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BOX VALLEY TO BECOME NEW FLIGHT PATH

Air traffic is to be directed over Boxford and Bildestone following a campaign to divert planes from Dedham Vale.

The National Air Traffic Services (NATS) is proposing to change flight paths from March 2004 for aircraft flying into Stansted and Luton Airports to take them away from the Dedham Vale. It will mean planes will instead be directed over Boxford and Bildestone as they make their approaches to the two airports.

The move will also mean a new aircraft circling area, known as a holding stack, will be created 8,500ft over north and east Ipswich. The new stack, called LAPRA, would be in addition to the ABBOT holding stack already used over Sudbury. Aircraft leaving this stack to make their approach to the airport will of course be descending.

Babergh District Council has been lobbying NATS, Stansted Airport and the Department for Transport to try to get aircraft noise above the Dedham Vale - an area of outstanding natural beauty - reduced. Its head of planning policy and economic development, Neil Greig, has said: "*It is unfortunate that other areas will be affected, (especially the Boxford and Bildestone area) but in campaigning for a shift in emphasis away from the Dedham Vale it was clear that flight paths would have to be accommodated elsewhere.*"

Tim Yeo, Conservative MP for South Suffolk, who went with members of the Dedham Vale Society to lobby the Civil Aviation Authority to get the number of flights there reduced, welcomed the proposal as a partial victory. But he has added: "The problem with aircraft is they're much more noticeable in rural areas and villages than in towns, where there's noise almost 24 hours a day. "Dedham Vale is a very tranquil area, so I fully support the change, but I'm afraid I would sympathise with residents of other villages who will suffer. Having to move it to any other rural part of Suffolk is unfortunate, but even the existing use at Stansted is clearly increasing, which does mean the likelihood of more traffic over Suffolk."

Wilfred Tolhurst, chairman of the Dedham Vale Society, is said: to be extremely pleased by the news. the society has been lobbying for this and it does mean they have been partially successful.

Katherine Blake, manager of the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Trust welcomes this proposal, but understands that this will not completely remove air noise from the vale and that the flights will have to go somewhere else. A NATS spokesman stated that the changes were needed to allow air traffic control capacity to be improved so it could safely handle the current and expected volume of air traffic in the region. It is considered that the designs associated with this proposal will bring considerable environmental benefit to the Dedham Vale area of outstanding

natural beauty as the volume of air traffic using Stansted and Luton airports increases in the future.

Never mind the destruction of the peace and tranquillity of Boxford and district, an area also of outstanding beauty. So it seems that money talks again and the strong lobby from the Dedham vale has won a victory, unfortunately at our expense The proposals have been presented to the Civil Aviation Authority, and there was a consultation period up to August 1st, details of which were on www.caa.co.uk. Unfortunately our various parish councils were advised to late for any concerted objections to be made. It seems the bureaucrats at Babergh decided there was no need to consult us, in fact most of the decisions were made by un-elected officers of the district council.

It may be too late to object to the changes, however it is important that our parish councils make the feelings of their parishioners known. We must take a leaf out of The Dedham Vale Societies book and fight back even if we do not have the support of the District Council or even our MP. A Letter to Tim Yeo seeking his views got a brief answer "I hope the Council gives you a considered reply".

Check the readers letters to get the view of someone who has moved from an affected area to the Box Valley to get away from an aircraft noise area"From our experience the aircraft do intrude into your life, mostly from about 0400hrs to 0800hrs when all the business flights take off and land. Leaving your windows open at night will no longer be an option".... Ed.

NEWTON STUDENT GAINS A PLACE AT OXFORD Congratulations Loren Perry

Congratulations to Loren Perry of Newton Lodge Newton Green for getting Five A level "A" Grades. Loren achieved her grades in German, Chemistry, Maths, Biology and Gen. Studies. Wishing you Good Luck at Oxford Loren Well Done from Liz, Brian, Grace and George and all Box River News Readers.

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Post lady, Sylvia Preedy



Sylvia Preedy has decided to retire after 18 years as Boxford Village Post lady. Sylvia has really enjoyed her job and has always tried to give good service, many times in awful weather, even at times, delivering mail from a sledge in snowy weather. Though she will miss her customers, "the ladies in the flats" and many others she meets whilst delivering the mail, she feels that she has just not got enough time to spend on her and her husband, Ian's, many interests.

The arrival of Sylvie's first grandson, James, six months ago, has made a busy life even more hectic. Sylvia is looking forward to doing more travelling with Ian and they will be setting off on another motorcycling expedition to Northern India and Bhutan this autumn, and of course she is looking forward to spending more time with James.

Sylvia would like to take this opportunity to thank all her customers for making her job so enjoyable and to say that she will miss you all.

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Friday 5 September, 8.30 Ticket £11 Lennie Bush Quintet

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Friday 12 September, 8.30 Ticket £11 Protect the Beat

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Friday 19 September, 8.30 Ticket £10 Kevin Flanagan Quartet

Followers in the past of the brash and ballsy hard-bop Tommy Chase combo will no doubt remember Kevin's "Rollins" style tenor playing. Never overdramatic or a reckless dispenser of arpeggios, he prefers to play in a more almost deceptively casual fashion. Pianist David Gordon is equally at home in the jazz and classical world. Andy Brown's full toned bass playing has much in common with the late veteran American of the same surname. Drummer Russ Morgan is a delight, never fussy or intrusive in his playing really listening to what is going on around him.

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Friday 26 September, 8.30 Ticket £13 Sarah Jane Morris

Sarah Jane is a powerful and multi-talented British singer whose astonishing voice has the ability to excite audiences and fellow musicians alike with its three and a half octave range. Radio Suffolk's Stephen Foster voted Sarah Jane's last gig at the Fleece as his gig of the year in 2002, "I knew she was good but not this good". With Alistair Gavin (piano/keyboards), Henry Thomas (bass) and Greg Leppard (drums/guitar).

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The Tora household possesses no fewer than four telephone lines. I doubt we are alone amongst households in enjoying such a significant communications resource. We each have a mobile 'phone and, in addition to the normal BT line, there is a separate telephone line for the computer. Quite how we all used to manage on a single telephone line – as most of us did until comparatively recently – I cannot imagine.

I have been fortunate in possessing a mobile 'phone for many years – if fortunate is the right description. The first I acquired, back in the mid-1980s - it was bulky and heavy – and the battery ran out very quickly, something I imagine many people without mobile 'phones travelling on public transport wished were still the case. Over time, they have become smaller, cheaper and with batteries that last much longer. They slip easily into a pocket these days.

Mobile 'phones can, of course, be a source of embarrassment, ringing at an inopportune moment when you have forgotten to turn it off. This once happened to me when I was taking part in a training session in a hotel in Grange-over-Sands, near the Lake District. Grange-over-Sands has, apparently, the largest percentage of the population over retirement age of any community in the land. Even Frinton cannot hold a candle to a town where it is said the average age of the population is dead.

I made two mistakes on this particular occasion. The first, clearly, was to leave my telephone switched on. The second was to answer it. It can be difficult to persuade the person at the other end of the line why it is not possible to hold a conversation – particularly if it is your wife. The situation was as embarrassing as any I have experienced, primarily because my audience was demonstrably enjoying my discomfiture.

Audiences in close proximity can be intimidating. Even across a stage into a large auditorium, they can be challenging. I well recall the occasion in Antwerp when I had agreed to stand in for a colleague suffering from a sore throat by addressing the Benelux Association of Investment Clubs. He was kind enough to provide me with his speech. He omitted to point out that the conference was being conducted in Dutch.

Then there was the occasion in Southern Spain when, again as a substitute speaker, I had boned up on my knowledge of the Spanish stock market in anticipation of difficult questions coming from an audience of local residents. You can imagine my surprise when an attractive young lady with long black hair, wearing a flamenco style dress rose to her feet and asked about Australian shares. Unusually, for me, I was rendered speechless.

Last year I walked on stage at the lecture theatre at Warwick University to address the delegates attending the annual convention of the Institute of Financial Planning to be greeted with a chorus of "Happy Birthday". It was, indeed, the day of my birth, and I made a mental note never in future to request an early speaking slot in the programme in order to leave early in time to attend a birthday dinner at home.

But perhaps the most disappointing public speaking engagement I attended was in Belfast. A local insurance broker had obtained my services to speak to his clients on the stockmarket. He and his assistant duly set out the chairs in the hall they had hired and stood expectantly by the door to greet those attending. Just one person turned up to hear me speak. Despite waiting for latecomers we found ourselves in the embarrassing position of the speakers out-numbering the audience. What can you do in circumstances like that? Well, it was Ireland and we did the only thing possible in my view. We took the audience to the pub and spoke to him there.

Brian Tora is Chairman of the Little Waldingfield Parish Council and a regular writer and broadcaster on investment and financial matters

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The proceeds from the 2003 Fete is £1,421 and Brian James will be distributing to the Village Hall, Church and Newtoners. The fete once again benefited from a Royal Bank of Scotland Community Cashback Award of £250, which is being given to the Village Hall Refurbishment project.

Finally, the inquest meeting will be held at our home, Cragston, on Wednesday 17th September starting at 8pm.

Dave Crimmin Chairman, Fete Committee

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

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Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Annual Bike Ride

This event is in its 22nd year, and Boxford has contributed from the start. The date this year is Saturday 13th September.

Sponsorship forms are available from Jennie Lindsley, Little Field, Cox Hill or from the Church.

Cyclists and walkers can collect donations or sponsorship and visit as many Churches as they wish between 10.00 am and 6 p.m. Half the money collected goes to the local Church, to maintain the building whilst the other half goes to the Trust for distribution as needed.

If anyone can spare a couple of hours to "man" the Church during the day please contact Jennie Lindsley (210 520)

It is a very enjoyable day out with friends or family and a chance to look round Suffolk's wealth of churches, which benefit from the money raised. Last year a magnificent £147,000 was collected.

PLANTS AT ROSE COTTAGE:

Thank you to all who have bought plants from the stall. The total made for Edwardstone Parish Hall for this year is £300. Hope to see you all again next spring. Daphne Clark 210698

Boxford Study Centre

Classes commence 30th September at 7.30 p.m. in Boxford School for the History/General course and 7th October 2002 at 7.30p.m. in The Fleece, Boxford for the Literature Course.

History/General (Michaelmas Term, commencing 30th September 2003 7.30 pm Boxford School)

Always entertaining and enjoyable, once again we have Clive Payne giving another in his series of courses on Suffolk History. This time we go back in time to Tudor Suffolk, dive's lectures are ever popular. This is the third course in as many years in which Clive focuses on yet another period of history as it really was for the people of Suffolk. Two of the ten meetings will be on Saturdays at venues to be announced soon after starting the course. If you've not been to dive's lectures before then you are in for a real treat. So come along.

Clive writes the following brief: The course investigates local aspects of the reign of Henry VIII, Mary and Edward VI, Elizabeth, Mary Tudor, Duchess of Suffolk: the closure of religious houses: Tudor dwelling houses: the struggle between Mary Tudor and Lady Jane Grey and the effect of the reformation.

Literature (Michaelmas Term, commencing 6th October 2003 7.30pm The Fleece, Boxford) Etain Todds will already have contacted most of the literature students with details of the coming course and a reading list. However new students are always welcome. This course "Only Connect": FIVE NOVELISTS LOOK AT SOCIETY, delivered by Steven Trerise, will invite much discussion and explore ideas on society.

For more information about this course and a syllabus contact: Mrs. Etain Todds, Moat Farm Cottage, Edwardstone, Sudbury, CO 10 5PY. Tel: 01787 210344.

History/General (Lent Term, commencing 13th January 2004 7.30pm Boxford School) Ten years have passed since we last had a course delivered by Stella Dodd. Then it was French Impressionist Painting. This time Stella's course is Early Christian and Byzantine Art. It promises to be equally as good as the previous course so fill a void in your knowledge by enrolling in Stella's course with Boxford Study Centre.

Stella writes: A study of Early Christian art as it developed from Imperial Roman-style painting in the Catacombs to Byzantium where a new type of art and architecture emerged based on Rome yet overlaid-with Christian piety.

Details of the Literature course for the Lent term, commencing in January 2004, will follow at a later date. If you are interested in any course just turn up on the night.

Newton Mother and Toddlers Group

We are a friendly group meeting every Wednesday 10am to 12 noon. The charge is £1 per adult. New members are always welcome. Just pop along to the Newton Green Village Hall. Should you have any questions, please ring *Either Jo On 01787 379031, or Siobhán on 01787 311028.*

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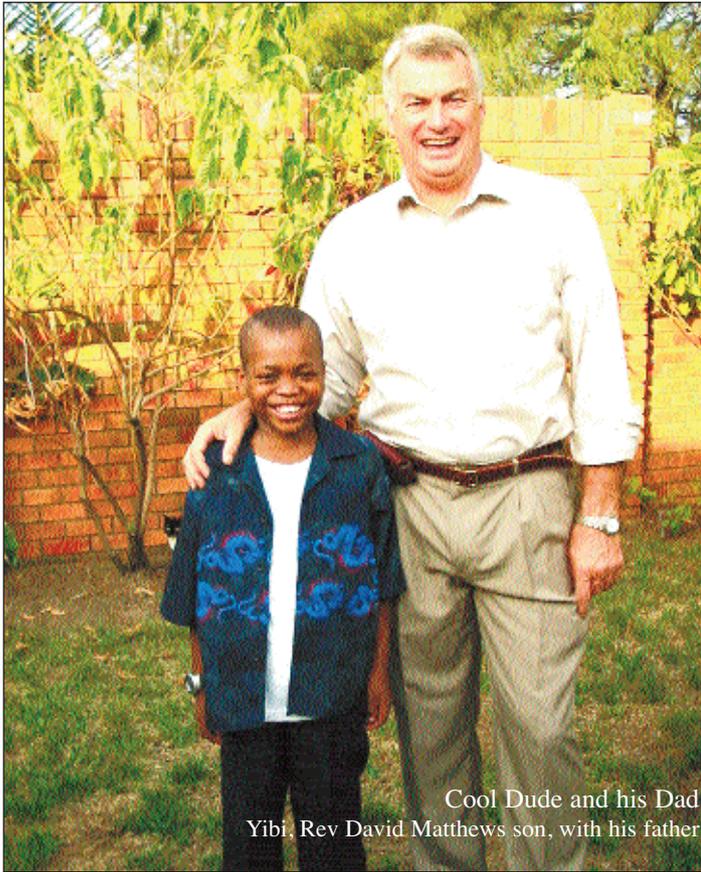
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Dispatches from Africa Part two



Cool Dude and his Dad
Yibi, Rev David Matthews son, with his father

Theological college was for me a real eye-opener. We all arrived for our first year brimming with zeal and the Holy Spirit. Some were Catholics, some Charismatics, some Evangelicals and some middle of the road. Little did we know that we were all to be pushed through a sausage machine which would endeavour to squeeze us into a mould resembling none of those traditions. We were at the height of the struggle against apartheid and were being trained to fight against a monster, which would ultimately be dismantled before we had finished our three years. When we left we were all incredibly aware politically, we knew we could stand and fight against an evil political system. However, we were not sure we could lead a bible study! However, in hindsight it was a very valuable time, like the 'Boot Camp' soldiers have to survive. If you can survive theological college you can cope with most things a life in the ministry presents you with.

In contrast to pain and struggle of theological college, surely one of the most wonderful and happy times in the life of a clergyman must be the Curacy. This is the time one learns from ones mistakes. One is placed with an experienced priest who ultimately carries the responsibility for the mistakes one makes. I had two curacy postings the first one with a priest who had never been to theological college and assumed that someone who had knew everything. It was in this first curacy that I was made a Deacon and then ordained a priest. The lack of supervision was to show itself in my first celebration of the Eucharist. We had a full church and somewhere along the way there was a miscount because more than 50% more wafers were consecrated than were needed. I had not been told what to do in this situation and I thought I had to consume all of the surplus wafers. I also did not realise how well they stuck to the inside of ones mouth and to each other. So I completed the final part of the service with a palate full of wafers, in a voice with a very pronounced whistling lisp!

My second curacy also had its funny side too. I was placed with an extremely gifted and dedicated priest who was an incredibly supportive friend. During this time, although it had not yet been diagnosed, I had developed a thyroid problem, which left me exhausted most of the time. This became very noticeable during

the Midnight Mass of my first year. The Rector was preaching from the high pulpit under which I sat at my prayer desk facing the congregation. My wife Joan was in the congregation and related afterwards that she could see me gradually falling asleep and was saying to herself, "Oh dear, he's falling asleep and I can't do anything about it. Please God don't let him snore." The inevitable happened and I lapsed into unconsciousness which caused my head to snap back, rudely and painfully (and to the congregation very obviously) waking me from my slumbers. I was teased for months by many of those wonderful parishioners about that incident.

The other amusing incident was the 'Great Baptismal Fire' of 1993. I had spent a whole year preparing candidates for confirmation from a local up market girl's school. The confirmation date drew near and we realised that three of the candidates had not been baptized. The Bishop, not wanting to extend the confirmation service gave me permission to baptize the young ladies prior to the confirmation. We decided to do the baptism on the same evening the Rector had arranged the practice for the confirmation service. I was delegated to perform the baptisms before the practice because the Rector had a prior engagement. Everything went fine for the first two baptisms the second one being a pretty black girl who's hair had been expensively styled, the front being a sort of fan that stuck out from her forehead. Halfway through the third baptism I became aware of a commotion and looking up I saw this young lady with her hair on fire. She had apparently looked down to follow the service in her prayer book and ignited her hair with her baptismal candle. There was a moment when the whole confirmation class stood transfixed as the unfortunate young lady patted the fire out with her hands. Praise the Lord she was not hurt and when the rest for the girls realised this they erupted into uncontrollable laughter, two of them actually rolling on the floor.

Following the conclusion of the baptisms the Rector returned and started speaking to the girls about what they were to expect at the confirmation. He began to speak about the disciples and the way they received the Holy Spirit as described in Acts 2. However when he came to the part where tongues of flame came to rest one each of them the girls erupted once again into peals of laughter. I did explain to him afterwards and he was very understanding.



The same Cool Dude and his Mum
Yibi, with his mother, Joan

GARDENING IN SEPTEMBER *Harry Buckledee*

For those with small gardens who would like to grow a few good quality apples should try the Ballerina type of apple tree. The Ballerina is a columnar tree consisting of a single stem with no side branches. It is not a stem that has to be kept single by skilled hard pruning as with present cordon trees.

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As our summers seem to be getting warmer and drier, it is a good idea now to make a note of plants and shrubs which have stood up well to the hot dry conditions without the need to be continually watered. All silver foliage plants stand up well to hot dry conditions. These plants with their variations in colour from silver, silvery grey and glaucous grey and different leaf formations can make an attractive display, especially when planted around a stately plant like Phormium "New Zealand Flax" with its attractive sword like leaves.

Shrubs of the Hebe family have coped well and there is a large variety to choose from, being evergreen they provide interest all the year round. Evergreen varieties of Eunymus, Spirea and Berberis are excellent.

Clip the faded flowers stems off summer flowering heathers but do not cut into the old wood. Add a top dressing of peat to maintain soil moisture and encourage stem rooting.

Dead head fuchsias, especially those varieties which set fruits, to keep them flowering until the end of the season. Fuchsias often look better in the autumn as the weather gets cooler and more moist at night.

Ground cover plants like Hypericum (Rose of Sharon) Larnicum

and Periwinkle are looking a bit tired now. Cut back hard now and mulch with well rotted compost to stimulate new growth for winter and spring display.

Plant up hanging baskets and tubs for winter colour. Summer tubs and baskets will soon be finished and without them we face the winter without the colour and interest they bring. Plant up early to give the young plants time to establish with coloured or variegated foliage as well as flowers. Winter heathers with coloured foliage are ideal as are small evergreen shrubs and conifers.

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August	28 Boxford over 60's 29/30 Boxford Drama Group	Outing Prairie Woods 'Relatively Speaking'	The Fleece Boxford Village Hall	1.30pm 8.00pm
September	1 Boxford over 60's 5/6/7 Ltl Waldingfield Flower Festival 6 Boxford over 60's 9 Leavenheath WI 10 Groton WI 13 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room 13 Annual Bike Ride 14 Table top sale 15 Boxford over 60's 18/2 Oct Boxford to Boxford IV 20 Boxford Jazz Club Dance 20/21 Sudbury Autumn Show 20 SESAW Animal Rescue 27 Boxford Village Hall Quiz Night 27 Newton Mother and Toddler Group 29 Boxford over 60's 30 Boxford Study Centre	Meeting Theatre Outing Visit to Windsor Castle Vision Aid Overseas Walking Treasure Hunt Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Leavenheath Meeting Visit to Boxford MA Ray Gelato Jazz Band St Peters, Sudbury Table Sale Speaker Courses start	Village Hall St Lawrence Church Fleece WI Hall Parish Room Village Hall Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Nayland Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Newton Village Hall Village Hall Boxford School	2.30pm 10am to 6.00pm 3.00pm 7.50pm 5.00pm 10am to 6pm 1pm to 4pm 2.30pm 8.00pm 12.30 to 5.30pm 10 to 3pm 8.00pm 10am 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 2.30pm TBA 7.00pm 8.00pm 6.30 10am 7.30pm 7.30pm 10am 8 till late
October	4 Harvest Supper 7 Induction of Rev Matthews 8 Groton WI 8 Ltl Waldingfield Luncheon Club 11 The Spinney 18 Annual Dinner Dance 25 Wish Upon a Star Quiz	Groton PCC At St Lawrence's Church It's Written all over your face Spinney Goes Posh Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club Pop Quiz	WI Hall Little Waldingfield WI Hall Dinner in the Spinney The Stoke by Nayland Club Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm 7.30pm 2.30pm TBA 7.00pm 8.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 2.30pm 7.30pm 10am 7.30pm 7.30pm 10am 8 till late
November	1 Boxford Community Council 1 Boxford Village Hall 27 Newtoneers 15 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room 28 FOB's Xmas Fayre	Firework Display Guy Fawkes Dance and Bar Photo Quiz/Cheese & Wine	Boxford Playing Fields Boxford Village Hall Newton Village Hall Parish Room Boxford School Hall	6.30 10am 7.30pm 7.30pm 10am 8 till late
December	6 Wine and Cheese Party 27 Newton Church Christmas Sale 14/15 Fobs Santa Run 31 Boxford Village Hall	Groton PCC Biggest Village New Year Bash	WI Hall Newton Village Hall Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm 10am 8 till late

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Readers Letters

Sir

I would like to thank my friends for the flowers, cards and all the best wishes for a quick recovery from surgery. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness of friends and the caring community of Boxford.

I would also like to thank the First Response team, our roving paramedics and the Suffolk Ambulance crew for such a speedy response to our emergency call.

June Wagland

The Causeway, Boxford.

Sir

As Pip and I prepare to leave Boxford and move to Wales to be near our family, I must say how much we have enjoyed 30 years in this friendly, lively village and are sad to leave.

I would like to thank you all especially our super neighbours and friends in the Over 60's club for making our stay so happy We'll miss you

Betty Plant

Brook Hall Road, Boxford

Sir

I would like to thank everyone for my 18th Birthday cards, presents and money. I am progressing now and hope to be home soon

Chris Southgate

Boxford

Sir

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed towards my leaving present it was so nice of you all. I am looking forward to spending the vouchers. Again thank you to all of you who turned up for the surprise party it was a shock to see you all there I had a fantastic time and it was so kind of you to think of me. I will miss you all and will be back at some time to see you.

Thank you *Mel Smith*

Sir

As new residents of Newton Green having recently moved into the village in February from Colchester one of the main reasons was due to aircraft noise as an existing flight path for Stansted airport goes directly over the north of Colchester (and in particular our old house in St Johns).

If this proposed changes to the flight path goes ahead it would be a disaster for our villages. From experience we can say that they do intrude into your life - mostly about 0400hrs to 0800hrs when all the business flights take off and land - leaving your windows open at night is no longer an option.

I am even more disturbed to see our district council have supported this and also our MP. I suggest urgent action is taken by way of protest to fight this. Being new to the village I am unsure who to speak to regarding this.

All I could say is that from experience this will be very detrimental to your life - not to mention your house value and your environment.

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Andrew and Rachel Mason

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Wot's On

BOXFORD OVER 60'S

Diary for September

1st September Meeting Village Hall 2.30pm

6th September Theatre outing Felixstow Pavillion Meet at the Fleece 3pm

15th September Meeting in the Village Hall 2.30pm

29th September Speaker in the Village Hall 2.30pm

Non members wishing to join us on outings are always very welcome please ring Maisie Tricker on 01787 210045

The Boxford Over 60's Club meets fortnightly at 2.30pm in the Boxford Village Hall for talks, outings and various activities.

General Secretary *Thelma Williams* 01787 210118

CIRCUIT AT ASSINGTON, Monday evenings 7.30 - 8.30 pm, commencing 22 September. Mixed abilities, men and women. £4 per session. Assington Village Hall. Call Maureen Cooling on 211822 for more information.

Little Waldingfield Flower Festival St Lawrence Church

On Saturday September 6th and Sunday September 7th from 10am to 6pm

This years theme is 'A Floral Display of World Cultures'. There will be the usual stalls, tombola and something for the children Lunches will be served in the Parish Room from 12noon to 2 pm and teas from 3pm until 5pm on both days.

A preview of the flower arrangements will be held on Friday September 5th from 7.30pm till 9.30pm. Tickets £5, including wine and refreshments, from 01787 247528 or at the door.

The weekend will be brought to a close with 'Songs of Praise' at 6.30pm on Sunday

STRONG WOMEN STAY YOUNG Starting in Boxford on Thursday mornings, 9.15 -10.15 am, a structured programme aimed at replacing fat with muscle, reversing bone loss and increasing strength and energy. Eight week plan commencing 11 September, £25. Call Maureen Cooling on 211822 for more details.

Leavenheath Village Hall Fundraising Committee

TABLE TOP SALE Sunday, 14th September 2003

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Please contact Richard on 01206 263997.

Little Waldingfield Parish Room Treasure Hunt

There will be a walking Treasure Hunt around the footpaths on September 13th starting at 5.00pm at the Parish Room. The event will take about 1 1/2 Hours. Prize for the winner. Refreshments for all. Adults £5.00 Children under 12 £3.00 to include light meal and glass of wine/soft drink. Tickets will be available in August. On the 15th November there will be a Photo Quiz/Cheese and Wine in the Parish Room at 7.30pm.

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER –

Saturday, October 4th, 7.30 p.m. W.I. Hall:

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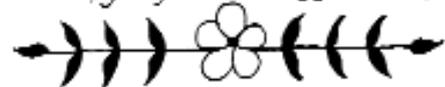


Preview Friday 5th September 7.30pm - 9.30pm
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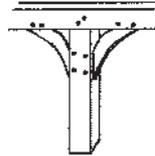
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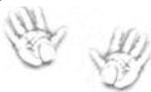
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use . Thank You

While there is no Rector working here please refer all matters concerning Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals to the Rural Dean of Sudbury: The Reverend Canon Lawrence Pizzey, The Rectory, Christopher Lane, Sudbury CO10 6AS, tel 372611
email: lrp.sudbury@virgin.net

Dear Friends

The book of Corinthians was written to a church which was getting in a mess. The members were learning about following Jesus and His ways, but they had somehow got things out of perspective. The great chapter about Love in 1 Corinthians 13 was not written for weddings, but for people who had needed to be reminded that love was about the way Christians behaved to one another.

I think that is something we all need reminding about, for loving is difficult and demanding, and it is as we get close to people that our failures to love show up.

That always encourages me. When difficulties arise it is best to try to remember that. Perhaps we tread on other peoples corns as it were, or perhaps they are doing that to us.

I read in Paul's letter that Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth, it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres". When we put "I" into that paragraph, not "Love", It is possible to realise how much we have to learn about loving others.

It is often the problems in relationships, the getting of things wrong, that show how we need to keep working at love. If we put "Jesus" into this chapter, instead of "Love", then we find that the paragraph works.

For his way of living and relating to people shows a God who is loving to the people He meets. Here we see God acting with compassion, care and understanding, Human beings find it particularly difficult to show love when there is disagreement. We have seen within the church and within our government recently, ways of dealing with people that fall far short of the challenge we are set in 1 Corinthians 13. Love is a gift from God, we can therefore ask God to help us to be more loving towards others.

I have a friend who recently died, who will have 1 Corinthians 13 to be read at his funeral. It is because of the verse towards the end of the chapter. "Now I know in part, then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known" That helps me when I fail in my loving.

For we never know another human being fully, as we perhaps don't really know ourselves fully. I do however know that the demand to love, the desire to love is part of being human, and when these lovely words are read at weddings, I know that giving that love is the most demanding challenge we will ever have.

May God bless you during this holiday season and give you strength to love, even when you don't feel like it!

CK



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: We pray for, and ask our Lord's blessing on the forthcoming ministry of the Revd. David Matthews as he comes to the Benefice in early October. CK

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Our Harvest Festival Family Service will be on Sunday 28th September at 11.00 a.m. CK

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY: We will soon have a prayer ministry notice board in church where the names of those in especial need of our prayers may be placed. Please do let us know of those for whom our prayers are required. Please do contact the Revd. Brian Watling on 01787 211690, Christopher Kingsbury on 211236 or Mrs Margaret Holden on 211077. CK

BOX RIVER CLUB: The next meeting is on September 21st at 11.00 a.m. in the School Hall. New members are most welcome. September 13th: Sponsored Bike Ride Day (or in our case WALK!). We plan to join with the Newtowneers in Sudbury, and walk to as many churches as we can, probably 8 to 10. We did this last year and those taking part really enjoyed themselves. Let me know if you would like to take part this year and I will give you a sponsor form so that you can collect sponsors, but only with parents permission, and that they know who you are asking and when. I shall put up a request for sponsors for us in church so if you would like to join the walk but would rather not ask for sponsors that is fine. *Janet Daniels*

MATTERS OF FAITH: The Apostle Paul, writing in his letter to the Philippians said "I do not claim that I have already succeeded or have already become perfect. I keep striving to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself. Of course my brothers, I really do not think that I have already won it; the one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead" *Christopher Kingsbury*

SUFFOLK CHURCHES SPONSORED BIKE RIDE:

Saturday 13th September - sponsorship forms are available in church. Please do sponsor our bike riders. CK

HELP WANTED: We urgently need someone to assist with church administration, including paperwork to do with restoration projects etc. Please contact the churchwarden for further details. CK

VANDAL DAMAGE: The church continues to suffer damage. Several panes of glass have been broken on the South side of the church in recent weeks and attempts made to break into collection boxes. Everyone please be vigilant and do call the police. Many thanks to the person who called the police recently when attempts at breaking into collection boxes were prevented. CK

SMILE LINES:

Sign on a plumbers van: " We repair what your husband fixed"
CK



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwardens:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

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Antony Dodd 210397 Peter Welstand 210525

REGISTERS: 21st August, Burial: 2003 EDWARD WILLIAM JOHN STUCKEY, aged 58 years

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE:

Saturday September 13th, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Another annual sponsored bicycle event to raise money for the churches of Suffolk. If you would like to take part please pick up sponsor forms from Groton Church, or contact me for some. There is space for asking many to donate to your day, cycling from church to church. At each church, volunteers (please come forward for this Parish if you will) sign your form before you leave for the next one. It is meant to be fun, so visiting just one church or several is entirely your choice. Some veterans of the event cover 60 miles and 30 churches raising hundreds of pounds - a special once a year effort. Any money you raise is split between St Bartholomew's Church, for Groton cyclists that is, and the SHC Trust Fund. The sums you collect after the event from your chosen sponsors should be given to me - I will forward all to the Fund Treasurer. Months later I can publish the figure - Groton cyclists have come top of the local league (30 churches) several times. Explore any area in participating counties, Suffolk or afar - Good Luck, and Safe Cycling. Pedal for pence and pounds! *Peter Kennedy Scott, Groton House, 210319*

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER - Saturday, October 4th, 7.30 p.m. W.I. Hall:

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ROTAS:	September	October
Flowers:	Mrs M Bloys	Mrs S Block
Cleaning:	Mrs J Sellers	Mrs S Block
Sidesman with Sacristan:	Mrs P Kennedy Scott	Mrs J Sellers



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Barbara Riddleston: Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261
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Copy Date for Church News section in the October Box River News: NO LATER THAN 7th September 2003.

(Eddie is going on holiday)
Thank you. Daphne Clark 210698,
email - daphne.clark@btopenworld.com



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034

Lay Elders:

Tim Harbord 247034

BAPTISM - 9th August 2003: MOLLY PAUL was baptised by David Rutherford. *Sandra Harbord*

FLOWER FESTIVAL PREVIEW 5TH SEPTEMBER - 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.:

Tickets £5 to include wine and refreshments. It would assist with catering if you could purchase your tickets by the previous weekend please from Elizabeth Tora on 247783 or Betty Rattee on 247528. *Sandra Harbord*

HARVEST SUPPER - 4TH OCTOBER:

The Harvest Supper will be in the Parish Room on 4th October at 7.30 p.m. Please see 'Wot's On' and 'Forthcoming Events'. *Sandra Harbord*

DECORATING THE CHURCH:

We will be decorating the Church on 4th October for the Flower Festival on the 5th and for the induction of Revd. David Matthews on the 7th October.

If you would like to help with the flowers please contact Sandra Harbord on 247034 or Peggy Pell on 247238. (Flowers supplied). *Sandra Harbord*

ROTAS - SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

Sept 7: Sandra Harbord/Mrs Farthing.

Sept 14: Mr & Mrs Tora/Mrs Bridges;

Sept 21: Mr & Mrs Harbord/Mrs Fernando-Martin;

Sept 28: Mr Squirrel/Mrs Ewen;

Oct 5: Mrs Miller & Mrs Carse/Mrs Squirrel.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwardens:

Diana Stock: 12 Links View, 312828

John Turner, Severn, Church Rd 372677

Lay Elders: Jean Green 373383

& Diana stock 312828

HARVEST FESTIVAL:

Our Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 21st September with a service of Hymns and Readings at 9.30 a.m. The Service will be followed by coffee. *Diana Stock*

HARVEST SUPPER:

The Harvest Supper will be on Friday 3rd October at the Village Hall, 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. Tickets £5 available from Jean Green on 373383, Margaret Chaplin on 374494 and Diana Stock on 312828. Please bring your own knife, fork and spoon. In aid of Church funds. *Diana Stock*

THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER - MUSICAL EVENING:

There will be a Musical Evening, with John playing well known music on his electronic organ, on Thursday 25th September in Newton Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. There will be good food and a glass of wine. Tickets £4. Please telephone 372677. In aid of Church funds. *Diana Stock*

NEWTONEERS:

1 September - Canoeing at the Spinney. 4.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Details from Linda Cutts on 370242.

THREE PARISHES RESPONSE

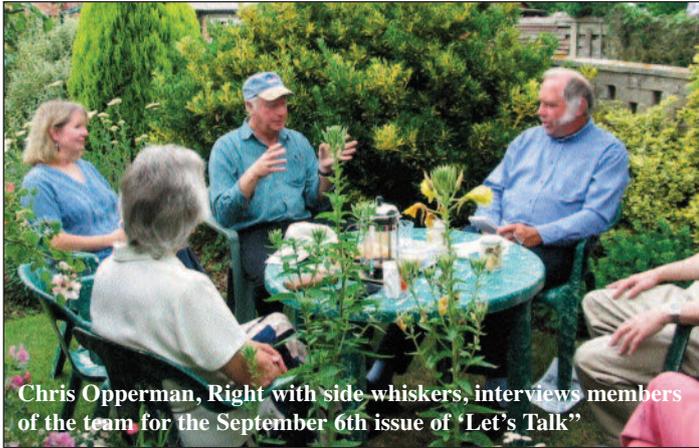


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3PR will have been in action for 12 months on the 6th September. During that time and up to the time of going to press, the team have been called out 52 times, an average of one per week since we started.

The 19 members of the team from Boxford Edwardstone and Groton, apart from providing cover 24/7 also attend regular two hourly monthly training sessions in order to hone their skills and increase their medical knowledge and all have undergone re-certification. Originally introduced to provide a first response to deal with cardiac arrests within the first 8 minutes the team have moved on and attend all ambulance calls other than RTA's (Road Traffic Accidents), even calls to attend children, not in the original draft, have occurred.

3PR still need more members to join this worthwhile organisation and dates for a new training session are due to be announced. If you are between 18 and 70 plus please contact our Vic Rice on 01787 210504.



Chris Opperman, Right with side whiskers, interviews members of the team for the September 6th issue of 'Let's Talk'



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Parish Council Matters

Notes of Newton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd July 2003 at Newton Village Hall at 7:30pm

1. Present: Cllr. John Taylor - Chairman Cllr. Janet Crimmin - Vice Chairman Cllr. Harry Buckledee Cllr. Alan Vince Cllr. Colin Poole Peter Holbrook – Babergh District Council Wayne Bryan – Integrated Transport Operations Brian James - Clerk

2. Apologies for Absence - Cllr. David Smalley, Cllr. Rita Schwenk, PC Ruth Horton

3. Declaration of Interest – None

4. Minutes of Last Meeting Held on 4th June 2003 - The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

a) Matters Arising from Circulated Material

Discharged – No issues raised.

b) Play Area Safety Inspection Report

Work required to meet the conditions of the report have been completed, however, additional requirements have been identified and action is being taken - *Ongoing*

c) Proposed Speed Management Measures

Following rejection of the scheme on the grounds of possible noise pollution, the Clerk has written to Suffolk County Council (SCC) and requested a basket of proposals to be presented at a future meeting of Newton Parish Council. However, SCC, who confirmed budget would not be available until 2004/5 for new proposals, has rejected this.

Discharged – Wayne Bryan, Integrated Transport Operations has agreed to attend the meeting to progress issues.

d) Nicholsons Court pavement.

Suffolk CC has agreed recent work completed in Nicholsons Court is not to normal standard. They say the process is not quite as visually satisfying as a full reconstruction, but it does prolong the life of the footway in a valuable way, when considering the best use of limited resources.

Discharged

e) Plamplin Close pavement

Consideration of remedial action in the region of the bus stop has been referred to John Simpson SCC.

Ongoing

f) Code of Conduct - Response from Peter Holbrook.

Discharged – Peter has accepted an invitation to the meeting to discuss the Code of Conduct and the Planning Process.

g) Purchase of Practitioners Guide to Governance

Discharged – Clerk holds a copy

h) Clerks Regional Conference

The Clerk reported that he had decided not to take part as an information publication has now been released on Quality Councils.

Discharged

6. Peter Holbrook in the Spotlight The Code of Practice was discussed and Peter agreed to follow up concerns raised, however, it was noted that recent briefings training video from the Standards Board has simplified and clarified all aspects.

Peter said he is no longer on the Planning Committee, although he stressed it is important for all to understand the Babergh Plan in order to fulfil the role of Parish Councils. Alan Vince asked Peter for the clarification of the blanket refusal for small properties to be extended in the plan. What does this mean?

Following a request from Mr. King, Peter agreed to look into the position with Babergh Planning Dept for the ongoing case of dereliction of Motts Farm.

As a member of the Strategy Committee, Peter said he is now involved in such issues as the extension of the controlled air space and the moving from Dedham Valley area northwards to Boxford and Bildeston.

When requested Newton must contribute to the development of the Flood Risk Document scheduled for completion by October 2003.

7. Wayne Bryan – Integrated Transport Operations

Wayne explained that finance for Speed Management Measures will not be available until 2004 and reported that the residents of Little Bealey have not liked the Rippleprint trials, rejected by Newton.

Much discussion took place around the options available such as flashing warning signs, coloured surface with 30mph roundels, rumble surface, rumble strips and traffic squeezing.

It was agreed that Wayne would recommend and submit proposals for Speed Activated Signs and Carriageway Virtual Visual Narrowing for Newton.

8. Finance Items to consider

a) TXU Electricity, Street Lighting - £20.18

b) Audit of Accounts 31st March 2003

The Clerk reported that David Crimmin has volunteered to undertake the audit of accounts this year. All present agreed.

Payment of item 'a' above was proposed by Cllr. Harry Buckledee and seconded by Cllr. Janet Crimmin.

9. Planning

a) Motts Farm – Babergh District Council (BDC) has confirmed that action is underway with solicitors having been appointed, to progress the case of dereliction at the farm. *Ongoing*

b) Concerns were raised that the Pippins is now being used as a large builders yard and was no longer a small family business, possibly operating without appropriate planning permission. *Ongoing* – BDC have advised investigation will be a long process and will report in due course.

c) Barn at Mascal's Farm – The new planning application submitted covers previous concerns. NPC has no objections to the proposed development.

d) Wrenwood Sudbury Road - The Clerk was instructed to investigate the legitimacy of the fence erected at the bottom of Newton Lodge. *Ongoing*

e) 5 Church Road – Planning permission has been granted for the proposed extension to the property.

f) Newton Lodge Newton Road – Planning permission has been granted for the proposed extension to the property.

g) Jarvis Farm – Although Newton Parish Council raised no objections to the erection of advertisement signs, planning permission has been refused. The Clerk was asked to raise an objection regarding this decision. Local business is vital to the local economy and has to be visible.

h) Dormy Newton Road - Planning permission has been granted for the development of the site.

i) St Michaels the Green – Concerns were raised that a tennis court surround and flood lighting have been erected without the appropriate permission. The Clerk was instructed to investigate with BDC. *Ongoing*, waiting a response from BDC.

j) Langley Hall - Newton Parish Council raised no objections to the proposed location for a tennis court.

10. Correspondence

a) Notice of BDC Meetings

b) Blue Bins – The scheme is well underway in the area and has been well received so far.

c) Training Events/Publications-Variou training courses are available and details can be obtained from the Clerk.

d) SafeCam – Clerk has a list of fixed cameras and the locations of where mobile units are to be positioned.

e) Dr C Goodliffe and Partners – Following appeal consent to dispense has been allowed in the area with the exception of Acton and Great Woldingfield.

f) Parish Transport Representative – The Clerk was asked to speak to Gwen Smith with regard to continuing to manage the roll.

g) New Ethical Framework – A reminder has been sent out by the Duty PMs Office. The Code of Conduct came into force on the 30th June 2003.

h) Replacement Street Lighting Timers – A M Street Lighting have been charged with upgrading local lighting. Clerk to progress.

i) Village Event Signs – Cllr Collin Poole gave an overview of the current situation with regard to placing of signs and the action he has taken. He confirmed that providing the signs are on private property, Highways should leave them alone.

j) 5 Parishes Nomination for School Governor – Newton Parish Council agreed to nominate Lisa Devlin for the position she has held for the past 4 years.

k) Babergh Budget Meeting – Newton Parish Council will not be sending a representative on this occasion.

l) Parking on the common by parents waiting for school bus – In the absence of Cllr David Smalley the Clerk reported that parents are in favour of the private school bus stopping at the Saracens Head. Cllr John Taylor said it is up to the parents to approach the bus driver/company to change the location of the stop.

It has been noted that the driver of a red and silver pickup truck has been seen driving and parking on the grass adjacent to

Box River Sports

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Boxford Carpet Bowls Club

The Boxford Carpet Bowls club meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Boxford Village Hall. Founded in 1987 the club has 25 active members and enjoys matches on it's three carpets against other village clubs. Pictured right is a game in progress between Boxford and Elmset. The club has been providing advice and training for a team to compete in Boxford MA in September.

AN INVITATION from

HADLEIGH TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We were formed in 1979 and are now about to compete our 25th season in the Ipswich and District League. We run three teams in Divisions Two, Three and Four. Our Home Matches are played at Holton St. Mary Village Hall.

In recent times the League boasted several other local teams namely Babergh District Council, Edwardstone, and Elmsett, but now only Hadleigh, Capel St. Mary and Washbrook (a new Club) are the main survivors west of Ipswich.

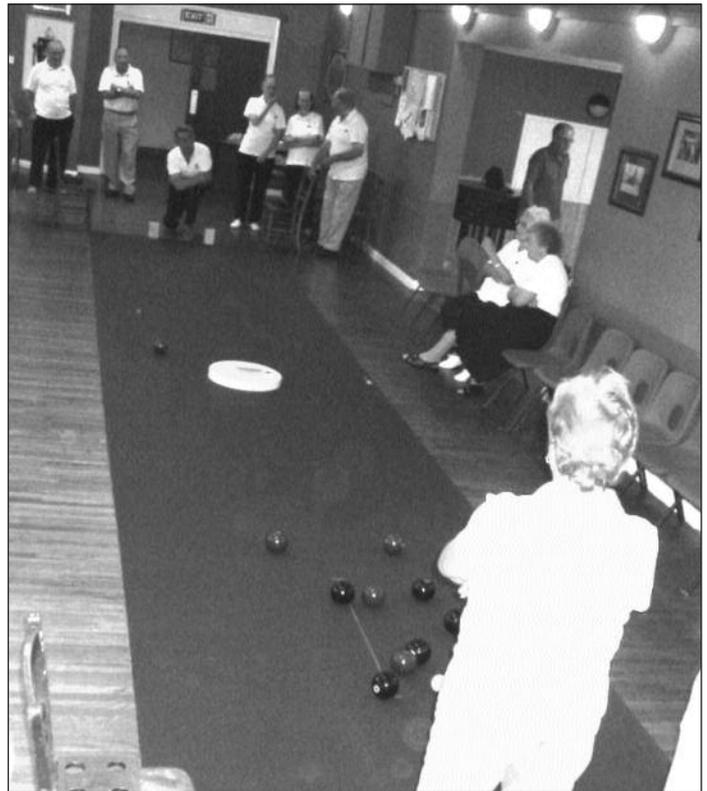
We are currently looking for new players to assist us. If you think that you might be interested in joining a friendly Club - please call Ken Rodwell on 01473-823895 for a chat - or you can E-Mail on rodwell@rosamar.f9.co.uk

Boxford Tennis Club

For information of Adults and Childrens coaching courses starting in September, please contact Diana Hawke on 01787 211403

Primrose Wood.

If you have visited the woodland recently you will be aware that the trees are growing well, indeed many are growing exceptionally well. The area remains rich in wildlife, attractive and peaceful. The management of the woodland and wetland areas will always mean that it will not look like a manicured municipal park. However the quality of the entrance path and the main walks leaves much to be desired. We can only apologise for this, they fall far below the standard that the local group or the Woodland Trust would regard as acceptable. The local team is small and not getting any younger, the contractors appear over stretched and have not proved effective. We are meeting the local officer about this in the next few days and know that he is as concerned as we are. Hopefully we will have something more positive to report in September. *Jennie and Ian Lindsley*



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coaching sessions, phone 211403.

Newton Parish Council Meeting notes continued:

Rectory Road. Newton Parish Council should be grateful if the person concerned can cease this action.

m) Traffic Levels Rotten Road – Since the A134 improvement works, cars have continued to use the no through route. Suffolk CC is to check signage but confirm the practice will be difficult to stop without disadvantaging the residents of the road.

n) Material for Circulation was issued.

11. Police Report The reports for May and June were reviewed. PC Horton has warned a spate of distraction burglaries across Suffolk is taking place.

12. Village Hall Grant Application progress

Cllr. Colin Poole reported on the recent Roadshow for Village Hall funding. Only £300k is available for the whole of Suffolk. No money is available from the Community Fund. Teresa Bailey of Babergh has said money will be on offer to match community funds for bite sized projects.

Colin will work with architects to progress a project and review a list of grants available.

13. A.O.B (Questions to the Chair)

Janet Crimmin reported that the Fete had been a great success and The Royal Bank of Scotland had once again donated £250 from its Community Fund to be spent on a new cooker for the Village Hall.

Chairman thanked those involved for their efforts repairing the goal mouths on the football pitch.

14. Dates of Meetings - In the Village Hall at 7:30pm on:

Wednesday 24th September 2003

Wednesday 26th November 2003

Wednesday 28th January 2004

Wednesday 24th March 2004

South Suffolk Broadband

Circumstances mean that I am unable to continue my own small role in SSBB. It is important that we have a person on the committee to represent and promote the Boxford case and that this large parish gives its full support and assistance to the group. Anyone who has experience or skills to offer, - especially in the fields of project management, funding, contracts, law, marketing, telecoms, accounts - please contact jpresott@ninetynorth.com. We cannot promise much except being part of an exciting community project and, we hope, a sense of achievement at the end.

Ann Jessop

BROADBAND UPDATE:

I have received the following letter from John Prescott of Stoke by Nayland who has been co-ordinating the project.

"East of England Development Agency announced the results of its funding competition at the end of July. SSBB was not among the relative handful of winners to receive grants for installing broadband networks.

Of the 87 final entries, there were fewer than 30 winners. Many of the winning groups represented large areas and in one case, Bedfordshire, three successful groups cover the whole county. The good news for us is that the demand demonstrated by the competition across East Anglia has had a catalysing effect on suppliers of broadband.

In reality we can expect no more help from EEDA apart from encouragement. EEDA has said it wishes, as far as it is practicable, for successful bidders to amalgamate with neighbouring unsuccessful groups. Although there appears no real way for EEDA to enforce this wish, we have started a dialogue with Peninsular Broadband, the winning group covering Shotley peninsular, with a view to our being absorbed by or amalgamating with them.

The other possibility we will be considering is whether we now have enough solid support to go ahead with our own independent broadband project. We have gathered nearly 200 expressions of interest so far and if we can convert 160 of these to firm commitment, we would almost certainly have a viable market base on which to move ahead.

Disappointing though the EEDA result is, we do have, in these options, the possibility of going ahead regardless, although we shall be continuing discussions with Peninsular (and their other neighbour group Colneis) ".

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I will continue to keep you informed both via your email addresses and also in the Box River News. If you would like to support our broadband project please email me at daphne.clark@btopenworld.com or phone me if you have questions regarding broadband. Daphne Clark

Home-Start Babergh

Volunteering is always a two way process and most volunteering is fun. Home-Start is no exception. All parents with young children can find life a challenge at times, add other factors - like loneliness, illness, disability, poverty and life can be very hard. Home-Start offers support, friendship and practical help to any family with one or more children under five who are going through a difficult time for any reason. Our service is confidential and we visit families by invitation only.

Volunteers visit families in their own homes to offer whatever is needed, a listening ear, an extra pair of hands, a shoulder to cry on or someone to share the joys and frustrations of family life with. Our volunteers receive a preparation course, ongoing support, training and expenses. After the preparation course, they are matched one to one with a family to become a friend and support them in whatever way will help. They stay for as long as they are needed or until the youngest child is five. Supporting a family may be short term - help after an operation for example or it may be for much longer. Some volunteers remain firm friends when their support as a volunteer is no longer needed. We also run small local family support groups where parents support each other and children play together, learn new skills and have fun with staff and volunteers there to help.

There will be a preparation course starting at the end of September. Anyone who would like to know more about becoming a volunteer, joining our management committee or helping us fund raise should ring Jane on 01787 371108
Charity No.1002213

Little Waldingfield Parish Council **The Council met on 7th August.**

The Minutes were read and approved.

Revised plans for a new house at 2 Church Road. There were no objections.

The County Council have put forward a revised suggestion for traffic calming at the Haymarket. These were accepted, for the time being, in order not to delay further the rest of the traffic calming programme.

The change in the way postal collections are now made and the fact that you can no longer be sure the box has been emptied was commented upon.

The next meeting is on 16th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

Even More Wot's On

SESAW ANIMAL RESCUE

Table Sale and Grand Draw in aid of the SESA Animal Rescue at Nayland Village Hall on Saturday 20th September 10 till 3pm Admission 20p
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Groton WI

Members celebrated the August meeting enjoying an evening meal and of course, much chat; The speaker at the September meeting, Wednesday, 10th, 7.50 p.m., will be Mr. Chenery, his subject "Vision Aid Overseas" - sounds intriguing.
October 8th will be the first of our winter afternoon meetings held at the WI Hall. (2nd Wednesdays of the month, 2.30 p.m.)
Judy Butler will be telling us "It's written all over your face;"
Visitors are always welcome.

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From Swell to Great Summer organ concerts 2003.

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Hadleigh Choral Society

Rehearsals for the Autumn Term will begin on Tuesday 9th September in the Drama Hall of Hadleigh High School, Hadleigh at 7.30pm. please call *Loveday Perceval Maxwell 01473 824419*

Little Waldingfield Parish Room Treasure Hunt

Don't forget this next event. Tickets are now available from Mary Thorogood, Chris Bowden and Richard & Sue Mitchell. Price £5 Adults and £3 Children under 12.

This is an easy walk around the village and its footpaths, so do come and you could win the family prize.

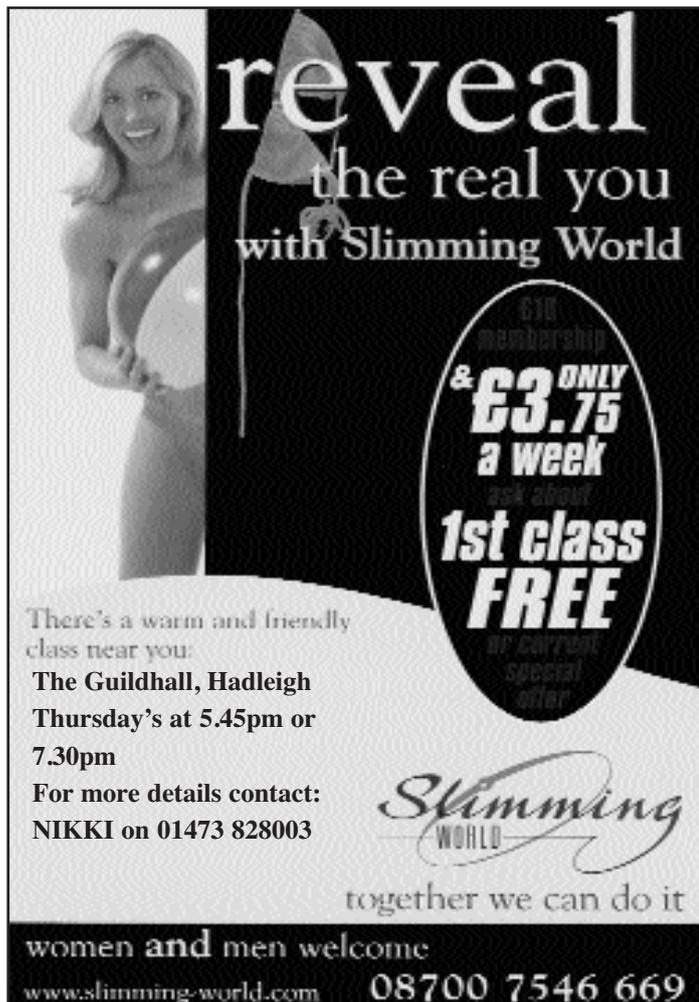
Starts 5.00pm at the Parish Room on 13th September. We will also be launching the Silver Trowel Memorial Fund that day.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD LUNCHEON CLUB:

There will be no Luncheon Club in September. The October luncheon will be on Wednesday 8th October. Details in next month's magazine. *Alison Carse*

URGENT - HOSTESSES WANTED:

We have lost several of our regular hostesses recently. Therefore if anyone would like to host a Luncheon Club lunch please give me a ring. A simple lunch is all that is necessary. I look forward to hearing from you. *Alison Carse, 01787 247585*



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e-mail:- info@boxford-sunflower.co.uk

Sir

I would like to thank all those kind friends and neighbours who have visited, sent cards and/or telephoned messages and been so supportive during the last few months and my wonderful lady carers of the Social Services for their endless patient care and thanks also from my family

Shirley McAlpine Downie

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7th February

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'Wish Upon a Star' Quiz

There will be a Music Quiz in Boxford Village Hall on 25th Oct at 8.00pm. The charity is for terminally ill children. Refreshments will be served. A bar is available. Please book

your team through Veronica on 01787 211529

BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP

Sixties Night Spectacular

What a show!! The hall packed to the rafters enjoyed what was a truly memorable two nights of fun, music and frolics. The party atmosphere, the enthusiasm of the cast all added up to a wonderful night, topped up by some excellent food, it finished off the occasion to the 'T'. The Drama Group would like to thank you the people of Boxford for your support. We couldn't do it without you.

Our next production is Alan Ayckbourn's '**Relatively Speaking**' on August 29th and 30th. Tickets are on sale at Boxford News to include supper

Derek Butler, Producer.

The Spinney Goes Posh

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SEPTEMBER 2003

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LtW	1900	Home Communion*	Tim Harbord

Saturday 6 September

Box	1500	Wedding	The Revd. David Rutherford
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Sunday 7 September, Trinity 12

Box	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Rutherford
Gro	1100	Hymns & Readings. <i>Jesus said.. "I AM ..."</i>	Pauline Lammings/Joy Sellers
LtW	1830	Songs of Praise	Tim Harbord
Edw	1830	Evensong	Antony Dodd
New		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 10 September

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
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Sunday 14 September, Trinity 13

Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP*	Peter Welstand
New	0930	Matins BCP	Diana Stock
LtW	1100	Family Service	Tim Harbord
Box	1100	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. Brian Watling
Gro		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 17 September

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	Joy Sellers
LtW	1900	Compline	Tim Harbord

Saturday 20 September

LtW	1630	Wedding	Canon Lawrence Pizzey
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Sunday 21 September, ST. MATTHEW

Gro	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. Brian Watling
New	0930	Harvest Hymns & Readings	Diana Stock/Jean Green
Box	1100	Matins	Graham Brook
LtW	1830	Evensong	The Revd. David Rutherford
Edw		<i>Benefice Visiting Sunday</i>	

Wednesday 24 September

Box	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Rutherford
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Sunday 28 September, Trinity 15

LtW	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Rutherford
Edw	0930	Holy Communion CW* trad	Peter Welstand
Box	1100	Harvest Festival (Family Service)	Christopher Kingsbury/ The Revd. Brian Watling
New	1830	Evening Prayer	Diana Stock/Jean Green
Gro	1830	Harvest Evensong	Joy Sellers/Pauline Lammings

OCTOBER 2003

Wednesday 1 October

Box	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
LtW	1900	Home Communion*	Tim Harbord

Sunday 5 October, Trinity 16

New	0800	Holy Communion BCP*	Diana Stock
Gro	0930	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. Brian Watling
Edw	1100	Matins & Baptism	The Revd. David Abel
LtW	1100	Harvest Festival	Tim Harbord
Box	1830	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury/ Graham Brook

**Public Worship with Communion by Extension*

Baxford Wednesday services are held at Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Baxford

Readings: Year B, please, & track 2 when offered

**Stoke Club
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EDWARDSTONE'S 1ST OPEN GARDENS:

Daphne Spittle presenting a cheque for £500 to Macmillan Cancer Relief (Suffolk).

GRAND CONCERT

(In Aid of the Sudbury Resource Centre)

From the Land of Song The Froncysyllte Male Voice Choir at Lavenham Church on Saturday 27th. September 2003 7.30pm. (doors open at 6.30pm.) Tickets: £10.00 From:- Richard Michette, Opticians, Long Melford. The China Shop, Gainsborough Street, Sudbury. Tourist Information Centre, Lady Street, Lavenham. and John Wyn Roberts (01787 248423)

St. Lawrence Church Little Waldingfield.

4th, October 2003.

Harvest Supper - 7.30pm in the Parish Room Church Road. Tickets £7.00 to include two courses, (choice of menu) tea and coffee, (refreshments extra) As we are using outside catering we will need definite numbers no later than the 1st October 2003. Tickets from Sandra Harbord on 01787 247034 or Betty Rattee on 01787 247528. Please come along and enjoy a good evening.

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

20 miles per hour speed limit in Boxford Those who follow matters through the Box River News will be aware that for some years now Boxford Parish Council have been promoting a voluntary speed limit within the built up area of the Village to a maximum of 20 Miles Per Hour. Whilst most residents and visitors alike drive responsibly there are a number who believe the law or the law of common sense does not apply to them but these people would appear to have total disregard for the lives of fellow human beings. Upon reviewing local newspapers it is obvious that other villages have come to the same thoughts and

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A Potted History of the Boxford Community Council

For those of you interested the following is a history of the Boxford Community Council, we thought it would be a good idea to obtain as much information as possible at this stage and to keep it on record for future generations, if anybody has any further information to add I would appreciate a call or letter.

I am hoping this history can also be entered on the Boxford web site and I will be contacting Mark Miller for that purpose. We are greatly indebted to Cecil Hughes who has trawled through reams of Parish records to obtain this information. Cecil was one of the founder members of the Boxford Community Council and still attends as representative of the Parish Council.

We are always looking for new faces to join the Community Council so if you are interested please give me a ring.

Peter Hibben Chairman

COMMUNITY COUNCIL HISTORY

The following information was provided by Mr Cecil Hughes after he had read through the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings.

23/4/1945 Rev Crompton (parson at the Chapel) mentioned that the people wanted provision in the village of a playing field.

10/12/1945 Parish Council discussed the provision of the playing field but no action resulted.

11/3/1946 At the Annual Parish Meeting, there was call for action to obtain a playing field and children's' play area.

29/4/1946 A sub-Committee was appointed to report back on possible sites for a playing field.

12/11/1951 It was proposed in a Parish Council Meeting to ask Groton and Edwardstone to join with Boxford to provide a joint playing field near the Fox and Hounds in Groton.

25/3/1963 Annual Parish Meeting. Mr Jarvis raised the question of a playing field near the Homefield site The parish council was asked to approach Jack Down of the Fleece, and the owners, Tollemache Breweries.

Sept 1963 The Parish Clerk was asked to write to the owners and District Council again.

9/3/1964 The Parish Council approached the District Valuer reference the playing fields. Planning Permission was applied for Croft Field and this received full Planning Permission on 25th May 1964.

24/5/1965 It was agreed to rent Lynn's Croft for use as a play area on a 20 year lease, after Richard Raynham's lease was given up.

17/2/1966 Public Meeting arranged to form a Community Council. Mr B J Reid the Secretary to the Suffolk Rural Community Councils attended the meeting to help form a Community Council for Boxford. At this meeting it was agreed to form the Council.

17/2/1966 The Parish Meeting, 75 members present.. Mr Reid again addressed the meeting and said that the Fleece Field was now for sale on the market. Lynn's Croft was not yet available. Mr Reid told the meeting how to form a Community Council for Boxford. The meeting agreed to form the Community Council and also to proceed with the purchase of the Fleece land. And after discussion with the Brewers to report back to the Parish Meeting. Those elected to serve on the Community Council were:—

Mrs P Williams, Mrs O Tarbet, Mrs M Prescott, Len Meekings, Cecil Hughes, A C King (Fred), John Boyle, Lol Tricker, R T Collins, R Tugman, Ken Jarmin, Percy Fletcher, W A Lee and Philip Kingsbury.

14/3/1966 The Parish Meeting was told that the Chairman of the Community Council was R Tugman.

Parish Meeting. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the Fleece land The meeting thanked the Parish Council for bringing the matters to this stage. The following Trustees were elected:—

Chairman R Tugman, P Kingsbury, J Boyle, C. Parr and L O dark. 22 Members attended.

5/12/1966 Exchange of contracts on the Boxford Fleece land for £1,600.

Readers Letters

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To date I have heard nothing further so can only conclude that my determination to hold out won the day. During this time I contacted the CAB for their advice and found them most supportive and helpful. They asked me to write to the Office of Fair Trading as well as the Consumer Association to ensure details of the company could be circulated. All I hope is that this is not happening to too many other innocent victims who pay up rather than deal with the aggravation. Please contact me if you want more info. mc@mocco.fsnet.co.uk.

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