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NEW STYLE NEWSLETTER

As you can see, we have restyled the St Mary's & St Peter's Newsletter with the objective of making it more attractive and readable. We hope readers will like it. But the Newsletter can only meet its purpose of serving Boxted and Langham if there is a regular supply of news of recent and future events within our two very active villages. And so, chairmen and secretaries, please ensure that the Newsletter is continually refuelled by contributions from your various organisations. From time to time we should like to feature interesting pictures such as we have in this issue. We cannot guarantee to publish everything offered but we promise to do our best.



LANGHAM MILL BRIDGE

Towards the end of last year a new footbridge was erected across the River Stour at the "Low Lift", the site of the former Langham Watermill (there were once also two windmills in Langham). The new bridge replaces one that became unsafe; that bridge itself had replaced a bridge put up in the 1930s, when the by-then derelict mill was demolished and the Essex Water Company's extraction plant installed. The 1930s bridge was, as many people remember, washed away when the river was in spate 1968.

FEBRUARY DIARY

Boxted Parish Council	13th	7.30	Village Hall	Langham Parish Council	12th	7.30	Community Centre
Boxted Footpath Walk	3rd	2.00	Playing Field	Langham Footpath Walk	10th	2.00	C C car park
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30—12	Village Hall	Langham WI	14th	7.30	Community Centre
Boxted Evergreen Club	7th	2.30	Village Hall				("Yummie Desserts Made Easy")
			(Keith Banks, retired Police Officer)	Crafty Ladies	6th	10.00—3.00	Community Centre
	21st	2.30	Village Hall	100 Club Coffee Morning & Draw	22nd	10.30	
			(N C More—Acoustic Guitarist)				Community Centre
Boxted WI	12th	7.30	Village Hall				(Hosted by the Langham Scout Group)
			(Sally Reid: Jewellery Making)	Boxted Airfield Historical Group	20th	7.30	
Boxted History Group	20th	7.30 for 8	Village Hall				Museum, Langham Lane
			(James Grinter: "Reemans & Royalty")				(Mike Pugh Davies: "The Phantom")
Boxted Art & Craft Club				Patchwork Pals, Langham	20th	10.00—3.00	
Boxted Bingo	22nd	7.30	Village Hall				Community Centre
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday	2.00 & Friday 7.00	Village Hall	Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	2.00 & Friday 7.30	
							Community Centre
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday	7.00	Playing Field	Langham Bridge Club	Monday	7.15	Community Centre
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted)	Monday—Friday	in school term		Langham Pre-School	Mon. & Thur	9.15—11.45;	
	9.15—12.15 & 12.15—3.15	(9.15—3.15 also available)			Tue, Wed & Fri	9.15—2.30	In school term
			Playing Field	2nd Langham Scout Group	Wednesday	(times vary)	Community Centre
Boxted Methodist Silver Band	Wednesday	7.30					Community Centre
(Monday in term-time, 7.30: Training Band)			Methodist Chapel Schoolroom	Langham Baby/Toddler Group	Monday	in school term	
					9.45—11.15		Community Centre
				Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions			Recreation Ground
					Sundays — Pay & Play:	10.15—11.15 (age 5—10);	
						11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)	

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LANGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the first meeting of the new year, Nicky Payne gave a most interesting talk on the facilities offered by the High Woods Country Park. His talk ignited or in some cases renewed the interest of members in this beautiful area, so conveniently on Langham's doorstep.

Details were given of the coming New Year Lunch at the Colchester Institute's Balkerne Restaurant and of the prospective visit to see "Sweet Charity" at the Mercury Theatre.

Included in the WI's attractive programme for 2013 is a visit to Norwich to tour the Van Dal shoe factory and Tavenham Nursery.

The February meeting is on the 14th, when three members will demonstrate "Yummie Desserts Made Easy".

BOXTED AIRFIELD HISTORICAL GROUP

The Boxted Airfield Museum off Langham Lane, Langham, will re-open for a new season on 31 March. Meanwhile, at 7.30 pm on 19 February, Mike Pugh Davies, a Navigator on F4 Phantom aircraft of the RAF for ten years, will give a talk with slide illustrations. Admission is by donation of £3 and all are welcome. For more details, ring Richard Turner on 865275. The BAHG's website is

www.boxted-airfield.com.

OIL THEFT

Domestic heating oil was recently stolen from a house in Langham. With the current cold weather and the consequent increased demand for heating fuel, residents of both villages will want to be vigilant and take every reasonable step to protect their oil storage tanks.

CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 3rd

10.00 am *St Mary's*

Sung Eucharist

10.30 am *Boxted Methodist Chapel*

Morning Service

3.00 pm *Boxted Methodist Chapel*

Band Service

6.00 pm *St Peter's*

Candlemas Eucharist

Sunday 10th

8.30 am *St Mary's*

Eucharist (BCP)

10.00 am *St Peter's*

Prayer Book Mattins

10.30 am *Boxted Methodist Chapel*

Morning Service

Sunday 17th

10.00 am *St Mary's*

Sung Eucharist

10.30 am *Boxted Methodist Chapel*

Morning Service

6.00 pm *St Peter's*

Evensong

Sunday 24th

8.30 am *St Mary's*

Eucharist (BCP)

10.00 am *St Peter's*

Sung Eucharist

10.30 am *Boxted Methodist Chapel*

Morning Service

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BOXTED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Boxted Women's Institute was very busy over the Christmas period. Members enjoyed an excellent Christmas dinner at the Leavenheath Lion. The following week, members and guests attended a great Xmas Party, where there was lovely buffet food with a present for everyone there, lots of chatter and a stimulating quiz about the London Underground.

The next event was the WI's own Carol Service at St Peter's Church. It was led by the Rector, with members of both Boxted and Langham WI's singing as a single choir under the direction of Julie Bull. After the service, everyone partook of mulled wine and mince pies.

In January, members had a Games Evening, with several different table games being enthusiastically played. On 12 February, Sally Reid will be demonstrating jewellery-making.

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

December Winners January

£25 Mrs Hill Mrs G Russell

£10 Mr T Graves Mrs Field

£ 6 Mrs Chapman A McLauchlan

£ 4 L Whitnell Mrs Tralau

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

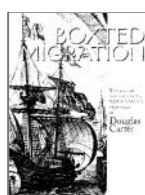
LEWIS WHYBROW

Some time ago we published an appeal by Alan and Debbie Whybrow for donations of boxes in which to put "comforts" (as they used to be called) to ease the life of their son, Lewis, serving in the Army in Afghanistan. Alan, Debbie and Lewis have asked us to convey their very great thanks to their fellow-villagers for their heartening response. Lewis is now safely returned to the UK.

FRUGAL LUNCHES

The 2012 Advent Frugal Lunches were well-attended and people enjoyed a wide (and very sustaining) variety of soups and rolls. The lunches made a very welcome £80 for the Colchester Emergency Night Shelter.

The 2013 Lenten Frugal Lunches are scheduled to start on Tuesday 19 February at Boxted Village Hall at 12 noon, following the weekly Coffee Café.



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LANGHAM 100 CLUB

November Winners December

£40 Bob Schofield Vera Wooland

£25 Shannon Barnes John Jones

£15 LizDurlacher Maureen Bland

£10 Gill Salt Edith Watts

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

LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the 8 January meeting

Planning

The Colchester Borough Council (CBC) has approved planning application 121959 for extensions and alterations at Carmela, Moor Road, but has refused application 121897 for an extension at Birches, Moor Road.

The Parish Council has represented to Tendring District Council that there are likely to be litter, traffic, and visual impact problems at any Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet near the Premier Inn, Ipswich Road.

Bus Stops

Funding is available to erect half the number of planned bus stop signs, ie in the anti-clockwise direction only. The bus shelter will be at the new stop at the Community Centre.

Broadband

It has been agreed that a 10 metre-high mast for Buzcom will be sited on the roof of the Community Centre.

Footpaths

The rickety stile will be removed from Footpath 26 alongside Hobdays' Wood (Grove Wood).

Heritage Boards

Two "Heritage Boards" showing points of interest in Langham will be erected in due course, one at the Community Centre and the other near the USAAF monument; funding is by grant from the CBC.

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

Chloe Mariam Harris

Blessing of Civil Marriage

Eric Uhoma & Ella Wheaton

Burial

Jospeh McCune

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