

ST MARY & ST PETER
NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2026

CHURCH SERVICES

**30th August – Thirteenth
Sunday after Trinity**
10.30am at St Peter's – United
celebration of Holy
Communion

**6th September – Fourteenth
Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am at St Peter's – Morning
Worship

**13th September – Fifteenth
Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am at St Mary's – Holy
Communion

**20th September – Sixteenth
Sunday after Trinity**
10.30am at St Mary's West
Bergholt
United Celebration Holy
Communion

Saturday 26th September
3.00pm at The Glade, St
Peter's new churchyard
Forest Church



**27th September –
Seventeenth Sunday after
Trinity**
9.30am at St Mary's – Holy
Communion

**4th October – Eighteenth
Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am at St Peter's – Parish
Harvest Thanksgiving

To check for other services
and any alterations please
email The Reverend Heather
Wilcox –
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**Deadline for submissions for the
October edition: 15th September**
Contact the editor via email:
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Welcome to the September Newsletter.

As I take up my quill in the latter days of August, I look back over the summer – almost gone now – and the extreme heat which we have endured (or ‘enjoyed’, depends on your preferences). My wife and I attended the Black Brook Theatre’s production of *The Thirty Nine Steps* – surely one of Buchan’s best-loved tales – in the leafy glade beside the lake. It was an enchanting setting for a lively and very funny show, so I was prompted to consider how it might have turned out in a more typical English summer with cloudy days and wet evenings. ‘It’s an ill wind...’ as the saying goes.

Speaking of ill winds, most of the output on TV, radio and over the internet has been driven by the prospect of wildfire and its devastating consequences. Since this corner of Essex is traditionally one of the driest areas in the whole island, we have a special need for caution. I hope we will all have escaped injury this time round.

The crops in the local fields all appear to have ripened very early this year, which may not be a

great advantage, but it makes a change from them lying in the fields submerged under a foot of water.

We still await news on the Great Pylon Project and Langham Community Shop now has leaflets regarding National Grid’s Norwich-to-Tilbury pylons and cables plan. Likewise, your objections to Bellway Homes’s proposed development of hundreds of houses in a restricted area round Boxted Cross should have been lodged with the appropriate offices by 20th August so the outcome there should be available before too long.

In happier news, *Operation Shoebox* is back on the agenda as the team prepare to collect donations for packaging and despatch. They are kicking off with a Quiz Night this year and we will no doubt hear more in coming weeks.

Steve Pollington,
Editor



Help Preserve Our Village Heritage

Our beautiful parish church is the oldest listed building in the village, serving as a sanctuary for everyone - not only for the local community but also for the many walkers and other visitors who pass through. It is open every day for private prayer and also hosts our community's baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Everyone is welcome to our Sunday services.

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If you are interested to help or would like more information, please contact the PCC Secretary on 07811459469.

Through all the changing scenes of life

For the last couple of months, I have been on an extended study leave, and for a large amount of that time, I have been walking the Camino Frances, starting in St. Jean Pied de Port in France and walking to Santiago in Spain, about 500 miles, definitely more when you add in the scenic detours to places of interest along the way, and walking around all the towns I stayed in, in the evening.

One thing that struck me very quickly as I walked through some outstandingly beautiful countryside, was how varied the landscape could be, one day I would be walking through vineyards, the next through woodlands, and the next through wheatfields.

I was also struck by how much further on the crops were than the ones in this country. As I was walking past fields of knee-high wheat at the end of April, there were bright red poppies showing their faces, something that we would not expect to see in the UK that early on.

As I have adjusted back to life in the King's Ridge Parishes, of course, we have had an extremely dry and hot summer, the harvest of the fields being mostly gathered in by the end of July. In September our minds turn to Harvest in our churches and giving thanks for the abundance and many good gifts that we are given, and a reminder to share from our plenty, with those whose harvests have been poor. As I walked through the many changing landscapes of the Camino Frances, I was reminded of a hymn, the first verse of which goes:

*'Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still,
my heart and tongue employ.'*

Our lives take us through many landscapes, some which bring us overwhelming joy, and others which bring us heartache and pain, but as we go through each and every one, Jesus walks the path with us, and so we can still sing our praises to God.

I pray that you will know God's blessing and presence with you, in whichever landscape you are journeying through today.

Rev Heather

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We can not just always rely on the generosity of what we have, we need more volunteers to keep us going and be able to stay open later as we have now managed to do.



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BOXTED PARISH COUNCIL – JULY REPORT

We have had an update from Bellway homes regarding their push to seek **planning permission** to build 150 homes on the site North of Straight Road. They have made some minor changes to their original plans, as a result of the public consultation they did. They said that they anticipate planning for outline permission in late summer. This is despite Colchester Council not yet agreeing that the draft local Plan should be adopted. The council are very concerned that if they did secure permission then there would be unbearable pressure on infrastructure – roads, water, sewage etc but also that Bellway's would apply to build a dense and box like development. Colchester City Council have already decided that an Environment Impact Assessment is not necessary, despite it being a rural site visible from the Dedham Vale National Landscape (was AONB)!

We are aware of the problems caused by the **mobile phone coverage** at the north of the village being impacted by the removal of an aging mast and the permission for the new mast being refused because of the inappropriate location. Sadly, this means that people are without any signal in parts. Our MP, Sir Bernard Jenkin, is involved and technical options are being investigated but a remedy is unlikely in the short term.

The **Hub café** is undergoing significant refurbishment in the kitchen area, and the main hall is getting acoustic panelling and a new look serving area. There have been difficulties on timings, and we haven't been able to open as early as we would like but it won't be much longer. Tom and his wife Agatha are the new tenants and if you want to contact them ahead of opening, they can be reached on boxtedhubcafe@gmail.com

The council is pleased to help a local **fundraising event** for a young girl, Remy, and her family as they navigate the difficult pathway of serious cancer. Remy went to Little Owls and moved up to St Peters Primary School, Boxted last year. A brilliant group of friends have organised a ticketed event on the King George Playing Field on Sunday 2nd August. For more information: Remy Fest event tickets from TicketSource.

Planning applications were discussed this month and any comments agreed can be found on the Colchester City Planning portal – search for Boxted and you find those affecting the village. <https://www.colchester.gov.uk/planning-search-results/>

Fly tipping should be reported to [Colchester.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/fly-tipping/](https://www.colchester.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/fly-tipping/)

The National Grid Pylon project has still in hearing stage where the Governmental Planning Inspector is examining the case for passing legislation permitting the Pylon project to be implemented. A good place for updates is the facebook page for 'Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons'.

Our next council meeting is Wednesday 9th September at 730pm in the Village Hall. Please come along.

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'.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR

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100 CLUB Draw

The winners of the June draw were:

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4th	Alan Cadman	No. 68

The winners of the July draw were:

1st	Tricia Gooding	No.44
2nd	Irene Warren	No. 6
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BOXED HISTORY GROUP

In Tudor times clothes showed social status. Everyone wore a shift, an undergarment which was tightened with braids and laces. Other layers of clothes went on top of this. People slept in a shift, with poor people keeping the same one on all the time while more affluent people put on a different one for the night. Working women wore a jacket on top; those with money had a variety of outer clothing. A kirtle (like a dress) was one of the items worn over inner clothing and was hot to wear. Kirtles had removable sleeves so that they could be taken off when the wearer was doing dirty jobs. The wealthier the person, the more elaborate the kirtle. Women who were part of a wealthy household wore gowns, which were a status symbol and were worn to flaunt wealth. Gowns were plain. They had a collar which might be embroidered and were made from natural linen so their colour was brown. They were soaked in urine to make them white. Also around the neck and upper body was a partlet, yet another layer to wear. Silk was expensive but was worn by those who could afford it. An interesting feature of clothing was that garments had no pockets, so that everyone wore a belt from which to suspend purses and tools that they used when working. Big houses employed a lot of people, with many jobs given to women because they commanded lower wages than men. One of the responsibilities that women in more enlightened households might take on if they had a degree of education was Reckoning.

This was the keeping of accounts for the household. It was a specialist role and sums were added up on equipment like an abacus. There was a widespread view that girls were not worth educating, but those who were might also become Scriveners. Their task was to do the reading and writing in the household.

Just as there were social differences in clothing, so there was in the food people ate. In large houses like Kentwell Hall meals were a grand occasion with everyone eating together. Social status, however, was reflected in the seating. The owner and his family sat at the top table that was decorated with a clean white cloth and they were fed a varied diet of good food. At the other end of the scale were household staff who had simpler food. Leftovers were given to estate workers or put into a "poor bucket" at the gates of the estate for the local poor. It seems that social distinctions could be seen everywhere.

Eleanor Jenkins showed Tudor clothing to the History Group. The next meeting in the Village Hall will be at 8.00pm on Wednesday, 16th Sept. when Wendy Shepherd will talk about the suffragettes. All welcome.

Alan Ladbroke

AUGUST

August is an unusual month. For many families it is the season of summer holidays, when school corridors fall silent and the familiar rhythm of term time is set aside. It is a month that invites us to pause, to rest, and to enjoy the gift of longer days before life begins to gather pace once more.

There is something deeply symbolic about this time of year. We lay down the old term, with all its achievements, disappointments, business and routine, and begin to look towards the new one. Even long after leaving school, many of us still think of September as the real beginning of the year. We are so shaped by the pattern of school life that the turning of the academic calendar still feels like the perfect moment to start afresh, to learn something new, or to take up a challenge we have been putting off. Our faith reminds us that new beginnings are part of God's work in our lives.

The prophet Isaiah records God's promise:

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

(Isaiah 43:19)

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God is always inviting us to look forward with hope, trusting that each new season brings fresh opportunities to grow in faith, love and service.

As we enjoy the slower pace of August, may we also prepare our hearts for whatever September brings. May we return to our daily routines refreshed, thankful for the gift of rest, and ready to embrace the new things God has in store for us.

God Bless

Reverend Emma

BOXTED W. I.

Not wishing to waste an opportunity; the hot summer has seen the members enjoying the outside. It was a perfect setting to relax a while at our summer garden party. The strawberry fayre theme delivered a variety of goodies from wine & Pimms to strawberry gateaux and strawberry vodka shots with plenty of strawberry food in between. Our usual coffee get-together continues; the last two taking advantage of the fine weather, meeting outdoors at Pantry 61 with thanks to Penny for what she does best! .

We continued the outdoor fun in August when we usually have an away break. With a nod to our yesterdays and 'girl guiding' (unfortunately due to the drought we were unable to hold the planned campfire) we gathered with some impressive memorabilia and recalled (with much laughter) campfire songs; did we really sing about 'getting naked with Sir Jasper'?!?!!

Typical Guide camp food was supplied from 'plastic' cheese to evaporated milk washed down with pop (well there might have just been a glass or two of wine slipped in!) On a more serious note, we learnt how our member Pam Smith spent a large part of her life in South Africa and during that time for approx 13 years she ran a guide company. They took annual trips (accompanied by armed guards) to take Guiding to Soweto townships. The Soweto girls would sing campfire Sotho songs in rounds about their millet harvest. She also spent much volunteering time writing; aimed at young people to learn English. She shared pictures of her experiences- a truly special lady who now works tirelessly for the foodbank in her retirement!

The next coffee chat will be at the Hub on 18th September @10:30

BOXTED W.I.





A Celebration of Music on Our Doorsteps

The **Roman River Festival** returns this October, bringing its familiar blend of world-class music and historic architecture to our local parishes. For those who have followed the festival over the years, the 2026 line-up offers an exceptional breadth of repertoire, performed by musicians who regularly grace international stages but are equally at home in local settings.

The festival opens on **Tuesday 20th October** at St Mary the Virgin, Wivenhoe, with a performance of Benjamin Britten's complete Canticles. Led by locally-based acclaimed choir master and tenor Ben Vonberg-Clark, this exquisite cycle marks the 50th anniversary of the composer's death. On Wednesday 21st October, the action moves to All Saints, Fordham, where the Silvanus Quartet will perform pieces by Beethoven and Britten alongside Nordic dance tunes.

Midweek highlights include a lunchtime concert on **Thursday 22nd October** at Colchester's Old Library featuring Mozart and Ravel, followed by an evening of 17th-century British folk and elite music played on period instruments by the *Nocturnalia Ensemble* at St Andrew's, Fingringhoe. On **Friday 23rd October**, a lunchtime Young Artist Spotlight at Wivenhoe House Hotel showcases violinist Cyrus Yuen and young pianist Bethany Reynolds, leading into an evening of monumental piano trios by Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev, and Beethoven at St Mary's, Dedham. The festival reaches its symphonic peak on **Saturday 24th October** at St Peter Ad Vincula, Coggeshall, with chamber orchestrations of Elgar's Cello Concerto and Mahler's Fourth Symphony.



It concludes on **Sunday 25th October** at St Michael and All Angels, Copford, where the Bruegel Consort will perform late-medieval Marian polyphony –from the breathtaking moment in musical history when English composers wove independent, overlapping vocal lines into massive, interlocking walls of sound designed to echo through stone churches – under some of the finest surviving early church frescoes in Britain.

While the musicianship is of an international standard, the true hallmark of the Roman River Festival remains its absolute lack of formality. Audiences can expect the same warm, down-to-earth atmosphere that has defined the event for years. This welcoming environment is maintained by a dedicated team of front-of-house volunteers—many of whom are familiar faces who have been greeting concertgoers at the door for several Seasons.

Tickets are available now, with general admission at £30 and standard tickets for young people under 30 priced from £15 across the entire programme:

www.romanrivermusic.co.uk

CHERYL WILLIAMS: LANGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE EMPLOYEE NOVEMBER 2012 – JUNE 2026

Despite Cheryl being a resident of Langham and giving almost fourteen years of service to the Village Hall, she is not well-known. She has preferred to keep out of the limelight, an invisible presence who sometimes began work at 6 a.m. to complete tasks before anyone else was about, ensuring that the Hall was ready to receive hirers.

Taken on as Cleaner in 2012, Cheryl progressed to Caretaker and finally Premises Manager, assuming greater responsibility and able to work on her own initiative, as need arose. For more than ten years Cheryl worked in the background alongside Sue Armstrong, LCC Marketing Manager and public face of the Village Hall. Together they saw the hall through the difficult COVID lockdown period. The partnership lasted until Sue retired in Spring 2023.

During all this time, Cheryl had proved totally trustworthy, hard-working, popular with hirers, colleagues and contractors alike, happy in her work and always helpful and accommodating. When, in the Spring of 2024 and 2025, the sudden resignation of two Marketing Managers left the village hall in dire straits, Cheryl came to the rescue and took on the main responsibility for hirers, bookings and organisation. She took the lead and referred any queries to senior Trustees and Sue Armstrong for advice and support.

Sadly, under different management and with two new employees taken on in July 2025, Cheryl found her work environment very much changed. She worked hard to fit into the new regime but, in June 2026, took the decision to resign.

Cheryl Williams is very much the unsung heroine of Langham Village Hall and deserves our thanks and good wishes after so many years of loyal service to her community.

THANK YOU, Cheryl.

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Boxted Evergreens

September already but what a summer we are having, although dare I say far too hot for many of our members and we did decide to cancel Junes meeting because of this.

We are now in the final few months of 2026 and in August I actually had a Christmas menu land in my inbox!

Our May meeting went extremely well with everyone making their posies, all of which were very different and colourful. The added bonus being members took their creations home. Although another hot afternoon in July, our salmon and cucumber sandwiches went down a treat, followed by strawberries and cream.

We had John Carter join our August meeting and although this hasn't taken place yet at the time of writing, it should be interesting with his wealth of knowledge on the subject of dogs. Our members haven't yet sampled the Wiltshire Farm Food which is booked for September but we are confident it will be a good afternoon. October will be our AGM which will be accompanied by a quiz and no doubt a game or two of bingo. In November we will be getting into the Christmas spirit and members will be creating a table decoration.

December will be our Christmas meal at a local venue.

Until our next update, we hope our members enjoy the rest of the summer.



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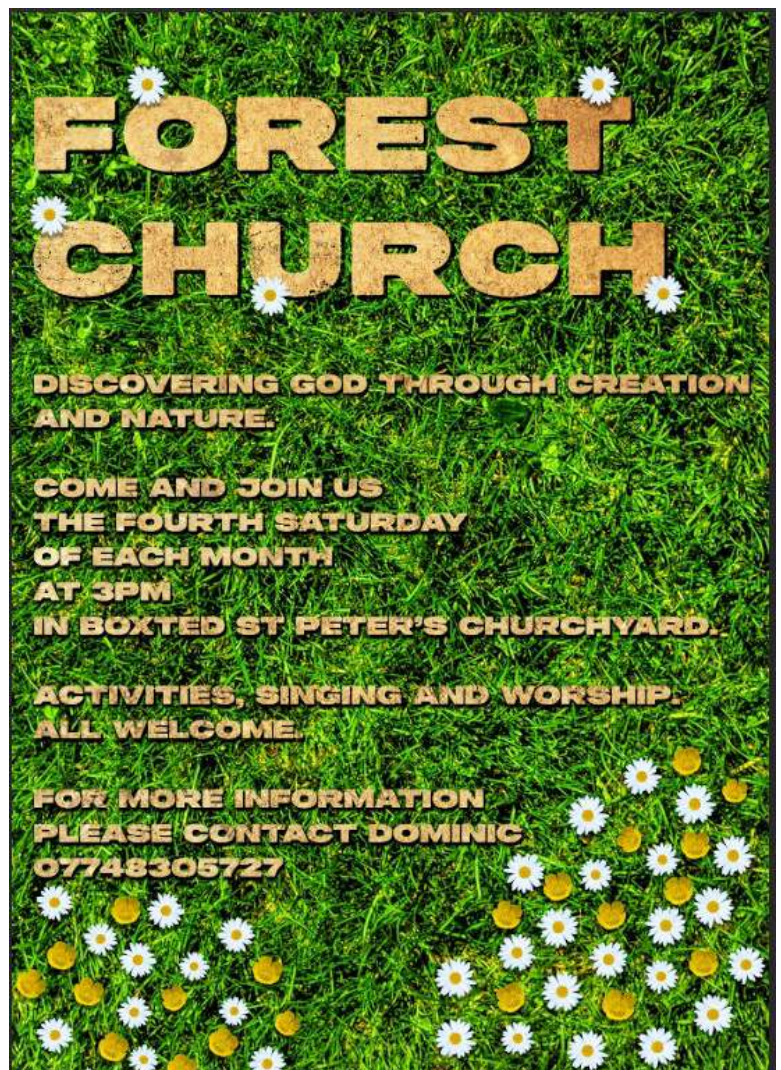
FOREST CHURCH

We are now entering
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OF CREATION

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Looking forward to seeing you,
Dominic Sheil

For further information please
contact me on 07748305727.

BOXTED RUNNERS

Despite the heat summer months were busy ones for Boxted Runners.

Early in July the Club took part the Ekiden Relay at Ipswich High School. The event consists of 26.2 mile race made up of teams of 6 who run the race as a relay. There's a x 1 7.2km leg, 3 x 5km legs and 2 x 10km legs. This year we had 6 Teams which is a record for the Club.

It's a wonderful day full of team spirit epitomised by the photo of our final runner being followed around on her leg by a number of her clubmates.

#noboxtedrunnerleftbehind.

Also in July we went into Boxted School to announce how much we had raised from the Boxted Runners 10km which was held in June. We were very proud to present the School with a cheque for £4,650. We're all extremely proud of the hard work the Club and the local community put into achieve this figure.

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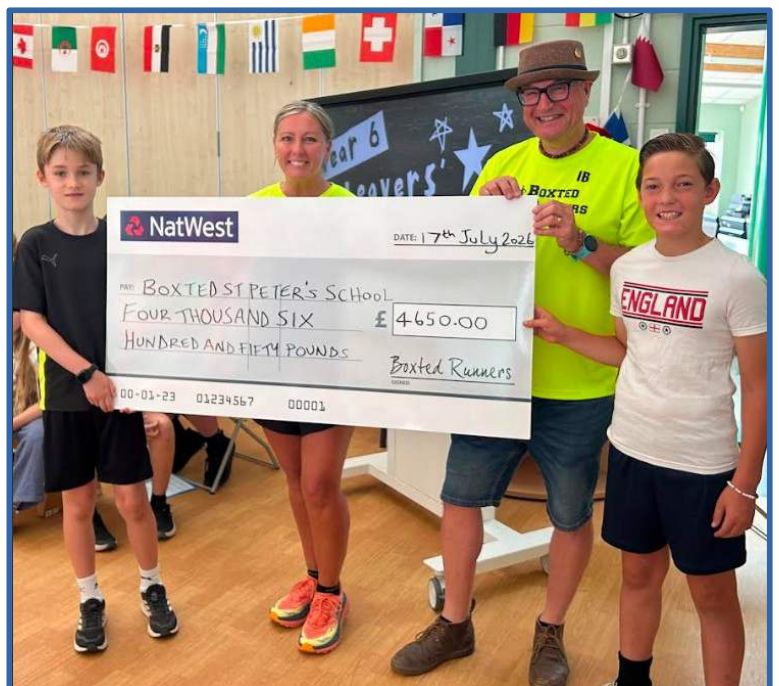
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 Boxted Runners



Finally in early August one of our many superwomen **Deena** took part in the ATW Odyssey 12.

BOXTED EVERGREENS

Our Club meets in the village hall every fourth Thursday of the month from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. The age of our members varies but the club would suit anyone over 60 so please come along and you would be given a warm welcome.

Our members are always asked for their suggestions before our yearly entertainment programme is arranged and we do try our best to cater for everyone.

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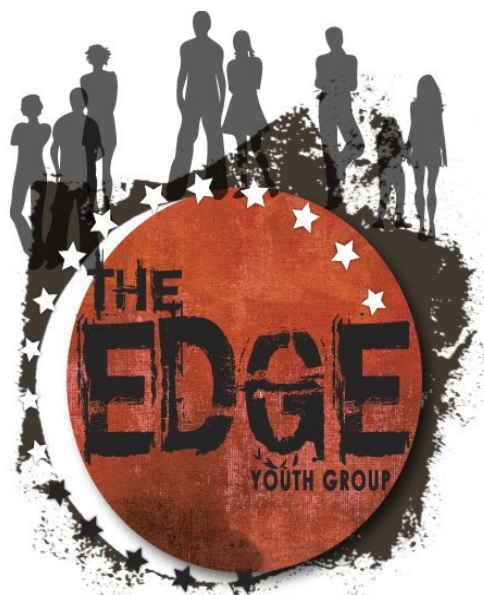
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Contact Group Scout

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Unfortunately due to the very hot weather as yet the Garden lunch which was due to take place in July has not taken place. We have had to consider the health and safety of our members. The August meeting took place in the Community Centre where we could enjoy the air conditioning. Our speaker was Sue Coleman otherwise known as *Snakey Sue*.

In 1994 Sue started doing Belly Dancing and later introduced dancing with a snake. In 1996 she decided to get two Corn Snakes. Her collection grew as she took rescue snakes into her care and she now has twenty snakes which live in their own home. Sue has travelled all over the world and been on television and the media performing her Belly Dancing and giving snake talks. She also visits schools, clubs and parties.

She brought with her four snakes: a Kenyan Sand Boa she has named Becky, a Royal Python named Patches, a Mexican Black King Snake named Truffle and a Brazilian Rainbow Boa named Nicky. Four members offered to hold them while she spoke about each one. Members could also handle

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One point of interest was the difference between a snake and a lizard: Lizards have eardrums and eyebrows, snakes do not.

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We definitely learned a lot about snakes. Next month's meeting to be held in the Community Centre Thursday September 10th. starting at 7.30pm - a company called Salamander Gems who make jewellery with precious stones very often for Royalty.

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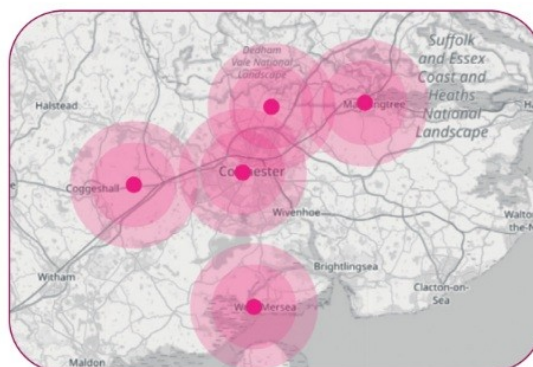
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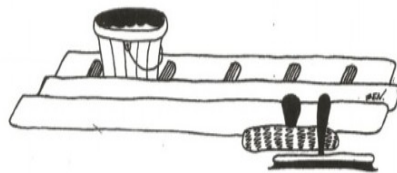
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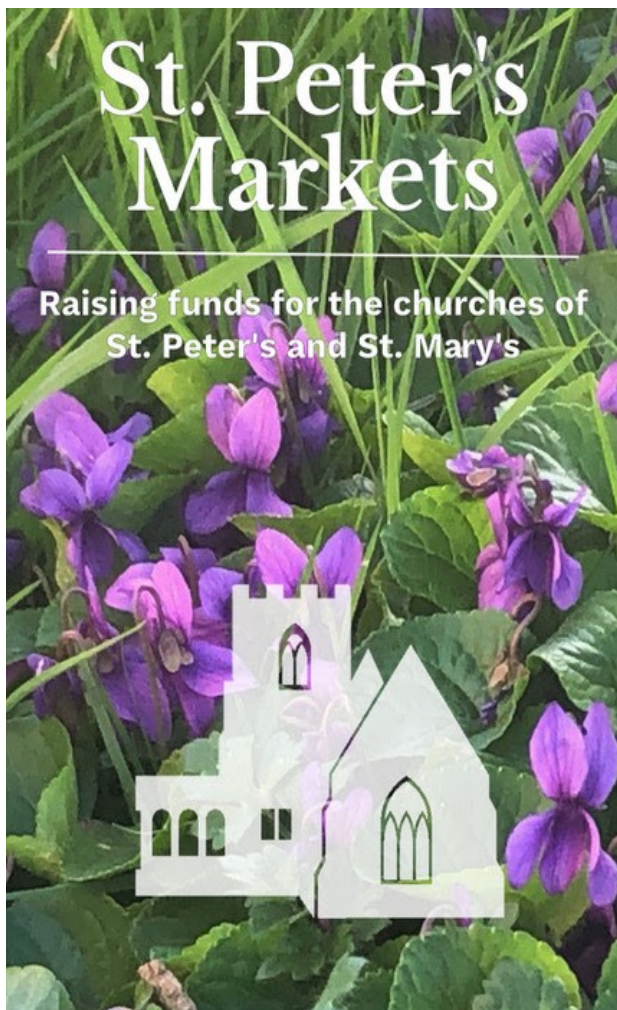
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