

Box River News



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AFFORDABLE HOUSING!



£60,000 or approximately £600 per Sq Yard is what Babergh District Council are allegedly to charge the developers of the Affordable Housing development in Boxford for a narrow strip of land to enable access to the development and a footpath to link with the Homefield footpath.

Visitors to Babergh's web site and checking the agenda for the Strategy meeting held on 30th October may have spotted the last item on the agenda 'Paper C161 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BOXFORD (Exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 9 of Part 1)' i.e not for the public to know about. That meeting discussed the sale of land outlined on the Photograph above without which the affordable Housing scheme, intended to provide **low cost housing** for Boxford villagers, could not go ahead. The Minutes published in January read 'The head of legal and administrative services and the head of housing submitted a joint report regarding the disposal of land at Homefield Boxford' and after debate it was resolved that 'The head of Legal and Administrative Services be authorised to dispose part of the land (shown above) at a discount of 50% subject to terms and conditions deemed necessary in order to protect the Council's interest'. Allegedly the original sum was in the amount of £120,000.

The strip of land about 80yds long by 1 to 1.5 yds wide (around 100sq yds) may therefore become the most expensive piece of land in the UK and could add at least £4000 to the cost of each unit in the development. If this is true how can Babergh behave like this when they maintain they are dedicated to Low cost housing. Surely this should be handed over without charge for the benefit of Boxfords villagers in need of housing at a price they can afford.

The site for the Affordable Housing Scheme is on land that could otherwise not be sold for development purposes and was chosen because of its low cost and not because of its position. There were other preferred sites within Boxford but the cost of land at those sites was too high for an affordable housing development. The price charged for the above strip is substantially more than the development land cost.

RUNNING WATERS DISPUTE



Residents of the Running Waters Estate, Boxford, are up in arms about a six foot, close boarded fence, that has been built around the 'Open Plan' side garden of a house on the corner of Brook Hall Road and Holbrook Barn Road.

The fence, looking not unlike a stockade, has destroyed the open nature of the estate and whilst not in breach of planning regulations is certainly against the open ethos of the 60's estate. There was a covenant on the homes when they were built requiring owners to maintain the open aspect which was, one of the more attractive features of Running Waters. For 40 years this covenant has been observed by responsible residents with only minor breaches, despite the fact that the original builders no longer exist possibly making the covenant effectively null and void. What makes it worse is the fact that the fence has been built in such a prominent position severely lowering the tone of Running Waters.

Residents of the 60 home estate are seeking legal advice and despite Babergh washing their hands of the matter, intend to continue their fight to have the fence removed. A civil action is in the pipe line and Stephen Heard, a leading campaigner, maintains that it may be possible to enforce a restrictive covenant.

Mr Adams who was responsible for the building of the fence has indicated to the press that he was taking legal advice and did not wish to comment at this time. According to Mr Heard he has also refused to speak to his neighbours other than through his solicitors.

There has to be a compromise here. Mr Adams has one of the largest plots but it is almost all frontage leaving a relatively small private garden. If the newly fenced area was smaller and used a more aesthetically pleasing fence it could be acceptable.

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JAMIE CULLUM WOWS THEM AT THE FLEECE

Take a Genius, add a little Magic, give him a piano and that's Jamie Cullum.

Twenty Three years old Jamie Cullum wowed them at the Fleece on Friday 2nd January. Die Hard Jazz fans were singing, clapping laughing, and crying with joy at this incredible performance by the UK's youngest and most Versatile Jazz musician and singer. If it had been possible to harness the energy he used during this remarkable performance, it could have kept the lights on in Suffolk for a very long time.

Not content with playing the piano in a conventional manner ie. using the keyboard, he also played the top of the piano, the lid of

the piano, on the strings of the piano and most extraordinary of all, he played an incredible percussion solo on the back of the piano which was as good and exciting as any drum solo I have ever heard.

The 90 members of the audience in the Fleece who saw Jamie Cullum were treated to a performance that few will ever have the opportunity to see in the future and certainly will never forget. Clearly Jamie was enjoying himself in the intimate atmosphere of Jazz at the Fleece and he played numbers that are not in his regular repertoire and believe it or not, he has promised to return to the Fleece some time in the future. At a recent jazz festival the demand for tickets was such that he could have filled the Albert Hall 5 times over,
EAK



**Friday, 6th February, 8.30 Ticket £12
Jacqui Dankworth Quartet**

Jacqui Dankworth is one of the finest voices in the UK today. She started out as an actress with the RSC and she is defiantly no-one's clone. Signed to the Candid Record Label on a three-record deal, her first CD, 'As The Sun Shines Down On Me', features her band of Mike Outram (guitar). Alee Dankworth (bass) and Roy Dodds (drums). The album is much jazzier than her previous work with Field of Blue and puts more emphasis on the singer rather than the group.

**Friday, 13th February, 8.30 Ticket £10
Dylan Howe Quintet**

Dylan started out at 19 doing sessions for house bands on the busy London club scene. His self funded 1999 debut album 'The Way I Hear It' has recently been re-released on the new OT label. It is a richly swinging evocation of that early 1960's Blue Note sound, when Hancock and Shorter were the young tyros in time, and Elvin Jones and Tony Williams were taking the drums to a different space. With him tonight are Neil Angille (piano), Brian Edwards (alto saxophone), Quentin Collins (trumpet) and Andy Crowdy (bass).

**Friday, 20th February, 8.30 Ticket £10
Julie Edwards Quintet**

One of Yorkshire's busiest singers together with her band of

Kevin Dearden (saxophone and flute), Edward Bamwell (piano), Ken Marley (bass) and John Perry (drums) make their Fleece debut. Julie is a talented and very skilful jazz vocalist who sings fresh intelligent, un-showy versions of fine standards. She readily communicates her obvious enjoyment in singing to the audience. Her chosen material is simply arranged and beautifully rendered. She has everything in place - sound intonation, range, control, and swing. If you like 'easy listening' jazz vocals a la Julie London then this is the gig for you.

**Friday, 27th February, 8.30 Ticket £13
Clare Teal**

Since being signed to Candid Records three years ago, and with three best selling albums, Clare has proved herself to be one of the most talented newcomers to hit the jazz scene in years. Not only is she a wonderfully gifted singer, but she is also a melodic and witty songwriter. Her influences of Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday are clearly reflected in her classic jazz vocal style and choice of material. Clare's in-between-song patter bears an uncanny resemblance to northern comedian Victoria Wood. Accompanying her are Martin Litton (piano). Mark Crooks (reeds). Nils Solberg (guitar), John Day (bass) and Rod Brown (drums).

**Friday, 5th March, 8.30 Ticket £10
Tomasso Starace Quartet**

Tomasso Starace started playing the saxophone at the age of 18. After graduating from the Birmingham Conservatoire he moved to London, attended the Guildhall School of Music and Drama where he studied and performed with Jean Toussaint, David Liebman, Kenny Wheeler, Billy Cobham, Stan Suizman, Pete Churchill and Simon Purcell. Ian Can says "extremely promising debut album - his quartet is a superb unit, a talented composer". With Jim Watson (piano), Tom Herbert (bass) and Tristan Maillot (drums).

To buy tickets for any gig, obtain further information or add your name to the mailing list please telephone the BOX OFFICE:

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Little Waldingfield Coffee Bring and Buy

The Little Waldingfield Coffee 'Bring and Buy' Morning held at Norman's Hall in the village on Saturday, 13th December 2003 and hosted by the 'Over ^0's and Friendship Club" was a great success raising over £200 for the club. The beautiful room in which it was held was tastefully decorated for Christmas, and the tables laden with cakes and preserves and assorted gifts and other items were soon cleared; prizes for the raffle included several bottles of wine. A warmer atmosphere for the occasion could not have been envisaged thanks to Mrs Anne Miller and her family who opened their home for this event, bringing together members and friends from near and far in spite of the atrocious weather outside. *Shirley Hobson*

Little Waldingfield Charities'

Little Waldingfield Charities' have made donations to anyone over 65 years old and have resided in Little Waldingfield for more than one year and feel they would be entitled to such. Please ring 247238 for further information. .

Boxford Village Hall

The Village Hall monthly draw

The monthly draw began in 1981 and has been extremely successful in providing a regular source of funds for the maintenance and upkeep of our well used Village Hall. There are now opportunities for you to become members of the draw for a share of only £1 per month. The odds of winning are very much shorter than the National Lottery and the prizes are not to be sneezed at. Why not **Telephone Von Wymark on 01787 210640** and get your share now.

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If you live with, know of someone, or are affected by someone else's use of drugs or alcohol there is a local, free and confidential service for advice, information and emotional support.

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For young people our service is expanded to cover any concerns they might have about their own use of drugs or alcohol.

We can provide details of the services available in the Suffolk area as well as providing weekly support groups through our Families and Carers Community Support Service which aims to help improve coping skills and develop awareness and insight into drug and alcohol use.

There is no need to feel isolated or alone, for further information contact the Suffolk help line on free phone 0808 800 11 22.

Age Concern Suffolk

Age Concern Suffolk is a local, independent charity providing advice, information and a range of services for people over 60 and those caring for them. At our local office help desks in Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Halesworth we welcome personal and telephone callers and can answer your questions, listen to your problems and guide you to local services who can help. Our Advice Service assists senior citizens to claim all the money benefits they are entitled to. A confidential home visit can be arranged anywhere in the county to give assistance with completion of benefit application forms. Other services include specialist dementia support teams, home helps, a befriending service for older people who feel lonely or isolated and a range of day care services around the county. Age Concern Suffolk has seven charity shops raising income for our services. They all welcome donations of re-saleable nearly new clothing, books and bric-a-brac. All income raised in our Suffolk charity shops stays in Suffolk! For more information please contact your nearest Age Concern Suffolk office: IPSWICH 8 Northgate Street 01473 257039 open 9 - 5 Monday - Friday

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The Boxford Bounty is a registered charity No 304862

Lt Waldingfield Parish Room

We are please to announce that the Silver Trowel Fund has passed the £1,000 mark. A big "Thank you" to all who have supported us. We are now closing the fund but Chris will be happy to add a few last minute names, for those who have forgotten.

The Swan Christmas Draw raised £150 which Chris & Kim kindly donated to our cause. Our thanks to them and their customers. We are also grateful to the two kind villagers who each donated another £50. The support we have received to help us maintain our historic little building has surpassed all expectation and demonstrates what a thriving community spirit we enjoy in the village.

You will have seen elsewhere that the 21st February has been chosen for the Quiz Night. Mary has again set the questions and Brian will be the Question Master once more. Don't forget to think up a good name for your team.

Boxford Playingfield Management Committee

We have received complaints from allotment holders regarding dog owners who allow their animals to roam over the allotments and in some cases actually digging up plants. The people who own these allotments put in a considerable amount of time and effort into the land and are understandably very upset when their work is ruined.

Please would all dog owners ensure that their animals are kept under control in the area of the allotments. There have also been reports of vandalism in this area, if you see anyone causing any trouble would you please report it to a member of the Playingfields Committee or the Police.

Little Waldingfield Playingfield Committee

The bonfire night November 8th and what a fire cracking sky lighting night it was.

We would like to give a giant sized thank you to all the good people of Little Waldingfield and our friends in neighbouring villages.

Firstly to Stan (sparkles) Ireland and his son Paul for a great display, Ivan Carter who never fails us a truly impressive bonfire, thank you all so much.

Chris Jewel and our lovely Roz and Becky for keeping our glasses filled. Other stars of the night were Barbara Burke , bet you did not know Calvin Klein made a eau-de-fried onions Barbara and Martin Parsonson for cooking a mean Sausage.

An enormous thank you to all those who helped on Sunday morning to clean up.

This great village event can not take place with out the generosity of all the kind folk who got out of their beds on Sunday 2nd Nov to give to a bunch of very wet (penny for the guy) Committee members, and to those of you who gave so much to our bucket shaking on the night.

Now a rocket launching Thank you to all of you who dug even deeper into your pockets for donations, we really do appreciate every penny, and with all your help and all our supporters we hope that next year will be even "BETTER".

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GARDENING IN FEBRUARY *Harry Buckledee*

Complete the digging of the vegetable garden as soon as possible. Where lime is necessary it should be applied this month. Lime helps in many ways, by neutralising soil acidity, by helping to break up heavy clay soils, providing calcium which is an essential plant food and by releasing certain trace elements which are locked up in the soil. Lime should not of course, be applied to ericaceous subjects such as Rhododendron's.

In a heated greenhouse, a start can be made raising plants for the vegetable garden and summer bedding. One of the first vegetable plants to be planted are shallots. It is always said that shallots should be planted in the open ground on the shortest day, but this is seldom possible or advisable to be treading on the soil at this stage, especially this year with the amount of rain we have been getting. Far better to start them off in three inch pots or in seed trays then planting out as soon as the conditions are favourable.

Brussel Sprouts need a long season of growth to make a good strong plant necessary to produce a good crop of firm buttons all the way up the stem. F.I. Hybrid's give best results. Sow the seed singly in cell trays (40 to a seed tray) and then plant on in deep trays to produce good strong plants for April planting outside.

Cell trays are excellent for raising seedlings of hardy arrivals which can then be planted out at about eight inches apart avoiding the need of thinning out. Always allow enough room between plants for the dutch hoe, this will make the control of weeds much easier.

Complete the pruning of fruit trees and hardy shrubs. Cut out any dead, diseased, unwanted or spindly branches. Watch out for the appearance of pink posules of the disease coral spot which usually only attacks dead wood but it can spread to live tissue.

Begonia tubers should be started into growth now for pot culture or for an outdoor display in tubs or borders. Plant the tubers dished side upwards in a seed tray filled with a peat based seed compost. Do not cover the tubers completely and be careful not to over water. To wet a compost will not encourage rooting and may cause the tubers to rot. Pot up individually when well rooted.

Try tubers of the non-stop variety - this is a multi flora type, which as its name suggestts will flower non stop until the end of the season.

The fibrous rooted Begonia semperflorens, is one of the most adaptable of bedding plants. it is tolerant of all types of soil, shady or sunny positions, and will do well in dry or wet summers, its flowers being unaffected by rain. It requires a long season of growth and seed should be sown now to produce good plants by the end of May.

Dormant fuchsias should be cut back hoe to within three buds from the base, have all the old compost shaken from the roots and repotted in fresh compost to a smaller size pot. Place the pots on a bench and spray with tepid water twice a day in keep the wood soft and encourage new growth. Give sufficient heat to keep the house frost free.

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Forthcoming Events Diary

January 2004

31 Fun and Games Evening Boxford Community Council Boxford Village Hall TBA

February

2 Boxford Over 60's Village Hall 2pm
 6 Gt Waldingfield WI Pampering Day Bury
 7 Boxford Rovers Quiz Night Boxford Village Hall TBA
 7 Newton Village Hall Refurbishment coffee moening 10am, Polstead
 7 Bumpstead Boys Village Hall Polstead
 11 Groton WI Mr Durand
 16 Boxford Over 60's Village Hall 2pm
 21 Ltl Waldingfield Team Quiz Parish Room Ltl W
 22 Bygone Exhibition Gt Waldinfiels Hall 10am

March

20 FOBS Annual Quiz Night School Hall 7.30pm
 20 Irish Welsh Evening Newton Green Village Hall

April

Boxford Rovers Dance Boxford Village Hall TBA

May

1 Dance to the Beavers The Boxford Community Council Boxford Village Hall TBA
 2 Walk The Thames
 22 Groton's Garden Gala St Bartholemews TBA

June

6 Boxford Gardens Open St Mary's Church,
 11 Clive Paine Lecture Boxford St Mary's about Boxford Church TBA
 12 Sports and Fun Day Boxford Playing Fields
 13 Open Gaedens Edwardstone
 19 Hadleigh Choral Society Concert Boxford St Mary's TBA
 25/26 Mid summer with the Beavers Edwardstone millennium Green Trust On the Green TBA

July

3 Boxford Church Fete Boxford Rectory Garden TBA
 10 Beavers Dance Ltl Waldingfield Playing Fields Committee TBA
 10 Newton Fete Newton Green
 12 Sports and Fun Day Boxford Playingfields

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Readers Letters

Dear Sir,

I was pleased to note from David Bishop's letter in the last issue of River Box News that the age of Riddelsdell Bros garage makes him smile.

He casts doubt on whether we are 'probably the oldest garage in Europe' by referring to the garages which he says must have served cars on the Continent, such as Peugeot and Panhard from 1885. If he has documentary evidence that any of these garages are still in existence today I would be very pleased to have it along with their names and addresses. It would be interesting to exchange historical information with them. In the meantime, I understand that the professionals at Guinness Book of Records are checking out our claim.

Further to his remarks about our petrol being "probably the most expensive in Europe". it may interest Mr Bishop to know that I lose money on my petrol business, but keep it open partly as a service to the community. I wonder how many supermarkets selling cheap petrol would do this. Would they get you out of a fix if your car breaks down on their forecourt?

Out of interest, the nearest alternative supply of petrol is five miles from Boxford. If making a special journey, the cost of driving there to fill up would be a minimum of £3.50 (ten miles there and back at one of the AA's more conservative figures of 35p per mile)* which, I would suggest, makes the 'cheaper' petrol less of a bargain! Mr Bishop doesn't appear to support his local garage. Neither I, nor my manager Mr Albert Crighton (who has been with us for 46 years) can ever recall seeing him here.

Whether or not we are the oldest garage in Europe remains to be seen, but we are certainly proud of our little bit of automotive heritage here in Boxford!

Howard Watts

**for a 1000-1300cc car covering 15,000 miles a year*

Sir

Regarding Mr Bishops letter to the Box River News, if you want to belittle yourself, have your thoughts published before you do your research.

Personal attendance is much appreciated especially by those of declining years. These services have to be paid for, nor have I observed that for a small garage there is a lack of persons who wish for such a service.

Probably during the very early years of motoring, which was an exclusively expensive hobby, private cars would have been serviced by private organisations, of which, Quite naturally, it would be difficult to acquire these addresses.

Thus our local Garage has not Transgressed veracity by conjecturing that probably they were the earliest 'registered' garage.

Frank Preston
Boxford

Sir

I read with some dismay David Bishop's letter in the last Box River News. It seems to me that Mr Bishop is misunderstanding a perfectly valid claim.

Riddelsdells is not claiming to be the first garage built in Europe but possibly the oldest garage in continuous existence.

I'm sure that many 'garages' were established before Riddelsdells but the question is do any of them still exist, probably not, in the light of the chaos that existed in Europe after the last war. Therefore I would personally back Riddelsdells claim and argue that we should be very proud to have them in our village.

Consequently I regret Mr Bishops said remark about petrol prices. It is a small price to pay for the benefit of an excellent garage in the village. One only has to ask residents of other

local villages (Monks Eleigh for one) what they feel about losing their garage services.

Richard Gates
Boxford

Eddie

A Letter From Boxford MA

Eddie, I am happy to tell you that after much procrastination and interference from the holidays, we have had our first bowls session at Four Mile village. Charlie Thiel was great as a teacher and engendered much enthusiasm,

We had 8 bowlers (2 men, 6 women) altogether and considering that the temperature was -9F (-21C or so) with wicked winds I think it was a good start. Charlie expects to have the first US bowls league and hopes to schedule an international match with the "Brits"!

Give our best to all our friends in Boxford.

Ken Kretsch
Boxford MA

Note: The Boxford to Boxford 4 group who visited Boxford MA in October 2003 presented 4 mile village, a beautiful village for the retired in the middle of Boxford Town, with a complete set of competition bowls. a further set has since been ordered and it looks as if we may have started something big in the States!
Ed

Sir

JOAN WARNER - 12 Ash Street

Eric Wamer, Peter and Marion Hibben and family would like to thank all those who sent condolences and good wishes and to those who sent donations to The New Hope Club in remembrance of wife/mother Joan who passed away on 28th November 2003.

Peter Hibben

Sir

My family would like to say thank you to 3PR for their quick response to our call made on Christmas Day to our daughter, also to the Paramedics in the Ambulance Service

Pat and Val Johnson

Sir

Mattocks Fabrications

It is with much sadness that due to ill health, I have had to cease trading.

I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who has helped me to build a thriving business, however large or small the work has been, and a big thank you to Mattock Motors for letting me have the space in their workshop and for answering the telephone when I have been out on site. My thanks also to the late Miss Ida Skinner for letting me have a small space in the workshops

Many thanks again

Robert Mattock

Dear Readers

At this years Boxford Panto the table in front of us and our guests had 5 chain smokers on it who smoked continuously through not just the performance but also the meal, despite polite requests not to do so. It completely ruined the evening for us. At the end of the performance I felt as though I had smoked a ten pack. How can smokers be so selfish? Let us hope that the Village Hall Committee show great strength and courage, and follow the trend of all Theatres and Cinemas by banning smoking at public events in our Village Hall. in future.

Eddie Kench BRN

Wat's On

GROTON'S GIGANTIC GARDEN GALA

[PLANT SALE IN AID OF St. BARTHOLOMEWS CHURCH]
Saturday May 22nd 10.30am Groton Church and Churchyard

A lively meeting was held at Pat Kennedy Scott's house; decisions were made!! Now we need your support, so start gathering your thoughts, and your plants, find those seed boxes and get cracking! It is also important that if you have any garden tools that have seen better days, and that you do not want, let Bob Bowdidge [211553] have them to repair for selling - someone else will find them useful. Please put this important date in your diary now; Any offers of help both before and on the day would be very welcome --- Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] or Bob Bowdidge [211553] *Bob Bowdidge*

Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club

Due to building works starting earlier than anticipated, the lunch due to be held on Wednesday 11th February at my home will have to be postponed until further notice. Details of the next lunch will be published as soon as possible. *Alison Corse*

WALK THE THAMES 2nd MAY 2004

There has been sufficient interest in this walk. Details are being finalised A bus has been booked. It will leave from The Fleece at 08.00 am approx, further information to follow.

The walk will start at the South side of Battersea Bridge, go through the park, and over Chelsea Bridge. Follow the bank through Pimlico and cross Vauxhall Bridge. Follow the Albert Embankment, pass the London Eye to Waterloo Bridge and cross. Follow the Victoria Embankment to the Millennium [Wobbly] Bridge and cross again. Follow the South Bank development and Southwark Cathedral to Tower Bridge and cross again. Turn left pass the Tower Walls to Tower Pier to board a trip boat to Greenwich Pier. The coach will be waiting here for the return journey. Walkers may drop out at any stage but must return to Cutty Sark Station on the Dockland light Railway near Greenwich Pier. Will all those who have shown an interest in this walk please confirm their booking to Joyce or John Harris 01787 210961 by 15th February 2004. There may be seats available for additional walkers. A waiting list is being maintained.

COST £20.00 Coach and cruise or £16.00 Coach only

To be paid to Joyce or John ASAP but not later than 15th March (please make cheques payable to LAURIE BURROUGHS)

Newton Fete - Saturday 10th July 2004

This year we will require one or two people to organise and run the raffle, which is the main fund raiser of the Fete activities. With tickets being sold from April onwards, a person with good communication and organisational skills, who has a little spare time, is being sought. If you would like to discuss this role further please contact Dave Crimmin on 375085.

At our next meeting on Wednesday 18th February 2004 @ 8pm in the Village Hall we will finalise the distribution of the Fete proceeds. All organisations wanting to be considered for a share of the proceeds are asked to send a representative to the meeting. Other Fete dates for your diary are:

- Meeting on Wednesday 14th April @ 8pm in Village Hall
- Coffee morning on Saturday 26th June @ 10am in Village Hall.

See you there.
Dave Crimmin Chairman Fete Committee
dave.crimmin@btinternet.com

NEWTON VILLAGE HALL NOTES

There were 4 3/4 tables in play at the Whist Drive held on Monday 12 January, although several of the regulars were unable to attend. On this basis there is just about enough justification to carry on with the Whist Drives, and the next one will be on Monday 15 March. Unfortunately I have been unable to fit drives in for either February or April.

The prizewinners were:

Ruby Biggs 172 Peggy Pell 170

John Bishop 167 Sin Win 166

Alan Vince 166 Gerry Peacock 129

Thanks to all who donated raffle prizes and to Nancy and Joan for their help with the refreshments.

Many of you will have seen the excellent new kitchen water heater which John Outen has installed entirely at his own expense. Thanks very much John. The new heater will be much more efficient and will also provide hot water to the toilets once they have been refurbished.

Our fund raising efforts continue with the Burns Supper on January 24. The demand for tickets was overwhelming and we were sold out within a few days. Apologies to all those who asked for tickets but were disappointed on this occasion.

We are proposing to hold a combined Irish/Welsh evening on Saturday March 20 which again should be good entertaining fun with interesting food and the traditional songs and poems. We shall also shortly be selling tickets for the Time of Our Lives theatre performance on Saturday May 15. This was an excellent show last year, so we anticipate the tickets will be in great demand again. Please make a note of these dates now and contact me or Janet for tickets. *Alan Vince 01787 37396*

NEWTON VILLAGE GOLF

The records of village golfers who have registered with the Golf Club have become outdated and are rather less than reliable. Because the Club arranges insurance to cover all its members including village players, it is important that the records are accurate so that everyone is covered. The Club is therefore proposing to ask all village players to be registered as from April 1 2004 and will contact all those whose names are recorded. Villagers co-operation with this will be much appreciated. The discs which have issued in the past have also proved to be less than satisfactory and with stories of some being sold to non-residents, it has been decided they will be discontinued. Villagers who have registered with the club will be issued by the Pro Shop with a special ticket on each occasion when they play, and this will also help with the administration of the insurance premiums. More details next month. *Alan Vince 01787 37396*

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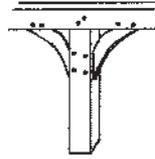
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use. Thank You

To the Box River Saints

As you have probably noticed we have changed many of the church service times. We have done this in response to requests from parishioners who want a fixed time for services rather than operating on a rota and also to enable parishes to choose the most popular times to suit their needs. The times have been worked out in consultation with the benefice worship leaders and the PCCs. However, I must point out that this is a first attempt to satisfy the needs of the majority, it is by no means carved in stone. As you can understand it is very difficult to give everybody what they want, but if you feel strongly that the changes are not working for you, please contact your parish leaders or myself.

Christmas was a particularly busy time in the Benefice, yet at the same time it was a very gratifying time. Although it was not a white Christmas, which would have been a bonus, it was our family's first cool one in 25 years, which made it really seem authentic. Another bonus for me was to see the number of people attending the services leading up to and over the Christmas period and there were children everywhere, which is always such a joy. I would personally like to invite those who normally only come to church on high days and holidays to come and join us at other times of the year. We would also like you to let us know how we can tailor our services to accommodate all age worship so that we can make the Church more accessible.

We are going to be starting an ALPHA course within the benefice after Easter. To quote the advertising, "Some want to investigate whether God exists and if there is any point to life; others are concerned about what happens after death. Still others may have attended church on and off all their lives but feel they have never really understood the basics of the Christian faith. People come from many different backgrounds, holding many different viewpoints – but all have come with the same objective: to establish whether Jesus Christ has any real relevance in their lives. " Not only will you laugh a lot and meet people, you will also be able to ask the questions that have been bugging you and needed answering the whole of your adult life. Alpha is a place where no question is regarded as too simple or too hostile. This is a non-threatening opportunity for committed Christians to find out what it is that they are committed to and those who are not committed to investigate the claims of Christianity. The only commitment you will be asked to make is to yourself and your need to find out the truth for yourself.

Please note that we have begun a short meeting for Benefice prayers every Tuesday evening at Mary's House. We pray for the Benefice in general, but should you have particular prayer requests, please hand them to either your church leaders or myself.

Joan, Yibi and I would like to thank everyone for their cards and gifts this Christmas, it made us really feel so welcome and part of the benefice. We would particularly like to thank the anonymous Box River Saint for their love turned to action.

God's richest blessings, *David*



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Forgive my sins, O Lord, both past and present. Forgive the sins of my soul and the sins of my body. Forgive the sins I have done to please myself, and those I have done to please others. Forgive my casual sins, and my deliberate sins. Forgive the sins I have sought to hide from myself and those I have laboured to hide, even from you; and all of these for your love and your mercy's sake. Amen. *Christopher Kingsbury*

BOX RIVER CLUB:

Meets in the Boxford School Hall 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon. We have decided to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, excluding main school holidays and on Sundays when a family service is planned.

The dates are as follows: February 8th, February 22nd, March 14th, March 28th.

We plan to make March 28th Box River Club' 3rd birthday party - more information later.

Family Communion Service - January 25th. The Revd. David Matthews is taking this in Boxford Church at 11.00 a.m. All welcome.

March 21st is Mothering Sunday.

Newtoneers - Newton Village Hall - 4.30 p.m. -6.00 p.m. on February 2nd, February 23rd, March 15th and March 29th.
Janet Daniels

PRAYER MINISTRY:

St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians said: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus".

We would be pleased to:

pray for you;

offer helpful support in times of need;

enable you to share your burden confidentially with priest.

Do you have something or somebody you would like us to remember in our prayers?

Please contact the Revd. Brian Watling on 01787 211690, other members of the ministry team, or leave a note at Mary's House, 5 Swan Street. *CK*

SMILE LINES:

Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it. *CK*



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwardens:

Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397

Lay Elders:

Antony Dodd 210397 Peter Welstand 210525

OPEN GARDENS:

This year we plan to have Open Gardens in Edwardstone on Sunday 13th June.

If you would like to open your garden please contact me on 210698.

Let's make this year as successful as last. *Daphne Clark*

CLEANER NEEDED:

We urgently need a cleaner for Edwardstone Parish Hall. The Hall is normally cleaned once a week with extra cleaning if necessary and by agreement.

For one hour each week the wages are £25 (to be reviewed) per calendar month. Please contact Daphne Clark on 210698 if you are interested.

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

Feb 1: Mrs Dodd (United Benefice Service)/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

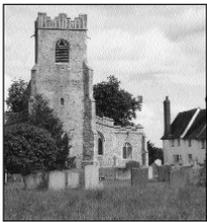
Feb 8: Mrs Tregear/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

Feb 15: Mr Saddleton/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;

Feb 22: Mrs Dodd/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;

Feb 29: Combined Family Service (Gro)/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;

Mar 7: United Benefice Service (LtW)/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Barbara Riddleston:*

Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261

David Lamming Lodge Farmhouse 210360

Lay Elders: *Pauline Lamming 210360*

Joy Sellers 378009

THANK YOU to everyone who decorated and prepared the church, gave of their gifts and time, and helped in different ways with the services at Christmas. The church looked lovely - tree, flowers, brass and polished wood! It was a joint celebration - thank you.
Pauline Lamming

GROTON'S GIGANTIC GARDEN GALA: (PLANT SALE IN AID OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH)

Saturday May 22nd 10.30 a.m. Groton Church and Churchyard

A lively meeting was held at Pat Kennedy Scott's house; decisions were made!! Now we need your support, so start gathering your thoughts, and your plants, find those seed boxes and get cracking!

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Bob Bowdidge

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES BICYCLE RIDE 2003:

Many of you kindly supported last year's event, money was still coming in at Christmas time. The total raised was £635 - passed on to the Trust treasurer, who will now return half that sum to the

St Bartholomew's Church account. Thanks to all participants and the large number of generous and regular supporters who made the 22nd event such a success. *Peter Kennedy Scott*

ROTAS:

February

March

Flowers:

Mrs Tweed

No Flowers (Lent)

Cleaning:

Mrs S Gooderham

Mrs Fearis &

Mrs Foster

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr R Mares

Ms S Edwards



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034

Lay Elders:

Tim Harbord 247034

CAROL SERVICE:

This is the first opportunity to thank all those who helped to make the Carol Service held on 21st December such a happy and successful occasion. The service was well attended with the collection being donated to The Salvation Army and The Bridge Project.

The participation of children in the service added to the enjoyment and the highlight was the nativity play. Thank you to Sharon Scott for all her hard work and especially to the children, their parents and grandparents for an enchanting spectacle, made even better by the colourful costumes. *Sandra Harbord*

CAROL SINGING:

The carol singing around the village on 23rd December was in aid of CRISIS at Christmas for which the amount £150 was collected. Thank you to all who generously supported this cause.
Sandra Harbord

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

Feb 1: United Benefice Service (Edw)/Mrs Bridges;

Feb 8: Mrs Rattee/Mrs Grunsell;

Feb 15: Mr & Mrs Tora/Mrs Harbord;

Feb 22: Mrs Pell & Mr Bowden/Mrs Fernando-Martin;

Feb 29: Combined Family Service (Gro)/No flowers

Mar 7: Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell (United Benefice Service)
No flowers



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

REGISTERS: 28th November, Funeral –

MARGARET CHAPLIN aged 89 years

14th December, Baptism – ELEANOR GRACE DAVIES

30th December, Funeral – LIONEL HUMM, aged 71 years

A SHOW OF SLIDES ABOUT INDIA & NEPAL:

There will be a show of slides about India and Nepal, with a commentary, on Wednesday 11th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Light refreshments will be available. Tickets £5 from Wendy on 372677 or Diane on 312828. *Diana Stock*

ADVANCED NOTICE:

Call my Bluff on Wednesday, 17th March in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. *Diana Stock*



Students receive certificates from their tutor Mark Miller

ADULT QUALIFICATIONS AT BOXFORD SCHOOL

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Students have commented, "The course is quite demanding". "It develops your confidence using the computer more effectively". "What surprised me was how enjoyable it was".

The course runs on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 7pm – 9pm in the school computer suite. There's a new intake every 3 months the next course starts at the school on Tuesday 2nd March. To find out more information and ask for an application form ring Mark on 01787 211596.

1st Boxford Guides

Spinney fun day

As a patrol everyone came to the surprise yourself fun day. Our first activity involved learning circus skills amongst which we learnt pedalos, hoop and stick etc. We also had a 3-legged race. Our next activity involved outdoor sculpture in which we made a Panda face out of the ground. Then we did some backwoods cooking and made cakes, donuts and dampers. Our last activity, which was called Rope Bridge, involved us making a bridge from rope. It had to be strong enough for us to walk across. We had a very good time and would like to do it again.

Chocolate

Go for it's!

Every week we have been doing activities which involves chocolate in one form or another. These activities include Chop chop, Chocolate treasure hunt, Chocolate cakes and in the future we will be having a taste test

London

Kip on a Ship

One of our trips included a visit to London where we stayed on a World War II Cruiser in the Pool of London called "Belfast". Before spending the night on the ship we went to the "Big Gig" which is a gig put on especially for Girl guides with bands including 'The Cheeky Girls', 'D-Side' and 'Blazing Squad'.

After the gig had finished we returned to the ship and where we had a good nights sleep!!!

In the morning and after breakfast we were taken on a tour of the Belfast after which we joined the crowds to see David Blaine hanging in his glass box by the Tower of London. Shopping followed, after which we returned home to Boxford.

A Group of Girl Guides from Boxford MA are due to visit the village in February. They will be here for a day arriving from London by train and returning that evening. They will be accompanied by parents and Guide Leaders.

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Parish Council Matters

NOTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 8 December 2003 at 7.30 pm at Bell House/ Boxford

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: An amendment to page 153 concerning the meeting to be held in Boxford to discuss the traffic problems of Swan Street - the date should have read 12 December, not the 8th.

Under Questions from the public on the subject of air traffic over Boxford, Mr Pembroke wished the minutes to read that he was concerned about the lack of consultation by Babergh District Council (BDC) on this subject and he had suggested that he would be happy to draft a letter to BDC for the council's attention on the subject. (He was not in a position to write the letter as he was not a parish councillor.) Amendments made.

At this point Councillor David Fraser raised an objection concerning the letter in the December issue of the Box River News (BRN) written by the chairman, also on the subject of air traffic over the village. He had understood that the proposal to pass all correspondence for the press, through the clerk (November minutes) to include the chairman of the council. However, the chairman reminded the meeting that a ruling on this had been made some time ago whereby the chairman of the council could pass comment in the press without reference to the council or the clerk, especially when it was assumed that he/she would be aware of the councillors' views and would interpret them correctly. It was agreed that both resolutions would stand.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL: Jeremy Pembroke reported that the government grant would be increased by 5 - 7 % (£21 millions), when they required 8% (£31 millions). For education alone, an extra 4% was required up on last year and it was not known whether this 5-7% included the 4% for education. He also reported that plans were being discussed for a University of Suffolk, with the centre being in Ipswich and this would cost in the region of £80 millions.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Mr Steven Heard of Brook Hall Road together with two other members of the public had come along to voice their concern about the erection of a fence around 6 Brook Hall Road - the property was up for sale and it was hoped that the council could use its influence to convince BDC that the fence ought not to be allowed as it contravened the original planning application for the estate known originally as Running Waters. (The Clerk had already been in touch with BDC and had been told that the fence did not break any planning regulations, nor was it seen as a hazard for traffic.) 31 residents on the estate had made objections and the consensus was that a precedent would be set for other properties on the estate to erect fences and take away the open plan aspect of the area. Copy of a Covenant was handed to the clerk detailing that any fence or hedge would not be allowed in the area where the fence had been built and it was agreed that she write to BDC on behalf of the council raising this point and outlining the concern of the residents in Brook Hall Road, as well as to Mr Adams of 6 Brook Hall Road and to the estate agents responsible for the sale of the property, Sworders in Sudbury. All agreed. Mr Bryn Hurren would also raise the matter at BDC.

Mr Barrie Thorpe wished to express his concern that the letter to BDC mentioned in the previous month's minutes, on the subject of air traffic over Boxford had not been sent by the clerk and was disappointed, especially as he thought we were running out of time, with the proposed changes due to take place in March next year. Also he wished to complain that the minutes had stated "Mr Barrie Thorpe insisted that it was the duty of the Parish Council to fully inform its residents about what was going to happen and how it would become a major problem for us in ten years' time". He wished to inform the meeting that what he actually said was that it could become a major problem. Concerning the letter to BDC the Chairman explained that it was not the council's role to act as a lobby group on behalf of the people who were concerned about the flight path diversions and the only agreement made was for him to sign a letter, penned by Mr Thorpe and Mr Pembroke and they would produce and circulate it. When the letter was

delivered to the clerk on the Wednesday after the meeting, it was clear to her that it was

she who was expected to do all the work and Mr Thorpe had been told clearly at the meeting that there was not time available for the clerk to undertake this task. Much discussion ensued until it was agreed that the letter would be typed up by the clerk who would then deliver it to Councillor Paula Stacey who would address the letters to 17 designated parish councils, after discussion with Councillor Bryn Hurren as to the most appropriate villages. All the council agreed.

Mr John Charville, a member of the public, wished to know the council's view and present status on the subject of Broadband in the village. The chairman informed him that a letter was on its way to him suggesting that a meeting take place with him, (JC), the chairman, Councillor Keith Paxman, Mrs Daphne dark and the parish clerk in order to proceed forward on this issue and there were certain conditions that needed to be met prior to the meeting. The clerk confirmed that the letter had been sent. JC had received it and replied but was not prepared to tell the meeting its contents, preferring that it be read by the clerk later.

POLICE REPORT: As PC Warren had not arrived, the Clerk read out the report for the month of November. There had been criminal damage in Stone Street Road when skylights to a flat-roofed building had been damaged - assumed to be youths on skateboards and later in the month a resident had been coerced into paying substantially more than the sum agreed for goods and services. Offender arrested and charged. (With Christmas approaching visible gifts in cars and in the home were a strong temptation to thieves, the public were urged to be sensible.)

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL: Bryn Hurren reported that the Ash Street bridge issue was still ongoing. There was still some confusion on the blue/black bins collection dates but it was felt that in due course, residents would become accustomed to the appropriate arrangements. On finance, they would be receiving a 2% rise on last year and so they had to look for savings and make more cuts in their budget. Councillor Veronica Hobbs had received complaints from residents about bins being left out once collections had been done and residents had been informed by BDC that this was the responsibility of the parish, not the district council. Whilst the council agreed that this could look untidy, it would have to rely on parishioners to keep their bins in a tidy location.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE: War Memorial - as a listed building, we had to get planning permission if we wished to blacken the inscriptions on the memorial. The Clerk would proceed with this and report back to council. A letter from the CAB in Sudbury had been received - this would be discussed under finance in January. A letter from a resident in Stone Street Road had been sent to the chairman expressing their appreciation that he was pursuing the reduction of the speed limit in the area. She had contacted the Hadleigh Health Centre and spoken to the manager concerning the drive and had been told they had done all they could to facilitate people with wheelchairs/pushchairs and pointed out that they did not own the drive (it was not clear who did) but had taken on the cost of renovating it themselves. Copy of a letter had been sent to the clerk from a resident in Swan Street about the proposed access from Goodlands Farm onto Swan Street being for the use of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. They had written to BDC to express their concern, especially given the traffic problems already experienced in Swan Street. Mr Hurren commented that this was not correct and would contact the resident concerned (letter passed to him).

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor Paxman reported that we would probably receive 100% coverage of Broadband by the year 2005 and bearing in mind we had only 92 registrations at the present time and 350 was the amount required by BT for us to be enabled now, he thought it unlikely that we could reach this figure in the near future. He also requested the clerk to send a copy of his recent report on the subject to both Mrs Daphne dark and Mr John Charville.

Councillor Cecil Hughes informed the meeting that the Boxford Society had decided to donate £100 towards the fencing work that had been done in the graveyard. The Council expressed their appreciation.

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NATS Update This article by Jonathan Barnes in the East Anglian Daily Times, Thursday November 13th issue

CLOUDS HOVERING OVER PLAN FOR AIRCRAFT STACK

An MP has demanded answers about a plan to create a new aircraft holding stack over his constituency

Sir Michael Lord, the Conservative MP for Suffolk Central and Ipswich, North, was shocked to hear of the proposal for the new site on the outskirts of Ipswich.

The National Air Traffic Service (NATS) intends to use the new stack for Stansted Airport-bound planes in addition to the existing site over Sudbury

It puts the location at about two nautical miles east of Claydon, in the Witnesham/Henley area.

The plan is set to be given the go-ahead by the Civil Aviation Authority later this month.

Sir Michael said: "It seems odd that this can go ahead with no reference at all to the people living beneath the stacking area. "I appreciate that, on the face of it, the disruption to people living underneath will be minimal, but it seems it was sufficient to move the stack from over Constable Country "If it would cause too much disruption over one part of the county, why should they think it is acceptable to set it up over my constituents? It is something I shall be contacting the CAA and NATS about at once."

A spokesman for NATS said the Claydon holding stack would be used only at peak times when Sudbury was at capacity and would be at least 15,000 feet above ground for the least disruption.

The Romeo 77 air corridor - which cuts through Sudbury, Hadleigh and Ipswich and brings at least 60 Jet planes into the county every day - could see a huge increase in traffic if proposals to expand Stansted Airport become a reality

Air corridors above Britain are about 10 miles wide and from 5,000 feet to 24,500 feet above the ground.

Most of the airlines using Romeo 77 are from Birmingham and

East Midlands Airports.

A spokeswoman for East Midlands Airport said: "Some of the many cargo planes from our airport could fly over Suffolk en route for Europe.

"By next year our flights will be extended to Asia too, and some of these could use Romeo 77."

What a pity our MP is not taking a similar interest on our behalf!

CAR PARKING CHARGES

Stealth Taxation by any other name

The Steering Committee of Babergh District Council has given consideration to the issue of car parking charges for Hadleigh, Sudbury Lavenham and Pin Mill and proposes by a majority vote, that charging for off-street parking should be introduced to enable the Council's financial strategy and priorities to be delivered, including the desire to keep Council Tax increases to inflation in the short and long term.

Figures indicate that the cost of 'Free Parking' has cost each Babergh Household £6 per annum but the proposed charges of 20p for the first two hours will cost the average car owner £42 per annum with say four visits each week for a minimum period either shopping, visiting the bank, attending meetings, Going to the market or just simply visiting. With a majority of households now having more than one car this could easily mount up to £60 per year for each household 10 times more than the cost of free parking.

Dependent on the scale of charges the council expect to raise in the region of £624,000 per annum and despite the initial set up costs and salaries for additional traffic wardens, Security Companies to collect the money, and the usual host of bureaucrats needed to run the scheme, the revenue represents almost 300% more than the present costs of free parking. If this is not a stealth tax why is there a need to profit in this way and if so will we be seeing a substantial reduction in our rates in future years?

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Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust Mid Summer Weekend with the BEAVERS

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust are holding an evening of dancing to the Beavers in a marquee on the Green on Saturday 26th June 2004, with licensed bar, hog roast and raffle. Tickets will be available in the new year at £15 each including food.

On Friday 25th June we are having an evening of children's entertainment, also in the marquee and will include a disco.

Make a note in your diary and watch this space for more details in future issues of Box River News

Please ring *Clare Britcher* for more info on 211324

Boxford Rovers Football Club Social Events

The very popular Quiz Night will be repeated in 2004 on Saturday 7th February in the Village Hall.

A Dance, also in the Village Hall, will be held on Saturday 10th April - dancing to live band 'The Gentry'. Please put these dates in your diary. Ticket details will be available nearer the time.

Gt Waldingfield WI

Friday 6th February - possible "pampering day" at Bury St Edmunds college -hair-dressing, nails, waxing, with lunch at the Bistro. *Linda Lutz*

SHIMS (Suffolk Help in Multiple Sclerosis)

Meets every month at The Christopher Centre, 10 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury Generally every 2nd Tuesday of the month between 11-12.30pm (please do phone beforehand to check the meeting is definitely on for that month as usual)

We offer physiotherapy, Reiki and the chance to meet others with MS and have a coffee with them. Partners/carers/family members also welcome. Further details from Secretary, Linda Carton on 01787 221844

Newton Green NEWS, VIEWS & COFFEE

Saturday 7th February

HOSTS: Hall Committee -We intend to embark upon an exciting period of refurbishment work this coming summer. So why not come along and see our initial drawings? Discuss them with members of the Committee & enjoy a coffee at the same time.

Contact: *Alex Stevens* - 374093

FOBS ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 20th March 2004, 7.30pm in Boxford School Hall.

A Fun Quiz for teams of up to 8 people. Light refreshments will be served and a licensed bar is available. The cost is £5.00 per head. Team names please to Stephanie Atkins (Tel 01787 210444) or Rob Giles at the school (01787 210332).

We already have several teams booked and places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

The Boxford Playingfields Committee

On Saturday the 12th July the Playingfields Committee will be holding its annual SPORTS AND FUN DAY.

This year the Committee wish to make one change to the usual festivities by having a family sports programme.

This will include races of all sorts for all ages. There will be prizes for all the entrants and bigger prizes for the winners of each race.

A full programme will be published nearer the time but as is so often said you can't win if you don't enter.

The committee therefore hope that as many people will sign up to the fun sports and really make this a day to enjoy and remember.

Monks Eleigh Whist Drives 2004

Monks Eleigh Village Hall. The 2nd Monday of the month through the Winter.

Monday 9th February, Monday 8th March, We just hope to have a fun evening of cards so please come along whatever your standard of play. 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall

Suffolk Villages Festival

Winter Concert Series 2004

Sunday 14th March 6.00pm, St James's Church, Nayland

Death and the Maiden

Sunday 31st May 6.00pm, St Mary's Church, Hadleigh

Bumpstead Boys in Polstead.

There will be a Bumpstead Boy's evening on February 7th at Polstead Village Hall. This event is to raise money for SCOPE (Cerebral Palsy) Maureen Howard is taking part in a 400 km Cycle Ride, off the beaten track in Rajasthan INDIA, in April and this is part of her fund raising/sponsorship efforts. We will be having a Raffle and another fun item to boost the coffers.

Tickets are £8 which will include a supper and can be booked by contacting Maureen on 01206 262196 or e.mail:-howards@polsteadlodge.freeserve.co.uk We are limited to a maximum of 100 in our village hall. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

Sudbury Farmers Market

Plans have been finalised to hold a regular farmers' market in the town. The first market will be held on Friday 30th January at St Peter's, Market Hill, from 9.30 am 1.00 p.m. Then there will be one on the last Friday of every month except December

A wide range of high quality produce will be available with produce likely to include eggs, vegetables, meat fish, & poultry. cheese, milk, cream, fruit juice, preserves, cakes, pies, and other speciality home-produced foods. It is hoped that as well as being of economic benefit to Sudbury this market will become a valued addition to the region's farmers' markets. Deputy Town Clerk

HELP !!

We are desperate for a new secretary for the Community Council. We hold meetings every other month at which members of most of the organisations in the village are present and we consider applications for granting out funds raised by our social committee and local lottery. The secretary will become a member of the executive committee and participate in these meetings. Help your village to help itself!. For further details please ring *Peter Hibben* on 210819.



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Happy New Year



Above: The very moment of Midnight in Boxford Village Hall. Balloons were tumbling from the ceiling, fireworks and confetti cannons going off everywhere and everyone was frantically pulling party poppers!!

It was a fantastic evening - no less than 5 bottles of Champagne, Scuba Diving lessons and free Aromatherapy sessions in the raffle, with free Father Christmas hats and helium filled balloons for the kids and the group

Two For The Road were absolutely stonking, and played everyone's favourites from boogie to slow sentimental numbers. Di Butler and Co produced a smashing buffet, despite the lights failing in the kitchen due to rain coming through the roof and they manfully carried on with lamps and torches 'the poor old Village Hall is deeply in need of some TLC'.

Special thanks to David Phillips, Joe Barrett and Ian Drake who put so much effort into bringing the Village together at the magic hour. Well done all!!

John Kirby



BABIES & TODDLERS AT BOXFORD

Our Christmas Party which was held 17th December was a huge success. We had tremendous feedback from people who came. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed and was highlighted when Father Christmas popped by to give the children their presents. Many thanks to every one who helped to decorate the hall, serve the food, pour the drinks and clear the hall at the end of the party.

Forthcoming Events for Babies and Toddlers at Boxford

11th February, A chance to make Valentine's Cards with your child

18th February, NO BABIES & TODDLERS AT BOXFORD (HALF TERM)

March TBA, Visit to Kentwell Hall Farm with Sunflower Group
17th March, A chance to make Mothering Sunday Cards & Gifts with your child

7th & 14th April, NO BABIES & TODDLERS AT BOXFORD (EASTER HOLIDAY)

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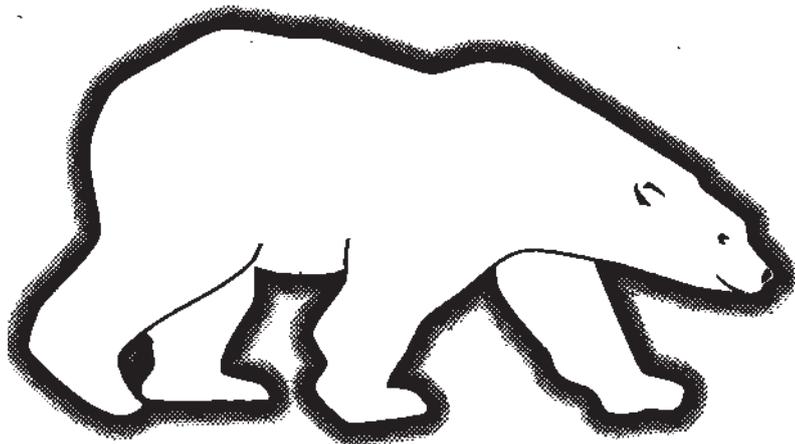
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At this time of year people's thoughts turn to holidays. Who can blame them? Last month, I was fortunate enough to travel south to spend a week in the Canary Islands. The shock to the system, returning to a damp, East Anglia, with leaden skies, was nearly sufficient to send me back on the next plane. A week of sitting on a sun-baked terrace, with occasional forays into a swimming pool, was my idea of a holiday. It is not everyone's. But then, how some people spend their leisure time would send me in search of an English winter.

For me, the most surprising development in the leisure and tourist industry over recent years has been the growth in popularity of cruises. Newspapers are full of advertisements for journeys to the Caribbean, around the Mediterranean, or up rivers that meander through vineyards or ancient forests. Personally, I cannot think of anything worse. Being locked in a floating hotel with a mixed bag of fellow passengers – none of which you have personally selected – strikes me as purgatory. This is not a judgement made without experience. I have participated in my fair share of cruises – not, you understand, as a fee-paying consumer. Rather, I have been involved at the business end.

Flying into Tenerife at the beginning of January reminded me that my first experience of ocean cruising had finished there nearly twenty years ago. Hired as a speaker by an insurance company to "entertain" cruise passengers, while their sales representatives endeavoured to separate them from their building society deposits, I experienced a week of cruising delight which culminated in staying on the largest of the Canary Islands for some brief R & R. And a week was enough to add half a stone to an already adequate frame.

That is another thing about cruising. You can eat twenty-four hours a day if you are so minded. Since the only diet I can ever accomplish is a seafood diet (see food and eat it – get it?) putting me on cruise liner with an assortment of restaurants, cafes and other food outlets could, if left there too long, have led to some even more serious damage to my waistline than that to which it is usually subjected.

Although this was a commercial venture on behalf of the insurance company, our team was classified as entertainment. People were expected to enjoy visiting us in one of the lounges, where we would assure them protection through life assurance was essential and that the stock market would always rise. Amazingly, many of the passengers really did treat us in this way. Sufficiently bought the products of the company for those who devised the event to turn it into a regular feature. Not that I was invited back – something for which I shed no tears.

But it did mark the start of a period when I attended several short business

cruises, designed as floating conferences. I attended both as a speaker and a delegate. They were developed precisely because a cruise delivered a captive audience. At a shore bound venue the participants could escape. No such option exists on a cruise liner.

When the only passengers are the delegates – and those addressing them – the whole event is easier to control. But it creates an atmosphere similar to that of a pressure cooker, with all the potential for letting off steam that can be generated in a consigned space. Tales of shipboard conferences are worth returning to another time.

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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Wat's On

WELCOME TO THE SUDBURY FESTIVAL 2004

A feast for lovers of the performing arts, the Sudbury Festival of Music, Speech and Dance, will take place between 14 February and 14 March 2004. Talented performers of all ages, from all over East Anglia will be coming to Sudbury to take part, and everyone is welcome to watch.

This year there are nearly 1400 entries in some 400 classes, for both soloists and groups, covering the three main branches of the performing arts. Performances will range from classical ballet and tap to creative dance and song and dance groups, from choral and solo verse and prose reading to dramatic monologue and group drama, from solo instruments and chamber ensembles to operatic arias and songs from the shows. Most classes are competitive, but there are some non-competitive for those who prefer.

People with a wide range of abilities take part each year and benefit enormously from the experience - learning their piece, taking the stage, and watching and listening to their peers. There is a team of experienced adjudicators who give friendly and helpful assessments to each performer.

Competitors will be coming from places as far away as Kings Lynn, Lowestoft Cambridge and Frinton. This year for the first time the Festival was publicised on the Internet, which has attracted a number of new entries, including one from Japan.

Over 70 cups and awards are there to be won - 39 for dance, 24 for music and eight for speech and drama - including three new cups in the speech and drama section and a new £100 cash prize attached to the Belchamp Bowl for string players. In addition, the Sudbury Festival Award for Excellence will be given to an outstanding young performer.

The Festival starts with the Dance section, from 14-19 February,

followed by Speech from 6-8 March and Music from 9-14 March. The venues are Uplands Middle School, St Peter's and the Town Hall. The grand finale will be the Festival Concert on Sunday 28 March at Sudbury Upper School.

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Our traditional Team Quiz Night is on 21st February. Tickets are £6 per person and this includes a bangers and mash supper. Bring your own drink. Teams in excess of 4 will be penalised. Tickets can be obtained from Mary, Richard and Sue.

Boxford Over 60's

With the New Year Advancing and Club meetings recommenced we look forward to more activities and interests. Outings, of course, will be on the Agenda. It is always a pleasure to welcome non-members on these for shared friendships and mutual interests. Meetings are held in the village hall at 2.30 pm February 2nd and February 16th. Secretary *Thelma Williams* 01787 210118

GROTON W.I.

The first Meeting of the year followed our adopted system - afternoon meetings October to March, 2.30pm, 2nd Wednesday of the month - so it was that we welcomed Mr. Vic Rice on 14th January to talk to us about 'First Response' Like most folk, we knew of its existence but were very interested in information regarding duties and training. The latter mostly involved learning how to administer oxygen, often a life-saving procedure especially if first to reach the patient and the use of a defibrillator. Vic's daughter joined him in describing situations and the help often required - both emphasised the satisfaction they feel at being useful to the community, but as you can guess, volunteers are always needed and they would be delighted to have prospective "Responders" make contact.

At our next meeting, February 11th, Mr. Durand will be 'cooling' us, talking about Iceland and Scandinavia. Visitors are always welcome.
Joan Cooper

Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club

The Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club are holding an Exhibition at Great Waldingfield Hall on 22 February from 10am to 5pm. Admission £1.00. For more information telephone 01787 372478

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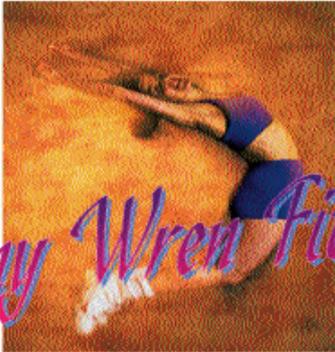
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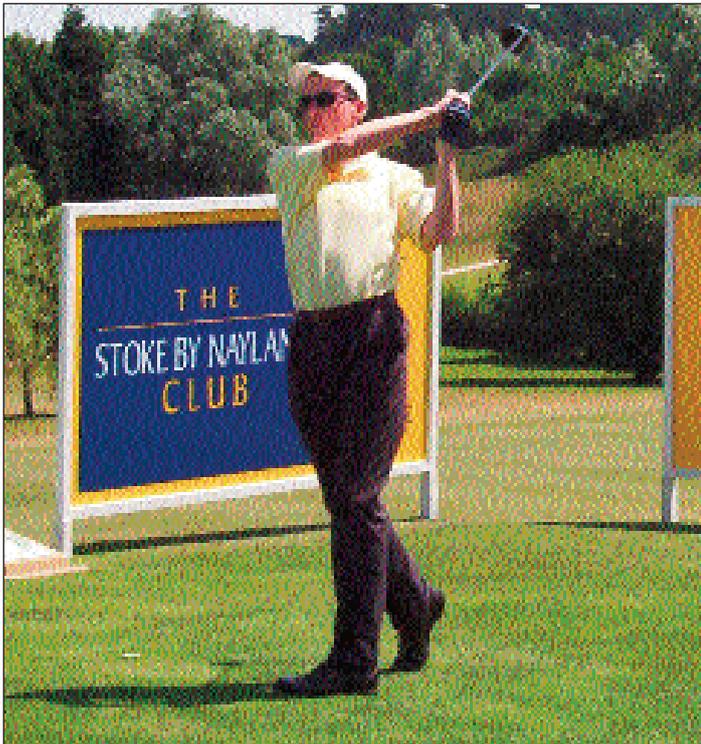
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Box River Sports

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Above: Six times World Snooker champion Steve Davis tees off on Stokes "Gainsborough" course in the PGA Europro Tour Pro Am in June last year.

Stoke by Nayland Club PGA Europro Tour Pro Am Event for 2004

Following the tremendous success of last summer's PGA Europro Tour Event, which was televised on Sky TV and Worldwide, The Stoke by Nayland Club has already fixed the date for next year's tournament. The Pro am will be held on Sunday 27th June 2004, followed by the 3 day PGA EuroPro Tour from 29th June – 1st July.

The Pro am in particular attracted a great deal of attention from the media and public who came to watch the various celebrities take part on this idyllic rolling 'Constable Country' parkland course. These included the 'Dream Team' of World Champion athletes Kriss Akabusi, John Regis, and Derek Redmond, World snooker champion Steve Davis, Ipswich Town FC Chairman, David Sheepshanks, and Town player Martjin Reuser.

Next year promises to be equally exciting with more celebrity players and some 160 International Professionals taking part. The Pro Am will again be open to members, non-members and businesses to enter their teams. The day will begin with coffee and bacon rolls, then a shot gun start on the 18 hole Championship "Gainsborough" course. Players will then be welcomed back to the Clubhouse to enjoy a jazz band and Pimms bar, followed by a sumptuous Gala Dinner in the Devora Suite. This was a very popular event last year so interested participants are encouraged to apply now as places will be limited. The cost per team of 3 is £295 to include all the above and the participation of one of the International Professionals who will be competing in the Europro Tour later that week.

For more details about the Pro Am and entry forms or Club membership details, please contact the Golf Secretary at The Stoke by Nayland Club on 01206 262836/265815 or email sales@stokebynaylandclub.co.uk For details about sponsorship opportunities for the Pro Am and Europro Tour please contact Tamara Unwin on 01206 265809

Local Walks in and around the area Lavenham Rambling Club

Sunday 1st February Arger Fen. Meet at Bures Chapel Barn to walk to Arger Fen. Leader Graham 01787 248128.

Sunday 15th February Glemsford - Tye Green. Meet at (GR TL 826481) a walk around Glemsford Leader Pam 01787 282327.

Sunday 29th February TBA. Phone leader for details Leader Davis 01787 248147.

Anyone is welcome to join these walks start at 2pm and last for about two hours. For general enquiries' phone Graham 01787 248128.

Warmingford Walks

Sunday 15th February, Meet at the Village Hall car park. to make a 2pm start. The walks last for about two hours at a comfortable pace. Come and enjoy this beautiful area of the Stour Valley. Leader Ellen Nicholas 01206 241993 or 240961.

Ramblers association Walks

Thursday 5th February, Fordham Heath. Meet at Heath Road car park for a circular walk. Pub Lunch at Ford Street or Mill Race Garden Centre. 9 miles. Leader Jo 01206 504803.

Sunday 15th February, Stoke by Nayland/ Polstead. Meet at Stoke by Nayland car park to make a 10am start. Please bring a picnic lunch. Possible pub stop 8-9 miles. Leaders Ann and Rowan 01255 432027

Sunday 15th February. 10am start from Orpen Memorial Hall, West Bergholt for a circular walk in the Fordham/Horkesley area and lunch at the 'Beehive' Little Horkesley - 10 miles. Leaders Sally and Graham 01206 241632

Wednesday 18th February. Historic Glemsford. Met at Glemsford picnic site (GR TL 424435) to make a 10.30am start for a figure of eight of 5 miles. Leader Margaret Taylor 01787 880875.

Thursday 19th February at 10.30am and 1.30pm. Stratford St Mary. Meet at 'The Black Horse Inn' for a figure of eight walk to Holton St Mary, back crossing the Stour Valley path and alongside Essex Way. 6 and 5 miles. Leader John 01206 323916.

Sunday 22nd February. Meet for a 10.30am start at Stoke by Clare 'Lion' car park for a 5 mile walk. Sunday lunch book with David by 18th February. Leader David Taylor 01787 880875

Sunday 22nd February. Meet at station car park Bures for a figure of eight 10am start and 1.15pm. Including Mount Bures, Lamarsh etc. etc. Leader Derek 01787 222625.

Thursday 26th February at 10.30am and 1.30pm. Long Melford. Figure of eight. Meet car park situated off main road, just beyond the bridge and next to the old school. Lunch in Long Melford, selection of pubs and cafes. Leader Ted 01255 812724.



THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 2004

Sunday 1 February, Presentation of Christ in the Temple		
Edw	0930 <i>United Benefice Service – Holy Communion CW</i>	The Revd. David Matthews

Tuesday 3 February

Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers

Wednesday 4 February

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion

The Revd. David Matthews

LtW 1900 Home Communion*

Tim Harbord

Sunday 8 February, Third Sunday before Lent		
Box	1100 Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	0800 Holy Communion BCP*	Antony Dodd
Gro	0930 Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	0800 Holy Communion BCP*	Tim Harbord
New	0930 Morning Prayer	Diana Stock/Jean Green

Antony Dodd

Sunday 15 February, Second Sunday before Lent		
Box	1100 Morning Praise	Christopher Kingsbury
Edw	0930 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Gro	1100 Morning Prayer	Pauline Lammings/Joy Sellers
LtW	1100 Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930 Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews

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Sunday 22 February, The Sunday before Lent		
Box	1100 Holy Communion CW	The Revd. Brian Watling
Edw	0930 Holy Communion CW*	Antony Dodd
Gro	0800 Holy Communion BCP*	Joy Sellers
LtW	0930 Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Abel
New	0930 Morning Prayer	Diana Stock/Jean Green

Box/Lady 1030 Holy Communion & Imposition of
Chapel Ashes

The Revds. David Matthews
& Brian Watling

Box/Lady 1930 Holy Communion & Imposition of
Chapel Ashes

The Revds. David Matthews
& Brian Watling

Sunday 29 February, First Sunday in Lent		
Box	1100 Family Service	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1830 Choral Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury
Gro	1100 <i>Combined Family Service for: Edw, Gro & LtW</i>	Shared Ministry
New	0800 Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. Brian Watling

MARCH 2004

Sunday 7 March		
LtW	0930 <i>United Benefice Service</i>	The Revds. David Matthews & Brian Watling

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Boxford/MH: Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford*

Copy Date for Church News section in the MARCH 2004 Box River News:

Please, NO LATER THAN 15th FEBRUARY 2004

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If you are reasonably fit, a car owner and interested in joining our highly motivated, friendly team of dedicated volunteers and play a vital part in your community, please contact Vic Rice, chairman of 3PR on 01787 210504 or Eddie Kench on 01787 211507 and help us provide 24/7 cover throughout the year. You will find the experience both satisfying and rewarding and the training you will receive will serve you well throughout the rest of your life. Remember if we can do it, so can you.

3PR will be holding an open evening with the chance to have hands on experience following their very brief AGM to be held in Boxford Village Hall on February 18th at 8.00pm. Do come along and meet us, have a drink and enjoy our light buffet whilst learning more about 3PR and getting to know the team.

3PR Boxford Christmas card.

For the first time in many years a Christmas card showing the character of our village was available, we decided to donate the proceeds to a local organisation, one which is available to all of us and has in the last 18 months brought help and comfort to more than 80 Families in the area at a time when it is most needed.

With the help of the staff in the Post Office, 2700 cards were sold in a relatively short period this has enabled a cheque for £271 to be handed over to the 3 Parishes Response team to finance equipment and continue its excellent service to the community.

We have been asked for an enlarged version be made available for those of you who wish to frame the picture. A limited edition of 10 is now available from the Post Office (I understand at least two have now been sold.) A donation will be made from the sale of these to 3PR

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BOXFORD BOUNTY DRAW RESULTS November December 2003

The Boxford Bounty would like to thank Father Christmas for drawing the following winners during the Friends of Boxford School Santa Run on Saturday 13th December 2003.

1st Prize	£160	Mrs Pond & Mr Stone, Calais Street
2nd Prize	£ 75	C R Norman, Duke St Hadleigh
3rd Prize	£ 30	Mr & Mrs Burdall, Cox Hill
4th Prize	£ 15	Mr J Robbie, The Causeway

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A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL

The Spring Term is always a very enjoyable one for us all as it is the one term, with no concerts to organise, sports days to arrange or swimming galas to attend, where we can really concentrate on nothing but our teaching and the children's learning. That was until I opened the post on Monday only to find that we are to be subjected to an **OFSTED** inspection in March. Whilst we know that we are accountable and that it is important that all school's are regularly reviewed by an independent agency do we really need to be visited by a team of three inspectors for up to four days. They already know what our results are, how much money we spend on everything from computers to pencils and what our staffing complement is. Why do we have this hugely expensive system which seeks to confirm what is already known? Surely a single inspector arriving unannounced and spending the day in school would be more cost effective and also give a better picture of the school as there would not be up to eight weeks to prepare!

I notice that the 23rd April is now MP's Back to School Day. An interesting concept as I wonder how many of them have any idea of what happens in the nations schools and what pressures are faced by them, especially those in our inner cities and socially deprived areas. It will be interesting to see what happens after the visit. Whatever happens I feel that budgets, or lack of them, will be high on the agenda. I recently attended a meeting to look at the implications for next year's budget. Despite all of the rhetoric coming from central Government it would appear that this year's settlement is not going to go anywhere near restoring the funding levels of two years ago. Once again it looks as if we will be facing some very difficult decisions over the next two months. The fact that our pupil numbers are stable will undoubtedly help

us. By the time you read this news it will be our bookweek. This annual event organised by Mrs. Dainty with the help of many of our parents gives us the opportunity to really promote the pleasure to be gained through books whilst raising a considerable amount of money for our library. This year we are having our own version of the recent BBC series called The Big Read. Ours is called 'The Little Read' and has involved us surveying all of our parents and children asking them to choose their favourite book.

At this moment in time the responses have been so wide and varied that we are having difficulty compiling a 'top ten'. Hopefully the picture will become clearer as more responses come in.

Finally the success of any school is partly down to the support of the community and the parents of the children. We have always considered ourselves to be very lucky in this aspect and that the support for the school both in time and financial help is of the highest order. This was brought home to me the other day when I went into one of our classrooms and there were no fewer than six adults supporting the learning of the children! They were made up of school staff and current and even ex-parents. I wonder how many other schools could boast such support? Thankyou.

A Reminder:

The FOBS Annual Quiz night is on Saturday 20th March 2004, 7.30pm in Boxford Village Hall.

A Fun Quiz for teams of up to 8 people. Light refreshments will be served and a licensed bar is available. The cost is £5.00 per head. Team names please to Stephanie Atkins (Tel 01787 210444) or Rob Giles at the school (01787 210332).

We already have several teams booked and places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.



Mothersing Sunday

21st March 2004

We are offering an excellent treat for mums of all ages!

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BOXFORD4BROADBAND CAMPAIGN:

If you live within the Boxford exchange area (i.e. 01787 210 & 211), and would like broadband, please register on www.bt.com/choosebroadband You will need your BT account number to hand.

BT have set a trigger level of 350 registration before they will enable our exchange. Our registrations to date are 130.

Last year, when we entered the East of England Development Agency (EEDA) bid for funds, we asked you to register your interest for broadband via their site (demandbroadband.com). We now need you to register your interest on the bt.com site in order for your registration to count towards our trigger level. Please send confirmation of registrations to daphne.clark@btopenworld.com

EEDA held an 'invitation only' meeting in Edwardstone Village Hall last week to provide us and other local community representatives with details of options open to us. For our community, I attended the meeting with David House (Boxford PC Chairman), John Charville (boxford4broadband campaign coordinator) and one representative each from the villages of Edwardstone, Groton and Boxford.

Three suppliers, 2 Wireless and one, a company who will use BT equipment to supply us with broadband, gave presentations.

After carefully looked at the information from all three suppliers, we have come to the conclusion that BT is our best and cheapest route. A separate solution may be required for those homes outside the 6Km range and that is being investigated.

BT has indicated that they are happy to send a representative to a meeting of our boxford4broadband campaign. We will arrange a public meeting as soon as we receive dates from them.

Broadband is a fast 'always on' Internet connection. You can surf the net and use the phone at the same time. If you have a question on any aspect of broadband please give me a call. If the query is of a technical nature I will put you in contact with our expert John Charville who lives in Boxford.

Daphne Clark 01787 210698

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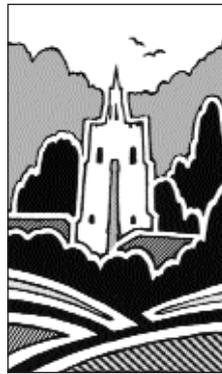
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A trigger level of 350 has been set by BT and we have 130 registrations to date.

If you are in the Boxford exchange area (210 & 211 cdes) and would like broadband, **please register at the website above** (Have your BT Account Number handy.)

- ◁ Please let me know, by email, that you have registered.
- ◁ If you have already registered, please send me your details.
- ◁ Please contact me if you can assist with the campaign.

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NOTES from the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 12 January 2004 7.30 pm at Bell House, Boxford

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Mrs Daphne Clark gave an update on the Broadband situation: This would soon become a vital facility for the many businesses in the area and a cost of £30 per month was envisaged. Boxford had a trigger level of 350 from BT and so far 129 had registered with BT Broadband. She explained that satellite was a possibility but was more expensive. There was to be an EEDA meeting tomorrow when other possibilities would be investigated. The chairman enquired whether there was a possibility of teaming up with the local school and Mrs Clark is due to meet with them to see whether we could be incorporated. Boxford school was not on BB yet. She emphasised that it was now essential to have BB for local businesses. The chairman thanked Mrs Clark for coming to the meeting.

The chairman then re-opened the meeting for Planning as members of the public had come especially to enquire about the present situation regarding the fence at 6 Brook Hall Road. A letter had been delivered to the meeting via PC Keith Warren from Mr Adams of 6 Brook Hall Road demanding an apology for the letters that had been written on the subject of his new fence by the clerk to Babergh District Council (BDC), Sworders, the estate agents who were selling his property, and himself. He informed the council that he had been advised "to draw your handling of this matter and conduct of members of the parish council to the notice of the Standards Board for England." To this end he required copies of our December minutes as well as any other material that had been handed to the press or handed to the meeting on 8 December. The Clerk reported to the council on the replies received from BDC who were well aware of the volume of local opposition to the fence and stressed again that there had been no breach of Town Planning Control and their conclusion remained unchanged. As far as the covenant was concerned (a copy of which had been sent to the Planning department at BDC), "The terms of this document I am afraid are not enforced by the Local Planning Authority." Extracts of the letter from Sworders were also read out by the clerk, in particular, "It is the right of any local resident to make an objection to the Council about the fence and it is indeed the right of the Parish Council to resolve, if they so wish, to register their own objection. This does not constitute a dispute, merely the exercise of everyone's free right to object. The only circumstances here that would bring about a dispute would be that if there was a breach of regulations, the Adams refused to comply and enforcement action were started." It was decided that the clerk should send Mr Adams the appropriate information. The members of the public attending were informed that there was nothing further the Council could do as this was a private matter. 8 members of the public left the meeting at this point.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL: Jeremy Pembroke reported that the meeting at Swan Street on 12 December had been very worthwhile and all members of Highways were able to see first hand the problems with the morning traffic. Numerous traffic regulations had been broken by motorists but it was the only way the traffic could keep moving. Members of Suffolk County Council (SCC) had commented that the best calming measures were present already with the residents' parked cars on the south side of the street. They saw the problem and would go away and consider any remedies, though it was stressed that they would not impose any of them. It would be up to the parish council and the residents of Swan Street to decide what was to be done. The chairman would invite the residents to a public meeting once we had heard from SCC and Mr Pembroke confirmed that a representative from SCC would be happy to attend also. During the morning meeting, the hammerhead area by the school was also observed – this was an area that had been designed and built primarily so that the school bus could reverse into it and then

drive safely forward past the school. Unfortunately it was being used by parents as a car park. It was thought that maybe double yellow lines could be incorporated here. He went on to inform the meeting that boundary changes in the county would be announced tomorrow and that notification of tax rises would be announced on 22 January. District Councillor Bryn Hurren enquired whether anything had progressed regarding the trimming of bushes and trees on the bypass. Mr Pembroke reported that there was some confusion as the council did not want to make this stretch of the road easier for pedestrians to walk along as it was considered a dangerous spot. Probably the trimming of the trees would be done to accommodate the visibility of motorists only. The verges would only be cleared where it was considered safer for foot traffic to pass.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL: Bryn Hurren reported that Mr and Mrs Southgate of 29 Homefield seemed content with the all the alterations that had been made to their property and especially the provision of a chair lift. The rebuilding of the bridge at Ash Street was out to tender and the owner of the property nearest the bridge was still waiting for a flood risk assessment. As far as the council budget was concerned, they were trying to keep costs down and considerable savings had been made. The forecast was approximately a 2.5% rise on last year. The results of the car parking survey on whether to charge for parking in the region had resulted in a majority not wanting to be charged. Tesco had forwarded a further planning application for a supermarket in Hadleigh to the council on Christmas Eve and this was being processed. Their original application had been turned down on the proposed entrance location. Mr Hurren considered the new application was unacceptable on the same grounds. The chairman enquired when the building work would commence on the local housing development at Homefield, bearing in mind the section at Edwardstone had already begun. Mr Hurren hoped to have details on this by the next meeting in February.

POLICE REPORT: PC Warren reported that there had been one crime during the period and this had been "domestic". In the last two years, crime south of Hadleigh had been low and during the period 2002/2003, crime had decreased by 50%. PC Warren was thanked for attending and departed.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk reported that since a disabled resident had fallen over on a ramp connecting Swan Street with 1-14 Homefield, she had asked Highways to take a look as it had been suggested that it was too steep. It was reported back to her that as the department did not have the appropriate funds to make the access disabled-friendly, then it would have to be closed. Mr Pembroke thought this would not be a good thing to do bearing in mind that other members of the public used this entrance. He would take over the matter.

On the subject of diverted **flight paths** over the area, a letter had been sent out to 17 other affected parishes urging them to write to BDC on the lack of consultation on the matter. One letter had been received from the Kersey chairman saying they had already written to BDC on the matter on 15 July. One had to bear in mind however, that most councils would not be meeting until early to middle January and it was too early to expect a reaction. BDC had responded to us and a copy of this had been forward to Mr Barry Thorpe as it was he who had urged this particular action at the December meeting. He had responded to the parish council and it was agreed that we should go back further to BDC and stress that as a parish council we were statutory consultees and therefore BDC had a right to ensure that the consultation was seen to be effective. The clerk was instructed to write to BDC. (The chairman had received a telephone call from a resident on this subject and he had urged him to contact the appropriate authorities or join forces with other Boxford residents to take positive action.)

Concerning the re-engraving of the lettering on the war memorial, the clerk was in the process of getting quotes for the work as well as obtaining grants. BDC had come back to her to say that as it was listed and within a conservation area, then the

planning officer had to be involved in the matter. The task was proving to be fairly time consuming as several institutions were involved: the council urged the clerk to seek assistance from them if necessary.

She also reported that BDC had forwarded a copy letter that had been written to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister regarding the Revenue Support Grant for the year 2004/2005. BDC wished all councils in the area to be aware of the extent to which the council was battling to try and protect the interests of the council tax payers. (No doubt residents could view the letter on Babergh's website, but should anyone require a copy they could ask the parish clerk, 211823.)

Councillor David Fraser offered to read the Supplementary Planning Guidance document referring to Employment Retention/Marketing and report back to council.

A letter concerning a crab apple tree up at the local housing development site had been received and was handed over to Mr Bryn Hurren for attention.

On the subject of our street lights and the state of the concrete posts, the clerk was requested to contact the appropriate department to ensure an inspection was carried out by them in the near future. A letter from SALC on the subject of "Calor Village of the Year" award was presented to the meeting as the coordinator was concerned about the lack of interest in the matter and wished to know why villages were no longer entering. Councillor Impett remarked that there seemed to be too much emphasis on the aesthetic aspects rather than the activities and community life of the village. The clerk would reply accordingly.

She had received an e-mail in connection with a hole that had appeared just outside the school on the pavement. Mr Pembroke would deal with this. Notification had been received about websites for local parishes from SALC and the next stage in the process of setting up templates was well in hand and expected to trial in January and February. These websites would be free to parish councils and be designed for easy use. The clerk would keep the council informed of progress.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS: Councillor Cecil Hughes reported a car permanently parked at the flats in Homefield and no one seemed to know the owner. He expressed concern, bearing in mind the pressure on parking spaces once the building work commenced on the local housing development. He wished to comment that the hedge running up Brick Kiln Hill had been cut back well by the owners of Peyton Hall. Councillor David Gasson volunteered to put down some grass seed where the new fence had been completed to the front of the graveyard. He also wished to inform the council that Mr Ian Lindsley had been told that the 2-3 acre meadow up by Primrose Wood would be coming up for sale in the imminent future and we should be aware. Mrs Hobbs reported that the street lights at Ash Street were still not working efficiently. No amount of telephoning the customer line seemed to have any effect. Mr House would pursue the matter. She reported that there was some money left over from the Eden Project and proposed that she contact the youth club leader and suggest that an item be bought for the youth club. The council

were in agreement. It was commented by Mr Fraser that cars from Riddlesdell garage were still being parked on the grass verge. Some discussion took place and Councillor Richard Gates commented that this was only occurring when the garage needed to move the cars around. Their only other option was to park the vehicles in the road which would impede traffic through the village.

The chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 pm and sought an adjournment to continue with the rest of the agenda. It was agreed to meet again on Thursday 15 January at 7.30 pm in Bell House.

NOTES from a MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 15 January following the adjournment on Monday 12 January 2004 7.30 pm at Bell House, Boxford.

CHURCHYARD: The clerk had received a response from Mr Christopher Kingsbury in connection with the maintenance of the churchyard and more specifically the treatment of falling/leaning tombstones. He had suggested a working party with a member of the parochial church council and parish council. Councillor Hobbs volunteered for the job – Mrs Impett proposed, Mr Paxman seconded and all were in agreement. The clerk would write to Mr Kingsbury.

EMERGENCY PLANNING (Community Resilience): This subject was raised by the clerk as she felt it would be helpful to have a group of people able to initiate and organise appropriate action in case of an emergency in the village. It could include members of the public as well as representatives from the various organisations within the community. A guide on the subject was available from SALC and as soon as this was to hand, the subject would be discussed further.

CAR PARK: The chairman had presented a summary of the results of the questionnaire distributed in the village. Of the 1100 forms sent out, a total of 213 had been returned (137 from residents and 76 from non-residents). He wished to know how the members wished to progress on the subject and after much discussion a vote was taken as to whether the idea should go ahead and the council voted 50/50% with the chairman having the casting vote. It was decided to progress to the next stage and the chairman would ascertain whether any funds would be available for such a project.

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Boxford Village Hall

January Draw Results

1st	£40	No 26	W Clackson	Fen Street
2nd	£20	No 53	J McDermott	Sherbourne Street
3rd	£10	No 25	C Brown	Stone St Road
4th	£5	No 50	G Rice	Daking Avenue

BOXFORD MILL BURNT DOWN

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN EARLY HOURS OF MORNING

SEVERAL HOUSES THREATENED.

DEBRIS THROWN 300 YARDS BY FALLING MILLSTONES.

A fire, which at one time assumed alarming proportions, and as a result of which grist mills were completely destroyed and extensive damage done to neighbouring property, broke out at Boxford on Tuesday morning.

It was about 2'o'clock that residents in Swan Street Boxford were awakened by the glare of (wakened by the' glare, of flames from the Mill which is situated on the River Box behind the street. And the ancient cottages which face the parish church.

Even as they raised the alarm the Interior of the premises became a blazing furnace. Under Captain Tricker, the Boxford fire Brigade were quickly to action, but the roof was already collapsing and flames were mounting as high as the church tower. The heat became so intense that it was almost impossible to pass the river bridge on the main road.

WHOLE STREET THREATENED.

By 2.30 the outbuildings of the houses occupied by Mrs. Bowers and Miss Gunn. had taken fire. which,, driven by the wind, was threatening the whole street. Almost simultaneously the cry was raised that the roofs of houses in, Swan Street, approximately one hundred yards away. had caught alight, smoke was observed issuing from the top of premises occupied by Mrs. Griggs and Mr. P.Fletcher.

Ladders were secured and these were mounted by Mr, Jack Tricker and Mr. W. B. Kingsbury, who were banded buckets of water and saved the situation there after several slates had been removed.

In the meantime Sudbury Fire Brigade were sent for, and the Boxford men were having a grim fight against the flames advancing towards the cottages. Whilst many willing hands devoted themselves to removing the furniture which was stored in the churchyard. Water was pumped from the river on the back of the houses. Mr C. Smith and Mr. K. Stacey climbed the roofs and, stripping the slates, poured water through the aperture. Another danger zone was a paraffin store containing some 300 gallons, fortunately more to windward of the flames. Upon the walls of the store a continuous stream of water was poured

FALLING MILL STONES SCATTER DEBRIS

Sudbury Fire Brigade, under Capt. P.Brown, made a very smart response especially in view of the fact that they had only left a stack: fire at Acton a couple of hour. previously. With the powerful Jets of water they were able. to bring to bear from their pumps, coupled with the fact that. about this time , the wind dropped, the combined brigades quickly , had the situation. under control, not before, however, practically the whole .of the back premises of the houses had been gutted.

A spectacular episode of the main fire was when the three sets of mill stones, each weighing a ton, crashed. Burning debris was thrown 300 yards. By daybreak all that remained of a four storied structure a heap of smouldering ruins, with a gaunt, battered water-wheel standing a lone sentinel in the midst of ruin, and the oil engine, used to supplement the water power, a tangled mass. Mr. R. R. King, the Old Castle, House, is the owner of the mill. It is understood that the damage is only partially covered .by Insurance. An approximate estimate puts.the total damage at not less than £4,000.

FIREMAN DISTURB OTTER

Whilst arranging a suction pipe in the river one of the firemen

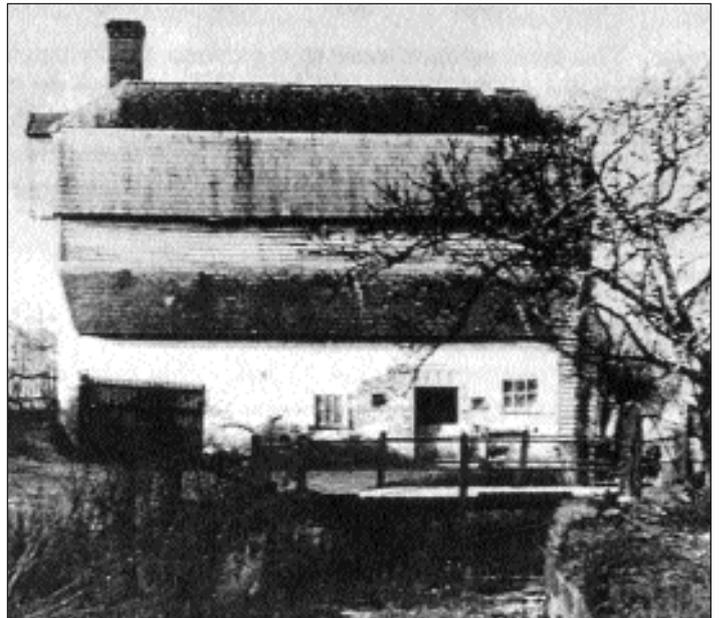
met with adventure. He approached what he thought was a black cat in the water. It was an otter making Its way from the mill pond which turned savagely upon him before making its escape.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is presumed to be spontaneous combustion, as the fire was first, observed In that portion of the building occupied by the grinding stones.

SIGHTSEERS IN DANGER

Shortly before eight o'clock people who were inspecting the ruins had a narrow escape from injury when the tall chimney crashed. A number of ducks and chickens, unable to escape from nearby sheds were destroyed by the fire.

It is believed that there had been a mill on this site for a couple of hundred, years, and many of the massive oak beams practically rough hewn from trunks, were regarded as original, whilst the slate roof was composed of material such as is employed today.



Above: Boxford Mill prior to the fire

Below: Boxford Mill on the morning of August 22nd 1934 after the fire

