



ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



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THE RECTOR'S DEPARTURE

Readers will recall the Rector's message in the December/January issue of the Newsletter, in which he announced that he would be leaving Langham with Boxted to take up a post as Director of Ministry in the Albans Diocese and to be a Canon of St Albans Abbey.

Tim's last Church Services in the parish will be on Sunday 14 April:

10 am St Mary's Sung Eucharist
6 pm St Peter's Choral Evensong

On the same day, people are invited to gather at Boxted Village Hall from 12 mid-day to 3 pm to take informal leave of Tim. There will be light refreshments and drinks available and people may come and go as they please.

Although Tim will cease his ministry in the parish on 14 April, the Rectory will remain his home, from which he will be commuting to St Albans, until July. And so Julie, Alice and Pippa will not be leaving us for a few months yet and will remain active in the parish.

Tim's farewell message to parishioners is on page 2.



APRIL DIARY

Boxted Parish Council	10th	7.30	Village Hall	Langham Parish Council	17th	7.00	Community Centre (Annual Meeting)
Boxted Footpath Walk	7th	2.00	Playing Field	Langham Footpath Walk			No walk this month
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30—12	Village Hall	Langham WI	11th	7.30	Community Centre (Exhibition of members' works of art)
Boxted Evergreen Club	4th	2.30	Village Hall (Guide Dogs for the Blind)	Crafty Ladies	10th	10.00—3.00	Community Centre
	18th	2.30	Village Hall (Bring & Buy)	100 Club Coffee Morning & Draw	26th	10.30	Community Centre (Hosted by the WI)
	(Tue) 30th	2.30	Village Hall (Reminiscences by Douglas & Others)	Boxted Airfield Historical Group	28th	10.00—4.00	Museum, Langham Lane
Boxted WI	9th	7.30	Village Hall (Martin Cowan: Poplar Nurseries from Day One)	Patchwork Pals, Langham	17th	10.00—3.00	Community Centre
Boxted History Group	17th	7.30 for 8	Village Hall (AGM & Tom Hodgson: The History of Colchester Castle)	Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	2.00 & Friday 7.30	Community Centre
Boxted Art & Craft Club				Langham Bridge Club	Monday	7.15	Community Centre
Boxted Bingo	24th	7.30	Village Hall	Langham Pre-School	Mon. & Thur	9.15—11.45;	
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday	2.00 & Friday 7.00	Village Hall	Tue, Wed & Fri	9.15—2.30	In school term	Community Centre
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday	7.00	Playing Field	2nd Langham Scout Group	Wednesday	(times vary)	Community Centre
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted)	Monday—Friday	in school term	Playing Field	Langham Baby/Toddler Group	Monday	in school term	
	9.15—12.15 & 12.15—3.15	(9.15—3.15 also available)			9.45—11.15	Community Centre	
Boxted Methodist Silver Band	Wednesday	7.30		Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions	Sundays	— Pay & Play: 10.15—11.15 (age 5—10); 11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)	Recreation Ground
(Monday in term-time, 7.30: Training Band)			Methodist Chapel Schoolroom	Langham St Mary's Bellringers	Tuesday 8—9	Alternate Sundays 9.30	St Mary's Church

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BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

James Grinter of Reeman & Dansie gave an illustrated talk at the History Group's February meeting on the sales of royal memorabilia that have been a feature of Reemans' business in the past few years. He spoke particularly of the collection made by "Backstairs Billy", the late Queen Mother's page, and of the sale of belts belonging to Captain Oates, who died in Scott's ill-fated Antarctic expedition.

In March Patrick Denney described the development of the English Poor Law from the 16th century to the advent of the NHS and modern social security system after WW2. He noted how Poor Law records, kept in parishes, are now an invaluable resource for those researching family history

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

It was on the 4th of November that I announced that I was leaving. The previous evening had been the night of the Langham fireworks and, as usual, Julie and I were supervising the bouncy castle which was conveniently located next to the beer tent. As I stood there, I was aware of all the people from both Langham and Boxted whom I recognised. Many people – adults and children – I knew by name, of course. Others I knew only by sight; perhaps from our schools, or Christmas services, or because I'd conducted the baptism, wedding or funeral of a friend or relative. It struck me then just how difficult it was going to be to say "good bye". After all, so many of you had become such an important part of my life over these last ten years. And, I hope, you feel I've become part of your life, too.

But that's not my greatest hope. My greatest hope is that as I've become part of the life of these villages, so I've been able to bring our wonderful God into your lives, as well. Perhaps in times of sorrow and loss, you've found God to be a source of comfort. Maybe you've been touched by God's love and care. Or, at this Easter time, you may have discovered the God who brings hope and new life. But if that's not the case, then I trust that you'll welcome my successor and find through his or her ministry, the presence of God in your midst.

Thank you for everything, and good bye!

Yours in Christ,

Tim Bull

2nd Langham Scout Group



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LANGHAM WI

At the March meeting, Ray Worster talked, under the title "The King's Speech—My Life with a Stammer", about the difficulties of living with a stammer, the emotional trauma caused and the lengths sufferers will go to disguise the impediment. As a sufferer himself he has been helped by the "McGuire Programme" and is a coach to others with the same affliction.

Twenty-seven members attended the Spring Valley meeting at Boxted and enjoyed the splendid entertainment.

2013 sees the Langham WI's 75th anniversary, which will be celebrated in October.

LANGHAM FOOTPATH WALKS

There will not be a guided Langham footpath walk in April. If there is sufficient interest, the Langham walks will be resumed in the autumn.

Boxted & Langham Village News

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

March Winners

£25 Mrs S Wilkinson

£10 M Warne

£ 6 Mrs Martin

£ 4 Keira Bays

If you would like to join the Snowball, ring Chris Tadman on 273216.

CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAYS IN APRIL

During the Interregnum the Churchwardens will make every effort to keep to the existing pattern of services but some variation may be unavoidable

Sunday 7th

8.30 am *St Mary's*

Eucharist (BCP)

10.00 am *St Peter's*

Sung Eucharist

10.30 am *Boxted Methodist Chapel*

Morning Service

3.00 pm *Boxted Methodist Chapel*

Band Service

Sunday 14th

10.00 am *St Mary's*

Sung Eucharist *

10.30 am *Boxted Methodist Chapel*

Morning Service

6.00 pm *St Peter's*

Choral Evensong *

Sunday 21st

8.30 am *St Mary's*

No service

10.00 am *St Peter's*

Sung Eucharist

10.30 am *Boxted Methodist Chapel*

Morning Service

Sunday 28th

10.00 am *St Mary's*

Mattins, followed by

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

10.30 am *Boxted Methodist Chapel*

Morning Service & Holy Communion

6.00 pm *St Peter's*

Evensong

* The Rector's farewell services

LANGHAM 100 CLUB

February Winners March

£40 Ramsden School Gill Salt

£25 Bill Durlacher T & E Ellis

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£10 Langham WI Langham Shop

If you would like to join the 100 Club, ring Sue Armstrong on 271127.

BOXTED PARISH COUNCIL

Highways problems

Highways problems may now be reported directly and more effectively by any member of the public to Essex County Council at

<https://secureweb1.essexcc.gov.uk/Highways/Report-a-highway-problem.aspx>

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Neighbourhood Development Plan committee is analysing the responses to the recent questionnaire and its findings should soon be available on the Parish Council's website*. Some of the early priorities identified are being studied further. They include the viability of a local shop, enhancing bar facilities at the Sports and Social Club and contacting local bus companies to look at the potential for increasing bus services.

Information relating to progress on these matters may be found on the Council's website*.

Hill Farm site

The owners recently gave a presentation to the Council detailing outline plans for residential housing on this site. The full presentation will shortly be available on the Council's website* but it should be noted that no definite plans have yet been submitted to the Borough Council. The Council raised many questions but a key concern was that any development should make provision for traffic calming/road improvements to ensure better management of traffic around this busy site opposite the school.

* www.essex.info.net/boxted-parish-council

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Langham Shop & either Church

BOXTED LITTER-PICKING

Boxted's volunteer litter-pickers have been hard at work since 2008. While not yet litter-free, the roads are hugely better than they were. There are twenty-one in the group and they clear 85% of Boxted's roads. A handful of additional volunteers is needed to extend coverage to all roads in the village. Anyone interested is invited to phone Stephen Whybrow on 272773 or email: stephenwhybrow@msn.com.

There is more information on

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