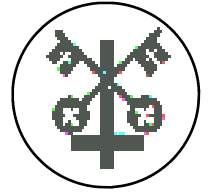




ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



September 2008

A free newsletter published by the Church for every home in Boxted and Langham

LANGHAM: ESSEX VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

The news that Langham had been declared Essex Village of the Year 2008 came through after the last issue of the Newsletter went to print. The award not only recognises the facilities the village offers but, more importantly, its "community spirit". The result says more about the village than simply its looking tidy (which it did) when the judges inspected it. Langham will now go forward to the 2009 English Village of the Year competition.

RIDE & STRIDE

for the Friends of Essex Churches
(and for our own churches)

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Entry/Sponsorship forms from
Stephen Garner (272599) or
Stephen Whybrow (272773)

Those who are not riding or walking on the day are asked to act as stewards at our churches.

Please contact:

Stephen Garner (for St Mary's)
Stephen Whybrow (for St Peter's)

ST PETER'S BELLS

Thanks to the generosity of a number of donors, after some years of silence the two bells in the tower of St Peter's Church again sound out across Boxted. One bell (the tenor) has been recast and both bells rehung; modern technology enables the bells to be chimed electrically (and to chime the hours) but a team of ringers has been formed to ring them in the time-honoured way.

The successful completion of the project owes much to the efforts of many individuals. But special thanks are due to Alison Human, Churchwarden of St. Peter's at the time, who masterminded it. Without her enthusiasm and hard work the dream would not have become a reality.

Hugh Large, a Boxted resident, has produced an extensive (over 850 images) photographic record of the project, a selection of which he has reproduced in a very fine Commemorative Book. Copies are available from Hugh at £38 (contact him by email at hugh@hughlarge.com).

On Sunday 21 September (6 pm) the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Reverend John Gladwin, will come to St Peter's to celebrate the Eucharist and dedicate the bells. All parishioners are invited to join the celebrations.

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PARISH DIARY - SEPTEMBER

Church services

7th	St Mary's	10.00	Patronal Festival Eucharist
Trinity	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
XVI	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
		3.00	Band Service
14th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Trinity	St Peter's	10.00	All-age Family Worship
XVII	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
21st	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Trinity	St Peter's	6.00	Eucharist & Blessing of the bells
XVIII	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
		6.00	Harvest Festival (with Band)
28th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP) "Back to Church"
Trinity	St Peter's	10.00	Sung Eucharist Sunday
XIX	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service w. Holy Communion

Other events

Boxted Parish Council	10th	7.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Footpath Walk			Walks resume 5 October
Boxted Coffee Café	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th		
		10.30-12	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Evergreen Club	4th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Film—Anne Newman: "Gardens of the North of England")
	11th	1.00	Boxted Village Hall
			(Tour to Heybridge)
	18th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Bring & Buy)
Boxted WI	9th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Liz Mullen: "Garrison Radio")
Boxted History Group	17th	7.30 for 8.00	Boxted Village Hall
			(Laura McLean: "Artefacts from the Colchester Area")
Boxted Art & Craft Club	3rd	2.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Bingo	24th	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	30th	7.30	Langham Community Centre
Langham Footpath Walk			Walks resume 12 October
Langham WI	11th	7.30	Langham Community Centre
			(June Crisfield Chapman: "Plant Myths & Medicines")
Langham Good Companions	3rd	2.30	Langham Community Centre
			(Katie Griffiths: "Music from the Shows")
	10th		Outing to "The Chocolate Lady"
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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BOXTED ART & CRAFT CLUB

After a break for the summer, meetings of the Art & Craft Club begin again on 3 September. Newcomers are always very welcome —please ring Doreen Jackson on 272744.

LANGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members and friends celebrated Langham WI's 70th birthday in July at a party in the charming garden of the home of the President, Maureen Shouksmith. The weather was unusually kind and over seventy-five members, past presidents and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch, a cake beautifully decorated by Carolyn Blacklock and an exhibition of the WI's history organized by Anne Cairns.

Langham WI is a very friendly group: if you are interested in joining, phone Maureen Shouksmith (272438) or Rona Hammond(272331).

RIVER STOUR TRUST

The River Stour Trust welcomes volunteers to help in restoring Stratford St Mary lock, which is actually in Langham. Work will continue until the end of September and this is a great chance to see and help preserve a lovely but usually unseen part of the river. Why not give Roger Brown a ring on 272072?

YOUNG PEOPLE AT ST MARGARET'S CROSS

All too often young people get a bad press. But not always. Residents living near St Margaret's Cross, Langham, have expressed their admiration of the quiet and orderly behaviour of the youngsters who wait for the school bus there. It is particularly pleasing that they leave little or no litter behind when they get on the bus.

BOXTED EVERGREENS CLUB

Members of the Evergreen Club thank everyone who donated items for the Grand Draw and other attractions at the summer fair and who came along on the day to give strong support. The result was a grand profit of £1,282 for the Evergreens' funds. There is a great programme of interesting talks and exciting expeditions over the next few months. New members are always welcome, especially (but not exclusively) Boxted residents and those who might be willing to help run the Club in the years to come. If you are interested, Ruth Sycamore is the one to contact (272551).

FLOWER ARRANGING

for St Mary's & St Peter's Churches

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

The life and times of farming families in twenties and thirties Suffolk were revived for members and friends at the July meeting. The occasion was a brilliant presentation, enlivened with slides and songs, by Neil Lanham, the son of Ruby — hence the title "Ruby and her Horses".

At the time of printing, members were to visit the Suffolk Horse Centre and Stud at Hollesley Bay.

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

July Winners

£25 S Garrad

£10 Mr P Graves

£ 6 Mrs M Scott

£ 4 Mr P Scott

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

LANGHAM FUN RUN

The annual Langham 10Km Run & 1.5Km Fun Run will be on 14 September, starting (11 am) and finishing at Langham Community Centre. Entry forms are obtainable by email from langham10kregistration@yahoo.co.uk. The run is organised by the Friends of Langham School.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Standard Bearer has sadly had to retire and the Boxted Branch are keen to fill the vacant post as soon as possible. Membership of the Legion is not essential but availability to attend funerals and the annual Remembrance Service is desirable. Anyone interested is asked to ring Mike Shore (272545) or John Watts (272659).

The Legion Club on Straight Road is holding a Bingo Night on 13 September, to which everyone is invited. The evening starts at 8.15 pm.

PETANQUE FOR PARKINSON'S

In late June friends and neighbours enjoyed an evening of pétanque hosted by Tom and Liz Davies at "Thistles", Birchwood Road, Langham. The trophy was once again won by Gina & Martin Warwick, who are now barred from playing next year unless their arms are tied behind their backs. The gallant runners-up were Margaret & Charlotte King. Anne & John Cairns organised a raffle, which boosted the total raised in the evening to £347. A further £33 was raised in July from the sale of vegetables and flowers at the Davies's gate, enabling a cheque for £380 to be presented to the local PD Branch, the money to be used to buy equipment needed for research into Parkinson's Disease.

LANGHAM GOOD COMPANIONS

The Autumn programme of the Good Companions starts on 3 September, when members will be entertained by Katie Griffiths with "Songs from the Shows". The last outing of 2008 is a visit on 10 September to the "Chocolate Lady" at Steeple Bumpstead, followed by a Cream Tea. For details, ring Marlena Lipski (272727).

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LANGHAM 100 CLUB

June Winners July

£40 Rosie Helliwell Ann Schofield
 £25 D & L Ford I Dickie & H McKenzie
 £10 Ernie Schofield Tony Ellis
 £ 5 Marjorie Bryant Rachael Podd
 If you would like to join the 100 Club,
 ring Sylvia Hemmings on 322336.

BOXTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The threat of rain thwarted the planned picnic in July and instead a small group of members lunched at Dedham. Keith Lovell's account of "History through the Sea Shanty" at the July meeting included intriguing explanations of the nautical origins of some everyday sayings. Members naturally and with enthusiasm joined in singing the sea shanties.

This year's August outing was to Green Lawns Bonsai Nursery, Boxford, where they were welcomed by David & Elaine Pagett. David Pagett described the history of Bonsai and demonstrated the art by trimming and wiring a small conifer. Despite poor weather, after taking refreshment, members rambled round the many examples of Bonsai trees.

At the September meeting Liz Mullen, formerly of Radio Essex but now of Garrison Radio will tell of her life in local radio.

On 26 September (10 am to 12) the WI will again host a Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Village Hall. Members look forward to welcoming visitors to the cake, plant etc stalls and to the other attractions.

BOXTED PRE-SCHOOL

The staff and committee offer a big "Thank you" to all those who contributed to the Leavers' Collection at the end of the Summer term, which raised £121 for the purchase of new tricycles. The Big Toddle in July raised £230 for Barnardos through generous sponsorship and the Mad Hatter's Tea Party was also a great success in terms of both fun and fund-raising, thanks to all who attended in support.

New children are being enrolled from September; morning and afternoon sessions and lunch club are available. Please contact Maggie Bland, the Pre-School Leader, on 07712 641553.

Langham Community Shop

DISCOUNTED HEATING OIL

The next delivery will be in the week beginning 6 October. If you are interested, please sign up at the shop by 3 October, giving your name, address (including postcode) and the amount of oil you need.

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THE LANGHAM PARISH PLAN ASSOCIATION

7.30 pm Wednesday 8 October
 Langham Community Centre

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

Alfie Kieren Betts Poppy May Newton Tavy Grace Soar

Marriage

Craig Bannock & Hannah Turley Bradley Derosa & Georgina Humphreys
 Jonathan Mahoney & Valeries Depraetere Stuart Newton & Dawn Miller
 Iain Stanmore & Marion Whitnell

THE ROADS IN LANGHAM

Mr Geoff Harris of Essex County Council Highways Department will be present at the Langham Parish Council meeting on 30 September (7.30 pm in the Community Centre). Parishioners are invited to ask questions of him; they should be submitted *in writing* to the Clerk, David Winter, at

St Margaret's Cottage, School Road, Langham CO4 5PD or
 emailed to dcwinter@hotmail.co.uk

The topics might include:

- Results of traffic flow counts (one has been operating in Park Lane)
- The expected effects of the new Community Stadium and what mitigating measures are planned
- What, where and when will there be major improvements to Langham roads
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