



ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



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JOINING FORCES: THE FUTURE OF LANGHAM WITH BOXTED

On 3 June the Langham with Boxted Parochial Church Council (PCC) considered the proposal that, following the departure of Tim Bull, a single Priest in Charge should in due course be appointed to look after Langham with Boxted, West Bergholt and Great Horkesley. The three parishes would retain their separate identities under the proposal and the PCC welcomes it in principle. Much work will be needed to translate it into a practical and satisfactory arrangement and further discussions will shortly take place in which all three parochial church councils will be involved. The background to this development is that stipendiary (paid) clergy are retiring at a faster rate than they are being ordained; by 2020 the number of stipendiary priests in the Colchester Deanery, which includes Langham with Boxted, will have declined from 17 to 10.



BOXTED CHURCH WEEKEND 2013

Large numbers came to support "Beer & Hymns" and the Strawberry Fair and Balloon Race on 15 & 16 June respectively. The jam stall (left) and barbecue (right) did brisk business.



JULY DIARY

Boxted Parish Council	10th	7.00	Village Hall	Langham Parish Council	2nd	7.30	Community Centre
Boxted Evergreen Club	11th	2.30	Village Hall	Langham WI			Outing : date & venue to be notified
			(Musical Quiz by Barbara)	Crafty Ladies	3rd	10.00—3.00	Community Centre
	25th	2.30	Village Hall	100 Club Draw	26th	10.30	Community Shop
			(Roz Hall: Comic poetry)				(Next Coffee Morning 27th September)
Boxted WI	9th	7.30	Village Hall	Boxted Airfield Historical Group	28th	10.00—4.00	
			(Timothy Jenkins: "Life as a Tudor at Kentwell Hall")				Museum, Langham Lane
Boxted History Group	17th	7.30 for 8.00	Village Hall	Patchwork Pals, Langham	17th	10.00—3.00	Community Centre
			(Roger Kennell: "Clacton Theatres in the Past")	Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	2.00 & Friday 7.30	
Boxted Bingo	24th	7.30	Village Hall				Community Centre
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30—12	Village Hall	Langham Bridge Club	Monday	7.15	Community Centre
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday	2.00 & Friday 7.00		Langham Pre-School			Community Centre
			Village Hall	Mon & Thu in school term		9.15—11.45	
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday	7.00	Playing Field	Tue, Wed & Fri in school term		9.15—2.30	
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted)			Playing Field	2nd Langham Scout Group			Community Centre
Monday—Friday in school term				Wednesday (times vary)			
9.15—12.15 & 12.15—3.15 (9.15—3.15 also available)				Langham Baby/Toddler Group			Community Centre
Boxted Methodist Silver Band			Methodist Chapel Schoolroom	Monday in school term		9.45—11.15	
Wednesday		7.30		Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions			Recreation Ground
Monday in term-time		7.30 (Training Band)		Sunday		Pay & Play: 10.15—11.15 (age 5—10)	
Boxted Cricket Club			Playing Field			11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)	
Thursday		Seniors' Net Practice 6.30—8.30		Langham St Mary's Bellringers			St Mary's Church
Saturday		Junior Training 9.30—11.00		Tuesday		8.00—9.00 Alternate Sundays 9.30	

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BOXTED PLAYING FIELD

Boxted's King George Playing Field has suffered of late by having garden waste dumped on it. Those residents whose gardens adjoin the playing field are asked by the Parish Council to ensure that garden waste remains in their gardens—or put out for collection by the Borough Council.

WANDER IN THE WILD WEST

The 21st July guided walk organised by the Dedham Vale & Stour Valley Project is a "mystery walk" in the Upper Stour area. There will be opportunities to learn about different habitats, their wild life and their management. There will be a chance to brush up on identification skills. For particulars of the walk visit

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or phone

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DOING WELL BY DOING GOOD

Readers will have seen newspaper reports of research in the United States which indicates that people who carry out 200 or more hours of voluntary work a year reduce the risk of high blood pressure, one of the main causes of strokes and heart disease, by 40 per cent. It is thought that good social connections and taking on responsibilities towards others promote healthy ageing.

There are all kinds of opportunities in Boxted and Langham for voluntary and sociable activity, as can be seen on every page of the Newsletter. Anyone not yet involved need not be fearful of joining in: a warm welcome awaits you!

Friends of Langham School LANGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



FETE



12.30 to 3 pm **Sunday**
7th JULY

A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON

Hog Roast Tombolas
Games & Cakes Stalls
Dance & Music Displays
Raffle Bouncy Castle

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

After 13 years, Gill Flack is retiring from her role as Advertising Manager of the Newsletter. It is vital that a successor is found, for without advertising revenue to sustain it the Newsletter will cease. It is important for Gill's successor to be in place well before the annual round of renewals begins in November. If you are interested in taking on this responsible, valuable and interesting work, please contact:

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CHURCH SERVICES JULY

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 7th

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

Sunday 14th

8.30 am **St Mary's**
Eucharist (BCP)
10.00 am **St Peter's**
Sung Eucharist
10.30 am **Boxted Methodist Chapel**
Pets' Service
6.00 pm **St Peter's**
CONNECT

Sunday 21st

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

Sunday 28th

10.00 am **St Peter's**
Sung Eucharist
10.30 am **Boxted Methodist Chapel**
Morning Service & Holy Communion

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BOXTED WI

On a pleasant evening in June members walked round Arger Fen at Assington. Peter Mudd, a volunteer worker for Suffolk Wildlife Trust, led the group, explaining the history, flora and fauna of the Fen and identifying a variety of birdsongs on the way. Three members brought their young children along, their presence adding a delightful aspect to the evening.

Unhappily, the occasion was overshadowed by sadness at the news of the death of Anne Newman, a member of the WI for some forty years. She had worked tirelessly for the WI and had been President for many years. The meal at a nearby hostelry that concluded the evening was preceded by a minute's silence in affectionate and respectful memory of Anne.

Boxted & Langham Village News

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

June Winners

£25 Mrs Chapman
£10 Mrs Grimsey
£ 6 Mrs Pullen
£ 4 Mrs Sycamore

The Snowball collectors will be starting to call for the coming year's subscriptions during August. If you would like to join the Snowball, the proceeds from which go to the maintenance of the Hall, ring Chris Tadman on 273216.

BOXTED EVERGREEN CLUB

There may just be time, if the coach is not already full, to take a seat on the Evergreens' Mystery Tour on 3 July. The charge is £10.

On 27 November there will be a trip to a matinée performance of the great Thursford Christmas Show. The full cost is £59, which must be paid by 1 September, but a £10 deposit will secure a place, if one is still available.

For details and to book, please contact Gwen Gant on 271956.

LANGHAM COMMUNITY SHOP

Langham Community Shop depends for its existence on volunteers to serve in the shop and more of them are needed, especially at weekends. If you have some free time, even just occasionally, you will receive a friendly welcome and full training. There is no particular commitment regarding days or times—you just put your name on the roster for a 2-hour shift when it suits you. Even once a month would help to spread the workload. To find out more, please call at the Shop or ring Jane Morten on 01206 844372 or 07977 593232.

MAGNIFICAT

St Peter's Church was comfortably full on 1 June for an outstanding concert of British and American unaccompanied choral works, built around Stanford's double choir Latin *Magnificat* and presented by the Colchester Chamber Choir. The concert raised some £500 for church funds.

LANGHAM 100 CLUB

Winners

£50 Nancy Raymond
£25 Hugh & Marilyn Halsall
£15 Danielle Kimberley
£10 Janne Knightsbridge

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

A NEW GARDEN CLUB?

When the Langham Gardening Club ceased, it asked the Parish Council to hold its funds in case anyone wanted to restart it; if no-one came forward after five years, the money was to be used to benefit the village in some other way. The five years have now passed. The Council would like to see a gardening club or something similar revived and is looking for someone to take on the challenge. If you are interested, contact Elizabeth Schofield on 272448 or David Winter on 322301.

BOXTED CRICKET CLUB

Boxted CC has experienced indifferent results in June so far, the Two Counties 1st XI losing both home and away League matches. Other matches were also lost but good wins were recorded by the Midweek Evening XI against Lloyds XI and the Under 13s against W Mersea.

LANGHAM WI

The June meeting was an evening of "home" talent, Jean Reynolds entertaining and astonishing members with the story of her amazing life. Then Barbara Arrowsmith, Carolyn Blacklock and Pam King, who had recently obtained Hygiene Certificates, demonstrated the "dos and don'ts" of health and hygiene when preparing food.

Friends of Langham School 10KM RUN & FUN RUN

Details & entry forms for this 8 September event are obtainable from www.langham10km.org.uk; no "on the day" entries are allowed. Help on the day would be welcome: email Rachael Podd at fols@thepodds.co.uk or phone her on 272506.

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