

CHURCH SERVICES

5th June - Pentecost

9.30am at St Mary's - the Eucharist

3.30pm Boxted Recreation Ground—Outdoor Pentecost and Jubilee service

12th June - Trinity Sunday

9.30am at St Peter's - the Eucharist

19th June - First Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Mary's - the Eucharist

4.00pm at St Peter's - Teatime Family Service

26th June - Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Peter's - the Eucharist

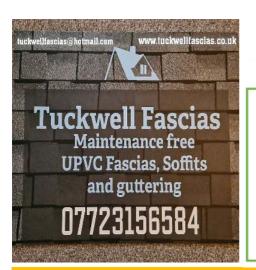
3rd July - Thomas the Apostle

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

6.30pm at St Mary's - the Eucharist

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Welcome to the June Newsletter.

ell, the Platinum Jubilee is upon us at last! Who would have thought that we would live to see a monarch easily tackle the hurdle of a Silver Jubilee in 1977, and barely break her stride at the Gold in 2002, hop lightly over the Diamond Jubilee in 2012 (following the example set by the Olympic team) and plunge onwards to break the tape at the Platinum this year? What will happen if she manages another decade it is hard to envisage—is there such a thing as a Depleted Uranium Jubilee?

In less happy news, we have learnt of the National Grid's plans to run a string of 50 metre-high electricity pylons from Norfolk to Tilbury to carry the electricity generated offshore down to the great Metropolis. The route for this comes through Langham but the giant structures that are earmarked for insertion will be visible for miles around.

The PCC report discusses aspects of the topic, including the fact that our Members of Parliament have been aware of the plan for over a year.

Nikki Maguire has written a short piece putting some of the issues in context. Alternatives, such as offshore and subterranean cabling, appear to have been dismissed already. A cynic might conclude that consultation is a box-ticking exercise and the construction materials are already sitting in a yard somewhere.

Steve Pollington, Editor





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Boxted Parish Council Report

he Parish Council uses the May meeting to elect a Councillor to be Chair for the next year. Jamie Seakens is the new Chair of Boxted Council having been Vice-chair and acting Chair until now.

The most controversial topic for this meeting is the newly launched public consultation on the planned deployment of 400kV cables carried by 50m high pylons across East Anglia to take electricity generated from two offshore wind farms in the North Sea through East Anglia down to Tilbury. This affects many parishes including our own, Boxted. The proposal is to cable underground through the Dedham Vale AONB where is passes Stratford St Mary, but all other areas will get large overground pylons.

This initial consultation closes on June 16th and is being run by UK Power Networks (responsible for the Nation Grid). People will have environmental concerns, health concerns as well as concerns about disrupting the views. To have your say you can complete the projects feedback form BUT people consider the form to be very leading, you might prefer to email the project directly via

EastAngliaGREEN@nationalgrid.com. Local MPs have known of the project for more than a year and as this is a national project and will be decided at national level (not Colchester or Essex) it is our MP that should also be aware of your views. Please email Sir Bernard Jenkin, MP for North Essex, at bernard.jenkin.mp@parliament.uk. Colchester Borough Council would also like sight of objections so you can send your thoughts to planning.services@colchester.gov.uk.

There is an action group that provides useful information and is also running a petition, see https://www.pylonseastanglia.co.uk/ and a

corresponding facebook group (search

for Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons). Please do talk to your neighbours and friends to make sure everyone is aware of this project and has an opportunity to comment. The community groups think there is a better way to deliver this project by tracking the cables along the seabed to a point closer to Tilbury rather than march across the whole of

adly, Colchester Borough Homes successfully secured planning permission to develop the former garage site at the Colchester Borough Council

East Anglia.

planning meeting in April. The site provides for 7 dwelling from maisonettes to bungalows, but it does remove a residents' car park and we will see significant displacement of vehicles onto the Dedham Road. We now wait to see the final plans and development timetable.

Our Essex County Council representative, Lewis Barber, has been appointed deputy cabinet member to Cllr Lee Scott at Essex Highways with a brief to focus on sustainable transport. Hopefully this is an opportunity to establish safe walking and cycling from Boxted to North Colchester.

The Boxted volunteer biodiversity group have really made great progress with our Village Green. We will try to secure some grant funding for some information boards to explain what and why of the wildflower areas, hedging and trees. We are also receiving a red oak tree from the Mayor of Colchester as part of the Queen's Jubilee which will be planted and dedicated to Her Majesty on the Green.

The group is organising guided local walks of the footpaths in the village. The first takes place on 14th May. Another project being considered is a regular day where people are encouraged to put unwanted items on their paths and driveways that other people may want- a sort of local recycling.

e are hoping a local scout group can deliver some bug and bird boxes to be installed around the village.



We are also hoping to have a day as a drop-off point for the Colchester Community Cycle Project. This is an opportunity for residents to donate unwanted wheeled equipment (bikes, roller boots/skateboards) and bring bikes along for FREE Dr Bike checks. *Date to be confirmed*.

Roger Newnham talked about our local Essex Men's Shed. The village has already benefited from a Remembrance Tommy silhouette which was made by the Men's Shed in Boxted (North Colchester Men's Shed). It's a great project where men meet regularly to make a variety of things in a well-stocked workshop whilst enjoying the company of others. For more information get in touch with Roger at newnhams@live.com or 07988 736571.

Don't forget if you want to get in touch with the Council, please drop an email to boxtedparishcouncil@gmail.com

look at ww.boxtedpariushcouncil.org.uk and follow the Facebook page 'Boxted Parish Council'.

National Grid's Pylons Proposal

lease ask yourself..... 'How Green Is the National Grids' Proposal? 'East Anglia Green Energy' (which runs through Boxted, Langham and Surrounding Areas).

Has East Anglia been thrown under the bus already??

112 miles of 50m high monstrosities, metal lattice pylons running across our beautiful East Anglian land – *is this green?*

Passing through villages, hamlets and countryside, destroying habitats and industrialising our precious landscape – *is this green?*

Each pylon creates approximately 55.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide omissions – *is this green?*

In 2005 the Department of Health funded the Draper Report. It found that people are 70% at higher risk of developing leukaemia if living 200m vs 600m, from high voltage power lines.

According to studies carried out at the University of Bristol Medical School (22 Sept 2000), the potential health effects of the electromagnetic fields generated by high voltages cables have on people living near high voltage electrical pylons substantially increased the risk of contracting cancer – *is this green?*

Surveys have been conducted on the general public, asking "do we know what effect these pylons have on the earth where animals are grazing and our food is growing" -both of which we potentially eat.

The planned pylon route runs past Langham Oaks School and through Boxted (*see map*). While I understand the need to pipe green energy around the country, at what cost to human lives?

Is there another way.... Offshore or Underground?





S ir Bernard Jenkin reported in the *Evening Gazette* (10.5.22) 'Patchwork solution is no good for energy plans' – it will have a massive impact on wildlife, communities and businesses.

Offshore (Subsea), although reported as more expensive (no figures have yet been released to justify this statement - NG turnover last year was reported as £14.78bn, of which they only have to reinvest 15%). If the Government, Ofgem, NG and all the energy companies worked from the same page (at the moment energy company are

constructing separate landfill sites and their own grid connections on land), and built a ring main around the sea of Great Britain – possibly incorporating the redundant substation at Bradwell on sea (which would need upgrading but the lines are already there), we wouldn't need such a large infrastructure around the country. That would significantly reduce the cost and impact on peoples lives.....

he reason I am writing this piece is not because our houses could potentially plummet by 30% in value living near pylons, or because of the humming noise when these pylons get

wet – I write as a concerned resident, worried for what we are allowing to happen to our health and the countryside.

I do not think anyone, anywhere should be exposed to these risks.

Villages and towns along this 112-mile corridor are coming together to put plans in place to oppose this threat – we could all play a part.

Make it GREEN for our children – not an industrial site!

If you are against this catastrophic disaster happening, you have until 16th June 2022 to have your say, either

Join FB Group: - Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk Pylons - please sign the petition

Have your say, write to your MP

Tell family, friends and neighbours -there are still a lot of people in the dark!

Nikki Maguire

Boxted

Bristol Uni report:- https:// cordis.europa.eu/article/id/15541-research -breakthrough-on-health-effects-of-pylons

Dept of Health – Draper Report 2005 :- https:// pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/15933351/



Langham Road will be closed 11th-20th July while repairs take place .

SESAW news

here goes Kenneth, the smallest dog at SESAW, strutting around the garden

like the big boss. He is oblivious to me,

quietly sunning myself whilst engaged in a little bird watching. Of course I have no chance of catching the blue tits as they dart in and out of an old nesting box. Those conscientious parents enter

with fat grubs and exit with their

babies' white droppings. I'm glad I'm a cat!

A robin accompanies Tanya as she loads the wheelbarrow with the dogs' evening meals. He helps

himself to the dinners, flying back and forth to his family. Blackbirds forage about the garden for food, probably descendants of those nursed back to health by Mother. Avian Flu restrictions were lifted at the beginning of May, just in time for our geese. The female is sitting on a clutch of eggs and woe betide anyone who gets too close!

Turning to the animals awaiting rehoming, this is an appeal for Polly, a devoted mother cat and her one remaining kitten. She was found in a poly tunnel with five offspring, all but one now rehomed. Why? Because, like me, they are black and so they are overlooked. If you are the person

who can offer them
a loving home,
please leave a
phone message or
email straight away.

It's nearly dark and time for a snack before

to patrolling the grounds. One of my ex-SESAW pals who now lives outside Hadleigh says he is tantalised by Nightingales singing

at night. He will have to resign himself to

dinner in the kitchen, just like me, Ollie (the Black) Cat.

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his month we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with an extra long bank holiday weekend and in villages, towns and cities up and down the land, there will be special events to mark this special occasion.

Over the Queen's remarkable reign, we can all probably remember several big Jubilee celebrations.

I was five when the Queen marked her Silver Jubilee, I still remember the fancy dress parade where I was dressed up as a 50 pence piece, and being given a special commemorative coin from school, which I still keep in a special place.

For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, I was on a planning committee, arranging a large community event and, much like the recent error you may have heard about with 10,800 teacups, mugs and plates commemorating the 'Platinum Jubbly' ... we managed to order hundreds of posters, which to our horror said 'Diamond Jubliee' by mistake.

But then *jubilee* is not really a word we come across in everyday language very

often, so no wonder it leaves itself open to the occasional spelling mistake.

Yet it is a word that we come across a fair bit in the bible. Biblically it is a year of emancipation and restoration. In the book of Leviticus, the Lord declares that a year of Jubilee be held every 50th year and that it be a special year of pardoning sins. Slaves were to be freed, debts forgiven and land returned to its original owner. So rather radical!

Jubilee teaches us a lot about the character of God, His mercy, generosity and love of justice. We are reminded that God is our provider. In same way Jubilee gives an opportunity for all people to display love and grace in a remarkable way and above all it sets people free.

Jubilee then is a fitting time for celebration and rejoicing.

So as we celebrate and rejoice in the Queen's 70 year reign, we do so giving thanks for her strong Christian faith and witness. For the mercy, generosity and justice she has shown in her reign, and we rejoice and are glad in all that God has given us.

May God Bless you abundantly

Reverend Heather

BOXTEO HISTORY GROUP

raditionally April's meeting is preceded by the Annual General Meeting but owing to the pandemic the last two had to be cancelled. Consequently this year's AGM was particularly important with a number of decisions taken to try to ensure the future financial viability of the group. The main changes approved by the members present and to be introduced from 1st January 2023 were to raise the annual subscriptions to £20 (visitors paying £5 each evening) and to suspend the two summer visits resulting in ten meetings a year. It was stressed that these changes were not set in stone and according to circumstances could change.

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he talk which followed by Ian Kirby was on the significant history of Cable Street, East London. Although born in the area, Ian didn't realise how little he knew about it until in later life he became a qualified London tour guide. Over the years it has had mixed fortunes with periods of great prosperity and poverty. It became the centre of political unrest between right— and left-wing political parties, culminating in the "Battle of Cable Street" in 1936.

Post-war it became home to a number of notorious criminals including the Kray Twins.

Redevelopment began in the late 1950's and many of the docks have now been replaced by expensive blocks of offices and apartments.

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Wednesday 15th June Field
Trip to Sutton Hoo.

Visitors always welcome. £3 admission. Enquiries: 01206 272774.

Keith Middleton

Chairman

Hedgehog Tips

edgehog Awareness
Week is organised by
the British Hedgehog
Preservation Society and takes
place every year. It aims to
highlight the problems
hedgehogs face and how you can

help them. This
year it ran from 1st
– 7th May 2022.
Here are some tips
on how to make
life more agreeable
for these creatures:

- Make a Hedgehog Highway in Fences 5" x 5" (13 x 13cm) square gaps in the bottom of fences or walls should do it!

 Once created you can log these on the BIG Hedgehog Map at www.bighedgehogmap.org
- Create an undisturbed log pile that will offer shelter and food.

- •Buy or build a Hedgehog Home (see plans at www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/hedgehog-homes or contact us for a paper copy).
- Offer water and meaty cat or dog food for hedgehogs – you can even build a feeding station to help keep the food safe for hedgehogs

(see plans on *BHPS* website or contact us for a paper copy)

- Check areas carefully before mowing or strimming.
- Ditch pesticides and poisons.
- Ensure there is an easy route out of ponds and pools.
- Create a wild corner leave a corner or edge to go wild supplying shelter and natural food for hedgehogs in the form of bugs and grubs!

LANGHAM LADIES

embers enjoyed a sparkling wine and nibbles reception before being entertained by a fashion show staged by Bromley & Co. from Ipswich. Using their own models and also two brave members of the group, beautiful dresses, tops and trousers were displayed on the catwalk which we were able to purchase or order on the very enjoyable evening.

There was also a varied selection of handbags and gifts to buy and a further similar evening with autumn wear is planned for later in the year.

Mary Newton, a forensic pathologist, will be the Speaker on 9th June with her talk entitled "Blood, Sweat and Fears" at 7.30 pm. Non members are very welcome for a fee of £5 which includes refreshments.

Boxted Evergreens

e thought it a good idea to remind everyone of our next two meetings.

June 9th is our Queen's Jubilee Afternoon Tea and to show how patriotic we all are hopefully members will come dressed in red, white and blue, or maybe wearing some kind of hat.

July 14th will be, what has become an Evergreens tradition, our strawberry **tea.** More food, we do like to feed our members. In the past our strawberry teas have always been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and we hope this year is no exception.

Both events start at 2pm and will conclude at 3.30pm.

Elaine, Linda, Carole and Diane all look forward to seeing you on the above dates which we hope will be two lovely afternoons.

New members are always welcome so if there is anyone who would like to pop in and say hello you are more than welcome.

Diane



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Boxteo History Group

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Lawrence 01206 272654.

chris-lawrence@hotmail.co.uk

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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

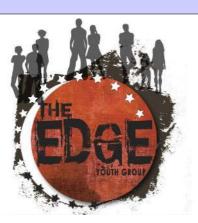
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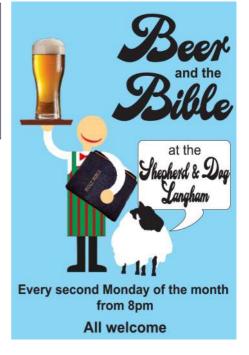
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Contact Cliff Jones on 07922 156545 or Mervyn Bushe on 01206 230209.



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



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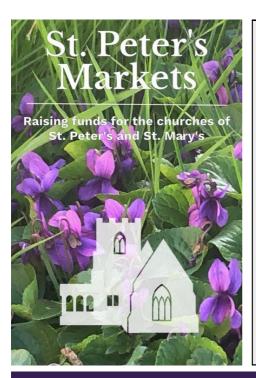
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