

ST MARY & ST PETER  
NEWSLETTER

**December 2022**



## CHURCH SERVICES

**4th December** - *Second Sunday of Advent*  
9.30am at St Peter's - All-age worship  
6.30pm at St Mary's - the Eucharist

**11th December** - *Third Sunday of Advent*  
9.30am at St Peter's - Holy Communion

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4.00pm at St Peter's - Parish Carol Service

**24th December** - *Christmas Eve*  
2.30pm at St Peter's - Crib Service  
4.00pm at St Mary's - Christingle  
11.00pm at St Mary's - Midnight Mass

**25th December** - *Christmas Day*  
10.00am at St Peter's - Holy Communion

**1st January** - *Second Sunday of Christmas*  
9.30am at St Peter's - All-age worship

**8th January** - *Celebration of The Epiphany*  
9.30am at St Peter's - Holy Communion

**15th January** - *Second Sunday of Epiphany*  
9.30am at St Mary's - Holy Communion  
4.00pm at St Peter's - Tea-Time Family Service

**22nd January** - *Third Sunday of Epiphany*  
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## Welcome to the December Newsletter.

**W**ell, it's that time again. The nights are drawing in so it is dark around teatime; the summer heatwave seems an improbable memory (did we really have two months of uninterrupted sunshine?); the autumnal rain is lashing the windows as I type this, huddled up and warming my hands on a mug of coffee; the shops are full of images of rosy-cheeked children, perching robins and waxy candles.

The garden now looks so green it almost hurts the eyes, and a lot of late-summer flowers are still just about in bloom. We don't seem to have had a proper frost so far—and it's the middle of November!

I will take this opportunity to wish you all a *Merry Christmas* (or seasonal festival of your choice) and to look forward to better times ahead in 2023 which will surely be a breeze compared to everything we have just been through.

**Reminder:** There will be no Newsletter for January, so keep this copy safe until the February issue drops on your doormat.



*Steve Pollington,*  
Editor

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## Boxted Parish Council Report – October 2022

**B**oxted Parish Council met on 12th October. We don't meet in August, and we cancelled the September meeting as we are unable, by law, to call meetings during official mourning. We had a busy agenda of business to conduct with the first being to co-opt as a Councillor, Mr Lee Smith. Lee and his family moved to the village in 2021 and he is keen to ensure that we preserve rural open spaces but also has an eye on facilities for young families. We now have a full complement of 9 councillors as we welcome Lee to his new role.

The refurbishment of the Community Hub building has begun. We shall all miss Doug Harper and his Italian roast coffee, but he should be back up and running in the New Year. The funding for the refurbishment is coming from some of the money held by Colchester Borough Council (known as Section 106) which was paid by the property developer of the Hill Farm housing, the Football Foundation, and the Parish Council. The café will have a larger kitchen, disabled toilet, new flooring and lighting, a disabled ramp and stepped access to the door as well as a large window/door looking towards the field. The sports side will have improved changing facilities with new toilets and individual showers. We will have two officials' rooms (male and

female) and the old built-in garage is being converted to a meeting room. It's a tight timetable but so far, we have been impressed with Property 360 Ltd, they have been flexible and helpful, and they keep the site very organised and clean.

On the playing field we did see delivery of two metal frames which were allegedly 5 aside football goals. We removed one of them quickly as it was too close to the main football pitch and may have been dangerous. Our view of what a 5 aside goal is, and the suppliers view is different! Hopefully we can resolve this with something useful - watch this space!

**W**e still have people in our community that seem to think that pulling down the fencing in and around the play area is entertaining. Sadly, the bills paid by the Parish Council to get these repaired are eventually paid for by all the residents as it is your Council Tax that funds the Council.

The bus service through the village has really deteriorated since Panther Travel were replaced by First Essex. Cllr Lewis Barber, our Essex County Councillor, has tried to get an improved service but to no avail. We will be requesting a meeting with Cllr Lewis, Essex County Council Bus representative and First Essex to see if we can get back to where we were. We will advertise this meeting when it is arranged.

The Village Green has survived the long dry summer and is being maintained by our volunteer Boxted

Wildlife group. We hope you got chance to attend the recent activity day on the Village Green learning more about wildlife in our village and how to support it. A big thank you goes to the Dedham Vale AONB for the grant that facilitated this day. A talk is planned for November titled 'Gardening for Wildlife'. This will be held in the Royal British Legion and builds on the experience of Wivenhoe Town Council. Please give Boxted Wildlife a follow-on Facebook.

We are very lucky as Julian Carter has designed and built a wrought iron circular bench for the Village Green which includes an inscription 'Dedicated by Mary Carter in Memory of Dennis Carter, Founder of Boxted Fruit Farm, and his son, Colonel Jeremy Carter, for many years Chairman of Boxted Parish Council'. We should be able to get this installed soon and it will be a lovely addition to the green.

Please get in touch with the Council by dropping an email to [boxtedparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:boxtedparishcouncil@gmail.com) , look at [www.boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk) and follow the Facebook page 'Boxted Parish Council'.

## Boxted Parish Council Report – November 2022

The first full meeting of our newest Councillor, Lee Smith. The Council now has a full complement of Councillors.

During this months meeting the topic of a warm space was proposed with the Council offering support by way of Village Hall space. Anyone wishing to get involved with this initiative should get in touch with Mr Dominic Shiel. A note to the Clerk will see your details passed on. We now have plans to put together a volunteer committee to organise a village event to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Again, if you want to get involved, please drop a note to the clerk. The Council agreed

that a village fete should be supported and pledged at least £1000 to the event.

Cllr Barber is working with the team at Essex County Council and have made clear to First buses that the service in Boxted is unacceptable and has prevented evidence to this effect. First buses now have an opportunity to respond.

You might have seen from the *Save Our Bridge* campaign that Essex Highways have issued further information on their planned replacement of the heritage asset **Boxted Bridge**. By the time this newsletter is through your door it will be too late to submit your comments. Boxted Council issued a statement to the press saying that

Essex Highways were ignoring the views of residents, taxpayers and experts in the field.

The Hub building refurbishment is progressing well and so far, we have been pleased with Property360 Ltd. We still hope to be on track to get the café opened in early January and the changing rooms and new committee room available for use. We are dependent on the Football Foundation for some of the funding needed and we are grateful to both Colchester City Ladies Football and Boxted Lodgers for making Boxted their home. Funding is also coming from the S106 monies at Colchester Council for Boxted and also from Parish Council reserves.

We started work on the budget for 23/24. It's a very challenging year with prices increasing all around us but the council want to keep increases within the level of general inflation as well as funding projects to make public footpaths more accessible, install a *petanque* court and outdoor table tennis area and add a dog waste bin to another public right of way.

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## Boxted Wildlife

On Sunday 23rd October, we held our first activity day as part of the '**Boxted Birds, Bees and Bugs**' project (**The B4 Project**). The B4 project, which was launched this summer is funded by the **Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Sustainable Development Fund**, as well as by the Parish Council. With this project we are aiming to engage with you, the local community, to explain what the group has been doing, outline what it hopes to do in the future and to encourage residents either to join in with our activities, or to take some of the ideas home and introduce them into their gardens.

The **Activity Day** on the 23rd of October was the first of a program of events, with this one specifically aimed at families, with many activities provided for children including a wildlife quiz and treasure hunt as well as other hands-on fun. The treasure hunt, which led participants around the green to answer a series of questions about a variety of Birds, Bees and Bugs was very popular with over 70 people taking part, despite the sometimes-torrential rain. The rain did not however seem to dampen the spirits and all seemed to enjoy themselves and hopefully learn a little bit from the day.

In one hedgerow a "Mini-Beast Hotel" was built, and adjacent to that a Stag Beetle Pyramid was also constructed, all with the assistance of many small hands, providing two great environments for all manner of insects and critters to make themselves a home on the green. Because of their easily accessible location, they're available for all to



come and check on them whenever they want and see who's moved in, but please don't disturb the inhabitants. Other activities were held under the shelter of marquees, with leaf rubbing (tracing and drawing of leaves) and owl-pellet dissection being some of the most popular for youngsters. Weaved willow bird feeders were also being constructed by a small group of weavers, despite not being the quickest of tasks, several were made throughout the event and sent out to gardens to be filled with fat-balls for feeding birds. Attendees also contributed to a Boxted Wildlife Map, by marking where they live in the village and what wildlife environments they have in their gardens or local public spaces.

**I**t was fantastic to see so many people in attendance, and we would like to thank everyone who took part and particularly thank all those who volunteered their time to make the day a success. We would like to invite everyone to our next Activity Day, which is going to be on Sunday 8th January, 2023, to be held in the Boxted Village Hall from 10am to 1pm. We will be reviving some of the most popular activities from the previous event as well as introducing a few more arts and crafts activities including plenty of colouring and drawing, mask making and Bug House decorating. Refreshments will once again be on offer, our thanks to the Boxted British Legion Club for making these available. Keep an eye out for flyers and advertising.

As always, please follow Boxted Wildlife on Facebook (Facebook.com/BoxtedWildlife) or send an email to BoxtedWildlife@gmail.com if you would like to be updated directly on future events or have any other enquiries. Boxted Wildlife is a voluntary group where any level of commitment is welcome, we are always open to more volunteers, so please get in touch.

**B**oxted Parish Council intends to join the "Parish Paths Partnership Scheme" (P3 Scheme) which is an initiative of Essex Highways in order to take more control of the maintenance and monitoring of the public rights of way within Boxted. Highways will continue to do their annual cut of the sections of footpath that they normally do, but it will give the Parish more power to keep the entirety of our footpaths safe and accessible. I will be writing to landowners to explain what this means for them once we get underway, and seeking permission where permission is needed. Not all footpaths are the same, some are very well cared for and others don't require much maintenance. What the P3 scheme will give us is funding, training, advice, equipment and assistance for dealing with footpaths that are prone to overgrowth, or even larger projects where structures integral to the footpath require repair, replacement or construction. What we need is a group of volunteers who are passionate about footpaths, willing to keep a note of the conditions of footpaths when out and about around the village, and perhaps with some time every few weeks, or whenever required, to do some light work to keep them safe and accessible. If that sounds like something you might be interested in, then please send an email to [cllr.hunt@boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:cllr.hunt@boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk) expressing an interest.

# Remembering your Faithful Friend this Christmas

**C**hristmas may be a time to remember family and friends - but Dogs Trust Snetterton is also asking local dog owners to remember their four-legged friends this festive time, with a *Canine Care Card*.

The Canine Care Card is a free service, which helps to ensure your dog's future, in the event of you either passing away, receiving a life-changing diagnosis or moving into a care home. This can often be a great concern to some people, who perhaps do not have a family member or friend in a position to look after their dog, should the worst happen. Therefore, by signing up to the service, Dogs Trust can offer peace of mind, reassuring you that your faithful friend will be well cared for by the charity.

It is easy to sign up to the service, which simply asks for some information on your dog, including their likes and dislikes, as well as your dog's medical history and your vet details. It also asks for you to confirm who you would like as your Dog Guardian. This should be someone you trust, like a friend, family member, solicitor, neighbour or vet, who can sign over ownership of your dog to Dogs Trust on your behalf, should you become seriously ill or pass away. You can register online by going to [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk) and searching for 'Canine Care Card' - or if you do not have access to the internet, you can request a paper version of the application form. Once the form is submitted, Dogs Trust will then write to you, to confirm when your application has been processed. Once signed up, should your card ever need to be activated, Dogs Trust will then arrange with your Dog Guardian for your dog to come into the rehoming centre or into foster care.

**W**ith a team of vets, trainers and behaviourists on hand if needed, your dog will then be welcomed, loved and well cared for by the charity, who will work tirelessly to find a loving new home for your much-loved canine companion.

If you would like further information about the Canine Care Card, or to request a paper application form, please contact **Dogs Trust Snetterton's Supporter Relations Officer, Paige Pope**, at [paige.pope@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:paige.pope@dogstrust.org.uk) or phone 01953 497912.

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**Y**our local churches are leading an initiative to **collect food and other items** for Colchester Foodbank. Boxes for collecting goods are located in the following places:

### **LANGHAM**

*The Community Shop*

*The Shepherd and Dog*

*St. Mary's Church*

### **BOXTED**

*The Royal British Legion*

*St Peter's Church*

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For more information – <https://colchester.foodbank.org.uk>



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We THANK you in advance for your donations. Boxes have been placed in all six parishes where Rev. Heather Wilcox is Priest in Charge

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## EVERGREENS CLUB

**W**ith 2022 coming to a close we know that a few members will be pleased to say good bye to this year and welcome 2023.

We hope you have enjoyed your monthly meetings during 2022 and the committee will be putting their heads together over the coming months to arrange a varied and hopefully interesting programme for next year.

At the time of writing we are all looking forward to our **Christmas meal** at **The Anchor, Stratford St Mary** on the **1st December** and this will be our last get together until the 16th February next year. We would like to wish all our members a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Best wishes from

*Elaine, Linda, Carole & Diane*

## BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

Geoff Robinson returned to the village hall to talk about the painting of the feast in Worlingworth in 1810 to celebrate the golden jubilee of King George the third. The painting was commissioned by Lord Henniker, a wealthy local landowner, and has hung in Worlingworth church, Suffolk, for over 80 years.

The large painting, though of no great artistic value, is nevertheless a priceless piece in terms of social history, giving a lively portrait of rural life in Suffolk at the beginning of the 19th century. The three most important buildings in the village are shown: the church, the big house and the poor house. In front of the church, trestle tables are set out to enjoy the feast that was paid for by

Lord Henniker. There is an ox being roasted over a pit.

All of local society is depicted in the painting: the lord and his family, a wedding party from the church tenants who rented land from the lord and agricultural labourers. There are even militia men recruiting a man and boys playing cricket. A story that has come down orally suggests that the meat was tainted by sap from the wood but most people at the feast probably did not notice because they were too poor to have eaten beef before.

The next meeting of the History Group will be a seasonal social evening at 8.00pm on **Wednesday, 21st December**. It will be held in the village hall.



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After a rather depressing year and a bleak future it has been decided that our last meeting in 2022 will not follow the usual format, but a light-hearted social evening with festive refreshments—so please join us.

Next year's programme will be available, and January's talk will be by local historian Pip Wright entitled "*Whistle Craft*".

Enquiries: 01206 272774.

Alan Ladbroke

For Keith Middleton

Chairman

## “Success After Stroke” Group

An annual charity Craft Fair held at Whatfield Village Hall attracted over 240 people in September. Visitors were treated to a wide variety of handmade goods, homemade snacks and a bumper raffle. The Organiser, Mandy Squirrell, was delighted the day was such a success and praised helpers for their weeks of hard work preparing for the event. She expressed special thanks to her

family members and for the support of friends Marilyn, Margaret, Paul and Nealey. Mandy greatly appreciated help from “Success After Stroke” Manager “SJ”, physiotherapist Jeannette and members Maz and Sue. She also thanked people who generously donated over twenty five high value prizes. A total of £1700 was raised which will be donated to SAS and Whatfield Primary School.



# SESAW NEWS

What a cheek! Last month Ollie mocked me 'writing' our news for ten years when I claim to be eight? Well, the laugh is on him because he was older than me when he arrived in 2013! Our resident black cat was found nearly dead, came in after a week at the vet's, broke out of a pet carrier and headed straight for the house. We get on alright really and he gives a different view of SESA W life which is still very busy. Only last week two lovely tabby cats came in when their owner sadly died. They have always been together and they are used to living with two big dogs. We also have Signe, a ten year old Eurasier spitz type of dog that was living in a car with her owner when they lost their home. She is used to having company all the time so needs a loving human companion, maybe with another dog.



At this the time of the year we express our appreciation for those who support the work of SESA W in many different ways. The list is endless but you know who you are and we send you a massive THANK YOU. That includes the shops and vets that host our food collection bins and Steve, Editor of this magazine for giving us a 'voice' to talk to you. As we all face the future during such a worrying time everyone at SESA W wishes you peace, good health and happiness, including me,

Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

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## Boxted Methodist Silver Band

The Band will 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.**



the**WI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

The **December 13th meeting** will be a *Murder Mystery Supper* with 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

## LANGHAM LADIES

**A**nother successful Langham Ladies meeting was held in the community centre on Thursday 24th November. The speaker was Paula Short talking about the life of **Josephine Baker**. Josephine Baker (or Freda Josephine Mc Donald as was formally her name) was born in 1906, daughter of a washer woman. At the age of 8-10 years she was out of school supporting the family who were living in poverty. At the age of 16 years she became an American -born French dancer, dancing in the Follies. She married four times and agreed to adopt 12 children of different nationalities and devoted her life to the idea that all people of different nationalities can live peacefully together. Later she became a Civil Rights activist and spy in World War 11. She fought against fascism in

Europe during World War 11 and racism in the United States marching with Martin Luther King. For her service to the French Resistance she was awarded a medal by Generale De Gaulle, the Croix de Guerre in 1939-1945. She died in 1975 and received full military honours at her funeral.

**T**he next meeting of Langham Ladies will be held **Thursday 8th December starting at 7.30 pm** in the community centre. This meeting will be a **Christmas Party**. food and drink provided by Langham Ladies, desserts being made by the members. The entertainment will be done by The Reverend Keith Lovell and our usual Secret Santa will also take place. Two weeks previous to the meeting our members are going to *The Shepherd and Dog* for a Christmas lunch.



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## From Councillor Lewis Barber

I appreciate that this is a challenging and worrying time financially for many households. That is why I am working with Colchester Borough Council (CBC) and at Essex County Council (ECC) to ensure that both the immediate financial difficulties are addressed alongside the root causes. This includes supporting a new £50m support package at ECC in October and the £100,000 Community Warmth and Welcome Spaces Fund. These are new support programmes on top of the existing policies in place. If you or somebody you know needs assistance, please do get in touch with us so that everybody who needs support is aware as to what is available.

I share frustrations with the community as to the performance of the 80 / 80A / 81 / 81A bus service that serves both villages since changing operator to First Buses. I am lobbying both ECC and First Buses to take action to rectify this issue, including, if needed, to seek to change operator. At the time of writing, evidence of the significant issues experienced by the community have been put to First Buses for a response and resolution, before any more significant action is taken. I will share updates as I receive them but by the time you receive

this newsletter, I hope there will be a positive outcome.

In more welcome news, we were able to instantly take action to save the 694 bus service after Ipswich Buses had announced they were scrapping the service from September 2022. ECC confirmed they would be taking over the service, which would be operated by Hedingham and Chambers Buses. ECC will be seeking to hold the prices at the same rate as before. However, it is important that this service is used as much as possible to ensure its long-term viability.

You may have read in my recent leaflet to Boxted and Langham about the first batch of repairs from the additional pothole repair fund that I voted for in February. This fund has released more resources for repairs in addition to the general maintenance fund. The second batch of repairs is now open for me to submit to. Please do let me know of any suggestions that I can put forward.

I have been corresponding with National Highways in regards to the extensive time taken to repair the Severalls Lane Bridge over the A12. National Highways are responsible for this bridge and so it is outside of local and my direct jurisdiction but I will keep pushing for

this to be sorted as soon as possible. The latest update I received was that the proposed repair proposal was not possible due to the extent of the damage and instead the bridge deck will need to be replaced. A timetable for the works is anticipated by the end of the year and I will be pushing for this as soon as possible. National Highways have identified the culprit for the damage.

**O**n road safety and traffic management, I have been working with Dedham, Boxted and Langham Parish Councils to deliver road safety and traffic management improvements. We have secured the resources to help deliver improvements, with traffic surveys having been conducted and the results now being reviewed to identify the appropriate solutions. I have also secured over £10,000

as the first step in improving pedestrian, cycle and equestrian infrastructure between Boxted, Langham and Mile End, in particular the Northern Gateway area.

Finally, I also continue to work closely with ECC's education team to ensure that there is no further slippage with the construction of the Trinity School's permanent site. This is now on course to be completed for the September 2023 class and I will be attending a site visit soon to see progress first hand. Please note, that admissions for primary school are now open until 15th January 2023 via the ECC website.

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## Essex Women's Commemoration Project

A plaque commemorating the  
life of  
**Dr Edith Pechey**  
was unveiled at Langham  
Community Centre on 7<sup>th</sup>  
October.

*Photo: Andrew Stacey*







**I**t is with much sadness that I have to report that the **Good Neighbours** scheme has lost, very recently and suddenly, one of its most treasured volunteers, and Secretary to the Scheme. He wrote a lovely article about the **Good Neighbours** which was published in last month's edition.

**Laurence O'Hagan** died at home in Boxted on Saturday 22nd October. His funeral will take place at Boxted Church, 2pm on Friday 25th November, and afterwards at The Crown, Stoke by Nayland.

I only knew Laurence recently, since October 2020, a couple of years or so after he moved to Boxted. But in that short time I came to admire his enthusiasm for helping all sorts of people, way beyond his official duties on the Good Neighbours Scheme. Even if his low slung Mercedes Coupe was not the most practical of cars in which to transport

those in need to important appointments.

He seemed to be genuinely concerned about those most in need of help, and was always providing either shelter in his own home, and /or advice and unlimited company to many very deserving cases both from within and outside Boxted.

Even outside his Volunteering activities, he was a great drinking companion to many in the Village of Boxted. Indeed, the last night before he died, he was out with his friends. I am sure that it would have amused him greatly to know that his last few hours were spent so very happily.

His Irish wit and conversation, boundless ideas and real dedication, which endeared him to so many, will be sorely missed by us all.

I know that he leaves behind a son, of whom he talked often to me, as well as his former wife with whom he remained on very good terms.

Our best wishes are sent to them.

*Arabella Brentnall*

## BOXTED ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

**I**t's been great to see so many new faces and new members down at the Boxted RBL Club recently, in fact, testament to that, the Boxted Branch received the Justin Lewis Shield for Highest Membership Increase in 2021. It is an absolute honour to receive the shield and award to have on display at the Club. **Everyone is welcome to join**, so please get in touch if you're interested and let's see if we can hold on to the shield for a second year!!

**Boxted Royal British Legion Club: dates for your diaries.**

### *Friday 2nd December:*

**Friday Night Supper Club** (from 6 pm, wine & cheese! Everyone is welcome to join, and we only ask for a small donation to help us keep this running and to make sure we put some money towards the Poppy Appeal!). Supper Club is followed by live music from Rob & Mandy, so head on down for some grub and a boogie!

### *Saturday 3rd December:*

Meet at 11 am for a village **walk and lunch** (and mulled wine!) at the Club (suggested donation of £3 - £5 per person). If the weather is truly awful, we'll stay in the club and have some lunch anyway! It's another big day, with live music in the evening from Stephen Neil & Friends from 7 pm.

### *Sunday 11th December:*

**Children's Christmas Party** (2 – 5 pm): music, games, treasure hunt, Santa's Grotto! Details are being finalised, so check in with the village website for further information.



### *Sunday 25th December:*

We will be open from 12 – 2 pm if anyone fancies coming in for some festive cheer!

### *Saturday 31st December:*

**New Year's Eve party!** Again, details being finalised, so check the village website to see how to purchase tickets.

Events are open to all, if you're interested in becoming a member, come and speak to us at the bar! If you have any questions, please email us at:

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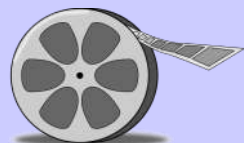
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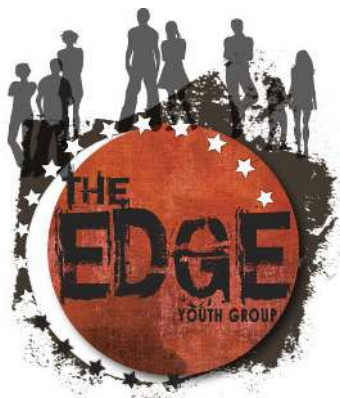
Meet on first Wednesday of each month throughout the year, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm at the Community Centre. Subscription £26 due March and September. Contact Chrissy Todd tel. 07742 131454.

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