

# ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

April 2012

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

### BOXTED

**Denise Humphris, Clerk to the Parish Council**

#### Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Boxted Parish Council plans a village picnic on King George V fields on Tuesday 5 June and is hoping to involve the pre-school and the Sports and Social Club. But we still need some volunteers to help organise things on the day so if you would like to help please contact Denise Humphris on 01206 329019. We are arranging for Diamond Jubilee Mugs to be produced for presentation to every child in the village up to 12 years; the rest will be on general sale.

#### Walnut Grove - Footpath

Borough Councillor Nigel Chapman has commented: *Diversions of parts of Footpaths 3 and 4 that run through orchards off Straight Road were originally advertised late in 1999 and the appropriate order signed and sealed by the Borough Council on 16 May 2000. However, the order was not actually confirmed until 3 February 2010. Essex County Council's Rights of Way officers inspect each parish's footpaths every five years and update signage, re-erect finger posts etc and, following this year's inspection, the signs were updated to show the new route of these two footpaths.* If anyone wants a copy of the legal documents Nigel Chapman will happily provide them.

#### Travellers Site – Severalls Lane

After a site visit Cllr Doolin has reported to the Council. The site manager, Patience, herself from the travelling community, is an experienced traveller site manager. There will be 12 families permanently on the site, selected by Patience to fit into the local community, the first families being expected in April. There will be some travelling and non travelling families, who each have a small bungalow with kitchen, bathroom and living room facilities and hard standing for a caravan where they will sleep. Families are allowed a maximum of two dogs and cats and no other pets such as horses will be allowed. The travellers will be allowed to have friends and family to visit for a maximum of 28 days a visit. These things will be closely monitored and managed by Patience, who will also be responsible for collecting Council Tax and Water Rates. It is expected that the children will integrate into local schools, most of them attending the new Cuckoo Farm primary school. Two Community Police Officers will visit regularly to help the Travellers settle in to the community and Essex County Council has a dedicated unit which will deal with all traveller site enquiries. The gates to the site will remain locked at all times and no large lorries are able to access the site.

### LANGHAM

**David Winter, Clerk to the Parish Council**  
Items from the 6 March meeting

#### Planning

Parish Council's comments

**112368:** Eastmoor, Moor Road – Side extension.  
Approved

**120128/9:** Park Lane Farm – Rear extension.

No objection if Listed Building requirements satisfied.

**120131:** The White House, Dedham Road – change driveway entrance. No objection.

**Application 120309:** Willow Grove, Grove Hill – In-ground swimming pool. No objection if proposed tree and/or shrub plantings carried out.

#### Whitnell's Revised Planning Application

CBC have been asked to call this in to the full planning committee if the planning officers are minded to accept.

#### Parish Plan

Work on will restart with the aim of issuing questionnaires in the autumn.

#### Parking, School Road

A highways engineer will inspect the verge opposite the War Memorial to see if it can be protected without using yellow lines.

#### Broadband

Buzcom advised they would attend a meeting at Stoke by Nayland on 27 March to go through the equipment. No significant objections have been lodged and so it was looking positive.

Lloyd Fenton of County Broadband wrote of the following developments:

- the county Broadband network now extends to within reach of Langham Parish;
- their service speeds now extend to 32Mbps download and 32Mbps upload
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Customer installations are only £99 connected. Several Councillors will meet him again to clarify his offerings.

#### Travellers' site

Four Councillors and the Clerk have visited the site, which will be completed in April.

#### Request to Parish – re-cycle bikes for Africa.

Do we have a volunteer who would collect/store any bikes? Have we a central location in which to store them? Please contact David Winter if you can help..

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