

ST MARY & ST PETER
NEWSLETTER

March 2022



CHURCH SERVICES

2nd March

10.00am at St Mary's -

Ash Wednesday Eucharist

6th March - Lent I -

9.30am at St Mary's - *All-age worship*

13th March - Lent 2 -

9.30am at St Peter's - *the Eucharist*

20th March - Lent 3 -

9.30am at St Mary's - *the Eucharist*

4.00pm at St Peter's - *Teatime Family Service*

27th March - Lent 4 - *Mothering Sunday*

9.30am at St Peter's - *the Eucharist*

3rd April - Lent 5 - *Passiontide*

9.30am at St Mary's - *All-age worship*

6.30pm at St Mary's - *the Eucharist*



Email Jo Russell, Church Administrator, for the Zoom link
(wb.wb.gh.parishes@gmail.com)

A recording of each service will be on the website on Sunday afternoon:

<https://lb-churches.co.uk/streamed-services/>



All services are subject to change depending on relaxation of Covid measures. In addition, there is Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9.00 am each Tuesday

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Deadline for submissions for the April edition: 15th March

Contact the editor via email: lwbnewsletter@gmail.com

Welcome to the March Newsletter.

By the time you read this, the seasons should have turned and glorious spring should be in the air. Birdsong and crocuses (croci?) are much in evidence in my garden this morning.

A thousand years ago, this time of year was called *Lencten* —from which we get our word “Lent”. *Lencten* actually means ‘lengthening of days’ as we move away from the midwinter gloom towards Easter. It was the time when tilling and sowing could be undertaken., serious agricultural work could resume and preparations for the year to come were underway.

The month of March had three different names back then. The church-calendar name was based on the Roman term *mensis Martis* (the month of the god Mars).

One English name was *Hrēðmonað*. (pronounced roughly *raith-mon-ath*). It is mentioned by Bede in the 8th century in one of his works on the calculation of time

(*De Tempore Ratione*) and is said to refer to an old spring-goddess called *Hreda*. Her name probably means ‘rough’ or ‘fierce’ so it is not the benevolent aspect of spring that was being celebrated.

Elsewhere, in a poem commemorating saints’ feast days, March is called *Hlyde* ‘the loud month’ or ‘the torrential month’ probably due to the fierce winds which accompany the rising temperature.

At the foot of this page is a Victorian drawing based on a 10th-11th century English calendar showing workmen out in the countryside in March. The man on the right is harrowing the soil with a tool called a *felging* while his colleague is broadcasting the seeds. Centre left is a man at work with a *spadu* (spade) and behind him another with a *mattuc* (mattock) - swinging it rather dangerously, in my view. No sign of a hi-ves vest or trip-hazard warning sign was included in the vignette — most of the workers in these calendar images don’t even have shoes!

Steve Pollington, Editor



At a service held in St. Mary's Church Langham at the end of January we said a final goodbye to our **Church Families Worker, Mrs Jo Jeffery**. Jo has been working across the three parishes of Langham with Boxted, Great Horkesley and West Bergholt for the past four years but is now moving on to a new position as Children and Families pioneer at St. Albright's Church in Stanway.

During her time with us she has worked tirelessly to help develop our existing youth work, to serve our two schools and to encourage and support families through difficult times. One of her new initiatives

has been the monthly Teatime Family Service which is held at 4pm at St. Peter's on the third Sunday of each month. This is designed to be appropriate for all ages and is followed by a light meal to which everyone is welcome. She has been a regular visitor in our schools - leading Collective Worship,

helping to develop resources for the teaching of Religious Education and organising an end of year 'Retreat' to support Year 6 pupils anticipating the transfer to Secondary School. Before the pandemic she was a regular visitor at the Friday morning Open Door cafe in Boxted Village Hall chatting to the parents and

sharing Bible stories and craft activities with the toddlers. She has been proactive in visiting families and in setting up groups to encourage people to grow in their Christian faith. Once Covid struck, she kept in regular contact via a WhatsApp group at the same time setting up

the Larder which distributed food boxes to families in need.

We are very grateful for Jo's hard work and her commitment to us all and shall miss her bright smile and bubbly enthusiasm. We wish her well and pray that she will be richly blessed in her new role.



BOXTED METHODIST SILVER BAND

Boxted Methodist Silver Band – England's only surviving Methodist Silver Band – held an all-day workshop on Sunday as preparations began for a busy year ahead, which will include a weekend playing at Dover Castle and a repeat visit to Methodist Central Hall in London.

A dozen bookings for 2022 have already been confirmed, with others certain to follow based on past years and thanks to the Band's growing reputation.

Sunday's workshop was held in Nayland Village Hall. Nayland is one of half-a-dozen villages in the area which support the Band with invitations to church services and other village events. The Band also plays in Colchester.

Boxted Methodist Silver Band now has 34 members, with ages ranging from 14 to 89. It was formed in 1898.

Following the closure of Boxted Methodist Church in 2019 it is now based at Fillpots Garden Centre in Boxted Straight Road.

Can You Help?!

About 18 months ago I began to write a fictional children's story called "*The Cat at the Church Door*" although I haven't touched it for several months now. I based my premise on **Jerry the Langham Hall Cat**.

With Jerry's recent passing I have been inspired to take up my project once again. However I need your help. I would love to hear from anyone who has a 'Jerry anecdote' they might be

prepared to share so that I can possibly use and adapt it; also any accurate information regarding his life, e.g. where was he born, does he have brothers and sisters, how he came to be known as Jerry although the vet refers to him as Henry, how he made the church grounds his home etc.

If you can help, please email me at:
rosemarie_a_lewis@hotmail.com

GREAT MOMENTS IN BOXTED HISTORY

NOVEMBER 1



The Blessing of Boxted Church Lavatory 18-12-2011

Peter Butler has drawn a wonderful cartoon to mark today's visit by the Bishop. But it needs a caption. Can you think of a good one? Entries to the Rector. The person who submits best entry by Christmas Day will win a box of chocolates.

The cartoon on the page opposite was kindly supplied by Graham Pullen. It commemorates the “*Service of Blessing of the New Amenities*” by The Rt. Revd Christopher Morgan, Bishop of Colchester, on 18th December 2011.

The winning entry for the competition is unrecorded (unless any reader has kept a copy of the magazine from eleven years ago?) so I wonder if we might run the competition again: suggestions to the editor please by letter (Amore, Mill Road, Boxted, CO4 5RW) or preferably email (lwbnewsletter@gmail.com). Closing date: 15th March.

We may yet offer to a small prize for the best entry. So please include your name, address and email (if you have one).

Steve Pollington

BOXTED & LANGHAM QUIZ

- (1) How many members does the Boxted Methodist Silver Band currently have?
- (2) What important landscape feature can be reached from Langham Lane? (Its postcode is CO4 5NW)
- (3) What event took place around Boxted in July 1648?
- (4) Which amenity was once provided by the illustriously named gentlemen Obadiah Wigg and Nathaniel Fidgett on Straight Road?
- (5) Who was the landholder for Langham at the time of the Domesday Survey? And why is he famous?
- (6) Langham and Dedham form part of a geographical area named for a local celebrity. Who?

All answers have been fact-checked by reference to the respective village websites, articles in the magazine and asking around in the pub. They are on p.14

Boxted Parish Council Report – February

Boxted Parish Council met on the 9th February 2022 with Councillor Seakens as the temporary Chair of the Council. Mr Amin Dedhar is the latest, and very welcome, Councillor to join Boxted PC. This still leaves one vacant position which the Council can fill by co-option. Anyone interested in applying for the vacancy has until the 28 March to submit a short application and be prepared for an in-public discussion at the Council meeting on 13 April.

Several residents came to the meeting to see what the Council's views are on the submitted planning application to develop the former garage site behind Cross Cottages which has been used for many years as parking for the cottages. Boxted Council will submit an objection to the application based on the displacement of parking that will result. Insufficient parking provision is planned for both the new residential units, and the current parking for Cross Cottages. The concerns are for child safety at school start and finish times and the roadside parking that will result along Dedham Road. This application will remove garden space used as allotments. Anyone interested in an allotment in the

Council as we would like to understand the requirement for allotments.

The Council was pleased to see the Colchester Borough Council objection submitted regarding Essex Highways Plans to replace the Boxted Bridge over the Stour River. This was a strongly worded assertion that insufficient weight had been given to repair and conservation in the Dedham Vale AONB which is required by law. The application has not yet been decided by Essex County Council, but we are hopeful that Highways will reconsider.

The final planning application which concerns the village is the new Anglian Water pipeline that will bring water through Boxted. There is a good public information website showing the planned route and efforts to minimise disruption and Boxted Council will register interest in preserving hedges and trees.

The Carter family had asked if they can design and donate a round metal bench for the central tree on the village green which would include a dedication to the Carter family, which the Council approved.

The Council had a good discussion on improving the lighting in the Village Hall Car Park to help people when leaving either the Hall or the Hub in the dark. We will investigate low level lighting that

will only come on for a short period when needed.

A nearby Parish had asked if Boxted wished to share in the costs and use of a portable flashing speed sign, but the Council decided that we needed better information and evidence before committing to any kind of speed sign.

The Community Hub café is busy with Harpers Caffé now providing eat in and take-away from 9am 6-days a week.

The new harder surfaced access roadway on to the field is in place. Hopefully this

will take a bit of pressure off the parking situation especially when the field is busy with sport. The new play equipment is being installed but the 5 a-side football area is delayed until the summer.

There are plans to use the Recreation Ground on 5th June as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Don't forget if you want to get in touch with the Council, please drop an email to boxtedparishcouncil@gmail.com, look at www.boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk and follow the Facebook page 'Boxted Parish Council'.

Boxted Churchyard Project

Several intrepid souls set to recently on a wet and windy day to make a start on rejuvenating the churchyard.

One of the main tasks is removing ivy which eats away at everything it grows on.

The photo shows Revd Heather Wilcox, the parish's new rector, helping to clear ivy from the boundary brick wall.

If you wish to be involved in this project, please contact Stephen Whybrow on 01206 272773 or email stephenwhybrow@msn.com

Photo: Angela <newsandevents@boxted.org.uk>



BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

While many of the audience attending last month's talk on the Crystal Palace and the Great Exhibition of 1851 knew about the event, I think few of us realised the size and what was achieved in six months. Conceived to show the skills, technical advances, natural resources and cultures in countries round the world, its success appears largely due to the enthusiastic support of Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert.

Joseph Paxton, the head gardener at Chatsworth House, was chosen to design what was a very large iron-framed greenhouse sited in Hyde Park, and as none of the trees could be cut down, it was also tall and imposing.

The Exhibition itself opened in May 1851 and, by the time it closed six months later, more than five million people had visited.



After the Exhibition closed, the palace was dismantled then re-erected in Sydenham but only nine years later, in 1936, it was destroyed by fire.

We had this Exhibition in 1851, the Festival of Britain in 1951 (which many remember) - but will there be another in 2051? Only time will tell.

Next meeting Wednesday 18th March 7.30 for 8pm. The talk will be "*Charlie and the Dig*" by Charlie Haylock. £3.00 Visitors always welcome.

Keith Middleton

Chairman

Langham Parish Council Report

The delayed public meeting with **Anglian Water** and **Sir Bernard Jenkin** finally went ahead on 28th January, with a good turnout of more than 40 residents despite the relatively short notice we were given. The notes of that meeting are available on the News page of our

website and may be of particular interest to those who were disappointed not to be able to attend on the day itself. The strength of feeling around longstanding sewerage capacity and overflow issues was made very plain indeed to Anglian Water. Sir Bernard Jenkin concluded the meeting by requesting that a follow up public

meeting be held within 3-6 months to review whether satisfactory progress had been made in addressing residents' ongoing concerns. One 'quick win' was achieved from the meeting: Anglian Water have now confirmed that sludge lorry movements are being restricted to daytime operation between 7am and 8pm daily with immediate effect, thereby removing the night-time disturbances that have afflicted Greyhound Hill residents in particular. Between now and the next public meeting, Anglian Water will continue a dialogue with LPC about their enhanced flow monitoring program, as well as our wider concerns about capacity, overflows, and discharge permit non-compliance.

The **Recreation Ground Committee** have concluded their series of 'drop-in' sessions regarding improvement proposals for the Play Area and are now firming up on a detailed specification to take out to playground equipment suppliers for competitive tender.

The results of November's **Traffic Survey** have now been compiled and analysed. They were published on our website and social media on 14th February, together with a first draft action plan inviting comments by the end of February. High on the priority list is a mobile VAS/SID (Vehicle Activated Speed Indicator Device) for flexible deployment at a number of speeding hotspots around the village. We are unlikely to receive any Essex County Council funding towards this initiative, so we are currently

investigating cost-sharing options with other parishes. Village Gateways were also extremely popular in the survey results and these are now being actively investigated.

You may recall that a major planning application for a huge food storage and distribution centre on the Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh was rejected back in the summer of 2020. At that time, both Ardleigh PC and Langham PC submitted formal objections, along with many local residents from both Parishes. The plan has now been resubmitted and Ardleigh PC are looking to establish a joint initiative with Dedham PC and Langham PC to consider the Highways & related matters that cut across the Parish boundaries. We will endeavour to support this new initiative.

The **Platinum Jubilee Planning Committee** are making excellent progress in putting in place an exciting program of celebratory activities across the long bank holiday weekend of 2nd-5th June. Read more about it elsewhere in this month's Parish Newsletter; watch out for the billboards that will be springing up around the village in early March; and do please consider getting actively involved to help make this June a memorable one for Langham!

We have received a small number of enquiries in response to the recent call for potential **new Councillors** to come forward. These will now be progressed via exploratory chats followed by interviews.



Langham CELEBRATES

Thursday 2nd June ~ 6pm to 10pm
EVENING PARTY

At Langham Recreation Ground

Friday 3rd June ~ 10am to 2pm
LANGHAM GARDENS TRAIL

Sunday 5th June ~ 12 to 6pm
VILLAGE PICNIC STREET PARTY

At Langham Recreation Ground



Langham CELEBRATES

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Boxted Parish Council Vacancy

Are you interested in getting involved in grassroots decisions and making a real difference to your community?

If so, and you meet the eligibility criteria, why not consider standing for co-option onto Boxted Parish Council? We currently have a vacancy and are looking for a Councillor who will work to improve Boxted.

Information is available on <https://boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk/vacancies/>

Written applications need to be made by 28th March 2022

New Pencil Art Group

Boxted Village Hall

Beginners welcome

Contact Karen for more information

willowsofdedham@gmail.com



BOXTED AIRFIELD MUSEUM OPENING

Sunday 27th March 10-4
suggested admission donation
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Lane CO4 5NW



Tree-mendous Christmas Lights help to raise thousands for Helen Rollason Cancer Charity!

Visitors were left feeling merry and bright by two selfless fundraisers during the festive period raising vital funds for Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.

Frank Petchey of Nayland Road, Braintree, has been lighting up his street for the past six years and this year has raised a fantastic £550!

Official HRCC elf Molly Watson paid Frank a visit in December to thank him for his continued support of the charity – community spirit at its best!

Meanwhile in Hatfield Peverel, friend of the charity Tony Rymill held an incredible Christmas display over the festive period raising £1,526.94 for HRCC! He has also kindly donated his famous Santa Sleigh to the charity for them to use at future fundraising events.

Suzanne Watson, Community Fundraiser for Helen Rollason Cancer Charity said; “What an amazing sight the lights have been this year! We are so grateful to both Tony and Frank

for spreading their Christmas cheer to raise funds for Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.

Their donations will help us to continue supporting men and women with all types of cancer at all stages – whether newly diagnosed or longer-term, throughout treatment and after treatment is completed.

Providing support for cancer patients’ emotional well-being alongside their medical treatment continues to be at the core of the charity’s mission.”

Holly Butler

QUIZ ANSWERS

(1) 34 (2) Boxted Airfield (3) Battle of Boxted Heath in the Civil War (4) a pub called the Wigg & Fidgett (5) Walter Tirel, the man who allegedly shot William II in a hunting accident (6) John Constable, painter

Pier to Pier walk for St Helena Hospice returns this May!

St Helena Hospice's popular sponsored walk is returning on Sunday 8th May 2022. The family-friendly event is a favourite amongst Tendring residents, supporters of the hospice, and local businesses, attracting hundreds of people year on year.

The scenic walk starts from either Clacton or Walton Pier and participants can choose to walk the 7 miles between the two piers or challenge themselves to make the return journey – 14 miles in all! Many people walk to remember their loved ones, while others take part in groups, with their work colleagues, or simply just to support their local hospice.

For anyone unable to attend the walk on Sunday 8th May or looking to avoid the crowds, St Helena Hospice are also offering the option to take part virtually at a time and place that suits you.

After a brief hiatus due to the pandemic, the local charity is hoping for a great turnout and the return of the fantastic atmosphere of years past. You can register now for just £5 at www.sthelena.org.uk/piertopier.

St Helena Hospice's Pier to Pier walk has kindly been sponsored by Pickering Electronics Ltd.

St Helena



RIDE FOR HELEN

Sunday 15th May 2022

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BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

*Meeting every second Wednesday of the month at Boxted Village Hall.
7.30 for 8pm.*

Guests always welcome.

A colorful poster for 'Boxted Bingo!'. It features three overlapping bingo cards in blue, green, and yellow. The word 'Bingo!' is written in large, stylized, yellow-outlined letters. Below the cards, the text reads: 'Boxted Village Hall Every other Tuesday 3pm - 5pm £8 per session (includes 4 games of bingo) For more information Call Dot on 01206 272676'.

Boxted Bingo!

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BOXTED CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Come and join us for a friendly, enjoyable afternoon playing bowls at **Boxted Village Hall Fridays 2pm - 4pm**
Any information contact Chris Lawrence 01206 272654.

chris-lawrence@hotmail.co.uk

2nd 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.

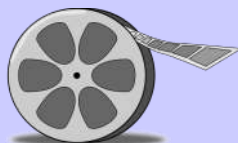
Contact Group Scout Leader,
Denise Hobday 01206 230918.

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/



Crafty Ladies

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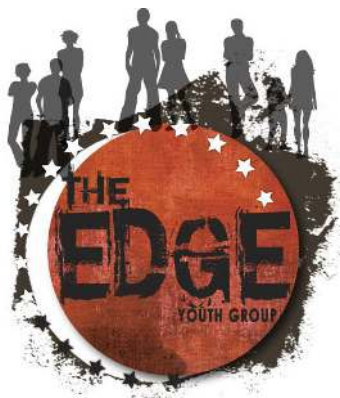
Subscription £26 due March and September. Contact Chrissy Todd tel. 07742 131454.

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



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and the
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at the
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Langham

Every second Monday of the month
from 8pm
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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

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Essex <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/essex> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. *Walking in Essex* (part of the *Walking in England* website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

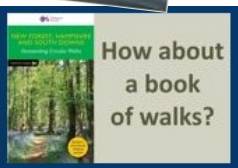
With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk



SESAW EASTER FAIR

We're back at the Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX

on Sunday 3rd April 10am to 3pm

Gifts, Glass, Crafts, Bargains, Tombola, Raffle, homemade cakes & snacks

Proceeds to Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, www.sesaw.co.uk

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Programme of Events

Thursday 2 June, 6.00 to 10.00 pm, Evening Party on the Recreation Ground with live music, food and drink, lighting of the Beacon.

Friday 3 June, 10.00 am to 2.00 pm, Langham Gardens Trail, visit gardens around the village.

Sunday 5 June, 12 noon to 6.00 pm, Village Picnic Street Party, bring your own picnic, drinks tent, live music, vintage sports, entertainment, funfair rides and more. These events are supported by Langham Parish Council.

For further details contact langhamcelebrates@gmail.com

LANGHAM LADIES

The February meeting was an open evening to listen to a talk by Karl Lumbers on the work carried out by **Trinity House**, the maritime charity helping seafarers and ships at sea. Trinity House is responsible, amongst other things, for the upkeep of most of the lighthouses, pilotage and the buoyage system around England and Wales - an essential task to keep our shipping safe.

The meeting on March 10th will be a talk by Amanda Barnes on the **Suffolk Punch Trust**.

Any ladies who would like to become a member of our club will always be welcome to join us at our monthly meetings in Langham Community Centre, Langham at 7.30 pm every second Thursday in the month.

Save the date



THURSDAY 2ND TO SUNDAY 5TH
JUNE 2022

Langham Celebrates

Plans are being made for our village to celebrate together over the 4 day weekend, maybe not every day but we will organise as many fantastic ways to celebrate as we can.....More information and full details will be send out nearer the time

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