

# ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

October 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. We need to establish where in the village the service is totally inadequate. Several of you parish Councillors have a poor service. I would be very interested if all of you who have broadband would test the speed of service and reported it to me.

The Village Design Statement has, finally, been accepted by Colchester Borough Council. Many thanks to all those who have been involved in producing the document. A low resolution pdf is on the Parish Council site. A high res version (50Mb) will be available.

At the October meeting of the Parish Council, Colchester Community Transport will coming to tell us about what they can offer the people of Boxted. Please come and listen to them.

It is common courtesy to look out for other road users. Please don't startle horses and give them a wide berth if at all possible.

Land owners are responsible for their hedges. The outside of a hedge should not block pavements or limit visibility.

Ditches are also the responsibility of landowners. Roadside ditches belong to the adjoining landowner and not the highway authority, except where land has been acquired for new road building.

Progress is being made on the provision of allotments in Boxted. Would all those who have previously contacted me, please confirm that they are still interested in an allotment.

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.

### LANGHAM

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

#### **Selected items from the 7 September meeting**

##### ***Proposed Development Sites in Langham***

The planning inspector is expected to report by the end of September.

##### ***Planning***

Borough Council decisions were as follows  
100339: Munsons, Moor Road; rear extension approved  
101333: Jeveck, Chapel Road; cart lodge approved

##### ***Dedham Road***

A complaint was received about the increasing speeds on Dedham Road. Essex Highways, following a trip along the road, responded that they felt it would not qualify for a lower speed limit. They will look at it as part of their speed limit review, but there is as yet no timescale.

##### ***Buses***

W S Atkins, acting for the Highways Agency, wished to demolish the bus shelter on the A12 and close down the lay by, removing the bus stop altogether. They were referred to Dedham Parish Council.

The **93/93A** service between Colchester and Ipswich, which stops at the Langham Oak, has been transferred to Carter's Coaches from Network Colchester. Carter's Coaches is a Suffolk based service.

The **756** service from Hadleigh to Colchester, which arrived at Langham around 07.52 will no longer be travelling through the village and it was now planned to stop at Langham Oak, which is of no use to Langham residents as 1) the bus stop is on the wrong side of the A12 and 2) W S Atkins are proposing to close the stop (see above). The reverse leg of this service which leaves Colchester at around 17.35 will also change its route and will go via Park Lane instead of Moor Lane/School Road. ECC have been contacted about this proposed change and they said that the morning **247** bus provides an alternative service and the proposed change to the **87A** would provide an additional journey in the reverse direction. It was pointed out to ECC that the **247** route was a Monday to Friday service and the **756** was a Monday to Saturday service. ECC have agreed to obtain a quote from Carter's Coaches for an additional **247** bus on Saturdays.

##### ***Langham Bonfire Night***

Bonfire night is planned for 6<sup>th</sup> November.

##### ***Eastern Angles***

They have written to ask if we are interested in holding one of their productions in our Community Centre next year.

##### ***Future meetings***

The next meetings of the Parish Council are scheduled for 5th October and 2nd November at the Community Centre.

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