

ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



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October 2017

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017

Dear Friends,

As another year passes and we approach our festive season, we put our thoughts to those less fortunate than ourselves and ask how we can help. As a joint parish, we can do this by supporting the Shoebox Appeal which will run in Langham and Boxted once again this year. Thanks to your generous contributions last year (130 shoeboxes), we helped to make 11,485,662 children worldwide very happy.

Operation Christmas Child



Simple gifts such as gloves, soap, toothbrushes, colouring pencils and toy cars can make such a big impact.

There are some truly humbling stories available to read, just copy this link:

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/shoebox-stories/.

From Jaki, an orphan in Guatemala absolutely thrilled with a toothbrush after having to share one with 10 other children for years; to David in Romania receiving a toy car instead of his usual gift of an orange, which was all his family could afford each year. The Appeal provides shoeboxes to 17 countries across Africa, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East.

Each box is offered to children as part of our Christian faith and with approval from parents/families. Please do give generously if you can as a small shoebox really makes a big impact. You can take your gift-filled shoebox to one of the collection points listed on your leaflet. Alternatively, please bring your filled shoebox to our special service at St Mary's Church, Langham on 19th November at 9.30 a.m. Thank you for your support.

May I also draw your attention to the Confirmation Classes, both for adults and young people, which I shall be running from Tuesday 17th October, for 6 weeks. They will lead to a Confirmation Service on Sunday 10th December.

All are welcome to investigate what Confirmation is all about, or to refresh your memory.

Please contact me, Mandy Elmes, Rector.

Details on page 2.







Do you recognise anyone from this photograph of the Torchlight Procession at Langham Bonfire Night about 40 years ago?

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DAVID WINTER – RETIRING PARISH CLERK OF LANGHAM

For the last 10 years, David has carried out the duties of a Parish Clerk, faultlessly, with dedication and commitment, plenty of research, attending meetings all over Essex, but all joined together with humour, kindness, and a willingness to do the best for our village and its' residents.

In the years that he has taken on this role, he has spent much time gaining knowledge to bring back to Langham, enabling us to find grant funding, and all that it entails, and as Responsible Financial Officer, has always kept our monies in good order.

He has been approachable to all residents of Langham, so that anyone may feel comfortable to ask any questions of him, knowing that they will get help and a reasonable answer to their queries.

On a personal note, to me he has been a friend, and a tower of strength, and is always there, when things become complicated.

Now, as he leaves us, to concentrate on himself, the whole Parish Council wish him well, and thank him for all the years of service he has given to Langham.

Thank you David, from Langham.

Elizabeth Schofield, Chairman of Langham Parish Council

The deadline for orders for heating oil is **5.00 pm on Tuesday 26 September**, from the Community Shop in person only; minimum order 500 litres.

CHURCH SERVICES

October

Sunday 1st St Peter's 9.30am Sung Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am Morning Service 3.00 pm Band Service

Sunday 8th St Mary's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am Morning Service

Sunday 15th St Mary's

8.00 am Said Eucharist

St Peter's

9.30am Family Service

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am Morning Service

Sunday 22nd St Mary's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Boxted Methodist Chapel

11.00 am Morning Service

Sunday 29th All Saints' Gt. Horks. 10.30 am Joint 3 Parishes Service

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11.00 am Morning Service with

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Our next meeting on Thursday 14th October is a talk by Tracey Muir entitled 'What are the challenges we still face as women in 2017', starting 7.30 at Langham Community Centre.

Feel free to come as a guest for only £5 if you are not a member.

We still have some tickets available for our Autumn supper, which is a hog roast and yummy home made desserts, on Saturday 21st October at Langham Community Centre with an after dinner speaker, tickets only £15.

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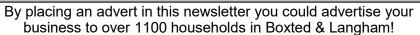
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OCTOBER VILLAGE DIARY

Boxted Parish Council 11th 7.00 Village Hall	Langham Parish Council 4th 7.30 Community Centre
Boxted WI 10th 7.30 Village Hall	
(Sewing Bee)	Langham Community Café & 100 Club Draw 27th 11.30 Community Centre
Boxted Evergreen Club 5th 2.30 Village Hall	27th 11.30 Community Centre
(Bake a cake - your favourite family recipe)	Crafty Ladies 4th 10.00—3.00 Community Centre
19th 2.30 Village Hall	
(A.G.M. with Bingo)	Patchwork Pals 18th 10.00—3.00 Community Centre
Boxted History Group 18th 2.00 Village Hall	•
(California & Canyons)	Langham Ladies 14th 7.30 Community Centre
Boxted Coffee Café Tuesday 10.30—12 Village Hall	Langham Film Nights 28th 7.00 for 7.45 Community Centre
Boxted Arts & Crafts Club 4th 2.00 Village Hall	(Their Finest-12A)
18th 2.00 Village Hall	(
Boxted Carpet Bowls Monday 2.00 & Friday 7.00 Village Hall	Boxted Airfield Historical Group 17th 7.30 Museum, L'm Lane
Boxted Lodgers FC Wednesday 7.00 Playing Field	Langham Carpet Bowls Tuesday 2.00 & Friday 7.30
Boxted Running Club Thursday 9.15am Village Hall	Community Centre
Little Owls Pre-School (Boxted) Playing Field	Langham Bridge Club Monday 7.00 Community Centre
Monday to Friday in school term	2nd Langham Scout Group Community Centre
9.15—12.15 & 12.15—3.15 (9.15—3.15 also available)	
Open Door Village Hall	Wednesday (times vary)
Friday in school term 8.45—10.15	Langham Baby/Toddler Group Community Centre
Boxted Methodist Silver Band Methodist Chapel Schoolroom	Monday in school term 9.45—11.15
Wednesday 7.30	Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions Recreation Ground
Monday in school term 7.30 (Training Band)	Saturday & Sunday Pay & Play: 10.15—11.15 (age 5—10) 11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)
Church Youth Groups Methodist Chapel Schoolroom	, ,
Friday in school term Zone: 5.30—7 Edge: 7.30—9.15	Langham St Mary's Bellringers St Mary's Church
	Tuesday 7.30—9.00 Sunday Services 9.00

LANGHAM 2K, 5K & 10K RUNS



Start of 10k race- photo kindly donated by Stillshot



The Water Girls!

The Langham, 2k, 5k and 10k race, probably the biggest event in Langham, took place on Sunday,10th September. The event attracted more than 2,000 people from across the district with 1200 of those runners in the 3 race categories.

The whole event, which is organised by Eve Oxley and her small committee from the Friends of Langham School (FOLS), has grown year by year, starting in the early 2000s as a small village event.

The event proved to be very successful and is likely to have raised over £6,000 for the school. Thanks go especially to John Palmer and Debbie Humphrey, Managing Directors of Palmer & Partners, who are the event's main sponsor. Both take an active part on the day with John running the 10k race and Debbie marshalling. Thanks also to Fitness4Less, Whitnells, Waitrose and Stillshot Photography who also sponsored the event. A fantastic event, great atmosphere for a wonderful local cause.

If you would like to volunteer to help organize the event or marshal next year, please log your interest on www.langham10km.org.uk/contactus.

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LANGHAM 100 CLUB

August Winners

£40 Cliff Jones

£25 Jean & Roger Newnham

£15 Chris & Rob Clarke

£10 Tricia & Robin Gooding

Thank you to everyone that has supported the Langham Community Centre over the last year by buying a ticket for the 100 Club draw.

season started new 1st September, with the first draw on Friday, 29th September at 11.30. Tickets are available for £26 which entitles you to entry in 12 draws throughout the year.

If you (or your club) would like to support our village community centre by buying a ticket, please contact Sue Armstrong (01206 271127).

BOXTED BUS SERVICE

Essex County Council is currently reviewing bus service SB39 as the low numbers of passengers has resulted in the cost per passenger of the service exceeding the maximum level. The review could lead to a reduction or withdrawal of the service.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCHYARD

The inadvertent omission of an early summer grass-cut was very inconvenient for parishioners tending graves in the new churchyard.

However, it revealed that the old churchyard contains a wealth of rare and uncommon flowers and grasses, including the lesser calamint which only occurs in North Essex and South Suffolk.

The PCC has decided that, in line with advice obtained so far on conservation management, the cut in September will be a complete cut of both churchyards and from next spring the new churchyard and the paths around the church will be regularly cut while most of the old churchyard will be allowed to flourish as wild flower meadow until the autumn cut.

"This plan is endorsed by the Chairman of the Colchester Natural History Society and further advice will be sought in the appropriate quarter."

BOXTED EVERGREEN CLUB

Our trip to Brick Lane Music Hall was enjoyed enormously; with nine members booking for a return visit December with three-course Christmas lunch while watching a seasonal show.

In August we were treated to a fascinating talk given by a wonderful 92 year old gentleman who was a rear gunner in W.W.2 (shot down over France and rescued by French Resistance).

Also an extremely absorbing talk given by Boxted's own Jenny Hunt on her career titled 'Backstage in Showbiz'.

On a beautiful sunny August day we enjoyed a shopping trip to Bury St Edmunds market and a walk in the magnificent Abbey gardens.

Due to the generous legacy left to the club by the late Douglas Carter, members enjoyed a coach trip to see the show Dream Boats and Petticoats at the Cliffs Pavilion Westcliff. The memory of watching one of our 89 year old members dancing in the aisle will remain with me (Linda) for a long time.

New members welcome. £5 per year, £3 per session.

Please ring Linda 272710 for details.

A HUGE THANK YOU

To Ros Freeland Chairperson, Chris Tadman Treasurer, Jenny Tadman secretary of the Boxted Village Hall Commitee

To those that have served at the Village Hall

We'd like to pause and to thank you all You stepped forward where there was a call

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