

A scenic autumn landscape featuring a red brick house on the left, a large tree with yellowing leaves in the center, and a church spire visible in the background. The foreground is covered in fallen brown leaves. The sky is overcast.

ST MARY & ST PETER
NEWSLETTER

October 2022

CHURCH SERVICES

2nd October - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

6.30pm at St Mary's - the Eucharist

9th October - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Peter's - the Eucharist

16th October - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Mary's—Eucharist for Harvest Festival

4.00pm at St Peter's - Teatime Family Service

23rd October - Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Mary's - the Eucharist

30th October - All Saints Sunday - 6 Parishes service

10.00am Holy Communion

at St Peter's and St Paul's, Little Horkesley

6th November - Third Sunday before 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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Contact the editor via email: lwbnewsletter@gmail.com

Welcome to the October Newsletter.

Another year trundles on bringing changes, both welcome and unwelcome.

The death of Queen Elizabeth II cannot have been a great surprise to anyone, but it nevertheless entails some deft mental readjustment for those of us who have only ever known the one monarch.

More 'dynamic' societies may be used to seeing a change of incumbent in the top job regularly, but Britain and the Commonwealth have long been more interested in stability. The memories of the summer's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations have taken on a new poignancy as a result. Public displays of emotion have not usually been regarded as 'the done thing' but there can be little doubt that Elizabeth managed to steer a course through all the comings and goings, mud-slinging and name-calling that characterises politics today.

Let's hope that King Charles III* proves to be an able leader who

can provide quiet guidance without getting caught up in the business of party politics.

And a load of new stamps and coins will be something to look forward to too.

Steve Pollington,
Editor

*it still looks weird written down, like something from the medieval period that was inadvertently omitted from the textbooks



FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT

What's going on?
On Saturday 22nd October, I'm hosting a fundraising quiz night for Operation Christmas Child.

Where is it?
Boxted Village Hall, Cage Lane, CO4 5RE, 7pm for a 7.30 start

What's your price?
It's £5 per person to enter with teams of 6 to 8.

Soft Drinks, Cakes and Snacks available

Book your place by contacting Tim Clarke on 01792060597 or timclarke08@gmail.com

JOIN IN THE FUN on 22/10/22

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Dedham Vale Society

The Dedham Vale Society was formed in 1938 to protect the heritage of the Dedham Vale and its villages.

The River Stour valley, the setting for many of the paintings by renowned artist John Constable, was designated the Dedham Vale Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) by the Countryside Commission in 1969. The Vale stretches for nearly 14 miles on either side of the river, from Manningtree in the east to Wormingford in the west. However, its official status as an AONB does not protect it from the threat of development, both from housing and commerce, traffic and noise and, more recently, light pollution. Despite the best efforts of highway engineers to install more energy-efficient road-lighting systems, the night-sky is disappearing.

Over the years campaigns have been fought with a great deal of success. The water and electricity-generating companies, building



developers and even the Civil Aviation Authority have all been persuaded to amend or withdraw their plans in order to protect the fabric of this important AONB. Our work today is as vital as ever.

If you have questions about the DVS, or about becoming a member don't hesitate to get in touch. Email the Society's Hon. Secretary at info@dedhamvalesociety.org.uk.

If you would prefer to write to us, then please use this address:

Kate Warburton, Hon Secretary,
Dedham Vale Society, Church Farm,
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Visit the website
www.dedhamvalesociety.org.uk

LANGHAM LADIES

One hour before **Langham Ladies** started we heard the very sad news of the death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II. We therefore held one minute's silence at the start of the meeting in respect of the Queen and her family.

The speaker was Mick Lavelle, a tutor at Writtle University. He told us of how plants originated and how climate change had affected the plants, some producing flowers and fruits out of season. He brought some very

interesting specimens of trees and shrubs to show us.

Our **next meeting** is being held at **Langham Community Centre, Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm**. It is a *Ladies Autumn and Winter Fashion Show* including gifts useful for Christmas presents. The fashion show is being presented by Bromley & Co, Ipswich. New members and guests (fee £5) are always welcome. For more information phone. Gillian Brown 01206 273286.



Langham Handmade Christmas Fair will be back in Langham on **Saturday 19th November**

CRAFT FAIR,

Sunday 16th October, 10-4pm
at Whatfield Village Hall, IP7 6QU



Wide variety of stalls. Bumper raffle with excellent prizes.

Hot and cold refreshments served all day.

All proceeds to Success After Stroke and Whatfield Primary School.

Langham Parish Council Report September 2022 — A Reply

I was a tad surprised to see myself described simply as ‘The Ward Councillor’ in last month’s Parish Council Report; there are in fact three of us and in my forty years as a councillor I have never sought anonymity for my actions. I attended the Planning Committee referred to as a member of that Committee appointed to make decisions on the agenda before us.

Primarily I would like to explain my position on the issue of the Water Recycling Centre (WRC) in Langham as I have acted consistently since being elected in 2016 for the area that included Langham. When an Application for housing at Boxted Cross first appeared I worked with the Council’s Planners to resolve the issue of ‘sewerage capacity’ impacting on Langham WRC from that Application. Eventually I supported what we thought would work, which was to say that the houses could not be occupied until the capacity at the WRC had increased. This, unfortunately, was not a successful position to adopt.

Therefore, when what is now the Vintry site was first mooted, I continued to engage with the planners to resolve this issue. The condition

that there could be **no building until** the capacity was increased was proposed; I shared concerns that this too may be unlikely to succeed but the Planners believed it would work and developers would respect it. I, therefore, supported that condition then and the developers have, in fact, accepted it. All this was outlined clearly by the senior planning officer at the Committee meeting and endorsed by me during that meeting.

It is extremely difficult for any planning authority to respond to residents’ concerns when statutory bodies, such as Anglian Water, do not raise an objection to an Application and this Condition is, I believe, clearly the best way forward. The worst-case scenario would surely have been if the Application had been refused and the Applicant won a subsequent Appeal without any Condition regarding the WRC.

I believe the decision with a strong Condition that ‘no dwelling shall be occupied until the foul water strategy has been carried out’ was the correct decision for Langham and Boxted.

Cllr Nigel Chapman

BOXTED WILDLIFE GROUP

Who are the Boxted Wildlife Group? Officially we are the **Boxted Biodiversity and Sustainability Group** that was formed in 2021. We've changed name but not our ambition to make Boxted a greener, friendlier and healthier place for all species, be it birds, bees, bugs and even humans!

In the summer the **Boxted Wildlife Group** successfully applied for grant funding from the **Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Sustainable Development Fund**, so that we may expand upon our ambitions to enhance public knowledge of the presence and importance of Bird, Bee and Bug species in and around Boxted, and to promote monitoring, feeding and nurturing of these. We are calling it the "**B4 Project**" (Boxted, Birds, Bees and Bugs Project). We are very grateful to have received this funding that provides great support to our voluntary group in order to proceed with this project.

Over the coming months we will be hosting a series of workshops and public activity sessions to encourage residents to learn about and engage with the work of the group, as well as numerous activities for children to also get involved. On the newly re-established Village Green we

will be installing a number of Wildlife Show -Homes, consisting of bird boxes, bat boxes, bug and bee hotels, Stag Beetle Pyramids and even Hedgehog homes. These will demonstrate how it is possible to make welcoming homes for our neighbouring wildlife. We'll also be giving away bird feed and bird feeders to encourage the feeding of threatened species over the barren winter months.

We also plan to host talks and presentations on topics of wildlife preservation and the importance of our natural environment as well as to hear from those with considerable knowledge about the wonderful surroundings that we are fortunate to call Boxted.

The first of these events will be on Sunday the 23rd October from 10am until 12pm on the Village Green, where we will showcase a number of different Bird, Bee and Bug homes that can easily be built or purchased by anyone to make their garden, or whatever space they have more welcoming to all species. In addition, there will be a nature trail featuring a quiz/treasure hunt for children to take part in with refreshments available.

Other future events will be advertised locally through the Parish facebook page, our new facebook page (www.facebook.com/BoxtedWildlife), local

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groups, and local newsletters including this one. So keep an eye out for those for more information. If you wish to get in contact with the group we have a new email address:

BoxtedWildlife@gmail.com.

The next village walk is scheduled for **Saturday the 22nd of October**, meeting at 10 am at the Village Hall. They will continue through the winter for those keen and willing, with additional dates for the coming months being the 19th of November, 17th December, 21st January, and 18th February.

Note that as the weather changes, suitable footwear and clothing is a must as many footpaths become slippery. With the hub now closed until January, perhaps bring a thermos of hot drink for post-walk refreshment.

Jonathan Hunt

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.



**BOXTED RBL CLUB
OPENING HOURS**

MONDAY.....	CLOSED
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,
BOXTED.LEGION@GMAIL.COM

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!

*Camille Burgess, Chairman,
Boxted RBL Club*

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

The group's second summer visit was to Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich, a Grade I listed building which is the 'jewel in the crown' among the town's many historic buildings. Located in what is now Christchurch Park and originally built on the site of the 12th century St. Augustine's Holy Trinity priory. The priory was disbanded by Henry VIII in his Dissolution of the Monasteries, and the estate was seized by the Crown. In 1545 it was sold to the Withypoll family and three years later Edmund Withypoll built the fine Tudor brick mansion we see today. When built, the mansion was just outside the town wall, giving us an idea of how it has grown and

its centre moved away north from the original dockside settlement. A tour of the mansion reveals the interesting scars of domestic life and changes to the original design over 500 years.

The mansion is now also home to one of the world's most important collections of the work of John Constable and records his life in Suffolk.

Next meeting Wednesday 19th October in Boxted Village Hall 7.30 for 8.00pm. We welcome back Geoff Robinson to tell us about King George III Golden Feast Painting followed by the usual refreshments. Visitors always welcome. £3 admission. Enquiries: 01206 272774.

Keith Middleton
Chairman

It's Nearly Shoebox Time!

A simple heartfelt gift, packed with love can mean so much to a child in need.

The Samaritan's Purse **Project Operation Christmas Child** collects shoeboxes - filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items

and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. Since 1990, **Operation Christmas Child** has collected and delivered more than 198 million gift filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories, for many this is the first gift they will have received.

In 2022, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 11 million children with a shoebox gift.

As the anguish of the Ukrainian people continues, we are honoured to be able to continue our 20+ year partnership with over 3,200 churches across Ukraine in delivering the hope and light that comes through the giving of shoebox gifts. Operation Christmas Child have committed to sending two-thirds of our shoeboxes to Ukraine or the neighbouring countries like Moldova and Romania that are hosting many Ukrainian refugee families

Our **National Collection Week** is between 14th and 21st November 2022 with drop off location and times being confirmed in the next newsletter edition.



As we prepare for this year's campaign we will again be having donation boxes and giving trees in both Langham and Boxted Churches for items to be dropped into which can then be used during our **Community Packing Party on Sunday 20th November at St Peter's Boxted, between 2 and 5pm** which you are all invited to come along and help pack this year's boxes. Of particular need this year are hygiene items (toothbrushes, soaps and flannels) and any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Also in the run up to Collection Week and to raise funds to help fund the shipping and processing costs for the boxes being packed at our Packing Party we will be holding a **Quiz Evening on Saturday 22nd October at Boxted Village Hall at 7pm** for a 7.30pm start. Teams of 6 to 8 with a £5 entry fee.

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



On the 8th September, 2022 the nation was rocked by the news that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had passed away at Balmoral. News which, whilst not totally unexpected in someone who had reached 96 years of age, seemed to come from out of the blue.

The Queen continued to serve her country faithfully right up to the end, even greeting the new Prime Minister, Liz Truss, just a few days previously.

For the vast majority of people, The Queen is all we have ever known, apparently 94% of the population have been born since her Coronation. We have grown up singing '*God save our gracious Queen*' and only ever known her image to grace our currency and postage stamps.

We have celebrated momentous milestones, jubilees of incredible significance, just a few months ago celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. And we have tuned in year after year to hear the Queens Christmas speech.

Now things are different, as King Charles III takes on the mantle passed down from his mother. Promising to uphold her values of service to the nation. Throughout the years, the Queens speech, has been that moment in time, when the Queens own strong

Christian faith came most to the fore. In 2002 she said 'I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God. Like others of you who draw inspiration from your own faith, I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.'

Over everything, the Queen knew, was Christ the King. Jesus, born in humble state in a stable, a refugee, who died on a cross to save us all. The Servant King.

As we approach Christmas this year, mindful that things are different, we too are reminded that Jesus, that God, is constant and still head over all things. That we too, like the Queen should put our trust in him, in good times and in bad and draw hope in the good news of the Christian gospel.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

May God bless you all

Heather

SESAW NEWS

Life can be up one day and down the next. Before the sad loss of our Queen last month, our ladies were enjoying running a Rummage Sale in the middle of another heatwave. They raised over £1500 and some of the visitors were also interested in acquiring a new pet, much to Mum's delight.

Now, in keeping with the melancholy mood, Autumn has arrived and our thoughts turn to the months ahead. The



Christmas Fair in November is our last event of the fundraising season and volunteer numbers have dropped so we have stopped accepting donated items until next year. Some of our supporters sell online so if you have anything special, please leave a message on the answerphone or email sue.wilson317@btinternet.com before bringing them in. We will, of course, continue to accept CLEAN bedding and towels but **NO PILLOWS, CUSHIONS** or feather duvets.

Our Volunteers enjoy their days at SESA W as can be seen in the photo. If you would like to help care for the cats, dogs, rabbits or chickens, please leave a clear message with your name and number on 01787 210888 or email info@sesaw.co.uk. New volunteers can be sure of a warm welcome from all of us, including me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!

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Tel: 01787 210888, www.sesaw.co.uk

MEDIEVAL PENDANT FOUND IN BOXTED

On Saturday 29th September 2018, Trish Ostrowski was out in Boxted using her metal-detector when she happened upon a remarkable find: a gold seal matrix pendant of oval form with a box-style setting and suspension loop to the reverse.

The pendant is set with a mottled white-black chalcedony intaglio engraved with a naturalistically modelled eagle facing left, with its wings spread. It dates to the 13th-14th century A.D.

The use of mottled stone for an intaglio is quite unusual since the pattern makes it difficult for an observer to see the details of the design. This must have been a deliberate measure to keep the seal's motif secret.

The border bears the Latin legend '+
SIGNVM AMORIS:SA:I' in Lombardic capitals within a beaded rim. Malcolm Jones (British Museum) suggests that *SA* might be a contraction of the word *SANCTI* ('saint' or 'holy'). This would therefore translate to '*A token/sign of sacred/holy love*'. However, John Cherry notes



that the semi-colon in the inscription between the SA and the I (*SA : I*) is significant, particularly if the attribution of the eagle to St John is correct, and could be a contraction of *Iohanni*...The full inscription would therefore translate to '*A sign (or token) of the love of St John*'. However, this is not conclusive'.

The find was reported to the Finds Liaison Officer of the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) and was recorded under reference number WREX-ADFAB9. It was also mentioned in an article in *Treasure Hunting Magazine* in 2019.

The Churches of ST Mary's Langham and St Peter's Boxted

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 or Covid Booster Appointments, collection of things such as prescriptions, or make a friendly visit just for a bit of company.

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Please telephone the number(s) 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.**

Any queries, ring the Organiser Arabella Brentnall, 01206 272013



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*For further details contact
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BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

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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.

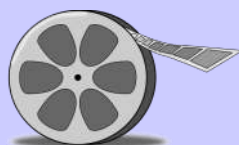
Contact Group Scout Leader, Denise Hobday 01206 230918.

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

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 green striped apron holds a tray with a tall glass of beer. To his right is a cartoon sheep. A speech bubble from the sheep contains the text 'at the Shepherd & 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



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2. Alan Cadman (76)
3. Patrick Doyle (59)
4. Bill Durlacher (9)

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The best thing you'll do this week (and that's a promise.)

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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 enquires@2ndlanghamscouts.org or contact us via our website.

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