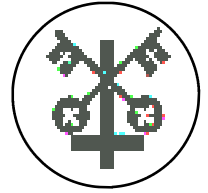




ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



October 2008

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

Operation Christmas Child

St Mary's and St Peter's Churches, Boxted St Peter's School and Langham Primary School are again combining to ask everyone to fill shoeboxes with toys and other small Christmas gifts for sorely deprived children in Eastern Europe and beyond. The usual leaflets will come out with the November Newsletter but don't wait till then to start filling shoeboxes, in good time for collection/delivery by 16 November ("Shoebox Sunday")

HANDS OF HOPE AT HARVEST THANKSGIVING

With this issue of the Newsletter is an appeal by the Rector on behalf of the two churches and St Peter's School to raise funds for SELF HELP AFRICA, recently formed by the amalgamation of Harvest Help (the very effective organisation we have strongly supported for several years) and Self Help International, an Irish organisation with a similar approach to the awful problems of rural Africa.

Displays showing the work of SELF HELP AFRICA are at St Mary's and St Peter's Churches, where Harvest Thanksgiving will be on Sunday 12 October. (St Peter's School Harvest Service will be the next day at St Peter's Church.)

Please be as generous as you can for this excellent cause.

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Thursday

23 OCTOBER

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PARISH DIARY- OCTOBER

Church services

5th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Trinity	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
XX	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
		3.00	Band Service
12th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Harvest	St Peter's	10.00	Family Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Festival	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
19th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Trinity	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
XXII	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
26th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Bible	St Peter's	10.00	Sung Eucharist (visiting speaker*)
Sunday	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service w. Holy Communion

* Graham Dacre is a successful businessman and church pastor

Other events

Boxted Parish Council	8th	7.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Footpath Walk	5th	2.00	King George Playing Field
Boxted Coffee Café	7th, 14th, 21st & 28th	10.30-12	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Evergreen Club	2nd	2.30	Boxted Village Hall (Shoe Boxes)
	16th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall (Annual General Meeting)
	30th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall (Len of Suffolk)
Boxted WI	14th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall (Casino Evening)
Boxted History Group	15th	7.30 for 8.00	Boxted Village Hall (Michael Cox: "Women at War")
Boxted Art & Craft Club	1st	2.00	Boxted Village Hall (David Lloyd: A Workshop for Artists)
	15th	2.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Bingo	22nd	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	28th	7.30	Langham Community Centre
Langham Footpath Walk	12th	2.00	Langham Community Centre
Langham WI	9th	7.30	Langham Community Centre (John Drury: "Essex Workhouses")
Langham Good Companions	1st	2.30	Langham Community Centre (Carol Wheatley: "Biberach Revisited")
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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REFUSE FREIGHTER—LANGHAM

A Borough Council Refuse Freighter will be at Langham Community Centre between 8 and 9 am on 18 October to receive bulky items of waste unsuitable for the weekly collections.

FOOTPATH WALKS—1

The regular guided footpath walks resume in October. From now until May they will be on the first (Boxted) and second (Langham) Sundays of the month. The Boxted walks start at the King George Playing Field or Church Lane, the Langham ones at the Community Centre car park.

FOOTPATH WALKS—2

The programme of autumn and winter guided walks arranged by the Dedham Vale AONB & Stour Valley Project is under way. The next walk, on 18 October (1—4.30 pm), is called "Boxted Views & Vineyards" and comprises a 4-mile walk of moderate going around the Boxted countryside followed by a visit to Carter's Vineyard for a tour of the vineyards and winery. Walkers can see how renewable energy is used to power the enterprise and will finish off with wine-tasting.

There is a charge of £8, inclusive of the wine-tasting. To book your place, phone 01473 264263.

LANGHAM GOOD COMPANIONS

Members thoroughly enjoyed the selection of "Songs from the Shows" played by Katie Griffiths at their September meeting; later on there was a great day out to the "Chocolate Lady" at Steeple Bumpstead.

Members are looking forward with some curiosity to Carol Wheatley's talk on 1 October, intriguingly entitled "Biberach Revisited".

LANGHAM WEA

Past members of the Langham Branch of the Workers' Education Association will have noted that there are no courses scheduled for the new academic year. The Branch Committee has decided that spiralling costs and the lack of students must bring the Langham Branch to an end in the spring of 2009. However, anyone who may be interested in taking over and reviving the running of the WEA in Langham is cordially invited to contact Marlena Lipski (Tel. 272727).

ST MARY'S & ST PETER'S Langham Boxted

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Saturday
11 OCTOBER
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COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER, LANGHAM

Pc Joanne Barlow, who has taken PC Kerry Allen's place as Community Police Officer in the Langham area, will be attending the Langham Parish Council meeting on 28 October to speak about policing in the locality. Residents are invited to put questions to PC Barlow, which should be submitted in writing to the Council's Clerk, David Winter, at:

St Margaret's Cottage, School Road, Langham CO4 5PD or (email)

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

	August	Winners	September
£25	Mr D Graves		Mrs B Dalziel
£10	Mrs McLauchlan		Laura Whitnell
£ 6	C Whitworth-Jones		Mrs M Scott
£ 4	Mr K Giles		Mr Mould

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

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL

Over the past twelve months Boxted Village Hall has seen redecoration taking place, flame-proof curtains hung, a hundred new chairs acquired and new notice boards installed. The exterior soffits and downpipes are now about to be replaced. The Hall Committee is very grateful to the Cory Environmental Trust and Boxted Parish Council for their generous contributions to the cost of these improvements. The bright, cheerful and well-equipped hall is now an even better venue for dances, parties and functions of many kinds. To book the hall, please call the Bookings Secretary, Gill Pullen, on 273804.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The Constable Country Medical Practice (East Bergholt) announces that flu vaccination sessions this year will be at:

East Bergholt Medical Centre
Saturday 25 October 8.30 am—1 pm
Capel St Mary Surgery
Saturday 1 November 8.30 am—1 pm
No appointment is necessary; patients are invited to attend either session.

BOXTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In August, a group of members acted on the invitation of the Revd Keith Lovell, Vicar of Tollesbury, to visit his parish. After morning coffee at "The Lighthouse", the group was joined by Keith for a walk round the marina; the party then travelled by car to Tolleshunt D'Arcy for lunch.

Liz Mullen gave the September gathering a delightful and humorous account of the trials, tribulations and rewards of her work as a local radio broadcaster. She offered an insight into her career in the media, which included a period presenting the BBC Essex Breakfast Show, and described with enthusiasm her more recent job as broadcaster with Garrison Radio.

In September also, members visited Colchester Castle to view the amazing "Guardians to the King" Exhibition, taking lunch afterwards in the attractive garden of The Minories.

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LANGHAM 100 CLUB

August Winners

£40 Rosie Helliwell

£25 Margaret Bryant

£10 Elizabeth Schofield

£ 5 Daniel Bush

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

LANGHAM

VILLAGE DESIGN ASSOCIATION

Wednesday 8 October

7.30 pm

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BOXTED ART & CRAFT CLUB

A visiting artist, David Lloyd, will be attending the 1 October meeting of the Club to hold a Workshop, at which he will give advice and guidance to members.

At the next meeting, on 15 October, members will follow their individual arts and crafts.

Newcomers to the Club are always assured of a very warm welcome—all kinds of art and craft pursuits are catered for in a most friendly and sociable atmosphere. Please phone Doreen Jackson on 272744 for information.

SUNDAY SEQUENCE

TEA DANCE

In aid of the

Motor Neurone Disease Asscn

Sunday

12 OCTOBER

Langham Community Centre

3—7 pm

Tickets £4

(including refreshments)

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or

01206 795995

LANGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members were treated at the September meeting to a most interesting talk by June Crisfield Chapman, a painter and block-maker of wild flower images, on "Plants, Myths and Medicines". The talk, well-illustrated by slides, told of where to look for wild flowers and what medicinal uses the plants may have had.

LANGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Three new teachers joined the school staff at the beginning of the autumn term: Mrs Combes (class 1); Mrs Mortlock (Class 2, with Mrs Neale); and Mrs Eastaugh, who takes up a new post providing support for pupils with sensory problems such as dyslexia. The after-school activity clubs this term consist of recorder, football, gardening, netball, rugby, dance and tennis clubs. Cycling proficiency tuition for Year 6 is offered at lunch time on Mondays, while keyboard/piano and guitar lessons are available in school time. The "Walking Bus" (Community Centre car park to the school) is on Wednesdays.

ABSENT FRIENDS

After the success in 2006 of *Absurd Person Singular*, the Dedham Players return to the work of that master of comedy, Alan Ayckbourn, with the marvellously moving play of mates and marriage, *Absent Friends*. Diana, Paul and John want to help their old friend Colin in his time of need. But, far from needing their support, John is "Mr Positive" himself and unwittingly, and with touchingly funny consequences, begins to unravel the lives and loves of the rest of the gathering.

Absent Friends is at the Assembly Rooms, Dedham, Wednesday to Saturday, 22 to 25 October, at 7.45 pm.

Tickets are available at W A Hood, Newsagent, High Street, Dedham, or by phone on 323160.

ST PETER'S BELLS

St Peter's Church was almost full on the evening of 21 September, when the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Revd John Gladwin, came to celebrate the Eucharist and rededicate the recently restored bells. In his sermon, the Bishop said how the bells would proclaim a message of celebration, invitation and welcome across Boxted and beyond. The young people's group, SPASM, gave a spirited and amusing but telling dramatic presentation. After the service the Bishop chatted to the many people who had remained to enjoy the substantial refreshments.

CAROL CONCERT

"Times & Seasons", a harmony group from Brentwood, will present a Carol Concert in aid of the Children's Society at St Mary's Church on 6 December. Refreshments will follow at Langham Hall, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Wilfrid Tolhurst.

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