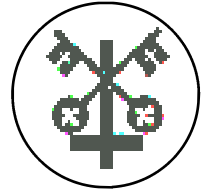




# ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



June 2008

A free newsletter published by the Church for every home in Boxted and Langham

## FROM THE RECTOR

Like me, you were probably shocked and saddened after the deaths of two parents of children at Langham School: Pat Salt and Claire Hawksbee. So on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, around 150 of us gathered at St Mary's Church to light candles in solidarity with these two families, and to offer up prayers to God. It was very heartening to see the village coming together in this way - young and old, those who share our Christian faith and those who don't.

While our service of lighting candles is over, for the Salt and Hawksbee families and those closest to them, the loss cannot be over. Nothing can make up for the loss of two loving parents. So our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the families at this time.

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### Church services

|                 |                  |       |                                   |
|-----------------|------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1st             | St Mary's        | 10.00 | All-age Family Eucharist          |
| Trinity         | St Peter's       | 6.00  | Evensong                          |
| II              | Methodist Chapel | 10.30 | Morning Service                   |
|                 |                  | 3.00  | Band Service                      |
| 8th             | St Mary's        | 8.30  | Eucharist (BCP)                   |
| Trinity         | St Peter's       | 10.00 | Sung Eucharist                    |
| III             | Methodist Chapel | 10.30 | Morning Service                   |
| 15th            | St Mary's        | 10.00 | Sung Eucharist                    |
| Trinity         | St Peter's       | 6.00  | Evensong                          |
| IV              | Methodist Chapel | 10.30 | Morning Service                   |
| 22nd            | St Mary's        | 8.30  | Eucharist (BCP)                   |
| Trinity         | St Peter's       | 10.00 | Sung Eucharist                    |
| V               | Methodist Chapel | 10.30 | Morning Service w. Holy Communion |
| 29th            | St Mary's        | 10.00 | Sung Eucharist                    |
| SS Peter & Paul | St Peter's       | 5.00  | Patronal Eucharist                |
|                 | Methodist Chapel | 10.30 | Morning Service                   |

### Other events

|                              |                        |                  |   |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---|
| Boxted Parish Council        | 11th                   | 7.00             | Boxted Village Hall   |
| Boxted Footpath Walk         | 1st                    | 2.00             | Boxted Church Lane  |
| Boxted Coffee Café           | 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th | 10.30-12         | Boxted Village Hall   |
| Boxted Evergreen Club        | 12th                   | 2.30             | Boxted Village Hall   |
|                              |                        |                  | (Tea Dance—Cha! Cha! Cha!)  |
|                              | 26th                   | 2.30             | Boxted Village Hall   |
|                              |                        |                  | (Sarah Shehadeh: "Grannie's Bit-box")                                   |
| Boxted WI                    | 10th                   | 5.45 for 6.00    | Elmcroft, Green Lane  |
|                              |                        |                  | (Garden Party; Signing Choir of Lexden Primary School)                  |
| Boxted History Group         | 18th                   | 7.30 for 8.00    | Boxted Village Hall   |
|                              |                        |                  | (David Possee: "The Courtauld Dynasty")                                 |
| Boxted Art & Craft Club      |                        |                  | Meetings resume in September  |
| Boxted Bingo                 | 25th                   | 7.30             | Boxted Village Hall   |
| Boxted Lodgers FC            | Tuesday                | 7.00             | King George Playing Field   |
|                              |                        |                  | (Thursday in term-time, 5.30: coaching by Colchester United CD coaches) |
| Boxted Pram & Chat Club      | Wednesday              | in school term   |   |
|                              |                        | 9.30-11.30       | Boxted St Peter's School  |
| Boxted Pre-School            | Monday-Friday          | in school term   |   |
|                              |                        | 9.30-12 & 1.30-4 | The Play Centre, King George Playing Field                              |
| Boxted Methodist Silver Band | Wednesday              | 7.30             | Boxted Methodist Schoolroom   |
|                              |                        |                  | (Monday in term-time, 7.30: Training Band)                              |

|                         |                 |                    |   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| Langham Parish Council  |                 |                    | June meeting to be arranged                                     |
| Langham Footpath Walk   | 8th             | 2.00               | Langham Community Centre  |
| Langham WI              | 12th            | 7.30               | Langham Community Centre  |
|                         |                 |                    | (J Marshall-Ward & M Panzetta: "What did they wear 1900-1930?") |
| Langham Good Companions | 4th             | 2.30               | Langham Community Centre  |
|                         |                 |                    | (John Knight: "American First Ladies")                          |
|                         | 11th            |                    | Afternoon visit to Aldeburgh                                    |
| Langham Badminton Club  | Thursday        | 8.00               | Langham Community Centre  |
| Langham Carpet Bowls    | Tuesday         | 2.00 & Friday 7.30 |   |
|                         |                 |                    | Langham Community Centre  |
| Langham Bridge Club     | Monday          | 7.15               | Langham Community Centre  |
| Langham Pre-School      | Monday - Friday | in school term     |   |
|                         |                 | 9.30-12            | Langham Community Centre  |
| 2nd Langham Scout Group | Wednesday       | (times vary)       | Langham Community Centre  |

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### LANGHAM GOOD COMPANIONS

The companions had wonderful support for their Spring Sale in May, when they raised nearly £700 towards funding their activities during the year. The Committee thanks most sincerely all those who worked so hard and contributed so much to the success of the event, as well as those who patronized it.

The Companions meet again on 4 June, when Dr John Knight will talk about the "First Ladies" of the United States. In June also (the 11th), there is to be an outing to Aldeburgh. For details of the outing and information about membership of the club, please ring Marlena Lipski on 272727.

### BOXTED FOOTPATH WALKS

The May walk was very well attended and followed a route that took in Rivers Hall, criss-crossing the Boxted Brook valley. The last walk of the season, on 1 June, will leave Boxted Church Lane at 2 pm.

#### From the Registers

#### Baptism

Poppy Louise Joyce

#### Marriage

Martin Hull & Claire Anderson

#### Burial

Thirza Lily Barber

### LANGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Melvyn Prentice, a professional gardener, offered a topical and highly interesting subject for his talk at the May meeting: "Hanging Baskets and Containers". He employed traditional plants, with minimal use of petunias and surfinias, and members gained much useful information about planting and maintenance techniques.

Two resolutions for presentation at the National Federation AGM were debated and carried. They concerned the inappropriate imprisonment of the severely mentally handicapped and a ban on "bottom trawling".

### BOXTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The May meeting saw resolutions for the National Federation AGM being discussed and voted on. David Wilkin gave a fascinating talk on the habits and habitat of Barn Owls and on his own work with them. His talk was not only well-illustrated: he brought with him his own owl, Caspar, who attracted much attention and admiration.

Two weeks earlier, members had enjoyed a walk through charming bluebell woods, followed by lunch at a local farm.

### REFUSE FREIGHTER, LANGHAM

A Borough Council "refuse freighter" will be at Langham Community Centre from 8 to 9 am on 21 June for people to deposit items unsuitable for the regular refuse collections.

### DEDHAM VALE AONB & STOUR VALLEY PROJECT WALKS

The Dedham Vale AONB & Stour Valley Project (funded by the Essex and Suffolk County Councils, Colchester and other Borough/District Councils and Natural England) organizes expertly-guided walks in the spring and early summer and in the winter through some of England's finest scenery. The 26 June walk, from 7 to 9 in the evening, will be a four-mile stroll along the meadows by the Stour to take in some of the best-known scenes painted by John Constable; the going is described as "easy". There is a charge of £3 for each adult on a walk but there is none for children.

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### BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

#### May Winners

£25 O Whitnell  
 £10 Mr McCune  
 £ 6 Shane Garrard  
 £ 4 Mrs Turnage

If you would like to join the Snowball, ring John Jackson on 272776.

### A YOUTH WORKER FOR BOXTED & LANGHAM

For some months St Mary's and St Peter's Churches have been considering what might be done in the particular interests of the younger people of our two villages. Planning and preparation (which includes financial provision) have advanced to the stage where the Rector is able to write:

"St Mary's and St Peter's always aim to be churches for the *whole* community. So it is wonderful that we are now in a position to go ahead and appoint a Youth Worker. This worker will provide engaging, entertaining and educational activities for those aged 9 to 14. Through working with the villages, schools and churches, the children and young people will grow in self-worth as responsible members of the community, and also in their Christian faith. At least that's what we're hoping and praying for!

We have yet to appoint someone to this post. Our plan is that each year for the next 24 months, at least, we will get a worker in their early twenties through a scheme called *Time for God*. They will most likely be from overseas, and we hope that a worker will begin this autumn, or in January.

This is a really exciting initiative. Watch this space for more details.

# Boxted & Langham Village News

## LANGHAM 100 CLUB

### April Winners

£40 Mr & Mrs Morrell

£25 Gill Salt

£10 Langham WI

£ 5 Langham Tennis Club

If you would like to join the 100 Club, ring Sylvia Hemmings on 322336.

## LANGHAM COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE

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Post Office Ltd has informed the Shop Committee that the present Post Office will be succeeded by a twice-weekly "Outreach" service from Thursday 12 June. Thereafter, Post Office services are scheduled to be available at the Community Shop on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 11.30 am.

Have you signed up with the Shop for the fuel oil discount scheme?

## STRAWBERRY TEA

There will be great Strawberry Tea on the afternoon of 14 June, in the field (weather permitting) by the Boxted Methodist Chapel. For more information, please see the posters that are being put up around Boxted and Langham as we go to print.

## BOXTED EVERGREENS CLUB

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## LANGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

In early May Langham Primary School was immersed for two weeks in the Government's "SATS" (Standard Assessment Tests). An achievers' assembly has been organised by Year 6 pupils, while Year 1 children visited the Pre-school held daily in the Community Centre. The school is pleased to learn that its "Travel to School" plan for 2008-2009 has been accepted. The children hope that their striking design details for the cover of the Tending hundred Show programme will be accepted; a year 4 pupil has received a High Achiever Certificate in respect of a particular contribution.

The Friends of Langham School (FOLS) continue with a very active social and fund-raising programme. FOLS are looking into the possibility of funding a stage for the school hall and an outside classroom structure. The pond and herb garden have been given a thorough "spring clean". The annual Summer Fayre will be on Sunday 22 June.

## RUBY AND HER HORSES

An unusual evening's entertainment will be coming to Boxted Village Hall on 12 July, in the form of a true-life narrative by Neil Lenham of stories told him by his mother, Ruby. The audience will be drawn back to the period from just before the Great War through the agricultural depression of the 30s. The show is supported by song and screened photos. Ring 272351 for more details.

## BOXTED LODGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

A combination of injuries and unavailability of players in mid-season restricted the Lodgers to sixth place in the league (having been third from top at Christmas) but with their reputation as one of the league's better teams preserved.

The reserves team also began the 2007/8 with a bang, their fine form being sustained up to Christmas. However, as the first team began to struggle, so did the reserves and with luck and results against them they only managed to finish in the bottom half of the table—position that reflected neither their efforts nor their talents.

Planning for the 2008/9 season is well in hand, the Club being determined to return to the top flight of Border League football. Details of pre-season preparations will be announced soon. Open trials will be held for anyone in Boxted, Langham and surrounding villages who would like to be considered as a player.

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