



BOXTED CRICKET CLUB

Boxted CC traces its history to the first half of the 19thC, matches having been played on ground at Boxted Lodge as early as 1830. Cricket was interrupted by the Great War but resumed in 1919, the ground being shared with the Boxted Lodgers Football Club. In 1938 both Clubs moved to the newly-opened King George Playing Field. Cricket was again halted by war a year later and the Playing Field was given over to agriculture but the square was preserved and, as with the previous interruption, cricket began again immediately the war ended. In 1976 Boxted CC became a founder-member of the Greene King (now Piri Piri North Essex) Cricket League. Promoted to Division 1 in 1980, Boxted has won the Championship five times and

the League Cup twice. Joining the Two Counties Championship gives the Club Saturday cricket to a very competitive standard, leaving Sundays to the two League teams. More recently the Club has added a midweek side for the popular 20/20 game, winning the Colchester Trophy Centre Division 2 trophy in the first season. In 2007 the Club reintroduced junior cricket and has since developed a junior academy of sixty young people aged from 6 to 15, with competitive cricket at Under 11 and Under 13 and entry in "kwik" (soft ball, ages 7 to 11) cricket competitions around north Essex. Last year Boxted CC was granted ECB Clubmark status (*see right*), denoting the very high standard achieved in all areas of child development in the game.

Boxted CC is rightly proud of its facilities. The excellent square is full of runs and the Parish Council is committed to continuing improvement of the outfield and other aspects; the clubhouse is the envy of other clubs. The Club aims to continue improving its facilities;

its ambition is to eventually own its own ground and to compete on level terms with the larger and more successful clubs around Colchester, remaining the while a credit to the village of Boxted.



LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the 7 May meeting

Election of Chairman & other officers

Elizabeth Schofield was re-elected Chairman; the roles of other councillors are unchanged.

Outreach Post Office

The service for Langham is due for renewal in 2 years' time and so it is important to keep activity levels as high as possible to ensure the service is retained.

Litter Pick

A litter pick will be on Saturday 8 June (9 am at the Community Centre). The Clerk will obtain all the necessary bags etc.

Planning

The Council has no objections to the proposal to demolish and rebuild Perry House, Perry Lane..

Marking World War I

The answers in the 18% response to the questionnaire about marking the centenary of World War 1 are being analysed by the Heritage Committee.

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

Guy Sebastian Oakley Mason

Lucy Rose Moore

Charles Anderson Hull

Megan Anderson Hull

Burial

Gabrielle Godden

BOXTED FOOTPATH WALKS

The June footpath walk has had to be cancelled. Unless somebody comes forward to lead the Autumn series, it seems unlikely there will be any more.

BOXTED EVERGREEN CLUB 2

Non-members are invited to join the Evergreens on their coach trips whenever there are places available. The outings planned are on 20 June (Southend) and 3 July (a mystery tour). The charge is £10; if you would like to join, ring Gwen Gant on 271956. There will also be a visit to the Thursford Christmas Show on 27 November (total charge £59, deposit £10).

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

Members welcomed Paul Rusiecki to their May meeting, when he gave an often amusing account, based on local records and newspaper accounts, of how the people of Essex coped with the First World War. There was fear of invasion, naval bombardment and air raids and profound suspicion of foreigners.

Some of these fears were realised, for there was bombardment of East Coast towns (including Lowestoft and Harwich) from the sea and raids by airships and aeroplanes, although air raids were not as effective and destructive as they were in WW2. Food rationing became severe and there were shortages of all kinds of materials.

But the most persistent concern was hearing the guns on the Western Front and knowing what the County's menfolk were having to endure in the trenches.

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