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A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR READERS, ADVERTISERS AND FAITHFUL DISTRIBUTORS

POPPY APPEAL

The President, Committee and members of Boxted Royal British Legion thank all the collectors and those who generously contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal in Boxted. The final figures are not yet available.

Pauline Bonser expresses her thanks to the Langham collectors and munificent donors; their efforts brought in £1,042, of which £150 was collected at the St Mary's Church Remembrance Service attended by the 2nd Langham Scout Group.



DO WE VALUE OUR BUSES?

Please read the Boxted and Langham Parish Council reports on pages 2 and 4 and complete the survey form.

TEEN FILM NIGHTS (TFN)

The TFN Group of youngsters and young adults is a spin-off from the Langham Film Nights, presenting alternative film nights at on Sunday evenings at Langham Community Centre. The films are selected by the young people themselves, but everyone is welcome. There is a modest charge of £2 (taken at the door) to help cover costs. Sweets and drinks are available to buy. The next TFN film, "Paul" (15), is on Sunday 1 December (doors open 5.45 pm).

DECEMBER DIARY

Boxted Parish Council			<i>No meeting in December</i>			Langham Parish Council			<i>No meeting in December</i>		
Boxted Evergreen Club	5th	11.30			<i>Stanway</i>	Langham WI	12th	7.30			<i>Community Centre</i>
					<i>(Christmas Meal, "New Times")</i>						<i>(Christmas Party)</i>
	12th	2.30			<i>Village Hall</i>	Crafty Ladies	4th	10.00—3.00			<i>Community Centre</i>
					<i>(Christmas Party: Nigel Woodmason & backing artistes)</i>	100 Club Coffee Morning & Draw					
Boxted WI	10th	7.30			<i>Village Hall</i>	Boxted Airfield Historical Group					
					<i>(Christmas Party)</i>	Patchwork Pals, Langham	18th	10.00—3.00			<i>Community Centre</i>
Boxted WI Choir						Langham Singers	14th	11.15—1.15			<i>Community Centre</i>
Boxted History Group	18th	7.30 for 8.00			<i>Village Hall</i>	Teen Film Night	1st	5.45			<i>Community Centre</i>
					<i>(Brian Darcy: "The Crown Jewels")</i>						<i>("Paul") (15)</i>
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30—12			<i>Village Hall</i>	Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	2.00 & Friday	7.30		
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday	2.00 & Friday 7.00									<i>Community Centre</i>
					<i>Village Hall</i>	Langham Bridge Club	Monday	7.15			<i>Community Centre</i>
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday	7.00			<i>Playing Field</i>	Langham Pre-School					<i>Community Centre</i>
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted)					<i>Playing Field</i>	Mon & Thu in school term		9.15—11.45			
Monday—Friday in school term						Tue, Wed & Fri in school term		9.15—2.30			
9.15—12.15 & 12.15—3.15 (9.15—3.15 also available)						2nd Langham Scout Group					<i>Community Centre</i>
Boxted Methodist Silver Band					<i>Methodist Chapel Schoolroom</i>	Wednesday (times vary)					
Wednesday		7.30				Langham Baby/Toddler Group					<i>Community Centre</i>
Monday in term-time		7.30 (Training Band)				Monday in school term		9.45—11.15			
Boxted Cricket Club					<i>Playing Field</i>	Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions					<i>Recreation Ground</i>
Thursday	Seniors' Net Practice	6.30—8.30				Sunday	Pay & Play: 10.15—11.15 (age 5—10)				
Saturday	Junior Training	9.30—11.00					11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)				
						Langham St Mary's Bellringers					<i>St Mary's Church</i>
						Tuesday	8.00—9.00	Alternate Sundays	9.30		

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Essex County Council (ECC) produces a free online magazine, “YOUR ESSEX” containing news, views and other features about our county. The Winter 2013 issue, from 2 December, shines a spotlight on **Langham** (in which you may think your editor features more prominently than is desirable). Go to:

www.essex.gov.uk/your-essex

BOXTED WI

Members were entertained by Anne Sara at their November meeting, who gave a fascinating demonstration of how to turn a plain cardboard box that would otherwise have been thrown out (for recycling of course) into a pretty and very useful box for Christmas.

Members are looking forward to their Christmas celebrations—a party and an evening meal—and to a very attractive and varied programme in 2014. New members are always welcome.

BOXTED PARISH COUNCIL

Boxted Bus Services

In order to try to ensure that vital bus services remain in Boxted it is essential that as many people as possible respond to the current Bus Review being undertaken by Essex County Council (ECC). The ECC will use the information from the review to help make decisions on which services are important and should therefore remain. The chances of keeping the village bus service will be enhanced if ECC receives lots of responses highlighting how important this service is to local people. **And so please if you are really concerned about losing our bus service take a few minutes to complete the ECC questionnaire.** The form can be completed online at:

www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Getting-Around/Bus/Bus-review.aspx

Borough Councillor Nigel Chapman has paper copies of the survey form and County Councillor Anne Brown is delivering some to the Tuesday Coffee Café in the Village Hall.

Neighbourhood Development Plan - Affordable Housing

As part of our ongoing work on the Boxted Neighbourhood Development Plan you should have received in the last issue of the Newsletter a survey relating to Affordable Housing. We really want your views to help us ensure we put together plans for the future of Boxted which reflect the needs and wishes of villagers. Please take some time to complete and return the survey in the pre-paid envelope provided. The results will be made available in the New Year via the Newsletter and on our website.

ADVENT FRUGAL LUNCHES

The usual Advent Frugal Lunches in Boxted Village Hall will, regrettably, not take place this year.

CHURCH SERVICES

DECEMBER

During the Interregnum the Churchwardens will make every effort to keep to the familiar pattern of services at St Mary's and St Peter's but some variation may be unavoidable

Sunday 1st

8.30 am		St Mary's
	Eucharist (BCP)	
10.00 am		St Peter's
	Sung Eucharist	
10.30 am	Boxted Methodist Chapel	
	Morning Service	
3.00 pm	Boxted Methodist Chapel	
	Band Service	

Sunday 8th

10.00 am		St Mary's
	Sung Eucharist	
10.30 am	Boxted Methodist Chapel	
	Morning Service	
6.00 pm		St Peter's
	Evensong	

Sunday 15th

10.00 am		St Peter's
	Sung Eucharist	
10.30 am	Boxted Methodist Chapel	
	Morning Service	
6.00 pm		St Mary's
	Advent Carols	

Sunday 22nd

10.00 am		St Mary's
	Family Service & Nativity Drama	
10.30 am	Boxted Methodist Chapel	
	Morning Service	
3.00 pm	Boxted Methodist Chapel	
	Carol Service (with Band)	
6.00 pm		St Peter's
	Eucharist	

Xmas Eve 24th

2.00 pm		St Peter's
	Crib service	
4.30 pm		St Mary's
	Christingle Service	
11.00 pm		St Peter's
	Midnight Mass	

Xmas Day 25th

10.00 am		St Mary's
	Family Eucharist	

Sunday 29th

8.30 am		St Mary's
	Eucharist (BCP)	
10.00 am		St Peter's
	Sung Eucharist	
10.30 am	Boxted Methodist Chapel	
	Morning Service	

LANGHAM COMMUNITY SHOP

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This is an important role to maintain the Shop's finances but will not take up much of your valuable time. If you would like to offer your time and skills, please contact:

Gill Flack 322999 or
Jane Morton 07977 593242

Boxted & Langham Village News

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

November Winners

£25 Mrs Carter
£10 Mr Garrad
£ 6 Mrs Sadler
£ 4 Mr Zammit

If you would like to join the Snowball, ring Chris Tadman on 273216.

LITTLE OWLS PRE-SCHOOL

Among their many activities this term the Little Owls children have been baking bread, experimenting with painting techniques and making puppets. They thoroughly enjoy exploring the outside area and have collected conkers to make into conker "pets". Cakes have been baked and a Pudsey Bear colouring competition held to raise funds for Children in Need.

Everyone is now busy getting ready for Christmas, with the children about to decorate cards to give to their families. Excitement about the Christmas Party is rising and there are great expectations of the entertainer and the arrival of Father Christmas.

There are still some vacancies at Little Owls and visits by interested parents and their children are welcome at any time. Just ring 01206 273226 to arrange a visit. Little Owls is open from 9.15 am to 3.15 pm Mondays to Fridays in school terms. Children are accepted from the age of 2.

LANGHAM WI

In November members heard a moving talk by Steve Scholler about Chavasse VC House, the Recovery Centre in Colchester for wounded armed service men and women run by Help for Heroes. The Centre provides holistic support for the sick and wounded and for their families. The work of Chavasse VC House will need to be sustained by continuous fund-raising over the years, by both donations and through events such as the Handcraft Bazaar on 22 November, to which many members would be contributing,

LANGHAM 100 CLUB

October Winners

£50 Diane Kirby
£25 John Jones
£15 Janine Knightsbridge
£10 Alan Cadman

If you would like to join the 100 Club, ring Sue Armstrong on 271127.

LANGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

The recent Ofsted report has graded the School as "Good", a great improvement on the "Satisfactory" of two years ago and a testimony to the dedication and hard work of staff, governors and pupils. The full report may be seen on the school website.

One curriculum area that has shown particular improvement is Writing. Good results are coming from the Writing Project, in which the School is working with others in Essex to achieve the very best standards over the next two years.

With help from a grant by the Dedham Vale AONB Sustainable Development Fund progress is being made in the pond area; the object is to make it a haven for wildlife and a safe area in which children may play and learn. The school is grateful also to the local businesses that have offered help in the venture.

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

Jeffery Page's copiously illustrated talk at the History Group's October meeting traced the places, people and circumstances that influenced the writings of Charles Dickens. In Dickens's youth, his father lapsed into debt, lost his job as a civil servant and was imprisoned as a debtor. The family moved to London to be near the father, dwelling in the slums around Charing Cross. The shame of his family's fall scarred Dickens for life, his work frequently depicting death, poverty and deprived children.

BOXTED EVERGREEN CLUB

The recent "Bring & Buy" sale made a very useful £64 for the Evergreens' funds.

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