



# ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER



A free newsletter published by the Church for every home in Boxted & Langham

February 2017

## SMARTYPANTS QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday February 4th

Boxted Village Hall

7 for 7.30pm

£3 per person

Teams of up to 6

Bring your own refreshments

This is a very popular night, so

**ring Rcs on 273113**

to book your place.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



A magnificent total of 127 shoeboxes (two more than last year) were donated by the kind residents of Boxted and Langham during November.

Of these, 73 were collected by the two churches, 24 by Boxted school and 30 by Langham school.

Once again the boxes were gathered together by Claire Arculus and delivered to the depot by Keith and Shirley Groome.

## LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT IN LANGHAM

A defibrillator has been installed outside the Langham Community Centre. As the unit is registered with the Essex Ambulance Service it can be accessed by anybody if they have called 999.

A Training session will be given to a number of people from Langham and local businesses.

Our thanks go to the Community HeartBeat Trust who guided us through the process of acquiring and installing the unit.

## LANGHAM COMMUNITY SHOP



Langham Community Shop is launching Palmer & Partners sponsorship at the LCC 100 Club Coffee Morning to be held at the Langham Community Centre on Friday 27th January at 10.30am. The Shop would like to officially thank Palmer & Partners for their support. Jean Newnham is kindly making a cake to mark the occasion. The usual book sale will be held.

Colchester Borough Council are installing a digital access point at the Shop in order for people to easily look up council information and services, make payments and report incidents such as pot-holes, fly-tipping and dog-fouling. This is a great way for technophobes to have a play too! If you are intrigued come along to the 100 Club Coffee morning where a Council representative will be demonstrating the device and answering questions.

The next LCS syndicate oil order deadline is 5pm on Monday 30th January. Participation is £2 (£1 to Shop volunteers), all welcome. Ian Sutherland won the Shop Draw for December. Thank you to all for your continued custom and thank you to all our volunteers.

Langham Community Shop periodically sends out a short e-newsletter. To subscribe please fill in a form in the Shop.

Don't forget that the shop has a parcel collection service for those times when you can't be at home. £1.50 per parcel.

## SPOTLIGHT ON.....

This is a new feature being introduced to the newsletter, space permitting.

If you are part of a group or organisation whose activities take place in either (or both) of the villages, and you would like to tell everyone about yourselves, then this is your opportunity. How long have you been doing what you do? How many members do you have? What do you do? Where and when do you meet? Would you like new members?

Whether you're a litter picker, a bell-ringer, a scout, a crafter, a footballer, a history buff etc., we want to know about you!

If you would like to be a part of

Spotlight On...,

please contact the editor

Pauline Coverley on

**01206 271813**

or e-mail

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## LANGHAM W.I. IN CRISIS!

The WI has a problem. Total membership is healthy, and we have a great programme, but we are about to run out of people able and willing to take on key posts on the Committee - five of the seven committee members are retiring in May after nearly 60 years of service between them!

Our WI will have to close after 78 years if we cannot appoint their replacements. This would be a sad loss to the village as we are very sociable, with a craft group as well as monthly meetings, outings, friendly support, and some charity work. No jam, and very little Jerusalem or cake making!

Whether you are a member or not, if you can come along and help us, please contact Jean 273977, Rona 272331 or Alison 272806 by Wednesday February 1st, so we can decide our future.

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by 1 pm on SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

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## FREE COMPUTER TUITION

Puzzled by your PC?  
 Stymied by your smartphone?  
 Teased by your tablet?

Colchester Borough Council are running free events at Boxted Community Hub on the 2nd Friday of each month, giving tips on how to get the most out of your device. **The next drop-in event will be on Friday 10th February between 10-12noon.**

Bring your own smartphone, tablet or laptop and any queries you have on how to use them. For more information call **01206 282222.**

## BOXTED PARISH COUNCIL



## BOXTED COMMUNITY HUB

Boxted Community Hub has proved to be a huge success since its opening in the summer last year, but it is becoming apparent that the many years of neglect prior to the Council taking control have left the building in poor repair and Boxted Parish Council, as owners of the building, now have to start looking at more major repairs if the Hub is going to be able to continue. The most pressing issue at present is the roof which needs replacing at a cost of around £20,000.

The Council are seeking grant funding to cover this but if this is not successful they will be seeking a loan from the Public Works Loan Board, with the intention of the repayments being covered from the income generated by the Hub.

In a worst case scenario increases to local council tax may be necessary to cover the capital and interest, although this is something the Council will be working hard to avoid. The Council will be looking carefully at this idea at meetings in the coming months, all of which are open to the public.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7pm at Boxted Village Hall.

**Boxted Parish Council**  
**01206 329019**  
**boxted-council@btconnect.com**

## LANGHAM SINGERS

Are seeking a new teacher so that the group can continue. If you would like to join those who enjoy singing for fun on Saturday mornings.

Please call Carolyn Blacklock on **01206 272332**

or e-mail **blacklock2@gmail.com**



## CHURCH SERVICES FEBRUARY

**Sunday 5th February**  
**St Mary's**  
 9.30 am Sung Eucharist  
**Boxted Methodist Chapel**  
 11.00 am Morning Service  
 3.00 pm Band Service

**Sunday 12th February**  
**St Peter's**  
 9.30 am Sung Eucharist  
**Boxted Methodist Chapel**  
 11.00 am Morning Service

**Sunday 19th February**  
**St Mary's**  
 8.00 am BCP Eucharist  
 9.30 am Family Service  
**Boxted Methodist Chapel**  
 11.00 am Morning Service  
 With Communion

**Sunday 26th February**  
**St Peter's**  
 9.30am Sung Eucharist  
**Boxted Methodist Chapel**  
 11.00 am Morning Service

**Sunday 1st March**  
**St Mary's**  
 11.00 am Sung Eucharist

Langham Parish Council  
 Heritage Committee



AN EVENING  
 OF  
 LOCAL HISTORY  
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 TALK  
 BY  
 SIMON GALLUP  
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 DISPLAY OF  
 LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHS  
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Friday  
 17 FEBRUARY  
 7.30 pm  
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 Community Centre  
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 From

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 ▣ LIZ SCHOFIELD  
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## BOXTED VILLAGE HALL SNOWBALL December/January Winners

£25 Mrs Dalziel/Mrs Stanmore  
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 £ 6 Mrs Selsby/Gavin Bays  
 £ 4 Pam Neville/Mrs Doubleday  
 If you would like to join the Snowball  
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## LANGHAM 100 CLUB November/December Winners

£40 Peggy Busby/Langham Bowls  
 £25 Langham W.I/Sylvia Mays  
 £15 Langham Bowls/Jean Newnham  
 £10 Ernie Schofield/Pauline Gant  
 If you would like to join the 100 Club  
 ring Sue Armstrong on 271127.

## BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

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 In contrast the subject of the year's last meeting was 'The Hits of the 50s and 60s' when Ray Spillar took us on a musical romp through the two decades of pop music.

## BOXTED W.I.

In December 2016 Boxted W.I. enjoyed a scrumptious Christmas meal at the Ardleigh Crown.  
 The following week we had an absolute hoot as the committee supplied an amusing performance of 'Cinderella'.  
 The ladies, drawing on their almost unparalleled experience, sniffed, blind tasted and cast their expert opinions on mince pies, whilst enjoying the warming, smile inducing, seasonal mulled wine.  
 The Christmas celebrations didn't end there! Some of the girls then travelled to Germany for the festive Christmas Markets, meeting up with the lovely Petra our WI member who relocated earlier in



2017  
 January (photo attached)  
 Boxted W.I. got the year off to a super start with a January Murder Mystery evening. Everyone joined in the spirit of the evening and we had a really fun time. Particular thanks go to Gillian Walker for her organisation and to Jill Graves for her buffet (yum!).

## LANGHAM W.I.

2016 ended with a lovely party. The ukulele group from Stanway U3A were great accompanists to Christmas songs, interspersed with cheeky stories and quickfire repartee. We finished with a feast of seasonal nibbles and decorative sweets made by members.

January's meeting was affected by the first snowfall, but our speaker, Eve Regelous, made the trip and gave a fun and detailed account of her days booking artists for many events across Britain. Acts she managed events for ranged from tap dancing turkeys and Christmas fairies to Jamie Oliver and Peter Andre, who was kindness itself.

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 Although Henry II tried to impose a beer tax in 1188 to finance the crusaders it wasn't until 1393 that Richard II decreed that all pubs must display a simple pictorial sign and be registered. Once they could be identified a drinks tax quickly followed!  
 In contrast the subject of the year's last meeting was 'The Hits of the 50s and 60s' when Ray Spillar took us on a musical romp through the two decades of pop music. To most of the audience this was their era so they were soon tapping their feet to tunes everyone recognised.

## BOXTED AIRFIELD HISTORICAL GROUP

28 of our members enjoyed our Annual Christmas lunch held on the 14th December at the officers club Colchester.

February's meeting will be on 21st February.  
 Guest speaker James Chandler - "It was a Schoolboys year in the Falklands after the Falklands War".  
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