

# ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

June 2010

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

### BOXTED

**Paul Evans, Clerk to the Parish Council**

The Annual Parish meeting was held last week and there were a total of 33 attendees including our County Councillor, Anne Brown, who arranged for ECC Highways to be present, the local borough Councillors, Nigel Chapman and Christopher Arnold, and the Cllr Bill Watson from Little Horkesley Parish Council, were here to question ECC Highways on the new Junction and its associated developments.

Helen Ramsden (ECCHighways) explained that there were conducting traffic surveys (started last week), on the local roads to establish the baseline for traffic movements and these will be used to be compared with a similar survey that will be conducted after the new junction has been opened. Any differences between the results of the 2 survey will be used to make any appropriate traffic orders. It was pointed out that we starting from a high baseline and that this should be considered in any future traffic orders. Highways also confirmed that GPS is the bane of their lives in the rural areas.

The meeting was told that the filling station and Park & ride were subject to separate planning applications.

The next issue to be of concern was the possibility of 3 wind turbines being situated in the Cuckoo Farm area. The Parish Council will try and get CBC to come and brief then at a Parish Council meeting.

Reports from 13 different Village organisation were presented to the meeting. All these reports will be available on the Parish Council web-site (see the link to the reports from the parish Councils homepage).  
[. http://www.peke.com/council/boxted/bpcindex.htm](http://www.peke.com/council/boxted/bpcindex.htm).

The organisation of the Parish Council has remained unchanged. Tim Brentnall is Chairman and Liz Bazeley is Vice Chairman. The meeting dates will remain as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, except for August & December when the Parish Council does not meet.

### LANGHAM

**David Winter, Clerk to the Parish Council**

#### Council Meetings

The last Parish Council meeting was on 18<sup>th</sup> May and unfortunately this was too late for the copy deadline for the newsletter. The next meetings will be on Tuesdays 1st June and 6<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Finance

We will be receiving a VAT refund of about £6,000 during June. This will not be as much as we applied for, but the VAT on the costs of the bonfire night, about £960, was disallowed because Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs deemed the bonfire night to be a business activity.

#### Roads and transport

We have obtained a grant for a bus shelter in Moor Road opposite the Shepherd & Dog Inn, but some local residents are not happy with this. The appropriate Councillors will discuss this with them.

Any pot holes that need repairing can be reported through the internet to Essex County Council. Using this system ensures that the need for a repair gets into the Council's system.

#### Recreation Ground:

Using funds reserved from previous bonfire nights, work will soon be starting on replacing the rusted metal gate to the western side of the recreation ground.

#### Planning

We have received three planning applications during April, details of which can be accessed through the village website linked directly to the planning office's systems. These applications are

- A two storey side extension and single storey rear extension to Southfield on School Road
- To replace Gridleys, the thatched cottage in Chapel Road with a new building
- A single storey side and rear extension to Langlands on Perry Lane.

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