

Extracts from the

Rutland & Stamford Mercury

For the years

*1732-67, 1801, 16, 17, 31, 41, 47-51, 55, 59-62, 81, 83-7 & 99
1900, 1914 & 1916*

with

Langham News in black type, Rutland & National News in grey type

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Howgrave's Stamford Mercury 1732 - 1767

Some extracts referring to Langham

- Feb 15th 1732** 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 27th 1733** Sheriff of Rutlandshire appointed William Fowler Esq.
- Jul 28th 1737** 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.
- Apr 27th 1738** 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]
- Apr 1739** [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.]
- Jan 1740** [Severe frost, many deaths on Thames as boats damaged and capsized by large ice. Also river Severn frozen over.]
- Aug 21st 1740** 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.
- Sep 18th 1740** [Several large Pike were stolen from Lord Gainsboro's Exton Park pond. Reward for information 10 guineas]
- Nov 8th 1740** [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.]
- Dec 8th 1740** Breakout from Oakham Goal - William Morris (horse stealing), Robert Wilkinson (house breaking). Reward five guineas for two or two guineas for one.
- Apr 30th 1741** 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.
- Jun 4th 1741** 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).

July 2nd 1741

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.

Dec 9th 1743

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.

Jan 19th 1744

Appointment of Sheriffs for the year ensuing ::

Rutlandshire Henry Skill Esq. --- Dead (!)

Two other counties similarly!

May 24th 1744

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.

Nov 29th 1744

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.

Oct 7th 1745

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]

Oct 17th 1745 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.

Oct 10th 1754

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

Jan 29th 1767

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.

Feb 4th 1767

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.

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Aug Oakham Man and woman from Clipsham executed for stealing a sheep.

Stamford Mercury 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.

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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 Guttridge	0	b. by Hinman	1
Sewell - b. by Guttridge	5	b. by Guttridge	1
Davis sen. c. by H Chambers	3	b. by Guttridge	5
Faulks - run out	1	b. by Hinman	0
Rudkin - b. by Wm. Hinman	1	b. by Guttridge	0
Almond - b. Guttridge	3	b. by Hinman	8
Hubbard - b. Wm. Hinman	0	c. by Webster	0
Speed - b. by Wm. Hinman	0	b. by Guttridge	5
Hubbard Wm. - b. by Guttridge	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
Guttridge - 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

Stamford Mercury 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

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Jan 15th

Record of frosts in a Rutland village:-

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

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)

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

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).

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.

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.

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.

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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".

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. - Stamford Mercury.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- Apr 30th** Died at Langham on Sunday last Mrs Fabling, widow of W.Fabling Esq of Stapleford, advanced in years.
- Jun 11th** Died at Langham on 2nd inst Wm Smith, Gent, aged 60.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

Oct 22nd

Oakham Wharf To be SOLD by AUCTION by D S Royce Amongst various builders items is 'blocks of Mansfield and Langham stone'

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)

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.

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

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 Geo Steel and disposed of in consequence of his having finished his contract.

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- Jan 7th* Cottesmore Hunt Meet on Friday Jan 14th at Langham
- Jan 14th* Died at Langham on Tuesday, Tho. Cunnington Labourer aged 44
- Jan 21st* Died at Barleythorpe Hall on the 15th Margaret Sampson, laundry maid, of consumption; aged 32
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Jun 23rd* 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.
- Jul 7th* Died at Langham on the 24th ult. Mary wife of Hy. Beaver labourer aged 74
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Oct 20th* Died at Langham on Saturday last Mrs Mary Smith, widow aged 87.
- 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.

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.

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.

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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 Cobley 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 3 years 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).

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- Jan* Cottesmore Hounds meet in Langham
Fri Jan 11th at eleven
Fri Jan 25th
Fri Feb 1st
Fri Mar 9th
- 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
- 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".

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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.

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.

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	

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

Sept 19th 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.

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.

Oct 3rd

Repeat of above sale notice. - Repeat of above 'to Let' notice.

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.

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

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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.

Jun 15th 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 unflinching 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.

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.

Jun 22nd 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.

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.

Jun 29th

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 numerous and deeply interesting. To the credit of the voluntary principle, the total receipts exceeded £138 in addition to nearly £150 previously contributed.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Nov 18th

The Chase - The Suffolk Hounds Tues 22nd Langham Hall

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.

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- 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- Apl 13th** Note about a new locomotive for the Great Northern Co. reducing the London to York time from 5Hrs to 4Hrs.
- 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.
- Jun 1st** Rutland Churches No. 1 Stoke Dry
- Jun 15th** Rutland Churches No. 2 Seaton
- Jun 22nd** Rutland Churches No. 3 Manton
- Jun 29th** Rutland Churches No. 4 Ridlington
- 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.
- Rutland Churches No. 5 Preston
- Jul 20th** Rutland Churches No. 6 Wardley
- Aug 3rd** Rutland Churches No. 7 Caldecot
- Aug 17th** Rutland Churches No. 8 Barrowden
- 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."
- Nov 9th** Rutland Churches No. 9 Teigh

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Jan 9th

Rutland Churches No 15 N.Luffenham

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.

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.

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.

Mar 15th

Sale of six tenements in Far Street Barleythorpe at Horse & Groom Inn Barleythorpe.

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 acknowledgement 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.

Apr 19th

Stamford census shows population fall of 722 compared to 1851 whilst villages on average stay the same.

May 10th

Rutland Churches No. 16

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.

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.

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.

Rutland Churches No. 16 - Normanton concluded

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. Swingler of Langham.

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.

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

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. Oakham August 12th 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

Aug 30th

Rutland Churches No. 18 Edithweston

Sept 6th

Detailed description of Oakham Gaol

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.

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.

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.

Oct 4th

Lincoln, Rutland and Stamford Mercury reduced from 3½d to 2d

Barometer at the Agricultural Hall, Oakham 9am each day

September	26 th	29.0	Fine day - Wind	SW
	27 th	29.4	Fine day - Wind	S
	28 th	19.4	Fine but dull morning, rain after midday	S
	29 th	29.4	Showery morning to 9am fine day after	S
	30 th	29.5	Fine and hot	SE
October	1 st	29.3	Fine and hot	N
	2 nd	29.3	Fine day	S

Mr. H. Hayes of Langham has an in-pigged 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.

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'.

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.

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]

Nov 1st

Rutland Churches No. 19 Great Casterton

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. Swingler 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- May 2nd** Rutland Churches No. 20 - Little Casterton
- 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
- May 23rd** Rutland Churches No. 22 - Tickencote
- May 30th** Rutland Churches No. 23 - Pickworth
- Jun 6th** Rutland Churches No. 24 - Clipsham
- 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.
- Aug 22nd** Rutland Churches No. 26 - Langham
- Aug 29th** Rutland Churches No. 27 - Whissendine
- Sept 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.

Sept 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.

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- Jan 7th** Auction - Mr. C. Johnson of Langham (who has given up farming). 2 mares, Agricultural implements, Household furniture.
- Jan 28th** Death on Jan 20th - John Sewell the Cottage, 70.
- 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.
- 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.
- Mar 11th** Oakham Petty Sessions March 7th - Joel Shuttlewood of Langham, grazier, summoned for non-payment of poor rates. - Settled.
- 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.
- Apr 22nd** Mr. H. W. Boys elected Guardian of the poor for Langham.
- Jun 6th** Oakham Petty Sessions
Richard Williamson, butcher, fined £5 for indecently exposing his person on April 20th.
- 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.
- 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
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Aug 19th** Sudden death of the Earl of Gainsborough.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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
 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.
- Sept 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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.

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Jan 5th

Death on Jan 1st, Rt Spencer, Son of Mr Almond, 4yrs.

Session Reports Rutland - Oakham Jan 4th Before KW Conant (Chairman), W Wing, GCJ 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.

Jan 19th

Death on Jan 12th Joseph Harris, 53.

Feb 16th

Death on Feb 7th Ann, wife of Titus-Robinson, 59.

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.

Apr 13th

Death on Apr 8th Joel Shuttlewood, 55.

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- Jan 11th** Oakham Union Medical Club - Major General Chaplin of Langham has become an annual subscriber to the Medical club.
- 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.
- Jan 19th** Heavy gale caused structural damage and many deaths
- 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.
- Feb 15th** Marriage Oakham - Feb 7th at the Registry office, Mr Chas. Johnson, formerly farmer, to Mrs Mary Ann Harris both of Langham.
- 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;
- 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
- Sept 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.
- Sept 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.
- Sept 19th** Deaths - Langham Sept 11th William Stimpson 75
- Oct 3rd** Deaths - Langham Sept 26th Mr David Burdett 33
- Oct 3rd** 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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

Dec 12th Death Dec 4th Charlotte Thorpe 56.

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- 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.
- 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.
- Feb 13th** Required - Housekeeper - Wanted immediately, a good working Housekeeper to a widower with five children — Apply C. Pape, blacksmith, Barleythorpe, Oakham.
- 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 Scarlatina 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Apr 24th** Oakham Union - Appointment of guardians included Langham. Geo. Chapman
- 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.

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.

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.

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 its 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".

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.

Aug 21st Death. Langham - Aug 13th, Emma widow of Robert Faulks, 65.

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 reins on a highway at Barleythorpe on the 14th ult.

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.

Oct 9th Death. Langham, Oct 4th Emma, daughter of the late Mr F.D. Smith. 28.

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.

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...

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. 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.

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.

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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Jan 29th Deaths. Langham Jan 21st Mary Walker 81

Jan 29th 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.

Feb 26th Oakham Union - Attendance of Guardians over past year included Mr G. Chapman, Langham, (14).

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

Apr 9th Oakham Draughts Tournament. - On Friday the tournament prizes were distributed by Mrs G. Baird of Langham.

Apr 9th Oakham (Rutland) Petty Sessions April 5th: Thomas Shuttlewood, of Langham, butcher, was fined 15s including costs for keeping dogs without licences.

Apr 23rd Oakham Union - Guardians elected included - Langham, G. Chapman

May 7th Marriages: April 23rd at the Baptist Chapel John Werner, tailor, of Oakham, to Fanny daughter of William Stimpson, carpenter, of Langham.

May 14th Deaths - May 7th Jane Sewell, 76.

Jun 11th Oakham Petty Session June 7th before E N Conant esq., W Wing esq., Major Orme GH 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.

Jul 2nd Deaths - Langham June 29th , Charlotte widow of Joseph Adcock 78 years.

Aug 6th Rutland Horticultural Show - in class 11, Amateurs - Onions Autumn Sown 2nd G. Chapman, Langham

Oct 1st Rutland County rate proposed.

Oakham Union:—

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

- Oct 8th** Tenders:- For the creation of a residence with stabling etc. at Langham near Oakham:- H. Hollis, Cottesmore (accepted)
- 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.
- Dec 3rd** Death on Nov 24, John Williamson 75
- Dec 17th** At Langham Baptist Chapel this week special services have been conducted by Mr Mitchell of the London Evangelical Society.
- Dec 24th** Death on Dec 14th Amy widow of Henry Sewell, 82.

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- Jan 15th** Death on Jan 9th Thomas Riley, 81.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Aug 4th** Death on May 25th at Blackall, Queensland, William, eldest son of Robert Elmes of Langham, 30.

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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 refused 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.

Feb 9th

Death on Feb 4th Maria Chamber 75

Feb 16th

Noted - at convention of primitive Methodists the list included a representative from Langham.

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Jan 2nd

The Cottesmore Hounds at 11 Tue 6th Langham

Jan 9th

PUBLIC COURTS RUTLAND - Oakham, Monday before Sir AJ 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.

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Jan 7th

Whist Drive - A very successful whist drive organised by Mrs Watchom 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.

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 Watchom, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Mar 10th

Account of 2 Zeppelin raids over Rutland Page 3.

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 1 0s 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.