



ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



A free newsletter published by the Church for every home in Boxted & Langham

February 2020

As this is the first Newsletter of 2020, I hope that you had a good Christmas, and may I wish you a very happy and peace-filled New Year. May I take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed so generously to the re-roofing and maintenance of the tower at St. Peter's, so it stops leaking, and the widening of the altar step in St. Mary's, so as to allow me to celebrate Communion facing everyone, instead of having my back to everyone.

I wonder how many of us made New Year resolutions...and how many of us are still keeping them...In the church it is a time of building on the good news of Christmas, the birth of Jesus who came to save us from the consequences of our sins...the things in life which we do wrong, and we consider Jesus' journey from his Baptism by his cousin John the Baptist, in the River Jordan, to his death on the cross three years later. It was quite a journey!

In our parish we are very aware that we have both long-term members and newer families in our two village churches, and we are seeking to minister to both groups and visitors within the church community. We are looking forward to supporting the schools in both our villages, and various social events and fellowship groups, and being involved in our communities.

May I again wish you a happy and peace-filled 2020.

Mandy Elmes



ST PETER'S TOWER RESTORATION

Now that the scaffold has been removed, the full benefits of the repair and replacement works are revealed.

Extensive re-pointing in lime mortar has been carried out at high level. In addition the weathered honey-coloured stone dressings to the quoins and buttresses have been skilfully replaced to match the existing material.

The flat roof has been re-covered in lightweight stainless steel rather than lead for obvious reasons, and should now be watertight for the foreseeable future if not another thousand years!!

Hopefully, the bats will make a return now that the works are complete

Volunteers Needed!

We need more volunteers for our little shop, providing all the essentials to the village, but also the hub for the community

Working along side an experienced member, or on your own after basic training, assisting with sales, stock rotation, displays and much more!

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CHURCH SERVICES

February 2020

Sunday 2nd
 9.30 am Sung Eucharist **St Mary's**

Sunday 9th
 9.30 am Sung Eucharist **St Peter's**
 4.00 pm Family Service **St Peter's**

Sunday 16th
 8.00 am BCP Eucharist **St Mary's**
 9.30 am Family Eucharist Service **St Mary's**

Sunday 24th
 9.30 am Sung Eucharist **St Peter's**

CHILDREN SOCIETY BOXES

How time flies!it is that time of the year again when the Children's Society boxes need to come in for counting. Please bring to St Peter's or St Mary's churches, or contact Gill Pullen on 273804, for Boxted; and Denise Hobday on 230918 for Langham. Thank you all for your valuable collecting once again

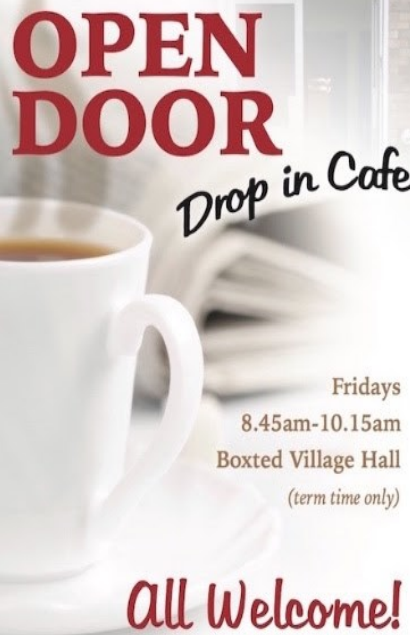
BOXTED PARISH COUNCIL

Steve Kent, Heidi Chaplin, Arabella Brentnall and Jamie Seakens were all recently co-opted on to the Parish Council.

The council now has it's full complement of 9 members:
 Cheryl Damen – Chairperson
 James Collitt – Vice Chairman
 Angela Mclauchlan
 Arabella Brentall
 Gene Pugh
 Heidi Chaplin
 Jamie Seakens
 Robin Oxford
 Steve Kent

The parish council clerk, Karen Thompson, can be contacted on boxtedparishcouncil@gmail.com

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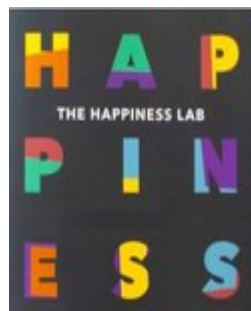
If you have any new clubs or events planned in the future, please consider using the village hall as a venue.

THE HAPPINESS COURSE

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Every week at the Yew Tree Inn, Great Horkesley 7.30pm – 9pm starting Thursday 23rd January.

Also every fortnight at St John's Church Hall, Great Horkesley 11.30am – 12.30pm starting Thursday 23rd January.



Free to attend. For more information and to reserve a place contact Revd Anne Mason 01206 851792 or 07895 970834 or email revdannemason@gmail.com

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Lord Ironside died recently and there will be a Memorial Service for him at St. Peter's, Boxted on Thursday, 13th February.

Langham Heritage Group **LEARN ABOUT LANGHAM**

There will be a presentation of village memorabilia and an illustrated talk by local historian Simon Gallup at

Langham Community Centre
2.30 pm

Sunday 9th February.

Over the past few years, many new families have come to live in Langham. This is an opportunity for them and others to learn of the village's past, both distant and recent, and to see and hear what has been gathered in by the Langham Heritage Group. Refreshments will be provided.

Tickets are £3 for adults and £2 for children. They are available from:

Langham Community Shop
(Tel. 272431)
The Shepherd
(Tel. 272711)

BOXTED W.I.

Boxted W.I. members finished their festive season enjoyment with a new year celebration meal at the Sun Inn, Dedham.

The Tues 11 February meeting at 19:30 Boxted Village Hall is a family and friends open meeting with games and chips. Please contact the W.I. if interested.

The Tues 10 March meeting will be about how old garden tools can help transform lives. The ladies are collecting, any donations of garden tools would be very much appreciated and can be dropped off during that evening or donated by contacting a committee member; tel 272261, 273447, or 272761.

BOXTED ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A new treasurer is required to take over to keep the club running, those interested in the roll are asked to get in touch with a member of the committee ASAP.

Many thanks for the everyone's continued support of the British Legion.



BOXTED CARPET BOWLS

Members of the Bowls Club, who attended the Christmas Lunch at The Hub, extend belated, but special thanks To Bonny and Heidi of the Hub for a delicious Christmas lunch. I also thank the people who generously bid for the mystery prize in aid of the charity Headway.

LANGHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL requires a new SECRETARY.

The Community Centre is at the heart of the village and, as well as three rooms for hire, houses Langham Community Shop and Langham Pre-School. We are a busy Centre with many local and commercial bookings dealt with by our Marketing Manager.

We would welcome someone with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. If you would like to be part of a team of Trustees who volunteer their time to keep Langham Community Centre well-maintained and financially viable, please contact the current secretary, Liz Winter, on 01206 322301 or e-mail libbywinter18@gmail.com

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

November's meeting began in a somewhat unusual manner with the speaker Andy Schooler lounging in a deckchair on stage, drinking a cup of tea, reading a newsletter and listening to "Everything stops for tea" on a radio. He quickly went on to tell us about his favourite subject "The History of Tea" tracing its origins in China to now being consumed worldwide and grown in many countries including the UK. Although it was a very interesting and amusing talk Andy failed to answer the most important question—Should milk be added before or after pouring the tea!

In complete contrast December's talk by Barbara McElroy was on the colourful life of American author Ernest Hemingway. Born in Illinois in 1899 he had what could be said to be a troubled childhood but also showed a great interest in Literature and Writing.

Following working as a local newspaper reporter he moved to Europe to widen his experience. This established a pattern of moving and marrying regularly with many liaisons along the way! Whilst in Cuba he made his fortune with amongst others "The Old Man and the Sea" and was awarded the Nobel prize for Literature before returning to his native US & sadly ending his life aged 62.

Copy for the March issue should be with the Editor Tim Clarke
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by Thursday 20th Feb

LANGHAM 100 CLUB

November 100 club winners:

1. Trevor West (87)
2. Peter Dawson (73)
3. Gill Brown (71)
4. Alan Cadman (76)

December 100 Club Winners:

1. Sue Armstrong (22)
2. Patrick Doyle (59)
3. Maureen Shouksmith (52)
4. Sallie West (79)

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Boxted & Langham Village News

FEBRUARY 2020 VILLAGE DIARY

Boxted Parish Council	12th Feb 7.30pm	Village Hall	Langham Parish Council	5th Feb 7.30	Community Centre
Boxted WI	11th Feb	Family & Friends Open Meeting	100 Club Draw	21st Feb Hosted by 2nd Langham Scouts	
Boxted Evergreen Club	6th Feb 2.30pm	Games Afternoon	Community Centre	T.B.C	Community Centre
Village Hall			Langham Film Nights	5th Feb	10.00 — 3.00
Boxted History Group	19th Feb	The Story of Greyfriars	Crafty Ladies		Community Centre
Boxted Airfield Historical Group	3rd Feb	U3A Aviation Group 2pm	Patchwork Pals	19th Feb	10.00 — 2.30
Langham Lane	18th Feb	Flt Lt A Rivett DC	Langham Ladies	13th Feb	Open Meeting—
		1830 Tendering Sqd ATC			"To Fetch a Pail of Water" by Patrick Denny
Boxted Coffee Café	Tuesday	10.30—12			Community Centre
Boxted Arts & Crafts Club	5th & 19th	2.00pm			
Village Hall					
Boxted Carpet Bowls	Alternate Tuesday	2.30 & Friday 7.00	Langham Carpet Bowls	Tuesday 2.00 & Friday 7.30	Community Centre
Boxted Lodgers FC	Wednesday	7.00	Langham Bridge Club	Monday 7.00	Community Centre
Boxted Running Club	Thursday	9.15am	2nd Langham Scout Group		Community Centre
	Sunday	8.05am		Wednesday (times vary)	
Open Door	Fridays in school term	8.45—10.15	Langham Tennis Club Coaching Sessions		Recreation Ground
Boxted Methodist Silver Band	Methodist Chapel Schoolroom		Saturday & Sunday	Pay & Play: 10.15—11.15 (age 5—10)	
Wednesday	7.30			11.15—12.30 (age 11—17)	
Church Youth Group	Methodist Hall, Chapel Lane		Langham St Mary's Bell ringers		St Mary's Church
Zone (Term Times):	Fridays	5.30—7pm	Tuesday	7.30—9.00	Sunday Services 9.00
Edge (Term Times):	2nd & 4th Fridays	7.30—9 pm			



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To book your place (tables of 6-8 or smaller groups can request to be together), please fill in the booking form and return to the BSA via the school office by Friday 31st January.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the children at Boxted St Peter's.

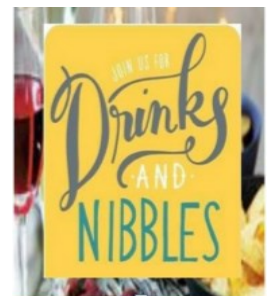
BSA BOXTED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING FOR LANGHAM COMMUNITY SHOP ASSOCIATION.

TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2020
IN THE CLUB ROOM OF THE LANGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE.

START TIME 7.30 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR AGM AND THEN DRINKS AND NIBBLES AFTERWARDS.




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VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

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8-10 MAY 2020

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Langham Community Council will be holding a VE celebration on Friday 8th May more details to follow.



Family Quiz Night

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21st Feb - 2nd Langham Scouts

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