

Hello! I'm Bill. I am the WEBMASTER (Wow!!) of the Langar history site specially created (Wow!!) for Langar Church of England Primary School - <https://historyoflangarforyoungpeople.jimdofree.com/>



Aims: To become familiar with the layout of the website - specifically the time periods; To develop the skill of skimming to find information; To discover changes in agriculture.

The villages of the Vale of Belvoir are surrounded by farmland as they have been for thousands of years. Let's investigate how farming changed during the Middle Ages.
(Note: the word 'medieval' is the adjective for 'Middle Ages'.)

Take a look at

The Middle Ages –

<https://historyoflangarforyoungpeople.jimdofree.com/a-little-history/the-middle-ages/>

Now watch the modern video of how ploughing was done in the Middle Ages -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=75&v=Z3lxxNCt5Zo&feature=emb_logo

(This weblink takes you to YouTube – you might have to put up with adverts.)

Medieval Open Fields

A medieval village had three large open fields, called 'open' because there were no fences or hedges. The fields were divided into many strips. Each tenant had strips of land in different parts of the fields which meant they had a share of good and bad land.

- > Which crops were grown in each field? (**Hint:** Find 'How did the open field system work?')
- > Why did one field have nothing growing in it?
- > Why do you think they changed the crops in each field every year?

Task: What evidence is there now of the way people used to plough the strips 800 years ago? Look at the map – is there any evidence near where you live, or near Langar School?

The Medieval Diet

- > People did not just eat barley and beans! What else did they eat and where did it come from? (**Hint:** Look down the page for 'Houses' and 'Waste, woodland and closes'.)
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The Medieval Farming Year

- > Scroll down the page and **read** about the 'Luttrell Psalter'
Then **watch the movie** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O0AnUM1tt54>
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- > Final task on the next page . . .



Have fun! Bill

PS You can get in touch with me via the website – but you'll have to find out how!

The Medieval Farming Year

> **Scroll down to find information** about the medieval farming year. There's a slide show, pictures and text.

Task: Illustrate the tasks that had to be done throughout the year.
*(You might find this circle useful – or you can do it in a different way.
If you draw pictures, remember to label them.)*

