



ST MARY & ST PETER
NEWSLETTER

February 2021

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

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion via Zoom

Sunday 7 Feb 10am

Sunday 14 Feb 10am

Sunday 21 Feb 10am

Sunday 28 Feb 10am

Rev. Mandy Elmes's final service before she retires will be 28 February.

Email Jo Russell, Church Administrator, for the Zoom link (lwb.wb.gh.parishes@gmail.com). A recording of each service will be on the website on Sunday afternoon.

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Revised 15th January 2021. Any queries please ring the Organiser, Arabella Brentnall 01206 272013

St Mary's, Langham

The precautions recommended for Covid 19 security are not at present practicable in St Mary's Church and therefore, on Episcopal advice, this church is closed **for the time-being**

St Peter's, Boxted

The necessary risk assessment has been completed for St Peter's and this church **will remain open each day** for private prayer

Deadline for submissions for the March edition: 15th February

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Dear Friends,

I neither anticipated nor expected to be writing to you at this time, but, because of Paul's accident, and the consequences of it, the 27th December, 2020, was, sadly, my last working Sunday.

Bishop Roger has generously given me two months of compassionate leave after this, so I will be around a little, hopefully saying farewell to yourselves, the children and staff in our village schools and moving out of the Rectory, to our home in Colchester. As it won't be possible, because of Covid19, to have a traditional final service to say farewell to you all, and although Bishop Roger had agreed to my having one last service in each of our four villages (West Bergholt, Great Horkesley, Langham and Boxted) so that we can say farewell to each other, in a more intimate and inclusive way, this will not now be possible, so I am hoping to have a final Zoom Service on 27th February. It would be unusual, but perhaps we'll be able to get together in the summer to say our final farewells.

I want to thank-you all for making Paul's, and my, six and a half years in post so happy and enjoyable. I have loved journeying with you and seeing you blossom and flourish as your knowledge and love of God has increased, and your faith has flourished. We have loved sharing meals and celebrations with you. We have toiled with you when you have been heavy laden. We have celebrated with you when you have been celebrating. We have mourned with you when you are mourning. It has been a privilege to baptise your children, marry some beautiful couples and celebrate lives which are no longer in this world, but are in the world to come. Thank-you for inviting us to do this.



It is advisedly, that I started this message, and many of my emails, "Dear Friends," because you have become our friends and your friendship has been a great blessing to us. Thank-you. Friendships, like memories never die, so you will always be in our hearts.

Thank-you for your love, thank-you for your prayers, thank-you for your caring, thank-you for your support and encouragement, thank-you taking me to visit Paul in Addenbrooke's Hospital, and more latterly in Ely, all of this has meant a great deal to me. I am truly grateful.

My prayer for you all, is that God will bless you richly and that we can continue to journey together in this world and in the world to come. This message comes with much love to you all,

Mandy Elmes

Onward and Upward in 2021!

Reverend Mandy's words are both telling and timely. The hope and promise of a New Year is often such a positive thing in our lives, offering the opportunity to put the previous year's woes and setbacks behind us.

Langham Tree Project

Langham Parish Council found out about an initiative last year whereby Colchester Borough Council wanted to plant thousands of trees throughout the Borough. The trees, which would be provided by the Borough for the Parish Councils or individuals to plant, comprise Field Maple, Birch, Hornbeam, Hawthorn, Hazel, Beech, Holly, Bird Cherry, Oak, Mountain Ash and Lime.

The scheme was advertised to the residents of Langham and seventeen people expressed an interest and gave the Council details of the numbers they would like. A total of 224 trees were requested. Initially these were going to be delivered in September, then December but due to the Pandemic had to be cancelled. However during the first week of January delivery was discussed. Several Parish Councils had cancelled delivery as they were going to be doing big group planting, where social distancing etc would cause a problem.

My wife and I having both been struck down with the dreaded Covid-19, I had the – for me – novel experience of cooking and eating my Christmas meals alone. It was a joyless episode which nevertheless emphasised to me how much we rely on the company of friends and family for support. Never in my lifetime have I needed them more!

Steve Pollington

Langham PC discussed with the Borough Council how we would distribute and plant, and the Borough agreed that we were taking the correct precautions and could go ahead.

On the 7th January, a delivery of 250 whips was made to Langham, including rabbit guards and bamboo canes (totally unexpected). The bundles were broken down into the individual requests.

On Friday the 8th, appreciative residents started picking up their individual deliveries for planting over the weekend.

The Borough Council would like to thank the residents of Langham for the big uptake on this initiative. The Parish Council would also like to thank all the residents involved and wish them the best of luck in getting their trees established for future generations to enjoy.

This scheme will be taking place again in the future, the Parish Council will advertise it when we have further details.

Stratford St Mary and Langham Community First Responder Group.

The group Responders are still limited to Stephen and Peter, a lot of training was put on standby for the last year and remains that way for the foreseeable future.

The group has been very busy during 2020, even with the Pandemic disrupting things the group has continued to operate throughout the whole year.

The hours on call has again increased over the previous year. A total of 960.75 hours (compared with 575.5 hours in 2019) were recorded where Stephen or Peter were available for medical alerts

issued by the Ambulance service. This works out at an average of 80 hours a month, or just under 4 hours every day.

During these times when they were on call a total of 73 alerts were issued. 38 of these alerts were with patient contact. The remaining ones we were either stood down prior to arrival, we arrived at the same time as an Ambulance or the Ambulance had arrived prior to the Responders.

Since March both Stephen and Peter have been driving Ambulances for the East of England Ambulance Service, both trying to do at least one shift a week, this is a voluntary job to help relieve some of the pressure on the Health Service.

CAROL SERVICE

On Sunday 20th December we held a socially distanced Carol Service at 4.00pm in the Churchyard, St Peter's Church, Boxted. There was a Congregation of 87 people of all ages. We sang many Carols and listened to Bible readings about the Christmas Story.



The Churchyard was lit with atmospheric lighting and candles and the music was provided by the Boxted Silver Band and members of the Church Community. It was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended, we are so thankful and pleased we were able to go ahead with the Service.

I would like to thank the following people for helping to organise and for taking part in the Service: Boxted Silver Band, Scott Dolling, Mark Fogg Elliot and Tom Arculus for the music, Jo Jeffrey and all our Readers, Langham Scouts and all our helpers.

Dominic Sheil



Boxted Memories

On reading the recent parish newsletter I saw the article about the Boxted Bridge, which I believe was on the front cover of your magazine approximately 10 years ago, drawn by John Nash, if my memory serves me right.

It also brought back memories of past times during the war when many young people, including myself, used to go swimming in the river. Over the green bridge on the right was a small gap where we took our bikes. We would swim all day, sometimes twenty of us, including an American we called 'Uncle Max', a lovely chap who spent a lot of time with us. We went home about teatime with a long climb up Sky Hall Hill. What a lovely life, compared with nowadays. There is a photo of us all with Max, taken at the river, in Boxted Air Museum.

Nurse Lewis: I was brought into this world by that lovely lady, as were my two

younger sisters, Betty and Molly. I was born on September 5th 1932, and have a silver spoon she bought me.

On growing up, my best friend was Pam Nevard, and we are still in touch now. Pam lived next door to the Post Office run by Mabel and if a message came through she would ask Pam to let Nurse Lewis know. The method was by going to where Nurse Lewis lived in the little cottage at the top of Lodge Drive, to the front door which faced the road, where she hung a board. Written on it was information concerning where she was, on which Pam then wrote who would need her next. Nurse Lewis retired and lived for a short time at a cottage at the Cross, before moving to Dedham, but she still came to Boxted Evergreens where I was so pleased to see her. The memories I have of growing up are mainly lovely ones.

Victoria Sycamore (Whitnell / Hobs).

Boxted Volunteer

Litter Pickers

Our volunteer group have been litter -picking the village roadsides for 12 years. Although we cannot claim that these are wholly litter-free, they are so very much better than they were at the start.

More than 20 of our current group have renewed their commitment for 2021. Each volunteer or volunteer

couple 'adopt' a stretch of road in the village which they do their level best to litter pick once a month. We still need a few more volunteers to ensure we cover all the village roads.

If anyone is interested in joining in please contact our Coordinator Stephen Whybrow on 07801749575 or at stephenwhybrow@msn.com. We can supply litter-pickers and yellow safety vests.

Craft Fair, Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Service at St. Peter's Church

We held a Craft Fair and Christmas Tree Lighting event on Sunday 13th December at Boxted Village Hall. This was to

raise funds for both Boxted and Langham Churches, despite terrible weather (due to Covid restrictions most of the stalls were outside) we raised £380.00 to put into Church Funds. I would like to thank all who supported the event and hope you had an enjoyable time.



It was very challenging to organise and I wish to thank the following for their help with this: Rebecca, Linda and Lawrence Sheil, James and Joelle Collett, Langham Scouts and all the Stall Holders.

Dominic Sheil



Langham Heritage Group

THE MYSTERY OF *THE OAKS* IN LANGHAM AND ITS LATER HISTORY

Simon Gallup

THE OAKS is a very large house and its internal features show it was also a very grand house. The mystery was: who built it and why was it built so close to the road and to an existing house? Local oral tradition has it that it was built by the future Edward VII for one of his many mistresses. However The Oaks was central to two court cases, one in the County Court and the other in the High Court and both were fully reported in the local press. What follows is based largely on the evidence that emerged from the cases.

William Smith was an agricultural labourer who was born in Dedham but lived in Langham for most of his life. In 1851 he was living with his large family in The Floods, near the Ardleigh Crown, including his daughter, Sarah, born in 1850. Before 1878 Sarah was living in London under a pseudonym and had a gentleman friend who gave her lavish presents and £50 a week for expenses. £50 at that time would be equivalent to £5000 today so she became very wealthy and bought two houses in London. In 1879 she married an ex-army drummer, William Brown, in St George's, Hanover Square but the £50 a week stipend continued.

In 1888 she bought what is now Little Oaks, then a farmhouse in 23 acres, which is the land still owned by The Oaks. Her intention was to give her parents somewhere to live. Later that year she decided to have a house built for herself on the estate

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at a cost of £4500 and she called it The Oaks. They sold the London houses and brought £5000 worth of furniture and fittings from them to the Langham property, adding another £1000 worth of fittings.

During the early 1880s the gentleman friend had died so Sarah lost her income but she and her husband continued their lavish lifestyle. Sarah was described as “comely but having a great want of education and totally unable to appreciate the value of money.”

By the beginning of 1891 the couple had financial problems and decided to buy the *Prince of Wales*, a pub in Old Street, London and to live there. They took out a loan for part of the purchase price with security being the value of the Langham estate and signed the agreement without it being read to them or explained. The pub venture failed and the couple sold it in 1892. The loan was not repaid and on 29/12/1892 The Oaks was repossessed. The contents, worth £6000, were put up for sale at what seems a rigged auction for a fraction of their value and on 23/01/1893 The Oaks was sold “by order of the mortgagees” at an auction in London. The estate was described as ‘the house containing four reception rooms, twelve bed and dressing rooms, fitted bathroom, conservatory, housekeeper’s room and usual domestic offices. Homestead, stabling, coach house, greenhouses, pleasure and kitchen gardens, farm buildings, orchard, meadow and 23 acres of well cultivated farmland’.

In 1895 Sarah sued the men who had arranged the loan and the auction. At the first hearing was awarded a large sum of damages but this verdict was appealed and the case went to the High Court. The judge said “This is a case of disgusting immorality but justice must be done”. The couple ended up with a small amount of damages.

The story of The Oaks being built by Edward VII, who was Prince of Wales, presumably came about from somebody asking Sarah’s parents where she had gone and the answer would have been “to the Prince of Wales”.

After The Oaks was sold it was lived in briefly by Colonel Nicholson, then by Major Richard Mullens, (later Major General). By 1914 Mullens owned much of south Langham. In 1919 he started selling off the estate and finally left in 1936. The estate was then bought by The Peace Pledge Union who set up the Adelphi Centre as a centre for community living.

During the Spanish Civil War Basque children were evacuated from the fighting: initially 53 children with 2 teachers came to what they then called the Basque House. By early 1939 it was safe for the children to go home but the links between them and the people of Langham still exist.

At the beginning of the Second World War 20 young conscientious objectors came to the Adelphi Centre and farmed the field opposite The Oaks. In 1941 they were joined by families bombed out of London. In 1942 the house was requisitioned for possible use by the airfield, so the Peace Pledge moved to Norfolk. As the airfield did not need The Oaks in 1943 it was bought by the Home Office who set it up as a Junior Approved School for boys who had been through the courts, to be run by the Society of Friends and called Langham Oaks. That School closed in March 1956 but the house and grounds were bought by Essex County Council for an E.B.D. school to be called Homestead. Over the years since 1956 the

role of Homestead changed slightly but it is still educating S.M.E.H. boys from across Essex.

In 2009 Homestead became part of Ramsden Hall school, until 2015 when the school became independent and reverted to being Langham Oaks school.

The house had become unsuitable for a modern school and in 2020 ECC built a large new building to the east of The Oaks still to be called Langham Oaks School. That leaves The Oaks and Little Oaks, which had been intended as the headmaster's house, empty.

We trust that these two buildings will be allowed to continue to enrich the history of Langham.

100 Club Draw

The lucky **November** winners are:

1. *Sylvia Mays (35)*
2. *Langham Tennis Club (53)*
3. *Tricia & Robin Gooding (44)*
4. *Karen Jones (74)*

The lucky **December** winners are:

1. *Liz Winter (29)*
2. *David & Lesley Ford (51)*
3. *Ernie Schofield (39)*
4. *John Smith (41)*

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Boxted Parish Council Report – January 2021

Boxted Parish Council meets 10 times a year as a full Council on the second Wednesday evening of the month (not August or December). Members of the public are very much welcome to join us on these meetings, just email the Clerk on

boxtedparishcouncil@gmail.com

for a link to click and you can join us on your computer, tablet or phone.

There is a regular slot at the start of each meeting for people to raise any issues so that, if they can't be answered straight away, the Council can take them away and respond afterwards. The minutes of each meeting are published on the new Parish Council website

boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk.

The Council doesn't meet in December which means that the January meeting has a very full agenda. We started by talking to two very good candidates who had volunteered to fill the vacant position of the Council and were pleased to welcome **Mr Jonathan Hunt** to the Council and also **Christina Watling** to the Committee that is deciding how best to upgrade the Recreation Ground and Community Hub facilities with the S106 monies available.

One of the issues running in Boxted is the campaign to persuade Essex Highways to repair and restore the lovely Boxted Bridge, near Boxted Mill, rather than replace it with a new bigger structure. The **Save Our Bridge** campaign, run by Boxted residents, has a petition with over 3000 signatures and has drawn the interest of the local press. The Parish Council very much supports the local campaign and although discussions with Essex Highways have led to a much better



design of the bridge with efforts to imitate the look the existing bridge, the Essex Highways team is not moving from its plan to replace the bridge with a larger version. You can find the link to the petition on the Boxted Village website at

<https://boxted.org.uk/2020/11/10/bridge/>

In January the Parish Council settled its budget for 2021/22 and signed the formal Precept request to Colchester Borough Council (CBC) for most of Parish Council funding. The Council was really pleased to set a budget that would not increase the Parish Council element of the Council Tax bill from the last year. It will remain at £85.09 per Band D household. This was possible because the additional houses at Boxted Cross are now occupied which means that the Borough Council will collect more in Council Tax and this offsets the normal inflationary increase in bills.

The Council wish to work with our advisors, the Rural Community Council of Essex, to forward a small site for building and making available affordable housing specifically for people connected to Boxted.

During this third national lockdown we can't have organised sport at the Recreation Ground—so no football—and the Hub café is still closed to the public, but the take-away service and delivered “meals on wheels” service helping those people shielding in the village are still available. Just phone **Bonny** on **01206 272129** and she can sort a meal out for you and your family. This time round we can keep the play areas open but please know that the equipment is not cleaned. You should either bring hand sanitiser or get hands washed as soon as possible.

We recently received a grant of £4000 which will part-fund some pieces of outdoor gym equipment on the Recreation Ground. We should be installing seven pieces of equipment, some of which is disability accessible and some can be used by older children. This project was in response to the village questionnaire that identified many residents suggesting more should be available on the field.

One of the other projects identified in the village questionnaire the provision of more parking in the village to remove some of the congestion caused by road and verge parking around Boxted Cross. The Parish Council can only do this at the Recreation Ground. We have a plan to seek permission for extending parking by running a row of spaces behind the Village Hall along the edge of the field. We should have room for about 40 parking spaces. The big dilemma is whether to just add a grass support (mesh bedded into the ground)

which will cost about £15,000 but will need replacing in a few years as it sinks, and more grass/mud deposits rise above it. The alternative is to spend about £80,000 on a finished car park with a much longer life. The Council would really appreciate your views on which is the best way forward. We shall be running some polls to see if there is an obvious preference but also feel free to write a note or email to the Parish Council - our contact details are on our website.

We are nearly there in taking ownership of the corner grassed area of the Hill Farm development at Boxted Cross as a Village Green.

The positive Covid tests figures for Colchester are very high. The number at the beginning of October was less than 100 per 100,000 of the population and at the beginning of January was close to 1000 per 100,000. There is a facility opening in Colchester for testing people with no symptoms (*see local press for details*).

You will need to book an appointment; you go along and get a Lateral Flow Test; you get your results fairly quickly and if positive you are then given a more accurate PCR home test. So, to minimise mixing, the Village Hall will remain closed.

Our other news is that Essex Police continue to conduct speed checks along Straight Road in Boxted and the Fire Service have reported that domestic fires have really increased as more and more people are staying home. Please stay safe. If you want to get in touch with the Council, please drop an email to

boxtedparishcouncil@gmail.com.

WHERE IS THE BOX IN BOXTED?

Steve Pollington

Place-names are funny things, such a familiar part of our everyday lives that many of us hardly stop to consider why they were given, by whom and for what reason. Let's consider the name *Boxted*.

At first glance, *Boxted* looks like it refers to 'box', the shrub which is often used for hedges and decorative borders, even for topiary. This plant – botanically known as *Buxus sempervirens* 'ever-flourishing or evergreen box' – is also grown for its wood, from which cabinets and other furniture have been made since Roman times. But the *Box* – in *Boxted* has nothing to do with that tree.

As is so often the case in England, to find the first record of the name we must turn to the *Doomsday Book* which was commissioned in 1086 by King William I (often known as 'the Conqueror' and other less flattering names). Having invaded twenty years previously and defeated the English King Harold II, the Norman duke made himself monarch and assumed the reins of power. Perhaps it was due to his grasping nature, which was commented on at the time, that he could never rid himself of the

suspicion that his subjects were withholding his lawful tax revenues.

He sent out teams of commissioners whose task it was to assess all the landholdings in every town, village and estate in England: to establish what amenities there were and what value could be assigned to them, down to the last barn, watermill and head of cattle. William died before the records could be finalised, but the damage had been done. The survey was undertaken by the English civil service (even then known as a relentless and highly efficient team of bureaucrats) under Norman-trained scribes who struggled with the intricacies of local pronunciation. The terms for places, habitations and geographical features in Essex were (almost) all given in the local East Saxon dialect of Old English.

The name for *Boxted* appears in the form *Bocchesteda* and its variant *Bucchesteda*. There is no letter -x- here to confuse us, no reference to 'box' at all. The name is a compound of two words in use frequently even today. The second of these is *stede*, meaning 'place, site, location', which we still use daily in the phrase 'instead'. It mostly refers to the specific location of something, rather than as a general term for an 'area'.

The first element here is the tree name 'beech' which in Old English is *boc* in the singular and *bec* (pronounced 'beech') in the plural.

The singular form *boc* is the ancestor of our word ‘book’, originally denoting a *codex* or group of pages sewn together; possibly the earliest forms of this type of document were written on plates of tree-bark, and beech is very suitable for that purpose.



So Boxted would originally have been called *bocstede* ‘the place where beech trees grow’. The name could have been given at any point between the arrival of the English language in the 4th/5th century AD, down to the 11th century when it was first written down.

Since these trees prefer dry, free-draining soils typical of chalk downland, they would not have been common on the Essex clay. Beech trees can also grow to exceptional heights — the tallest native tree in the UK is a beech

of 45m (150 feet) at Hagg Wood in Derbyshire. A splendid beech tree would be a notable feature in the landscape. So nominating a place as ‘where the beech tree grows’ would have made perfect sense.

There are many interesting books on the place-names of England, and the social history that is tied up in them. Margaret Gelling and Richard Coates are among the experts in the field, but Gelling’s books are easier to digest unless you have a working knowledge of Brythonic Celtic, Latin, Old English, Flemish, etc.

For Essex, the standard reference work is P.H. Reaney *The Place-Names of Essex*, English Place-Name Society Volume XII. It was published in 1969 by Cambridge University Press.

The name ‘Boxted Cross’ is not so ancient as that of Boxted itself ... but that’s an investigation for another time.

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Village Emergency Telephone System

Langham has, for a number of years had a Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) in operation. This is a system where, if a dedicated number is rung, you may reach one of up to 10 volunteers. These volunteers have had basic training in CPR and how to use a defibrillator. This number should only be called in the case of a possible cardiac arrest and after 999 has been called. If the number is rung and contact made, the volunteer will go to the Langham Community Centre, collect the defibrillator and head to your location. They will start basic life support, including



Many thanks to the litter pickers who gave up their valuable time on a Saturday morning, a damp 12th of December, to walk the roads around the village to pick up as much litter as we could.

A big thank you also goes out to all the other litter pickers who clean our streets on a regular basis, without being asked or asking for recognition.

We noticed that we are getting more and more gloves and face masks discarded (outside the primary school), dog poo in bags (the corner of Hundred Lane), cigarette butts (the pod by the pre school and the monument on Park Lane), bottles and cans and a lot of fast

using the defibrillator, until the emergency services arrive.

The village of Langham and the surrounding areas are also covered by numerous Community First Responders, these are a different set of volunteers to the VETS people. These volunteers will be called by the Ambulance service to start treatment on patients who have life threatening conditions, this is an automatic function by the Ambulance service when you have called 999. These CFR have been given training by the Ambulance service and have equipment to start life saving treatment as soon as possible, these are people who live within our community and can give this life-saving treatment prior to an ambulance arriving, they sometimes arrive on your door step within minutes of you calling 999. **It is important to remember that the VETS and CFR individuals are all volunteers, giving up their time to help the community.**

**In Langham, the VETS number is
01206 700990.**

If you would like further information on either the VETS or CFR please contact me on Peterdaw50n@hotmail.com or 07775 667753, we are always looking for people to recruit.



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