

ST MARY & ST PETER  
NEWSLETTER

**February 2022**



## CHURCH SERVICES

6th February - 9.30am at St Peter's  
- All-age worship

13th February - 9.30am at St Mary's  
- the Eucharist

20th February - 9.30am at St Peter's  
- the Eucharist  
4.00pm at St Peter's  
- Teatime Family  
Service

27th February - 9.30am at St Mary's  
- the Eucharist

2nd March 10.00am at St  
Mary's - Ash  
Wednesday  
Eucharist

**Note: 30th January** 10.00am at St  
Mary's is now All-age worship with  
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A recording of each service will be on  
the website on Sunday afternoon:

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**All services are subject to change depending  
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Welcome to the February Newsletter.

Happy New Year!

By the time you read this in February, the New Year will be just a distant memory — but a happy one. We hope that 2022 proves to be a little less challenging than the previous two years have been.

The **Boxted Bridge Campaign** was featured on the TV news in early January, much to my surprise—normally even a slow news day has enough gossip about footballers, actors, and politicians to fill the allotted half-

hour without ever having to look at something happening in the real world. TV presenter Dan Cruickshank has joined the campaign to save the bridge. Cruickshank, who lived in Essex for several years, said he believes the bridge is worth fighting for, and is backing the local campaign to save it.

There now seems to be cause for hope that the dispute over the Highways Department's plans for the structure can be resolved and a way can be found to retain the existing structure in a state of good repair.

*Steve Pollington, Editor*

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

**N**ew Year resolutions: I suspect that at some point in our lives, we have all made them.

As a new year dawns, we wake up determined that somehow this year we will make better choices. Maybe we want to lose weight or exercise more, learn a new hobby, or find ways of connecting with our friends more effectively throughout the year and not just with the annual Christmas card and round robin letter.

And then as we get to the end of January and realised we aren't really making any headway or have forgotten what our resolutions were in the first place, we can feel frustrated with ourselves. But do we have to wait another year, until we can try again?

I love these verses in *Lamentations* 'Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' (*Lamentations* 3:22-23

NIV)

God's mercies are new every morning, every morning, we wake up with a fresh new start, with all the new opportunities that might entail.

So this New year, I hope that you will remember that there are always opportunities for a fresh start and perhaps one of those this year might be to connect or reconnect with God, and learn more of his great compassion and faithfulness.

*Happy New Year and may God Bless you all*

Reverend Heather



Image: ITV New Anglia

**H**istorian Dan Cruickshank has joined the campaign to save Boxted bridge, which has stood on the present river crossing since 1897. He told *ITV News Anglia*: "It's handsome and it works. From the engineering point of view, it's fascinating. It's more complicated and cleverer than maybe it looks. ... this is obviously a quite remote and charming village and, I think, a very important area of beauty. Why on earth would you want to remove a building, a structure that makes a contribution replaced by something even larger on a road that's narrow?"



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## BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

The Group's November talk was on the history of Trinity House by retired P&O

Captain Karl Lumbers.

Apparently in 1514 King Henry VIII presented a royal charter to a Guild of Mariners troubled by navigational problems on the River Thames and the action of unregulated pilots.

This resulted in the establishment of the Trust of Trinity House to provide navigational aids such as beacons and marine buoys and the licensing of competent pilots on the Thames. It was also made responsible for the security of the king's shipyard at Deptford.

In 1566 Queen Elizabeth I passed the Seaman's Act which extended the provision of navigational aids to the approaches to all English ports. The 'Fraternity' comprising 38 Elders and 400 Younger Brethren still administer the Trust from its original headquarters at Tower Hill but its operational centre is at Harwich. Much has changed over time and now Trinity House, in addition to its navigational responsibilities, is the UK's largest maritime charity dispensing over £4 million each year.

At the December meeting fellow Group member Stephen Pollington

gave a talk on the Saxon burial site at Sutton Hoo. The site's secrets were hidden deep within a burial mound for over 1300 years until 1939 when a discovery was made which changed history. From the acidic sandy soil, archaeologists unearthed the imprint of a 27-metre long ship whose timbers had long since rotted away. This was revealed to be the burial mound of an Anglo-Saxon king, a rare find in this country, complete with his gold and silver treasures. Many other mounds had been looted during the reign of Elizabeth I to help finance the war with Spain, but two mounds at Sutton Hoo escaped this fate. Now managed by the National Trust, the site has recently been refurbished and it is hoped that the BHG will be able to visit on **Wednesday 15th June** this year.

**Next meeting :** Wednesday 16th February 7.30 for 8.00pm entitled "*Pie and Mash and Prefabs*" by Norman Jacobs, followed by the usual complimentary refreshments. Further details—call 01206 272774

**Keith Middleton**, Chairman

# BOXTED EVERGREENS

## 2nd Langham Scout Group

*Dear Evergreen members,*  
Although Covid continues to disrupt our lives, last year the Evergreens managed a few meetings. We also had two members celebrate their 90th birthdays. We all got together and had a lovely Christmas meal at *The Anchor*, Stratford St. Mary who made us feel very welcome.

Looking forward to this year, our first meeting is on the **24th February** starting at **2pm**, which will be a **Bring and Buy sale**, so bring your goodies with you. We have booked the Village Hall up until July and will keep you updated with future meetings.

Something positive for the country to look forward to is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the Evergreens will be arranging their own little party, which we will advise members of nearer the time.

New members are always welcome to our monthly meetings. Elaine, Linda, Carole and Diane are all looking forward to seeing you on the 24th. In the meantime stay well and stay safe.

Diane

**T**he **2nd Langham Scout Group** has restarted with the whole group going off tobogganing in Ipswich. During the next few weeks all the different sections have a varied programme from Winnie the Pooh night, martial arts, First Aid, a litter pick, cooking and pancakes and hikes. Our rector **Heather Wilcox** will be visiting the Cubs and Scouts to talk about her work as part of their faith badge.

We are also starting to arrange camps for the spring and summer.

We have vacancies in the **Beaver** and **Cub** sections. Please contact me.

Also we need helpers /leaders to enable us to run full programmes especially in the **Beaver** and **Scout** section.

Volunteering is fun and you are given full training. You can get so much out of it and make friends for life. Think about it and contact me on [GSL.2ndlangham.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:GSL.2ndlangham.scouts@gmail.com) and we can get together for a chat.

Denise Hobday

## Boxted Parish Council Report –

### December 2021

**B**oxted Parish Council doesn't schedule a Council meeting in December. We formally meet again in January. However, it is still a busy month with public meetings. The first was with Colchester Council where they came to show their plans for developing the '**garage site**' behind Cross Cottages and then a meeting to go through the Essex Highways plans to demolish our beautiful and historic **Boxted Bridge** with a new larger structure.

The **Village Green** has been the focus of the volunteer biodiversity group which has and planted 1000s of bulbs and seeds to create two wildflower areas on the green. We have snakeshead fritilleries, white & blue camassia, wild primrose, cowslip and oxlip, yellow rattle seed and cuckoo flower. There are

also lots of daffodils in and around the hedges. We can't wait to see it looking so much better next year and we want to say a big thank you to the volunteers.

The other good news is the January opening of the **Community Hub café**. Our new tenant Doug Harper has oodles of café experience. Until the pandemic Covid19 he had a town centre venue 'Harper's Caffè' which was very well reviewed on Trip Advisor. He is taking up the lease knowing that the building will have to be closed in the summer for refurbishment, so we are very lucky to see the café open in the interim. If you like good Italian coffee fresh from the bean with a *pastel de nata* – which is a delicious Portuguese custard pastry—then do visit.

We know Doug will also put on a great breakfast and lunch menu. The café will be open 6 days a week from 8:45. Pop in and say hello and if you want to see more about **Harpers Caffè**

then do look him up <https://www.facebook.com/HarpersCaffe>

## January 2022

**B**oxted Parish Council met on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 with Councillor Seakens as the temporary Chair of the Council following the resignation of Mrs Damen in November.

The major items discussed at the meeting were the planning application to replace **Boxted Bridge**, Wick Road which is being decided by Essex County Council (reference CC/COL/106/21) and the Parish Council will be objecting to the proposed demolition and replacement.

Secondly the **budget for 2022/23** was agreed and a Precept request to Colchester Borough Council (CBC) reflecting a 3.09% increase in Band D Council tax element.

We met the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) advisor on **Rural Exception Site (RES)**

**Housing**, and she confirmed that a landowner will work with a RES housing developer and CBC for a plan for 6 affordable rented units and one shared ownership property at a site (if approved) near Newman Drive. The Council have agreed to support an RES site as these schemes tie the housing land to people living, working or with a strong connection to the village in perpetuity. Applicants for the housing will need to be on the Local Housing List operated by Colchester Borough Council when the accommodation comes available.

**O**ur Colchester Ward Councillor said that the **Langham Treatment Works** have been running at very high capacity for some time now and until there is further capacity provided it is unlikely that new housing will be permitted in either Boxted or Langham. We are waiting to see formal confirmation but if forthcoming then we might have an embargo on new homes until the end of 2024.

The Council has not yet seen the revised development plans for the



**Garage site near Cross Cottages** but with a possible embargo on new builds this may be delayed for some time anyway.

The **Boxted Community Hub café** is open again with *Harpers Caffè* (previously in Colchester Town Centre) taking up residence. Douglas Harper, with his daughter-Alice, is opening 6 days a week with good fresh food with a menu that will grow over time. He uses a good fresh Italian roast coffee and is open 8.30am – 4.30pm Tuesday – Friday and from 9am at the weekends.

We should see our harder surfaced access **roadway on to the field** installed this month. This will allow people to park on the grassed area without having to negotiate the mud

run on the way. Hopefully this will take a bit of pressure off the parking situation especially when the field is busy with sport. And in February we start the installation of most of our new play equipment.

We have recently heard that Mr Dedhar submitted a nomination to Colchester Council to fill one of our vacancies and has been elected. We have a further vacancy which will be advertised locally.

**D**on't forget if you want to get in touch with the Council, please drop an email to [boxtedparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:boxtedparishcouncil@gmail.com) look at [www.boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk) and follow the Facebook page '*Boxted Parish Council*'.

## Langham Parish Council Report

### Langham Parish Council Report Dec 21/Jan 22

In a new venture, the Council organised a Community Christmas tree on the Open Space opposite the

*Shepherd & Dog*. Local Church Singers led a Community Carol Singing Service there on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December. There was a great turnout of around 50 people. Everyone seemed

to enjoy it, so we hope this will now become an annual village event.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, the Council held a “Drop-In” Session at the Community Centre, to discuss our plans for a major upgrade to the Recreation Ground Play Area, together with longer term plans for a new multi-sports court. Turnout for this event was disappointing, so a second “Drop-In” was arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan with the hope of securing further engagement, particularly from Langham parents with younger children.

The planned December public meeting with Anglian Water and Sir Bernard Jenkin had to be deferred at very short notice due to COVID issues in the Anglian Water team. We await confirmation of a new date. However, in the meantime we have received early indications from our Ward Councillor Nigel Chapman that our concerns about lack of capacity at the Langham Water Recycling Centre may finally have

been listened to, with a potential moratorium being placed on further housebuilding until a WRC upgrade has been completed by Anglian Water in ~2025. We await formal confirmation of this position.

At our 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Parish Council Meeting, the budget and precept request for 2022/23 were agreed. The budget includes a large capital expenditure element to deliver a major upgrade and extension to the current Play Area during the next year.

We also listened to a preliminary presentation from the Cricket Development Manager for Essex and a representative from a local Essex/Suffolk cricket club who have expressed interest in adopting Langham as their home base and creating a new cricket pitch on Langham’s Recreation Ground. Further discussions will be held to explore the potential benefits of this idea for our village. Views and comments from residents are most welcome – please email the Clerk or



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Boxted Village Hall

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Contact Karen for  
more information

[willowsofdedham@gmail.com](mailto:willowsofdedham@gmail.com)

talk to any of your Councillors.

Finally, we are sad to report that three of our Councillors are looking to step down over the next few weeks and months, which risks leaving us non-quorate if we fail to successfully recruit some new volunteers. This could be a tragedy for the village for various reasons. We risk losing our separate village identity and becoming a mere suburb of Colchester. In more concrete financial terms, it would almost certainly risk us losing any influence

on the local deployment of S106 funding associated with future housing development in Langham.

*If you might consider becoming a Parish Councillor, please email the Clerk to arrange for an exploratory chat about what the role entails and whether it might be of interest to you.*





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**J**erry, the church cat at St Mary's, passed away on the 19th of December. He was 21 years old. He was always there to greet you, even sharing his bench if you wanted some quiet time. At the services he walked up and down the aisle deciding which lap he would choose to sit on and be stroked until he moved on to another one. He is greatly missed.

*Denise Hobday*



## Kenny's SESAW news

**C**hristmas may be over but here's a true story, worthy of the Panto season.

Once upon a time, two little dogs named Gypsy and Sam arrived at SESAW. Years passed, Gypsy became arthritic and the volunteers despaired of them ever being rehomed because the duo disliked all other dogs.

Fortunately, the reprobates won the heart of one lady who succumbed to their dubious charms. The two little girls did go for the ball when Rachel took them home to play with her dogs including one that was equally reactive to other mutts. She also gave Gypsy a new lease of life with a set of Winston's Wheels which enabled her to walk, run and frolic with the pack. (There are photos and videos of them on our website and Facebook pages.)



*Winston's Wheels* is a registered charity and Rachel's canine wheelchairs enhance the lives of hundreds of other dogs. Email [rachelcansell@icloud.com](mailto:rachelcansell@icloud.com) for more information.

Rachel will join us at our **Easter Fair in Long Melford** on Sunday 3rd April, Covid restrictions permitting. Unwanted Christmas presents gladly received, to sell or use as Raffle prizes. Please leave donations at SESAW, clearly marked "For Easter Fair" or phone to arrange collection.



We welcome enquires from anyone looking for a new four legged friend. If you can bring some magic into a difficult dog's life, please leave a phone message or email. Meanwhile it's dinner time - Oh yes it is! I'm off to the kitchen to see what Mum is cooking for all the residents including me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Registered Charity No.1124029, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. Tel: 01787 210888 [www.sesaw.co.uk](http://www.sesaw.co.uk)

## BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

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*chris-lawrence@hotmail.co.uk*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Langham Scout Group

Meetings are held each Wednesday evening at the Community Centre.

**Beavers:** 5.00 to 6.15 pm. **Cubs:** 6.15 to 7.30 pm. **Scouts:** 7.30 to 9.00 pm.

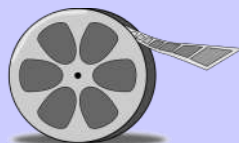
Contact Group Scout Leader, Denise Hobday 01206 230918.

## LANGHAM LADIES

Any ladies wishing to join the group or to come along as a guest, please telephone Gill Brown on 01206 273286.

## LANGHAM FILM NIGHTS

For details of films and screening times and to book tickets, go to [www.langhamcommunitycentre.org.uk/next-cinema-screening/](http://www.langhamcommunitycentre.org.uk/next-cinema-screening/)

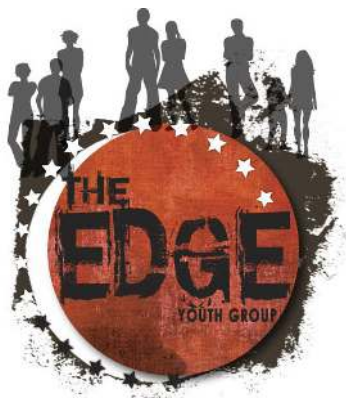


## Crafty Ladies

Meet on first Wednesday of each month throughout the year, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm at the Community Centre.

Subscription £26 due March and September.  
Contact Chrissy Todd tel. 07742 131454.

The Art and Craft Club meet on the **third Wednesday** of each month, 2-4pm at Boxted Village Hall. All welcome - *come and join in!*



## Carpet Bowls Club

Meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00 pm at the Community Centre.

Contact Cliff Jones on 07922 156545 or Mervyn Bushe on 01206 230209.

The advertisement for 'Beer and the Bible' is set against a light blue background. On the left, a stylized waiter in a white shirt and green striped apron holds a tray with a tall glass of beer. To his right is a black and white sheep. A speech bubble from the sheep contains the text 'at the Shepherd &amp; Dog Langham'. The main title 'Beer and the Bible' is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below the illustration, the text reads: 'Every second Monday of the month from 8pm All welcome'.

**The Zone** for 6-11 year olds 5.30pm-7pm and the **Edge** for 12-18 year olds 7.30pm-9.00pm. Fortnightly during term time.  
Contact Dominic Sheil 01206 273324

The winter is upon us and readers may like to be guided in the matter of ice-skating etiquette

Skating is an amusement in which ladies join at Prince's and other fashionable rinks, as well as in various parts of the country when the weather will permit.

A gentleman should carry the lady's skates if he be her walking companion. He will find her a chair, and fasten on her skates; guide, support, and instruct her at first if she be a novice in the art..... For such amusements men wear thick, warm suits, jerseys, woollen puttees, very strong but loose boots, woollen shirts, and soft caps. The ladies' skirts must be short. Jerseys are also often worn, and gaiters or puttees, thick blouses, becoming hoods, or soft hats of bright colouring. At the fashionable rinks, skirts are short but voluminous, accompanied by picturesque, fashionable toques and trim jackets, with more or less elaborately trimmed bodices or blouses, and very smart laced boots, well cut and well fitting.

*Taken from Cassell's "Dictionary of Etiquette" published in 1912*

*Ian Hollands*

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## WHEN BOXTED AND LANGHAM WERE VERY WEALTHY

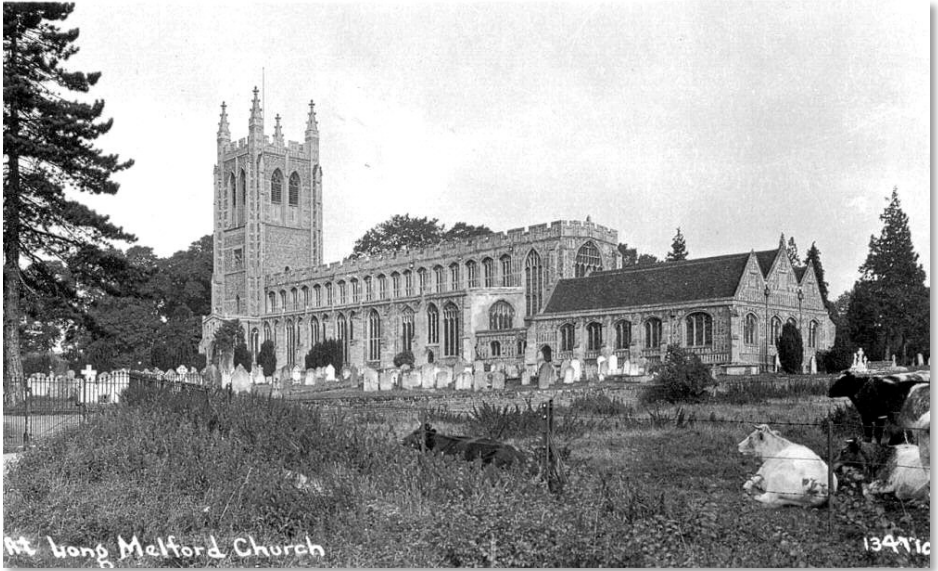
**F**ive hundred years ago the Stour Valley was one of the wealthiest areas of the Country. The evidence to support that statement comes from the tax returns of the 1520s which exist in such detail that all the towns and villages of the country, excluding London, can be ranked in order of wealth. On that list eight of the wealthiest places in the country were along the Stour Valley and that wealth came from the cloth trade.

In the production of woollen cloth there are two distinct phases, first you have to produce the wool and then you have all the processes needed to convert the wool into cloth and marketing it.

The Cotswolds produced some of the best wool in Europe and so they made a lot of money selling or exporting it. We did produce wool here but it was a very poor quality and so it could be used to make working clothes but not the fashionable clothes which was where the big money could be made.

At the time of the Norman invasion most wool was being exported and

most cloth was imported, so the Normans encouraged the manufacture of cloth in this country. From this small beginning the trade, now called the *Old Draperies*, started mainly in the towns but rapidly spread to the villages as well because regulations in the villages were not so rigorously imposed. The trade slowly expanded and by 1300 was growing quickly, especially along the Stour Valley. Fulling was an important stage in the manufacture and a fulling mill is recorded in Langham in 1273, which makes it the earliest recorded fulling mill in England and shows that the trade had started to become industrialised by then. Also in about 1300 France was trying to annex Flanders and many Flemish cloth workers moved to England bringing their skills which gave the trade another boost. By the early 1400s East Anglia, and especially the Stour Valley, were the most important producers of cloth. The trade continued to grow and it reached its peak in about 1500. The export trade then declined and had almost stopped by about 1650, although cloth would still have been



made for the local trade. The cloth that we had been producing was thick, warm and hard-wearing. Most of it was sent to London; from there it was exported to the Continent and then on towards the Baltic.

**B**y 1450 the clothmakers were becoming very wealthy and there were clothmakers in Boxted, Langham and most of the villages along the Stour. The clothmaker would have employed specialised staff, such as weavers and many other trades. The preparation of the wool was mainly unskilled work but it was considered that it took 50 people to make enough yarn to keep one weaver busy and so the clothmaker was employing a lot of people and usually

had to go outside his village to get enough workers.

However the decline of the *Old Draperies* was not the end of the cloth trade because, during the reign of Elizabeth I, England had become a Protestant nation and the Catholic Philip II of Spain was persecuting the Protestants of the Low Countries. As a result, Elizabeth encouraged cloth workers from France, Belgium and Holland to come to England because they had skills at producing a thinner and brighter cloth, which was then the fashion. This started a second wave of the cloth trade, called the *New Draperies*. The New Draperies reached a peak in about 1650 and had almost died out by 1800.




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Draperies were based

in the towns with people in the neighbouring villages doing the preparatory work. The New Draperies were more complicated to make and for them it was considered that it took 100 people to provide the yarn to keep one weaver busy. This would have kept many people in Boxted and Langham employed, albeit in a low-paid, mainly cottage industry. During the whole period of the trade, Langham had worked with Dedham and after about 1700 Boxted, Dedham, Langham and Ardeleigh were minor independent centres for weaving. After 1750 that trade declined and by 1800 had almost disappeared.

During the period of the cloth trade Norwich was a very powerful city. As it is also a long way from London it was able to avoid becoming involved with the London traders. The result was that Norwich and the neighbouring villages were wealthy throughout the period. The rivers in Norfolk are not suitable for fulling and so they made a different cloth, worsted, as it did not need fulling.

## Remaining Evidence of the Cloth Trade:

 long the Stour Valley there are a number of Cloth Churches built with the wealth created by the cloth trade. Until about 1540 the English were a Catholic nation and in those days the bigger, or the grander, the church you built the more you were glorifying God. The clothmakers were the major donors, perhaps helped by the thought that by showing his wealth and generosity he might spend less time in purgatory. The churches were restored or extended at the peak of the trade, between about 1480 and 1520. One of the best Cloth Churches is at Long Melford Church (pictured).

In both Boxted and Langham there are thatched cottages and almost all of them would have been built during the time of the Cloth Trade. In addition there a number of houses which are of timber-frame construction but have since been restored and lost the thatch. These too are likely to have been built during the Cloth Trade.

Simon Gallup

# Holiday Pop Up Shop

**GoCruise&Travel**  
Karen & Mark Stanley

**WHEN:** Wednesday 2nd February 2022

**WHERE:** Langham Community Centre **TIME:** 10am - 2pm



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In October, Boxted Parish Council formed a volunteer-led Biodiversity and Sustainability working group.

This group has now met twice and is establishing how it can focus its efforts to achieve the aims of enhancing biodiversity in Boxted and its surrounding area as well as promoting sustainability and contributing to national carbon reduction goals.

Our first project is to smarten up Boxted's Village Green, planting bulbs ready for Spring 2022, so starting to bring the countryside into the village.

The group is still open to more volunteers whether to attend the meetings or just to volunteer in working groups in the new year. **Keep an eye out for advertised events.**

Please contact Jonathan Hunt for further information :

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## Open Gardens

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