

ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

November 2010

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

BOXTED

Paul Evans, Clerk to the Parish Council

The problem of inadequate broadband provision is of concern to the Parish Council. Please go and register your interest in high speed broadband at <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com> even if you are among the lucky few with reasonable broadband..

Georgie Hirst of Colchester Community Transport gave a talk on what the mobility scheme can do for you. There is an annual fee of £15 and for that they can arrange transport to & from the hospital, mini bus hire with disabled access and the use of scooters in the town centre. However, they would love to hear from anybody who wishes to be a volunteer driver. They pay a decent mileage rate.

Progress is being made on the provision of allotments in Boxted. Only 6 of you have confirmed your interest. Please will you contact me if you are still interested.

Boxted Sports & Social Club is very interested in hearing from you on what you would like to see from them. They want to improve the Social side of the club. The outside of the club is having work done on it this month and the interior is being renovated.

All meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public. So please come along and listen. If you want to say anything formally it needs to be an agenda item and so contact the clerk at least 1 week before the meeting.

As many of you know, I have been intending to retire from the post of Clerk to the Council. The due date is rolling around and I will be leaving you at the end of October. Denise Humphries will be taking over from me. Her contact details will be posted on the notice-boards and the web-site.

LANGHAM

David Winter, Clerk to the Parish Council

Items from the 5 October meeting

Proposed Development Sites in Langham

The Planning Inspector has rejected all the proposed developments for Langham. However, the Core Strategy is due for a review in two years time and any changes to this could result in subsequent changes to the Site Allocations document.

Planning

Borough Council planning decisions were as follows

- **101049: Langham Oak Cottage, Park Lane**
– **Cart Lodge** - approved
 - **101508: Land at White House Farm**
– **Illuminated Sign** - rejected
- CC/COL/47/10: Ramsden Hall School**
– **Landscaping Scheme** - approved

101161: Holly Tree Cottage, Dedham Road

– Extension and re-build was withdrawn.

Parish Council responses to applications were

101761: Renewal of Permission F/COL/05/2085

New Travellers Site, Severalls Lane

– strongly opposed.

101901: Powerplus Engineering - Provision of Car Parking Spaces

- this application should be refused or set aside pending enforcement action by the Borough Council.

Buses

The revised 247 timetable appears to have a Monday to Saturday service with 2 extra buses each weekday and 3 new services on Saturday from Langham to Colchester. In the reverse direction we are being offered one additional bus in the evening on Monday to Friday and 2 extra on Saturdays. This timetable will be added to the web site when it has been formally accepted and the introduction date agreed.

Bus Shelter

ECC Highways were coming to look at the proposed site on the lay-by on Wick Road on 12 October. If the bus shelter can be placed at this site the existing bench may be available to use in another part of the village.

Parish On-line

Parish On-line offers a low cost means of obtaining and creating specialist maps of the Parish. It costs £20 to set the system up for Langham, then £20 per annum. The Clerk will try to arrange a free trial.

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