

## LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Some items reported and discussed at the Annual Meeting

#### Finance

Expenditure in 2012-13 was £34,338, nearly £4,000 less than the previous year. Income was £40,000 a increase of £3,000; balances amount to £61,800, of which £25,000 is ring-fenced.

#### Planning

In 2012-13 the Council was consulted on 16 planning applications, to 15 of which it had no objection. The Rural Community Council of Essex assessed the requirement for affordable housing in the village and identified a need for seven units, to be on a "Rural Exception Site" and associated with cross-subsidised open market housing, thus increasing the size of the development. The Council is seeking clarification.

The red 1930s telephone kiosk in Dedham Road is being adopted by the Council, which is also applying for it to be "listed".

#### Speed Restrictions

40mph speed limit orders are coming into effect:

- between the two 30mph zones in Park Lane; and
- on sections of road at the Gun Hill - Dedham Road junction.

#### Parking in School Road

The seemingly intractable problem of parking in School Road has occupied much of the Council's attention. Several possible solutions have been investigated but none has so far proved practicable.

#### Bus stops

Progress has been made in formalising 5 bus stopping points as part of a County Council programme. The stops will include one with a shelter near the Community Centre.

#### Broadband

The Community Centre acquires a high speed wireless broadband service on 25 April.

#### Housing

There have been some delays in the allocation of both affordable and low cost housing. The

Council should be notified of any vacancies and asked for its suggestions for occupancies.

#### Village Schools

County Cllr Anne Brown is concerned that village schools with fewer than 220 pupils (among them Langham School) are likely to have their funding cut over the next 4 years.

#### POST OFFICE AT LANGHAM

People may not be fully aware of the services that are available at the "Outreach" Post Office two mornings a week at Langham Community Shop. Among the various services offered are:

- Banking services (all cards)
- Utility bill payments
- Car licensing
- Foreign currency (to order)
- Telephone top-ups
- Fishing licenses

The hours are 9 am to 11.30 am, Mondays and Thursdays.

#### SOME COMING EVENTS

(More details in the June issue)

**Saturday 1 June 6 pm**  
**St Peter's Church**

#### MAGNIFICAT

A programme of sumptuous British & American unaccompanied choral works built around Stanford's great double choir Latin *Magnificat*.

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**Sunday 2 June All day**  
**Boxted Airfield Museum**

#### COMMEMORATION

of the airfield's 70th anniversary of commencing operations and of the effect on Langham of the arrival of 3,000 Americans. Visiting veterans from the US and Canada. Presentations on various subjects including the history and preservation of the B26 Marauder fuselage on display. Music of the 30s & 40s by "Swing Machine Big Band"  
Adults £5, acc'd children free.

**Saturday 15 June 5 pm**  
**St Peter's Church**

#### BEER & HYMNS

Sing great hymns Drink Real Ale  
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#### RECTOR TIM'S FAREWELL

Tim Bull conducted his last services as Rector of Langham with Boxted on Sunday 14 April.

In the morning, all seats were taken at St Mary's for a Sung Eucharist. After the Eucharist, a party for Tim was held at a Boxted Village Hall filled to capacity, both present and former parishioners being present. The gratitude of all parishioners for Tim Bull's inspired and inspiring ministry was expressed on their behalf by the Churchwardens. They then presented Tim with a highly sophisticated camera and a handsome cheque, both funded by popular subscription. A further gift was a very fine tapestry, created by Anne Sara, depicting interesting scenes and buildings in and around Boxted and Langham. In response, Tim acknowledged the friendship and support he had received during his ten happy years here.

In the evening there was Choral Evensong at St Peter's, with music by the Mersea Island Chorus. After Evensong, Tim was surprised and touched to hear the two churches' occasional choir sing a song of thanks to him devised and led by the Parish Youth Worker, Dorothea Müller. The tune was Abba's "Thank you for the music" but the words were Dorothea's:

**So we say thank you for the time we  
spent together**

**Thanks for all that you have done  
Thank you for your prayer, your  
love and hospitality, all the tea**

**We are so blessed and praise the  
Lord**

**To tell Him thank you for the Bulls  
and the time we've had**

**Sunday 16 June 2.30—5.30 pm**  
**St Peter's Church**

#### STRAWBERRY FAIR & BALLOON RACE

Ending with "CONNECT" style worship at 6 pm to end the weekend. *This event and "Beer & Hymns" are to raise money in support of the Church's youth work in Boxted & Langham*

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