Rutland will make a circuit of the said County and hold Courts for the purpose of Revising such Lists of Voters at the times and places following, viz: At the Castle of Oakham on Monday the 26th day of September inst at two o'clock in the Afternoon for the Parishes of Ashwell, Langham & Whissendine.

- 1859 Sep 9th** RUTLAND - On Monday evening last Mr Hayes, parish constable of Langham, was conveying a prisoner named Southwell to gaol from Empingham petty sessions (where he had been convicted for deserting his wife at Uppingham): on arriving at Whitwell the official inconsiderately left his prisoner and went himself into the public house. The prisoner seeing his coast clear, quietly made his escape, leaving his disconsolate guardian more surprised than pleased at the unceremonious departure.
- 1859 Sep 30th** Rutland - Langham and Ashwell  
A match of cricket was played at Ashwell on Monday between 8 of the Langham and 10 of the Ashwell junior cricketers which was won by the former in one innings with 35 runs to spare. The following is the score:-  
Ashwell - C. Wiggins 1-2, Taylor 1-5, Knowle 0-0, G. Woolley 2-0, Bolton 1-1, W. Bealy 0-1, A. Wigginton 0-0, M. Woolley 0-0, Faulke 0-0, Tidd 0-0, byes 1-2. - Total 6-11  
Langham - A. Leake 22, H. Rudkin 8, Thorpe 0, W. Rudkin 5, Cunnington 6, J. Hubbard 0, M. Sewell 3, Gale 1, byes 7. - Total 52
- 1859 Nov 18th** The Chase - The Suffolk Hounds Tues 22nd Langham Hall
- 1859 Nov 25th** Testimonial of Cures by Barron Taylor, Oculist & Aurist on annual visit.  
John Freckingham of Langham Lodge, Rutland, Cured of deafness.  
County of Rutland - List of persons who have taken out General GAME CERTIFICATES AT £4 0s 10d each including the additional Duty of 10 percent under the Act 3 Vict., cor.17. Stanhope Francis Langham.
- 1860 Feb 10th** Oakham - Disturbing a Wesleyan Congregation.  
At the Magistrates' Clerk's Office, Oakham on Friday last, before the Hon. Col. Lowther and Col. Talbot Clifton, John Gale, Stephen Smith, Christ. Williamson, Edw. Dalby, Jas. Dalby and Paul Sewell, all of Langham, labourers, were charged with being drunk on Sunday evening the 22nd ult., when they went in a body to the Wesleyan Chapel and disturbed the congregation. Each was fined 10s 6d with costs. They were told that if the Wesleyans choose to proceed against them they were liable to be committed to the quarter session for trial (in default of sureties), and to a penalty of £40 on conviction.
- 1860 Mar 2nd** Report of hurricane in Oakham with chimney pots and slates flying about. (Along with other reports from Lincoln, Leicester and other parts of the country).
- 1860 Mar 9th** To be sold by Auction on Thursday the 15th day of March 1860. A stack of prime well-got HAY which may be taken off, containing about 12 Tons now standing in a field adjoining the road leading from Oakham to Cold Overton in the occupation of Mr. W. Mantle. The company is requested to meet the Auctioneer in the field at Half past three o'clock in the afternoon.
- 1860 Apl 13th** Note about a new locomotive for the Great Northern Co. reducing the London to York time from 5Hrs to 4Hrs.
- 1860 May 18th** Empingham Petty Sessions May 1st Jos. Sharpe of Langham was charged under the Criminal Justice Act with stealing wood the property of R.W. Baker Esq. and another, and was committed for seven days.
- 1860 Jun 1st** Rutland Churches No. 1 Stoke Dry
- 1860 Jun 15th** Rutland Churches No. 2 Seaton
- 1860 Jun 22nd** Rutland Churches No. 3 Manton
- 1860 Jun 29th** Rutland Churches No. 4 Ridlington
- 1860 Jul 6th** A match of cricket was played on the Langham ground on Monday last, between the Langham and the Whissendine Clubs which terminated in favour of the latter. The following is the score :- Whissendine -totals 102,68. Langham Clarke 1,1; Almond 9,7; Mott 13,16; Stanhope 9,5; Cunnington 0,2; Sharrad 8,6; Meadows 3,1; Thorpe 2,5; Shaw 0,0; Stafford 7,2; Sewell 0,1; Byers 0,3; Totals 52, 49. On Tuesday next an eleven selected from these and neighboring clubs will play against the Buckminster eleven.

- 1860 Jul 6** Rutland Churches No. 5 Preston
- 1860 Jul 20th** Rutland Churches No. 6 Wardley
- 1860 Aug 3rd** Rutland Churches No. 7 Caldecot
- 1860 Aug 17th** Rutland Churches No. 8 Barrowden
- 1860 Aug 24th** Oakham Comprehensive report of a lecture by the Canon of Peterborough "Gothic Architecture with especial reference to the history and arrangement of the Church and Castle Hall of Oakham."
- 1860 Nov 9th** Rutland Churches No. 9 Teigh
- 1860 Dec** Earl Gainsborough – annual gifts to poor of Langham and Exton so they can have roast beef dinner and plum pudding three beasts slaughtered, 60 stons of flower, 300lbs plums and 100 gallons best ale from his Lordships sellers.
- Sudden death of sister of Mr Johnson the grocer. Miss Johnson found dead in bed on Thursday morning about 45 years old and in weak health for several years. It is supposed the intense cold weather caused a stagnation of the blood internally. Been under Mr King, surgeon of Oakham for treatment of disease of the blood vessels of the brain and he had stated that she may die at any time so no inquest necessary.
- 1861 Jan 9th** Rutland Churches No 15 N.Luffenham
- 1861 Feb 1st** Death of Richard Westbrook Baker Esq. at his residence in Cottesmore on 30th Jan. For the lengthened period of 40 years this gentleman has been an occupier of land in the county of Rutland and during this period every solid improvement in agriculture has had his most earnest support and assistance. The system of small allotments for agricultural and other labouring poor has been rendered its greatest perfection in the county of Rutland where it was established 30 years ago by Mr. Baker. Descended from a family of considerable property in Newark in the 15c and about 1650 settled at Aylesbury, many became followers of Quaker (and imprisoned). William Baker MD, born 1721, married Miss Ann Leek whose son Richard, born 1762, was father of Richard Westbrook. Mr. Baker was Sheriff of Rutland in 1842.
- Note on cost of Pauperism:
- Increased cost compared to 1859 due to higher prices (though numbers reduced. E.g. wheat 45s 2½d per quarter in 1859, 55s 10d last year. Note contracted prices for Birmingham, Lambeth and Bury St. Edmunds - bread 4¾d & 5½d per 4lb loaf; flour 35s 9d & 42s 4d per sack; potatoes 83s 5d & 124s 11d per ton; Mutton and Beef 6s 5d & 7s 3½d per stone; cheese 6¾d & 7½d per lb; tea 2s 8d & 3s 2d per lb; sugar 4¾d & 5d per lb.
- 1861 Feb 8th** Mention of funeral of Richard Westbrook Baker: amongst the followers in procession were "the employees of Langham brewery".
- Rutland Petty Sessions in Empingham - Wm. Boggington of Whissendine fined 17s and costs for stealing ?? of dead fence at Langham on 8th ult. property of Midland Railway Company.
- 1861 Mar 8th** Wanted at Lady-Day next by a young married man with no incumbrance, a situation as Farming Manager, he is a good hand at Stacking, Thatching, Drilling and understands all kinds of Farming work. Satisfactory references can be given. Apply A.B. Post Office Langham March 6th.
- 1861 Mar 15th** Sale of six tenements in Far Street Barleythorpe at Horse & Groom Inn Barleythorpe.
- 1861 Apr 5th** Earnings of Agricultural Labourers taken from the return laid before the House of Commons on 8th inst. (note average weekly wage in the quarter ending Michaelmas last - a period when rewards highest though last year not favourable). Leicestershire average 12s to 15s with beer during harvest; or instead 1s 3d weekly if wages 15s, and 4s to 5s if wages be 12s; Rutland 12s; Lincoln 13s 6d; Nottingham 13s 6d with 3 pints of ale per day during harvest; Derby 12s without food; in hay harvest 15s to 18s with unlimited quantity of food of good quality.
- Report: A handsome silver inkstand was last week presented to Mrs. D.G. Freer of Langham House who has kindly presided at the organ for several years past at the parish church. The testimonial was confessedly on the part of the parishioners only a slight acknowledgment of the services she has rendered the church and of the gratification she afforded by her admirable playing upon the

instrument, but there was a consciousness also that it would be received by the lady herself, not so much for its intrinsic value as for the feelings which prompted its presentation; and in this view they were not mistaken. The real reason was to acknowledge a grateful appreciation of Mrs. Freer's voluntary services and to show the esteem in which she herself is personally held throughout the village. The cheerfulness with which all subscribed showed how thoroughly the object of the testimonial was concurred in, and in the way which it was received by the lady herself proved the kind of value she at once set upon it.

**1861 Apr 19th** Stamford census shows population fall of 722 compared to 1851 whilst villages on average stay the same.

**1861 May 10th** Rutland Churches No. 16 Normanton

**1861 May 16th** Langham Brewery, Oakham - Edward George Baker begs to inform his kind customers that he is now delivering his splendid ALES and STOUT PORTERS of the October brewing either direct from the Brewery or from his Stores at High St. Oakham or from his Stores, White Hart Hotel, Sheep St, Rugby. All orders sent by couriers or letters punctually attended to.

**1861 Jul 5th** Rutland Petty Session (Empingham July 1st) Geo. Munday of Langham was fined with costs £1.13.6 for assaulting PC Watkins on 30th ult.

Oakham, Rutland. To be sold by Auction by Mr T. Shuttlewood. On Monday 8th July 1861 upon land situate on the Barleythorpe road near Oakham, the property of the Rev. H. Finch. About 6 acres of Meadow Grass, to be taken off the land, which is of first rate quality, and an excellent crop. Two months credit will be given upon approved security. Sale to commence at three o'clock in the afternoon.

**1861 Jul 12** Rutland Assizes. Misdemeanour at Oakham Eliza Sharpe, 17, servant, pleaded guilty of concealing the birth of her male illegitimate child on the 24th of November, and was sentenced to three weeks in prison.

The facts of the case are these:- On the 28th of March last some men were employed by Mr Keal, surgeon, of Oakham to clean out a privy vault and while they were doing so they discovered the body of a child. The circumstance was reported to the police and suspicion falling on the servant girls in Mr Keal's employ, they were examined but nothing could be ascertained, and both girls denied having been delivered of a child. The body was examined and it was believed the child had been in the vault for some time. From what afterwards transpired suspicion strongly attached to servant Sharpe, and she was further examined by Mr Turner, a surgeon of Oakham. The result was that he was quite confident that she had been the mother of a child. He told her of his opinion, and said "it was of no use her denying it, for it would answer no purpose, and would make the case no better for her". The girl then began to cry, and from questions put by the surgeon she admitted having been delivered about Martlemass, and put the infant down the vault. She said she never heard it cry, nor saw it move; and no marks were found on the body to indicate that it had been murdered. In passing sentence the Judge strongly condemned the way in which the confession had been drawn from the girl, and said that a conversation so extorted was not according to the law; he hoped the hint would be a warning for the future to the gentleman, who, no doubt, was not acquainted with the law.

Rutland Churches No. 16 - Normanton concluded

**1861 Aug 12th** Conditional Credit will be allowed until the 14th day of October 1861. The Straw can be consumed or left as may be agreed upon at the time of sale. The company are requested to meet at Rocott Lodge at two o'clock in the afternoon and then proceed to sale.

**1861 Aug 15th** Died at Langham on the 9th inst., of phthisis [pulmonary tuberculosis], Sarah, widow of Wm. Roe, cottager, Age 51.

On Thursday the 7th the Earl of Gainsborough entertained his tenants, numbering 300 on the Rutland, Leicester and Nottingham Estates, to a dinner at Exton. A spacious marquee was erected near the Old Hall for the occasion. The repast was a most sumptuous one and consisted of fish, venison, roast beef, lamb, veal and ham, chicken and tongue, duck, etc. ; in fact all the delicacies of the season. The wines were excellent. The morning was wet and damp and in consequence

the noble Earl did not dine, but immediately after dinner his lordship came and took the chair. Being in his 81st year he well deserved it. Vice-presidents were Mr W.H. Baker of Cottesmore, Mr Wortley of Ridlington and Mr J. Swingler of Langham.

Cricket Cottesmore and Langham - The conquering match, (each club have previously won 1 match), was played at the former place on the 9th inst.. (Owing to there not being time) the game was decided on the first innings in favour of Cottesmore. Cottesmore 106, Langham 76 - C. Stafford 3, H. Mott 4, C. Almond 0, W. Thorpe (not out) 13, Major Freer 9, S. Meadows 2, W. Clarke 1, E. Cunningham 16, W. Almond 0, J. Hubbard 5, Byes 12.

**1861 Aug 16th** Rocott Lodge near Langham. - Fine growing crops of Wheat, Barley, Beans and Peas, Oats and Grass Keeping to be sold by Auction by B. S. Royce on Monday the 19th of August 1861 upon the farm in the occupation of Mr. George Snodin of Rocott Lodge (in consequence of his leaving). About 46½ acres of Growing Corn and 46 acres of Summer Keeping in the following lots:

#### Growing Crops of Corn

Lots	Description	A	R	P
1	Wheat	5	0	0
2	Oats	6	0	0
3	Barley	9	0	0
4	Oats	6	3	0
5	Oats	4	2	0
6	Beans & Peas	5	2	0
7	Oats	6	2	0
8	Rye	3	1	0

#### Grass Keeping until 10th October 1861

Lots	Location	Description	A	R	P
9	Rocott	Store Pasture	26	0	0
10	Hill Holes	Store Pasture	10	0	0
11	Hill Holes	Store Pasture	10	0	0

**1861 Aug 23rd** Weights and Measures, Rutland. - Notice is hereby given that the Inspector of Weights and Measures for the County will attend the following places for the purpose of Comparing and Stamping Weights and Measures to use within the County according to Acts of Parliament. At the Police Station Oakham (for the Villages near Oakham) on Saturday September 7th By Order R. P. Mitchell Chief Constable.

N.B. Persons offending against these Acts are liable to a Penalty of Five Pounds and forfeiture of illegal Weights, Measures, Beams, Scales and Balances.

Rutland Churches No 17 Tinwell

**1861 Aug 30th** Rutland Churches No. 18 Edithweston

**1861 Sept 6th** Detailed description of Oakham Gaol

**1861 Sept 20th** County of Rutland - Notice is hereby given that John Balgey Esquire of the Middle Temple Barrister at Law being the Barrister appointed to Revise the List of Voters in the Election of Knights of the Shire for the County of Rutland will make a circuit of the said County and hold Courts for the purpose of Revising such Lists of Voters at the times and places following:-

At the Castle Oakham, on Monday 30th day of September instant at two o'clock in the afternoon for the parishes and places of Ashwell, Langham & Whissendine.

Note. The Overseers of each Parish must attend (as required by the Act of 6th Victoria cap 18 sec 34) at the opening of the court at which the lists of their respective Parishes or Places are appointed to be Revised and bring with them copies of their Lists and all Notices of Claims and Objections and other Papers they have received concerning the registration of voters for the County of Rutland and also an account of all expenses incurred by them in carrying into effect the provisions of the Act. Any Overseer neglecting to attend the Revising Court or otherwise neglecting his duty in Registration may be fined a sum not exceeding £5 nor less than 20s.

**1861 Sept 20th** Rocott Lodge near Langham. Important sale of 164 Sheep, 18 Beasts, 8 Horses, Agricultural Implements etc. D. S. Royce respectfully announces that he is favoured with instructions from Mr. George Snodin to sell by Auction unreservedly on Monday 7th day of October 1861 upon the Farm and Premises of Rocott Lodge (in consequence of his leaving ) 164 good and well descended Sheep, 18 Superior short horn Beasts, 8 valuable Horses and 1 Pig also an assortment of Agricultural Implements and numerous outdoor effects of which further particulars will be announced.

Oakham September 18th 1861.

**1861 Sept 27th** As Rocott Lodge September 20th then:-

164 good and well depended Sheep viz: 61 tuppung ewes, 24 tuppung theaves, 11 shearlings and 68 lambs. 18 superior shorthorn Beasts viz: 4 barren milking cows, 6 1½ year old steers and 8 1½ year old heifers. 8 valuable Horses viz:

- Lot 1 Grey mare (Smiler ) aged
- Lot 2 Black mare (Whitefoot ) 3 years old
- Lot 3 Brown mare (Star )
- Lot 4 Grey mare (Beauty ) 5 years old
- Lot 5 Black horse (Jack ) 8 years old
- Lot 6 Bay Filly by the Norfolk Cob 2 years old (quiet to ride and drive)
- Lot 7 Black yearling filly by Mr. Berridge's horse Victor
- Lot 8 Foal by Mr. Barnes' horse Blaze.

Also a Good Store Pig.

Agricultural Implements viz:

Two narrow wheeled wagons, 2 broad wheeled carts, 2 light spring carts, capital dog cart, 2 sets of harness, single and double rein bridles, Gardener's turnip cutter (nearly new), capital cake breaker, good weighing machine, 40 stone weights, winnowing machine, capital chaff machine, tackle for 8 horses, plough gears and traits, 2 wagon ropes, 2 drag rakes, strike and roller, wool scales and weights, hopper, pig cratch, horse trough, wheel barrow, 2 flour bins, brewing tubs, bullock ties, quantity of gate and fence bars, old iron, rakes, forks, bar of iron etc. etc.

Refreshments will be provided at 11 and the sale to commence at 12 o'clock precisely.

**1861 Oct 4th** Lincoln, Rutland and Stamford Mercury reduced from 3½d to 2d

Barometer at the Agricultural Hall, Oakham 9am each day

September:

26th	29.0	Fine day - Wind	SW
27th	29.4	Fine day - Wind	S
28th	19.4	Fine but dull morning, rain after midday	S
29th	29.4	Showery morning to 9am fine day after	S
30th	29.5	Fine and hot	SE

October:

1st	29.3	Fine and hot	N
2nd	29.3	Fine day	S

Mr. H. Hayes of Langham has an inpigged sow which this week measured 7ft 8in in length and 6ft 1½in in circumference. This sow has had 26 pigs in two litters of which 21 were reared.

Died at Langham on the 28th ult. George Sewell infant son of John Gale and on the 1st inst. Mr. Wm Turner formerly a farmer aged 45.

**1861 Oct 11th** The sow belonging to Mr. H. Hayes of Langham referred to in last week's Mercury farrowed on the 3rd inst. 16 pigs, 14 of which on Tuesday last were 'doing well'.

**1861 Oct 18th** Oakham Cattle Fair October 14th - The show of lambs was small and the demand not over brisk, the best sorts excepted, which found buyers at full prices : Mr. J. H. Rudkin of Langham Lodge sold 60 at 36s per head.

**1861 Oct 25th** At Langham on Friday last E. G. Baker Esq. gave a harvest festival to which all his employees (numbering 52) and several of the oldest inhabitants were invited, all of whom were regaled with a sumptuous repast of roast beef and plum pudding moistened with a copious supply of "nut brown ale" and other more costly beverages.

Mr. Baker addressed his guests at some length, in very appropriate terms, on the blessings bestowed by Divine Providence in the late beautiful harvest, on the blessings of peace under a good Government, the duty of employers and the employed, and on other topics. A very happy evening was spent by all. The interesting proceedings were brought to a close by all joining in singing the national anthem.

[note Sale of Lordship of Whissendine]

**1861 Nov 1st** Rutland Churches No. 19 Great Casterton

**1861 Nov 29th** Rutland Agricultural Society 31st Annual exhibition in the Riding School.

The bull classes were reasonably well represented: the prize 10 sovereigns for the best under 4 years old was given to Mr. Swinger of Langham. To the Labourer who shall have raised the greatest number of lambs in proportion to the number of ewes put to the ram (3rd) 10s to Mr. Edward Huddet of Whissendine shepherd to Mr. H. J. Rudkin of Langham Lodge who raised 150 lambs from 166 ewes put to ram.

**1862 Jan 3rd** Rutland. The Christmas Bounty of the Earl of Gainsboro' :- His Lordship with the usual nobleness of character, which is beyond all praise, caused to be distributed by Mr Walton to the poor people and tradesmen of Exton on Christmas eve the second prize cow shown at Oakham cattle exhibition in class three and weighing 100 stones, a prize Scotch bullock of 50 st , 60 st of fine wheat flour, 300 lbs of plums and 100 gallons of the best ale from his Lordship's cellars. It was the noble Earl's wish that every poor person in Exton should have a good dinner of roast beef and plum pudding, the tradesmen had beef only. Lady Gainsboro' likewise gave away to every necessitous person blankets, bedding and clothing and in the winter months throughout the year to all the villagers soup twice a week. The same noble benefactress had distributed to the poor persons and widows of Langham, to the number of 42, a prime piece of beef and 3cwt of best hard coal. Other members of that good house gave the poor money, so that in every respect to the wants of this life they might enjoy the festive season.

Mr Baker, of the Langham brewery, totally suspended business on Monday the 23rd Inst. On the occasion of the funeral of the Prince Consort. On the following day 65 families were supplied with a prime piece of beef for their Christmas dinner by his request

Mr Lowther, of Barleythorpe, has this week given away to every poor person in the village a piece of beef or mutton, whichever they might prefer, of the best quality and in quantity according to the largeness of the family. Such generosity needs no comment.

**1862 Jan 17th** Noted that on Oct 22nd 1861 amongst judges of stock at the Agricultural Fete in Exton Park, the seat of Colonel Noel, was Mr Rudkin of Langham.

**1862 May 2nd** Rutland Churches No. 20 - Little Casterton

**1862 May 16th** Langham Brewery, Oakham. Edward George Baker begs to inform his kind customers that he is now delivering his splendid ALES and STOUT PORTERS of the October brewing either direct from the Brewery or from his Stores at High St. Oakham or from his Stores, White Hart Hotel, Sheep St, Rugby. All orders sent by couriers or letters punctually attended to.

Rutland Churches No. 21 - Essendine

**1862 May 23rd** Rutland Churches No. 22 - Tickencote

**1862 May 30th** Rutland Churches No. 23 - Pickworth

**1862 Jun 6th** Rutland Churches No. 24 - Clipsham

**1862 Jul** This morning a balloon was seen passing over Oakham in a north north eastern direction. The balloon had started from the Royal Observatory at Wolverhampton on scientific investigations and made a safe landing at Langham. In the rapid descent the two gentlemen were much shaken on meeting the ground. The highest height obtained was five miles. The instruments were much broken. [Henry Coxwell & Dr. James Glaisher]

- 1862 Jul 5th** Oakham, Rutland. - To be sold by Auction by Mr T. Shuttlewood.  
On Monday 8th July 1861 upon land situate on the Barleythorpe road near Oakham, the property of the Rev. H. Finch. - About 6 acres of Meadow Grass, to be taken off the land, which is of first rate quality, and an excellent crop. Two months credit will be given upon approved security. Sale to commence at three o'clock in the afternoon.
- 1862 Jul 12th** Rutland Assizes. Misdemeanour at Oakham - Eliza Sharpe, 17, servant, pleaded guilty of concealing the birth of her male illegitimate child on the 24th of November, and was sentenced to three weeks in prison.  
The facts of the case are these:- On the 28th of March last some men were employed by Mr Keal, surgeon, of Oakham to clean out a privy vault and while they were doing so they discovered the body of a child. The circumstance was reported to the police and suspicion falling on the servant girls in Mr Keal's employ, they were examined but nothing could be ascertained, and both girls denied having been delivered of a child. The body was examined and it was believed the child had been in the vault for some time. From what afterwards transpired suspicion strongly attached to servant Sharpe, and she was further examined by Mr Turner, a surgeon of Oakham. The result was that he was quite confident that she had been the mother of a child. He told her of his opinion, and said "it was of no use her denying it, for it would answer no purpose, and would make the case no better for her".  
The girl then began to cry, and from questions put by the surgeon she admitted having been delivered about Martlemass, and put the infant down the vault. She said she never heard it cry, nor saw it move; and no marks were found on the body to indicate that it had been murdered. In passing sentence the Judge strongly condemned the way in which the confession had been drawn from the girl, and said that a conversation so extorted was not according to the law; he hoped the hint would be a warning for the future to the gentleman, who, no doubt, was not acquainted with the law.
- 1862 Aug 15** Died at Langham on the 9th inst., of phthisis, Sarah, widow of Wm. Roe, cottager, Age 51.  
On Thursday the 7th the Earl of Gainsborough entertained his tenants, numbering 300 on the Rutland, Leicester and Nottingham Estates, to a dinner at Exton. A spacious marquee was erected near the Old Hall for the occasion. The repast was a most sumptuous one and consisted of fish, venison, roast beef, lamb, veal and ham, chicken and tongue, duck, etc. ; in fact all the delicacies of the season. The wines were excellent. The morning was wet and damp and in consequence the noble Earl did not dine, but immediately after dinner his lordship came and took the chair. Being in his 81st year he well deserved it... vice-presidents were Mr W.H. Baker of Cottesmore, Mr Wortley of Ridlington and Mr J. Swingler of Langham.  
Cricket - Cottesmore and Langham  
The conquering match, (each club have previously won 1 match), was played at the former place on the 9th inst.. (Owing to there not being time) the game was decided on the first innings in favour of Cottesmore. Cottesmore 106, Langham 76, - C. Stafford 3, H. Mott 4, C. Almond 0, W. Thorpe (not out) 13, Major Freer 9, S. Meadows 2, W. Clarke 1, E. Cunnington 16, W. Almond 0, J. Hubbard 5, Byes 12.
- 1862 Aug 22nd** Rutland Churches No. 26 - Langham
- 1862 Aug 29th** Rutland Churches No. 27 - Whissendine
- 1862 Sep 19th** Langham Rutland 60 SHEEP, 23 BEASTS, 4 HORSES, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS &c. D.S. Royce respectfully announces that he has received instructions to SELL by AUCTION on Wednesday the 1st day of October 1862 upon the farm and premises of the late Mrs HOULDEN at Langham, 60 superior SHEEP, 23 fat and store BEASTS and 4 valuable HORSES. Also the capital Agricultural IMPLEMENTS, Dairy Utensils &c. Further details in next weeks paper and by cards.

- 1862 Sep 26th** County of Rutland. Notice is hereby given that JOHN BALGUY Esq. of the Middle Temple, Barrister in Law, being the Barrister appointed to REVIEW the LISTS of VOTERS in the Election of Knights of the Shire for the County of Rutland, will make a CIRCUIT of the said County and hold Courts for the purpose of Revision of said Lists of Voters at the times and places following, viz. At the CASTLE of OAKHAM on Thursday the 9th day of October next at Two o'clock in the Afternoon for the parishes or places of Ashwell, Brook... Langham, Leighfield, Oakham Lord's Hold, Oakham Dean's Hold with Barleythorpe... Teigh... Whissendine.  
NB... Overseers of each Parish must attend with all documents... or may be fined a sum not exceeding five pounds and not less than twenty shillings.
- 1864 Dec 30th** AGISTMENT for HORSES taken in Langham Cow Pastures for 5 weeks from the first day of January, 1865, at 5« each.—Apply to Mr. John Hubbard or Mr. Hy. Hayes, the stewards. Langham.
- 1866 Apl 23rd** Oakham Union. — The Board met the 15th inst. W. Wing, Esq., presided, and 14 other Guardians were present. There was no Union business interest. Mr. W. Swift reported overcrowding at Michael Hurst's, Bull-lane, Oakham, where eight persons lived in a house with proper sleeping accommodation for three persons only. Hurst was ordered to reduce the number of inmates to four within 10 days; in default, a summons to be obtained.  
The following are the Guardians elected for the Oakham Union for the ensuing year:- Ashwell, J. Fisher; Barrow, (no nomination); Braunston, W. Freeman; Brooke, T. Jones; Burley, L. Hardy; Cold Overton, D. Freeman; Cottesmore, W. Harris; Edith Weston, C. Stokes; Eggleton, R.L. Bradshaw; Empingham, L Carter; Exton, W. Simpson; Greetham, G. Thraves; Gunthorpe, R. Ward; Hambleton, R. L. Healey; Horne, J. Doads; Knossington, W. Gale; Langham, G. Chapman; Leighfield, W Reynolds; Lyndon, J. Palmer; Manton, T. Tomblin; Market Overton, E Costall; Martinsthorpe (no nomination), Oakham Dean's Hold with Barleythorpe, R. S. Hayr; Oakham Lord's Hold, H. R. Finch and W. C. Morris; Stretton, T.O. Hall; Teigh, J. D. Bennett; Thistleton, W. Hardy, sen.; Tickencote, M. Collins; Whissendine, H. Wright; Whitwell, R. Pinder; Normanton, J. Freestone.
- 1867 May 31st** LANGHAM, Rutland. - SALE of rich GRASS KEEPING - To be Let by Auction  
By D.S. Royce, - On the Monday the Third day of June, 1867  
A Field of excellent GRASS KEEPING, until the 10th day of October, 1867, called the Great Haven, 28A. 0R. 0P. (rich Feeding Land), situate in the parish of Langham, adjoining the Midland Railway, and near the Langham Gate-house, in the occupation of Mr William Mantle. – A careful Shepherd will be gratuitously provided, and conditional credit allowed.  
The company are requested to meet in the Field at Half-past Two o'clock in the afternoon.
- 1868 Feb** Near the top of Ranksborough Hill Langham in a close occupied by Mr Leadenham, the fragments of a bronze statuette apparently that of a Roman warrior or gladiator twenty inches in height was found. The head body and one foot only are perfect and are of very beautiful workmanship and in excellent preservation.
- 1868 Jul** Village Feasts appear to be fast going out of fashion. That at Langham appeared to be no exception to the rule, the number of visitors compared to other years was noticeably small. Cricket matches and foot races took place on Monday and the band brayed hideously at intervals. The village church was as usual on Feast Sunday strewn with hay.
- 1868 Dec 18th** AGISTMENT for HORSES taken in Langham Cow Pastures for 5 weeks from the first day of January, 1865, at 5« each.—Apply to Mr. John Hubbard or Mr. Hy. Hayes, the stewards. Langham, again in 1868 Same sort of advert but Agist for 6wks, at 1/- per head and payable in advance with plenty of Keep and Water and Attendance provided. Apply Charles Hubbard, cattle dealer.
- 1869 Mar 26th** The Rev. W.M. Colles, Vicar of Melton, preached at Langham on the evening of the 17th inst. His sermon, which treated of the different sects and religious bodies, was very effectively given. The Baptist chapel at Langham was on the 18th inst duly registered for solemnising marriages therein.

- 1870 May 14th On the 9th instant, man named Faulks, of Langham, carpenter, was working for Captain John Bailey, at Hambleton, when he fell from the steps of the granary, receiving some severe bruises. No bones are broken, and is reported by his medical attendant, Mr. S.C. Turner, to be going on well.
- 1871 Jan 6th The Hon. H. Coventry has caused seven tons of coals to distributed amongst the poor of Langham and is now giving away soup.
- 1872 May Mr Richard Sharpe previously a large occupier in the parish of Langham, emigrated to America in 1826. In his new home he amassed considerable wealth and died there. His eldest son Mr Richard Sharpe sent £200 from America to be applied to restoration of the parish church.
- 1872 May 25th LANGHAM CHURCH RESTORATION - All who are interested in Church restorations, and especially in that of the beautiful Parish Church of Langham, which has few equals in the villages of England, will be glad to know that there is now a fair prospect of the work being done.
- Some of the oldest inhabitants of Langham will remember that Mr Richard Sharpe, previously a large occupier in the parish, emigrated to America in 1826, and settled there with his wife and two sons, born in Langham.
- In his new home he amassed considerable wealth, and died there (as recorded on his first wife's tombstone in Langham churchyard) in September 1836. The inscription was placed on the stone by his eldest son, Mr Richard Sharpe, who visited the grave of his mother and the old home of his boyhood and family, in 1868; and in remembrance of his connection with the place, and from a desire that the church should be restored and be better suited for the solemn ordinances of holy worship, he has lately sent £200, entrusting it to the care of his relative, Mr Thomas Swingler, to be applied to that purpose. This offer was duly laid before the parishioners at their late Vestry meeting, and it remains now to determine how best it can be met, and the work done.
- The Vestry unanimously resolved – *“That their best thanks and acknowledgements be given to Mr Sharpe for his very liberal offer, and that measures be taken by all the offices and friends of the Church to ascertain the feeling of the parishioners and neighbourhood towards commencing a general subscription for the same purpose.”* And, in accordance with this resolution, no time will be lost by the Vicar and Churchwardens, and all those friends who are desirous of promoting so good an object.
- 1872 Dec 18th AGISTMENT for HORSES taken in Langham Cow Pastures for 6weeks, at 1/- per head and payable in advance with plenty of Keep and Water and Attendance provided. Apply Charles Hubbard, cattle dealer.
- 1873 Aug 8th Langham Church Restoration committee, consisting of the following noblemen and gentlemen, have been appointed the vestry of Langham for the purpose of carrying out the restoration of this parish church : The Earl of Lonsdale, the Marquis Exeter, Lord Aveland, the Hon. G.J. Noel, M.P., G.H. Finch, Esq., M.P., the Rev. J.H. Fludyer, the Rev Chancellor Wales, the Rev. Thomas Yard, the Rev. Mould (Vicar), the Rev. E.L. Home, the Rev. F. Sutton, the Rev. H.C. Johnston, Mr. T Swingler, Mr. T. Chapman. Mr. W.B. Sharrad, Mr. J.H. Rudkin, Mr. John Hubbard, Mr. John Smith. Mr. J. Williamson, jun., and Mr. Joseph Goodacre. This church is remarkable for its handsome exterior and beautiful steeple, and few village churches in England are so imposing in appearance and beautiful architecture. It will remembered that Mr. Sharpe, a native of the village, but now settled in North America, contributed some time ago towards its restoration ; the Earl of Lonsdale has also contributed £1000 towards the same object, and other subscriptions amounting to £225 have been promised. The sum required for the necessary repairs, re-building, and restoration has been roughly estimated by the architect at £2500, but to do all that is required will necessitate more. Every part of it requires restoration, and it proposed to restore its several parts as far as funds will allow. It hoped that the contract will be taken before the winter, so that the works may commenced early next year.
- 1878 Sep 13th Thomas William infant son of Mr. Isaac Eades. Schoolmaster—on the 4th inst., Jane widow of Mr. John Prideaux, grazier, aged 81
- 1881 Jan 7th Auction - Mr. C. Johnson of Langham (who has given up farming). 2 mares, Agricultural implements, Household furniture.

- 1881 Jan 28th** Death on Jan 20th - John Sewell the Cottage, 70.
- 1881 Feb 25th** Summons Oakham court February 17th - Hubbard(W) butcher, Langham v Turner(A) draper, Oakham Claim £4 for meat. Judgement for defendant with costs.
- 1881 Mar 4th** Situations wanted: By respectable young man, seven years at the trade, a situation as Butcher. Apply A.B. Mr. Wright's Butcher, Langham.
- 1881 Mar 11th** Oakham Petty Sessions March 7th - Joel Shuttlewood of Langham, grazier, summoned for non-payment of poor rates. - Settled.
- 1881 Apr 8th** Oakham Petty Sessions - Thomas Thorpe, Alfred Halbud, Labourers; John Sharman, farmer; Wm Hood, butcher; John Bailey. Charged with keeping dogs without licences. - To pay costs. Ellen Thorpe, charged with stealing money from Horse & Groom Inn Barleythorpe on 15th and 17th March. - Committed for 14 days hard Labour.
- 1881 Apr 22nd** Mr. H. W. Boys elected Guardian of the poor for Langham.
- 1881 Jun 6th** Oakham Petty Sessions  
Richard Williamson, butcher, fined £5 for indecently exposing his person on April 20th.
- 1881 Jun 12th** Anniversary Sermons at the Baptist Sabbath School at Langham preached by Mr. J.V.T of Wisbech. The congregation was good and a collection was made on behalf of the school funds to nearly £5.
- 1881 Jun 14th** Auction under the Will of Mr. J Hubbard at the Noel Arms Inn.  
 Lot 1 Dwelling House with Garden and Appurtenances occupied by Mr. C. Hubbard.  
 Lot 2 Dwelling House with Blacksmith Shop and Garden and the cottage adjoining in the tenancy of W. Sewell and John Boyfield.  
 Lot 3 Parcel of Grassland containing 1a, 1r, 27p situated in a field of the Earl of Gainsborough on the road leading from Langham to Cold Overton.  
 Lot 4 Parcel of Grassland containing 1a, 0r, 22p similar to Lot3
- 1881 Jun 24th** To be sold by auction on Monday 27th June at the Noel Arms at 5 - 6 o'clock the following freehold and Copyhold Estate of the late Mr. J Hubbard.  
 Lots 1 to 4 as above.  
 Lot 2 is Copyhold of the manor of Langham, the remainder of the property is freehold.
- 1881 Jul 8th** Cricket  
Oakham Institute (2nd Eleven) v Langham played at Langham 4th July; Scores Holland 2-6, Smith 1-0, Almond 0-6, Sharrard 8-0, Read 3-2, Sewell 0-3, Daniel 4-9, Pemberton 5-4, Boys 0-0 (not out), Faulks 2 (not out)-0, Bailey 0-0. Extras 3-12. Langham total 28-42 - Oakham total 164.
- 1881 Aug 12th** Rutland Small Allotment System 52nd annual examination on the Earl of Gainsborough estate. Langham - 1st John Harris, 2nd C. Williamson, 3rd Thos. Clarke, highly commended John Faulkes.  
Situations Wanted  
By a tradesman's daughter as Milliner's help. Can Cut and Make Children's Clothes, willing to make herself generally useful. A year and a half's good character. Aged 18. Address care of Mr. Betts Langham.
- 1881 Aug 19th** Sudden death of the Earl of Gainsborough.
- 1881 Sept 2nd** Langham Lodge near Oakham  
Messrs Royce are favoured with instruction from the executrix of the late Mr. C. Chapman to sell by auction on Thursday September 29th 1881 upon the farm of Langham Lodge the whole of the valuable Live and Dead Farming Stock, further particulars of which will be duly announced.
- 1881 Sept 9th** Langham Lodge updated.  
Auction on Wednesday September 28th - 426 Longwool Sheep, 60 Short-horn Beasts, 16 Cart Horses and Agricultural Implements and Carriages.

**1881 Sept 16th** Final listing Langham Lodge.

396 Good and well-descended SHEEP viz. 130 tuppung ewes, 57 tuppung teaves 52 shearling wethers, 115 wethers & ewe lambs and 42 half-bred lambs. 60 home bred Short-horn BEASTS viz. 4 fat cows, 2 fat heifers, 5 in-calf cows (2 in profit & 3 near calving), 3 barren cows in profit 3 in-calf heifer, 4 two and half year old steers, 8 two year old steers, 7 two year old heifers, 3 one and half year old steers, 5 one and half year old heifers, 6 yearling steers, 4 yearling heifers and 6 rearing calves.

10 very superior cart HORSES viz:

Lot 1	Black Mare (Blossom) 9 years old
Lot 2	Black Mare (Bright) 6 years old
Lot 3	Black Mare (Bonny) 6 years old
Lot 4	Brown Mare (Brown) 9 years old
Lot 5	Bay Horse (Captain)
Lot 6	Two year old Colt (Banker)
Lot 7	Two year old Colt (Boxer)
Lot 8	Very promising Filly Foal
Lot 9	Very promising Filly Foal
Lot 10	Very promising Colt Foal

An excellent Dog Cart by Gold Bros Windsor (nearly new) with lamps complete

**1881 Sep 16th** A capital Gig; 2 Riding Saddles; 2 Horse Rugs and Bridle.

All the modern Agricultural IMPLEMENTS, CARRIAGES and MACHINES suitable for a large occupation.

The Auction directs attention of Farmers and Graziers to the sale the SHEEP which are descended from the best Lincolnshire flocks are large framed and full of wool, the BEASTS are principally home-bred and good colours, the HORSES are powerful very active and have excellent characters, the mares especially being worthy the attention of breeders, the implements by the best makes and the whole will be sold without the slightest reserve.

**1881 Sep 23rd** To be sold by Auction Wednesday 12th Oct 1881 at Crown Hotel Oakham at 5 for 6 o'clock.

The following valuable FREEHOLD & COPYHOLD ESTATES

Lot 13 All that stone built Messuage or Tenement and Appurtenances with large Garden situate in Langham in the occupation of James Glenn at the annual rental of £4. Lot 13 is Copyhold of the Manor of Langham.

**1881 Oct 7th** Auction on Monday October 17th upon land in occupation of Mr. J. Cooper near the bridge on the road leading from Oakham to Ashwell. 16 Home bred BEASTS viz. 4 meated steers, 6 two year old steers, 6 two year old heifers; 3 valuable Nag HORSES viz. grey horse 5 years old (quiet to ride and drive), bay colt 2 years old (has been broken), yearling filly; capital GIG, Set of Harness, quantity of posts, bars etc; 37 Acres GRASS KEEPING with 13 tons HAY until April 6th 1882. Conditional credit will be given for the Keeping. Sale commences at four o'clock.

Repeat of Auction details for Oct 12th Lot 13.

**1881 Oct 14th** Death Oct 5th William Sharrard 96.

Repeat Auction notice for Oct 17th.

Sermons on behalf of Primitive Methodist Missions were preached at ? on Sunday ? at Langham by Mr. J. Clements.

On Wednesday evening the following property was sold by auction Lot 13 a messuage and tenement at Langham was knocked down to Mr. C. Johnson for £5.

**1881 Oct 28th** Auction on Thursday November 3rd upon the farm and premises of Mr. George BETTS at Langham (under a distress for rent). 3 valuable CART HORSES viz:

Lot 1	Black cart mare 7 years old,
Lot 2	Bay mare, Lot 3 Bay horse; In-calf COW; Cow in profit; two years old steer; capital DONKEY with panniers; 2 SOWS and 21 PIGS. A varied assortment of modern Agricultural IMPLEMENTS. Carriage and Machines in excellent condition. The CORN in the Straw, comprising 15½ Acres of Wheat, 12 Acres of Barley, 8 Acres of Beans, 6 Acres of Oats and about 25 Couples of Fowls.

1881 Nov 1st Langham to LET.

A HOUSE and BAKE HOUSE with flour and drying chambers, newly built Piggery's and half an acre of rich Gardens where a good trade may be carried on, with immediate possession.

1881 Nov 15th Rutland Agricultural Society 51st Christmas Show. (Langham prize winners)

#### Cattle Fat Stock

Class 5 Heifers not exceeding 4 years, £3 to Mr. T. Swingler.

#### Cattle Breeding

Class 7 Cows above 3 years in milk or in calf, £5 to Mr. Joseph Woods.

Class 8 Heifers above 2 and not exceeding 3 years old in milk or in calf bred within the district, £5 to Mr. Thomas Swingler.

Class 13 Cows in milk that have calved within nine months of showing, £5 to Mr. Joe Harris and £2 to Mr. Wm. Almond.

#### Pigs

Class 25 Fat pigs under 13 months old £3 to Mr. Joseph Harris

Class 27 Fat pigs of any weight property of tenant occupiers of not more than 30 acres of land in the district, £1 to Mr. John Harris

#### Horses

Class 34 Ponies not exceeding 13½ hands in riding order, £3 (by the town and trade of Oakham) to Mr. J. Bailey.

#### Poultry

Class 46 Game hens, £1 10s to Mr. W Almond.

#### Shepherds and Labourers

Class 1 Shepherds for passing the greatest proportion of lambs from not less than four score ewes

£1 to John Pect with Mr. Swingler

10s to John Watkin shepherd to the late Mr. C Chapman Langham Lodge.

1881 Dec 9th To be sold by AUCTION on Thurs Dec 22nd 1881 at Crown Inn, Oakham at 3 o'clock.

All that well-built of Stone and Slated Residence well suited for a Hunting Box containing entrance hall, large drawing & dining rooms with large windows, 6 principal and servants bedrooms, water closet, kitchen, scullery, pantry, cellar & other offices with tastefully laid out Flower and well planted Kitchen Gardens, also Coach house and Saddle room with rooms over. Stabling for 3 horses and granary over. Range of Brick & Tile Buildings easily converted into stabling for 8 horses; together with a Close. Pasture Land containing about 2 acres, the whole in the village of Langham in the occupation of Mr. Berridge the owner.

The house is in excellent state of repair and will make a good hunting box being within 1 mile of Barleythorpe kennels and easy reach of two other packs of hounds and ample stabling could be made from the existing buildings at a small cost or it is well adapted to the residence of a gentleman wishing to educate his family at the excellent school of Oakham where there are several exhibitions.

1882 Jan 3rd Rutland. The Christmas Bounty of the Earl of Gainsborough :-

His Lordship with the usual nobleness of character, which is beyond all praise, caused to be distributed by Mr Walton to the poor people and tradesmen of Exton on Christmas eve the second prize cow shown at Oakham cattle exhibition in class three and weighing 100 stones, a prize Scotch bullock of 50st , 60st of fine wheat flour, 300lbs of plums and 100 gallons of the best ale from his Lordship's cellars. It was the noble Earl's wish that every poor person in Exton should have a good dinner of roast beef and plum pudding, the tradesmen had beef only. Lady Gainsborough likewise gave away to every necessitous person blankets, bedding and clothing and in the winter months throughout the year to all the villagers soup twice a week. The same noble benefactress had distributed to the poor persons and widows of Langham, to the number of 42, a prime piece of beef and 3cwt of best hard coal. Other members of that good house gave the poor money, so that in every respect to the wants of this life they might enjoy the festive season.

Mr Baker, of the Langham brewery, totally suspended business on Monday the 23rd Inst. On the occasion of the funeral of the Prince Consort. On the following day 65 families were supplied with a prime piece of beef for their Christmas dinner by his request

Mr Lowther, of Barleythorpe, has this week given away to every poor person in the village a piece of beef or mutton, whichever they might prefer, of the best quality and in quantity according to the largeness of the family. Such generosity needs no comment.

1882 Jan 17th Noted that on Oct 22nd 1861 amongst judges of stock at the Agricultural Fete in Exton Park, the seat of Colonel Noel, was Mr Rudkin of Langham.

- 1882 Mar 10th** HORSEKEEPER. - At Lady day a Married Man on Lodge Farm, with working lad preferred. Must be able to plough, drill, and stack well. - Apply, with character from last employer, to Berridge, Langham, near Oakham.
- 1882 May** Augustin Styles of Langham, a common brewer under the style of Boys and Styles has filed a petition for liquidation of his affairs liable to exceed £10,000.
- 1882 May 2nd** Rutland Churches No. 20 - Little Casterton
- 1882 May 16th** Langham Brewery, Oakham. Edward George Baker begs to inform his kind customers that he is now delivering his splendid ALES and STOUT PORTERS of the October brewing either direct from the Brewery or from his Stores at High St. Oakham or from his Stores, White Hart Hotel, Sheep St, Rugby. All orders sent by couriers or letters punctually attended to.  
Rutland Churches No. 21 - Essendine
- 1882 May 23rd** Rutland Churches No. 22 - Tickencote
- 1882 May 30th** Rutland Churches No. 23 - Pickworth
- 1882 Jun 6th** Rutland Churches No. 24 - Clipsham
- 1882 Jul** This morning a balloon was seen passing over Oakham in a north north eastern direction. The balloon had started from the Royal Observatory at Wolverhampton on scientific investigations and made a safe landing at Langham. In the rapid descent the two gentlemen were much shaken on meeting the ground. The highest height obtained was five miles. The instruments were much broken. [Coxwood & Glaisure landed in Langham Parish]
- 1882 Jul 5th** Oakham, Rutland. - To be sold by Auction by Mr T. Shuttlewood.  
On Monday 8th July 1861 upon land situate on the Barleythorpe road near Oakham, the property of the Rev. H. Finch. - About 6 acres of Meadow Grass, to be taken off the land, which is of first rate quality, and an excellent crop. Two months credit will be given upon approved security. Sale to commence at three o'clock in the afternoon.
- 1882 Jul 12th** Rutland Assizes. Misdemeanour at Oakham - Eliza Sharpe, 17, servant, pleaded guilty of concealing the birth of her male illegitimate child on the 24th of November, and was sentenced to three weeks in prison.  
The facts of the case are these:- On the 28th of March last some men were employed by Mr Keal, surgeon, of Oakham to clean out a privy vault and while they were doing so they discovered the body of a child. The circumstance was reported to the police and suspicion falling on the servant girls in Mr Keal's employ, they were examined but nothing could be ascertained, and both girls denied having been delivered of a child. The body was examined and it was believed the child had been in the vault for some time. From what afterwards transpired suspicion strongly attached to servant Sharpe, and she was further examined by Mr Turner, a surgeon of Oakham. The result was that he was quite confident that she had been the mother of a child. He told her of his opinion, and said "it was of no use her denying it, for it would answer no purpose, and would make the case no better for her".
- 1882 Jul 12th** The girl then began to cry, and from questions put by the surgeon she admitted having been delivered about Martlemass, and put the infant down the vault. She said she never heard it cry, nor saw it move; and no marks were found on the body to indicate that it had been murdered. In passing sentence the Judge strongly condemned the way in which the confession had been drawn from the girl, and said that a conversation so extorted was not according to the law; he hoped the hint would be a warning for the future to the gentleman, who, no doubt, was not acquainted with the law.
- 1882 Aug 15th** Died at Langham on the 9th inst., of phthisis, Sarah, widow of Wm. Roe, cottager, Age 51.  
On Thursday the 7th the Earl of Gainsborough entertained his tenants, numbering 300 on the Rutland, Leicester and Nottingham Estates, to a dinner at Exton. A spacious marquee was erected near the Old Hall for the occasion. The repast was a most sumptuous one and consisted of fish, venison, roast beef, lamb, veal and ham, chicken and tongue, duck, etc. ; in fact all the delicacies of the season. The wines were excellent. The morning was wet and damp and in consequence the noble Earl did not dine, but immediately after dinner his lordship came and took the chair. Being in his 81st year he well deserved it... vice-presidents were Mr W.H. Baker of Cottesmore, Mr Wortley of Ridlington and Mr J. Swinger of Langham.

- 1882 Aug 15th** Cricket - Cottesmore and Langham  
The conquering match, (each club have previously won 1 match), was played at the former place on the 9th inst.. (Owing to there not being time) the game was decided on the first innings in favour of Cottesmore. Cottesmore 106, Langham 76, - C. Stafford 3, H. Mott 4, C. Almond 0, W. Thorpe (not out) 13, Major Freer 9, S. Meadows 2, W. Clarke 1, E. Cunnington 16, W. Almond 0, J. Hubbard 5, Byes 12.
- 1882 Aug 22nd** Rutland Churches No. 26 - Langham
- 1882 Aug 29th** Rutland Churches No. 27 - Whissendine
- 1882 Sep 19th** Langham Rutland 60 SHEEP, 23 BEASTS, 4 HORSES, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS &c. D.S. Royce respectfully announces that he has received instructions to SELL by AUCTION on Wednesday the 1st day of October 1862 upon the farm and premises of the late Mrs HOULDEN at Langham, 60 superior SHEEP, 23 fat and store BEASTS and 4 valuable HORSES. Also the capital Agricultural IMPLEMENTS, Dairy Utensils &c. Further details in next weeks paper and by cards.
- 1882 Sep 26th** County of Rutland. Notice is hereby given that JOHN BALGUY Esq. of the Middle Temple, Barrister in Law, being the Barrister appointed to REVIEW the LISTS of VOTERS in the Election of Knights of the Shire for the County of Rutland, will make a CIRCUIT of the said County and hold Courts for the purpose of Revision of said Lists of Voters at the times and places following, viz. At the CASTLE of OAKHAM on Thursday the 9th day of October next at Two o'clock in the Afternoon for the parishes or places of Ashwell, Brook... Langham, Leighfield, Oakham Lord's Hold, Oakham Dean's Hold with Barleythorpe... Teigh... Whissendine.  
NB... Overseers of each Parish must attend with all documents... or may be fined a sum not exceeding five pounds and not less than twenty shillings.
- 1883 Jan 5th** Death on Jan 1st, Rt Spencer, Son of Mr Almond, 4yrs.  
Session Reports Rutland - Oakham Jan 4th Before K.W. Conant (Chairman), W Wing, G.C.J Orme, R Tryan and J Hunt Esqs. and the Hon. WC Evans-Freke. The Court was at 10 o'clock but owing to the want of a Magistrate the business was not commenced until shortly before 11am.  
William Hutchins alias William Hill, 32, painter, was indicted for stealing a mare, the property of Harriet Hayes at Langham, on the 23rd of September. The mare was missed from a field near Langham, and whilst inquires were being made after it, information was received by Chief Constable Keep at Oakham, that two men had been apprehended with a mare at Melton that morning with a mare in their possession which it was believed they had stolen. Mr Freckingham accompanied Mr Keep to Melton and identified the mare as that of Mrs Hayes which had been missed from the field. It was minus its tail. The two men with the mare were there-upon handed over to them, and the men were subsequently tried for stealing the animal, convicted and sentenced to imprisonment.  
The prisoner, who it was learnt was also concerned in the robbery made his escape at the time, and was not apprehended until November last, when he was taken into custody at Stony Stratford, and on the 20th handed over to Chief Constable Keep. Whilst in custody he admitted that through want he had been induced to join the other men in stealing the mare, and added that as they were entering Melton with the animal he saw a policeman coming towards them and made off. He now denied having taken part in stealing the mare, but did not deny being with the two men who had been convicted of the offence. Prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to two years hard labour, the CHAIRMAN remarking that horse stealing was a very serious offence and required severe punishment.
- 1883 Jan 19th** Death on Jan 12th Joseph Harris, 53.
- 1883 Feb 16th** Death on Feb 7th Ann, wife of Titus-Robinson, 59.
- 1883 Apr 6th** The sum of £14 5s 8d was during the past week remitted to the Baptist Missionary Society, being the amount collected during the past year by the friends at the Baptist chapel at Oakham and Langham.
- 1883 Apr 13th** Death on Apr 8th Joel Shuttlewood, 55.

- 1884 Jan 11th** Oakham Union Medical Club - Major General Chaplin of Langham has become an annual subscriber to the Medical club.
- 1884 Jan 18th** Rutland - Oakham Union. At the usual meeting on the 10th inst Mr W.C. Morris presided, and nine other Guardians present. Mr Tryon having reported that Mr Keal, medical officer for Oakham Union district, had neglected to attend before him according to appointment made with the relieving officer at the examination of Matthew Sharpe, of Langham, a lunatic who had attempted to commit suicide, and who was now confined in Leicester Asylum. (followed by explanation of why he hadn't attended)
- The Chase - The Cottesmore Hounds - at Eleven Saturday Jan 19th Langham.
- The 4th annual meeting of the Langham Band of Hope was held in the Baptist schoolroom on Tuesday and as in previous years was a great success. It was reported that 117 had signed the pledge in connection with the society since its commencement, twenty having signed during the previous twelve months.
- 1884 Jan 19th** Heavy gale caused structural damage and many deaths
- 1884 Feb 8th** Oakham (Rutland) Petty Sessions Feb 4th - Geo. Stimpson, of Langham, labourer, for being drunk and riotous at Langham on the 20th Jan was fined 10s.
- 1884 Feb 15th** Marriage Oakham - Feb 7th at the Registry office, Mr Chas. Johnson, formerly farmer, to Mrs Mary Ann Harris both of Langham.
- 1884 Feb 29th** Deaths Langham Feb 20th Elizabeth wife of Mr. Matthius Mantle, Farmer, in her 71st year.
- Oakham Union -: Attendance of elected Guardians at the 22 meetings of the Oakham board from 19th April 1883 to 21' Feb 1884. -; Langham, Geo. Chapman, 17;
- 1884 Mar 14th** The Baptist Chapel at Langham was well filled on Tuesday evening, when a service of song, entitled 'The Start in Life', was given in connection with the Band of Hope. The choir was composed of members of the Oakham Band of Hope under the leadership of Miss Smith, the connective readings being given by the Rev. C. B. Williams
- 1884 May 30th** On 22nd inst inquest held at the Black Horse Inn, Langham by coroner W. Keal Esq on the body of a new born female child of Alice Sharpe. Evidence of the birth given by Ann Sharpe her mother, Ann Walker, the nurse and Mr Jones, surgeon of Oakham who did the PM. Verdict - Natural Causes.
- 1884 Sep 5th** Oakham Petty sessions Sept 1st - Christopher Williamson of Langham, labourer, was summoned by Sarah A. Williamson, of the same place, for assaulting her on the 11th Aug . Fined 20s including costs.
- 1884 Sep 12th** On page 3 a column describing the Ordnance Survey and its method of distance calculation and accuracy
- Oakham Union ordinary meeting on 4th inst. Mr T. Swift reported that Mr Parry, the occupier of Langham Brewery, was about to have the drain from the brewery examined and the catch pit emptied, and that he had stated his willingness to do everything that was reasonable and necessary for the abatement of the nuisance caused by the sewer emptying into the Langham brook.
- 1884 Sep 19th** Deaths - Langham Sept 11th William Stimpson 75
- 1884 Oct 3rd** Deaths - Langham Sept 26th Mr David Burdett 33
- Oakham Rutland - Valuable freehold property to be sold by auction by Messrs Royce on Thursday Oct 9th 1884 at the George Hotel, Oakham at six for seven o'clock in the evening and under such conditions of sale as will be then and there produced.
- The following valuable freehold PROPERTY in LANGHAM
- Lot 1 All those two substantially-built stone Tenements with Appurtenances, situate in Langham aforesaid, in the occupation of C. Williamson and T. Clarke, together with large piece of Garden Ground at the back of same, the whole containing 2860 square yards (more or less) Annual rental £131.

**1884 Oct 17th** Oakham - The following property was sold by auction at the George Hotel Oakham by Messrs Royce on the 9th inst.

Lot 1 two messuages or tenements with pieces of garden ground, situate at Langham, near Oakham, was knocked down to Mr W. D. Rice for £1301.

**1884 Oct 24th** Oakham Union At this meeting of the Rutland Sanitary Authority the following is part of report involving sewers read by Dr Moore. - I also visited Langham and inspected the sewage fallout, and I am of opinion that it creates a nuisance injurious to health. It is also contrary to the Act to pollute a water course. Mr Chapman assured me that beasts and sheep which drank water from the brook below the outfall suffered from scour, and that he had lost two beasts from this cause. Several people complained of the smell. I am therefore of opinion that some steps should be taken to purify the sewage before discharging it into the brook. The chief amount comes from the Brewery, but a considerable amount is also contributed by the village. After hearing the report it was resolved that the parish officers be required to clean out Langham brook within seven days or in default the work will be carried out by the Sanitary Authority and the cost charged to the parish.

**1884 Oct 31st** Oakham - Rutland Agricultural Society - Class 3 - Mangel Worsel, not less than 3 acres. Prize value £3 (offered by Mr G. H. Finch Esq MP) to Mr Swingler Langham.

**1884 Nov 28th** Oakham - A meeting in support of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the National School room at Langham on Monday evening the 24th inst. The Chair was taken by the Rev M. Robinson and the Rev J. Thomas of Derby represented the parent Society. The Rev C.B. Williams of Oakham also spoke. It was reported that £7 15s 4d had been contributed during the year. The collection at the close of the meeting amounted to £ 1 0s 7d making a total of £8 15s 11d as the amount collected in Langham for the Society during the last 12 months.

The 54th Rutland Agricultural Society Exhibition was held on Wednesday and yesterday at Oakham and it was one of the best shows that we have seen in the county for many years...

In the breeding classes Mr Swingler of Langham gained the most coveted laurels. With Rosebud, which won so many 'seconds' at Oakham last year, he took first prize for the cow, above three years, in milk or in calf, Mr Eaton's champion prize for the best in nine classes and the Cottesmore Hunt prize for the best beast bred and fed in the Cottesmore district. Mr Swingler also secured the second prize for a heifer calf and the Stamford Spalding and Boston Banking Company's prize for the best breeding beast over two years old (beating Mr J.T. Bradshaw who was second with Benevolent). This animal of Mr Bradshaw's last year defeated Mr Swingler's cow and also won the Cottesmore Hunt prize.

Awards for CATTLE included -

Class 4 Highly coin Mr Thos. Swingler Langham

Class 5 £7 Mr T Swingler

Breeding Classes £10 to Mr Thos. Swingler Langham -

Class 11 £3 to Mr Thos. Swingler

Best Beast shown in class 8 £5 to Mr Thos. Swingler

Best Beast born and bred in the district of Cottesmore Hunt £10 to Mr Thos. Swingler

PIGS

Class 29 Fat Pigs of any weight property of tenant occupiers of not more than 30 acres in the district £2 to Mr Thos. Clarke Langham

HORSES

Class 32 Cart fillies under four years old bred within the district. High com Mr G. Chapman Langham Lodge

POULTRY

Class 8 Game Cocks any variety 5s to Mr W. Almond Langham

**1884 Dec 12th** Death Dec 4th Charlotte Thorpe 56.

**1885 Jan 23rd** Oakham Railway Accident - What is known as the "John Noble" night express from Bradford and Leeds to London on Saturday met with an extraordinary accident on the Midland railway near Ashwell. It seems that a wagon, laden with hay, was being taken across Bursnell's crossing when the wagon ran against a lamp post and stood fast on the line. It was only necessary to cut a stout rope to set the wagon free and clear the line but the waggoner refused to allow this to be done and prevented the crossing keeper using his knife to cut the rope. While the dispute was going on the express was heard approaching. The gatekeeper ran as fast as he could to stop the express by waving his red signal, but the driver failed to see it, the train dashed into the wagon at full speed, the wagon was broken into splinters and the great momentum fortunately threw

the debris clear of the line. The engine was considerably damaged but beyond being alarmed and shaken the passengers were uninjured.

**1885 Feb 6th** Oakham - On Tuesday, in a run with the Cottesmore hounds from Ranksboro' Gorse with a second fox, Mrs Blair, of Ashwell, in taking the second fence from the Oakham turnpike, was thrown, and her habit being caught by the crutch of the saddle, was dragged across the field and seriously hurt. Mrs Blair was removed to Mrs Gray's Lodge near Langham, and on recovering consciousness, about 4 o'clock, was conveyed home. At the same fence Mrs Candy fell; three fields further on the Marchioness Cholmondeley was also down, and at one fence beyond Miss Gosling and two other ladies were unhorsed, and all without injury.

Oakham (Rutland) Petty sessions Feb 2nd before E.N Conant Esq, the Right Hon G Noel, the Hon WC Evans Freke, Major Orne and G.H Finch, A.J Fludyer, R.Trynn and W Wing Esqus. Among the cases: Ann Johnson of Langham, for stealing a linen sheet on the 7th Jan, was committed for 21 days hard labour.

**1885 Feb 13th** Required - Housekeeper - Wanted immediately, a good working Housekeeper to a widower with five children — Apply C. Pape, blacksmith, Barleythorpe, Oakham.

**1885 Feb 27th** Oakham Union. - The Board meeting was held on the 19th inst; W Wing Esq in the chair and 12 other Guardians were present ...

Mr T. Swift reported three cases of Scarletina at Langham.

The attendances of elected Guardians at the 23 meetings of the Board from 17th April 1884 to 19th February 1885 included : Langham, Geo. Chapman 12.

**1885 Mar 13th** Oakham Union - The fortnightly meeting of the Board of Guardians was held on the 5th inst W. Wing Esq. presided and 12 other Guardians present.

At the meeting of the Rural Sanitary Authority Dr. Moore's annual report was read of which the following is a copy: During the past year the deaths of 207 persons was registered, of all ages and from all causes. The estimated population being 10929.

Infectious diseases: Six deaths were due to whooping cough, three occurring at Langham, one at Burley and two at Oakham.

**1885 Mar 27th** The annual meeting of the Langham Band of Hope was held on Monday evening in the Baptist school room. The members had tea at 5 o'clock, and in the evening a public meeting was held, the school room being well filled. The Rev C.B. Williams presided, and gave a report of the progress made during the year. Addresses were also given by Messrs. M. Hubbard and Kirkman of Sheffield. Dialogues, recitations and songs greatly added to the pleasure of the evening.

**1885 Apr 24th** Oakham Union - Appointment of guardians included Langham. Geo. Chapman

**1885 May 15th** The Rutland Liberal Association is this week showing a large degree of activity. Meetings are to be held on Thursday and Friday evenings, at Langham and Exton respectively, at which Mr. C. Buzzard Esq., Q.C., M.P., will speak.

**1885 May 22nd** Representation of Rutland - At Langham, on the 14th, a public meeting, convened by the Liberals, was held in a marquee on the green. Mr. White of Whissendine presided, and on the platform were Mr. Buzzard QC, MP for Stamford and the liberal candidate for Rutland at the next general election. A good attendance of Liberals and several Conservatives were also present.

The chairman having explained that Mr. Buzzard had been delayed in London but would arrive shortly, remarked that on the last occasion Langham was refractory. (Following was then a long report of the speech by Mr. Buzzard)

On Saturday evening a meeting in connection with the Rutland Conservative Association was held in the Rent room, Langham, and was well attended. An address was given by G. H. Finch Esq. M.P. and other gentlemen.

**1885 May 29th** Oakham - On Sunday the School anniversary sermons connected with the Baptist Chapel, Langham, were preached by Mr. J.F. Tyers of Wisbech. There were good congregations and collections were made in aid of the school funds.

- 1885 Jul 17th** Oakham Fatal Accident - On Saturday an inquest was held at the Odd House Inn, Oakham, touching the death of Charles Henry Potter, groom, who was thrown from a horse that morning, sustaining fatal injuries. - George Underwood, groom to Mr. Gosling, said the horse had been with them about two months, but he did not know anything about its character. In the stable it was quiet enough. Deceased had said sometimes it was a bit fresh. Deceased was a pretty fair rider. - George Welsh, clerk, said he was going from Langham bridge to the cross roads, when he saw deceased riding a horse towards Ashwell. The horse was very restive. John Smith was with the witness. When about 10yds from the cross roads witness heard a horse galloping, and saw the horse without it rider, who was lying on the road. Witness caught the horse and led it on towards the man, who, he believed, was dead, as he did not move. Daniel Fitzjohn lifted deceased up: there was blood on his nose. - The Jury returned a verdict of "accidental death".
- 1885 Aug 14th** Oakham - On the 5th inst the scholars in connection with the Baptist Chapel, Langham, celebrated their anniversary.
- Rutland Small Allotment System - The 56th annual examination on the Earl of Gainsborough's estate was made on Aug 4th/5th; The Judges (Mr Panter, Burley on the Hill, Mr Fowler, Exton and Mr Tidd, Cottesmore) made awards for eleven groups which included :-
- Langham:- 1st No 18 John Faulks; 2nd No15 Thomas Clarke; 3rd No 3 Christopher Williamson.
- The Champion prize was awarded to J Faulks, Langham.
- Field with field, for comparative merit and general management, awarded to Langham.
- 1885 Aug 21st** Death. Langham - Aug 13th, Emma widow of Robert Faulks, 65.
- 1885 Sep 11th** Oakham Petty sessions Sept 7th – Edw. Dalby of Langham, labourer, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly on the highway on the 9th ult. Fined 27s including costs.
- Jos. Waddington of Langham, waggoner, was summoned for riding without reigns on a highway at Barleythorpe on the 14th ult.
- 1885 Oct 2nd** Waggoner wanted. Must be good manager of horses and thoroughly understand all farm work. House and garden found. Apply to Mr Hubbard, malster, Langham, Oakham.
- 1885 Oct 9th** Death. Langham, Oct 4th Emma, daughter of the late Mr F. D. Smith. 28.
- 1885 Oct 30th** The Langham Primitive Methodist anniversary sermons were preached on Sunday by Mr W. Steadland, of Sewstern. On Monday there was a public tea followed by a public meeting at which addresses were given. The proceeds of the services were in aid of the trust funds.
- 1885 Nov 6th** Oakham Union. At a meeting of the Rural Sanitary Authority a letter from Dr Moore was read which included... At Langham I visited some cases of scarlet fever. The nuisance still continues in the brook below the outlet of the sewer, and the water was black and foul smelling for several yards. This is injurious to health and I trust your authority will take steps to abate the nuisance...
- 1885 Nov 20th** The annual meeting of the Langham branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the National School room at Langham on Monday evening. The chair was taken by the Rev J. Gill, curate, and the meeting was addressed by the Rev E.W. Wilson of Rothwell as deputation from the above society, and the Rev A. Piggot of Oakham (Baptist). Mr Hay of Ashwell, secretary to the local branch, read the report which was of a very favourable character. The proceeds of the year amount to over 9l.
- 1885 Nov 20** Oakham Union. The ordinary meeting was held on the 12th inst. Mr Swift reported two cases of scarlet fever at Mr Sewells, Langham.
- Langham near Oakham. To be sold by auction by Messrs Royce. On Wed the second day of December 1885 at the Noel's Arms Langham at six o'clock in the evening under such conditions as will then be then and there produced. The following valuable property:
- Lot 1 All that well built of Stone Dwelling house with good Garden and Appurtenances, situate in Langham aforesaid in the occupation of Frederick Sewell. Annual rent 6l.
  - Lot 2 All those two Stone-built messuages or tenements, situate in Langham, in the occupation of Ellen Thorpe and James Dalby. Annual rent 6l 5s.
- The property is Copyhold of the manor of Langham. To visit apply to the tenants and for further particulars to the Auctioneers Oakham or to Mr J. F. CARTMELL solicitor, Melton Mowbray.

- 1885 Dec 18th** Stamford Christmas Beef Show - There is this year again a large supply of prime meat. The following is a list of the animals slaughtered by the principal butchers (including) a fat calf fed by Mr Stafford of Langham.
- 1885 Dec 25th** On Monday evening a vocal and instrumental concert was given in the school-room Langham, in aid of the choir fund. There was a large attendance and the programme was excellently rendered. Several songs were encored.

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- 1886 Jan 29th** Deaths. Langham Jan 21st Mary Walker 81  
Langham near Oakham to be SOLD by AUCTION by Messrs Langley & Son on Monday next the first day of February:  
44 Elm 8 Ash 1 Sycamore and six Willow TIMBER TREES now felled and lying upon land at LANGHAM the property of Mr E. Hubbard; also 1000 FAGOTS and a quantity of HARDWOOD in lots close to the village. The company are requested to meet in Sharrads Home Close at one o'clock.
- 1886 Feb 26th** Oakham Union - Attendance of Guardians over past year included Mr G. Chapman, Langham, (14).
- 1886 Mar 5th** In connection with the Baptist Sunday School, Langham, a soiree was held on Monday. Over a hundred children and friends sat down to a bountiful tea in the school-room and afterwards an entertainment was given by the scholars, teachers, and friends, interspersed with addresses by the chairman (the Rev A. Pigot) and Mr Hubbard, jun, and Mr Laxton, jun. Despite the bad weather there was a large attendance.  
Oakham (Rutland) Petty Sessions.  
March 1st before E.N. Conent Esq, Major Orme, the Rt.Hon. G.J. Noel, A.J. Fludyn Esq. G.M. Fuch Esq., M.P. R. Tryon Esq. and J.W.H. Davenport-Handley Esq.  
Stephen Meadows, of Langham, Labourer, for neglecting to send his child to school, was fined 5s
- 1886 Apr 9th 1886** Oakham Draughts Tournament. - On Friday the tournament prizes were distributed by Mrs G. Baird of Langham.  
Oakham (Rutland) Petty Sessions April 5th: Thomas Shuttlewood, of Langham, butcher, was fined 15s including costs for keeping dogs without licences.
- 1886 Apr 23rd** Oakham Union - Guardians elected included - Langham, G. Chapman
- 1886 May 7th** Marriages: April 23rd at the Baptist Chapel John Werner, tailor, of Oakham, to Fanny daughter of William Stimpson, carpenter, of Langham.
- 1886 May 14th** Deaths - May 7th Jane Sewell, 76.
- 1886 Jun 11th** Oakham Petty Session June 7th before E N Conant esq., W. Wing esq., Major Orme G. H. Finch Esq. MP.  
Frank Williamson and Isaac Glenn, of Langham, labourers, for being drunk and riotous on 29th May were ordered to pay 6s each.
- 1886 Jul 2nd** Deaths - Langham June 29th , Charlotte widow of Joseph Adcock 78 years.
- 1886 Aug 6th** Rutland Horticultural Show - in class 11, Amateurs - Onions Autumn Sown 2nd G. Chapman, Langham
- 1886 Oct 1st** Rutland County rate proposed.  
Oakham Union:—
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|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| Ashwell           | £6121  | Barleythorpe       | £2499; |
| Burley            | £4076  | Cottesmore         | £3877  |
| Empingham         | £5446  | Essendine          | £7495  |
| Langham           | £6633  | Whissendine        | £7214  |
| Oakham Lords Hold | £10026 | Oakham Dean's Hold | £1417  |

- 1886 Oct 8th** Tenders:- For the creation of a residence with stabling etc. at Langham near Oakham:- H. Hollis, Cottesmore (accepted)
- 1886 Nov 26th** Rutland Agricultural Show  
Cattle  
Class 5 Steers under one year old (open to tenant farmers or cottagers) £3 to Mr W Almond, Langham.  
Pigs  
Class 29 Fat pigs of any weight the property of tenant occupiers more than 30 acres in the district, £2 (by the Earl of Gainsborough) to Mr C Williamson, Langham; and £1 (by ditto) to Mr W Williamson, Langham.  
Poultry  
Class 52 Hens or pullets any variety, red excepted: 5s to General Chaplin, Langham.
- 1886 Dec 3rd** Death on Nov 24, John Williamson 75
- 1886 Dec 17th** At Langham Baptist Chapel this week special services have been conducted by Mr Mitchell of the London Evangelical Society.
- 1886 Dec 24th** Death on Dec 14th Amy widow of Henry Sewell, 82.
- 1887 Jan 15th** Death on Jan 9th Thomas Riley, 81.
- 1887 Jan 21st** To be SOLD by AUCTION BY Messrs ROYCE. On Wednesday January 26th 1887 upon the premises of the late Mr John WILLIAMSON at Langham (by order of the Executors) 8 Home-bred Short horn BEASTS, 2 capital young PONIES, a Stack of prime well-got HAY, about 1 ton (to go oft). Sale to commence at Two o'clock Oakham.: and Stamford on Mondays and Fridays.
- 1887 Aug** Two impressive sermons were preached at the Wesleyan Chapel Langham by Mr Gibson of Melton Mowbray. The chapel being too small divine services were conducted in an orchard.
- 1890 Apl 25th** Extraordinary Suicide. — An inquest was held before W. Keal, Esq., coroner, at the Black Horse inn, Langham, on the 17th inst., on the body of Francis Hubbard Smith, dealer, aged 37. — Sarah Allen Smith identified the body her husband. On 2nd April he left her, and she did not know where he went to. - She asked him what was the matter. He said she should know by other people, not by him. The pocket-book produced contained his handwriting. — Henry Edgson, cottager, said 5:30 that morning as was going milking he met Mr. Sewell, who said, "I want you, for I believe there is a dead man the road". When they got to the spot they lifted deceased's head. Deceased lay with his face flat the ground and his walking stick underneath him. Witness said "It is Frank Smith," and sent the boy for the constable, and stopped till he came — Sergeant Wilson said: "This morning I received information that deceased was lying in the road leading from Oakham to Melton. I at once went, and found deceased lying with his face downwards. The hands were clenched and full of soil and grass. I searched the body, and in the breast-pocket found a pocket-book, in which was some writing, signed by deceased. There were besides a pocket-knife, 3d. in bronze, and a used up cheque book. I then went to a haystack about 150 yards off where someone had evidently been lying down. A man named Cox picked up in my presence bottle (produced), which contained sediment of blue colour. The bottle was empty and about two yards from the stack. I then brought deceased home," in the pocket-book was written:— I hope them that find me will read this at the inquest that will be held over body. That I have taken every penny back that I borrowed from Stephen Pochin and Thomas Vorle, residing at Leicester; and I further pray that these two men carry me to the grave, and if they refuse they both flogged till they go. Oh, my poor head! And after funeral these two men be hung, and their bodies burnt. I pray if they try to obtain my insurance money from my four boys—my mind, oh, it is gone. I hope no one will follow me to the grave, and that I buried in a corner to myself; and that no service be read over me—only for them to pray for the Lord to have mercy on soul. And I pray that the coroner send this to those two men for a warning for them not to send four fatherless boys to the grave. And I also pray that no one shall stand or stamp on my coffin. (Signed) Francis Smith, Langham, Oakham. Mr. Papillon, surgeon, said the contracted state of the deceased's

hands and the muscles of the neck suggested strychnine poisoning.—The jury returned a verdict of “suicide during temporary insanity.” (Signed) FRANCIS SMITH, Langham Oakham.

1891 Oct 23rd Elijah Sewell, age 21 of Langham fell from a tree 6 or 7 feet and fractured his spine. He was admitted to the Stamford Infirmary.

1892 Feb 25th ALLEGED ADVERTISING FRAUD. THE PRIZE SYSTEM. PROCEEDINGS AT ABERGAVENNY. At the Abergavenny police-court on Wednesday Col Wheeley presiding) James Royce, alias Pain 48 Lidford road, St Peter's park, London was brought up on remand with obtaining money by false pretences from Herbert Dunn, schoolmaster, Abergavenny. - Mr Iltyd Gardner again appeared for the prosecutor and Mr Luther Davis for the prisoner. The case had been adjourned for a week from the previous court so that further enquiries into the case could be made. Mr Gardner said that he had got a considerable amount of evidence together which would justify the Bench in committing prisoner for trial on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences and for obtaining money by fraud through a trick. He called George Herbert Dunn, who said he was a schoolmaster at Llanfoist and lived at Abergavenny. On 30th December last he saw an advertisement in Comic Cuts (produced) which stated prizes of £25, £10, £5 and twenty prizes of 10s each would be given to those who made the greatest number of words out of the word “Competition.” The entrance fee was 1s 6d, and competitions were to be sent to F Pain, 48, Lidford-road, St Peter's Park, London. A stamped addressed envelope was to be enclosed. The result would be sent a week later He (Mr Dunn) prepared 198 words out of the word “Competition, and forwarded the list, together with eighteen-penny stamps and a stamped-addressed envelope and post-card, in a registered letter to the address advertised. In the course of a post he received the post card (produced) stating that the dictionary which would be used in checking the list would be Webster's. He did not receive the result of the competition on the 12th of January, and on the 14th wrote to that effect to the prisoner, and enclosed another addressed envelope asking him to send the result by return of post. No notice being taken of that letter, he wrote on the 16th to the effect that unless he received the result on the Monday following he should take proceedings. On the following Tuesday he received a letter, signed by T. H. Knight, saying that he had been receiving letters for F. Pain and that he had gone away, and he had not seen him for a week, but as soon as he found out where he was he would let prosecutor know. That letter was in prisoner's own handwriting, and the postcard was written by prisoner's wife. He (Mr Dunn) subsequently took out a warrant.—Inspector Daniel Morgan, of the Metropolitan Police, said that on the 12th of this month he received a warrant for the arrest of a person described as F Pain and on the same evening he went to 48, Lidford-road, a small private house, and found that the accused occupied a room on the top floor as a living room. In answer to enquiries, he said he had been receiving letters for a person named F Pain. He afterwards made a statement which witness took down in writing and which was as follows “My name is James Royce, I am a butcher and am now out of employment. I know a man named Frank Pain, a butcher. He is called Charlie. We worked together at 47, Jermyn street about 2 years. About two months ago he asked me to receive letters for him, and I did so. I believe I had about 40 or more. I gave them to him in the street. He has called here a few times. My wife may have seen him. I do not know where he resides or where he works and I don't know where to find him or any of his relatives. The last time I heard of or from him was about six weeks ago. I never passed by the name of Pain. I had nothing for receiving the letters. I did not know what the letters referred to until he had the last, when he told me it was a competition. Pain never came further than the door. My father in law Mr Knight never acknowledged any post-cards or letters for Pain and I never sent one in connection with Pain's affairs.” He said the statement was true and signed it “James Royce” in witness presence. Witness then arrested him as F. Pain and took him to Harrow road police station. He made further enquiries the same night and told him that he had found that his story as regarded Pain was not true and that the correspondence carried on in the name of Pain was carried on by himself (Royce) his wife and brother in law T H Knight. In reply Royce said ‘I don't intend to stand to this, I will have my brother in law Tom, found. He is as bad as I am and got more out of it than I did. They have rounded on me, I thought it would come out. It is quite true what my

father in-law said.' There is no person named Pain in the affair. It was my wife's brother Tom." He said that in the presence of his wife the following morning. She said, "you must leave Tom out. He was in the house when the inspector called today and he has now absconded." Witness had seen them both write, produced specimens of their handwriting which he had compared and he thought that the letter signed by Knight was in the handwriting of the prisoner, and the postcard in that of the wife. He searched the house but found nothing relating to the charge.

Sergt Davies's evidence which was given last week was read over and confirmed by him – Mr Gardener submitted that there was sufficient prima facie evidence on which to commit the prisoner for trial. – Mr Davis applied for bail, and said that the accused father Mr Edwin Royce of Langham, Rutland, who was a highly respectable man and a guardian of the poor, was willing to act as surety. – After a retirement of about 10 minutes the Bench committed the prisoner for trial at the next Quarter Sessions in April next, bail being allowed, himself in the sum of £ 100 and his father in a similar sum. Prisoner, who is of gentlemanly appearance and about 25 years of age then left the dock and joined his wife and father who were in the court.

**1892 Aug 19th** – Butter making competition at the Agricultural Hall in connection with the dairying classes held at Ashwell, Greetham, Rhyall, N Luffenham, Belton, Uppingham and Oakham

The following were the successful competitors : — 1 Mrs. R. Oakham ; 2, Miss F. Herring, North Luffenham ; 3, Miss C. Marshall, Langham ; 4, Miss K. Sharman, Liddington. and Miss G. Teigh (equal); 5, Miss M. Easton, Oakham ; 6, Miss M. Langham, Miss V. Hind, Belmishthorpe, and Miss V. Jackson, Langham (equal). The whole of the class was also commended. The prizes were distributed at the close by Mrs. Finch, of Burley.

**1893 Feb 10th** Rutland Petty Sessions, Oakham - Feb 6th 1893 - Before Rt Hon GJ Noel, Hon L Lowther, R Heathcote, GF Rowley, R Tryon and JWH Davenport Handley Esq.

SELLING BREAD OTHERWISE THAN BY WEIGHT. – A number of cases were heard against Baker's selling bread otherwise than by weight, in all cases the bread being short. The results were as follows:—

George Brown, of Stamford, fined £2, including costs; Benjamin Steele, of Langham fined £1, including costs; Frances Mantle, Langham, ordered to pay costs 6s; Mary Ann Bown, Langham, fined 15s, including costs; Benjamin Ashwell, of Whissendine, fined £1, including costs; Daniel Fowler, South Luffenham, fined £1, including costs; William blood, Barleythorpe, ordered to pay costs 6s; Francis Whitehead, Oakham, fined £1, including costs; Thomas Mason, Braunston, ordered to pay costs 8s; William Todd, Stretton, ordered to pay costs 7s; Luke Rudkin, Empingham, ordered to pay costs 6s.

**1895 Jun 15th** DEATH OF A NATIVE OF LANGHAM IN AMERICA. – The Wilkes Barré Times, of Monday, April 22nd, contains the following account of the death, in that city, of Mr Richard Sharpe, a native of Langham, and a cousin of Mr Thomas Swingler, of Langham :— "Richard Sharpe, one of the old residents of the city, died at his residence 25, West River Street, at eleven o'clock last (Sunday) night, after an illness of about two months. In the death of Richard Sharpe, whose spirit passed peacefully to its eternal home on the evening of Sunday last, our community loses one of its most philanthropic and useful citizens. He was a son of Richard and Mary S Sharpe, and was born at Langham, Rutlandshire, England, on April 10, 1813. In the fall of 1826 he came to this country with his father, step-mother, and his brother William. In 1847 he was married to Sally Paterson, daughter of Thomas Patterson, of Londonderry, Ireland, and Mary Dennison, daughter of Col. Nathan Dennison, of this valley. Early called to labour for the support of those dear to him, his career has been characterised by unflinching fidelity, integrity, and persistent effort. The success achieved has been the result of those qualities of mind and heart which mark the Christian gentleman. For many years he has been prominently connected with the mining industry of the anthracite coal region. Among his partners have been Francis Weiss, George Belford, John Leiseuring, John Courtwright, and Asa Foster. At the time of his death he was the president of the Alden Coal Company. He was helpful in the establishment of all charitable institutions of this city and responded generously to many of the calls both at home and abroad for aid in missionary and Christian work.

Simple in his tastes, and humble in his walk with God, he preferred that his benefactions should not be made public. Baptised in infancy in the Church of England, he has for long years been a faithful communicant of the Protestant Church and was at the time of his decease one of the wardens of St Stephens Church in this city. The faith of his childhood faulted not amid the trials of a long and laborious life and sustained the departing spirit with the hope that maketh not ashamed. His departure is a coronation, not a defeat – a life perfected.” The funeral took place on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 24th, the interment being in the Hollenbach Cemetery. Mr Sharpe visited his cousin, Mr Swingler, at Langham, in 1868, and suggested at the time that his native Church should be restored, and soon after his return to America he forwarded £200 to Mr Swingler for that purpose, and £20 in addition for the pulpit.

- 1895 Jul 19th** Death at Stamford Infirmary, Philip Williamson, of Langham, 35
- 1898 Apl 1st** WILLIAM JOSEPH MANTLE, deceased. ALL Persons having any Claim or Demand on the Estate of WILLIAM JOSEPH MANTLE, late of Langham, in the county of Rutland, farmer and innkeeper, deceased, are requested send forthwith the particulars thereof to Mrs. S. Mantle, the Noels Arms Inn, Langham aforesaid, widow; and all persons indebted to the Estate of the said William Joseph Mantle are requested immediately to pay their debts to her. — By order, ADAM and SON, Oakham, March 1898.
- 1898 Apl 30th** LANGHAM Parish Council — the first meeting was held the National School, on Wednesday, April Col. John Fielden Brocklehurst was elected chairman, and Mr. Samuel vice chairman. Mr. Herbert Edward Hubbard and Mr. John Smith were unanimously appointed overseers. Mr. Edwin Thomas Marshall and Mr. John Smith were appointed trustees to the Charities. Mr. Almond was re-elected clerk to the Council for the year.
- 1899 Jul 28th** Marriage on July 16th at Northampton Leonard Royce, butcher of Langham, to Kate, third daughter of Wm Bex of Northampton.
- Oakham County Court before Judge Wightman Wood. Hubbard (C) cattle dealer, Langham, v Lewin (W) butcher, Oakham. Claim - £11 10s 11d balance of profit for cattle sold. Judgement for plaintiff for amount claimed.
- 1899 Aug 4th** Death on May 25th at Blackall, Queensland, William, eldest son of Robert Elmes of Langham, 30.
- 1900 Jan 5th** Oakham Police - Serious assault case - Frank Fisher, labourer, Langham, was charged with assaulting on the highway at Langham, Mrs Ninis, on Dec 18th. Complainant said on the 15th Dec she lost a canary and having heard that Fisher had found it she went to his house for it and his wife let her have the bird. On her way home she met the accused, who wanted the bird back again, saying it was his bird. She refused to let him have it, when he caught hold of her arm and tried to take it from her. He kicked at her and refuse to let her go.
- H. E. Wells, labourer, said on the evening of the above day he was in his house, and hearing someone scream he went out to see what was the matter. He found the accused had hold of the complainant and would not let her go and witness took hold of defendant by the throat and got him away.
- Rev. R. Ninis said about 7.40 he was in the schoolroom at Langham when his wife came into the room. Defendant was holding his wife by the arm. He pushed the man off her and threatened to knock him down if he did not let her alone.
- Defendant said he caught the bird in a wild state and took it home and wished to keep it until the rightful owner turned up and he told his wife to detain the bird until they had seen him. It was not his intention to assault Mrs Ninis and he was very sorry it had happened.
- The Bench considered it a most severe and disgraceful assault and sentenced Fisher to six weeks hard labour. Fisher was further charged with drunken and disorderly behaviour in the same evening on the highway at Langham and was sentenced to a further term of seven days hard labour.
- 1900 Feb 9th** Death on Feb 4th Maria Chamber 75
- 1900 Feb 16th** Noted - at convention of primitive Methodists the list included a representative from Langham.

The Evening Continuation School will open on Monday, October 15th, and will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in each week. It is intended for men, and for boys who are not compelled to attend the Day School.

Bible Society.—The annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the School-room on Tuesday evening last. There was a good attendance. The Rev. F. Baggallay, M.A., R.D., Vicar of the parish, took the chair. The meeting was addressed E. Bryant, late missionary in China, and he was listened to with interest.' Mr. Hay, secretary, gave the particulars of receipts and expenditure, from which it appeared that Langham was not behindhand in supporting this exceedingly useful Society.

A Langham Man's Experiences at the Front.— Mr. Edwin Royce, of Langham, has received the following letter from his son, Private Herbert Royce, written at Heilbron " You may think it hard of me for not writing before, but I have not had the least possible chance. I have not received letters or sent any away since April. We have been fighting more or less every day since then. We first went to Hoopstadt, then on Bothaville then to Kroonstadt, where they told us that the war was over. Two days later we had a fearful battle on June 1st, going on to Lindley, and were led within five hundred yards of the enemy, who poured a hail of bullets into us. We had to retire for about a thousand yards, and dismount, and fire until we drove them back, which lasted about three hours. We then advanced, but by this time they had occupied another ridge. We were then again led into another death-trap, where we lost several men. By this time it was dark, and we took the town. The next day we fought again, where I had my horse shot: the engagement lasted all day. That was the last day's fighting I had with Lord Methuen. Half of the Berks. Yeomanry then had to with General Paget as he was short of mounted men, so you could not tell by the papers where I was. We have been scattered all over the place. We then stayed at Lindley for three weeks. During that time we were shelled day and night, and almost starved, as we were completely surrounded. We had two biscuits day for about a fortnight, until reinforcements came and relieved us. We then drove them back to Bethlehem, which was hard fighting, for five days and nights. It is a wonder any of the mounted troops are alive. Shell after shell came in amongst us. but did not burst, besides heavy rifle fire. The next day we halted to give the horses rest, but the order came for us Berks to saddle up and the Australians and two guns to out eight miles out and mend the telegraph wire which had been cut. We got about seven miles, when they fired at us from a kopje. The officer in charge told us to dismount and fire. We then had to advance in a most fearful fire, under cover of the two big guns which were on our right flank. Out of the forty-five men that were sent eleven men had to hold horses, which left only three to advance. We got within six hundred yards of the kopie, when the officer told to fix bayonets and charge. We advanced again and got within two hundred yards, when the twelve men on my right-hand were shot down. I expected the same fate every minute. I lay down in a bunch of long grass and they ploughed the ground up around me with bullets. I remained there for about fifteen minutes, which seemed like hours, waiting for the order to advance and charge, but found that the officer had been shot. We were then a fix. In the meantime the two guns had come back again, which left us to the mercy of the Boers. They called to the rest of us for hands up, but we were not having any. The order was then sent up for us to retire which was no easy matter but we got up and back to our horses a mile away under a very heavy cross-fire. The next day the whole force marched and drove back into the mountains on the way to Senckal. We were then attached to General Hunter, and fought our way to Friesburg, where we re-captured the six hundred prisoners who were taken at Lindley. I was next attached to General Clements. A few days after that, we surrounded them, and surrendered with all his men. Two days afterwards we had go with General .Macdonald, when we surrounded another lot, and took two thousand prisoners. We then marched back to Bethlehem, half-way back to Kroustadt, where we were going to a fresh rig-out, but order came that to go to Heilbron. where the Boers were. We had one days fighting coming in. We have been here two days, and expect a battle every day, but I hear we are going to stay here for a week to give the horses and men a rest, and to get new clothes. The men are in a fearful plight: they are even riding on the saddle with their bare flesh. We have hardly got a rag to our back.

I thought when I wrote home last that I should have been in England by now, but may last for another three months: I shall think myself lucky if reach home by Christmas. If you have written a letter every week I shall have quite a bundle. I have been looking forward for a letter for a long time from you, but have been unable to get the letters up. We do not get any news whatever. It has been a frightfully cold winter: the blankets are white and stiff with frost every morning. Next month the rainy season starts. We have not slept under tent for the last four months. I hope they will try and get them up country before it starts. It is no fun sleeping out wet nights with only two blankets. I expect this time you are the middle of hay-making. The ploughed land out here has not been touched this year. I don't know what they are going do. One the Boer prisoners told me it would ruin half of them. I must now draw to a close, as they are going try and get a mail through to-day. I could write a book, if had time.

**1906 Apl 26th** LANGHAM NATIONAL SCHOOL, WANTED, a Temporary Assistant Teacher for Infants (and sewing). Duties to commence 30th April —Apply Secretary, County Education Offices, Oakham

**1914 Jan 2nd** The Cottesmore Hounds at 11 Tue 6th Langham

**1914 Jan 9th** PUBLIC COURTS RUTLAND - Oakham, Monday before Sir A.J. Flindyer Bart (chairman), Mr W. L. Sargent, Lieut-Col the Hon P. C. Evans Freke and Mr J. Royce - William T Lendrum, gentleman, Langham, was fined 15s for keeping a dog without a license on the Nov - PC Foyle proved the case.

**1916 Jan 7th** Whist Drive - A very successful whist drive organised by Mrs Watchorn of Barleythorpe was held on the 30th ult, in the institute when no less than 120 players competed for valuable prizes.

Winners :- Ladies — 1 Mrs A. Harris, 2 Mrs Parr, 3 Mrs Walter Mathews, 4 Mrs Geeson, 5 Miss Burton, Booby Miss Hilda Weston, Hidden number Mrs W Skillet. Gentlemen — 1 Mr G Ruddle, 2 Mr F Hickin, 3 Mr G E Steele, 4 Mr J Lee, Booby Mr J Watson, Hidden number Mr T Nourish. The proceeds were in aid of the Leicester Royal Infirmary and £8 10s has been forwarded to that institution.

**1916 Jan 14th** The secretary of the Leicester Infirmary has forwarded this week a copy of a resolution passed at a committee meeting held last week viz. "That a vote of thanks be conveyed to Mrs Watchorn, the organiser of the recent whist drive at Langham in aid of the funds of the Infirmary, for her valuable effort for the Institution, and that she be asked to convey to all those who are associated with her in the effort, the acknowledgement of the committee for their interest."

Collections were made at both services in the Baptist chapel for the Leicester Royal Infirmary on Sunday Jan 2' when the sum of two guineas was realized and forwarded.

SCHOOL TREAT. The annual children's treat was held in the Baptist school room on Thursday evening last week. A tea was given, and the prizes were presented by the Rev. Paul Shipley. A very enjoyable evening was spent in games etc.

SUPPER — The annual church choir supper, to which were invited the ringers, church wardens, sidesmen, and all church workers was held at the Noel Arms on Friday evening. The Vicar presided, Mr Owen Smith, the Vicars warden occupying the vice-chair. An excellent spread was provided by Host and Hostess Simmons. Numerous toasts were proposed. The company then adjourning to the Institute, where dancing and games were indulged in. Refreshments were provided. Sergt. R. G. Isaac successfully arranging everything. Mr A. Barnett officiating at the piano.

**1916 Jan 21st** THE CHASE, THE COTTESMORE Saturday's was Green's Lodge, more familiarly known as the Noel Arms. An outlier was chopped near America Spinney, and another was pushed away over the Langham big pastures into Orton Park Wood, through Lady Wood and over the Leicester and Braunstone road, towards Launde Wood, round to Ouston Big Wood, where a brilliant 45 minutes ended in a kill. Ranksborough Gorse provided the material for a sharp spin round by Langham and Barleythorpe to the outskirts of Oakham, where they were beaten after a nice 25 minutes.

- 1916 Feb 24th** WAR TIME NOTES FOR FARMERS - public meeting to be held in Northampton on Saturday March 4th to support the movement for employment of women on the land. Lord Selborne. President of the Board of Agriculture, Northamptonshire farmers will be eager to hear what he has to say on the subject of women as farm workers.
- 1916 Mar 3rd** Bible Society — the annual meeting of the local branch was addressed by the Rev W. A. Mandall and the Rev L. E. Nickerson, vicar of Renhold, Bedford. The hon. sec. (Mr R Hedley) announced that subscriptions during the past year amounted to £5 6s 4½d.
- VEGETABLE SHOW — It has been decided to hold another show in August, and it is hoped all the competitors will give their exhibits to Leicester Infirmary.
- 1916 Mar 10th** Account of two Zeppelin raids over Rutland page three.
- 1916 Mar 17th** OAKHAM POUND DAY AT THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL - "Pound Day" was held on Saturday last, and proved a great success. Usually held in alternate years, it was postponed last year on account of the war, but the gratifying response which the the appeal of the committee met with on the present occasion fully justified its resuscitation. £22 10s in cash was received (which included several pounds weight in copper); also 240 eggs, three sacks of potatoes, 5lbs of tea, 12lbs of butter and quantities of vegetables and fruit, provisions, and household requisites. Contributions were received from Ashwell, Barleythorpe, Braunstone, Brooke, Burley, Cold Overton, Cottesmore, Exton, Eggleton, Edmonthorpe, Halleton, Langham, Lyndon, Manton, Ridlington, Teigh, Wymondon, Whissendine, Whitwell and Wing, as well as Uppingham and Oakham. The committee desire to specially thank the ladies who canvassed the villages and all who contributed.

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