

A photograph of trees with green and autumn-colored leaves reflected in a body of water. The text is overlaid on a blue banner at the top.

ST MARY & ST PETER
NEWSLETTER

November 2022

CHURCH SERVICES

2nd November Wednesday

7.30pm All Souls service at St Mary's

6th November - Third Sunday before Advent

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

6.30pm at St Mary's - the Eucharist

13th November - Remembrance Sunday

10.45am at St Peter's - Remembrance service

11.00am at Langham Memorial Gate - Parade service

20th November - Christ the King

Email lwb.wb.gh.parishes@gmail.com (Donna Luxton, Church Administrator) to check for other services and any alterations.

9.30am at St Mary's - the Eucharist

4.00pm at St Peter's - Teatime Family Service

27th November - Advent Sunday

9.30am at St Mary's—All-age Family Eucharist

4th December - Second Sunday of Advent

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

6.30pm at St Mary's - the Eucharist

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

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Deadline for submissions for the December edition: 15th November

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Welcome to the November Newsletter.

The year is once again edging towards its close—and what a year it has been! The less said, the better I should think.

Within these pages you will find advance notice of some Yuletide events to come. The British Legion is already preparing for its New Year's Eve Party and the Methodist Silver Band is advertising some of its Christmas shows. Operation Shoebox will be running from the middle of the month. The WI's Murder Mystery Supper sounds like one not to miss.

Langham Community Shop will be offering customised hampers, for those of you in need of an

individual Christmas gift idea (see back page). The shop is also recruiting a new permanent manager—details are on page 14.

Bonfire-builders should check for hedgehogs, of course, at this time of year while the Boxted Wildlife groups have been active in promoting shelters and habitats for invertebrates and other wildlife.

The Good Neighbours Scheme is always in need of committed volunteers, so please read Laurence O'Hagan's piece and see if you are able to give up a little time for this lifeline service.

Steve Pollington,


Editor



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TUESDAY.....CLOSED

WEDNESDAY..... 16:30-00:00

THURSDAY..... 16:30-21:30

FRIDAY..... 16:30-00:00

SATURDAY..... 15:00-00:00

SUNDAY..... 13:00-21:00

BOXTED RBL CLUB, STRAIGHT ROAD, CO4 5QN, 01206 272576,
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GNRunning for some 13 years now, the Good Neighbours scheme offers help to those in the community by a team of dedicated local residents who simply want to help others in their community in any way they can.

Established by the local Churches of St Peter's and St Mary's, the team comprises 35+ volunteers, 10 of whom answer the telephone (see numbers opposite), between 8am and 7pm weekdays. All our volunteers are DBS checked and operate under Government and the Church guidelines.

Following a reduction in use over COVID we wish to revitalise the scheme. To this end we are keen to expand what we offer within the guidelines, to widen our audience and appeal for new volunteers.

Currently we offer a transportation service (to and from medical appointments), a prescription collection service and a befriending service for those might want a bit of company. There is no charge for these services but donations towards expenses are appreciated but by no means expected. We are

considering offering a shopping service or collecting a click-and-collect order. However, we would like to hear from you about what additional services you might require. For instance, do you require help with changing a light bulb, filling a form, sending emails or shopping online, etc? Please send your thoughts and ideas by email to me at laurence.obagan@gmail.com or by phone at 07598 133413 (leave a message if you can't get through).

We know not everyone who receives the Newsletter reads it, so if you know of anyone who might benefit from our services, kindly pass on this information. Our services are not limited to the elderly and infirm but anyone in need of that little bit of extra help, such as overstretched single parents trying to balance a hectic life.

We are always in need of new volunteers. If you are able and interested in finding out more about us, about being involved with community life, please get in touch with me at the contact details above.

Keep well and reach out if you need help.

Laurence O'Hagan,

Secretary, Good Neighbours



GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Are you elderly, vulnerable or otherwise in need of help and live in the Parish of Langham with Boxted? We are a group of local volunteers who can help with:

- transport to an important appointment including hospital, dentist or flu/COVID booster
- collection of items such as prescriptions
- or a friendly visit for just a bit of company

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Please telephone either number shown for the **DAY ON WHICH YOU MAKE YOUR CALL** (not the day of your appointment). If there is no reply, please do not leave a message but **RING ANY OTHER NUMBER**.

This scheme is associated with the Churches of St Mary's Langham and St Peter's Boxted

Any queries ring the organiser Arabella Brentnall on 01206 272013

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LANGHAM LADIES

Langham Ladies meeting was held at Langham Community Centre on Thursday 13th October. The members and guests enjoyed cheese and wine while watching a fashion show run by Bromley and Co of Ipswich. They brought with them a collection of Autumn and Winter clothes and lots of fancy gifts including handbags, jewellery, gloves, scarves which would all make lovely Christmas gifts. There were four models two of which were

our members Rona and Hazel who were both very professional.

The next meeting is on Thursday 10th November in Langham Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. The speaker is Paula Short who is always very good, the talk being "*An American in Paris*". Afterwards tea, coffee and homemade cakes will be served. New members and guests are always welcome. Guests £5. For more information phone Gill 01206 273286.

BOXTED ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

On Sunday 28th August, a group of nearly 40 of us (plus a team of dogs in tow), set off from the Boxted Royal British Legion Club for an amble around the village. The sunny weather was on our side when we set off into the fields for a cheery 5 km walk. It stayed with us the whole way round and back to the club, where we were joined by another 40 people or so for a BBQ.

It was great to see so many faces from Boxted (and beyond!). We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make that afternoon happen. I think by popular demand, we'll be roping you back in for another one. So, watch this space for the date of the next walk-and-lunch! All are welcome.

We'd like to welcome everyone down to the **RBL Club** - non-members, children, dogs – the lot! We have a large beer garden with plenty of undercover space too. If you're interested in becoming a member (and enjoying members' discount at the bar), pop in and speak to us and we can help you get signed up. All are welcome to join.

We have a **Halloween party** coming up on the **29th October**, tickets are £2 (time to dust off that fancy dress!). Either email us at boxted.legion@gmail.com or pop in and grab one from the bar.

Don't forget to save the date: **Saturday 31st December** for a **New Year's Eve party** down at the club – details to follow!

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

At September's meeting there was a change from the usual format when the careers of two local entertainers and the history of a very popular TV programme in which they appeared were reviewed. David Webb and his twin brother came from the Manningtree area but forged a career nationally as a successful 'song and dance' performers. In the first part of the evening, David performed, with a little audience participation, some of the well-known songs from their early days in the mid-/late sixties. At that time a TV company was considering making a series of comedy programmes located at a fictitious holiday camp, highlighting the antics of holidaymakers and staff during the summer holiday season. Warners' Holiday Camp at Dovercourt was chosen as the venue and when the talented cast (including the Webb twins) had been selected, *Hi-De-Hi* was

born. It was a huge success running for several years until holidays in the U.K. were largely replaced by cheap flights and package holidays abroad. David recalled many humorous incidents that occurred on and off screen, and proved he could still get into his 'Yellow Coat' — a definite crib on Butlins's famous 'Red Coats'.

It is hard to believe that the programme ended and Warners closed about 40 years ago, and yet so many local people still have fond memories of what was a unique piece of social history.

Next meeting Wednesday 16th November in Boxted Village Hall 7.30 for 8.00pm. Patrick Denney will be telling us about "*More Discoveries from Roman Colchester*" followed by the usual refreshments. Visitors always welcome. £3 admission. Enquiries: 01206 272774.

Keith Middleton

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS 2022

This year your lovingly packed shoeboxes and /or donations to be used to make community-packed boxes can be dropped off at the following times and locations:

- Monday 14th November:** Langham Community Centre Carpark 10 - 12
- Wednesday 16th:** Boxted Village Hall Carpark 2 - 4
- Thursday 17th:** Langham Community Centre Carpark 2 - 4
- Friday 18th:** Open Door Cafe Boxted Village Hall 9 - 10.15
- Saturday 19th:** Langham Community Centre Carpark 10 - 11.30
Boxted Village Hall Carpark 12 - 1.30
- Sunday 20th :** St Mary's Church Langham 9.30 Service
St Peter's Church Boxted 2 - 5 *Community Packing Party*
- Monday 21st :** Langham Community Centre Carpark 10 -12

Alternatively they can be dropped of at

1 Pegasus Way, Colchester, CO4 0QG each day 10 - 4

Your support is very much appreciated and really will make a difference to children across Europe this Christmas.

For more details please contact Tim Clarke on 07792060597 or email timclarkie03@gmail.com



SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

Sunday 20th Nov 2 – 5pm
St Peter's Church, Boxted

SESAW NEWS

That silly chihuahua gave me the best laugh I've had in ages! He was boasting about

'writing' Kenny's SESAW News since 2012. That's a decade to you and me – but he never admits to being more than eight years old! He can't even get up on time since the clocks went back so here's my cat's eye view of our news, starting with our first **Christmas Fair** since 2019.

Our volunteers have organised lots of gifts, crafts and bargains plus Jeanette's Terrific Tombola and refreshments served all day. Open **10am to 3pm on Sunday 20th** at the **Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX**.

SESAW takes in not only domestic animals but also wildlife casualties including sick or injured hedgehogs found wandering during the day. This year the prolonged dry weather delayed their release into supported sites so two hedgehogs passed the time by helping increase their numbers to eight! All are now living in suitable areas where our volunteers oversee their welfare.

Hedgehogs numbers are falling but humans can help by supplying drinking water and cat or dog food to eat, never bread and milk. They need gaps under fences to move between gardens and a pile of leaves and twigs to hide under – please check for 'Spike' before you build a bonfire.



The British Hedgehog Preservation Society (www.britisshedgehogs.org.uk) and **People's Trust for Endangered Species** (www.ptes.org) provide very detailed help and advice on what you can do.

The evenings are drawing in and it's too cold to stay out but I always grumble when Mother scoops me up to go indoors each night. Anyone who thinks I'm a pushover doesn't know me,

Ollie (the Black) Cat!

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Boxted Wildlife

The Boxted Wildlife group are continuing to deliver our B4 Project (Boxted Birds, Bees and Bugs) which is funded by the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Sustainable Development Fund.

We are incredibly fortunate as a village to be situated right on the border of the Dedham Vale AONB and to experience the natural beauty and diversity of wildlife that comes with it. Our aim as a group is to bring that wildlife into our village and to continue to make Boxted just as beautiful and wildlife friendly as the rest of the AONB.

As part of this project, in October we ran our first Wildlife Activity Day, at the time of writing the event has not yet happened, but fingers are crossed for pleasant Autumnal weather, and we are looking forward to meeting with all of you who might be keen to learn more about wildlife in Boxted and how you can help. We'll update you on how the event went in the December edition of this newsletter or keep in touch with us on facebook ([facebook.com/BoxtedWildlife](https://www.facebook.com/BoxtedWildlife)). The next event in our catalogue of B4 activities will be a talk and presentation given by Dr Christopher Gibson. Dr Gibson is a local ecologist and conservationist, living in Wivenhoe and has been heavily involved in their "Wildflower Verges" project which was very much an inspiration for Boxted Wildlife. Chris is well published and well versed in presenting and speaking about his passions. He will be coming to Boxted on Tuesday, November 29th to present an illustrated talk on the subject of "*Gardening for Wildlife*". The talk will be held at the **British Legion Club**, on Straight Road. Doors open 6:30pm, talk to start at 7:30pm.

In October, volunteers from the group mowed, trimmed, weeded, and spruced up the Village Green as part of an end of season tidy up in readiness for the autumn and winter. There are different theories on how to manage wildflower meadows. As this was the first year of growth for our newly rejuvenated green, all tall grass areas had been left long in the wildflower zones until late autumn to ensure all plants had set and dropped seed before cutting. This also provided a great environment for wildlife to shelter during the severe heat of the summer, close inspection of the long grasses revealed moisture and green growth at the base, in the shade of the longer grass. In October we then cut all areas where bulbs have been planted, generally the swathes around the outer trees, to encourage the growth of the bulbs in late winter. The main wildflower patches in the centre of the green will be left long and uncut over the winter months to offer a habitat for hibernating insects and invertebrates.



The wooden circular bench around the central oak tree was removed in October by the Parish Council in readiness for a wrought iron circular seat in memorial to Colonel Jeremy Carter which, if not installed by the time of publication, will be very soon.

If you wish to express any interest in, or comment on these activities, please feel free to contact Councillor Jonathan Hunt or the wildlife group on the email addresses below.

Cllr. Jonathan Hunt.

cldr.hunt@boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk

Boxted Wildlife Group
boxtedwildlife@gmail.com

 **Boxted Birds, Bees & Bugs** 

"Gardening for Wildlife"

A talk by Dr. Chris Gibson

Tuesday 29th November

7:30pm

The Boxted British Legion Club

Doors Open 6:30pm

Boxted Wildlife

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Boxted Methodist Silver Band

Boxted Methodist Silver Band will be performing in a Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland on November 26th.

Concert starts at 6 pm and there will be a retiring collection.

Music will range from the traditional, through films and popular music for all tastes and we invite you to join us there.

During the October meeting, the ladies enjoyed a heart-rending presentation from the Elmstead Market representative of Medical Detection Dogs.

The dogs are trained for 2 years before being matched to provide a more normal life for someone either debilitated by their condition or with no hypo-awareness. The dogs are also working with trials to detect cancer and have successfully identified Covid.

If you would like to know more: www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk



The Band will also be playing on **December 4th at Boxted Village Hall** when the tree lights are switched on and at the carol service at **St Peters Church on December 18th.**

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The **November 8th meeting** will be a hands on craft evening of candle making.

The **December 13th meeting** will be a *Murder Mystery Supper* of a seasonal theme.

Boxted WI meet at the Boxted village hall 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30. Anyone wishing to join in please call Geraldine 01206 272761



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This is a paid position offering 40 - 60 hours per month on a flexible basis and

paid monthly into your bank account. The applicant needs to live in Langham or nearby as the role may entail frequent short attendance at the hall to meet hirers and others.

A sound knowledge of technology is required to maintain our Website, Microsoft, Word/Excel, Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Please apply in the first instance to our Chairman, Alan Cadman at Alancadman@cadmanandson.co.uk

Langham Parish Council Report – October 2022

We are delighted to report that our plans for a major upgrade to the **Children's Play Area** have reached an exciting stage. Following on from a detailed competitive tender exercise, a preferred supplier has now been chosen. Subject to satisfactory completion of final contract details, we hope to have the project delivered in Jan/Feb 2023. The revamped play area will include a large new "centrepiece" within an enlarged and refreshed fenced playground area. The funding will come from Parish Council

reserves and a significant grant provision from a local Community Trust. It is also anticipated that developer contributions, from the Vistry/Linden Homes development, will provide another significant funding stream.

We are pleased to report that Sir Bernard Jenkin has agreed to attend a follow-up meeting with **Anglian Water** on Friday 18th November, to review ongoing worries about lack of sewerage capacity within the village. The meeting will be held in the Langham Community

Centre, starting at 10am. We are most grateful for the concern shown both by our MP and our County Councillor, Lewis Barber, in trying to address the ongoing issues and risks associated with the inexorable and premature delivery of CBC's Local Housing Plan within the village. *We hope to see a good turnout on the day so that our elected representatives are left in no doubt about the level of residents' concerns.*

Friday 7th October saw the official unveiling of a **Blue Plaque** commemorating the life and achievements of **Dr Mary Edith Pechey**, who was born in Langham that day in 1845.

The ceremony was pleasingly well attended. Thanks are due to the Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Roy Clare,

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who gave a short talk and video presentation prior to the actual unveiling.

Thanks are due to **Ian Hollands** of the *Langham Heritage Group* for his research and enthusiasm in bringing this project to fruition.

This November 5th will see the revival of the much-loved **Langham Fireworks Display**. Cllr John Palmer and his team of volunteers have done a fabulous job in planning and promoting the return of this wonderful village tradition. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for favourable weather and an excellent turnout on the Friday evening. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, it may not quite be too late when you receive this Parish Magazine!

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chris-lawrence@hotmail.co.uk

2nd Langham Scout Group

Meetings are held each Wednesday evening at the Community Centre.

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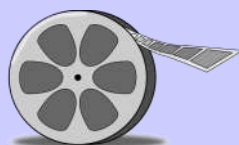
Contact Group Scout Leader, Denise Hobday 01206 230918.

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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Crafty Ladies

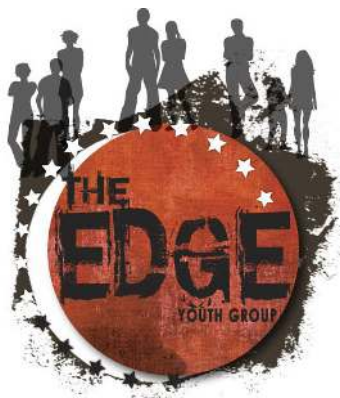
Meet on first Wednesday of each month throughout the year, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm at the Community Centre. Subscription £26 due March and September. Contact Chrissy Todd tel. 07742 131454.

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!*



The advertisement for 'Beer and the Bible' is set against a light blue background. On the left, a cartoon waiter in a white shirt and red bow tie holds a tray with a tall glass of beer. Next to him is a black and white dog. To the right, a speech bubble contains the text 'at the Shepherd & Dog Langham'. The main title 'Beer and the Bible' is written in a large, stylized, black cursive font. Below the illustration, the text reads: 'Every second Monday of the month from 8pm All welcome'.

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3. Patrick Doyle (59)
4. Bill Durlacher (9)

This is the **final draw for the year**. If you would like a number for the 12 draws over the next 12 months, this costs £26. The next draw will be at the Community Café on Friday 30th September, hosted by the Langham Ladies. Please contact me for more information on either purchasing tickets for the draw, or the Community Café.

Sue Armstrong
Commercial and Marketing Manager
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Tired of dull weekdays? Want to try something new, learn new skills and meet a whole new group of friends?

2nd Langham Scouts have been providing Scouting in the local area on a Wednesday evening for over 60 years and we have recently restarted our meetings face-to-face.

We currently have space in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and would also welcome any adults who would love to get involved!

For more information, or to book a space, please either email enquiries@2ndlanghamscouts.org or contact us via our website.

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