

# Boxted Annual Parish Meeting 2010

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## 1 Parish Council

### *1.1 Report from the Parish Council*

#### **1.1.1 Parish Council.**

The members of the Council are:

Liz Bazeley, Tim Brentnall (Chairman), Tracey Doolin,  
Brian Grant, Hugh Large, Steve Lawrence,  
Angela McLauchlan, Gene Pugh & David Thomas

#### **1.1.2 King George Playing Field.**

In the last year there have been no major changes to the facilities on the Field.

##### **Parish Buildings.**

We obtain a grant to do the preliminary design work on complete revamp of the Sports & Social club. The design brief was to incorporate a double set of changing rooms so that mixed sex teams would be able to use the facility, improved social facilities, an office for the Parish Clerk and sufficient storage so that the various sections had their storage. The preliminary design work has been completed and an initial costing of the project was of the order £0.75M. The Parish Council are talking to both the Cricketers and the Footballers about long term leases that would enable the Sports Sections to approach the Sports Grant awarding bodies for money towards the project.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Prefab that the Playground Committee obtained in 1988 has come to the end of its life. The pre-school who have the sole users of the building for many years have obtained a grant from the ECC early years for a new building. The Parish Council are granting a 25 year lease on some of the land next to the Sports & Social Club for this project.

The original part of the Playing field had been dedicated to Fields in Trust, the Parish Council has agreed to the request from Fields in Trust to dedicate the area of the field that was obtained by the Parish Council in 1996 to them as qid pro quo to them allowing the pre-school to build on the original dedicated land.

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### **Play Facilities on KGV.**

No extra facilities have been provided this year.

The Junior multi-play equipment suffer fire damage due to vandalism. The Parish Council would like to point out that whilst the Insurance covered most of the cost of repairs it still cost this sort of behaviour costs the Parish over £100 and the equipment was not available for several months.

### **Formal Matches**

Colchester Ladies have been using the second pitch on the playing field. The junior section has been very successful.

Boxted Lodgers are training regularly on the part of the cricket outfield which is taking a fair hammering.

With the increased use of the pitched and hence the need for higher spending on the maintenance of the playing surface, the Parish Council has decide to raise the charge from £40 per annum to £10 per match.

### **1.1.3 Allotments**

The Parish Council has a list of over 20 residents who would like to have an allotment. The Council is talking to landowners to see whether any land could be leased and made available. No land is likely to available to the Parish Council till after this year's harvest.

### **1.1.4 Sale of Boxted Old School**

The sale of the old school has been completed. The Parish Council has received £54K for access rights across the Camping Close land.

### **1.1.5 Village Design Statement**

Several drafts of the final report have been prepared and presented to the Borough Council. The final version of the plan, that should be adopted in June 2010, is available on the Parish Council's web-site.

### **1.1.6 Planning**

The Current Approach looks at the appropriateness of each proposal as it affect the village. The Parish Council seek to maintain the rural character of the village.

The development that could have the biggest effect on the village is the proposed development by Buntings at Horkesley Park. Colchester Borough Council has appointed consultants to look at the proposal and the proposal is likely to come back for formal consideration this year. The Parish Council's position is that the proposal should be turned down.

Other planning issues :

A lot has been said about the Wig & Fidgett site, but nothing has been formally submitted to the Council.

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**REMEMBER THAT YOU AS INDIVIDUALS MAY OBJECT TO DEVELOPMENTS. YOUR INDIVIDUAL VIEW MIGHT BE DIFFERENT TO THAT OF THE COUNCIL. SO IF YOU OBJECT TO THE DEVELOPMENT MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOU PUT YOUR OBJECTION IN OTHERWISE YOUR CONCERNS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

### 1.2 Summary Accounts

#### 1.2.1 Expenditure / Income

	2009-10	2009-10	2008-9	2008-9
	Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income
<b>King George Playing Field</b>	<b>5942</b>	<b>1442</b>	<b>6362</b>	<b>1269</b>
Pitch maintenance	684		942	
BMX, Skate park & Play ground (incls inspection)	151		613	
Pre-school area	91		378	834
General KGV maintenance, equipment footpaths etc.	2629	977	1680	
KGV rates & water charges	2387	465	2749	435
<b>Closed Churchyard &amp; church burial grounds</b>	<b>800</b>		<b>800</b>	
<b>Parish Council Buildings (maintenance &amp; grants)</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4090</b>	<b>1536</b>
KGV - water leak engineering cost			1862	
Village hall			974	
Sports & Social Club	0		298	
Car park at community centre - footpath			0	
Pre school	228		627	1536
Village Notice board & Sign			329	
<b>Entertainment, the arts &amp; tourism (village recorder &amp; Directory)</b>	<b>50</b>		<b>50</b>	
<b>Grant aided spending</b>	<b>939</b>		795	2130
<b>Parish Administration</b>	<b>12332</b>	<b>24015</b>	<b>10934</b>	<b>24842</b>
Salary & administrative expenses, Tax NI	9042		7917	300
VDA	0		0	
Associations (BALC, EALC RCCE etc)	427		346	
Training Election costs	0		0	
Insurance	2863		2671	
Parish Support Grant		4927		4927
Precept		16648		15936
Interest		289		1460
Pre-school		1197		1536
VAT refund		954		683
<b>Playground Committee monies</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>541</b>
Playground	0	0		
Football for juniors			456	541
Cricket Club				

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Football club  
Tennis club

<b>Total</b>	<b>20291</b>	<b>25457</b>	<b>23487</b>	<b>27948</b>
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### 1.2.2 Allocation of Funds

	2009	2010
<b>Working Funds</b>	4154	2500
<b>Pension reserve</b>	1200	1850
<b>Parish Council Building and Grounds Development</b>	18169	24999
<b>Boxted No2 Reserve</b>	0	54084
<b>General reserve</b>	12142	12142
<b>Total Parish Council Funds</b>	<b>35511</b>	<b>95575</b>
<b>Playground committee</b>	3429	3429
<b>Playground - Football</b>	786	786
<b>Tennis club</b>	2828	2828
<b>Total Playground Fund administrated by the Council</b>	<b>7043</b>	<b>7043</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>42704</b>	<b>102618</b>

### 1.3 *Boxted Parish Charities fund Committee.*

Statement of Account @14 April 2010

Balance at Bank 14/4/09	309.90
Interest up to 14/4/10	209.99
	509.89
	509.89
Paid to Widows Dec 2009	150.00
Balance at bank 14/4/10	359.89
	509.89
	509.89

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### 2 Village organisations

#### 2.1 Arts & Craft Club

Boxted Art & Craft club —

Report for Parish Council Meeting 12th May 2010

We attend our meetings on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month.

We started our new term on the 9th September 2009 and it will end on the 9th May 2010 which is our AGM.

9th September	Ordinary Meeting.	
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Ordinary Meeting.	
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Perspective in paintings	David Lloyd who visited us last year and gave us a very interesting talk on perspective and gave our painting members lots of tips — a most enjoyable afternoon.
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Ordinary Meeting.	
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Ordinary Meeting.	
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Iris Folding	Two of our members did a workshop on Iris Folding, which was brilliant. We all had a most enjoyable afternoon
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Ordinary Meeting.	
24 <sup>th</sup> December		5 of our Club Members took part in the Boxted Airfield History Group Quiz. Unfortunately we were not very good, but a most enjoyable evening especially the Jacket Potatoes
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	Ordinary Meeting.	
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Ordinary Meeting.	Postponed due to the snow.
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Use of coloured pencils	Jan Pine demonstrated the use of Coloured Pencils - truly a magnificent artist. I hope we can get her to visit us again We all thoroughly enjoyed this afternoon, which was a lovely break from our horrible weather
27 <sup>th</sup> January	New year Dinner	We had our New Year Dinner at the Half Butt, Gt. Horkesley which we all enjoyed the food was extremely good.
30 <sup>th</sup> January		6 of our members took part in the Smartypants quiz. Which we thoroughly enjoyed, though we didn't win.
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Ordinary Meeting.	
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Ordinary Meeting.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Decorate your eggs for Easter	Barbara Pennell showed us how to paint Eggs and demonstrated a real art which surprised us all — a very enjoyable afternoon.
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Ordinary Meeting.	

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7 <sup>th</sup> April	Ordinary Meeting.	
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Demonstration Pen & Wash/Water Colour	It should have been Mike Lang but due to unforeseen circumstances he was not able to attend.
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Ordinary Meeting.	
19 <sup>th</sup> May	AGM	

Our summer outing is to be confirmed.

Our members knitted premature baby clothes with wool given by the family of Phyllis Andrews. Our photographer, Pauline Digginds took a photo of the clothes which will be passed on to Phyllis's family.

On 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June we are putting on a window display at Boxted Church and all our members will be showing their skills at Art & nCrafts.

Doreen Jackson

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### **2.2 Book Talk Reading Group**

The reading group is an informal group meeting in each other's houses to discuss a book which has been handed out at the previous meeting. We have 12 members and the average attendance is nine.

Our first meeting was on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2004 and we have met every month since then. So we have read & discussed approximately 75 books ranging from Thomas Hardy and Jane Austen to Ian Rankin and Anita Shreeve.

We are lucky that the books are generously provided by Colchester Library and are brought to the village Hall in the Mobile Library monthly to be collected.

Our meetings have become very casual affairs and we seem to spend as much time talking about our families, our work, our holidays, our visits to the theatre and cinema and to London as we do about the books that we have all read or supposed to have read.. The discussions are helped along by refreshments of wine and nibbles and it is usually nearly 11PM when the meetings end.

Although we are called the Boxted Reading Group, six of our members live in Langham. One hears that most Reading Groups seem to break up After a few years but so far there is no evidence that our group has run its course.

Bryn Griffiths

### **2.3 Bowls Club**

Despite having had a reasonable seasons bowling, the club has nevertheless remained in the second division. The teams entered into the various matches played, have all done their best. But have, nevertheless just failed to achieve promotion. Perhaps next year we will have more success. Our club is solid and determined to do well.

The majority of our games; won or lost; are invariably tight matches. But we still fell just short of promotion. We now have the summer months to prepare ourselves for the next season's matches.

We have advertised for new members, and there has been some interest, some having joined us, but we could still do with more. Perhaps we could have a piece in the parish magazine.

'Anyone interested in trying this friendly; indoor sport can come to the village hall; either Monday afternoon at 2pm, or Friday evening at 7pm, to watch, and to participate when and if they feel ready. The first three visits are free. Tea or coffee is provided, and you can try your first game as soon as you want to.'

David Borroff

### **2.4 Boxted History Group**

The History Group has had another very successful year with around fifty members. Most members are from Boxted and Langham but others increasingly come from Colchester and surrounding villages. The Group has established a very fruitful relationship with The Historical Society of Watertown, Massachusetts, where the Reverent George Phillips, rector of St. Peter's church, settled in the early 17th century with a group of Boxted people. Throughout the year meetings have been held on a monthly basis and very enjoyable visit was made in the summer to Columbine Hall, Suffolk.

Alan Ladbrooke

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### **2.5 Pre-School – Little Owls**

Little Owls Preschool (Boxted)  
Report for Annual Parish Meeting 2010

The last year has been a busy one for the preschool.

In April 2009 Little Owls Preschool (Boxted) was established as a charitable company to take over the running of Boxted Preschool. Following Ofsted registration in November, the preschool officially became Little Owls, and Boxted Preschool was dissolved and removed from the Charities Register in January 2010. The preschool has an active Board of Trustees made up of parents and interested village people.

Throughout the year, the preschool has been involved in obtaining funding for a new building. We are grateful for all the support given by the Parish Council and also by Jane and Howard Gilbert who have worked hard on our behalf. The efforts culminated in an award of £340,250.87 from Essex Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership to finance the provision of a replacement building on the King George Playing Field, on a plot next to the Sports and Social Club. Planning permission has been granted, and we are now in the exciting position of being able to plan the build. Trustees, staff and families are all looking forward to an exciting few months as we see our purpose-designed new building take shape, with a prospective opening date in early September this year. We have building consultants on board to project manage the groundworks and construction.

During the year the preschool said goodbye to Clare Baird and Maggie Bland, both of whom had been involved in the preschool since its very early days in the village hall. At the start of 2010, Maggie stepped down as manager of the preschool, after almost 30 years of close involvement, but following her election as chair of the Trustees, her valuable experience will continue to benefit the preschool.

The hours of preschool sessions changed in September last year and we can now provide 6 hour sessions 5 days a week. This has proved popular with families and we start the summer term 2010 with a very full register.

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### **2.6 BOXTED 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, Feering May Fair, Pakenham Water Mill, Myland Fete, Halstead Music Week and for Whispers in Holland on Sea. .

We also helped several charities raise funds during the year including 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.

New projects for 2009 included taking part in the Southern Counties Amateur Band Association contest in October, a Band training day and a light-hearted quartet competition within the Band

Several new members have joined the Band, both training and senior, continuing the tradition in the village. Our conductor Chris Lewis left us in January to take on a similar role with Woodbridge Excelsior Band. He has been replaced by Victoria Steinitz, a horn player in the Band who joined the Training Band, progressed to the senior Band and then left to study music at University. She has now moved back into the area, although working for the LSO in London and has undertaken this new role within the Band. The Band was pleased to play for her wedding in April when she married Ben, who is now our percussionist!

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### ***2.7 The Footpath Walkers' Group.***

The village monthly walks have continued through out the winter months and have been enjoyed by those taking part. The group has walked most if not all of the marked footpaths in the village and several that adjoin the boundaries. Most paths are well signed and easy to find and the farmers reinstate any obscured after ploughing, however a few that cross private gardens or driveways are more difficult to find. The current season of walks finishes on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June and should recommence on the first Sunday in October, when those who enjoy walking in the company of others are invited to come along. Starting points vary between the Playing Field and the Church Car park and a notice is always placed in the Parish Newsletter.

### ***2.8 The Village Recorder.***

As Recorder I have received several requests for information from the current Church Registers from various parts of the world. A doctor from Ohio contacted the Village Website and Howard Gilbert passed on his request for information about Sir Richard Blackmore, physician to Queen Anne, and photographs of his gravestone and himself which I was pleased to supply, along with a translation of the Latin inscription of the memorial tablet in the chancel.

Sadly I was unable to get any Boxted photographs from the sale of the collection of the late David May of Great Horkesley as I was unaware of the sale.

If anyone has similar items that they would be prepared to pass on I would be pleased to receive them for the Village Record.

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### **2.9 Cricket Club**

It is with great regret that I am unable to stand before you in person to highlight some of the achievements that the club has made over the last year, however, work commitments have me otherwise detained.

Hopefully if the weather is good, then tonight on the actual playing field itself you will be able to observe part of the future of Boxted Cricket Club. For this year, as a culmination of the previous two years junior coaching, you will see some of the clubs junior boys and girls playing only their second game of hardball cricket in the North East District under 12's league – this after an absence of junior cricket for almost 10 years.

Hopefully some of you within the meeting will have either sons or daughters, or grand children playing in the game or training regularly with us on a Saturday morning, for the makeup of our juniors comes mainly from Boxted, Langham, Nayland, Horkesley and Colchester. In addition to the children playing the game we are also fortunate to have some local parents who help with the coaching and running of events.

As a club we have made it our commitment to provide access to the game of cricket for all ages, sexes, and abilities and during the winter season we increased our coaching staff from 2 to 8 qualified coaches. These have enabled us to safely and enjoyably teach children the skills and fun of the game, and I am pleased to say that we have an active junior membership of almost 40 children.

The addition of the coaches has also enabled us to expand our senior section as well, as we have been fortunate to encourage local 'Dads' to become part of our family. Our considerable investment during 2008 and 2009 in up to date training equipment has enabled us to attract a number of quality players this season thereby significantly improving our playing strength.

In addition to our focus on playing the game, then as a club we have also looked to address ways in which we can reach out to the local community. We are always grateful to our continually increasing number of local supporters and vice presidents on whom we can draw for help and guidance whenever it is needed.

In October last year we held our 'Presentation Evening' at Fillpots Nursery & Garden Centre, where we were treated to an excellent meal with friendly service. We were able to entertain over 100 players and guests many drawn from the local community to an excellent evening with John Lever the former Essex and England cricketer our guest of honour.

We have also looked to seek advice and involvement from parishioners on how best to ensure that the village plays a greater part in the development of the club. We are currently applying for ECB Clubmark status which if awarded will be a reflection on our ability to deliver a safe learning environment, stable financial position and excellent administrative procedures.

When looking at the actual playing part of the game, then at present we are only a month into our current season, however, apart from the weather we remain unbeaten in the matches that we have played. Despite the weather our facilities and the playing field look splendid.

On a final note I would like to express my thanks to the Parish Council and the village for allowing us the 'cricketers' to use the facilities at King George Playing Field – especially to Angela McLauchlan for ensuring the outfield is rich with grass and to Roy Andrews in keeping it cut and rolled.

Boxted Cricket Club has been in existence for over 100 years now, and with our commitment and your help we hope to keep the tradition of village cricket running for the benefit and enjoyment of the local community.

Paul Harris

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### **2.10 Boxted Lodgers Football Clubs**

Our year began with the AGM and the club's request for a New Chairman to take over the role, which I relished the opportunity to fill, and immediately we were involved in a change of personnel with the Team Management positions. The first month was spent seeking new managers & talking to the incumbent team, to prepare a recommendation to our committee on the best candidates to assist in moving the club forward.

We brought into the club Gavin Mills & Lloyd Pentney as joint first team managers, with many positive plans, and Mark Hayton continued in his role as reserve team manager, with the assistance of our club captain Jason Gray.

The club was in a positive spirit, we were all determined to support both teams that represent Boxted in the Border league, with the new management structure. The first team would compete in the first division and the reserves in the first reserve division in the Essex & Suffolk Border League. Pre – season commenced with open trials and invites sent out to Boxted, Langham and Horkesley, as we did last year. Our Pre-season was very positive with an influx of new players. The season commenced with the first team struggling for results and the reserves started unbeaten within their league for a few months.

Unfortunately after a poor start we mutually decided to part company with Gavin & Lloyd. Mark Hayton took over as interim first team manager, where the results were immediately changed and we began to climb up the League. The reserves were taken over by James McKentey, after a great start, this continued for a while, with a majority of the reserve players now playing for the first team, it was a great test for James who really did us proud in his effort and his players return to finish in the top half of the table at the end of the season.

The first team under the refreshed management of Mark Hayton, continued to grow in strength and spirit, which was a positive influence on the club. Unfortunately the season has not ended as well as the middle and with some very good performances, in some difficult circumstances, they will finish low mid table but well clear of any danger, which is testament to Mark and his teams efforts from mid season onwards.

We have recently added some great value to our committee with a New Secretary and Fund/Social raising sub committee, as finances, facilities improvements and relationships being of the utmost importance to realise the potential of our Club & Facilities in the local community.

The Football Club have continued to fulfil their responsibility with the sports and social committee with myself attending all meetings and offering support with issues as they arise. This has been a steep learning curve for me and I now feel in a stronger position with the BSSC, and it has allowed me to understand some of the Parish council issues with the BSSC and its member clubs, but it has also highlighted an opportunity for BLFC to further enhance our commitment and involvement with the Parish and the local residents, which I believe is extremely important moving forward.

The next few months will be important I feel, in the continued positive movement forward and commitment to the plans for a refreshing approach to the Cage Lane facilities, playing field and offering to the local community, with a proactive involvement with the Parish Council.

**Darren Grove**

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### **2.11 Boxted Village Hall**

#### **2.11.1 Review of the minutes from December 2008 – December 2009.**

##### **15<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

The soffits had been repaired and paid for.

The Village Hall would contact the primary school to see if they wanted a junior indoor bowls club.

A 30% reduction on bookings was to be offered for a limited time to encourage more bookings.

The village Clubs still well supported, Coffee Café was the most successful. A Mother's Quiz Night was arranged for 31 January 2009.

##### **12 March 2009**

£2456 was spent on refurbishing the Ladies toilets. This upgrade was very favourably received by all users.

The Quiz Night made a profit of £194. Lettings were still slow.

A Trash & Treasure sale was planned for 28 March.

The Committee would update their hiring agreement at some time to make it more user friendly. The Village Advertisement Board had not been used much and would be advertised locally. The Chairperson would enquire about the autumn big band and make a booking.

##### **14 May 2009**

There had been a request for grab rails in the Ladies toilets.

Discounted bookings would end on the 31 May.

A Health and Safety Inspection of the hall kitchen had taken place. All was successful except for the tired wall paint. For which a quotation has been accepted.. The colours to match the main hall.

The Treasurer had written to Abbey banking for the third time to arrange for the correct addresses for letters.

There had recently been more enquiries and hall bookings which was pleasing.

The Bowls Club was short of members and going down in the league.

There were not enough school children willing to learn for junior club.

The Trash & Treasure Sale made a profit of £182.

John Jackson had resigned as Quiz Master but this role would be undertaken by Heather Mead.

The Evergreens wished for a step and grab rail to be fixed to enable safe access to the stage.

Blinds had been fitted the Men's toilets following comments by local residents.

##### **16 July 2009**

A durable step had been made by David Borroff who was thanked for his efforts. It was decided that we required a mirror image to fit the other side of the stage.

New wall lights had been fitted in the main hall and were well received by all users.

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A coat stand had been added to the ladies toilets following requests.

Booking had fallen off again.

A new band called Swing Machine had been booked for 31 October 2009 at a cost of £500. It was decided to slightly increase ticket prices to £8.50.

Kitchen painting would begin on 22 July together with the entrance hall.

### **24 September 2009-10-09**

After an inspection of the loft insulation it was decided not to renew as there was sufficient depth.

A letter was sent to the Parish Council to ask them to cut back a tree at the back of the Hall as the branches were touching the building. There are also roots in the Hall soak away.

The back flood light needed repairing.

The Treasurer's books were due to go to the auditor.

Bookings for childrens' parties were doing well.

Clubs were still supported by regular attendees and the annual Snowball collection had taken place.

The sale of tickets for the Big Band Night was brisk and will be a sell out.

A letter would go out to all Village Hall clubs asking them to attend the Annual General Meeting and sign the key register.

### **24 November 2009**

The key register was signed by representatives of Village Hall clubs. It was noted that the fire regulations for the hall still needed adding to the hiring details.

A Boxted resident had phoned to thank the Committee for all their hard work. The car park flood light had been repaired.

The Chair person gave her report outlining the business of the year including special offers on bookings and the Health & Safety check on the kitchen which was passed fit for purpose.

The Treasurer gave his report and copies of the audited accounts were given out. A vote of thanks was offered by the Committee for all his hard work.

Hall maintenance included improving rear floodlighting and updating hall electrics together with boiler maintenance. A new A frame advertising sign was to be made to position on the pavement to indicate opening times for events.

Future events included a quiz night, jumble sale and autumn dance with the possibility of a village produce and craft show and themed disco in the future.

The Committee were all re-elected except Trish Cundy who chose to stand down. Both cloakrooms would have electric hand driers added. A round of applause was offered to the caretaker for all his work.

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### **2.11.2 Treasurer's Report fro the AGM – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

1. End of year accounts have been passed by the auditor/inspector, John Russell. Copies of the approved documents are attached or available for scrutiny.
2. Summary of accounts – Gross income was £15141, of which £3850 was in the form of grants from Cory Trust and Boxted Parish Council. Our thanks go to them for their assistance. Outgoings were £15816 of which £9900 was in the form of one offs, more on them later.  
We have £18755 in Santander and £3700 in the NatWest current account, total £22464 at 31 July 2009.
3. External refurbishment – we spent £6500 on replacing the soffits, fascias and guttering and a new covered way to the Boiler house.
4. Internal refurbishments – we spent £2600 on upgrading the Ladies toilets and £600 on redecorating the Hall and kitchen. The original Hall wall lights were changed. New notice boards and a step to the stage were provided by David Booroff. New china was purchased.
5. We assisted the Bowls Club with the purchase of a carpet Rack, cost £1000 approx, of which the VH contributed £500 and the Parish Council £250.
6. Major contributors to income were Bowls, Coffee Café, and Snowball. Income from hiring fees increased this year.

**C Tadman, Hon Treasurer.**  
**November 2009**

# **Boxted Annual Parish Meeting 2010**

## **Combined reports**

### **2.12 Boxted WI**

Once again we have had a very busy year.

We held a Fashion in April in aid of St Helena Hospice and we raised £300 for them. During the year, apart from the monthly meetings held at the hall we also organised lunch dates at members' homes and various venues through the year.

Grant aided classes were held in June and July, when Julie Bull came along and shaped us into a choir. Great fun and laughter was had by everyone and more classes are planned for this June & July.

We had various trips out. Pin Mill, Thursford, Suffolk Radio and a vineyard were amongst our busy summer/autumn events. In October, we organised a dinner for Help the Heroes and raised over £3000. It was very hard work but also very rewarding. Our Christmas Dinner was held at the Lion in Leavenheath and the Christmas party brought 2009 to an end.

This year we have had Aromatherapy, a Guernsey evening and a Children's charity in Africa.

This Spring Valley Group meeting which was held at Langham, was a stunning success with lady Morris dancers, a Piano recital and singing with the choir. It was enjoyed by everyone..

A Carol Service is organised for this December.

Next year we plan a beauty evening with staff from Debenham's Cosmetic department, a visit to the Mercury Wardrobe department, a Cornish Evening with Pasties, scones jam and clotted cream.

We have 25 members and are always looking for new members.

All in All it has been a very busy and enjoyable Year.

### **2.13 Youth Club**

For 1 year the Langham with Boxted Parish, has a youth worker. The free sessions are held alternately at Boxted & Langham. They have been very successful and there were 30 children at the last session in Boxted.

## Boxted Annual Parish Meeting 2010 Combined reports

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