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BOXTED

QUIZ NIGHT

On Saturday November 22 at the Sports and Social club from 7 pm. Teams of 2 to 4 people. £25 a team. In aid of Boxted Lodgers Football Club. All welcome.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday November 23: 8.30 am Eucharist at St Mary's, Langham. 10 am Mattins at St Peter's, Boxted, 10.30 am service at the Methodist Church led by Meryle Longley.

ROAD CLOSURE

From Monday, November 24 for 5 days Langham Lane, Boxted will be closed for it's entire length for repair work. Access to property will be maintained during the closure.

MOBILE POLICE OFFICE

This will be at the playing field car park on Monday November 24 from 11.15 to 12 noon.

ADVENT FRUGAL LUNCHESES

In aid of Colchester Emergency Night Shelter. These will follow the weekly coffee café at the village hall for four consecutive Tuesdays from 25 Nov to 16 Dec incl. All welcome.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This will be on Saturday November 29 in the village hall from 2.30 pm.

METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS SALE

On Saturday December 6 in the schoolroom from 11 – 12.30 pm.

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Recently members were invited to the home of the President for Lunch.

A pleasant few hours were spent chatting and making plans for next years Programme. The A.G.M. was held in November during which the new Committee was formed and Geraldine Russell was re-elected as President. On her retirement Mary Mould was thanked for her ten years as Treasurer.

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The Christmas Dinner will be at The Rose and Crown at Dedham on December 2nd and the following Tuesday the Christmas Party will be in the Village Hall.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A car was broken into recently while parked at the village hall car park and a Satnav stolen .

PRAM AND CHAT

Pram and Chat will be continuing after Christmas. Kelly and Nicola will be running the group on Wednesdays from 9.45am to 11.15am at Boxted St Peter's School, term time only. For further details please contact Kelly on 07999 527685 or Nicola on 272213."

THE BELLS OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

St Peter's is a beautiful Norman church started by Saxon Christians in the early 11th Century and completed by the Normans between 1090 and 1130. It is believed the church was built on the site of a Roman villa destroyed by Queen Boudicca during the course of her advance on Colchester in A.D.61. The Norman parts of the church were built with a mixture of rubble and Roman brick from the original villa.

When it was first built, there were probably no bells, but by the 14th Century there were four. One of these was probably a Sanctus bell, to be rung during the celebration of the Mass. However, the likelihood is that the Sanctus bell was removed during the time of the Reformation, as only three bells were recorded in 1684.

In 1703 a severe storm badly damaged the tower and the bells, although the sixteenth century bell-frame remained intact. Eleven years later the smaller of the bells rededicated **recently** was cast by Thomas Gardiner of Sudbury. Another bell was added, probably in 1780.

In 1812 a larger bell was cast by Thomas Mears of The Whitechapel Foundry in East London, so that by the middle of the 19th century there were three bells once again.

However, that situation didn't last long, because in 1870 a bell was sold, probably in order to fund part of some major restoration work undertaken on the church at that time. St Peter's continued with just two bells until the 1990's by which time the 1812 bell was badly cracked and both had become unsafe to ring.

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Now, thanks to the generosity of organisations and individuals within the parish, the cracked bell has been re-cast by the Whitechapel Foundry and both the bells restored to working order. The cost was covered by a bequest from the late Col. Geoffrey Burlton, a former Boxted resident and Churchwarden of St Peter's (through the Boxted Church Support Trust) very

generous donations from two Boxted families, and a contribution from the sale proceeds of "Boxted": Portrait of an English Village" written by Boxted resident, Douglas Carter.

WANT TO GET ON THE TELLY?

(this request came through McLauchlan's website: Boxted Berries)

To McLauchlans,

The hugely successful Channel 4 programme Come Dine With Me is looking for people with a keen interest in food to take part in a new, prime time series! We are soon to be coming to Colchester and the surrounding areas to film an episode and so are looking for people from the area to apply for the programme!

We're looking for people over 18 years of age with a passion for cooking and who want to demonstrate their skills. Over four days, four strangers, from all walks of life, take turns to host the perfect dinner party for each other. At the end of the week the most impressive host wins a £1,000 cash prize!

If you, or anyone you know, would like to take part then please call and leave your name and number ASAP on: 0871 200 3939 (Calls cost 10p per minute from a BT landline,

mobile and other network rates may be higher) or email:
comedinewithme@granadamedia.com

Kind regards,

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