



Faces of The Village

Douglas Carter, whose photographic memory and love of history has meant he has penned many books about the village of Boxted and contributed to the village history archives. Douglas writes everything longhand and then copies it with a typewriter that his grandmother gave him for his 12th birthday. He has chosen not to engage with the digital age.



Apologies for the links that did not work last week in this subject. Hopefully they are all correct this week.

**Colchester Borough Council's Local Plan
Issues and Options Consultation -
16 January 2015 - 27 February 2015**

The new Local Plan is an important document which will determine the way forward for Colchester. It will provide the strategy for the growth of the Borough, setting out what development will take place and where, to 2032 and beyond. Once adopted, the new Local Plan will replace the Borough's existing local planning policies.

The Plan will set out a vision for the area, establishing the long term aims and aspirations for the Borough going forward. The Plan will include policies and allocations that help to deliver these aims and aspirations.

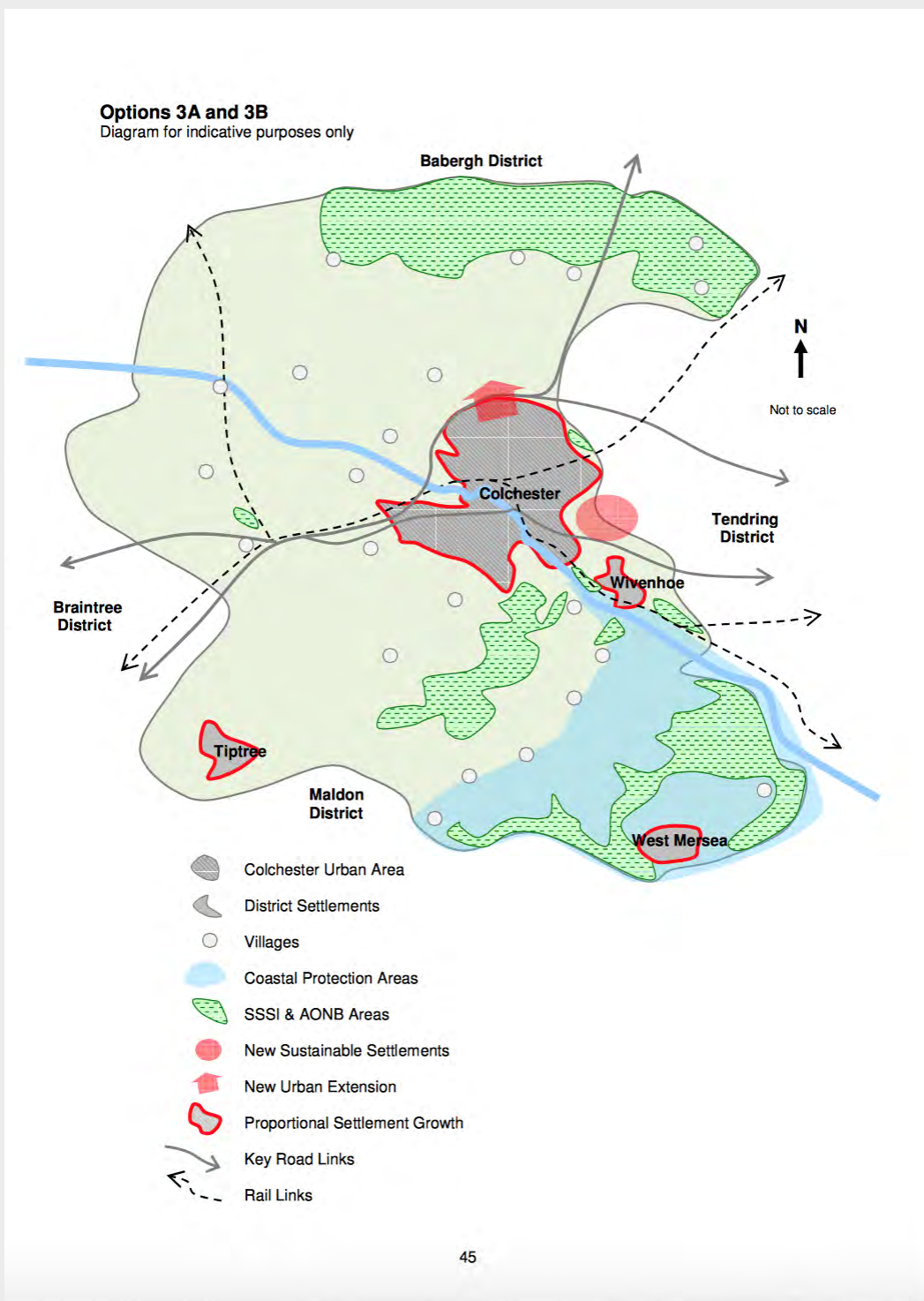
For details of the consultation, including the Issues and Options Consultation Paper and a questionnaire, please visit the [Issues and Options](#) page of the website. Paper copies of the consultation documents will be available at Colchester Library during normal opening hours.

Consultation drop-in sessions are being held at the times and locations set out below. Please do come along and chat to one of the Council's Officers about your thoughts and ideas, or to ask any questions you may have about the future development of the Borough, the Local Plan or the consultation itself.

The consultation runs from Friday 16 January 2015 until 5pm

Friday 27 February 2015.

All representations should be made using the online questionnaire, or emailed to planning.policy@colchester.gov.uk. Please note that all documents (other than maps and images) should be submitted in Word format, pdf submissions will not be accepted.



Options 3A and 3B

Description

This option involves the development of a sustainable settlement to the east of the town, crossing the border with Tendring. Early estimates are that a development to the east could potentially accommodate in the region of 6,000 homes, but this figure would be subject to analysis and testing if options 3A or 3B were identified as the preferred option. It is important to remember that the dwellings figure would be shared by both authorities, so the total number of homes that the development could potentially accommodate to contribute towards Colchester's housing numbers is expected to be approximately half of the total, subject to discussion and agreement between the two authorities.

Options 3A and 3B also include an extension to the town, north of the A12. In order to achieve the numbers likely to be required in order to meet the objectively assessed need, it is likely that this would need to accommodate in the region of 3,000 new dwellings. As with the sustainable settlement, this would be subject to analysis and testing if options 3A or 3B were identified as the preferred option.

As with all the options, Options 3A and 3B would also comprise development of sites in and around the existing urban area, as well as proportional increases in Rural District Centres. The difference between options A and B is that option B allows for a proportion of growth of the Borough's villages (as is the case for all sites, this would be subject to site assessment and Sustainability Appraisal); Option A does not include this option for the expansion of villages.

Boxted Parish Council has drawn up a suggested template for your reply to Colchester Borough Council

"I note from the Colchester Borough Council Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation paper that options 3A and 3B provide for development North of the A 12 on land in or adjacent to the villages of Boxted and Langham (and therefore further encroaching upon the Dedham Vale AONB)

The residents of Boxted have recently been canvassed for their views in relation to their Neighbourhood Development Plan. There has been overwhelming support (94%) for the maintenance of a clear green boundary between Boxted and Colchester to maintain the village identity of Boxted.

I deplore the inclusion of Options 3A and 3B in the Issues and Options Consultation Paper and would request that these Options be removed from the plan.

NAME

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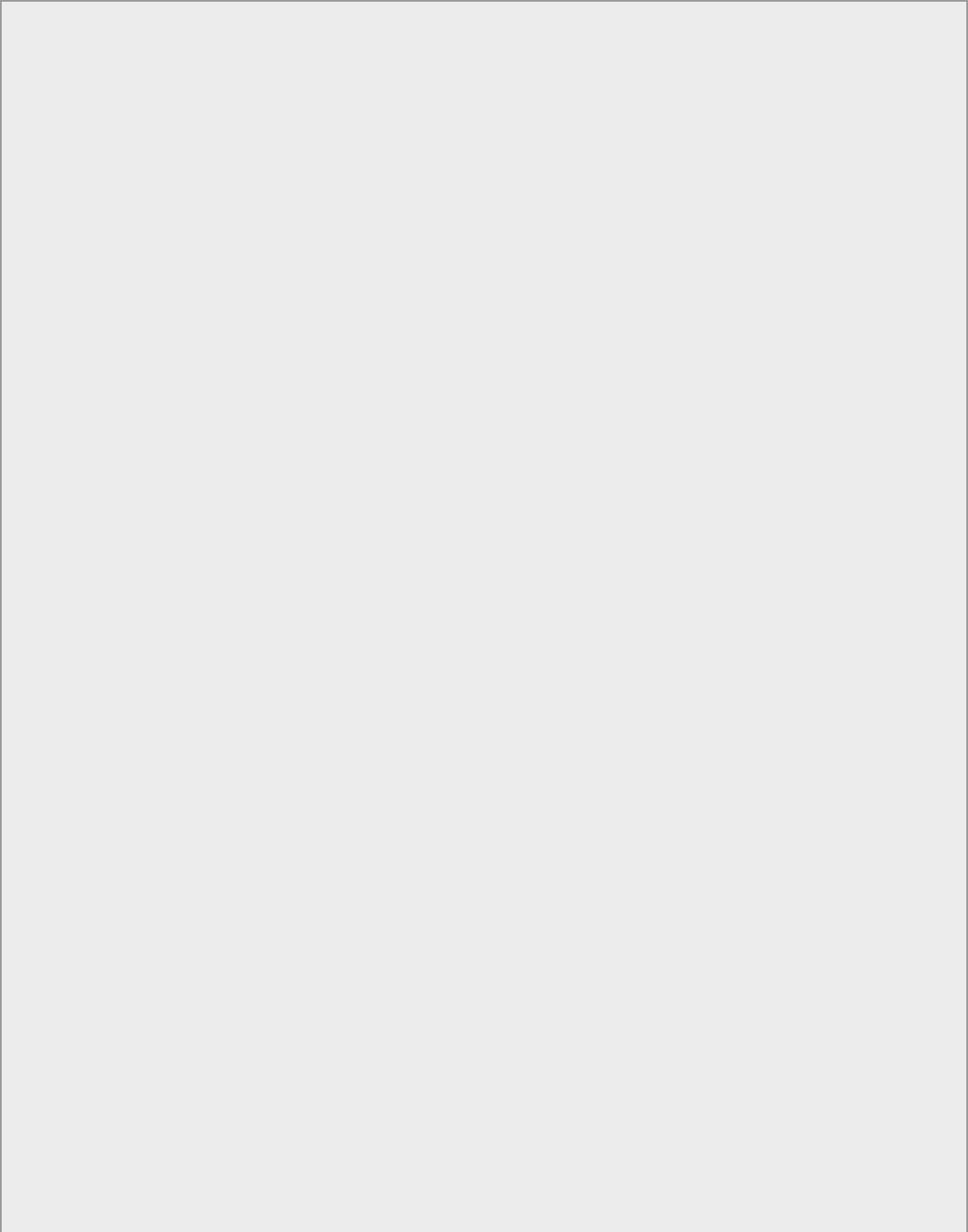
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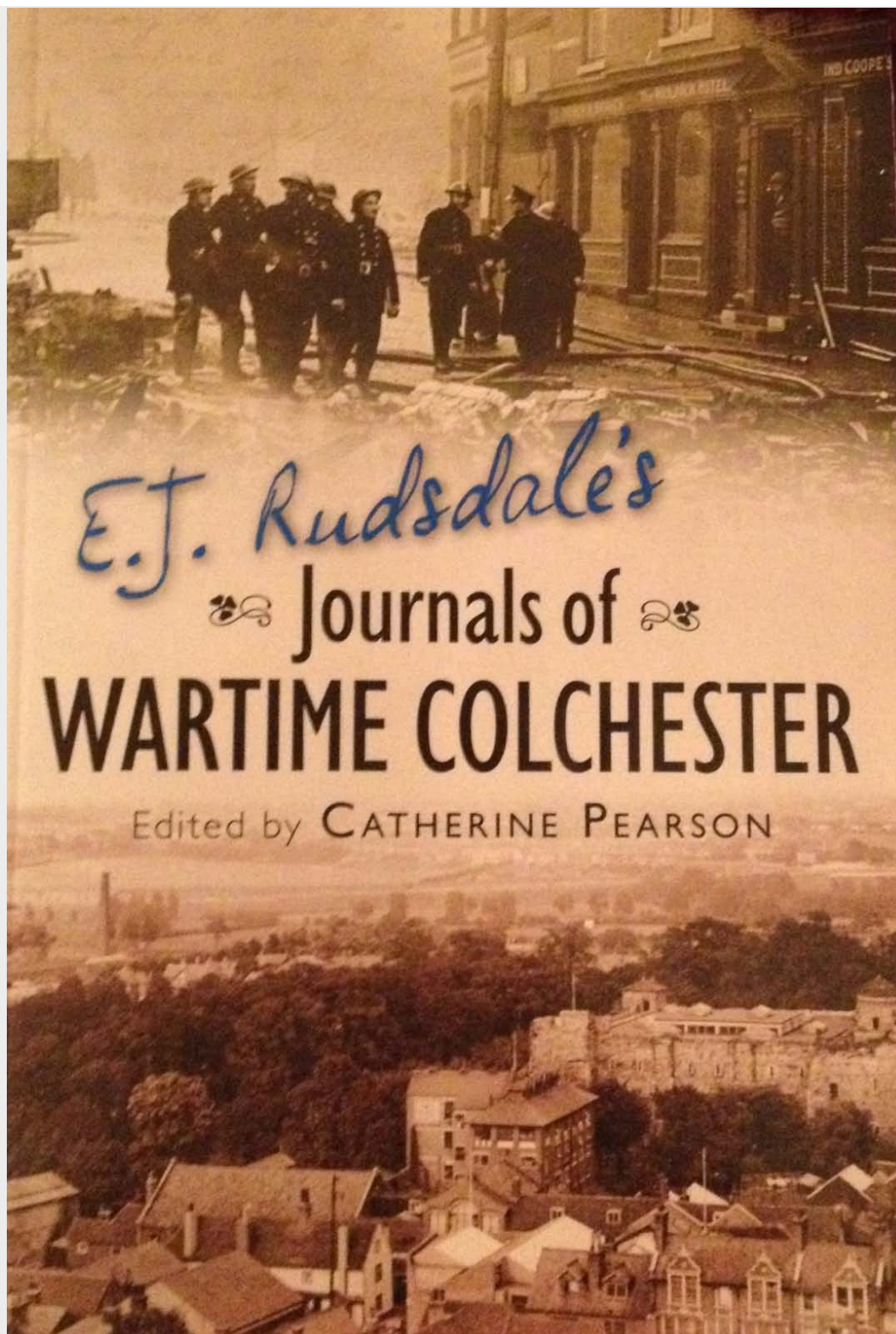
please cc to:

Cllr Nigel Chapman CBC
Cllr.Nigel.Chapman@colchester.gov.uk

Cllr Anne Brown ECC
cllr.anne.brown@essex.gov.uk

Bernard Jenkin MP
perryc@parliament.uk





Mobile Library:

Boxted Playing Field, 10.55 to 11.30 Tuesdays February 3 and 17



Evergreen Club

Thursday 5 February:

Plant Potting Demonstration

with Mary Brann in Fillpots Tearoom

2.30 pm



Rugby Six Nations

Friday 6 February at 8pm Wales vs England

Come and watch the match at Boxted British Legion club house

Beer will be reduced by 50p per pint for the duration of the match



Public Meeting

Langham Parish Council has called a public meeting to discuss the Issues and Options documents from the Borough Council's new Local Plan. This will take place on Saturday 7 February 10.00am – 12 noon at Langham Community Centre.



Trees for Years 2015 Saturday 7 February

The 9th Trees for Years Initiative sponsored by Office/IS will be held at Rowan House Council Offices Car Park off Sheepen Road between 10am -1pm.

Free trees will be given away to Borough Residents, Community Groups, Schools and Parish Council's. Residents can collect up to 3 plants per household and up to 15 per community group, School and Parish Council.

The following species will be available.

Raspberry canes

Gooseberry bush

intermedia 'Spectabilis'

Acer campestre – Field Maple

Cherry

Betula pendula – Silver Birch

Hazel cob nut

Cornus alba 'Siberica' – Red Stem dogwood

Cornus stolonifera 'Flaviramea' – Yellow stem Dogwood

Blackcurrant canes

Forsythia x

Prunus padus – Bird

Corylus avellana –

- 2015 bare root trees/fruit bushes will be available on a first come first serve basis.
- Trees must be planted on private property and postcodes will be recorded to monitor the distribution.
- Cultivation guidance will be available so that trees can be selected, taking into account the ultimate size and form of mature trees.
- Remember to bring a bag to put your trees in.

Please visit <http://www.colchester.gov.uk> and follow the links to see more information on the Trees for Years Initiative.

Langham Film Nights

Presents....

"HILARIOUS...BRITISH COMEDY AT IT'S BEST"
Andy Lee - What Film Comedy

ROSAMUND PIKE DAVID TENNANT And BILLY CONNOLLY

"THE MOST REFRESHING BRITISH COMEDY IN YEARS YOU'LL INSTANTLY FALL IN LOVE WITH IT!"
Janis Edwards - Magic TV

WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY

12A

FROM THE CREATORS OF OUTNUMBERED

"WARM, WITTY AND DELIGHTFUL... A REAL TREAT"
David Thompson - BBC 1 Live

"AN ENORMOUSLY ENTERTAINING HEART-WARMER"
Ben Langridge - BBC 1 News



SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2015

AT

LANGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cash bar opens at 7pm film starts at 7:45pm

Tickets £4 each

Purchase at the Langham Community Shop or online at:
<http://www.langhamcommunitycentre.org.uk/LFN.html>



In partnership with The Shepherd we are excited to offer 'Meal & a Movie'

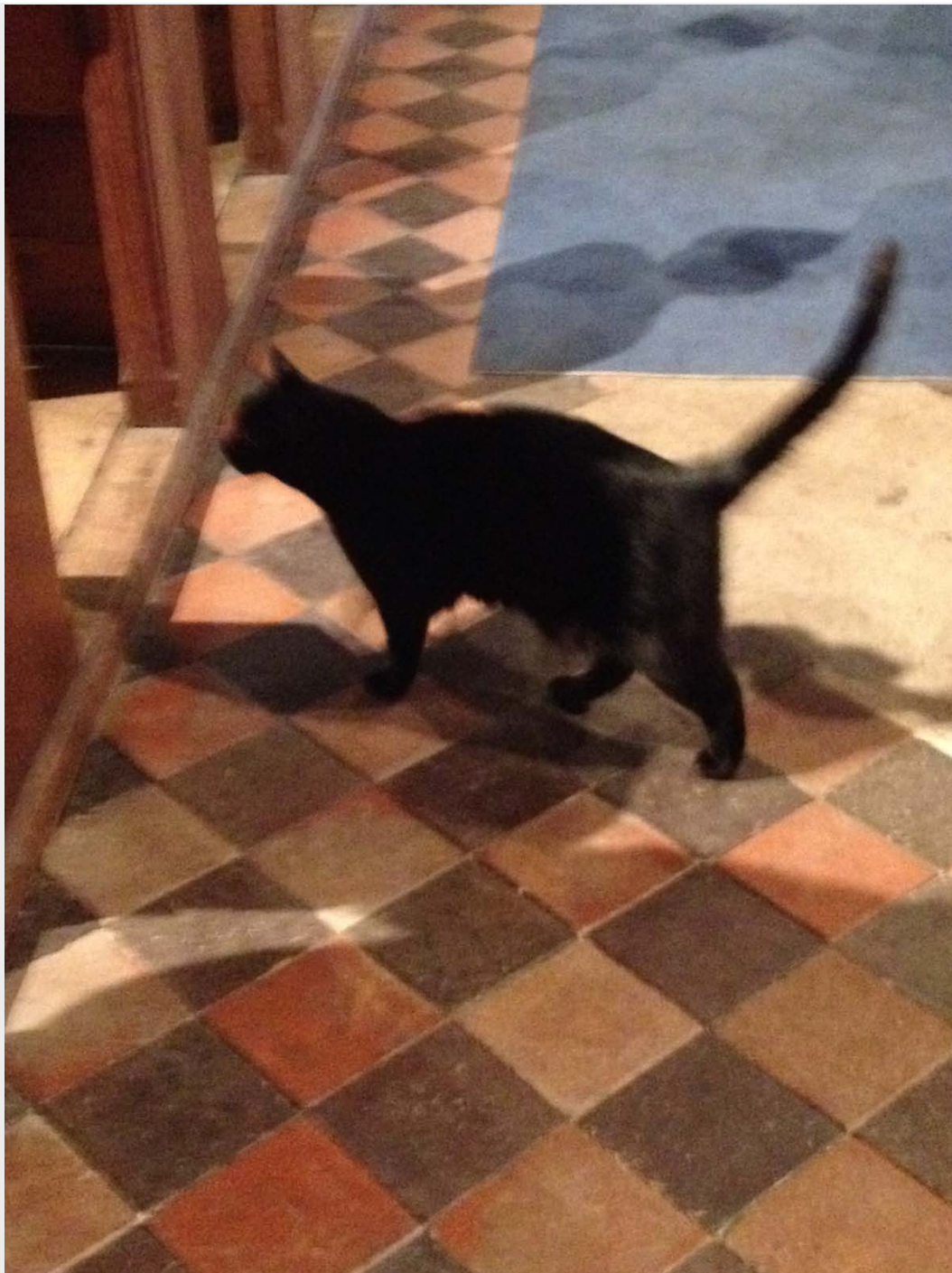
Enjoy a delicious 2 courses of your choice from the set menu from 5:30pm then come along to see the film

£ 20 a ticket including the cost of the cinema ticket

Available only at The Shepherd or to book call: 01206 272 711







Church Services Sunday 8 February:

9.30 am Sung Eucharist at St Mary's, Langham

11 am service at Boxted Methodist Church

(Jerry, the resident cat at Langham church pictured)

Every few months Langham Community Shop organises a bulk delivery of heating oil and because we might be ordering well over 50000 litres we can negotiate a very healthy discount! Call into the shop to register. Next date for latest orders: 11am Sunday 8 February 2015



Boxted Wi

Tuesday 10 February

Boxted Village Hall 7.30 pm

Peter Carrington: Lead Volunteer at Macmillan Colchester

Competition: Flower of the Month

Teas: Claire Hull and Victoria Brown

Flowers: Sandra Leeder



Boxted Parish Council

Next meeting in Boxted Village Hall from 7 pm on Wednesday February 11.

All parish council business can be found at:

<http://www.essexinfo.net/boxted-parish-council/>



Country Music Club

Saturday 14 February

with the Stone Cold Country Band

Held the second Saturday of each month at Langham Community Centre. Tickets cost £6, available from Graham on 07970 636580. Doors open at 7.15, dancing at 8pm.



Art and Craft Club

Watercolour Landscapes with Susan Oddy.

Wednesday 18 February

Boxted Village Hall 2 - 4 pm



Boxted History Group

Festival of Britain:

An illustrated talk by Geoffrey Kay

Wednesday 18 February 7.30 for 8 pm.

Boxted Village Hall



Langham Community Café

Friday 20 February

Hosted by the 2nd Langham Scout Group

('photo of members of the Beaver Group above)

The cafe takes place monthly and is hosted by a different village group each time.

It is held at Langham Community Centre from 10.30–12.00, with the 100 club draw taking place at 11.30.

Fish & Chip night

With



@ British Legion, Boxted

Sat 21 February 2015

From 8pm

Celebrate national Fish & chip week in Boxted

Free music on the Juke Box

Free Pool

**7th March
2015**

Langham & Boxted

Family Quiz Night

**Saturday March 7.
Boxted Village Hall.
7pm.**

**Teams of up to 8 people.
£6 per head. (inc light snacks)
Licensed Bar and a Raffle.
All ages welcome.**



To book a table ring Dominic Shiel. 01206 273324.

In aid of the village churches' youth work.

Run by and on Behalf of 2nd Langham Scout Group



!!Fun for all the family!!

Saturday 21st March 2015

5-8pm (Doors open at 4.30)

Earlier time to accommodate the whole family

Bring a picnic!!

Licensed bar and soft drinks available to buy

Tickets £1 each

Games cards £1 each



The evening will consist of 5 games of Bingo, with a win for 1 line, 2 lines and a full house on each game. Purchase as many game cards as you like on the night!

Tickets available from Colin Wallace (323638) or, on the door.

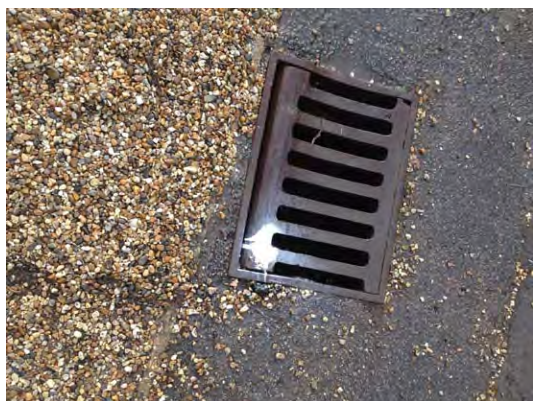
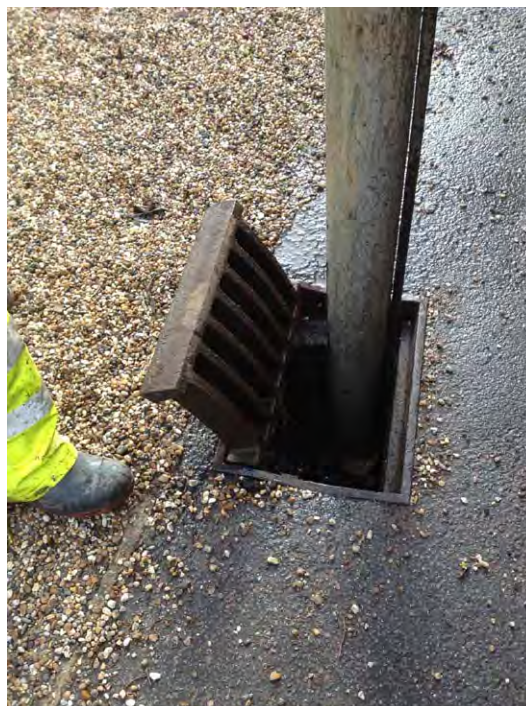


All proceeds to 2nd Langham Scout Group



Boxted Bowls Club

Do you feel like a change and a little light exercise? then please join us for a game of carpet bowls in Boxted Village Hall either on Mondays at 2 pm or Fridays at 7 pm. First 3 visits free of charge For further information contact Lorna on 01206 272002.



ECC Highways were in the village last week cleaning gullies. A white paint mark on them means they are working. A red paint mark denotes a defect. Some of these gullies have an 'overflow' pipe under the grille to a ditch. Landowners please check the gullies near your property. If there is a red mark and a parallel ditch please investigate and if necessary clear that part of the ditch to allow the water to

flow.



Douglas Carter has kept the weather records for many years now which are all part of the village history archive. Although happy to carry on recording the daily rainfall Douglas would appreciate it if someone would come forward to document both wind force and daily temperatures. If this is something you think you may be interested in please contact Douglas on 01206 272324 for more information.

Boxted, Essex Weather Recording 2014

2014 saw extremes of rainfall. High rainfall in January and November. Little rain in March, April, June and September. Otherwise the weather was very much average.

Total rainfall for 2014 was 752 mm (30.02 inches) Wettest day was October 12 with 23 mm, wettest month November with 121 mm. There was a wet spell from October 7 to 13 with 67 mm.

A dry spell occurred from 8 - 26 June. 19 days without rainfall. A warm spell from July 12 - 23. Min temp. 25deg C. Hottest day July 18 (32 deg C) Hottest night July 16 (19 deg C). A cold spell from January 11 - 22 gave an average day temperature of 7 deg C and night temperature of - 2.5 deg C for 3 nights and 4 deg C for 8 nights. No coldest day or night.

Strong wind Force 7 was recorded 3 times. (31mph)

Highest Barometric pressure March 10 was 30.5 ins. Lowest Barometric pressure November 6 at 29.2 ins.



Snowdrops in Boxted churchyard.

Spring is on it's way.