

**Boxted 21 April 2008**

### **CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday April 27: 8.30 am Eucharist at St Mary's, Langham, 10 am Eucharist at St Peter's, Boxted, 10.30 am H C service at the Methodist Church led by Douglas Harrison.

### **CRICKET CLUB**

The first home match of the season will be on Sunday April 27 at the playing field from 1.30 pm. Boxted will be playing against Lt Baddow in the PDQ Division 2 league

### **EVERGREENS**

The next meeting on Thursday May 1 in the village hall from 2.30 pm will feature 'Sally's Poetry to Amuse'.

### **VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT GROUP**

The AGM is on Thursday May 1st at 7.30 pm in the Sports and Social Club, when the year's activities and progress will be discussed. The outline report draft will be prepared for the AGM. All are welcome, with any comments.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Concrete gravel boards from a line of fencing were stolen recently from a property near The Cross. The fence panels were left on the lawn.

### **CELLO PILGRIMAGE AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH**

Over a hundred people felt privileged to listen to Orlando Jopling's music in a candlelit setting in the church recently. In excess of £1000 was raised for the church tower appeal.

### **FOOTPATH WALKS**

Because of the wind and sleet earlier in the day only seven people went on the walk in April.

The walk on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May will leave the Playing Field car park at 2pm.

### **W.I.**

Boxted WI convened the Spring Valley Meeting at Langham Community Centre recently and Little Horkesley WI joined us. Two trustees, our adviser, a representative from the Salvation Army and the presidents of all the WI's were present. Graham Jolley entertained us with his Mind Reading and after refreshments Peter Redhead, previously of Fillpots Nursery, and Emma the Florist made beautiful Flower Arrangements while explaining how they did them. Jackie Lyons spoke about the work of the Salvation Army and thanked all the W.I. s for many items they had collected for the Army. The Fund Raising Stalls and Raffle were well supported. Anne Newman thanked everyone for their Hard work and the Meeting closed with the National Anthem.

### **BOXTED HISTORY GROUP**

In recent months the History Group has welcomed some very interesting and varied speakers. Back in February David Cawdell gave a fascinating talk about Lexden Mill that used to stand in Spring Lane near where the large roundabout is that takes traffic to the A12. Then in March members were given an insight into the origins and purposes of the Pearly Kings and Queens of London. They were formed with the sole purpose of fund raising for charity and their positions are handed down through the generations. April is the Annual Meeting month and this year Janet Stimson stood down from the committee and

Christopher and Christine Pawsey were elected to fill the vacancy. This meeting was followed by a talk from Brian Curtois entitled 30 years reporting for the BBC. For much of that time he was the political editor and his face became very familiar at news times. It was interesting to learn how the character of reporting changed during the 30 years, especially after the advent of first radio and then television into the chamber of the House of Commons.

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