

# Box River News

Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton Green



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## VILLAGE HOUSES NEAR COMPLETION



*Above: Bryn Hurren, Babergh District Councillor, admiring the near complete houses at Mill Green, Edwardstone.*

The Local Needs Housing development being built at Mill Green, Edwardstone by the Suffolk Heritage Housing Association, is nearing completion. The development comprising two two-bedroom houses, two three-bedroom houses and one pair of two bedroom bungalows, is at a very advanced state of construction looking great. In fact if these were private houses the view at the rear of the properties would add quite considerable value.

During a recent site meeting, Bryn Hurren, Babergh District Councillor commented "wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have a development like this in every village in Babergh to provide housing for villagers who would otherwise be unable to afford to remain in their own village, increases in house prices has put almost all village housing stock out of reach".

Allocation of the six houses will be taking place in the near future with completion date expected to be at the end of March. They are expected to be allocated to local folk who will have every reason to be proud of their new homes.

Work on the Suffolk Housing Association local needs housing at the rear of Homefield in Boxford has begun. The initial phase involves the re-routing of power cables and the installation of land drains. You can expect there to be mud on the road and whilst the contractors are obliged to keep the road as clear as possible drivers should approach the area with care. There could be disruption to traffic between Boxford and Groton so time your journeys accordingly.

The development comprising 15 dwellings, six two bedroom bungalows, four two bedroom houses and five three bedroom houses is due for completion later this year. Allocation will take place closer to the completion date but all the units are expected to be allocated to local villagers.

"This development follows three years of hard work by local parish councillors, Babergh District Council and the Housing Association and will help keep local people in local housing in our villages which will also help the vitality and development of the villages in this ward" said Bryn Hurren.



*Above: Work on the land behind Homefield begins with JCB's churning up the muddy field.*

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## **GROTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Fox Hill, Sherbourne Street & Homefield area.**

**Building work on the  
Local Needs Housing Development  
will begin in the second half of February.**

**The initial phase will involve re-routing of power  
cables and the installation of land drains.  
There will be mud on the road.**

**Until an access to the site is constructed, there  
will be traffic disruption & delays to those  
travelling between Boxford, Groton, Milden,  
Lindsey and Lavenham and points.**

**Time your journey accordingly  
AND WATCH YOUR SPEED.**

**Have regard to the school bus service at  
8.30 am and 4.20 pm.**

**Have a care for contractors staff near the site.**



### **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 Carr 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)

### **Friday, 12th March, 8.30 Ticket £10 Ricky Woodard**

It's a warm welcome back to the Fleece for this ever-popular visitor to Europe and the UK. With an engaging personality, Ricky plays an amazing range of instruments, including soprano, alto and tenor saxes as well as clarinet, flute and guitar. He is a vibrant and forceful soloist, his tenor saxophone style hinting at affection for the work of Wardell Grey, Dexter Gordon and especially Hank Mobley. Ricky has worked with a wide range of performers in the jazz world as well as backing many singers. With him tonight are John Critchinson (piano), Val Mannix (bass) and Pete Cater (drums).

### **Friday, 19th March, 8.30 Ticket £12 Marlene Verplanck**

Marlene is one contemporary singer who can stand comparison with the greats of yesterday. Her superb voice is matched with a flawless technique, her choice of material is highly individual but always displays impeccable taste and her musical accompaniment is always of the highest order. Even by her own high standards Marlene's latest CD (ESpeaking of Love, is exceptional. Billy Verplanck is responsible for all the top class arrangements and has contributed original songs and produced and conducted the recording sessions. Her band is Geoff Bales (piano), Roy Babbington (bass) and Mark Fletcher (drums).

### **Friday, 26th March, 8.30 Ticket £10 Peter King Quartet**

A quite brilliant soloist in the be-bop tradition and possessed of a talent that relates him closely to Charlie CEBird, Parker, Peter's great technical virtuosity, swing and advanced harmonic elements have made him into the finest alto saxophone player this country has ever produced and one of the world's greatest players. Steve Melling is a phenomenal world-class jazz pianist who is joined by the exciting and dramatic rhythm section of Jeremy Brown on bass and Stephen Keogh on drums.

### **Just a taste of our April/May/June programme, where we welcome back**

Andy Sheppard, • Bill Bruford, • Tina May •Victoria Newton.  
There is also a Fleece debut for the young vibes player  
Lewis Wright.

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to the mailing list please telephone the BOX OFFICE:**

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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## 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.

## 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

## BOXFORD BOUNTY

### COLLECTORS NEEDED

If you have an outgoing personality, love walking, enjoy meeting people and are interested in becoming a collector for the Boxford Bounty please contact Mark for further details. 39, Daking Ave, Boxford, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO 10 5QA  
Or ring Mark on 01787 211596  
email millermark@yahoo.co.uk  
The Boxford Bounty is a registered charity No 304862

## 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*

## Little Waidingfield Christmas Lights

We are sure you all enjoyed the wonderful display that Jon Hart put on over the festive season. His efforts raised £172.20. He has kindly donated this, equally, to the Parish Room and the

Playingfield. We are extremely grateful to Jon. The money will go towards the Parish Room repairs and new play equipment. Jon has plans for an even bigger display next year, which we eagerly look forward to.

## Little Waldingfield Poppy Appeal Helpers Honoured

On 20th January a ceremony was held at the Northcroft Social Club to honour and thank local volunteers who have collected for the Poppy Appeal in Sudbury and District over the years.

This was organised by the Sudbury branch of the Royal British Legion, under the chairmanship of Mr D Land. The Suffolk County Chairman, Mr C Hawkins attended to present the awards. The names of over 30 local people were read out by the Sudbury Poppy Appeal organiser, Mr S Hume. The following residents of Little Waldingfield received

awards: -

Mrs Elizabeth Tora for 15 years service

Mrs Jacqueline Bowden, Mrs Elizabeth Elmer and Mr Len Manning for 11 years service

Mrs Peggy Pell received a medal and bars for over 50 years service.

Bob Berry, the organiser for the village, who is the Sudbury and District Welfare Secretary and a case worker for the Legion in Sudbury, would like to add his thanks and congratulations to all concerned.

## Groton, Edwardstone & Boxford residents,

The work on the site at the bottom of Homefield is due to start soon.

Please see the full details elsewhere in the Box River News

This is of importance for parents going to school, for 3PR, commuters and all travelling on the C717.

Please pass the message on.

Further details will be posted as soon as they are available.

*Martin Wood*

Groton Parish Clerk

## Anglian Water

### Improvements to Boxford Sewage Treatment Works

Anglian Water has just started repair and improvement work at the sewage treatment works in Wash Lane, which will take around 3 months to complete. If you have any queries please contact George Farrow of Anglian Water on 01206 289205.

## Little Waldingfield

### Christian Aid Week - May 9th - 15th

After over 10 years of organising the Christian Aid Week, the Rattees need to hand over to someone else. It involves organising collectors to cover the village; distributing envelopes to the collectors for distribution to houses; receiving the envelopes back and counting the money.

Anyone who feels they could take this on, will find the task very worthwhile for a very needy cause. Please get in touch with the *Rattees* - 2 Grove Avenue, tel: 01787 247528

## FIRES ON THE BOXFORD PLAYINGFIELDS

The committee would be pleased to hear from anyone who might have some information about who is starting small fires around the environs of the Playingfields pavilion. We assume that these are being done by some of the more foolish young members of our community because no one with any sense of responsibility or care for the playingfields would be so stupid or thoughtless.

## All Saints Newton

Call My Bluff in the Village Hall 17th March at 7.30pm

This will be Newtons version of the TV programme called "Call My Bluff". There will be light refreshments and a Raffle

Tickets £5.00 at the door

*Diana Stock*

## Boxford Village Hall 'Trying to keep it viable'

- Did you know that it costs Four Thousand Pounds a year to keep the Hall going?
- Did you know that you cannot get Grants for running costs? Did you know that without the help of Paul Rose and his contacts there would be a big hole where the kitchen roof should be?
- Did you know that we have to provide Disabled Toilets this year?
- Did you know that the Flat roof is Twenty years old and needs replacing?

Strange isn't it that people winge about the price of hiring the hall or that the roof is leaking or that the central heating isn't on but they don't volunteer a few paltry hours of their timeout of a whole year to join the committee and keep the hall going.

With the help of a few friends the committee, (that's all Seven of us) put on a New Years Eve party and I'm sure all who attended enjoyed it. Regrettably this year it did not make any extra money to help the halls funds, in fact it lost around £250 but we are not deterred we will keep trying to raise money

Fundraising events for the year are: -

**Quiz Night on Saturday 17th April.**

**Radio Days & TV Times'** a professional Touring Theatre group, Saturday **15th May**

**Summer Show** by Boxford Drama Group, Friday 11th & Saturday **12th June**

**Autumn Quiz Night** to be arranged.

Unfortunately there will not be a New Years Eve, Biggest Bash this year because the organisers will be abroad. Unless of course someone would like to volunteer their services.

Eddie Kench in a previous Newsletter in relation to the pantomime raised the issue of Smoking in the hall.

At present the Hirers of the hall can chose to have a smoking or

non-smoking policy for their events and at our February meeting the matter was reviewed.

The committee believes that as it is not yet illegal to smoke and as our insurers do not insist that we ban smoking, that we will continue with our existing policy.

However any future events that are run by the committee in aid of the Village Hall will be non-smoking.

### TO HIRE THE HALL

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### Little Waldingfield

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# GARDENING IN MARCH *Harry Buckledee*

Pruning of established Hybrid T and Floribunda roses should be completed without delay, otherwise it will be late in summer before the first crop of blooms appears. Cut out completely all diseased and frost damaged wood. Healthy wood has a creamy green colour when cut. A brown cut indicates that the stem is frost damaged or diseased and further cuts should be made until healthy wood is reached or, if necessary, the stem removed completely. Sometimes in mild winters, the bushes do not drop their leaves completely. Any leaves that are left on after pruning should be removed, otherwise frozen rain may lodge in the angle of the leaf stalks causing damage to the dormant bud and setting up disease.

Standard roses should have all weak shoots cut back to the main stem. Remaining stems should be cut back to three or four dormant buds taking care that the buds are pointing outwards and upwards in the direction to which new shoots are needed to maintain a good shaped head.

Carnations and Pinks, both members of the dianthus family and noted for their fragrance are amongst the most popular garden flowers. Now is the time to order plants and prepare beds for planting. Choose a sunny, open situation raising the bed about six inches if the drainage is poor. They need an alkaline soil so apply lime or chalk if necessary and mix four ounces per square yard of bone meal into a depth of four inches.

Choose a warm frost free spell and drain about three quarters of the water from garden pools and replace with fresh clean water. This will reduce the concentration of toxic material and salts which accumulates during winter, caused by decaying plant material and it will also benefit the fish. Begin regularly feeding fish as soon as they appear active.

March is your last chance to plant bare rooted shrubs and trees. After this month all planting should be from container grown plants.

After the dry summer of 2003 which caused much grass to die off, the invasion of moss in lawns is quite a serious problem now. Steps should be taken to correct poor physical conditions and treat with lawn sand. Proprietary brands of lawn sand are very effective but

can be expensive if you have a large area to treat. A good home made mix can be made up by using the following: 3 parts Sulphate of Iron, 5 parts Sulphate of Ammonia, 8 parts of dry sharp sand or fine dry peat. Mix thoroughly and apply to the lawn at a good handful per square yard. The Sulphate of Iron will kill the moss and the Sulphate of Ammonia will encourage the grass to grow above the moss. Some blackening of the grass may occur especially if there is no rainfall for two days, but this is only temporary.

Cut back to two buds the following shoots of winter Jasmine as soon as flowering has finished. Failure to do this will result in a plant with a lot of non-flowering wood.

Winter flowering Viburnums and bodnantense require little pruning but if necessary they can be trimmed now that they have finished flowering. All that is needed is the removal of any old and over crowded wood to make room for shoots to grow.

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# Forthcoming Events Diary

<b>March</b>	6 News Views and Coffee 10 Boxford Toddlers 10 Groton WI 11 Boxford Sunflower Playgroup 15 Newton Whist Drive 17 All Saints Newton 20 FOBS Annual Quiz Night 20 Irish Welsh Evening 20 Boxford Society 24 Boxford Toddlers 25 Boxford over 60's 31 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	Arthritis Research Council Usborne Books for Children Air Ambulance Open Afternoon Call My Bluff Newton Green Village Hall AGM Visit to Kentwell Hall Lunch at Bamford Club AGM	Newton Village Hall Boxford Village Hall WI Hall Pavilion Boxford Village Hall Newton Newton Green Village Hall School Hall The Fleece Meet the Fleece Parish Room Ltl W	10am  2.20pm 1.15-3pm  7.30pm 7.30pm  8.00pm  12noon
<b>April</b>	14 Newton Fete Boxford Rovers Dance 28 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	Perrywood Nurseries	Village Hall Boxford Village Hall	8.00pm TBA
<b>May</b>	1 Dance to the Beavers 2 Walk The Thames 9/15 Christian Aid Week 10 Boxford Community Council 22 Groton's Garden Gala 26 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club 25 Boxford over 60's	The Boxford Community Council Council Meeting St Bartholemews Maldon and Goldhanger Boat Trip	Boxford Village Hall White Hart, Boxford	TBA 8.00pm TBA
<b>June</b>	6 Boxford Gardens Open 6 D Day Celebrations 7 Car Boot Sale 11 Clive Paine Lecture 12 Sports and Fun Day 13 Open Gardens 19 Hadleigh Choral Society 25/26 Mid summer with the Beavers 26 Fete Coffee morning 30 Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	St Mary's Church, Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust Boxford St Mary's Boxford Playing Fields Edwardstone Concert Edwardstone millennium Green Trust Newton Fete Felixstowe	Millennium Green about Boxford Church Boxford St Mary's On the Green Village Hall	12-3pm TBA TBA TBA 10am
<b>July</b>	3 Boxford Church Fete 10 Beavers Dance 10 Newton Fete 28Ltl Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club	Ltl Waldingfield Playing Fields Committee Fakenham	Boxford Rectory Garden Newton Green	TBA TBA
<b>August</b>				

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## Readers Letters

*Sir*

**"Borrow your soapbox, mate?"**

The recent surprise success of tv's 'Grumpy Old Men' and the timely raising of more than one contentious issue in February's Box River News, prompt me to write, albeit under the 'nom de plume de ma tante'. The first correct guess of my identity drawn from a hat will receive a free ticket for Jamie Cullum's next gig at the Fleece, which as a fairly regular supporter of the Jazz Club, I can guarantee being able to get hold of, or not!

Our Australian correspondent writes in with news of the sad death, in a hotel brawl last month, of David Hookes, the famous Aussie cricketer who achieved the fastest 100 runs in first class cricket, a record that still stands to this day. It is good to see our local correspondent equally on the ball: the news of the loss of Boxford Mill in a fire came as something of a shock; luckily I am usually elsewhere on a Tuesday and thus avoided the excitement, which can be dangerous at my age.

Which neatly brings me to the subject of selfishness as portrayed in one of your reader's letters. I know it goes against the grain of current thought, but I think it is very selfish of non-smokers to expect us to forego our small pleasures in life. At the end of the day all we ask for is to be able to feed our cruel addiction and be taken care of at public expense when we eventually suffer the woes. The millions of acres of good farmland our cravings demand taken out of food production to grow our evil weed, could not possibly be used in any other way, and surely it is better to grow a crop than leave the land for wildlife.

Maybe they are flying in. Obviously the aircraft stack has to go somewhere if we keep demanding more flights, so why not put it over an area of higher density settlement? Obviously it must be a problem, or the few and far between residents of Dedham Vale would not have campaigned to have it moved, and over here it may affect more people, but only as a small additional noise. The problem is that you won't know what you are getting until it is too late!!

*Aunty Doris*

Name and Address Supplied

*Sir*

Through Your Columns I would like to thank everyone for all the lovely flowers, plants, cards and letters sent to me during my recent spell in hospital. It really did help to know that the thoughts and good wishes of so many friends were with me

*Sue Scott*

*Sir*

I would like to thank everyone for their great support and delight after having my kidney transplant on 17th January. Our fingers and toes are tightly crossed as it is still early days although Addenbrooks are very pleased with me, so long may it continue! My whole family are elated so this is a very special time for us. I am so grateful.

*Mary Seward*

*Sir*

Until the Adams began to make a natural garden by the side of their house it was a dreary bit of waste ground. He brought back a little bit of nature i.e. wild flowers, fledgeling birds, butterflies etc. In time climbing plants will bring more colour to this bit of the estate and the pleasant close boarding will be less obvious.

It is all very well for residents to talk of 40 years ago when new houses catered for one and a half cars each, now at weekends one can hardly see any open space. It's unsurprising that fewer house owners can be bothered with gardening but why criticize those who are

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## 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*

### FAITHWORKS - DIFFERENT

On 22nd October 2004 at 7.30pm Steve Chaika, national broadcaster and writer, is bringing his Faithworks Different Tour to Hadleigh United Reformed Church. Steve says, "The Faithworks Different Tour explores the very practical and vital issue of how churches can get even more involved in their local communities - serving all unconditionally, respecting differences, not imposing their faith and yet being authentically and distinctively Christian." Put the date in your diary now, look out for more information later or contact Nigel (822208).

Hadleigh United Reformed Church [www.hadleighurc.org.uk](http://www.hadleighurc.org.uk)

### Newton Fete - Saturday 10th July 2004

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](mailto:dave.crimmin@btinternet.com)

### NEWTON VILLAGE HALL NOTES

welcome to

#### NEWS, VIEWS & COFFEE

on Saturday 6th March 2004 between 10am & Noon

#### Hosts: ARTHRITIS RESEARCH COUNCIL

ARC was founded in 1936 & now has branches throughout the country actively supporting the work of hospitals, clinics & research institutes everywhere. The main beneficiaries in 2002 were, by disease relevance:

Rheumatoid Arthritis £2.16M

Osteoarthritis £1.75M

Basic Science ££1.72M

The small but active local group raised over £4,000 in 2003.

For more details contact Shirley Rose on 01787-376499

**WHIST DRIVES**, the next one will be on Monday 15 March. 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

### BOXFORD SUNFLOWER PLAYGROUP

Is your child of pre-school age. Then this would be an Ideal time for you to visit the playgroup. We will be having an Open Afternoon on Thursday 11th March 1.15- 3.00pm. We cater for children from 2 to primary school age. We have Qualified staff experienced in caring for young children, combined with the safe location on the playing fields, being Ofsted inspected, and part of the Early years development plan, the playgroup is an ideal setting and 1st step for children of pre-school age. We have good links with Boxford primary school and the babie's and toddler group. The playgroup staff will also be having a cake stall on Saturday 20th March outside the village stores to help raise funds for an outing to Kentwell hall farm on March 24th with the Babie's and toddler group. If you would like any further details of the above or the playgroup please contact Moira Grant on 01787 211513

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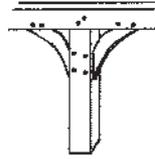
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# The Box River Parishes Church News

**Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton**

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**Reader:** Christopher Kingsbury, Rose Cottage, Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone CO10 5PD

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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 we near Lent and prepare ourselves for the joy and celebration of Easter, we have an incredible opportunity to look within ourselves and carry out a self-assessment. Lent is our spiritual MOT test where we can look closely at our lives and check that everything is functioning as it is supposed to. At the end of the day, everything important to we human beings seems to revolve around relationships and this is probably where we need to spend the most time and effort.

We firstly need to look at our relationship with God to make sure that corrosion has not set in over the last year. Just as corroded terminals on your car's battery will stop the car functioning, a corroded relationship with God will just as surely stop your faith in its tracks. Ask yourself questions about your relationship with God. Do you talk to him in prayer? A relationship is all about communication and if there is none then a relationship has great difficulty operating. Secondly ask yourself if you allow God to speak back to you. Communication with God centres around a dialogue, not a monologue. Do you spend time after talking to God just sitting quietly and waiting for him to reply? He will if you give him the chance.

Next we need to look at our relationship to those around us. It is not possible to have a meaningful relationship with God when we are out of relationship with our family and friends. Do you set aside time to talk with your spouse or partner? Do you make time to speak with your children? Or do the soaps and other television entertainments push those important conversations out of the way? Do you know your spouse's opinion on the issues of today? Do you know what your children think about the world they live in?

In addition to family relationships, those relationships outside of our families are often very difficult to keep going and sometimes fall away due to lack of maintenance. Lent is a good time to assess the quality of these relationships and find these things out and put them right.

Many people give things up in Lent and there is nothing wrong with that as we seek to focus on the things that really matter. However, it would be good instead to take something up, like the rebuilding and repair of relationships both at home and away.

I wrote about The ALPHA course last month and this month there will be a presentation of the course by the Diocesan ALPHA Co-ordinator. The presentation will take place at Groton House with the kind permission of Pat and Peter Kennedy Scott. We will meet on March 17th at 7.00 for 7.30 and the presentation will take about an hour. Obviously we will be restricted to a certain number of people so please contact me on 210752 so that we can have some idea of who will be attending. I want to make it clear that attending the presentation will in no way obligate anybody to attend the forthcoming ALPHA Course.

On Maundy Thursday April 8th at 7.30 there will be a Passover Meal, which will include the symbolic meal, a full meal and authentic Israeli dancing. This will be an opportunity to see the amazing Christian symbolism of this very significant Jewish festival. The cost of the evening will be by donation only. In order to gauge the numbers and decide on a venue, tickets will be available from each of the churches in the benefice by the first week in March.

God's richest blessings

David



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwarden:**

*Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above*

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

"I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I want to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am". *John Newton*

### BOX RIVER CLUB:

Meets at the school hall on Sunday March 14th and March 28th at 10.30 a.m. March 28th is the 3rd birthday of the Box River Club. New members are most welcome.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE:

There will be a Family Service at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 21st March. All are very welcome. *CK*

### "SUNDAY LINK":

Look out for our new weekly bulletin news-sheet, which will be available each week in church from Sunday 7th March. With more items - which space does not permit in the BRN. *CK*

### LENT BIBLE STUDY:

Tuesday's in Mary's House from 8.00 p.m. Studying Luke's Gospel. *CK*

### LENT & EASTER AT ST. MARY'S:

Ash Wednesday - 25th February: 10.30a.m. Holy Communion with imposition of ashes

also at 7.30p.m. Holy Communion

Good Friday 2.00p.m. Devotions Service

Easter Sunday 11.00a.m. Holy Communion

### SMILE LINES:

"The most important thing you need to succeed is sincerity. If you can fake that, you've got it made" *George Burns*

### D-DAY 6 JUNE 1944:

Please see article in main section of BRN.

## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwardens:**

*Antony Dodd: Mill Green End, 210397*

**Lay Elders:**

*Antony Dodd 210397*



### CAROL SERVICE COLLECTION:

'The collection from the Carol Service held at Edwardstone Church on Christmas Eve, in aid of Water Aid and The Children's Society, amounted to £358.22.

On behalf of The Children's Society, thank you very much for your generosity. *Sheila Saddleton*

### OPEN GARDENS:

The 2004 Open Gardens in Edwardstone will be on Sunday 13th June.

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

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA:

Would you be willing to join our rota for church cleaning? Please contact Daphne Clark (210698) or Margaret Moore (211492).

### LENT LUNCH:

A Lent Lunch is to be held at Mill Green End, Edwardstone, on Tuesday 16th March from 12 noon to 2 p.m. In aid of St. Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich. Please contact Pam Dodd on 210397 if you would like to come along.

### D-DAY 6 JUNE 1944:

Please see article in main section of BRN.

### ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

**Mar 7:** United Benefice Service (Gro)/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;

**Mar 14:** Benefice Visiting Sunday/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;

**Mar 21:** Mrs Tregear/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

**Mar 28:** Mr Saddleton/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

**Apr 4:** United Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett.



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

### Churchwarden:

*Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034*

### Lay Elders:

*Tim Harbord 247034*

### REGISTERS:

15th February, Baptism - OLIVIA ROSE GOWLAND

### LENT LUNCH:

A Lent Lunch will be kindly hosted by Jackie and Anne Miller at Newman's Hall, Little Waldingfield, on Tuesday 9th March between 12.00 noon and 2.00 p.m.

To help with catering please would anyone wishing to attend contact either Jackie Miller on 249111 or Anne Miller on 249888 by no later than 4th March.

Whilst there will be no fixed charge you are invited to make a donation for the lunch with all proceeds being given to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. *Sandra Harbord*

### D-DAY 6 JUNE 1944:

Please see article in main section of BRN.

### ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

**Mar 7:** United Benefice Service(Gro)/No flowers;

**Mar 14:** Mr Squirrel/No flowers;

**Mar 21:** Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell/No flowers;

**Mar 28:** Mrs Miller & Mrs Carse/No flowers;

**Apr 4:** United Benefice Service (Box)/Mrs Ewen.



## 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*

### GROTON'S GIGANTIC GARDEN GALA:

(Plant sale in aid of St. Bartholomews 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!

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. Please contact Pat Kennedy Scott (210319) or Bob Bowdidge (211553).

*Bob Bowdidge*

### LENT LUNCH:

Everybody welcome for a simple informal meal in aid of The Oakes Holiday Centre, Sheffield, on Tuesday, 23rd March from 12 noon – 2 p.m. at Pauline and David Lamming's Lodge Farmhouse, Groton.

The Oakes is a Christian holiday centre for 8-18 year olds, accommodating up to 50 children for weekends and holiday weeks, and is run by Dan and Billie Thaw and their staff and volunteers. Hope to see you then. *Pauline Lamming*

### D-DAY 6 JUNE 1944:

Please see article in main section of BRN.

<b>ROTAS:</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	No Flowers (Lent)	Mrs Scriven (Easter)

<b>Cleaning:</b>	Mrs Fearis & Mrs Foster	Mrs Scriven
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<b>Sidesman with Sacristan:</b>	Ms S Edwards	Mr & Mrs J Sellers
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## 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:** 22nd January, Funeral,  
JOHN DRAYTON GREEN aged 87 years.

### CALL MY BLUFF:

Wednesday, 17th March in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. the Newton version of the popular TV programme "Call My Bluff". Light Refreshments, Raffle, £5.00 at the door. *Diana Stock*

### D-DAY 6 JUNE 1944:

Please see article in main section of BRN

## GENERAL CHURCH NEWS:

### LENT LUNCHES:

Simple informal lunches will be held at various venues in the benefice on Tuesday's during Lent, in aid of different charities.

**Please join us from 12 noon – 2 p.m. at:**

- March 9** Anne Miller, Newmans Hall Farm, Bells Corner, Lt. Waldingfield. Tel: 249888 Cystic Fibrosis Trust
- March 16** Pam & Antony Dodd, Mill Green End, Edwardstone. Tel: 210397 St. Elizabeth's Hospice
- March 23** Pauline Lamming, Lodge Farmhouse, Groton. Tel: 210360 The Oaks Holiday Centre, Sheffield
- March 30** Diana Stock, 12 Links View, Newton. tel: 312828 Cancer Research
- Any queries, get in touch! See you there. *Pauline Lamming*

Copy Date for Church News section in the April 2004 Box River News:  
Please, NO LATER THAN 15th March 2004

Thank you. Daphne Clark 210698, email -  
daphne.clark@btopenworld.com

# Readers Letters

*Sir*

The article headlined 'Affordable housing' about the site near Homefield in the January issue of the Box River News contains a number of factual errors and misunderstandings. I'd be grateful if you would publish this letter in a prominent position in the next issue so as to set the record straight.

Firstly, the factual corrections. The land owned by Babergh District Council, which is needed for highway visibility reasons plus the provision of the footpath to the site for low cost housing, is far larger than suggested being 40 metres in length and between 3.5 and 5.5 metres in width. Furthermore, the figure of £60,000 that your article claims Babergh is seeking for the land is wildly exaggerated. Currently, because of commercial sensitivities, Babergh is not as yet able to reveal the figure, but will do so as soon as that is possible. Let me reassure your readers that the real figure is far less than the market value of the land.

Which leads me onto some of the misunderstandings in the article. It is certainly true that Babergh is committed to increasing the provision of low cost homes so as to ensure that local people have the chance to live locally. In this case, Babergh also has a legal duty to maximise its returns from the sale of any of its assets. The Government expects councils to optimise "the utilisation of assets in terms of service benefits and financial return".

Babergh has, therefore, been able to justify a lower than market rate return because the scheme helps towards achieving one of the council's main service priorities. In essence, Babergh has striven to balance two competing needs and is in the process of achieving an equitable compromise.

I hope that this clarifies the current situation and demonstrates Babergh's commitment to achieving a fair resolution to a complicated issue and to jointly work with local parishes providing Local Homes for Local People

*B. D. Hurren*

Babergh District councillor for the Boxford Ward..

*Sir*

## Boundary Fence Brookhall Road

I can well understand why Mr Adams has erected a Boundary Fence around his property, but there are many ways to do this which are attractive and add value to his house, while being acceptable to other residents.

As it stands I have to agree with the formal objectors, it has degraded the estate and reduced property values.

*D.L. Maxwell Holroyd*

Brookhall Road

*Sir*

I am writing to ask if you could print a thank you in the March Issue of Box River News.

The story starts just before Christmas when our 9 year old ginger tomcat went missing.

This isn't like him as he loves his food and his bed!!!. We searched the surrounding area and contacted local vets and rescue centres but with no success. After some time we resolved ourselves that he had been in an accident or gone to die in peace.

Then suddenly after 3 weeks I received a phone call from a lady who had seen our notice up in the vets and a notice in the Boxford Newsagents saying that a ginger tomcat had been found. Luckily for us this lady put two and two together and gave us a ring. She passed on the number from the notice of the found cat to me and following a quick phone call we were able to get 'Gismo' back. It would seem that he wandered of and got

lost but only the other side of Groton. He had made himself a home in a barn and was being well cared for there, which we appreciate.

Obviously we have thanked the farmer but do not know whom the lady is who rang with the phone number and would really like her to know how kind she is.

We don't want to make a big thing of this but would just like a little note in the paper to say thanks as I'm sure she is local.

*Bridget Clifford*

Groton

**PS** He has gone missing again

*Sir*

Marilyn, Barry, Greg, Chris and Andy Would like to thank all their friends for the words of comfort, cards and flowers on the deep loss of Elsie, precious Mum and Nanna

*Marilyn Hayton*

The Boxford White Hart

*Sir*

In the death of David and Jean Ablitt within a few weeks of each other, Newton has lost two of its oldest and respected couples. David was born in Newton and lived there all his life working for S.G.Wade at Butlers Farm, was awarded a long service medal by the agricultural Association for 50 years service. Jean was born in Leavenheath - they were a friendly couple who kept to themselves, being happy in each others company. They both shared a common interest in gardening and could often be seen working happily together on their immaculate front garden. The colourful display of annual flowers each summer by the roadside will be missed by all who pass through Newton

*Harry Buckledee*

*Sir*

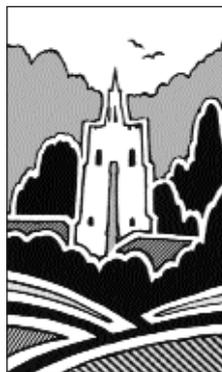
Daphne and Cecil Hughes wish to thank all their family and friends for all the good wishes, get well cards and flowers. Thanks also to visitors at the hospital and since her return home.

Thank you everyone for your help during her illness and very many thanks to the Heath Road, Ipswich Hospital Staff and Doctors and also the staff at the Boxford Surgery

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*Daphne and Cecil hughes.*

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# Parish Council Matters

## Review of electoral arrangements for Suffolk CC Draft recommendations for change proposed by The Boundary Committee (as they affect these Parishes)

The process of periodic review of the size and identity of the electoral divisions which go to make up Suffolk County Council is at the stage of a review of submissions received by the Boundary Committee. Their report published on 13th January, makes recommendations for change and invites comments on the proposals the closing date for which is 8th March.

### The draft recommendations include:

- 75 County Councillors, 5 fewer than at present.
- Boundaries of all divisions (with one exception) will change. Groton, Edwardstone, Boxford and Newton the will become part of a "Stour Valley" division made up of the following parishes:
  - Assington • Bures St Mary • Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton
  - Leavenheath • Little Cornard • Lindsey • Milden • Nayland-with-Wissington • Newton • Stoke-by-Nayland

The present Cosford Ward is over-represented by 31% The proposed arrangement would allow 6,942 electors. Cosford at present is 4,465.

The 5 parishes that go to make up the Babergh District Council "Boxford" ward are included in the new division.

When Sudbury Deanery was re-organising some 10 years ago, it was proposed that a 5 parish Box River benefice should include Assington [as opposed to Newton]. The church was won over by objectors who pointed to the lack of geographical connection and poor road communications between the parishes. A fortiori with Lt Cornard and Bures and Nayland.

The boundary Committee proposals are available on their website at [www.boundarycommittee.org.uk](http://www.boundarycommittee.org.uk) ].

## Notes of Newton Parish Council Meeting Held on 28th January at Newton Parish Hall

**3. Declaration of Interest** - Interests were declared and duly recorded by Cllr. Poole with regard to item 7c and Cllr Taylor reference items 5d&e

**4. Minutes of Last Meeting** Held on 26th November 2003 - The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

### 5. Matters Arising

- Matters Arising from circulated material – Included on current agenda.
- Proposed Speed Management Measures – Wayne Bryan was to present the plan he has forwarded for comment. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed that the plan for road signs is acceptable, however, the proposed single speed indicator will not fulfil our Parish needs. The Clerk was instructed to reject the plan as is and submit the Council's additional requirements.
- Replacement Street Lighting Timers - A M Street Lighting are due to complete a survey of the lights concerned in due course.
- Parish Plan – Collin Poole presented additional information that is to be copied to all before the next meeting.
- Path Adjacent to Village Sign – The Clerk is to make the case for a contribution from the Locality Budget on the basis that Newton Parish Council is to contribute £1000 to the project, which represents approx 40% of the total cost.
- Play Area Safety Report – It was agreed that no action is required at this time on the play area and equipment. Harry Buckledee said the elms on the main Newton road are soon to be removed and will ensure the playing field is overlooked to a degree, thus reducing the concerns raised by the Inspector.
- Newton Welcome Pack – The sum of £325 was agreed for the production cost of the pack. Following inclusion of the village website URL, the Clerk will arrange for printing by Chilton Office Supplies.  
Proposed by Cllr. Crimmin and seconded by Cllr. Buckledee.
- Cars Parking on the Village Green – David Smalley reported that the problem has considerably improved and a copy of the Bye Laws has been issued. Mr Burge of Parent Transport for Ipswich will ensure the bus stops in front of the village pond.
- Village Sign – The Clerk reported the Highways Department

would replace the missing sign at their expense.

j) Village Notice Board – The Clerk presented various estimates obtained of between £160 and £300. However, a former cabinetmaker and member of our community has offered to complete the job for the cost of materials only (approx £100). It was agreed to accept the super offer from Reg West. Proposed Cllr. Vince and seconded Cllr. Smalley.

### 6. Finance Items to consider:

- Powergen (Village Hall) - £123.27
- BDC, May 2003 Election - £738.51
- Paul Scammell - £198
- Boxstore - £23.50
- Christmas Parcels – £100

Payment of items a-e above was proposed by Cllr. Alan Vince and seconded by Cllr. Harry Buckledee

### 7. Planning

- Barn at Mascal's Farm – The new planning application submitted covers previous concerns. NPC has no objections to the proposed development. Ongoing
- 5 Church Road – A new planning application amendment has been submitted. NPC has no objections to the proposed development.
- St Michaels the Green – Following the concerns raised by NPC regarding the erection of a tennis court surround and flood lighting, BDC have requested the owners apply for permission for the lighting.
- Stable on Land Rear of Wrenwood – A new planning application amendment has been submitted. NPC has no objections to the proposal.
- Jarvis Farm Tea Rooms - NPC has no objections to the proposed development.
- Butlers Farm – Consent for alterations to listed building. Permission granted.
- Butlers Farm - Alterations to existing building and erection of carport/store. Permission granted.

### 8. Correspondence

- Notice of Meetings
- Training and Development – Folder included in circulated material.
- SARS, Rethink Disability and Sudbury Citizen Advice Bureau – Following due consideration of the requests for grants, it was agreed to support the CAB for the sum of £50. Proposed Cllr. Crimmin and seconded Cllr. Buckledee.
- Website Update - The Clerk reported that trials of parish sites are underway and will be completed Feb/March.
- Rural Housing Seminars – It was decided no members of the Council will attend. However, a local resident of Alston Close is to be offered the opportunity.
- Sudbury Farmers Market – Details distributed and notice placed on the village board.
- NHS, Public Involvement – Volunteers are required for various committee's. Information included in material for circulation.
- About Suffolk – Survey carried out to ensure all post codes have been included in circulation.
- B&Q Awards – Grants are available on materials up to £100. Collin Poole to take information to Village Hall meeting.
- Material for Circulation

### 9. Police Report

The local crime report for November and December were discussed.

### 10. Village Hall

John Outon has fitted a new water heater to supply the kitchen and toilets. This is part of his generous offer to supply all the necessary labour and materials to upgrade the toilets.

John Taylor handed out a copy of the valuation for a porch refurbishment.

It was agreed by all that the sum of £2500 will be donated by the Newton Parish Council to the Village Hall project.

Collin Poole will take the information to the Village Hall Committee for their consideration and inclusion in the project plans.

The Clerk will make the necessary arrangement for the allocation of funds. Alan Vince said the Burns Night has raised a further £552 for the cause. John Taylor expressed his thanks to the

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*Left: Men of the Suffolks in a seashore exercise practicing for the 'D' Day invasion.*

*Below: Paratroops from the 2nd Ox and Bucks Light Infantry at Hérouvillette. Part of the airborne Beach-Head when 65 men of the 2nd Bn Ox & Bucks Light Infantry took Pegasus Bridge on the canal leading to the sea from the city of Caen*

## D-Day 6 June 1944- Were You There?

To those of a certain age this date has a very special meaning. Allied landings on the coast of Normandy heralded the liberation of the Occupied Countries and, after almost another year of bitter fighting, the end of the War in Europe.

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## What's On

### Little Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club

Little Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club held its 2003 Christmas Lunch at Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club on January 21st with a very good turnout of members and friends.

After lunch the Chairman Shirley Hobson thanked the Committee for their hard work throughout the year in organising meetings and the various outings culminating with the successful Coffee Morning held at Newman's Hall in December by courtesy of the Miller family.

The Chairman paid special tribute to Mrs Mary Bullard, former Chairman, who retired in March last year and asked the gathering to show their appreciation which brought resounding applause. The Clubs preliminary 2004 timetable is as follows:-

Meetings:

**February 25th** - Speaker Mr & Mrs Collins on 'Isle MacCaskin' in Scotland **March 31st** - AGM with Speaker Mrs Betty Koltz on 'Cottage Crafts' **November 24th** - Speaker Mr C Miller on 'Suffolk Punch Horses' Outings: **April 28th** - Perrywood Nurseries & Garden Centre **May 26th** - Maldon & Goldhanger in Essex **June 30th** - Felixstowe, Suffolk **July 28th** - Pensthorpe Park, near Fakenham, Norfolk **August 25th** - Holkham Hall, Norfolk **September 29th** - Frinton-on-Sea, Essex

Note: Our Tea Party will take place on **October 27th**

We meet on the last Wednesday of each month at the Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield and look forward to welcoming new members. Please telephone Mrs Anne Miller on 01787 249888 for further details.

### Boxford Rovers Football Club Social Events

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

### 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.

### Newton Green Village Hall 3rd April 10am

**News Views and Coffee, Newton Parish Council**

Councillors will attend in order to discuss, on an informal basis over a cup of coffee, any matters of interest prior to the Annual Parish Meeting. For More details phone Brian James 372732

### 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

### STOKE BY NAYLAND - BRIDGE FOR ALL

Come along to Stoke by Nayland Village Hall on Thursday afternoons from 2-5 pm for a friendly game of bridge. We are trying this out to see how many people would like to come along for some bridge in the afternoon.

Please phone either June Tytherleigh on 01206 263495 or Jonquil Mieville on 01206 337320, for further details.

### Boxford Toddlers

**Forthcoming events:**

**10th March** Usbourne Books for Children at the Village Hall Cass White will be bringing a selection of children's books to our Baby & Toddler group. We will receive a commission on all books sold that day. Payment will be required upon ordering.

**17th March** Mothering Sunday Cards and Gifts to make with

your Child.

**24th March** Visit to Kentwell Hall Farm. Cost will be £3.00 per adult (paid in advance). We will meet at Kentwell Hall at 10am. If you don't have transport but would like to come we shall do our utmost to get you a lift from one of us who has.

**21st April** Easter Egg Hunt The Wednesday prior to this we will be making Easter Bags and Cards at Boxford Village Hall.

There will not be any 'Babies & Toddlers on **7th & 14th April** as this is the schools Easter Holiday.

For more details please pop along to our Baby & Toddler Group Wednesday mornings during term time between 10 am -12 noon or contact Dawn Kurtz, Tel: 01787 210840, Sally Gooderham, Tel: 01787 211805 or email boxfordtoddlers@aol.com

### Hadleigh Choral Society

On the 1st May 1904 the renowned Czech composer, Antonin Dvorak died and was mourned as a national hero. On Saturday April 3rd 2004 Hadleigh Choral Society and members of the Colchester Orchestra under the baton of Christopher Phelps will commemorate the centenary of this great composer's death by performing the *Stabat Mater*.

The *Stabat Mater*, (the Mother stood), is based on a mediaeval poem set to music by Josquin des Pres in the fifteenth century, and by many composers since. It describes the death of Christ on the cross and the anguish and deep sorrow of Mary, His mother. Despite the sombre subject and the fact that three of Dvorak's children died whilst the work was being composed, it is a beautiful rich work ending in a major key leaving the listener with a feeling of hope. The concert will begin at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Hadleigh but as there will be no interval doors will open 6.30pm and refreshments will be available until 7.20pm. Tickets (£8, £6, & £4) will be available from The Idler, High Street, Hadleigh or by telephoning 01473 824419.

### Great Waldingfield WI

Our March meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd March at 7.30pm (note evening meeting). Mr E Crighton (from Lacy, Scott and Knight) will talk on "A Day in the Life of an Auctioneer" and Antiques, and each member is invited to bring along ONE antique for possible discussion and valuation.

### Groton WI

At the February meeting, members looking forward to Mr Durand's slides of Iceland, were certainly not disappointed. Ice and snow we expected, but the landscape layered, over the years, with lava from many volcanoes, waterfalls and streams, pools covered by rising steam gave us a more complete picture of the country, which, surprisingly also encompassed normal seaside holiday activities. We are hoping Mr Durand will make a return visit. At our meeting, Wednesday, March 10th WI Hall 2.30pm. we are expecting a representative from "Air Ambulance" Visitors Welcome

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The approaches to Sudbury are changing out of all recognition. New out of town stores – Homebase and Halfords – and new eating establishments – MacDonaldis and Kentucky Fried Chicken – means that it is increasingly easy to fulfil your deepest consumerist desires without venturing into the centre. And if Babergh, in its wisdom, introduces car parking charges, then no doubt the trend to retail parks will accelerate here as well as elsewhere around the UK.

But, opposed as I am to car parking charges, it is not that aspect of the change in our society that has captured my attention on this occasion. If you drive to Colchester, as you approach the North station you will also find a retail park. Nestling amongst the usual supermarkets and feeding establishments is a warehouse which you would not have come across a few years ago. It is a personal storage facility. It seems we now have so many possessions, we need to rent space to keep them all.

Please forgive me for harking back to the good old days, but when I was young we did not have enough of everything, let alone a space problem when it came to looking after what we did have. Yet today, if I ask my sons whether they want any pieces of furniture or other items surplus to requirement at home, they will politely decline on the basis that they would rather purchase new themselves. And this seems to be the attitude of most people today. You try selling something second-hand and you will realise that the bottom has dropped out of the market for just about everything.

Perhaps this is why personal storage is now a booming industry. People are unable to get rid of possessions they no longer need, so they prefer to store them rather than throw them away. And the fact that people have so many possessions is down to the culture of instant gratification that exists in our society today. My parents taught me that, if you wanted something badly

enough, you saved until you could afford the cost of purchase. These days any number of institutions are happy to lend you the money, so waiting is no longer necessary.

However, the other side of this particular coin is that indebtedness has become a big issue in Britain in the 21st Century. Last month interest rates were raised by The Bank of England. This may not be the last time they push up the cost of money. The wise men who sit on The Monetary Policy Committee are worried at the way in which people are borrowing more and fuelling house price rises that are pushing property out of the range of first time buyers.

Coincidentally, the week the interest rate increase was announced, the financial pages of the newspapers carried a story about a sharp increase in the level of bankruptcies. It may be a little glib to say that if people spent less they would not run up the debts that are now creating so many problems, but you cannot escape that simple fact. We are better off – materially at any rate – than ever before, but this apparent wealth is creating a new, and disturbing, set of problems.

So what should we do with all those possessions that we are now able to acquire. Personally I would advocate a policy of giving what you do not need to a worthy cause. I know there are many items that charities are not able to accept, but perhaps a more philanthropic approach would mean there is not the need for warehouses on the edge of towns in which to store our surplus goods. Giving to those less well off must be better than paying for a box in a big shed.

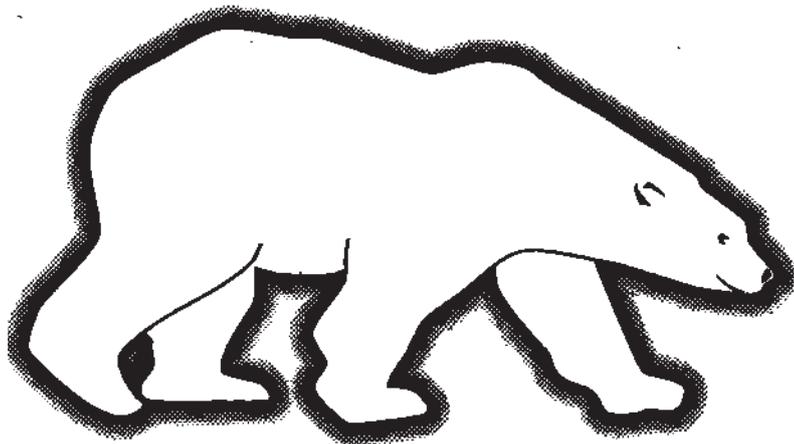
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### Boxford Over 60's Club

Attractive monthly outings are high on the agenda, with something for everyone planned, commencing with a two-course lunch at Bamford on **March 25th**. coach leaving the Fleece at 12 noon for 1pm booking. As always non-members will be very welcome. Members £10.00 non-members £11.00.

For **May 27th** a boat trip has provisionally been planned. For more information please contact *Maisie Tricker* on 01787 210045.

There must be many from Boxford and District, members included, who have interesting experiences to relate, travel stories, careers, aspects of their lives, however 'Homely'

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### The VHC Bumble Bees

The VHC Bumble Bees would like to thank all those who came to the Call my Bluff evening on 31st January. I hope you learned some new and wonderful words for future use and also enjoyed the puddings and desserts we had on offer. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise over £400.00 for the accessible toilet in Leavenheath Village Hall.

We would like you to put the following dates down in your diary.

**Saturday 15th May** - COCKNEY NITE 7.30 start. Come and Join us for a Bangers & Mash supper with dessert, come and have a ding dong with us on the old Joanna, with quiz to test the old grey matter, as usual we will have a Jack tar (licensed bar) and raffle. Tickets £7.00. So if you fancy it get on the dog and bone to Richard on 01206 263997.

also:-

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If there are any budding Alan Titmarshes, or Charlie Dimmocks amongst you who would like to show off your gardening expertise, and would be willing to open your garden to the public, could you please call Richard on 01206 263997 or Mary on 01206 263935.

Hope to see you on the above dates.

*Mary Ingleby* VHC Bumble Bees.

### PLAYINGFIELDS FUN DAY

As many readers will have noticed the date for the PLAYINGFIELDS FUN DAY was incorrectly reported as being 12th July in the last B.R.N. ( Not the editor's fault.)

The FUN DAY is being held on the 12th JUNE and details of the

### BOXFORD SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEEETING

The Boxford Society AGM will take place in the Function Room of The Fleece on Saturday 20th March 2004 at 8 pm.

Following the business meeting, the speaker will be Mr. Jonathan Lambert of "Bromleys The Jewellers" of Sudbury. Mr Lambert is a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers and is currently the vice-chairman of the National Association of Goldsmiths. He has suggested that if anyone who attends his talk, would like to bring along a piece (or pieces) of jewellery, he will be willing to look at the item and possibly give an indication of its origin and likely worth. (This is not really an "Antiques Road Show" but can still be of interest to owners of interesting items).

The AGM will be open to everyone, Society Members and anyone else who is intersted in jewellery.

*Phillip Rich* Chairman Boxford Society

### Boxford Drama Group

The Boxford Drama Group will be holding their annual General Meeting on Saturday March 7th and will take place at Melbourne House, Monks Eleigh at 7.30pm. Contact 01449 744008

The Drama Group welcomes new members and anyone who feels they can 'strut the boards' please come along, we are all there for a laugh and most of our shows are home produced so any budding Fred Astaires or Ginger Rogers, do come along.

We will be holding drama workshops at Boxford Village Hall for 4 Sundays starting 28th March through 25th April. This is the way to learn how to be a star, once again any new members please come along. Our Theme Night this year is an **EAST END THEME NIGHT**. This will take place at Boxford Village Hall some time during June, dates to be arranged, it should be quite a hoot.

This years Panto will be **Sleeping Beauty** which will be written and directed by Sally Phillips. The Panto will take place from 1st to 4th December.

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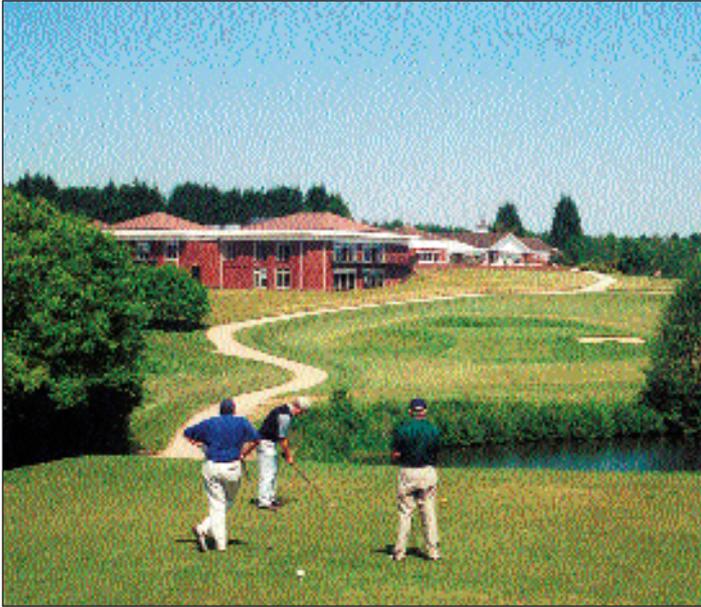
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*Above: Members Tee off from the challenging 18th tee across the lake towards the clubhouse at Stoke by Nayland*

## STOKE BY NAYLAND GOLF DAY IN SUPPORT OF ENGLAND ELITE RECRUIT, JAMIE MOUL, AND A NEW INITIATIVE FOR JUNIOR TALENT

Over 160 members of Stoke by Nayland Golf Club turned out on Saturday to help Junior member, Jamie Moul off to a good start for his promising golfing career. Jamie, who has gained his skills at Stoke by Nayland with Club Professional, Kevin Lovelock, is now Suffolk's only England International, having gained a place in the prestigious England Elite Squad. The members took part in a single Stapleford competition, each paying £6 to raise funds for Jamie. In addition the family directors of The Stoke by Nayland Club donated 10% of the bar receipts for the day towards the cause. The day raised well over £2,000 for Jamie.

Jamie's success has proved to be a great inspiration to the growing number of Junior members at Stoke by Nayland, many of whom are already in the Suffolk Junior Squad and are coached by Kevin Lovelock, who now holds regular Young Masters Golf Academy classes at the Club's Driving Range.

The Stoke by Nayland Club, which now hosts the prestigious world-televised PGA Europro tour Championship, is offering excellent incentives to any new members joining the Golf Club between 1st March and 31st May 2004: they get a free 30 minute lesson with Kevin Lovelock, one month's free membership at their state-of-the-art "Peake Fitness" Health Club, two complimentary guest green fees and 5 buckets of balls to practice with at the covered Driving Range.

In addition, as a new initiative to encourage more junior talent, the Club is inviting 7 day member adults to take one of their children, who is keen to learn the game, to play the courses free of charge any Sunday afternoon after 2pm. Who knows how many other Tiger Woods, Michelle Weis or Jamie Moul's there are out there!

For more information about membership please contact Peter Barfield or Mary Saward on 01206 262836. Members tee off from the challenging 18th tee across the lake towards the clubhouse at Stoke by Nayland



*Above: Wigan Athletic football team who stayed at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel before their match with Ipswich Town, with a lucky bride and groom enjoying their wedding at the hotel*

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Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion\*

Joy Sellers

Sunday 21 March, Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Gro 0800 Holy Communion

The Revd. David Matthews

LtW 0930 Holy Communion CW

The Revd. David Matthews

New 0930 Hymns & Readings

Diana Stock

Box 1100 Family Service

Christopher Kingsbury

Edw 1100 Matins with Baptism

The Revd. David Matthews

Tuesday 23 March

Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers & Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday 24 March

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion\*

Antony Dodd

LtW 1900 Compline

Tim Harbord

Sunday 28 March, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gro 0800 Holy Communion BCP

The Revd. David Matthews

Edw 0930 Holy Communion CW

The Revd. David Abel

Box 1100 Holy Communion CW

The Revd. Brian Watling

LtW 1100 Family Service

Tim Harbord

New 1600 Compline

Diana Stock

Box 1600 Evensong

Christopher Kingsbury

Tuesday 30 March

Box/MH 2000 Benefice Prayers & Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday 31 March

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion

The Revd. David Matthews

### APRIL 2004

Sunday 4 April, PALM SUNDAY

Box 0930 *United Benefice Service*

The Revd. David Matthews

\* *Not as listed in February BRN*

\* *Public Worship with Communion by Extension*

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



*Vic Rice*

*Peter Hibberd*

## COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR BENEFICE FOLK

On the 19th of January Babergh District Council published the names of 24 winners of the 2004 Community Achievement Awards (CAA) now in its 12th year. Included amongst the winners were two winners from the Box River Benefice, Vic Rice and Peter Hibben who were presented with their awards at a ceremony held at the Stoke by Nayland club on Wednesday 25th February. The awards were presented by Mark Murphy of BBC Radio Suffolk

### VIC RICE - BOXFORD

VIC is 70 and has always been a Boxford resident. After his retirement from the Ministry of Defence Fire Service Vic wanted to give something back to the village, serving the Parish Council for 8 years, retiring this year as vice-chair. Vic was a founder member of the Millennium Woodland (Primrose Wood) Project team, being a deeply committed and effective team member, always bubbling over with positive and cheerful enthusiasm. Whilst the project was achieved by team work Vic's unique contribution was central to its success. He was actively involved with the Woodland Trust and collected hundreds of acorns growing them in pots, and arranging with the local school for their planting. Vic is also actively involved in the Parish Footpaths Scheme where he and a number of volunteers have improved and maintained many pathways making them more publicly accessible and has helped to produce a parish footpath map. He was also one of the main instigators of the "Get Tornado Smith on the Sign" campaign! He has many personal memories of seeing Tornado and Britain, his lion around the village as a boy and organised the artwork and making of the sign.

Vic has been solely responsible for the setting up of a Community Response Team for three local parishes and in addition is an active member of the Boxford Drama Group and Trustee of Boxford United Charities. His proposers say "Vic thoroughly deserves the recognition of his tireless hard work behind the scenes. The village owes him much".

### PETER HIBBEN- BOXFORD

PETER is one of those rare people who is invaluable to any small village society. He is a Jack of All Trades and a Master of most! He is very skillful, willing, reliable and extremely hardworking with a very cheerful disposition. Peter is always available when people need help, whether it is in the local community or members of his own family.

Prior to moving to Boxford Peter became a member of the Nayland Community Council and worked with the Drama Group. He also ran a teaching class for tennis. After moving to Boxford, Peter became involved with Boxford School's PTA, raising funds for the school and also helped rejuvenate Boxford Youth Club. Peter and his wife are on the Church Cleaning rota and he also devotes a great deal of time to Surveyors Union

work. Now Chairman of the Boxford Community Council, Peter has been the main driving force for the Social Committee for 15 years and has helped to raise funds for local village organisations. Peter's skills and hard work have been invaluable in the running of numerous events, such as Dances, Firework Spectaculars and Games Nights. His sponsor says "have no hesitation in recommending Peter for the Award, for without his participation in Village affairs, with all his skills and hard work that this involves, Boxford would not be such a thriving community as it is today".

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## Boxford Clubs & Organisations

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 1st Boxford Rainbows  
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 Allotments  
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 Boxford Art Group  
 Boxford Babysitting Circle  
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 Boxford Bounty  
 Boxford Carpet Bowls  
 Boxford Community Council  
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 Boxford Drama Group  
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 Toddlers at Boxford

Diana Taylor 210239  
 Moira Grant 211513  
 Mark Miller 211596  
 Lil Benton 210809  
 Janice MacMillan 210595  
 Richard Gates 210432  
 Richard Robinson 211114  
 Vic Rice 21050401

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 Philip Ingram 210771  
 Susanne Excell 210572  
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 Les Gunn 210994  
 Les Clark 210698  
 Mark Miller 211596  
 Jean Saunders 210725  
 Peter Hibben 210819  
 Patrick Galvin 211897  
 Margaret Clapp 210186  
 David Mayhew 248585  
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Philip Rich 210605  
 Tony Excell 210572  
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 Philip Rich 210605  
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 Newton Green Trust  
 Newton Keep Fit Club  
 Newton Mothers and Toddlers  
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 377217  
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 Linda Buckledee 210772  
 Lisa Devlin 374182  
 Nancy Harris 374626  
 Alan Vince 373963  
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 Boxford Mill 210558  
 Meadow Lane 310000  
 Hardwicke House 370011  
 Siam 370444  
 Alan Vince 373963  
 Tina Boyes 375423

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## Edwardstone Clubs & Organisations

Edwardstone Parish Hall  
 Edwardstone United Charities  
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 Les Clark (Clerk) 210698

## Groton Clubs & Organisations

Groton Educational Foundation  
 Groton Parish Council  
 Groton United Charities  
 Groton WI  
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 Martin Wood 210181  
 Martin Wood 210181  
 Joan Cooper

## Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

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# Boxford School News

I would like to begin this news with a piece of wonderful and exciting news. Last year the children in Miss Mitson's class wrote to Mr Blair to tell him about the long service that Doreen Jarman has given to our school as a midday supervisor. Doreen has been with us for well over thirty years and I am sure there are many of you who will remember that legendary 'Errrrr' as Doreen attempts to get the attention of the children in the dining room or playground! I am delighted to say that following the letter she has received an invitation to the palace for one of the Queen's very special garden parties. People like Doreen are very rare in public service and I think you would have to go a long way to find anyone who has been so devoted and dedicated to a single school, especially in the role as midday supervisor. I think that she may well have created a record! We are all delighted that Doreen's dedication and commitment is going to be recognised and I am sure you will all join with me in congratulating her on her incredible achievement and join me in wishing her a very enjoyable day.

Only just over a month to go to our OFSTED Inspection and the generation of paperwork is reaching epic proportions. Despite several recent announcements that the whole process has been made much less bureaucratic I still seem to be spending vast amounts of time filling in forms, arranging surveys, meetings and collecting numerous policies. One of the ways the Government has decided to reduce paperwork is through the use of the Internet to submit information but this is rather defeated as a paper copy is also requested! Still on the bright side it seems that OFSTED are finally listening to us and the latest proposal is to reduce inspections for primary schools to as little as a single day for our smallest schools and to give as little as twenty four hours notice before descending upon us. The cynic in me feels that this

may well be a move to reduce the huge costs of inspection rather than a genuine attempt reduce the burden on schools. I estimate that our inspection will cost between five and six thousand pounds of public money. When this is multiplied by all the schools in the country it is a massive amount of money that could arguably be better used to provide more staff and equipment for our children!

At the end of January we held our annual bookweek, which was kicked off by a fancy dress parade with children and staff dressing up as their favourite book characters. Despite the disruption caused by the unexpected snow we managed to raise a staggering £1,200, a record amount. This has enabled us to enhance our library with over £700 of new books. Many thanks to Jean Dainty and all of her helpers for organising and running the event. Well done.

On March 20th we will be holding our annual quiz night. Once again Stephanie and Ian Atkins will be our quizmasters. Those of you who have been before will know that they prepare an excellent quiz with something for everyone and that we all have a hugely enjoyable evening. A light buffet and licensed bar are also provided. If you would like to enter a team (max 8 people) please contact either myself, at school or Stephanie direct.

## BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

### February Draw Results

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## Wild flowers in Boxford

Biodiversity is the buzzword in environmental circles and I'm glad to say there is plenty in Boxford. This was shown by the variety of wild flowers found in 2003 in the tetrad containing the village of Boxford and part of Groton parish. A tetrad is a 2 kilometre by 2 kilometre square and is the unit used for biological records.

Biological recording, whether it be of plants, insects, mammals or other species, is a continuous process. Although a botanical record of the British Isles, Flora 2000 has recently been published the situation is continually changing so records are needed to monitor and record these changes. The Boxford tetrad or TL94Q to give it its precise name has the village of Boxford in the south west corner, the bypass forms the southern boundary. It then extends north into Groton just beyond the church and includes Homers Green and Spout Farm. The boundary extends east from here to Wicker Street Green, then goes due south to the bypass A1071 again. Thus although its referred to here as the Boxford tetrad more than half is in the parish of Groton. It had been pointed out to me that on the map of Suffolk showing numbers of species of plants in each tetrad there were only 157 species in the Boxford tetrad, fewer than the numbers in several surrounding tetrads. I needed no better excuse to go walking the footpaths and roadside verges listing the plants and trees in an attempt to find more. Even the cracks in the pavements in the village centre and my own unweeded vegetable patch yielded several species. One of the most prolific roadside verges was that of the bypass. Not the pleasantest place to botanise because of the traffic thundering by but well worth it as I found some interesting species not growing anywhere else in the tetrad and several new to me. There was one bee orchid in flower. Bee orchids are not rare, indeed I know of two gardens in Boxford with lots of bee orchids in their lawns, but its an intriguing plant with a lovely flower and has the habit of popping up in unexpected places. I was delighted to find it, noted its position carefully and will look for it again in 2004.

The plants of the bypass illustrate a recent phenomenon of the plant world - the spread inland of plants normally associated with coastal habitats. Two characteristics of coastal habitats are present here - sandy soil and sate from the winter salting of roads, either or both of which could be the deciding factor determining the presence of such species. Buckshora plantain grows happily on the verge at the junction of the bypass and Sand Hill (aptly named as the soil is very sandy) while on the verges going down the hill on the bypass from the junction Danish scurvy grass grows in profusion and there is a good chimp of grass leaved orache, (Latin name *Atriplex littoralis* suggesting a seashore habitat). Scurvy grass is not a grass but a pretty little white flower, with leaves which are a good source of Vitamin C, a fact known to mariners of old. Another plant of coastal habitats is Alexanders, a handsome glossy leaved member of the Cow Parsley family. It used to be cultivated, every part of the plant is edible, and it became naturalised so its presence may not be the result of spreading inland but of naturalisation from previous cultivation. This inland spread of plants is thought to be caused by currents of air created by passing cars which whirl the seeds along the verges.

My list includes trees and shrubs where not obviously part of a planted garden hedge, and grasses. If I were better at identifying grasses the total number would be greater.

(Is there anybody out there who could help me with grass identification in 2004?)

I didn't find any real rarities but several less common species including two trees - the Midland Hawthorn and the Wild Service Tree. I was pleased to find one of my favourite wild flowers in two places. Moschatel, or Town Hall Clock has an intriguing flowerhead consisting of five faces, hence the name Town Hall Clock. I've sent my list to the Suffolk Biological Records Office in Ipswich and hope that the next map of the numbers of species in each tetrad will have 244 in tetrad TL94Q. If anyone would like to see the list please get in touch. It would be splendid if anyone could add to it.

Joan Cull. 210486

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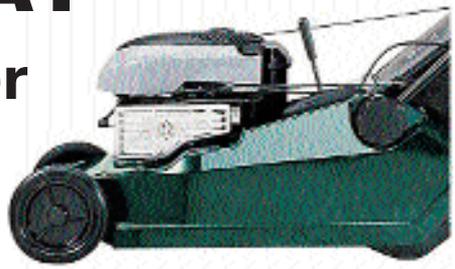
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You may also think those who qualify to benefit must be dying out. But the fact is there are still more of them alive than you might expect. Further more we help their widows, and they tend to outlive their husbands,

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Then there are the Legions wonderful and well managed establishments such as residential homes. For instance, in East Anglia we have Halsey House in Cromer. The budget for these residential homes alone amounts to £16 million a year.

There is one big problem ...membership numbers are falling, this is inevitable, unless we have another big war, and heaven forbid that. So, the Legion has started a scheme to have 'Associate membership', and I am calling on you of conscience to enroll, you need not have any direct connection to the Armed forces.

Our branch of the Legion 'The Bures and District' which covers Newton is small but fortunate. Each Christmas we are able to present our most deserving members with a Christmas gift from our own finances. We also like to keep 'in touch' and say what is going on in our respective villages.

Why not join us? It gives pleasure to many, and I guarantee it will give you pleasure to know are part of a great cause, We need you! So all you have to if you live in Newton is to contact me Telephone 01787 210 235, or someone in the British Legion.

Major Dick Heseltine

## Parish Council Matters

### Lt Waldingfield Parish Council

The Council met on 22nd January.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

A cheque was received for the bottle bank of £25.17

A donation of £25 was approved for Sudbury CAB.

Babergh District Council have given planning consents for a house next to Hostlers and extensions at the Swan.

The dog litter bins have arrived but due to bad weather their installation has been delayed.

The next meeting will be on 24th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

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The Sudbury branch of S.H.I.M.S was set up with funding from the Community Energy Project in September 2002. The money enabled a self-help group to be started up, and purchased specialist equipment which can be used by a physiotherapist to treat those with MS.

The group currently meets once a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday from 11.00am - 12.30pm, at The Christopher Centre, Sudbury and attracts people from Sudbury the surrounding area. Usually the group take the opportunity to relax and chat over a drink and there is always the opportunity to see the Physiotherapist or Reiki Practitioner.

At the next meeting on 9th March, Lindsey Goward from the national MS Society is visiting the group and will be speaking about the work of the society.

If you have MS, or an interest in MS then please do come along to join us, partners and carers are also welcome.

If you have any queries then contact either the secretary *Linda Carton* on 01787 221844 or the SHIMS Co-ordinator, *Matthew Beales* on 01787 880711

# Local Walks

## Lavenham Rambling Club

**Sunday 14th March.** Meet Hartest, Village Institute car park (GR TL 833525). A walk towards Chadacre.

Leader *Judith* 01787 247861

**Sunday 28th March.** Meet Newton Green, Golf Course car park (GR TL 916406). To walk Little Cornard.

Leader *Ken* 01787 247157

Both of these walks start at 2pm and last for approx two hours. For general enquiries phone *Graham* 01787 248 128

## Wormingford Village Walks

**Sunday 21st March.** Meet at Wormingford Village Hall car park (GR TL 934316) to make a 2pm start for a gentle two hour walk in this beautiful area of the Stour Valley. See Suffolk from the Essex Side.

Leader *Ellen Nicholas* 01206 241993 or 240961

## Ramblers Association Walks

**Wednesday 10th March.** Meet Long Melford public car park opposite the entrance to Melford Hall (GR TL 866463) to make a 10.30am start for a circular walk through Kentwell Park to Glemsford. Return along the River Stour Valley 5 miles

Leader *Roger* 01206 524979

**Saturday 20th March.** Meet 9.45am at the Sudbury Railway Station to Board the 10.05 bus at the Bus Station to Lavenham (fare single £2.30) then walk back to Sudbury. 9 miles.

Leader *Laurie Burroughs* 01787 375597.

**Wednesday 24th March.** Meet Plough Green, Bulmer Tye off A131 (GR TL 847387) to make a 10am start. Lunch at Sudbury. 11 miles.

Leader *Derek* 01206 570168

**Sunday 28th March.** Meet Leavenheath Village Hall car park (GR TL 947364) for a 10am start for a circular walk to Bures. Lunch Bures 9.5 miles.

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Village Hall Committee members for the excellent work done to raise funds. A Project Manager has yet to be appointed.

#### 11. A.O.B (Questions to the Chair)

The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the Register of Listed Buildings in the Parish

#### 12. Dates of Meetings -

To be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on:  
Wednesday 24th March 2004  
Annual Parish Assembly Monday 28th April 2004  
Wednesday 26th May 2004

13. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

#### NOTES from a meeting of

#### BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 9 February 2004 at Bell House, Boxford.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Mr Eddie Kench (editor of the Box River News) expressed his disapproval over the disclaimer notice that had appeared, attached to the front page of the Box River News and displayed in prominent positions around the village. He said the two articles on the front page were accurate and he could not understand the Council's reaction to them. The Chairman, Mr House, informed Mr Kench that the article on the local housing project (with reference to a strip of land adjoining the road) contained incorrect information specifically with regard to the reasons why the Homefield site had been chosen. Bearing in mind how long it had taken to secure the local housing project, as well as the fact that building work had not yet begun, the Council felt that such a contentious article should not have been printed. Also, both that article and the adjoining piece on the subject of the fence at Brook Hall Road, carried no author's identity and the council requested that in future the writer of a printed article should be declared fully.

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL:** Bryn Hurren reported that there had been no progress regarding the tree at Homefield, it was not a district matter and did not have a tree preservation order on it.. Mr Cecil Hughes would talk to the residents who were concerned about this. On the subject of the bridge at Ash Street, the Environment Agency had been along to progress matters and were happy with what Mr John Norton had proposed. Work should commence in the spring in readiness for the winter ahead. He informed the meeting he would be responding to the article in the Box River News referred to above and hoped the editor would place this in a prominent position for all to see. He raised the subject of the noticeboard to be erected at the White Hart for local walks with the P3 project. He would enquire whether planning permission was required. (As he had been asked to make the noticeboard, Mr Hurren declared an interest in the project). He would report back to Council.

(At this point the clerk read out a copy letter written by Mr Vic Rice addressed to the Rights of Way Officer at Suffolk County Council on the progress of P3 to date and in particular, the erection of the noticeboard referred to above.)

**POLICE REPORT:** The clerk had received the sector report for the January period and informed the meeting that there had been one offense of an attempt to gain access to non-residential premises in Church Street. Access had not been gained and nothing had been stolen. It was further reported that there had been an increase in school and house burglaries, but crime overall in the sector had decreased by 13% compared with the same period last year. Mention was made of a Home Office campaign to recruit special constables locally.

**CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:** Concerning the inspection of the village street lights, the clerk had been informed that this was imminent for Boxford and would take place once every six years. On the subject of flight path diversions over Boxford., two responses had been received in connection with our letter to 17 parishes in the area, distributed before Christmas, one from the chairman of Kersey PC and the other from Hadleigh Town Council, both supporting our letter to Babergh District Council and confirming their concern over the lack of consultation in this matter. Concerning a local website for the village, SALC were actively progressing the matter and would be in touch with all interested parishes in the near future. The Clerk had forwarded details of the B & Q Awards for community projects to both the village hall chairman as well as the Community Council.

On the subject of the fence at 6 Brook Hall Road, she had written to the owner of the fence, Mr Adams, enclosing a copy of the minutes, as requested by him. A reply had been sent to Mr C Kingsbury on the subject of the churchyard tombstones, confirming that a working party was a good idea. A copy of the letter had been given to Mrs Veronica Hobbs as she had volunteered to represent the parish council. To date, neither party had made contact. The Boundary Committee of England

had written to inform the council that draft recommendations on the initial stage of the SCC review could be viewed at local offices as well as their website. Unfortunately our county councillor was not present to comment on this. The seat for the bus shelter in the old gaol had been completed by Mr Lambert and arrangements were being made by our chairman for its installation.

**FINANCE:** A letter had been received from the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service requesting financial support and this would be discussed at the March meeting. A request for an increase in our grant to the Playing Fields had been received from the treasurer and this would be discussed under Finance in March. A letter of thanks for our donation had been received from the Sudbury Citizens Advice Bureau. The external auditors Lubbock Fine had completed their work for the period to 31 March 2003 and their signed completion certificate and opinion statement had been received. Two specific matters had been raised, both in connection with risk :- a risk assessment on our assets was required to be confirmed and minuted appropriately, as well as an increase in our fidelity insurance cover (to meet our precept plus 50%). Councillor Keith Paxman offered to deal with the former and the clerk was in touch with SALC insurers on the latter.

**WAR MEMORIAL:** The Clerk reported that two quotations and method statements were in her possession and she was awaiting a third before sending away the appropriate documentation to English Heritage supporting our application for a grant.

**EMERGENCY PLANNING:** SALC would be interested to know whether any councillor would be willing to join their committee although the Babergh area was already represented. A copy of the Community Resilience Guide was handed to the chairman. The council felt we could wait on this until SALC reported further. Any relevant comments could be put to the council once the chairman had read the guide.

**REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:** Chairman, Mr House, reported on his attendance at a South Suffolk Broadband meeting that he attended with Daphne Clarke. Both he and Mrs Clarke felt that they could reach the 200 registration mark for Boxford at which time possibly a public meeting could be called and BT would be invited to attend and possibly be persuaded to reduce their target figure of 350 registrations. Concerning funds for the car park, he had written off to the appropriate people and would report accordingly.

Councillor David Gasson had informed some parishioners that the village hall was not the responsibility of the parish council when they had told him about a leak in the roof and the blocked fire exit from the kitchen. The appropriate people had been contacted. The Woodland Trust had expressed an interest in the three acres of land that were up for sale adjacent to Primrose Wood. (Other parties were also interested.) Mr Tony Suckling had cut the hedge on the approach to the wood.

Councillor Cecil Hughes thanked the council for the card they had sent to his wife, wishing her good health for the future. Councillor Hobbs reported that the spare cash available from the Eden project would probably be used to purchase a printer for the use of the youth club. (At this point Mrs Suzanne Impett informed Mrs Hobbs that she may have a printer available.) The youth club leader had introduced a signing-in and out procedure at the youth club and this was seen to be a good idea. A Boxford resident had suggested that to control the litter in the layby up Sand Hill, perhaps the council could purchase and install a litter bin and he would willingly dispose of the rubbish. The chairman would discuss this with Mr Lambert.

Councillor Richard Gates wished to inform the meeting that he would put forward a paper on the long term view of our ownership of Bell House, to be discussed in March.

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Editors Note re **Questions from the public** above.:

*It was unfortunate that I was unable to finish my statement. My main complaint was the manner in which the so called BDC notices were posted around the village, unsigned and purporting to be from BDC. Boxford Parish council have an official notice board in which the complaint should have been displayed on official paper and signed by the Chairman.*

*Had I been able to continue it would have been understood that the Press Officer at Babergh district Council had been informed before publication, that Bryn Hurren, Babergh District Councillor had seen proofs of the front page 5 days before publication as also had Groton Parish Council at their meeting on 21st January (The development is on land in the Parish of Groton)*

*Regarding putting the project in jeopardy, at the time of the meeting I already had the start date for the new development, details elsewhere in this issue.*

*The item re the fence in Brook Hall was in the public domain and taken from the EADT. None of this is mentioned in the notes. Editor*