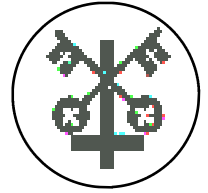




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May 2009



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Sunday & Monday

24 & 25 MAY

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Plant Sale at St Peter's School

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See

THE REVD RUTH RIDGE

The Revd Ruth Ridge, the Minister who looks after the Methodist Church Sector that includes Boxted Methodist Chapel, has recently moved from Halstead to West Bergholt. Her new address is:

The Manse, Chapel Lane, West Bergholt CO6 3EF.

Her telephone numbers are:

(Office) 01206 210141 (Home) 01206 242183.

Her email address remains: ruth@ridge.clara.co.uk

Langham Good Companions

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by 8 am on Monday 18 May

PARISH DIARY - MAY

Church services

3rd	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Easter	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
IV	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
		3.00	Band Service
10th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Easter	St Peter's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
V	Methodist Chapel	No service (Sector Service at Marks Tey, 10.45)	
17th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Easter	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
VI	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
24th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Sunday a.	St Peter's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Ascension	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
31st	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Pentecost	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong, with meditation
	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service

Other events

Boxted Parish Council	13th	7.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Footpath Walk	3rd	2.00	King George Playing Field
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30-12	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Evergreen Club	14th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Carol Wheatley: "Biberbach Revisited")
	20th	1.00	Suffolk Villages Tour
	28th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Bingo)
Boxted WI	12th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Resolutions & Beetle Drive)
Boxted History Group	20th		Visit to Columbine Hall, Stowmarket
Boxted Art & Craft Club	6th & 20th	2.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Bingo	27th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday 2.00 & Friday 7.00		Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday	7.00	King George Playing Field
Boxted Pram & Chat Club	Wednesday in school term		
	9.45-11.15		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	26th	7.30	Langham Community Centre
Langham Footpath Walk	10th	2.00	Langham Community Centre
Langham WI	14th	7.30	Langham Community Centre
			("Do you know your birds?")
Langham Good Companions	9th	10.30 - 12.30	Langham Community Centre
			(Spring Fair)
Langham Badminton Club	Thursday	8.00	Langham Community Centre
Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday 2.00 & Friday 7.30		
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
Langham Baby/Toddler Group	Monday in school term		
	9.45-11.15		Langham Community Centre
Langham Tennis Club	3rd	3.30-5.30	Langham Recreation Ground

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CONSTABLE COUNTRY MEDICAL PRACTICE:

PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

The Constable Country Medical Practice, of Capel St Mary and East Bergholt, which includes patients from Boxted and Langham among its clientele, has established a Patient Representative Group. The Group has been set up to:

- help patients understand how the Practice works;
- help patients who would like to raise issues with the Practice but who prefer not to do so themselves;
- help the Practice plan and implement necessary change;
- keep the Practice focused on patient needs.

A paper outlining the origins, constitution and terms of reference of the Group, and a list of its members, is available at the Capel and East Bergholt surgeries and may be viewed on the Practice website:

www.constablecountrymedicalpractice.co.uk. If you would like to know more about the Representative Group, please contact a local member:

Danielle Kimberley or
Laura Smerdon (230327)

BOXTED METHODIST CHAPEL

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16 MAY
11 AM TO 1 PM

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LANGHAM TENNIS CLUB

New members from Boxted, Langham or the surrounding area are very welcome at the Tennis Club. Call Stuart or Jacqueline Rudge on 272031 to play at any time for an annual fee of £20 (child), £30 (adult) or £50 (family). The Club's coach teaches children every Sunday morning, 10 am to 12. There are family fun sessions, competitions for those who want them, a Wimbledon ticket draw.

LANGHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The Langham Carpet Bowls Club entertained Langham Women's Institute members and friends at a Bowls Evening on Red Nose (Comic Relief) Day. The highly enjoyable evening raised £70 for Comic Relief.

BOXTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

High fashion came to Boxted at the WI's April meeting, when a large range of attractive clothes from the St Helena Hospice Shop was modelled by seven members. After the show there was an opportunity for members to purchase from the range displayed; the response was enthusiastic and a good many items were bought.

Singing classes for the members will start in May, giving the less practised a chance of some good fun.

DEDHAM ARTS GROUP SPRING EXHIBITION

The Dedham Arts Group Spring Exhibition will be held at Littlegarth Studio, Dedham High Street, from "3 to 25 May. Admission is free and the show is open from 11 am to 5 pm on each of the three days. This is a good opportunity to see and buy work by

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL

April Winners

£25 Mrs R Freeland
£10 Mrs A Newman
£ 6 Mrs M Scott
£ 4 Mr P Graves

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

DEDHAM VALE AONB & STOUR VALLEY PROJECT

The next in the Project's series of Spring and Summer Walks and events, on 28 May from 7 to 9 pm, is a visit to see the work of the Colchester Archaeology Group as they expose the remains of a Tudor hunting lodge at Wormingford. There will also be a 3½ mile evening stroll around the area to take in views across an especially delightful part of the Stour Valley. There is a charge of £3 for each adult attending the event, just to meet the overheads. But the charge is waived for children and those travelling by public transport or bike. Numbers are limited. For more information or to book a place contact the Project on 01473 264263

or

www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org

BOXTED ART & CRAFT CLUB

Members of the Club will be "doing their own thing" at the 6 May meeting—pursuing their own particular art or craft. The last meeting before the summer break will be on 20 May and is the Annual General Meeting. However, an outing to the Lavenham Galleries is planned for June—details will be available shortly. The dates of meetings in September and onwards are yet to be settled.

For information about the thriving Art & Craft Club, speak to Doreen Jackson on 272744.

LANGHAM COMMUNITY SHOP: PHOTOCOPYING

The shop now offers a self-service photocopying machine, so saving an inconvenient journey to Staples or elsewhere. Copies may be made in black & white or colour. The charges are 10p a copy for black & white and 30p for colour, both in A4 size.

From the Parish Registers Marriage

Mark Smith & Claire Hammond
Gareth Adlam & Joanne Law

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LANGHAM 100 CLUB

March Winners

- £40 Peter Blake
£25 Vera Woodland
£15 David & Lesley Ford
£10 Langham Bridge Club

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

LANGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Langham Primary School had an exciting end to the spring term. The art exhibition, which involved all the children in the school and which had been put together in the course of the whole term, was well-supported by parents and friends and was a great success. An auction of the children's artwork raised a fantastic sum—over £200—for the children's selected charity, the RSPCA. One highlight of the term was of course the visit of the older children to the amazing Tate Modern gallery in London.

Near the end of term the School heard that the SATS 2 results for English, Maths and Science had been first class, putting the School into the top three in Essex.

The summer term has now begun; it has the theme for the whole school of "Making our School Environmentally/Eco-friendly".

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The scheme has had a quiet start but this was expected—other local care networks have found the same. The start has also coincided with the coming of better weather, when there is perhaps less illness about and less need to visit doctors etc. But the Good Neighbours have been pleased to help with visits to homes and hospitals and to collect medicines.

So, the Good Neighbours are ready and willing to help if they can. The numbers to ring are:

Langham
07879 062 811 or 07826 793 387
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KEEPING LANGHAM TIDY

The Langham Parish Council has expressed its gratitude to the long-serving team of litter-pickers who work hard to keep a large number of Langham's roads free of litter. There is always scope for others to be involved and more volunteers will be most welcome. Additional helpers will be provided with the necessary equipment by Elizabeth Schofield, Council Chairman. Please contact the Council's Clerk, David Winter, on 322301 or email him on
dcwinter@hotmail.co.uk

LANGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members at the April meeting listened to a very interesting and informative account by John Gambin and Dave Hodgkin of the Community at Old Hall, East Bergholt. When it was set up 35 years ago, the Community was regarded with suspicion as just a group of "hippies". However, it is now regarded as very much part of the local scene. Its aims are self-sufficiency using organic methods of animal and plant husbandry, with solar and geothermal sources of energy.

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