

ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

November 2012

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

BOXTED

Denise Humphris, Clerk to the Parish Council

Neighbourhood Development Plan - Questionnaire

Apologies to everyone who had been expecting to receive their promised questionnaire with last month's newsletter. There were some unavoidable delays in completing this but you should find that the questionnaire has now been delivered with this month's edition. Please take some time to complete these either in paper form or online at www.colchester.gov.uk/ planning consult. This is your opportunity to make your views on the future of Boxted known as the results will help shape the Neighbourhood Development Plan priorities, whereby the most viable projects will be assessed with a view to taking those projects forward wherever possible.

Walnut Orchards

Borough Councillor Nigel Chapman has met on site recently with the site manager, who has offered to put forward proposals to the site owners to re-open a circular footpath going around the perimeter of the Walnut Orchards. We are currently awaiting some feedback from this and in addition local villagers Lucy Carpenter and Anne Slater have been working hard on a voluntary basis to assess the legal position should the Parish Council decide to pursue this option through more formal routes, and the Parish Council are very appreciative of the time and effort they have put in.

Wig and Fidgett Site Straight Road Boxted

The owners of the Wig and Fidgett site have approached the Council to ascertain whether there may be support for their ideas to change the existing planning permission for this site which consists of permission for one residential dwelling, to include a number of smaller more affordable homes instead. The Parish Council have not given any firm commitment or support to the idea and the owners of the site may obtain some outline plans showing their ideas for the Parish Council to look at in a future council meeting.

LANGHAM

David Winter, Clerk to the Parish Council
Items from the 2 October meeting

Area for wild flowers

Hornstreet Field was suggested as a location rather than the Recreation Ground.

Car Sales at Ajunta, Park Lane

An investigation through several avenues will be conducted.

Hunters End, School Road – Mobile Home

The mobile home is a temporary measure while the house is dried out following a serious water leakage.

Bus Stops

The cost of marking bus stops in Langham is estimated to be £30,000, which will be met by Essex County Council (ECC). Residents having substantial objections are asked to contact the Parish Council. (The £30,000 is not available for any other purposes in Langham.)

What can the Primary School's children do for Langham?

A School Community Governor had asked the Council this question and several ideas were discussed. Any resident having ideas is asked to contact the Council.

Closed footbridge at Langham Low Lift

Borough Councillor Mark Cable will let the Council know what will be happening.

Bonfire Night

The 2012 Bonfire Night will be on Saturday 3 November. The gates open at 6pm; admission will be £6 for adults and £2 for children.

Community Council

Bookings have been very good during the summer and a grant has been obtained for cinema equipment. The main hall floor needs to be repaired but the work will not be done until next summer at the earliest. The Council wondered if parquet flooring is essential and if alternative floorings might be cheaper.

Anyone interested in attending a first aid course should contact Sue Armstrong on 271127 or email her at: langhamvillagehall@btconnect.com.

Next Meeting

The Tuesday 6 November meeting will be at the **earlier time of 7pm**, to allow Moira Groborz from the Rural Community Councils of Essex to speak and answer questions about the Housing Needs Survey, carried out in Langham a few months ago.

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