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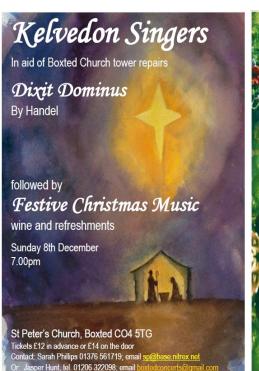
**December 19** 

As everyone with an Advent Candle or an Advent Calendar knows, the season of Advent has begun. This is the 'waiting time' when we make space to remember the story of God's people waiting for God to come amongst them, both as a vulnerable baby, and, when he comes again in glory.

As we look towards Christmas, we look forward to the time that we celebrate when God, as a vulnerable baby, became flesh and dwelt amongst us, so that we could discover who God really is ... the one who came to take away all of the hatred, violence and negativity that is in us. The one who came to take away all of our sin, refusal to love and the fears locked up inside us.

Jesus came, as a vulnerable baby, to announce that, whatever culture, race, ability or disability, gender or religion we come from, each of us is unique and is important to God and humanity. He came to tell each and every one of us, that he loves us, because of our imperfections, fears and 'warts', not despite them. He came as a vulnerable baby, to tell us all that we are precious to him, and he loves us so much he is prepared to die for us. In his vulnerability we too can be vulnerable, we too can be told by him that he loves us.

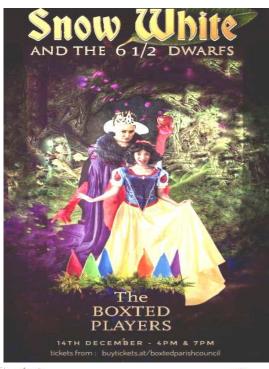
And this is why we celebrate Christmas, because it tells each one of us that we are loved by God and that we are precious to him. What more could we ask of a gift at Christmas?





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If you have any new clubs or events planned in the future, please consider using the village hall as a venue.



# BOXTED & LANGHAM DECEMBER SERVICES



Sunday 1st

9:30am Sung Eucharist - St Marys, Langham, CO4 5PS

Sunday 8th

9:30am Sung Eucharist – St Peters, Boxted, CO4 5TG 4pm Family Service – Methodist School Room, Chapel Lane, Boxted, CO4 5RP

Sunday 15th

8am B.C.P Eucharist (Said) – St Marys, Langham 9:30 Nativity Family service – St Marys, Langham

Sunday 22nd

9:30am Sung Eucharist – St Peters, Boxted 4pm THE CAROL SERVICE – St Peters, Boxted

# CHRISTMAS EVE

2:30pm Crib Service – St Peters, Boxted 4pm Christingle Service – St Marys, Langham 11pm Midnight Eucharist – St Peters, Boxted

# CHRISTMAS DAY

10am Sung Eucharist – St Marys, Langham

Sunday 29th

9:30am Sung Eucharist - St Peters, Boxted



# WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



# CHURCH SERVICES January 2020

Sunday 5th

St Peter's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 12th

St Mary's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

St Peter's

4.00 pm Family Service

Sunday 19th

St Mary's

8.00 am BCP Eucharist

St Peter's

9.30 am Family Service

Sunday 24th

St Mary's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Copy for the Feb issue should be with the Editor Tim Clarke E-mail: Iwbnewsletter@gmail.com by Thursday 23rd January

# THE ZONE AND EDGE GROUPS

Our youth groups have continued to meet during the Autumn Term, we have had regular Friday evenings of games, activities and food, with a Christian element. We had an outing with The Zone to Go Bananas and The Edge went Bowling, these events were enjoyed by all. If you have children/young people who are free on a Friday evening please come along and see what we are all about with a view to joining in on a regular basis. Enquiries to Dominic or Linda on 01206 273324.

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE

After the kind donations made at our drop off locations this year, partially the Langham Community Shop, 205 shoeboxes where sent from the villages and have been taken to a local processing centre ready for distribution to children throughout Central Asia.

We are hoping to be able to demonstrate where our boxes are sent to our young people and if your receive an location via email in early 2020 Tim would love to hear from you.

# Boxted & Langham Village News



I will be standing down as Editor as of the April edition and am therefore looking for a new volunteer to take over the role, if you would be interested please get in touch via the mailbox.

## LANGHAM HERITAGE

A Breakfast Saga

The Misses Biggs ran a very successful village shop from 1934 at the Boxted end of Moor Road [the cottage is still named The Old Stores]. But by the 1960's supermarkets were starting to take over from the small local stores and Florrie and Phyllis were moving on in age. We have heard some amusing memories of their later years - here is one:

"The children liked Shredded Wheat. We had run out so along I went to the Biggs's to get some Shredded Wheat. I was met by Phyllis, who said 'Shredded Wheat? What do you want Shredded Wheat for?'

'Well, the children like it'
'You ought to give them a proper breakfast, not just Shredded Wheat.' 'Oh', I said, 'They like Shredded Wheat'.

'Ha,' said Phyllis and went off and seized one of those big poles with a hook at the end, she went into the store room - you could see through the door — and there was the Shredded Wheat amongst other cereals on the shelf. Phyllis was knee-high to a grasshopper, and she thrust and poked about with this thing when suddenly all the cereals fell on to the floor - she was up to her knees in cereal packets!

At that she stumped back into the

**LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES** 

# Dog Fouling notice.

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that there is an increase in dog fouling occurring in the village, this is on the recreation ground, on the roadside outside residential houses and on footpaths within the village. As local residents let's make sure we do our bit and keep the village clean.

The zone wardens have been informed and will be increasing the visits they make to the village to monitor the situation.

We fully understand that this is a minority of dog walkers creating this problem, who may well come from outside Langham however this may not always be the case.

This may in future have financial implications to the village as the football teams and caravaners may decide not to use our facilities due to this problem and we will not have an award winning recreation ground anymore.

"In England and Wales, Local Authorities can introduce public spaces protection orders, making it an offence not to clean up dog mess in certain areas. Under these orders, a person who doesn't clean up after their dog may face an on-the-spot fine of up to £80. These fines are known as fixed penalty notices. If a person refuses to pay they can be taken to a local Magistrates Court for the dog fouling offence and fined up to £1000"

# Advert for new Councillors

The Parish Council has a vacancy at present for a new councillor. If any of the local residents are interested in learning more about the role of councillor please contact either Carol Harbach (Clerk) on <a href="mailto:carolharbach@hotmail.co.uk">carolharbach@hotmail.co.uk</a> or Peter Dawson (Chairman) on <a href="mailto:Peterdaw50n@hotmail.com">Peterdaw50n@hotmail.com</a> for further information.

#### **EVERGREEN CLUB**

Our Autumn started successfully with a day trip to Whitsable, our next meeting saw local Town Crier Robert Needham sharing stories that were much enjoyed.

Then on a sunny October day another trip " Autumn Rust " with lunch in Suffolk.

Our A G M saw a slight change in Officers with Linda Tralau after 6years standing down and Diane Dell becoming our new Secretary. We also had an extremely interesting and informative talk given by Age Concern.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas Party with our own Boxted Buskers, before finishing the year off with our Christmas Meal at New Times Tiptree..

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas from the Evergreen Club.

# **BOXTED IN 2019**

Photography Competition

Judging will take place in January 2020 followed by an exhibition in the village of the winning images. It is also planned to publish a book of the winning images and possibly a calendar.

Entries will be £1 per image (50p for Under 16's) with 50p for each image in excess of 10.

The competition rules are on the Boxted Village Website and more information is available from: stephenwhybrow@msn.com

## **LANGHAM 100 CLUB**

October's 100 club winners:

- 1. Ian Sutherland (17)
- 2. Hugh & Marilyn Halsall (55)
  - 3. Simon Gallup (26)
  - 4. David Morell (24)

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## **DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020 VILLAGE DIARY**

12th Dec & 8th Jan 7.30pm Village Hall **Boxted Parish Council Boxted WI** 10th Dec 7th Jan Seasonal Tasting & Entmt

Boxted Evergreen Club 5th Dec 2pm **Christmas Party** Village Hall 9th Jan 2.30pm Beetle Drive

> 23rd Jan **Bring &Buy**

**Boxted History Group** 18th Dec Soldier, Sailor, Spy

> 15th Jan T.B.C.

T.B.C **Boxted Airfield Historical Group** Langham Lane

**Boxted Coffee Café** Tuesday 10.30—12 **Boxted Hub** 

Boxted Arts & Crafts Club 4th Dec & Jan 15th 20th 2.00

Village Hall

**Boxted Carpet Bowls** Alternate Tuesday 2.30 & Friday 7.00

Village Hall

Boxted Lodgers FC Wednesday 7.00 Playing Field **Boxted Running Club Thursday** 9.15am Village Hall Village Hall Sunday 8.05am

Open Door Fridays in school term 8.45—10.15 Village Hall **Boxted Methodist Silver Band** Methodist Chapel Schoolroom

Wednesday 7.30

**Church Youth Group** Methodist Hall, Chapel Lane Zone (Term Times): **Fridays** 5.30-7pm Edge (Term Times): 2nd & 4th Fridays 7.30-9 pm **Langham Parish Council** 8th Jan 7.30 Community Centre 100 Club Draw

31st Jan Hosted by Langham Bowls

Community Centre

**Langham Film Nights** T.B.C Community Centre 4th Dec , Jan T.B.C 10.00 — 3.00 **Crafty Ladies** 

Community Centre

Patchwork Pals 18th Dec & 15th Jan 10.00 — 2.30

Community Centre

**Langham Ladies** 5th Dec Pat Nearney (Entertainer) 9th Jan Liz Trenau (Author) 24th Jan New Year Lunch

**Community Centre** 

**Langham Carpet Bowls** Tuesday 2.00 & Friday 7.30

**Community Centre** 

Langham Bridge Club Monday 7.00 **Community Centre** 

2nd Langham Scout Group **Community Centre** Wednesday (times vary)

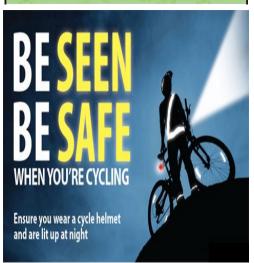
**Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions Recreation Ground** Saturday & Sunday Pay & Play: 10.15—11.15 (age 5—10) 11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)

Langham St Mary's Bell ringers St Mary's Church

Tuesday 7.30—9.00 Sunday Services 9.00

# **COULD CLUBS PLEASE ADVISE 2020 DATES**





# **NEWS FROM AROUND THE VILLAGES**

#### LANGHAM LADIES

November's meeting was a gastronomic feast of puddings! Members were invited to bring along their favourite pudding for everyone to sample. The display table was positively groaning under the weight of so many delicious and inspiring deserts! There are obviously a lot of talented ladies in Langham and beyond. There was something for everyone whatever their taste in the form of cheesecakes, meringues, tarts etc. all beautifully decorated and presented.

Anyone attending a cholesterol test the next day would fail miserably! However, one member had thoughtfully brought along a healthy option in the form of a water melon exquisitely carved out to provide a beautiful basket filled with fresh fruit salad!

Following the demolition of the deserts, the committee held a funny quiz with all the questions based on puddings.

The next meeting to be held on the earlier date of 5th December, will be a talk by Pat Nearley. He is a family entertainer and is a very experienced speaker.

#### ST PFTFR'S **BOXTED MUSIC**

A concert was held in St Peter's Church on 26th October in aid of the Tower repairs, which are progressing well, but funds are still needed to complete the works. The audience enjoyed a spirited performance of solo cello works from the talented Rowena Calvert as part of her project to help raise funds for church restorations.

#### **BOXTED W.I.**

During the November meeting the ladies were entertained by The Gin Lord, of the local micro-distillery Faiers, hearing the history of Gin, the origins of Dutch courage and mother's ruin! We had a display of a miniature still we learnt the different techniques from large factory to garden shed (licensed of course!) and learnt about the vast numbers of worldwide gins. To round off the evening there was the obligatory tasting of some interesting gin flavours, including an alcohol free example all of which were very much enjoyed by the members. The ladies now look forward to their festive celebrations.

During December the ladies are collecting items to support the local charity Colchester & Tendring's Refuge and would welcome donations from the wider community. These can be brought to the village hall on any W.I. evening or contact us on 272597.

The refuge do need just new items such as:

Children's toys

Bedding; Quilts, pillows, duvet covers

Towels

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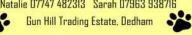
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