

## 1. Boxted Parish Charities

Statement of accounts as at 14.04.09

BALANCE BANK 14.04.08	£344.36
INTEREST UP TO 14.04.09	£124.54
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	£468.90
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PAID TO WIDOWS DEC.08	£160.0
BALANCE @ BANK 14.04.09	£308.90
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	£468.90
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## 2. Bowls Club:

This year; our second in the first division; we have not done as well as we had hoped. We are now facing relegation to the second division. But the consolation in that is, that we should be top of that division and might do a lot better One problem was that we were short of match playing members due to ill health. Hopefully all will be fit this coming year and we may regain our place in the higher division.

On the bright side we now have a nice new carpet roller and score boards. Thank you all for the donations that we received towards purchasing these.

We are now looking for new members for Friday evenings. This meeting is never fully patronised. So if any of you would like to give it a try....

Friday nights, at seven o'clock. Village hall.

Come and try your hand at carpet bowling. It is free for the first three meetings, so you cannot lose. You meet new people. Get a free cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit You might even become addicted to the game.

David Borroff

### **3. Boxted Art & Craft Club**

Our meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month and run from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2008 and will end on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 our AGM.

**September** 3rd & 17th Ordinary meetings.

#### **October**

1st We had a brilliant Artist — David Lloyd, who specialises in painting old buildings.

15<sup>th</sup> Ordinary meeting.

#### **November**

5th Ordinary meeting.

19th — Vivian, one of our members, did a workshop on Christmas Decorations, we all went home with a decoration for our Christmas Tree, some of our members made 2 or 3. It was a lovely afternoon.

**December** 3rd Ordinary meeting.

#### **January 2009**

7th Ordinary meeting

14th We had a New Year Dinner at the Rose & Grown — Dedham.

21st Allison Bond a Pastel Painting Artist did a demonstration and gave us lots of advice on how to achieve brilliant paintings.

28<sup>th</sup> We went to the Mercury Theatre and saw the Colchester Operatic Society production of Fiddler on the Roof.

31st A team of our members took part in the Village Hall Quiz (Smarty Pants). We didn't win.

#### **February 2009**

4th Ordinary meeting

18<sup>th</sup> Carole Weldon (business name Cappolli di Oggi) one of our members gave us a very interesting talk and demonstration on how she makes very "Posh" hats. Oggi bought lots of Hats with her which we tried on — a very enjoyable afternoon.

#### **March 2009**

4th Ordinary meeting

18th Lindsay Harding-Payne — Collected over 100 items of baby clothes for the Premature Baby Unit at the Colchester General Hospital — all knitted by our members.

#### **April 2009**

1st Victoria stepped in virtually at the last minute giving us a very interesting talk and demonstration on beads (as Carol Adkinson husband had died suddenly). Victoria bought a lot of very old beads which had been made into clothes, jars and all sorts of things — most unusual, from around the world. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

15th Ordinary meeting

#### **MAY 2009**

4th Ordinary meeting

20th Our AGM.

Doreen Jackson

I am sorry to report one of our oldest members Phyllis Mathews died quite recently — all our members are so sad as she was loved by all the members.

## **4. Boxted Evergreen Club**

Boxted Evergreen Club has 45 members and is growing all the time. We meet every other Thursday all year round.

The club supports many charities, Essex Air Ambulance, Headway, RNIB and others.

We have 4 outings per year at a reasonable cost., Christmas Party also dinner out with coach provided.

There is a varied programme of speakers and entertainers. Our main fund raiser IS OUR "Grand Bazaar" which is on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Members pay £3 annually and £1 per meeting to cover raffle, refreshments and speakers,

Thank you for your interest.

Victoria R Sycamore.

## **5. Boxted Lodgers FC**

It gives me great pleasure to offer this summary of progress the club has made for the period 2008-9.

The year began with the AGM and all officers posts filled and high hopes of developments both on and of the field. The focus for the chair was to foster a stronger relationship with the Sports and Social Committee and the Parish Council and to press ahead for plans for the club house redevelopment.

The club was in a strong position with regards the governance and was determined to support both teams that represent Boxted in the Border league. The first team would compete in the first division and the reserves in the first reserve division.

Pre – season commenced with open trials and details sent out to Boxted, Lanham and Horkesley and two new and local players joined the squad. The season started well with a fine victory away to hot favourites Lawford, but the season did not finish as it started with confidence being a major factor despite the best efforts of the manager Carl Thompson. The team demonstrated shoots of recovery recording wins and taking points from the eventual favourites the latter part of the season.

The reserves, under the leadership of new manager Mark Hayton also started brightly with a strong looking squad and aspirations of a high finish. A steady start was interrupted by defeat to local rivals Dedham and this seemed to begin some inconsistent results and form. The reserves rallied though and finished with some notable victories and a top half finish.

The Football Club have continued to fulfil their responsibility with the sports and social committee attending all meetings and offering support with issues as they arise. I feel it important to comment this committee has worked as a tight unit and have addressed issues in an adult like and solution focussed manner, much to do with the personalities on this committee.

The sports and social committee are unanimous and stand shoulder to shoulder with plans to redevelop the tiring clubhouse. I am personally committed to support this initiative through to its completion. The funding identified is reliant upon the development of girl's football and I will be working hard to bring girls football to the village for next season. I think this will provide a marvellous asset to the village bring energy and positive healthy activities to the king George V playing fields.

Mark Healey

## **6. FOOTPATH WALKERS REPORT FOR PARISH MEETING.**

Eight walks have been undertaken since September 2008, one other had to be cancelled because of torrential rain. Most of the footpaths in Boxted have been walked along with some in Langham, Great Horkesley, Nayland and Stoke by Nayland as each walk takes a circular route. The number of walkers has varied considerably each time, but everyone has expressed a wish that the events continue.

The state of most paths, stiles and footbridges has been found to be good, although some stiles, especially on Rivers Hall estate, are rather high for older people. Most landowners are prompt with the reinstatement of paths following ploughing and the routes are kept well defined during the growing season.

There is one more walk planned for this season on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June leaving the Playing Field at 2pm and everyone is invited to join in.

## **7. HISTORY RECORDERS REPORT**

On behalf of the Recorders may I thank the Parish Council for their annual grant towards our work.

This year we have been asked to assist people with tracing family histories and liaising with the Essex Records Office in Chelmsford. Locally we have watched the demise of the last remnants of the Carter and Blewitt Fruit Farms, the clearance of Hill Farm Industrial Estate and await with interest any new building.

If anyone has any items of interest, be they newspaper cuttings, old handbills, photographs etc., that they wish to put in the Archives here in Boxted please contact Anne Newman who will be pleased to have them.

## **8. Methodist Church**

The renovation of the Chapel has been completed. The final redecoration was made by a volunteer working party who were mainly into their 70s.

The Methodists lost their perimeter fence to the travellers. They would like to see a high fence to shield the travellers site from view as it is still being used as an illegal dump.

## **9. Methodist Silver Band**

The Band has a membership of thirty-seven plus our musical director. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings, with the training band meeting on Monday evenings. We have played at the monthly Band Service at Boxted Chapel throughout the year as well as for Harvest Festival, Good Friday, Remembrance Sunday and the Carol Service. We have played at several services in other churches as well as concerts throughout the year including on the bandstand in Castle Park, Fest, in Boxted village hall and Royal British Legion, at the Props and Propellers event at Rougham Airfield, Feering May Fair, Copford and Coggeshall churches. We also helped several charities raise funds during the year including the Alzheimer Association, Essex Air Ambulance and NCH Action for Children. We took on several new engagement venues this year and hope to be invited back. As usual, we played carols throughout the village in December as well as at supermarkets and in Culver Square, which allowed us to raise money to send to NCH Action for Children, the Boxted Chapel and our own funds. During the year one of the longest serving members of the Band passed away – Les Warren, and his contribution is certainly missed. On a positive note, several new members have joined the Band continuing the tradition in the village.

New projects for 2009 include taking part in the Southern Counties Amateur Band Association contest in October, a Band training day and we hope to increase membership of our training band.

Liz Petters

## **10. Pram and Chat Club**

This year has again seen an increase in numbers attending Pram and Chat with families from Boxted and the surrounding villages. In the summer term we were able to use our designated outside area and when the weather was not so kind we carried out some messy arts and crafts. During the summer holidays several families enjoyed a day at Frinton beach. In the Autumn term Sally decided that due to an increase in work commitments she would stop running Pram and Chat. This was a hard decision to make after four years of making some wonderful friends. Kelly and Nicola offered to take over the running of the group and we had a fantastic Christmas/leaving party at Childsplay Adventureland.

We are continuing to provide free play for the various age groups that attend Pram and Chat, along with an art and craft activity each week, role play and snack time. We have recently been able to use the designated outside area during the session to enable us to make larger play equipment available to the children. We have been updating and replacing worn or broken equipment and adding some larger equipment for the babies. A Health Visitor comes every third week of the month. The group now runs from 9.45 to 11.15.

Nicola Bloomfield

## 11. Police

Boxted falls into a priority 3 ward based on crime figures and is often grouped together with Horkesley, Fordham and Wormingford under the title of E134A.

A priority 3 ward simplified is; a ward that has the lowest Crime.

Obviously crime may be Low in comparison to other areas but large efforts are still made to beat figures and reduce crime and ASB comparatively by month and year.

Crime trends for areas do change, For Boxted at present we are looking at theft type offences as being our concern.

There has been 4 Dwelling Burglaries for Boxted spaced out over the year period 1st April 08 - 1st April 09 most common items stolen were jewellery and laptops.

There has been 5 Burglary other offences spaced over the year 1st April 08- 1st April 09 these broken down are

- 1 shed burglary
- 2 business premises burgalled
- 1 container burglary that was hit twice within the period

There has been 8 Theft other offences over the year 1st April 08 - 1st April 09 these are spaced out of the year period

There has been 7 Theft From Motor vehicle offences over the year 1st April 08 - 1st April 09; 6 of these were at a time when nearly all the North rural areas were getting hit for the same offence using the same method.

At the end of 2008, we ran an operation to reduce "Theft from Motor Vehicles" which produced good results in many areas and across all villages that we cover at Copford. The operation produced an overall 40% decrease in the offence of Theft from Motor Vehicles.

The operation of visible patrols covered Boxted, Horkesley, Fordham and Wormingford and showed that overall whilst the operation was running there was a distinct decrease in most theft type offences and anti-social behaviour.

Due to the success of the Operation it is now running again in an attempt to reduce all crime. Particular for your area we hope to reduce Theft type offences.

To put you in the picture for the callender year so far I am charting Boxted monthly alongside the 15 other areas I cover for **Theft offences, Damage offences and Assaults** and I have found the following:-

Jan - Boxted There has been **3** crimes in total of the above type (3 other villages were higher)

Feb - Boxted There were **no crimes** of the above type ( 11 other villages had the particular crime)

Mar - Boxted there has been **3** crimes in total of the above type ( 4 other villages were higher)

Vicky Sanders