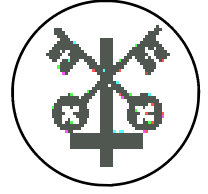




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June 2008

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FROM THE RECTOR

Like me, you were probably shocked and saddened after the deaths of two parents of children at Langham School: Pat Salt and Claire Hawksbee. So on Friday 16th May, around 150 of us gathered at St Mary's Church to light candles in solidarity with these two families, and to offer up prayers to God. It was very heartening to see the village coming together in this way - young and old, those who share our Christian faith and those who don't.

While our service of lighting candles is over, for the Salt and Hawksbee families and those closest to them, the loss cannot be over. Nothing can make up for the loss of two loving parents. So our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the families at this time.

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Church services

1st	St Mary's	10.00	All-age Family Eucharist
Trinity	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
II	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
		3.00	Band Service
8th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Trinity	St Peter's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
III	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
15th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Trinity	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
IV	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
22nd	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Trinity	St Peter's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
V	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service w. Holy Communion
29th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
SS Peter & Paul	St Peter's	5.00	Patronal Eucharist
	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service

Other events

Boxted Parish Council	11th	7.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Footpath Walk	1st	2.00	Boxted Church Lane
Boxted Coffee Café	3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th	10.30-12	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Evergreen Club	12th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Tea Dance—Cha! Cha! Cha!)
	26th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Sarah Shehadeh: "Grannie's Bit-box")
Boxted WI	10th	5.45 for 6.00	Elmcroft, Green Lane
			(Garden Party; Signing Choir of Lexden Primary School)
Boxted History Group	18th	7.30 for 8.00	Boxted Village Hall
			(David Possee: "The Courtauld Dynasty")
Boxted Art & Craft Club			Meetings resume in September
Boxted Bingo	25th	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			June meeting to be arranged
Langham Footpath Walk	8th	2.00	Langham Community Centre
Langham WI	12th	7.30	Langham Community Centre
			(J Marshall-Ward & M Panzetta: "What did they wear 1900-1930?")
Langham Good Companions	4th	2.30	Langham Community Centre
			(John Knight: "American First Ladies")
	11th		Afternoon visit to Aldeburgh
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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LANGHAM GOOD COMPANIONS

The companions had wonderful support for their Spring Sale in May, when they raised nearly £700 towards funding their activities during the year. The Committee thanks most sincerely all those who worked so hard and contributed so much to the success of the event, as well as those who patronized it.

The Companions meet again on 4 June, when Dr John Knight will talk about the "First Ladies" of the United States. In June also (the 11th), there is to be an outing to Aldeburgh. For details of the outing and information about membership of the club, please ring Marlena Lipski on 272727.

BOXTED FOOTPATH WALKS

The May walk was very well attended and followed a route that took in Rivers Hall, criss-crossing the Boxted Brook valley. The last walk of the season, on 1 June, will leave Boxted Church Lane at 2 pm.

From the Registers

Baptism

Poppy Louise Joyce

Marriage

Martin Hull & Claire Anderson

Burial

Thirza Lily Barber

LANGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Melvyn Prentice, a professional gardener, offered a topical and highly interesting subject for his talk at the May meeting: "Hanging Baskets and Containers". He employed traditional plants, with minimal use of petunias and surfinias, and members gained much useful information about planting and maintenance techniques.

Two resolutions for presentation at the National Federation AGM were debated and carried. They concerned the inappropriate imprisonment of the severely mentally handicapped and a ban on "bottom trawling".

BOXTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The May meeting saw resolutions for the National Federation AGM being discussed and voted on. David Wilkin gave a fascinating talk on the habits and habitat of Barn Owls and on his own work with them. His talk was not only well-illustrated: he brought with him his own owl, Caspar, who attracted much attention and admiration.

Two weeks earlier, members had enjoyed a walk through charming bluebell woods, followed by lunch at a local farm.

REFUSE FREIGHTER, LANGHAM

A Borough Council "refuse freighter" will be at Langham Community Centre from 8 to 9 am on 21 June for people to deposit items unsuitable for the regular refuse collections.

DEDHAM VALE AONB & STOUR VALLEY PROJECT WALKS

The Dedham Vale AONB & Stour Valley Project (funded by the Essex and Suffolk County Councils, Colchester and other Borough/District Councils and Natural England) organizes expertly-guided walks in the spring and early summer and in the winter through some of England's finest scenery. The 26 June walk, from 7 to 9 in the evening, will be a four-mile stroll along the meadows by the Stour to take in some of the best-known scenes painted by John Constable; the going is described as "easy". There is a charge of £3 for each adult on a walk but there is none for children.

For details of how to join this and subsequent walks, ring the Project on

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BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

May Winners

£25 O Whitnell
£10 Mr McCune
£ 6 Shane Garrard
£ 4 Mrs Turnage

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

A YOUTH WORKER FOR BOXTED & LANGHAM

For some months St Mary's and St Peter's Churches have been considering what might be done in the particular interests of the younger people of our two villages. Planning and preparation (which includes financial provision) have advanced to the stage where the Rector is able to write:

"St Mary's and St Peter's always aim to be churches for the *whole* community. So it is wonderful that we are now in a position to go ahead and appoint a Youth Worker. This worker will provide engaging, entertaining and educational activities for those aged 9 to 14. Through working with the villages, schools and churches, the children and young people will grow in self-worth as responsible members of the community, and also in their Christian faith. At least that's what we're hoping and praying for!

We have yet to appoint someone to this post. Our plan is that each year for the next 24 months, at least, we will get a worker in their early twenties through a scheme called *Time for God*. They will most likely be from overseas, and we hope that a worker will begin this autumn, or in January.

This is a really exciting initiative. Watch this space for more details.

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LANGHAM 100 CLUB

April Winners

£40 Mr & Mrs Morrell

£25 Gill Salt

£10 Langham WI

£ 5 Langham Tennis Club

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

LANGHAM COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE

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Post Office Ltd has informed the Shop Committee that the present Post Office will be succeeded by a twice-weekly "Outreach" service from Thursday 12 June. Thereafter, Post Office services are scheduled to be available at the Community Shop on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 11.30 am.

Have you signed up with the Shop for the fuel oil discount scheme?

STRAWBERRY TEA

There will be great Strawberry Tea on the afternoon of 14 June, in the field (weather permitting) by the Boxted Methodist Chapel. For more information, please see the posters that are being put up around Boxted and Langham as we go to print.

BOXTED EVERGREENS CLUB

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LANGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

In early May Langham Primary School was immersed for two weeks in the Government's "SATS" (Standard Assessment Tests). An achievers' assembly has been organised by Year 6 pupils, while Year 1 children visited the Pre-school held daily in the Community Centre. The school is pleased to learn that its "Travel to School" plan for 2008-2009 has been accepted. The children hope that their striking design details for the cover of the Tendring hundred Show programme will be accepted; a year 4 pupil has received a High Achiever Certificate in respect of a particular contribution.

The Friends of Langham School (FOLS) continue with a very active social and fund-raising programme. FOLS are looking into the possibility of funding a stage for the school hall and an outside classroom structure. The pond and herb garden have been given a thorough "spring clean". The annual Summer Fayre will be on Sunday 22 June.

RUBY AND HER HORSES

An unusual evening's entertainment will be coming to Boxted Village Hall on 12 July, in the form of a true-life narrative by Neil Lenham of stories told him by his mother, Ruby. The audience will be drawn back to the period from just before the Great War through the agricultural depression of the 30s. The show is supported by song and screened photos. Ring 272351 for more details.

BOXTED LODGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

A combination of injuries and unavailability of players in mid-season restricted the Lodgers to sixth place in the league (having been third from top at Christmas) but with their reputation as one of the league's better teams preserved.

The reserves team also began the 2007/8 with a bang, their fine form being sustained up to Christmas. However, as the first team began to struggle, so did the reserves and with luck and results against them they only managed to finish in the bottom half of the table—position that reflected neither their efforts nor their talents.

Planning for the 2008/9 season is well in hand, the Club being determined to return to the top flight of Border League football. Details of pre-season preparations will be announced soon. Open trials will be held for anyone in Boxted, Langham and surrounding villages who would like to be considered as a player.

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