

A large, textured tree trunk is the central focus, partially covered in green ivy. In the foreground, a cluster of bright yellow daffodils with green leaves is in bloom. The background shows bare tree branches and a clear sky.

ST MARY & ST PETER
NEWSLETTER

April 2024

CHURCH SERVICES

7th April Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am at St Peter's – Holy Communion (said)

10.30am at St Peter's – Morning Worship

Refreshments are served at 10.15 between the services

14th April Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am at St Peter's – Holy Communion

21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am at St Mary's – Holy Communion (said)

10.30am at St Mary's – Morning Worship

Refreshments are served at 10.15 between the services

28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am at St Mary's – Holy Communion

Followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting



5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am at St Peter's – Holy Communion (said)

10.30am at St Peter's – Morning Worship

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Welcome to the April Newsletter.



April is here! A third of the way through the year already and still lots to do!

The oldest English name for this month is, unsurprisingly, “Easter-month” which the 8th century churchman, Bede, based up in Jarrow, mentioned in his treatise on the calculation of time (here translated from his Latin original):

“*Eosturmonath* has a name which is now translated “Paschal month” and which was once called after a goddess of [the Angles] named *Eostre*, in whose honour feasts were celebrated in that month. Now they designate that Paschal season by her name, calling the joys of the new rite by the time-honoured name of the old observance.”

It is likely that the name ‘Easter’ is based on the word ‘east’ and refers to dawn in the eastern sky—*Eostre* would have been a goddess of the dawn, then. The sense is of a new beginning, a fresh start, and the resurgence of flowers, trees and

wildlife certainly supports this. The next month, May, was called *Þrimilce* or ‘three-milkings’ because cows and sheep could be milked three times a day at this time of year. Work in the fields was of course tied very closely to the weather, the season and all the tasks that needed to be done — for crops and for livestock, and preparing for the days and weeks ahead.

As insulated as we are in so many ways from the natural world by modern technology, I am sure most of us still feel a stirring of something primal when we see the first crocus or daffodil of the season. It gives reassurance that life will go on (despite everything the newspapers and television have to say) and it may only take a few more days for things to pick up to the point where lawnmowers may safely be unhoused, shears deployed and garden furniture installed. Happy days!

Steve Pollington,
Editor

Boxted Parish Council Report – March 2024

Our March council meeting was attended by our Colchester Council representative, Cllr Tom Rowe.

Our vacant position on the council should be filled over the next few months by either individuals putting themselves forward for election or if no-one comes forward by the more informal appointment called co-option.

April sees the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th. We hope to hear from the Boxted against Pylons Campaign, Harpers Caffè and someone who may be able to talk about aspirations for the Royal British Legion site. This is a meeting for residents, and everyone is welcome. It would be lovely to see you.

We have seen the new imposing bus stops appear in the village. It was a surprise to the Parish Council as no consultation or information was provided by the Essex Passenger Transport Infrastructure Team. We did know that the Dedham Road bus stop towards Colchester would be brought up to standard with kerb changes, but the rest of the work was a complete surprise. We have raised our concerns about road safety and have involved our County Councillor.

Residents and the council are again experiencing crime and anti-social behaviour. Smashed sharp items on the

field, graffiti, and theft of bicycles. The police are aware and will be increasing patrols in the area.

We are still looking for some volunteers to help review and amend the Boxted Neighbourhood Plan – this is a really important document as it forms part of the legal framework around what can and can't be built or developed in Boxted. We would like to involve residents and hear their views. Our first meeting is on Wed 24th April in the Committee Room of the Hub building. If you want to be involved, then please email Karen on clerk@boxted-pc.gov.uk.

We are also asking Colchester Council to transfer a piece of the greensward along Dedham Rd, towards Cooks Hill to the Council so that we can add some wildlife-promoting plants. Your view on this would be appreciated. Is this something you would support?

Please get in touch with the Council by dropping an email to clerk@boxted-pc.gov.uk, look at www.boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk and follow the Facebook page 'Boxted Parish Council'.

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Have you heard about those scary Asian Hornets which are a huge threat to our native honey bees? I hope our volunteers watch out for them in the garden at SESA.W. People can report any sightings via a mobile phone 'app' from the gov.uk website. Read about it at: New app to report Asian hornet sightings - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Birdsong, daffodils and lighter evenings herald the arrival of Spring but we have animals from last summer, still awaiting new homes, including a bonded pair of Saluki dogs. Lily and Grey (pictured) are looking for a loving home with a comfy sofa after raising their five puppies. If you, or someone you know, could be that special person they deserve, please call or email.

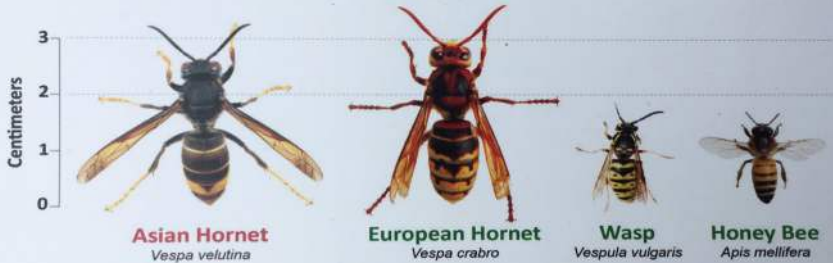
We are full to overflowing with rescued animals which is impeding



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vital maintenance so we have decided to close from 1st April for at least one month to facilitate renovations. Rescue intake is now on a strictly emergency basis to free up the accommodation in need of repairs. Rehoming of animals will continue by appointment only and extra help will be drafted in to take incoming calls and emails. We apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst these essential works are carried out and hope everyone will be understanding until normal service can be resumed.

Warmest wishes for a blessed Easter and don't forget to keep any chocolate eggs away from animals, particularly dogs like me,

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ASIAN HORNET WATCH

THANK YOU! **Designed by @mielidelucia**

Kenny (the Boss)
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Langham Community Centre's

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BOXTED HISTORY GROUP

Dissent (the opposing of a prevailing orthodoxy) has a long history. One of the earliest English dissenters was John Wycliffe who was born in 1320. He was a Catholic priest who became disillusioned with the privileges of the clergy. He is best known for translating the Bible into English so that it could be read all literate people and not just by priests. The church felt it was being undermined by his teachings and, after his death in 1384, excommunicated him and removed his body from consecrated ground. His work was continued in 15th and 16th centuries by the Lollards.

The most influential dissenter against the Catholic faith, however, was Martin Luther, born in Germany in 1483. A priest himself, he strongly opposed many of the church's practices, especially the buying of indulgences. The pope tried to get him retract his teachings and, when Luther refused, had him excommunicated. The pope's efforts were in vain and Protestantism was born, spreading throughout Europe and ultimately the whole world.

Protestantism, which began as dissent from the Roman Catholic church, soon produced its own dissenters. One was John Calvin (1509-1564) who was based in Geneva. He formulated a system of belief that spread widely in Europe, including England and Scotland. One of

the key tenets of his teaching was a belief in predestination. The Presbyterian church grew from his work.

As the years passed other groups broke away from the Church of England. Baptists, Puritans, Quakers, Methodists, Unitarians and other nonconformist groups became established. They were particularly strong in East Anglia, with many taking their faith with them to the New World when they emigrated, some to make a better life for themselves and others seeking religious freedom.

Churches, chapels and meeting houses built to house these groups are still plentiful today. One of the best examples locally is the Unitarian Meeting House in the centre of Ipswich. Unitarianism was founded in the 17th century after the passing of the Act of Toleration in 1689. The Meeting House was opened in 1700 and much of the interior remains intact.

John Warren talked to the History Group about Dissenters. *For information about future meetings phone 01206 272250.*

Alan Ladbrokee

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Langham Ladies meeting on Thursday March 14th was enjoyed by a large audience of members and guests as this was an open meeting. Jaime Blake who was the speaker is the son-in-law of the late Alan Bloom who instigated Bressingham Gardens and Jaime has also just retired from being the Head Gardener and Curator. Jaime's talk was called *Around the World in Eighty Plants*, which took us round the world showing where many plants commonly known originated from.

The next meeting is Thursday April 11th in Langham Community Centre, starting at 7.30pm. This meeting is also an open meeting so gentlemen, friends and anyone will be welcome to join us for £5 which includes tea/coffee and homemade cakes. This meeting will be of interest as it is Colleagues Steve Scruton and Ian Wyatt from **BBC Essex**. They are very popular commentators at shows like Clacton Air Show and the Suffolk Show and of course on BBC Radio. Their talk

is called *My Life in Radio* which goes back to the days of Radio Caroline. Come along and have a very enjoyable evening.

Later in the year Langham Ladies are organising a coach trip to **Bressingham Gardens** which is really worth a visit. There are some beautiful gardens, lovely restaurant, gift shop and home to steam engines and a great carousel. The trip is **Friday May 17th 2024** leaving Langham by Kings Coaches at 9am and leaving Bressingham about 4.30 pm. The cost of the trip is (if a RHS member) coach fee only £16 , a non member £29.50p.

This trip is open to members and non members so if you would like to come please get in touch with either Ginny Moss mobile. 07476649481 or Gill Brown. mobile 07514559961.

The coach cost £16 is required with the booking and is non-refundable. We look forward to hearing from you.

Probus Club of Colchester

Our club meet every two weeks at the modern club house of Colchester Rugby Club, just off the A12 and not far from the Park and Ride. The meeting of 14 February was once more well attended with a mix of Ladies and Gentlemen.

The talk this week, entitled *Make the Bold Move – Write that Book*, was presented by Mark Butterworth, who became a successful author later in life. He explained that his career centred on being largely involved with the world of insurance and that he had initially gained experience of being responsible for writing technical books plus, at a personal level, taking quite a few Creative Writing courses. During the recent pandemic he pondered a change of career direction and chose a challenging path, rather than collapse into early retirement. In many respects he was in a position to use past experience of self-editing and publishing, gained within the insurance business, to launch himself on a challenging path as an author. His first book: “*The Pearl River*”, was an historical novel but based on the experiences of his father, a spitfire pilot, in a post-war Hong Kong.

Because of his early experience in life, such as research, editing and marketing, Mark was able to orchestrate the publication of this, his successful first novel. Next to be published is “*The Berlin Assignment*”, another page turner by the sounds of it!

The Speaker filled his audience with palpable enthusiasm and good advice for all to ‘have a go’. Writing techniques and the value of Creative Writing Courses were emphasised and the mechanics of editing and publishing were discussed. His good humoured encouragement was well received and provided us all with food for thought. One thought I had was to dash down to the nearest book shop.

He rounded off this fascinating talk with a tantalising literary taster which he read from another of his proposed publications.

If you would like to know more about our club then please contact Bob Juniper the club's hon secretary on T: 07770883671 or E: objuniper2@gmail.com

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To commemorate the **International Dark Skies Week 2024** we are holding a **FREE Dark Skies Fair** at **Boxted Village Hall** on **Sunday April 7th** from 3:30pm to 10:00pm. There will be lots of activities for both young and old.

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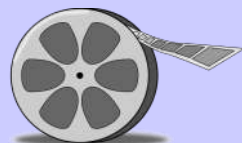
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LANGHAM LADIES

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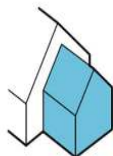
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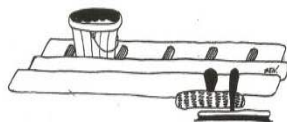
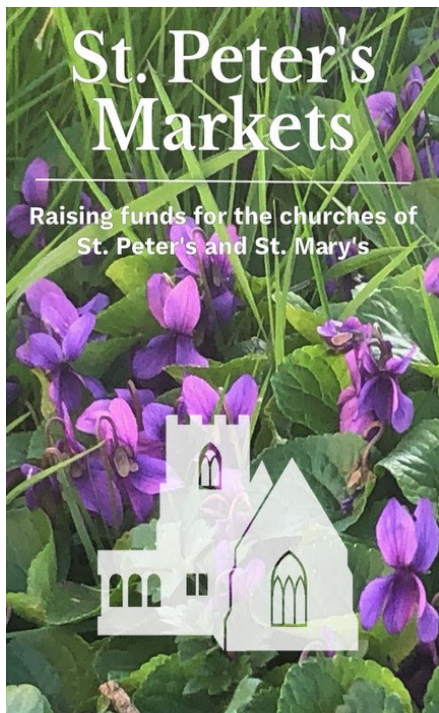
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