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A familiar sight after prolonged heavy rain: flooding at Runkin's Corner

MARCH DIARY

Boxted Parish Council	12th	7.30	Village Hall	Langham Parish Council	5th	7.30	Community Centre
Boxted Evergreen Club	6th	2.00	Village Hall	Langham WI	13th	7.30	Community Centre
<i>(Moirá Keating, Nurse Consultant: "Stroke Awareness")</i>				<i>(John Lilley: "Burma")</i>			
	20th	2.00	Village Hall	100 Club Coffee Morning & Draw	28th	10.30	Community Centre
	<i>(Songs by "Ladies in Harmony")</i>			<i>(Hosted by Langham Bridge Club)</i>			
Boxted WI	11th		Visit to Waitrose	Crafty Ladies	5th	10.00—3.00	Community Centre
Boxted History Group	19th	7.30 for 8.00	Village Hall	Boxted Airfield Historical Group	18th	7.30	Museum, L'm Lane
<i>(Elizabeth Townsend: "History of Ransomes & Rapier")</i>				<i>(Matt Chappell: "Light Aircraft & Fun Flights")</i>			
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30—12	Village Hall	Patchwork Pals	19th	10.00—3.00	Community Centre
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Monday	2.00 & Friday 7.00	Village Hall	Film Night	22nd	7.00 for 7.45	Community Centre
			Playing Field	<i>("Captain Phillips", 12A)</i>			
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday	7.00	Playing Field	Teen Film Night	2nd	5.45	Community Centre
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted)			Playing Field	<i>("Thor", 12A)</i>			
Monday—Friday in school term				Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday	2.00 & Friday 7.30	Community Centre
9.15—12.15 & 12.15—3.15 (9.15—3.15 also available)				Langham Bridge Club	Monday	7.15	Community Centre
Boxted Methodist Silver Band	<i>Methodist Chapel Schoolroom</i>			Langham Pre-School			Community Centre
	Wednesday	7.30		Mon & Thu in school term	9.15—11.45		
	Monday	in term-time	7.30 (Training Band)	Tue, Wed & Fri in school term	9.15—2.30		
Boxted Cricket Club				2nd Langham Scout Group			Community Centre
<i>Seniors' net practice and Juniors' training resume in April</i>				Wednesday (times vary)			
				Langham Baby/Toddler Group			Community Centre
				Monday in school term	9.45—11.15		
				Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions			Recreation Ground
				Sunday	Pay & Play: 10.15—11.15 (age 5—10)		
					11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)		
				Langham St Mary's Bellringers			St Mary's Church
				Tuesday	8.00—9.00	Alternate Sundays	9.30

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BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

The first meeting in the 2014 programme featured a very informative talk by Timothy Jenkins on his "Life as a Tudor Under Steward" at the period re-enactment events at Kentwell Hall, Long Melford. He gave, in 16th century speech, a detailed account of his duties and those undertaken by other servants in a noble household.

Of particular interest was his comparison of relationships between employer and servants in the Tudor period with those in the 19th century. In the earlier period the higher servants particularly were literate and often of noble birth, gaining experience before inheriting their own households; in Victorian times there was almost no social contact between the upper classes and their staff, most of whom were poorly educated.

ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD

The Langham Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council are grateful to Ann Tolhurst and the staff of the Langham Hall estate for their part in clearing the overgrown vegetation and heaped grass cuttings and other debris from the east side of St Mary's "old" churchyard. Steve Rayner and Brian Sage contributed greatly to the major cut-back of the overhanging branches and undergrowth. The churchyard is now tidier than it has been for many years and the snowdrops are flourishing as never before.

Visitors to graves in either the "old" or the "new" churchyard are requested to help keep the area looking neat by taking away with them all unwanted material such as wrappings, dead flowers, used Oasis and broken containers. If, exceptionally, they cannot do so, they are asked to put unwanted material in one of the bins placed by the new gate on the east side of the old churchyard.

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CHURCH SERVICES MARCH

During the Interregnum the Churchwardens are making every effort to keep to the familiar pattern of services at St Mary's and St Peter's but some variation may be unavoidable

Sunday 2nd

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**

Evensong

Ash Wednesday 5th

10.00 am **St Mary's**

Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

Sunday 9th

8.30 am **St Mary's**

Eucharist (BCP)

10.00 am **St Peter's**

Sung Eucharist

10.30 am **Boxted Methodist Chapel**

Morning Service

Sunday 16th

10.00 am **St Mary's**

Sung Eucharist

10.30 am **Boxted Methodist Chapel**

Morning Service

6.00 pm **St Peter's**

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Sunday 23rd

10.00 am **St Peter's**

Sung Eucharist

10.30 am **Boxted Methodist Chapel**

Morning Service

Sunday 30th

10.00 am **St Mary's**

Sung Eucharist

10.30 am **Boxted Methodist Chapel**

Morning Service

6.00 pm **St Peter's**

Evensong

PROTECTION AGAINST FLOODING

A number of locations in the more vulnerable parts of Boxted and Langham are sometimes flooded (or at least waterlogged) when there is prolonged heavy rainfall. Among them of course is Runkin's Corner, Langham Lane, on the boundary between Boxted and Langham, pictured on the front page.

It is hoped that an expert speaker on protection from flooding will be present at the Langham Annual Parish Meeting on 3 April to offer advice on, among other aspects, the maintenance by occupiers of hedges and drainage ditches.

Boxted & Langham Village News

BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL

February Winners

£25 C Tadman

£10 M Carter

£ 6 D Graves

£ 4 O Zammit

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

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

We are pleased to announce that Christopher Garnett is the new Advertising Manager of the Newsletter. We are grateful to Gill Flack for her years of hard work and welcome Christopher to the Newsletter team.

LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Items from the 4 February meeting

Planning

The Parish Council has no objection to

- West Lodge
 - front and side extensions
- Old Mill House
 - certificate of lawfulness

Potholes and Ditches

Problems in Langham Lane, where flood water was being pumped to the Langham side of the road, and the dangerous pothole outside Runkin's Farm have been reported. The Council plans to compile pictorial evidence of the problems, which could be linked to the village handyman's list.

Spencer's Piece: parking

Parking on the road outside Spencer's Piece is causing damage to the verges on both sides of the road, is dangerously narrowing an already narrow piece of road and may be breaking the law.

Recycling

Colchester Borough Council would like to have somewhere in Langham from which the public might collect recycling bags. The community shop has been proposed as a suitable place.

March meeting

The next meeting will not be on the usual first Tuesday of the month but on *Wednesday 5 March*, in the Community Centre's club room.

LANGHAM 100 CLUB

January Winners

£50 Margaret Bryant

£25 Barbara Arrowsmith

£15 Liz Schofield

£10 Ann Cairns

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

LANGHAM WITH BOXTED: THE FUTURE OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH

In the November 2013 issue we reported the Parochial Church Council's (PCC) unanimous agreement to the proposal that the ecclesiastical Parish of Langham with Boxted should share a priest-in-charge with the parishes of Great Horkesley and West Bergholt. The PCC made this decision because, in the light of the declining numbers of stipendiary clergy, there was no other practical option. At the end of the year the PCC compiled a "Parish Profile" which gives a comprehensive picture of our Parish to be used as the basis for advertising for and selecting a priest to succeed Tim Bull. The profile may be viewed on

lb-churches.co.uk

There is a copy in each church.

Advertising has taken place but the PCC does not yet know its outcome. However, the date for interviewing candidates has been set as 19 March and on that day the prospective priests-in-charge will visit the three parishes and their churches and meet some of the parishioners. Thereafter, they will be interviewed by a panel of representatives of the parishes; Stephen Garner and Dominic Sheil are Langham with Boxted's representatives.

The PCC asked that the successful candidate should be given a choice of living in the Langham Rectory or the West Bergholt one but the Bishop of Chelmsford decreed in December that the West Bergholt Rectory should be the place and the Langham Rectory has since been let.

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