

ST MARY & ST PETER
NEWSLETTER

June 2023



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CHURCH SERVICES

4th June Trinity Sunday

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

6.30pm at St Mary's - Holy Communion

11th June First Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Peter's - Holy Communion

18th June Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Mary's - Holy Communion

4.00pm at St Peter's - Teatime Family Service

25th June Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Mary's - Holy Communion

2nd July Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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Welcome to the June Newsletter.

Here we are, almost half-way through the year and able at last to enjoy the bounty of our gardens, to take walks in the country lanes and to savour the prospect of balmy summer days to come.

Over the weekend of 10th and 11th this month, the renowned **Boxted Airfield Museum** will be open on Saturday with a guided tour while on Sunday an exhibition will take place in the Village Hall (see page 6).

A **Forest Church** will take place on Saturday afternoon for those who enjoy the wonders of the natural world.

The following weekend, dastardly deeds are afoot as **Cutler's Last Stand** comes to the Village Hall for an evening of comic cunning and connivance. You have been warned!

Steve Pollington,
Editor



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St Helena is working in partnership with local solicitors who are waiving their usual Will writing fees, in return for a donation to St Helena Hospice. **There is no set fee**, but instead suggested donation amounts of £150 for a single Will and £175 for a joint Will.

Having a Will is really important, whatever your age or circumstances. Making a Will can allow you to ensure your affairs are in order; final wishes are met; your loved ones are looked after in the future; and

to support the charities close to your heart.

Did you know gifts in Wills currently provide the funds for us to care for 1 in every 5 people we support?

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For more information or to sign up please visit our website:

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SUE ARMSTRONG

After 13 years of running the Langham Community Centre it is time for me to retire. Thank you for your support over the years and I am ably replaced by **Carol Lloyd**. She has experience of running the Boxted Legion and her family business, so is well-suited to taking the Langham Community Centre forward. Her contact details remain the same as mine, as I will be passing over the mobile and email accounts.

I have enjoyed my time at the Centre and will continue to help run the Cinema, so you will still see me around here.

Kindest regards,

Sue Armstrong

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100 Club Draw

The **March** winners are:

- 1st (£40) No:26 Simon Gallup
- 2nd (£25) No: 68 Alan Cadman
- 3rd (£15) No: 97 Rona Hammond
- 4th (£10) No: 60 Langham Ladies

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BOXTED AIRFIELD 80TH ANNIVERSARY

10th June

The **Museum** will be open. **Morning Service** at memorial conducted by the vicar of Langham. We will return to Museum for a light lunch. After lunch a **coach tour round the airfield site** to view buildings and places of interest, guided by Richard Turner. This tour will include the main operations block, this was a very secure building so explains why it still exists complete. The ops block is now a firework store and we have been granted this one-off access to the inside. We will be able to see where the Commanding Officer gave the details of the day's operations. Some of the original operations panel still exists on the wall. After the tour, return to Museum for early evening **BBQ**.

11th June

A history event at Boxted village hall from 11-4. **Meet the families of veterans.** Family members & guest speakers will present the stories of fathers and grandfathers at Boxted. Tales

of bravery, evading capture, GI brides.

This weekend is not open to the general public but you can join us by becoming a member Of Boxted Airfield Historical Group. Membership is £10 per annum. Join via our website www.boxted-airfield.com or phone 07503952354

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Before we mention our Evergreen news, we would like to convey our sincere condolences to Ruth Sycamore's family on her sad passing in April. Ruth and her husband Reg were both founder members of the Evergreens club back in the early 1970s, Ruth being the Secretary and her husband the Treasurer. During her long membership Ruth's input and continued support of the club was exceptional, even to the point where she would come to our meetings on her mobility scooter along Straight Road, not a journey for the faint hearted. I assure you will agree. The current Committee will always be grateful for Ruth's contribution to the Evergreens.

The club have a few busy months coming up which started with our Kings Coronation celebration. We had music entertainment from four lovely ladies which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. One of our members had a birthday coming up and she had a real surprise when the singers went over to her and sang happy birthday. The usual refreshments were available followed by a raffle where three lucky members won a Coronation keepsake.

In our June meeting we have a guest speaker and the subject is "*Bells across Cardigan Bay*".

In July it's our strawberry tea which has become a stable fixture in our yearly calendar and is always an enjoyable afternoon.

August, September and October months are filled with games, quizzes and we will also be holding our AGM.

Our November meeting will be held at the Hub where members will enjoy a treat.

December is our Christmas meal.

The club meets in the Village Hall, once a month from 2pm to 3.30pm. Our subscription is £4 per meeting which covers the cost of hiring the hall, teas, coffee and refreshments, plus all entertainment throughout the year. Our members not only live in Boxted but also come from the local area.

New members would be very welcome so if you would like to come and see us please pop in to our next meeting which will be on Thursday 8th June.

As the summer should arrive soon, fingers crossed, we look forward to seeing you all during the coming months.

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Elaine, Linda, Carole and Diane

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CUTLER'S LAST STAND

Murder mystery night

Presented by: Culture Stir

Join the Boxted Amateur Players and try to solve the latest dastardly deed when yet another villager from the fictional village of Boxham St Chad is lost to crime. The licensed bar will no doubt help your super sleuth skills as this tale unfolds.....

Doors open at 7.30. Tickets are £9.90 (inc booking fee) and proceeds will go to help fund our church's youth activity.

Saturday 17th June, 2023

Boxted Village Hall

Door time: 7:30pm, Start time: 7:30pm

Age 14 and over

Tickets:

[https:// www.wegottickets.com/event/578404](https://www.wegottickets.com/event/578404)

LANGHAM LADIES

Our meeting for May was a social evening to celebrate the Coronation. The members enjoyed a quiz organised by one of our members, the questions all being about royalty.

Afterwards the members enjoyed baked potatoes with Coronation Chicken, desserts and Pimms.

The raffle prizes were also themed on the Coronation.

Everyone had a very enjoyable time. The next meeting is on **Thursday June 8th** in Langham Community Centre starting at 7.30 pm. The speaker is

Marianne Baine speaking on Silver and Gemstones. Guests are always welcome for a small fee £5 which includes coffee/tea and homemade cakes. For more information contact Gill on 01206 273286.

Langham Ladies gives you the chance to come and meet new friends, hear good speakers and enjoy a social time with refreshments included.

Ladies you do not have to be living in Langham to be able to join us.

Boxted WI

*Meeting on the second
Tuesday of each month*

7.30 - 9.30 pm

Boxted Village Hall

The club welcomes anyone who would like to join in, even if just for an evening such as this with a small charge on the door.

If any lady would like to get to know your fellow village ladies a little bit more or even just to join in the fun or enjoy some company you know where we are, just come along! We urge you to give us a try, we have a varied programme of activities throughout the year and guarantee plenty of laughs.

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

Stephen Gibbs came to Boxted village hall to talk about *The Black Museum*, a museum in New Scotland yard which contains artefacts connected to crimes that have been committed. Known also as the *Crimes Museum*, it was given the name of Black Museum in an article in the *Observer* newspaper. It is not open to the public but is available for those involved in forensics to do research and in the training of new recruits. It is housed appropriately in **Room 101**.

Among the exhibits are death masks made from those who have been executed. It was believed until the 1930's that the shape of the head gave a positive indication of the personality and mentality of the person and the death masks were studied in order to enable the police to determine which members of the public were likely to commit a crime.

Artefacts relating to murderers are exhibited, including those associated with **John Babcock Lee**. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to hang. However, when he was brought to the gallows the trapdoor refused to open. The executioner tried three times to hang him but failed. Lee was taken back to his cell and his sentence was commuted to 22 years in prison. On his release he sold his story to the newspapers and toured the country giving talks as *The Man They Could Not Hang*. He died in the 1940's.

NEXT MEETING:

A tour of Harwich and its museum. Wednesday, 21st June at 1.30. For information phone 231047

Alan Ladbrooke

SESAW NEWS

My mission this month, is to find a home for two retired racing greyhounds that tower over me and have languished at SESAW for over a year.

Bodie and Mikey, aged five and four respectively could be separated but that would be a shame as they have always been together. They need an experienced home with no cats, two on-lead walks a day and a comfy sofa. If you have room in your heart and home for these beautiful creatures, please leave a phone message or email with your contact details.

If you, like me, are not an early riser, here are two events for you! We will be selling various items at a Boot Sale on the Football Ground in Long Melford, CO10 9JY, 2.30pm on 9th June. We will also have a stall and a Pets Corner at the Summer Fete on Leavenheath Village Green, CO6 4PY, 1pm of 17th June. Do pop in to say hello if you fancy a trip out.

More volunteers are still needed to look after the dogs, cats, rabbits and other small animals until the right persons comes along. If you would like to help or are looking for a new pet to complete your family, please visit our website or call in to see our



many rescued animals. We are open 10am to 1pm, Thursday to Sunday and look forward to seeing you. If you wait until lunchtime, you may even catch a glimpse of me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!

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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.

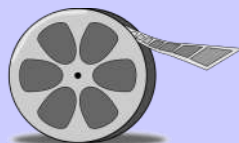
Contact Group Scout Leader, Denise Hobday 01206 230918.

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' has 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. Next to him is a black and white dog. A speech bubble from the dog contains the text 'at the Shepherd & Dog Langham'. To the right, the words 'Beer and the Bible' are written in a large, elegant, black script font. At the bottom, the text reads 'Every second Monday of the month from 8pm All welcome'.

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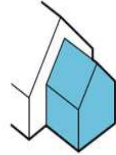
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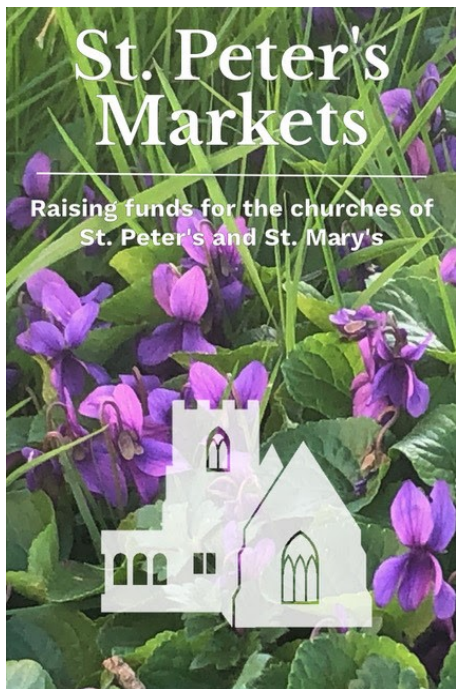
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Stop
Think before
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Challenge
Are you
certain of their
intentions?

Check
Are you sure
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Monday.....230525 or 272773

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Any queries, ring the Organiser Arabella Brentnall, 01206 272013

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