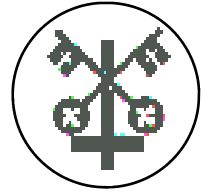




ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



February 2010

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

NEW!

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE NEWSLETTER

In response to readers' suggestions, this and future issues of the St Mary's & St Peter's Newsletter will contain a supplement especially for news from the Boxted and Langham Parish Councils. The supplement is supported by a range of advertisements, so extending our service to both readers and local businesses.

*Please mention the Newsletter
when you respond to an advertisement.*

FRUGAL LUNCHES

The first of the annual Lenten Frugal Lunches will be held at Boxted Village Hall on Tuesday 23 February at 12 mid-day, immediately after the weekly Coffee Café. There will be a further four Frugal Lunches in the series, the last being on Tuesday 30 March. Everyone is welcome at these light lunches. Any profits will go, as usual, to the Colchester Emergency Night Shelter.

DISCOUNT OIL SUPPLIES

Have you considered joining the domestic fuel oil delivery scheme arranged by Langham Community Shop? The prices negotiated by the Shop are very competitive. The next delivery will be in the week beginning 15 February and if you want to take advantage you will need to call at the Shop in School Road, Langham, by 8 February. Orders cannot be taken by telephone.

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PARISH DIARY - FEBRUARY

Church Services

7th	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
All Saints	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
All Souls	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
		3.00	Band Service
14th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Last after	St Peter's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Epiphany	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service
21st	St Mary's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
Lent	St Peter's	6.00	Evensong
I	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service with Holy Communion
28th	St Mary's	8.30	Eucharist (BCP)
Lent	St Peter's	10.00	Sung Eucharist
II	Methodist Chapel	10.30	Morning Service

Other events

Boxted Parish Council	10th	7.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Footpath Walk	7th	2.00	King George Playing Field
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30-12	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Evergreen Club	4th	2.30	Boxted Village Hall
			("Douglas Carter Entertains")
Boxted WI	9th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
			(Jos Renouf: "A Guernsey Evening")
Boxted History Group	17th	7.30 for 8.00	Boxted Village Hall
			(David Williams: "History of the City of London & the Thames")
Boxted Art & Craft Club	3rd & 17th	2.00	Boxted Village Hall
Boxted Bingo	24th	7.30	Boxted Village Hall
The Point, Boxted	4th	5.00-6.30	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
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted)	Monday-Friday in school term	9.15-11.45 & 12.45-3.15	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	2nd	7.30	Langham Community Centre
Langham Footpath Walk	14th	2.00	Community Centre Car Park
Langham WI	11th	7.30	Langham Community Centre
			(Samantha Green: "Estée Lauder")
Langham Good Companions	3rd	2.00	Langham Community Centre
			(Gillian Lungle: "Card Making")
The Point, Langham	11th	5.00-6.30	Langham Community Centre
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

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by 8 am on Monday 15 February

GARDENS OF LANGHAM 2010

Sunday & Monday 30 & 31 May

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LANGHAM BABY & TODDLER GROUP

There are still some vacancies for children aged 0 -3 and their Mums, Dads or carers at the lively Baby & Toddler Group on Mondays from 9.45 to 11 am at Langham Community Centre during school terms. The charge (to cover costs and refreshments) is only £2 a session per family. You don't have to live in Langham to join! Speak to Claire Arculus on 271264.

BOXTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The WI's Christmas Party was happily scheduled to take place before the icy weather of December and January descended on East Anglia. It was a great occasion, at which members and their guests enjoyed splendid food brought to the party by members. The entertainment was by the talented and versatile Brenda Green, who both sang seasonal songs to her own accompaniment on the guitar and recited poems and monologues.

Not surprisingly, the January games evening had to be postponed because of the snowy conditions but members are now looking forward to the February meeting, which will be a "Guernsey Evening" arranged by Guernsey-woman Jocelyn Renouf.

VALENTINE DANCE

The Christmas Dance organised by the Schofield Family in aid of the Langham Community Centre had to be cancelled because of the weather. It is being replaced by a Valentine's Night Dance, on Saturday 13 February, which will of course be every bit as enjoyable. The dance will be from 8 pm to midnight and music will be by Kenny Lee and Hustler. Tickets are £8 each from Bob Schofield (272448).

CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

On a Saturday at the end of November Boxted Village Hall was filled with happy people buying and selling all kinds of attractive things at St Mary's and St Peter's Churches' Christmas Bazaar. Thanks to the efforts of Penny Carmichael, her sturdy band of helpers the generosity of donors and the enthusiastic support of patrons, church funds have been swelled by a very welcome £1,700.

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

For the History Group, 2009 ended in fine style with a "cinematic" evening presented by David Cleveland and Leslie Lister. Under the title "The Picture Palace a Century Ago" and using an authentic period projector, they showed reels of silent film, much of which was hilarious. David Cleveland's extensive knowledge of how such films were made and projected gave an enthralling insight into the earliest days of the film business. The breaking of one reel of film during its projection brought home just how fragile the material is and how fortunate we are that so much has been saved.

Members are looking forward to the 17 February meeting, when David Williams will talk on the history of the City of London and the River Thames.

THE LANGHAM SINGERS

Yet another group, the Langham Singers in this instance, had to cancel its January session because of snow and ice. However, another of these popular sessions will be on Saturday 27 February. As before, it will be at Langham Community Centre, from 11 am to 1 pm, and will be led by Joanna Wren. There is a modest charge of £5.

No music-reading skill is needed: all you have to do is to come along and have a good time. Remember, singing has been proved to be good for your health. Carolyn Blacklock (272332) or Rona Hammond (272331) will be very pleased to tell you all about it.

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

December Winners January

Rebecca Lee	£25	Mrs J Mallett
Mrs V Holton	£10	Mr & Mrs Daniels
Mr R Smith	£ 6	Mrs J Stimson
Mr & Mrs Smith	£4	Marian Foucoura

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

Operation Christmas Child

St Mary & St Peter's Churches combined with Boxted St Peter School and Langham Primary School to ensure that no fewer than 171 well-filled shoeboxes went on their way from Boxted and Langham to gladden the hearts of desperately impoverished and deprived children in Eastern Europe at Christmastide. Keith and Shirley Groom, the local representatives of Samaritan's Purse, thank all those who contributed to this effort.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: LANGHAM SECRETARY

Ian Sutherland has had to resume the duties of Children's Society Secretary for Langham. However, after more than twenty years in the post, he would be pleased if a younger person could come forward to take on the duties of local secretary. The Children's Society is one of the two major national organisations devoted to the care and protection of deprived and vulnerable children but depends for its income almost entirely on individual legacies and private donations. If you think you can help, have a word with Ian—he lives at Bonaccord, School Road, Langham, and you can ring him on 272486.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF)

Planning Inspector Terry Kemman-Lane has been appointed to examine whether Colchester Borough Council's Site Allocations & Development Policies Development Plan Documents (part of the LDF) are sound. Anyone wishing to comment on the Documents (particularly in the context of the proposals described under "Residents' Questions" in the Supplement to the Newsletter) should write to:

Terry Kemman-Lane DIPT MBIM FRPT
Planning Inspector
Planning Directorate
Temple Quay House 2
The Square
Bristol BS1 6PN

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LANGHAM 100 CLUB

November Winners		December
Langham TC	£40	P Turner
David Winter	£25	Mr & Mrs Bettie
Simon Gallup	£15	E Hobday
K & S Hemmings	£10	P Blake

If you would like to join the 100 Club, ring David King on 271079.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: COLLECTION BOXES

The local Children's Society Secretaries, Penny Carmichael (Boxted) and Ian Sutherland (Langham) are asking for the collection boxes distributed in homes and other places throughout the two villages to be returned for emptying and counting during the week beginning 1 February. Please take your boxes to:

Boxted
Penny Carmichael, 2 Crossfield
(Tel. 272218)

or
Boxted St Peter's School, Carter's Hill
Langham
Ian Sutherland, Bonaccord, School Rd
(Tel. 272486)

From the Parish Registers

Burial

George Godfrey
Edwin Lawrence
John Michael Maturin-Baird
Janet Stevens

LANGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school's autumn term concluded with a variety of activities. These included a successful Christmas Bazaar organised by the Friends of Langham School and a performance involving both staff and children of "Uncle Crumble's Mad Machine". There was a carol concert at St Mary's church, in which several carols were accompanied by over twenty pupil recorder players. The Year 6 recorder players visited Langham Ward of the Colchester General Hospital, where they entertained patients and staff, while musicians and singers performed for the Good Companions at the latter's December meeting. The whole school also enjoyed a visit to see "Cinderella" at the Mercury Theatre.

THE POINT Numbers at THE POINT youth group sessions at Boxted Village Hall and Langham Community Centre are steadily increasing and it is hoped to acquire more equipment to provide additional activities. Youth Worker Micha Kuhn has returned from a visit home over the New Year to resume organising constructive activities for children aged 10 to 14 in the two villages. Please see the Parish Diary column for dates and times of the next POINT sessions.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Despite some problems (which are being sorted out) with the operation of its mobile phones, the St Mary's & St Peter's Good Neighbours scheme in Boxted and Langham is giving help to an increasing number of people who would otherwise be in difficulties. During the recent severe weather visits were made to several residents whose activities had been curtailed by the snow and ice; the Good Neighbours visitors were able to perform small but useful tasks such as shopping.

LANGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members attending the December meeting were much taken with Elizabeth Marshall's topical demonstration of Sugar Craft—a modern style of cake decoration. Mince pies and sherry were served instead of the usual tea and cakes.

Business at the January meeting was kept to a minimum, for everyone wanted to proceed to celebrate the New Year with wine and lots of scrumptious home-made food.

DEDHAM VALE WINTER WALKS

The Deham Vale AONB & Stour Valley Project (sponsored by the County and District Councils either side of the River Stour and by English Nature) has for some years arranged guided walks in interesting parts of Dedham Vale and the adjoining areas. The walks vary from "easy" (a gentle stroll with locations accessible to everyone) to "moderate +" (for more experienced walkers covering longer distances). They are led by guides with good knowledge of the route of the walk and often involve short diversions to places of particular significance. The numbers on each walk are limited and places have to be booked in advance on 01473 264263. There is a charge of £3 for each adult (children free) to cover costs.

The next walk, entitled "Hop Around the Pentlow Trale", is a short stroll around the village of Pentlow, with a behind-the-scenes tour of the Nethergate Brewery. It is on 21 February, starting at 10 am.

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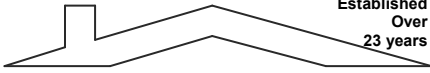
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