

ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



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March 2020

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

VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 8th May 2020

LANGHAM 1940'S PARTY

Langham Community Field 3pm~8pm

Village picnic, bring your own food & drinks

1940's sing along, songs from

Langham Primary School & Pre School

Best dressed competition for 1940's style clothing

Good old fashioned competitions & games

Cake competition & cake stall

Ice cream van, bar, tea & coffee

Display by Boxted airfield group

Vintage vehicles & scouts show

Beacon to be lit in time with the whole country

More details to follow soon. keep watching!

Last October, Colchester High Steward Sir Bob Russell was elected Chairman of Boxted Methodist Silver Band. Here he gives a report on what is happening with the Band – and its determination to stay in Boxted.

Boxted Methodist Chapel shut last July......but Boxted Methodist Silver Band, the only surviving Methodist silver band in England, is determined to play on!

In February, the Colchester Methodist Circuit instructed estate agents to sell (in three separate lots) the Chapel, the Methodist School Room and the paddock adjoining the burial ground in Chapel Road.

The Band is hoping to raise the necessary £145,000 to buy the School Room – and has been given the legal protection, under an Act of Parliament, to have the right to buy the building under what is known as an "asset of community value". Others who might be interested have to form a queue.

That's the good news. However, the Band has just six months to raise the money. It is going to be a tough challenge, but one which the Band is united in seeking to achieve as confirmed by an Extraordinary General Meeting on Monday 10th February.

The School Room was opened in 1907. Minutes of the Trustees of Boxted Methodist Chapel, which I inspected at the Essex Record Office, reveal that the entire cost (less than £300) was raised by Boxted people. I assume that the Chapel was funded in the same way, in the early 1830s.

Regrettably, none of the proceeds from the sales of Methodist assets in Boxted will be available to help the Band buy the School Room. All the proceeds are earmarked for a new Methodist Church Centre at Mile End.

I find it disappointing, to put it mildly, that Boxted will not get anything from the sale of buildings which previous generations of Boxted residents paid for!

In November, Band members unanimously resolved to support my suggestion that an application be made to Colchester Borough Council under the Localism Act 2011 for the School Room to be declared an "asset of community value".

The application had the unanimous backing of Boxted Parish Council, for which I and the Band are grateful. We are also grateful for the support of local Borough Councillors Nigel Chapman, Peter Chillingworth and Christopher Arnold.

At the beginning of February came confirmation from the Borough Council that the School Room had been duly registered as such, which gives the Band the assurance that for six months the School Room cannot be sold to anyone other than a community group. The Band is the only group which has registered an interest. In the same way as the School Room was funded all those years ago, in the very near future a public appeal will be launched inviting donations from Boxted residents (and businesses) to help buy the building. Full details will be published in March.

The Band was formed in 1898, and for the past 113 years it has been based in the School Room where it meets most weeks for rehearsals. It has a busy programme of performances, at churches and chapels around North Essex and South Suffolk, plus at a variety of other venues. In December there were 20 performances at a range of locations, including supermarkets and in village halls with the annual one in Boxted Village Hall.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, the Band visited several of the residential areas in Boxted.

Boxted Methodist Silver Band is unique. We have just six months to raise the money to ensure that it continues as England's only surviving Methodist Silver Band, staying here in Boxted at the School Room. I hope that people in Boxted, and in adjoining villages, will rally to the cause.

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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.

CHURCH SERVICES

March 2020

Sunday 1st

St Peter's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 9th

St Mary's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

St Peter's

4.00 pm Family Service

Sunday 15th

St Mary's

8.00 am BCP Eucharist

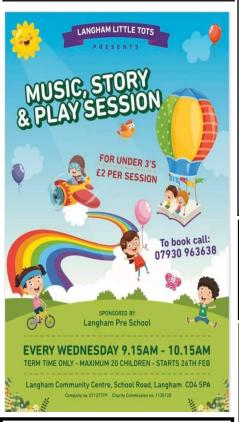
St Peter's

9.30 am Family Service

Sunday 22nd **Mothering Sunday** St Marv's

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 29h 3 Parish Joint Service St Mary's West Bergholt 9.30 am with Bishop Stephen



CORRECTION TO FEB ISSUE

The Langham VE Celebrations event was incorrectly labelled as being organised by Langham Community **Council instead of Langham Parish** Council. Apologies for any confusion caused.

NOTES FROM ST PETER'S AND ST MARY'S

As you may know, the Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, will become the next Archbishop of York when Archbishop John Sentamu retires in June. Just a few weeks before he leaves Chelmsford, he is coming to lead worship and preach on Sunday 29th March, at 9.30am, at St Mary's Church, West Bergholt. This is a 3 parishes joint service and a great opportunity for us to meet him and wish him well in his new role. Everyone is most welcome to

Ash Wednesday which is on 26th February marks the start of Lent - a time when we reflect on Christ's sacrifice. Many like to make a small sacrifice of going without something they normally enjoy, or doing something extra during Lent. You may like to consider giving up 4 evenings to attend the Lent Course being held on Monday evenings 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March at St Mary's Church Hall, West Bergholt, starting with coffee at 7.45pm.The study will be based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book, called Yes to Life, and will be reflecting on the environmental issues of today and how we can each play our part in caring for God's creation. If you can only come to 1 or 2 sessions that is fine, as each is a stand-alone session.

Mothering Sunday is 22nd March and this year is at St Mary's Langham at 9.30am. We do invite you to join us at this time and any of our services and activities - you will be very welcome.

Don and Carola Markham

CHILDREN SOCIETY BOXES

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.

Copy for the April issue should be with the **Editor Tim Clarke** E-mail: lwbnewsletter@gmail.com by Thursday 26th March

LANGHAM 100 CLUB

January 100 club winners:

- 1. Sue Thorpe (66)
- 2. Jutta Brawn (69)
 - Same White (78)
- 4. Gill Flack (4)

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Friday 27th March 2020 10.30 – 12.00 LANGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMUNITY CAFÉ AND CELEBRATION OF COMPLETION OF WORKS

We invite all those who use the building, villagers and friends, to join us to celebrate the completion of extensive works to replace the central heating and hot water systems at our Hall, Pre-School and Community Shop.

After a trying couple of years the project has been completed, not without difficulties and helped by generous funding from the Enovert Community Trust, Essex County Council's Community Initiatives Fund and Langham Parish Council.

The Café is being hosted by "Langham Ladies" who have kindly agreed to help us celebrate. £1 on the door purchases a hot drink and a biscuit and will boost their funds and those of the hall. Cake will be on sale.

We look forward to seeing you. Langham Community Council



LEARN ABOUT LANGHAM

Over 120 people of all ages braved rain and gale to pack the Langham Community Centre on the afternoon of 9 February to "Learn about Langham". On display were some of the dozens of documents and photographs relating to village life over the years collected by the Langham Heritage Group and now being digitised. Visitors could view the digitised material on a computer screen and hear the recorded voices of Langham Primary School children reading from the transcriptions of older Langham residents' recorded reminiscences.

The main feature was an absorbing two-part talk by local historian Simon Gallup on the history of the village from earliest times to modern days. Many were surprised to learn that "Langham" does not mean "Long Village" but, as recorded in the Domesday Book, "La-inga-ham", the settlement of the followers of La (probably a Saxon chief)". (This derivation is unlike that of the Norfolk and Rutland Langhams.) The Langham Heritage Group is very grateful to everyone who helped to promote and set up the event, to the Community Shop for selling the bulk of the tickets and, chiefly, to Simon Gallup as the inspiration for it.

BOXTED EVERGREENS CLUB

Our Chairperson Barbara Woodmason stood down recently as she moved from the village. Barbara held the position for 5 years . We wish her well. Elaine Mott was voted our New Chairperson. Thank you Elaine and well done.

The Club welcomes New members. We are a friendly group with a varied program and nice tea and cakes. Our next meeting is on 19th March with Marilyn Bambridge speaking on the Rwanda Orphans.

LANGHAM LADIES

February's meeting was an "open" meeting which gave an open invitation to guests to attend. The talk was entitled "To Fetch A Pail Of Water" by renowned author and local historian, Patrick Denney.

Patrick gave a most interesting and humorous talk on how the supply of water to the local community was conducted from Roman times onwards. We hadn't known, for instance, that Colchester castle had its own central heating system installed by the Romans. How all this worked was illustrated in various slides. Remains of the Roman water collection systems still remain to this day in and around Colchester.

The next meeting, on Thursday 12th March is another open meeting for a nominal fee of £5 for husbands, guests and friends and will be by Guy Barker entitled "Snowdrops and Spring Treasures".



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MARCH 2020 VILLAGE DIARY

Boxted Parish Council 11th Mar 7.30pm Village Hall

Boxted WI 10th Feb **Tools with a Mission** Boxted Evergreen Club 19th Mar 2.30pm Rwandan Orphans

Village Hall

Boxted History Group Franklin D. Roosevelt by 19th Feb

Jeff Page

Boxted Airfield Historical Group 17th Mar **Tram Story**

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

Boxted Arts & Crafts Club 4th & 18th 2.00pm 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 Sunday 8.05am Village Hall

8.45-10.15 Village Hall Open Door Fridays in school term

Boxted Methodist Silver Band Methodist Chapel Schoolroom Wednesday 7.30

Church Youth Group Methodist Hall, Chapel Lane Zone (Term Times): Fridays 5.30—7pm

2nd & 4th Fridays 7.30-9 pm Edge (Term Times):

Langham Parish Council 4th Mar 7.30 **Community Centre** 100 Club Draw 21st Feb Hosted by Langham

Community Centre Ladies Langham Film Nights 21st March 7pm for 7.45pm start

Community Centre Crafty Ladies 4th Feb 10.00 - 3.00

Community Centre **Patchwork Pals** 18th Feb 10.00 - 2.30**Community Centre**

Langham Ladies 13th Feb Open Meeting-

Snowdrops and Spring Treasure Guy Barker

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)

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