

A large, leafy tree with a thick trunk stands in a forest. The ground is covered with green ferns and some brown leaves. The background shows more trees and a clear blue sky.

ST MARY & ST PETER
NEWSLETTER

October 2023

CHURCH SERVICES

1st October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Peter's - All-age Worship
6.00pm at St Mary's - Holy Communion
with The Revd Canon Tim Bull.
Refreshments (tea and cake) will be
served beforehand

8th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Peter's -
Holy Communion for Harvest
Thanksgiving

14th October Saturday

3.00pm St Peter's churchyard - Forest
Church

15th October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Mary's - Holy Communion

22nd October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Mary's - Holy Communion

29th October Last Sunday after Trinity

5.00pm at St Peter's - Commemoration
of All Souls

5th November All Saints Sunday

9.30am at St Peter's - All-age Worship
6.30pm at St Mary's - Holy Communion

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Deadline for submissions for the November edition: 15th October
Contact the editor via email: lwbnewsletter@gmail.com

Welcome to the October Newsletter.

Autumnal greetings! The Great Pylon Project has been featured in the news a lot recently with accusations of 'nimbyism' and corporate greed being hurled around, and a good deal of animosity generated. The long-term energy needs of the nation are not disputed now we are being herded towards electric-powered vehicles while cheap gas from the east has been shown to be precarious, but the proposed creation of the chain of 50ft -high steel towers is bound to have an effect on the countryside wherever it is put. The 'undersea' option is often dismissed as too expensive, but in the long-term it may prove to be

the better plan for many reasons (other than the effect on the government's borrowing requirements). Certainly, if the overland option goes ahead we will all know about it soon enough. Given the 'frankly ridiculous' amount of time it is taking to get a short section of road bridge repaired, the likelihood of hundreds of pylons appearing overnight seems infinitely small.

In happier news, Christmas is definitely coming now as *Operation Shoebox* resumes.

Steve Pollington,
Editor



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BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

On the 18th August the History Group visited **Lavenham Hall gardens** in the centre of Lavenham. Lavenham was once a very wealthy town owing to the profitable wool trade and the hall has parts of its structure that date from the middle ages. Its gardens are extensive and contain a lake as well as trees and flower beds. It is also adorned by many sculptures

created by the lady of the house. The afternoon provided a relaxing visit to a garden that is rarely accessible to the public.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on 18th October at 8.00 pm in the village hall. The subject is the *History of Perrywoods*. All are welcome.

For information phone 231047
Alan Ladbrooke

PROBUS CLUB OF COLCHESTER

11th October *Bridges of France Through the Ages* Speaker Chris and Lois Pertee

25th October PRESIDENTS LUNCH with partners at Colne Valley Golf C;ub

8th November *Jumbo Tower Past Present and Future* by Andrew Crayston

22nd November *A Virtual Historic Tour of Colchester City* by Sir Bob Russell High Steward of Colchester

Probus club meetings when we have speakers commence promptly at 10.30 am. Lunch meetings commence at 12:30 am. Our club membership is open to Ladies and Gentlemen. If you desire to know more about our club then please contact Bob Cash on T: 01206 523422 or E: jr.cash@ntlworld.com

DIARY DATES

Sunday 22 October. Free music event, Jane Ward and Gwendal Moële present an afternoon of Early Music with guest appearance from acapella quartet *JAGNELD*.

4pm free performance, all welcome - donation for drinks / snacks welcome.

Saturday 25 November. Boxted jazz night at the Village Hall from 7pm tickets £10 adults (including welcome drink) children under 16 free, licensed bar with six-piece Jazz band '*Phoenix*'. Proceeds to go to church youth work. <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/593406>

Saturday 11th November

A Boxted Ceilidh An evening of music and fun for everyone at - Boxted Village Hall with music by the *Caledonian Reelers*. Cash Bar.

Limited Tickets £12 each (including hot food) available only in advance

from Jos Carter on 01206 272755
Tables for groups of eight can be reserved. In aid of the Friends of St Peter's Church Trust

The Boxted Players have begun their 2023 rehearsals for this year's pantomime '*Robin Hood (Boxted)*' on **Saturday 16 December** with a matinee and evening performance. Tickets are available online - book early it usually sells out!

MATINEE: <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/593396>

EVENING: <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/593398>

Proceeds go to the village hall with the bar supporting Boxted Royal British Legion.

BOXTED EVERGREENS

Our Club meets in the village hall every four weeks from 2.00pm to 3.30pm.

Anyone wishing to come along would be given a warm welcome. Our members are always asked for their suggestions before our yearly entertainment programme is arranged, so we do try our best to cater for everyone.

If you would like more information about our club please call **Linda** on **01206 272710**.

Boxted Wildlife Update

The Boxted Wildlife Group have again successfully applied for grant funding from the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Sustainable Development Fund, so that we may continue our work to enhance public knowledge of the presence and importance of wildlife in and around Boxted. This year it is titled the "Boxted Wildlife Activities Project". We are very grateful to the DV AONB to have once again received this funding that provides great support to our voluntary group.

Over the coming months we will be hosting a series of talks 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. The talks and presentations will be on topics of wildlife preservation and the importance of our natural environment as well as to hear from those with considerable knowledge about our wonderful surroundings. Activity days are being held on the



Boxted Wildlife
EVENING TALKS
TALKS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL. BAR AVAILABLE

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
ESSEX WILDFLOWERS
DR. CHRIS GIBSON

MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
30 YEARS OF CONSERVING ESSEX WILDLIFE
DR. CHRIS GIBSON

MONDAY 4TH MARCH
OWLS & BIRDS OF PREY
STEPHANIE CALLISTER-JARROLD

THE BOXTED WILDLIFE ACTIVITIES PROJECT 2023-24 IS FUNDED BY
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AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
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15th October and 14th January, both Sundays 10am to 1pm at the Boxted Village Hall. Evening talks will be Friday 10th November, Monday 5th February and Monday 4th March, all at Boxted Village Hall starting at 7:30pm. Doors from 7pm, with a bar service available.

All events will be advertised locally through the Parish facebook page, our facebook page (www.facebook.com/BoxtedWildlife), local 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 or be added to an email mailing list then please contact

Info@BoxtedWildlife.co.uk

The next village walk is scheduled for Saturday the 21st of October, meeting at 10 am at the Village Hall. On this walk we will be joined by Dr Chris Gibson, a professional conservationist whom we hope might have insights into our wonderful local flora and fauna. Walks will continue through the winter for those keen and willing, generally on the third Saturday of each month. Please keep an eye out for walk posters with additional dates listed.

In October/November time the group will be conducting our first cutting of the Village Green wildflower meadows. We are waiting for the last of the flowering species to drop their seeds for next year, before we cut and remove all of the tallest material from the meadow patches. Wildflower meadows are somewhat counterintuitive, unlike for a grass lawn where mulching the cuttings helps to promote lawn growth by nourishing the soil, by removing the



Boxted Wildlife ACTIVITY DAYS

ACTIVITY DAYS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL. REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

A fun filled morning of activities, including:

- Wildlife hunt and quiz
- Bird feeder weaving
- Design your own bug house
- Wildlife Arts and Crafts
- Fat-ball making
- Mask Making
- Owl Pellet Dissection
- Wildlife Mapping

Plus learn more about the Village Green and the Boxted Wildlife Group.

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER
BOXTED VILLAGE HALL
10AM - 1PM

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY (24)
BOXTED VILLAGE HALL
10AM - 1PM

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cuttings we will be removing nourishment from the soil which should inhibit the growth of lawn grass species and promote the growth of more native wild grasses and most importantly, wildflowers. Keep an eye out for that activity, and whilst you are there please make use of the wonderful new bench on the green which has been designed, built and donated to the village by the Carter family in memory of Dennis and Jeremy Carter.

Jonathan Hunt

Cllr.Jon.Hunt@Boxted-PC.gov.uk



The Kid
Memoirs of an American Fighter Pilot

BOXTED AIRFIELD MUSEUM
Boxted Village hall (CO4 5RE)
Boxted Memories

2nd Lieutenant Edmund E Ellis
of the US Army Air Corps
August 1944-July 1945
Presented by Lori Ellis Wolfe
(his daughter)

WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER @ 7.30
Admission donation £4 includes refreshments.
Ed wrote a detailed memoir and was happy to talk about his experiences.
Hear about "Blue Eyes" & "Boggle" the dog.
This presentation was recorded, Lori will not be with us.
www.boxted-airfield.com



SAVE the DATE:

Langham Fireworks Display Sat 4th November

with Live Music, Food Vans, Bar, Children's Rides

BOXTED W.I.

Meeting on the second Tuesday of each month 7.30 - 9.30 pm at 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.

SESAW NEWS

Cats Protection created National Black Cats Day on 27th October to “... celebrate the majesty of monochrome moggies...” having ascertained rehoming black/black white cats took longer in 2011. Mother will tell you this is still the case. She will also confirm I am not the easiest pet to live with, rather like another animal we homed recently.

Whereas I am a cat, he is a Jack Russell/Chihuahua cross, his name is also Ollie and he has plenty of ‘attitude’ too! He arrived due to his owner’s illness and didn’t settle in the first home we found, but the second was ideal. He now lives with a couple by the sea, he rides on his master’s mobility scooter and they know just how to manage his funny ways! It can be difficult to find the right home for animals with varied personalities but we usually succeed.

There are worldwide myths predicting dire or delightful consequences for those who see, touch or live with black cats. I don’t claim to bring you good or bad luck but I do offer my annual warning to keep all your pets safe during the firework season. It can be a very



scary time for us so please keep you dogs and cats indoors with you at night, close the windows and curtains, provide a ‘safe place’, play music and investigate calming room diffusers. Insulate outdoor hutches or move them to a shed or garage and check for hedgehogs before you build a bonfire.

I’ll close now as it’s getting dark outside - and Mother’s broomstick stands waiting for me,

Ollie (the Black) Cat!

What are you thankful for?

As I ask this question I am reminded of the film *'The Orphan Train'*, which depicts the journey, Emma Simms, niece of Reverend Simms, took taking orphan children to find new homes in the West of America. The journey is accompanied by many traumas, including a fire in their train carriage, arriving in the town of Clayhorn, only to be driven away by the townsfolk and a massive storm causing a bridge collapse, with the last few orphans, having to walk the final 15 miles to the town of Mildred.

Throughout the journey when things seem at their worst, Emma would lead them in singing the song, *'Count your blessings, name them one by one, count your blessings, see what God has done, count your blessings, name them one by one, count your many blessings, see what God has done.'*

Ask someone what troubles them, and perhaps they might be able to list many things, after all turn on the news and there is plenty that causes us anxiety and stress, particularly when we see the devastating aftermath of earthquakes, flooding, wildfires or war.

But turn that question on its head and ask people what they are thankful for and at first they might struggle, but actually, when we start to think about it, there are many things that we have

to be thankful for.

October is the month when across our churches, we are celebrating the Harvest, and we are reminded of all that we are thankful for. We are thankful to live in a country, where the harvest has been safely gathered in, we are thankful that for the most part we are full and satisfied, that we have a roof over our heads, access to medical aid, an education and career opportunities, we are thankful to be surrounded by beautiful countryside and to live in peace.

We are mindful that as we give thanks for all that we have, there are many who are not as fortunate as ourselves, and our thanksgiving leads to action as we seek ways of supporting them in their struggles, either through financial support, prayer, or calling our leaders to account.

And if you are ever struggling to think what you are thankful for, perhaps you might want to turn to Psalm 136 – which begins 'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good' before listing many things we should be thankful for, with the constant refrain throughout the Psalm 'His love endures forever.'

We are thankful, because God's love endures forever, no matter what we might be facing ... Gods love endures. And that is a great reason to be thankful.

May God bless you,

Heather

It's Shoebox Time!

Operation Christmas Child is again working alongside our local churches to share shoebox gifts in some of the hardest to reach locations in the world! From refugee camps in the Middle East and churches in war-torn Ukraine to remote villages in Africa and Central Asia, your shoeboxes offer hope and joy wherever they go.

Each shoebox you lovingly pack with treasures reminds a child that they are known and loved.

Our National Collection Week is between **November 13th to 20th** this year and there are plenty of ways to get involved and support.

October through to Mid November -

Item donation boxes will be placed into both St Mary's in Langham and St Peter's in Boxted throughout October and up until the 15th November.

October 7th - Family Quiz Night 7pm at Boxted Village Hall, raising funds to pay for the shipping of our shoeboxes packed as part of our packing party on Sunday November 19th. A family quiz with Raffle, Licenced bar and general information on the shoebox project.

November 19th - Shoebox Packing Party, 2.30 to 4 St Peter's Boxted followed by short shoebox blessing service. Come along and help pack this year's boxes from items lovingly collected and donated.

To find out more on any of these or if you are part of a group / team / business and would like to get involved please get in touch with Tim Clarke on 07792060597 or email timclarkie03@gmail.com

Charity Craft Fair



Sunday 15th October, 10-4pm

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

Pass wide and slow

I was wondering if you could feature in the parish magazine something regarding **horse and rider safety on the roads** around the village. With particular relevance to the Straight Road, Langham Road and Great Horkesley Road. I would really appreciate it if you could consider this. Some may be visitors but I sadly believe there are also local people that pass us at speed.

Whilst I appreciate there are 40mph restrictions these particular roads are party to very heavy traffic and are often used by horse riders including myself who are trying to access the quieter side roads. People seem to be travelling way over the prescribed 40 miles per hour limit and seem to have no regard for my safety or the safety of my horse when passing. I have already selected several videos to Operation Snap of totally inappropriate driving past us.

I live in the village. I have a job, children, parents, family and friends all who would like to see me come home after I've been for a ride. It would slow people down even more if they had to scrape me up off the road. I go out at times the road should be quieter and we are head to hoof in Hi-vis items.

My plea would be, please watch for hand signals - if the rider asks you to slow down, there is going to be a reason, perhaps one you cannot see yourself. A horse can move sideways at 40mph when spooked, if you pass too close and too fast it's a recipe for disaster. Imagine if it was your partner or child on that horse, and how you would feel knowing that someone made a conscious decision to put them in danger, all to save a few minutes. Or how you would feel knocking on my front door to tell my family I was in hospital or worse, not coming home at all.

I got a helmet camera to help me feel safer and it's already paying off, with several videos being sent to the police and action being taken. *Don't be in one of those videos. Please pass wide AND slow.* Thank you.

Blessings

Donna Luxton

Church Administrator for the 6 Parishes of Great Horkesley, Langham with Boxted, Little Horkesley, Mount Bures, West Bergholt and Wormingford

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Probus Club of Colchester — September Meeting

On the 13th Of September our club commenced its programme of meetings following a short summer break. It was well attended, with 24 members, including 8 ladies of which two were potential new members. We met for coffee and a short get together before the President welcomed everybody and quickly dealt with club business. He then introduced our invited speaker Ex police superintendent John Worland. His talk was titled:

THE WITCHES OF ESSEX.

With a sub heading of

THE EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF URSULA KEMP

In 1564 the Elizabethan Witch Act came into Law. In 1582 an infamous witch trial took place. It was the longest record of such a trial in history. At that time there were no doctors and the poor had little good food. Although where Ursula Kemp lived which was near the coast, fishing was also a source of food.

Some women had a basic knowledge of herbs. Ursula was knowledgeable and villagers sought her advice. She charged for this service and one time a villager refused to pay so Ursula reversed her treatment and this led to the villager's young boy breaking his neck and it was claimed that Ursula caused this death by witchcraft. She was arrested and imprisoned for trail in Colchester. Consequently she was sentenced to death.

Moving forward—in 1921 a Mr Brooker found a grave within which was a skeleton. This was outside the local Churchyard in St Osyth. At that time witches could not be buried in a churchyard because they were treated as pagans. Mr Brooker then advertised the grave as a tourist attraction and charged people who wished to see it. A second skeleton was found two years later and also put on display. Mr Brooker fell foul of the Entertainment Tax at that time, so he then started to sell postcards with a picture of the skeletons.

In 1963 Mr Brooker wished to sell the site, but there was little or no interest because of the illegal exhumation. Eventually the skeletons were acquired by the Witchcraft Museum in Boscastle Cornwall by the owner and proprietor Mr Robert Leikewitch. When he died his solicitor had to auction 3 buildings and the effects but was left with the skeleton of Ursula.

Our speaker John Worland had done extensive research and traced the skeletons. The first thing they did was to arrange for a forensic examination by Jacquie Kingsley and that clearly indicated that the bones were belonging to Ursula.

The local Parish council in St Osyth agreed for her burial in the local cemetery. Finally in 2016 A permanent memorial plaque was unveiled in front of Colchester castle.

This was a most interesting talk and was greatly appreciated by the Probus members.

From Councillor Lewis Barber

We recently met with **Essex Highways** officers to discuss the disappointing report into on road safety and **traffic management** in Boxted, Dedham and Langham. The report was deficient in failing to take into account all three villages holistically. The report is now being expanded to take into account neighbouring villages to get a holistic view, as well as taking on board the initial criticisms both from myself and Parish Councils.

I also appreciate how frustrating the **Severalls Bridge traffic restriction** is. I have been working on National Highways to get answers and a timeframe for completion of the works. Unfortunately, due to other A12 works and the complexity of the design stage, work is likely to not commence for 15-21 months. It will then need to be completed in 3 months due to further planned A12 works. I welcome the clarity on the plan going forward. However, it is deeply disappointing to know that there is still such a long time until it is expected to commence. It remains unclear to me how it has taken so long to get to this point. I will work to ensure that the above timescales are adhered to, if not improved on. If you wish for a more comprehensive update with information, please email me on cllr.lewis.barber@essex.gov.uk

I will also have the second phase of my priority repair budget opening later in the

financial year. This is part of the extra £17m we have added to the Highways maintenance budget this year. For the first round of this financial year, I put forward the defects around Severalls Lane Bridge and Workhouse Hill. Please do send me any suggestions either now or in a few weeks time when the second phase opens.

My campaign continues to introduce **Digigo, an electric on demand bus**, to the area. I am determined to improve the public transport offering in rural Colchester. I secured up to £20,000 from the Local Highways Panel after colleagues supported the application to conduct a feasibility study, business case etc for the service in the area- a major piece of work.

Myself and city council colleagues continue to oppose the introduction of **garden waste charges** and the scrapping of many sites from the waste drop off service by Colchester City Council. The proposals will see:

**A £10 set-up fee *A £30 for a garden waste wheelie bin *An annual charge of £55 for a fortnightly collection*

We will do our best to oppose these measures before they are implemented in the new year. We are also concerned about indications of charging for other recyclable materials. We will remain steadfast against such charges.

I also took the opportunity to meet with National Highways at their stall at Marks Tey Market where they were available to discuss the A12 works,

which it estimates will be completed in Spring 2024. I frequently liaise with National Highways on matters but I again raised numerous issues with the works. I support the investment into repairs but I also want to minimise the disruption as much as possible. A couple of points to note from the meeting. Firstly, the deployment of a speed enforcement vehicle on local roads to reduce the impact of traffic trying to avoid the works on the local network. Secondly, additional signage to deter use of local roads instead of the A12 in the first place. National Highways are reiterating that journeys down the A12 remain quicker than bypassing off it down

local roads. Unfortunately, National Highways did reject Essex Highways request for funding to help repair local roads impacted by this extra traffic. Essex Highways are now trying to find the budget to assist.

Finally, thank you to everybody who continues to respond to the consultation on **pylons**. I am pleased that Essex County Council is producing an independent review of the options. I continue to support an offshore integrated option to reduce costs to the consumer, protect our environment and deliver the much needed domestic, cheap and sustainable energy.

LANGHAM LADIES

At Langham Ladies' September meeting in the Langham Community Centre forty four members and guests enjoyed a talk by Hannah Powell a family member of Perrywood Garden Centre telling us about *The History Of Perrywood Garden Centre*. In 1955 it started with 4 acres of land where they kept cattle, chickens and a few vegetables and strawberries. In 1970 they had their first greenhouse which was built by the family members, then in 1975 the Garden Centre grew to four greenhouses. The whole family including the children were all involved in the jobs including pricking out the seedlings. Hannah told us that when she was young she earned 5pence per plant pricking out. Gradually over the years Perrywood Garden Centre has grown to what

we see today. They grow all the bedding plants—about one million a year—which are now pricked out mechanically by a machine. In 2018 a Perrywood Garden Centre was opened in Sudbury. Both Centres have a lovely gift shop and restaurant

The program for Langham Ladies meeting has been changed on Thursday October 12th starting at 7.30pm. Unfortunately the boutique we were having has had to cancel so we are now having a very interesting talk by Karen and her colleague on *Essential Oils and Lava Stones*. Essential oils have a lot of benefits to help our health. *New members will always be made very welcome.*

Langham Community Centre Barbecue

Although it seems a long time ago now, I wanted to write about the afternoon some of us had the pleasure of meeting the refugees currently staying in the Holiday Inn in Birchwood.

This wasn't any old meeting, but we were in fact cooked for by an Iranian chef called Diar. It was noticeable how committed Diar is to his cooking and how important it is for the food to be cooked and served correctly. With barbecues transported to the Community Centre barbecue patio area, Diar did well to serve tender lamb in a traditional Iranian sauce with rice for up to 50 people.

Food was enjoyed after a hot, sweaty but really enjoyable rounders tournament. With 30-40 refugees who came to join us not entirely understanding the rules of rounders, it is due to Martyn Green's (Community 360) dedication in transporting this group of men that the event and other community events they partake in, can happen.

This wasn't an exclusive event by any means, it was an opportunity to

offer initial contact/welcome on behalf of the village of Langham. Many of these young men have tragic and difficult stories and plights but nearly every one I met had a big smile and shared a friendly greeting.

Some do not speak English that well and so communication was tricky at times but the kindness through sharing food, having fun together and sharing encouragement speaks volumes.

I felt compelled to write this in the newsletter in order that Langham, as a village, welcome these incredible people and make this a community they feel they belong. There is a hope we can encourage regular community events with the group and would welcome any of you to be a part of this.

Perhaps you are able to teach English as a foreign language, or you have items you wish to donate or you would simply like to get to know them to welcome them too.

Contact Lisa Ogawa (on Facebook Messenger and Langham Locals page) if you want to help in anyway and lend any ideas – it would be great to do this as a community together.

Norwich to Tilbury – The not-so-Great Grid Upgrade

Residents may not be aware of the implications of National Grid's proposed plans to bring 18 semi-conductor cables from Norwich - through the Dedham Vale AONB - to Tilbury.

It's almost comforting to know that all the cabling will be underground when it passes through the Dedham Vale AONB, protecting this stunning landscape ...until that is, you take a closer look at what 'undergrounding' really means!

National Grid's stated preference to crossing the Vale is to use a combination of excavated trenches and/or horizontal directional drilling (boring). Either approach will bring about a permanent and catastrophic change to the Dedham Vale.

Construction works will involve felling mature woodland; digging up precious wetland; excavating fragile arable land and wetland soil; removing hedges and - during and after construction— permanently changing or preventing access to areas of the AONB. Vital habitats for critically endangered barbastelle and serotine bats will be impacted along with a myriad of other habitats for other at-risk mammals and bird life now living and breeding in the AONB. Take a look at NG's own graphic and photos of a typical construction swathe. As you look at these remember these are for just 3 cables, we will have 18!

Overleaf is NG's proposed routing through the Dedham Vale AONB. Don't be fooled by the simple dotted line. Where the route splits there will be



NG - Construction best practice for underground cable installation



Direct|buried cable installation in a rural area

9 cables buried in each trench, the construction swathe for these trenches will be 65-100m+wide, where the trenches re-join, the width of the construction swathe will be 100-150m wide, that's 1 1/2 full-size football pitches.

Where the proposed route heads through woodland (areas in green) all the trees will be felled – permanently. In our case, on the Langham Hall Estate, that means the destruction and felling of mature woodland within the historic area known as *The Coombs*.

As the route passes through Langham Hall Estate across the River Stour it severs two historic public footpaths: The Stour Valley Path and The Essex Way, across the very spots where in the 1820s our celebrated landscape artist - John Constable painted various versions of Church Farm and St Marys



Church, Langham (The Glebe Farm). Versions of this evocative and genre defining landscape painting now hang at the Tate Britain.

For those of us unfortunate enough to be on or near the proposed route, the socio-economic impacts are genuinely scary. The scale of the works will also cause irreparable damage to the environment,



The Glebe Farm c.1828 John Constable (5th v) © Sotheby's

sensitive landscapes and vital wildlife habitats. Make no mistake, however temporary the works, post construction the changes will be permanent and will be experienced for generations. And if NG's own studies are to be believed it seems that all this is completely unnecessary.

Yes, we must improve our electricity transmission capacity. As consumer demand scales up, renewable energy from the North Sea needs to find a route to market and the existing network will not provide that. But the best way to achieve a scalable, dynamic and efficient solution is not to build more linear/radial, point to

point connections. NG's own research and approach to development elsewhere in the UK is to adopt a more holistic network design (HND). Why is it not adopting this approach here? Applying HND principles for Norwich to Tilbury will obviate the need for any

onshore transmission through the Dedham Vale AONB and very many other sensitive areas along the proposed route. Indeed, NG's own studies indicate that a coordinated offshore solution would be more cost effective and future proof. So why is NG not following its own findings?

To find out more, to get involved and/or donate to help us persuade National Grid and UK.Gov to consider and implement a more co-ordinated and far less damaging upgrade please visit: pylonseastanglia.co.uk

Charlie Warburton

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BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

Meeting every third Wednesday of the month at Boxted Village Hall.

7.30 for 8pm.

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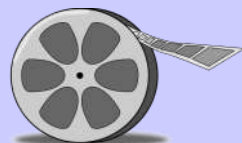
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