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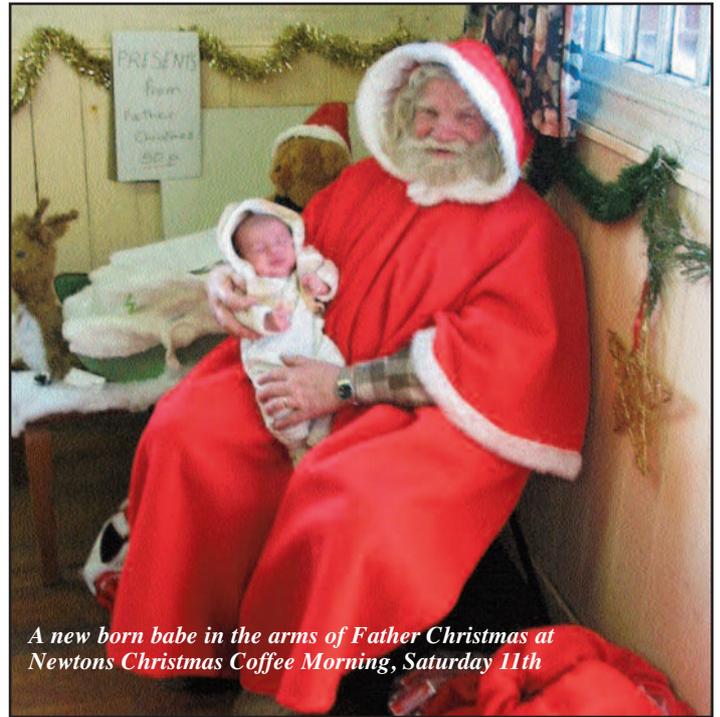
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## A Happy Box River Christmas



*FOB's Father Christmas on his rounds*



*A new born babe in the arms of Father Christmas at Newtons Christmas Coffee Morning, Saturday 11th*

### 'SLEEPING BEAUTY', ANOTHER BDG SUCCESS STORY

Boxford Drama Groups presentation of the classic 'Sleeping Beauty', Written and Directed by Sally Phillips was one of the best yet. To single out any member of the cast would be impossible since their combined efforts were as always of the highest standard as was the feast presented to us during the



*Christmas Candle displays at Newtons Christmas Coffee Morning*

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## Local Needs Housing

It is always nice when projects that have been worked on for a long time come to a successful conclusion. One such project is the Local Needs Housing Project at Homefield. After many delays the houses and bungalows are now on course for completion in April/May of 2005. I feel that these houses will be a tremendous asset to the villages of Boxford and Groton and will provide desperately needed accommodation for our local population at an affordable rent. To save any more anxiety to the many applicants on our housing list I have asked that the successful applicants for tenancy of these houses should be notified before Christmas. This has been agreed and by the time that you read this article the letters will have arrived or be in the post to the prospective new tenants. To those who are not successful this time there will be another small wave of allocations after Christmas for houses that become vacant following the first allocations. To those who are still not housed please be assured that together with the Parish Councils I remain committed to the ideal of Local Needs Housing and we are having an urgent meeting early in the New Year to discuss other ways of housing those in need especially our young first time house holders. Have a great Christmas everybody,  
*Bryn Hurren*

## Digital Cinema Comes to Boxford

With the help of grants from the Arts Council, Babergh District Council has purchased a projector and screen to show films in Village Halls and other rural locations.

Richard Gates and I have received training to operate this equipment and will be running a film night probably alternate months in Boxford Village Hall starting in February 2005. Maybe a children's film in the afternoon would go down well.

If anyone has a thought on a film they would like to see please let me know. As well as providing a nice event at a local venue this will hopefully raise much needed revenue for our Village Hall. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 01473 822737

*Bryn Hurren*



**Friday, 7th January, 8.30 Ticket £11**

### **Alan Barnes Latin Quintet**

Alan Barnes Latin Quintet Drive away those winter blues with this stunning Latin Quintet lead by saxophonist Alan Barnes. Alan is one of the most versatile reeds men currently working in the UK and has contributed fine sections of work and blistering solos to all manner of bands and projects. Joining him are Art Themen, consultant orthopaedic surgeon and immensely gifted saxophonist, John Donaldson (piano), Simon Thorpe (bass) and Dave Barry (drums).

**Friday, 14th January, 8.30 Ticket £12**

### **Tony Kofi Quartet**

Originally opting for a career as a carpenter, following a serious accident Tony decided on the saxophone as a living and thank goodness he did! He has gone on to become a mainstay of the current British jazz scene. Featuring music from the acclaimed Tony Kofi Quartet Plays Monk CD 'All Is Know' with Jonathan Gee (piano), Ben Hazleton (bass) and Winston Clifford (drums).

**Friday, 21 January, 8.30 Ticket £13**

### **Sarah Jane Morris**

The amazing Sarah Jane brings her band of Neill MacColl (guitar), Kevin Armstrong (guitar), Henry Thomas (bass) and

Martyn Barker (drums) for an evening of jazz, soul and blues. Her astonishing voice and songwriting abilities together with her three and a half octave range always makes this an extra special gig. Her latest CD 'Live in Montreal', which is only available through her web site, is highly recommended.

**Friday, 28th January, 8.30 Ticket £10**

### **Dylan Howe Quartet**

A richly swinging evocation of that early Blue Note sound, when Hancock and Shorter were the young tyros in time and Elvin Jones and Tony Williams were taking the drums to a different space comes in the form of drummer Dylan Howe's Quintet. Featuring Frank Harrison (piano), Quentin Collins (trumpet), Brian Edwards (saxophone) and Andy Crowdy (bass).

**Friday, 4th February, 8.30 Ticket £11**

### **Kirk Lightsey Trio**

Kirk took up the piano at the age of five and became a full time jazz musician in his late teens. In the mid sixties he became a sideman for Chet Baker, which resulted in five great albums. However it was his work with Dexter Gordon that brought him to the attention of a wider jazz public. Truly a jazz legend, Kirk is accompanied here by Steve Watts on bass and Dave Wickins on the drums.

**Friday, 11th February, 8.30 Ticket £14**

### **Norma Winstone**

Norma Winstone, a singer of brilliant virtuosity and flexibility, can handle very complex lines and wide intervals. With Tony Coe (saxophone), Nikki Iles (piano) and Chris Laurence (bass).

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

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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## SESAW

Thank you to everyone who supported our Xmas fair held recently at Leavenheath in aid of SESA. We raised just under £900, a fantastic amount. Thanks also to everyone who helped on the day and those who donated gifts and baked fantastic cakes and savouries for our stalls, we couldn't do without you! a great day was had by all. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone on behalf of us all at SESA "Happy Christmas" we look forward to your continued support in the new year.

Rosie Emeny, chairman.

## STAGECOACH

### THEATRE ARTS

'Don't put your daughter on the stage Mrs Worthington', so the old adage goes, but students at Stagecoach Theatre Arts were having non of it at the weekend, when they presented their end of term production 'Starmaker'. Two packed houses of parents, friends and supporters turned out to see the first ever 'Stagecoach Sudbury' production. This group of 45 children have been rehearsing on Saturday mornings at the Sudbury Arts Centre for the past few weeks and what a pleasure it was to see the finished product. A fabulous journey into the classic musicals of our times, 'Wizard of Oz', 'Annie' and 'Oliver' to name but a few. The children, some of them as young as 6, enjoyed every minute of it as did the audience.

After Christmas 'Stagecoach Sudbury' will re-start on January the 8th and in April 'Stagecoach' is introducing their 'Early Stages' classes on a Saturday too. This is a drama, dance and singing course aimed at the 4-6 year old age group.

There is clearly a tremendous amount of talent in Sudbury and with the Quay Theatre on our doorstep and 'Stagecoach Sudbury' what a great opportunity for aspiring children in the town.

## BOXFORD STUDY CENTRE

We are ringing the changes in our next history/general course starting on Tuesday 11th January 2005 at 7.30 in Boxford School. For the first time in more than 30 years we are doing something scientific. We'll spend ten weeks looking through:

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In our Monday course, entitled:

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All course fees: £35.00 concessionary £28.00

## Newton Village Hall

### Whist Drive

There were 51/4 tables in play at the whist drive held on Monday 29th November. The prizewinners were:

Beryl Mauldon	171	Alan James	167
Mary Jackson	165	Rosemary Otto	165
Wendy Turner	162	Sue Frost	162
and consolation prize;		Gerry Peacock	139

Thanks to Joan Linney for preparing the refreshments.

Following the successful whist drive held at the golf club the previous week I had hoped that several of the players there would come to the village whist drive; perhaps they'll come to the Christmas drive which will be on Monday 20th December. I will continue the drives into the new year and the first one will be on 17th January. Alan Vince 01787 373963

## Save the Children

The Christmas cake sale at Mary's House on the 4th December raised £442

We would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way. It was a great success.

Joan Smith, Jean Sanders and Anne Holdgate

## Boxford Drama Group.

Congratulations to everyone involved in "Sleeping Beauty." Sally Phillips has written and directed another super panto. Its her third offering and I think it's the best so far. We even had a walking-talking tree. Well done Hannah!

Another Well done! Must go to Di, Jan, and Sam, for providing the delicious home cooked meal during the interval. I have seen how much work and planning goes into providing over a hundred plus meals in such a short period each night.

The drama group, would to thank everyone who has supported us though out the year, we couldn't do it without you.

Our plans so far for next year are: Two one act plays in March, and a 'Scottish Theme' evening in June.

All of us in the group. Wish you 'A very happy Christmas and New Year' . Vic. Rice.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thankyou to everyone who so generously donated shoeboxes for the Christmas Appeal.

We delivered 67 boxes full of toys, games, crayons, soap, toothpaste etc. to be given to children in Eastern Europe and this year to Mozambique as well, who almost certainly have never had a Christmas present. Thanks also to the people who spent many hours knitting woolly hats, scarves and mittens.

We hope to do even better next year. It was fun to do - most people found it quite a challenge to fit the right sized gifts into the box! If anyone is interested in helping next year we would be pleased to hear from you. Also, if there are any knitters who would like to spend some time over the coming months knitting woolly hats etc. (there are never enough to go round) then Ann has copies of a very easy knitting pattern. If you don't knit but have any spare double knitting wool then we can make very good use of it.

Thankyou all once again. You will have made 67 little children very happy this Christmas. Ann Porter Tel. 01787 210581 Jennie Lindsley Tel. 01787 210520

## Christingle Service - December 5th

A very big thank you to all the parents and children who came and enjoyed this service, where the collection taken up is sent to the Children's Society, who are committed to helping some of the country's most isolated and rejected children. The Society is launching a Safe and Sound campaign asking the government to fund a network of safe, emergency accommodation. This will provide safe places, free from the threats of violence, drug abuse and prostitution from which children are at risk on the streets.

There is a petition form on the table in the church. Please do drop in to sign up. If you haven't been able to contribute to the work of the society yet, please do contact the churchwarden. Ruth Kingsbury, or visit their web site [www.childrenssociety.org](http://www.childrenssociety.org) <<http://www.childrenssociety.org>> .

Thank you, C.Kingsbury



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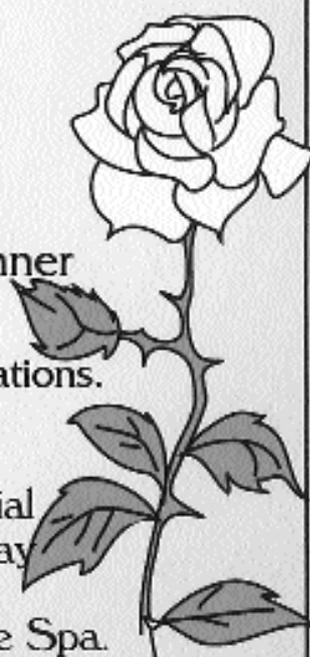
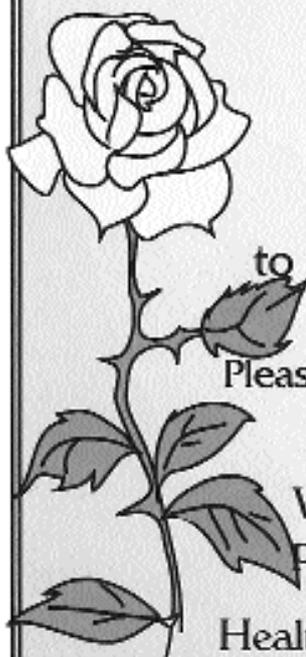
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## News from Great Waldingfield School

We held our first Living History Day on Nov 8th. and we all felt that it was a great success. Ten retired people, who lived through the war years came to share their memories with all the children. They brought ration cards, gas masks, photos and medals as well as amazing stories of bombing raids, resistance fighting and being evacuated.

Both staff and children were amazed and humbled, to hear some of their stories. We were told of soldier brothers who never returned. We learned of fights between local children and evacuees. We heard how local mums took in washing for American soldiers.

At lunch time our cook, Mrs. Edwards served up stew and dumplings followed by treacle pudding. Our guests shared school dinner with the children in the hall. The staff dressed in wartime clothes and some of the children came as evacuees. A siren sounded the signal to move to hear another speaker and evoked mixed feelings for the guests!

The purpose was to prepare the children for Remembrance Day and on the 11th, after Mrs Rose explained how, and why poppies are made and sold, we (the staff, visitors and children) stood for 2 minutes silence in the hall, thinking about the stories we'd heard. Our youngest girl, Jessica,



presented Mrs. Misselbrook with a single poppy - a gesture from one generation to another of our thanks for their sacrifice. Angie Jones Headteacher Gt. Waldingfield Primary School.

## Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club The Final Meeting

The final lunch for the Little Waldingfield Luncheon Club was held on Wednesday 1st December at the Parish Rooms hosted by Mrs Rita Baker. A good time was had by all thanks to the great hospitality of Mrs Baker. I would like to thank all those who have supported the luncheon club over the years on behalf of all the charities that have received donations.

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Alison Carse*

## Boxford Village Hall

### December Draw Results

1st	No 92	M. Burgess	Club's Lane	£40
2nd	No 192	M Snook	Homefield	£20
3rd	No 88	Mrs Boyles	Daking Ave	£10
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# Forthcoming Events Diary

## January 2005

5 Gt Waldingfield WI	Beetle Drive and Quiz	Village Hall	2.00pm
7 Boxford Over 60's	A Quiz	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
11 Boxford Study Centre	History/General course begins	Boxford School	7.30pm
13 Boxford Carpet Bowls Club	World Indoor Championships	Gt Yarmouth	
17 Boxford Study Centre	Literature Group	Boxford Fleece	7.30pm
17 Newton Village Hall	Whist Drive		
29 Fun and Games Evening	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	
31 Boxford Over 60's	The Trail of St Edmunds	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm

## February

1 Cake Stall		Mary's House	9.00am
10 FOBS Ladies Pamper Evening		Boxford School	
12 Edwardstone & Boxford CC	Valentines Dance with Angel Street	Boxford Village Hall	
16 Over 50's Lunch		Edwardstone Village Hall	

## March

Boxford Drama Group      Two one act plays

## April

14/16 Arts and Crafts		Mary's House	
16 FOBS Quiz Night		Boxford School	
23 Boxford Rocks with the Beavers	Boxford Community Council		

## May

Groton Garden Gala

## June

Boxford Drama Group	Scottish Theme Evening		
5 Boxford Gardens Open	St Mary's Church		
11 Sports and Fun Day		Boxford Playingfields	
18 FOBS Afternoon Summer fun day followed by Hog Roast and Dance		Boxford	

## July

2 Cantate Youth Choir      Boxford Church Building Trust      St Mary's, Boxford      7.00pm

Second Monday each month **Boxford Parish Council Meetings** in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford      7.30pm

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## Wot? s On

### **WORLD INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Boxford Carpet Bowls Club is again organising a trip to the World Indoor Bowls Championships at Potters Leisure Resort near Great Yarmouth and we have some seats available on the coach. The trip includes the coach to and from Potters to watch morning and afternoon matches with a two course lunch in between. The date is Thursday 13th January 2005 and the all-inclusive cost is £24.00 per person. To book or for further details please call *Jean Saunders* on 01787 210725.

### **FITNESS CLASSES**

Core Control fitness class every Tuesday at 7pm at Boxford Village Hall. gentle yet effective exercise for all ages and levels of fitness. For further information please call: *Lindsay* on 01449 741488/ 07961830858

### **FITNESS IN BOXFORD**

Commencing Tuesday 4th January - **Gentle exercise**

Tuesday mornings at The Spinney - 9.00am

Commencing Wednesday 5th January - **Aerobic workout**

Wednesday evenings at Boxford Primary School - 7.00pm

Call 01787 211822 for more information

### **Edwardstone and Boxford Cricket Club**

The Club has decided to put on a bit of a do and the whole village needs to be there.

Boxford Village Hall will be decked out in Pink Hearts and Pink Gin as Live Band Angel Street provide the tunes which will give that extra special feel to every girls favourite day of the year.

The 12th of February is the date you will all be all dressed up showing all the boys who is the most romantic man in town. £12.50 a head is small prices to pay for giving your girl a fine evening out so please don't hesitate to book your tickets.

Phone *Greg Hayton* on 07980834715 or *Adrian Gooderham* on 01787 211805 without delay and have a cracking Valentines on us.

*James Williams* – Vice-captain and Press Officer

### **COURSES AT ASSINGTON MILL**

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### **Leavenheath 50+ Badminton Club**

**Christmas and New Years Break.**

Play will resume after the christmas and New Years holidays on Wednesday 5th January 2005.

### **Boxford Over 60's Club**

**January 2005 meetings**

With Christmas & New Years Greetings to all mwmbwers we look forward to the first meeting of 2005 - on Monday 7th January.

The now well established sales table run by *Flora* and *Anne* a successful feature, *Flora Johnson* also promises a quiz on that date.

And outings, of course are high on the agenda.

31st January's speaker, *Mr Parfitt*, will follow "The trail of St Edmund" with slides on East Anglian Sites and churches associated with the famous local King - Life in his time, His story and controversies - A departure from our usual subjects -

Promises to be interesting. *Thelma Williams* 01787 210118

### **WELCOME TO THE SUDBURY FESTIVAL 2005**

Talented performers of all ages from all over East Anglia will be coming to Sudbury in February to take part in the 2005 Festival. A feast for lovers of the performing arts, the Sudbury Festival of Music, Speech and Dance, will take place between 12 February and 7 March 2004. Everyone is welcome to watch any of the sessions.

There are about 1200 entries in some 400 classes, for both soloists and groups. Performances will range from classical ballet and tap to creative dance and song and dance groups, from choral and solo verse and prose reading to dramatic monologue and group drama, from solo instruments and chamber ensembles to operatic arias and songs from the shows. Most classes are competitive, but there are some non-competitive for those who prefer.

People with a wide range of abilities will be taking part and benefiting enormously from the experience – learning their piece, taking the stage, and watching and listening to their peers. There is a team of experienced adjudicators to give friendly and helpful assessments to each performer.

Over 70 cups and awards are there to be won, including two new awards: a cup for the best performance by a competitor 15 years or under in any of the three sections, given by the Sudbury free Press to celebrate their 150th anniversary, and a shield for dialogue in the Speech section, given by Barclays Bank, Sudbury. There are £100 cash prizes attached to the Belchamp Bowl for string players and for the best player in the brass classes. In addition, the Sudbury Festival Award for Excellence, another cash prize, will be given to an outstanding young performer in any of the three sections.

The Festival starts with the Dance section, from 12 – 17 February, followed by Music from 23 February to 2 March, and Speech from 4-7 March. The venues are Uplands Middle School, St Peter's and the Town Hall. The grand finale will be the Festival Concert on Sunday 20 March at Sudbury Upper School.

For more details, contact the Festival Press Officer, *Pat Herbert*, on 01787 310393

### **MARY'S HOUSE (5 Swan Street)**

**Dates for you diaries for 2005!**

**CAKE STALL** on Tuesday 1st February from 9 00am onwards in aid of a charity.(See next BRN)

**ARTS & CRAFT** Exhibition .. 14-16 April-

If you are a "busy bee" with craft of any sort please come and exhibit and/or sell your wares. Get in touch with me 210360 and let's show your Hidden talent !

*Pauline Lamming*

### **Great Waldingfield WI**

Christmas Festivities began early with our Christmas Party in the Village Hall on December 1st. Having decorated the hall in the afternoon, members and guests were invited for the evening. The food had been prepared by all the members, there was so much choice, savouries and delicious desserts.

Our entertainment was provided by 11 'Morris Men' from Belchamp St.Paul - showing slides, singing their songs, performing their dances, one dance some of our members could participate in - a good time was had by all. Mrs *Jean Butcher* one of our members was presented with a floral arrangement - this was to wish her a Happy 80th Birthday and another excuse to raise our glasses to her in celebration. There were guessing games and a hat competition - which caused quite a bit of hilarity - the ladies wearing the hats were asked to parade around the hall to be judged by the 'Morris Men'.

At the end of the evening everyone agreed it had been a great success.

Our next meeting is on January 5th at 2.00p.m. in the village Hall where we will be having a Beetle Drive and a Quiz. Everyone welcome.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year. *Maisie Root*—

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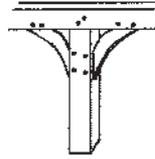
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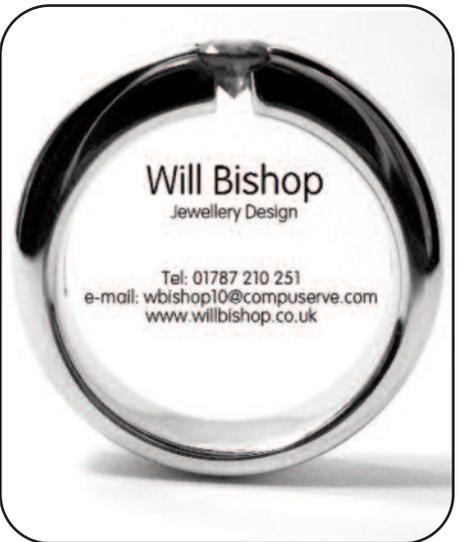
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*Day off: Monday*

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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*

**Benefice House** Mary's House 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ Tel & Fax 210026

To the Box River Saints

I recently purchased a computer programme especially designed to produce all kinds of greeting cards. The idea was to make my own Christmas cards this year. Imagine my surprise when I found there were absolutely no pictures of a religious nature on the programme. In a shop recently they were selling Advent calendars none of which had anything approaching a religious theme. The nearest one with anything approaching a Christmas theme one could buy was with snowmen on it. There were plenty with Spiderman and Power rangers, but I have to ask what relation they bear to either Advent or the message of Christmas.

The Christmas celebrated by most people today is a million miles from its true significance and the real reason for celebration. There is nothing wrong with feasting at Christmas. Following the sacrifice of a turkey, the Matthews family will also be feasting in the company of our children and grandchildren. But ask yourselves why. Why are you celebrating at all if Christmas holds no religious significance for you? Why are you buying each other expensive gifts some of which are superfluous while you ignore the greatest gift ever given to mankind? Perhaps that is why it has been abbreviated from Christmas to Xmas.

The strange thing for me at this time of the year are all the people who come to church. Our churches are filled to bursting point and it is such a wonderful sight. One of the questions I asked when I was interviewed for this post was about the church attendance on special feast days. It gives me hope that for those attending special services and particularly services at this time of year, the spirit of Christmas is not lost. The whole story of Christmas and the miracle of God being born as a human being is what is celebrated at Christmas. This miracle is also what we celebrate for the whole of the rest of the year too. I would not only like to invite you to come and celebrate the miracle of Christ with us this Christmas but at other times of the year.

Joan my wife and I would like to thank all those who have been so sympathetic following the death of Joan's mother and our dear Yibi's deteriorating health. Please remember both Joan and Yibi in your prayers.

Joan, Yibi and I wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas filled with God's richest blessings

*David*



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwarden:**

*Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above*

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

"Every day is a fresh beginning,  
Listen my soul to the glad refrain.  
And, spite of old sorrows  
And older sinning,  
Troubles forecasted  
And possible pain,  
Take heart with the day and begin again,"  
*Susan Coolidge (1835-1905)*

### BOX RIVER CLUB NEWS:

On January 3rd the Club visits the pantomime at the Quay Theatre in Sudbury.

The Club meets in the school hall Sundays at 10.30 a.m. New members are always welcome.

January dates: 9th and 23rd. There is a Box River Club Family Service on Sunday 30th. *Janet Daniels*

### CHURCH STEWARDSHIP:

We would be most grateful for all who kindly gift aid our church, to urgently consider increasing their giving this year. Our costs are continuing to increase, and we need to pay our way. At present we are some £2000.00 in the "red". We would also welcome many more to join the gift aid scheme. Gift aid envelopes (for tax payers) are available in church or from Philip Rich. We can claim 28p in the pound from the Inland Revenue. *Christopher Kingsbury*

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Meets at 47 Swan Street - 8.00 a.m. January dates to be decided. *CK*

### ALPHA COURSE:

We are most grateful to those who have provided the suppers and have worked so hard each week behind the scenes with all the preparations. The course has been a time of learning, reflection and fellowship. We look forward to the next course in the spring. *CK*

### SMILE LINES:

*Some readers will have probably watched a lot of films on TV over the Christmas holiday and will undoubtedly come across one of the following curious Facts of Life on Television... you may notice that...*

- Large, loft apartments in New York City are plentiful and affordable, even if the tenants are unemployed.
- Should you decide to defuse a bomb, don't worry about which wire to cut. You will always choose the right one.
- When you turn out the light to go to bed, everything in your bedroom will still be clearly visible but slightly blue. *CK*



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**

*Vacant*

**Lay Elder:**

*Antony Dodd 210397*

### CAROL SERVICE, CHRISTMAS EVE:

The Edwardstone Church traditional Carol Service will be held at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The Service will feature the usual popular carols and include a torch-candle procession for the young children. The collection this year will be shared between Water Aid and the Suffolk Air Ambulance. A Happy Christmas to you all from the members of Edwardstone PCC. *David Saddleton*

### OVER 50's LUNCH:

We will be holding a lunch in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 16th February 2005. There will be two courses plus a glass of wine for £4.50. Please contact Daphne Clark 210698 for tickets. All welcome. *Parish Hall Committee*

### CLEANER/CARETAKER FOR EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL:

We are seeking a cleaner/caretaker for Edwardstone Parish Hall. The Hall is normally cleaned once a week with extra cleaning, by agreement, when necessary. For one hour per week the wages are £30 per calendar month. Please contact Daphne Clark on 01787 210698 if you are interested.

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Please: Use your village hall. It is ideal for children's parties or for any event that is too large to fit in your own home. It is regularly used for band practices, as the acoustics are very good. Support those events that occur in the hall.

Support the fundraising events. Most of the year Daphne Clark has plants for sale outside her house, which are much cheaper than at the garden centre and which are known to grow well locally.

**Please buy a 155 Club ticket for as many people in your house as you can afford. £6.00 buys 12 tickets, one for each of the 12 monthly draws. Approximately half the takings are returned as prizes so you stand a good chance of winning. We normally come round in January but if you are missed please call us.**

Committee Members: (All telephone numbers 01787 prefix)

Daphne Clark (*Chairman*) 210 698

Tony Clement (*Treasurer*) 210 343

Daphne Spittle 211 940

Pauline Cox (*Vice-Chairman*) 211 030

Marlene Clarke (*Secretary*) 210 689

Paul Clarke 210 689

Fiona Raymond (*Booking Sec.*) 210 461

Susie Kennett 211 605

Thank you to all who have supported our Hall during 2004. There will be a list of all 2004 winners in the 155 Club draws in February's magazine. *Edwardstone Parish Hall Committee*

### ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

**Jan 2:** *United Benefice Service (Gro)/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;*

**Jan 9:** *Combine with Groton/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;*

**Jan 16:** *Mrs Dodd/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;*

**Jan 23:** *Combine with Groton/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott;*

**Jan 30:** *Mr Saddleton/Mrs Moore & Mrs McDermott.*



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:** *Barbara Riddleston:  
Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261  
David Lamming Lodge Farmhouse 210360*  
**Lay Elders:** *Pauline Lamming 210360  
Joy Sellers 378009*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Gwen Wild who celebrated her 90th birthday on 7th December.

### Reminder - NATIVITY PLAY WITH CAROLS - Tuesday, 21st December at 5.00 p.m:

Produced and performed by mums and children from the Groton. Enjoy a visual telling of the Christmas story. Refreshments afterwards. See you there! *Pauline Lamming*

**CHEESE & WINE PARTY:** "Cheese & Wine" is really a misnomer, given the vast hot and cold finger buffet spread out to delight the taste buds of those attending Groton's annual event in the WI Hall on Saturday 5th December. The hall was packed, with the sartorially extravagant Bob Bowdidge again acting as master of ceremonies, raffle caller and chief auctioneer (photograph of the braces next month!). Bidding was brisker for the two bottles of whisky – clearly the spirit is alive and well in Groton! Our thanks, as always, to Pat Kennedy Scott and her team of helpers who prepared the food, to Gerald and Pat Smith who ran the bar, and to all who, by their hard work or just by their attendance, contributed to a successful and enjoyable evening. The incidental, but significant, benefit is that about £850 has been added to church funds, for which the PCC are very grateful.

*David Lamming*

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

"And is it true? And is it true, this most tremendous tale of all, seen in a stained-glass window's hue, a baby, in an ox's stall?"

The maker of the stars and sea, become a child on earth – for me."

*(From 'Christmas', by John Betjeman)*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES FOR 2005:

**\*\*Cake stall\*\*** on Tuesday 1st February from 9.00 a.m. onwards, in aid of a charity. (See next BRN)

**\*\*Arts & Crafts Exhibition. 14th-16th April\*\***

If you are a "busy bee" with craft of any sort, please come and exhibit and/or sell your wares. Get in touch with me (210360) and let's show your hidden talent! *Pauline Lamming*

<b>ROTAS:</b>	<b>January</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	Mrs P Thaw
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Mrs P Thaw
<b>Sidesman with Sacristan:</b>	Mrs McCorkell



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwarden:**

*Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034*

**Lay Elder:**

*Tim Harbord 247034*

### BOOK, VIDEO AND PUZZLE LENDING SCHEME:

The next open morning for village residents will be in the church on Saturday, 8th January between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Come and check out our excellent range of books and videos. Refreshments provided free of charge. *Sandra Harbord*

Reminders for December:

### CAROL SERVICE:

The Carol Service will on Sunday, 19th December at 4.00 p.m. followed by mulled wine and mince pies. *Sandra Harbord*

### CAROL SINGING:

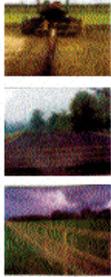
Carol singing around the village will be on Monday 20th December with all money raised going to CRISIS at Christmas. All carol singers please meet outside the Swan pub at 6.30 p.m. *Sandra Harbord*

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## Boxford School News

At the time of writing we have only eight days left until the Christmas break. During that time we will be having four Christmas productions, four parties, our Christmas dinner and our choir will be singing at the church carol concert. I often wonder how we get to the end of this term in one piece!

Last week I received a letter from the LEA regarding the Government plans to fine parents who take their children out of school during term time for extended holidays. Whilst nobody would encourage or support children missing school for any reason one can fully understand why parents choose to take their away during term time. I often get phone calls from parents enquiring when the holidays are but any quick glance through a travel brochure will reveal the holidays for the year as the substantial rise in prices whenever there is a school break will reveal all. Even a four day mini break for the Whitsun half term next year can cost over a hundred pounds extra on the previous week. On longer breaks parents can save hundreds and in some cases over a thousand pounds by taking their families away during term time. The proposals for fining parents puts me in a very difficult position as I fully understand why parents would wish to take their holidays during term time. Perhaps the Government should be dealing with the holiday industry on this issue and not be expecting me to be the person in the front line!

On a brighter note last week we had our annual Christmas Fayre and the turnout was very pleasing. It seemed that we were busier than ever. It was nice to see so many ex-pupils and people from the local community. Thankyou for your fantastic support. Once again may I congratulate and thank Moira Cottrell who organised the event and all of the helpers who ran

stalls for the evening.

May I remind anyone who is hoping for a place in school for the academic year 2005/06 that now is the time to register your child. The closing date for applications is February 2005 so it is essential that if you haven't contacted us yet that you do so as soon as possible. Failure to do so could mean that your child will not be allocated a place.

Last year was a very challenging and rewarding one for us all with the OFSTED inspection just before Easter. The final report was quite outstanding and reflected the incredible dedication of all the staff, Governors and parents who put so much into making Boxford School the place it is. My thanks and congratulations to all.

Finally may I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.



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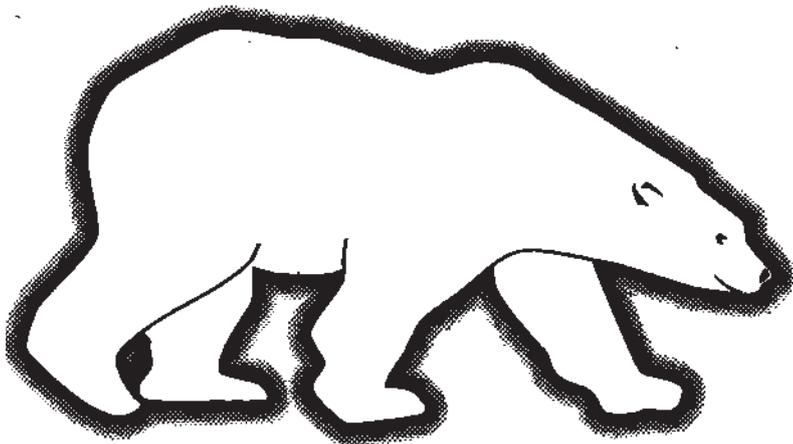
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## IPSWICH TOWN ACADEMY ENJOY A DAY OUT AT THE STOKE CLUB



*The Ipswich Town Football Academy on the Stoke by Nayland Hotel terrace after their cross country run with Peake Fitness manager, Matt Manning*

Bryan Klug and Simon Milton joined the Ipswich Town Academy squad at a day of fitness and leisure at The Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf and Leisure Club this week, to give them a break from their normal training routine.

They began their visit with a cross country run around stunning "Constable Country" which surrounds the Hotel and golf course with Peake Fitness Manager, Matt Manning. This was followed by a "Body Balance" class with Peake Fitness Assistant Manager, Lisa Manning, in the brand new air-conditioned aerobics studio which overlooks the lake and golf courses.

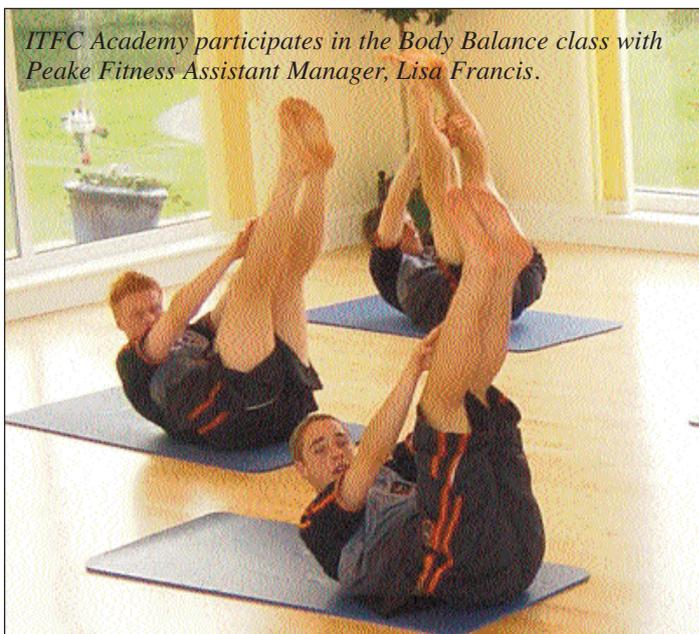
Body Balance is one of the most popular classes held regularly at the Club for both members and non-members. It combines Pilates with Yoga and Tai Chi to music. Peake Fitness Manager and qualified Sports Therapist, Matt Manning, said, "We highly recommend Body Balance as a regular fitness training for everyone, but particularly for sportsmen and women, as it increases flexibility, strength, core stability and at the same time improves spacial awareness, balance and coordination. This all helps to reduce injury during competition and matches."

After lunch the non-golfers amongst the Academy squad spent a leisurely afternoon relaxing by the luxurious indoor pool making full use of the sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi whilst the golfers took the opportunity to play on one of Stoke by Nayland's two 18 hole championship courses, which host the prestigious, worldwide televised PGA Europro tour each summer.

Tamara Unwin, director of The Stoke by Nayland Hotel said: "We were delighted to have the Ipswich Town Academy here for the day – the lads were a credit to their club and took to the activities, especially the Body Balance, with great enthusiasm. Here at Stoke by Nayland we actively support youngsters to excel in their sport – we have a Golf "Sports Academy" based here permanently which runs much along the same lines as the Ipswich Town Academy and they train with our own

professional, Kevin Lovelock, who also runs a Young Masters Golf academy at weekends. We like to give talented young sportsmen and women every opportunity to succeed where we can."

Simon Milton said "We were delighted to have the opportunity to use the excellent facilities at Stoke by Nayland and the boys really enjoyed their day which proved to be very motivational. I myself make full use of Peake Fitness every week for my preparation for the London Marathon and have already benefited greatly from the expert help and high tech equipment on offer at the Club."



*ITFC Academy participates in the Body Balance class with Peake Fitness Assistant Manager, Lisa Francis.*

**ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:**

**Jan 2:** United Benefice Service (Gro)/Mrs Fernando-Martin;

**Jan 9:** Mr Squirrell/Mrs Ewen;

**Jan 16:** Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell/Mrs Squirrell;

**Jan 23:** Mrs Miller & Mrs Carse/Mrs Pell;

**Jan 30:** Mrs Rattee/Mrs Storar.



**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*

**MISSING PRAYER BOOKS:** Several small green Prayer Books are missing from the church. If anybody has any information about this I shall be grateful if they will get in touch.  
*Diana Stock*

**CANDLEMAS:** On Sunday 30th January we will be celebrating Candlemas with a service at 9.30 a.m. conducted by Roy Tricker. This will be followed by coffee. All those who are able to join us will be very welcome. *Diana Stock*

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**

**January 2005**

**Sunday 2 January, Epiphany**

Gro 0930 *United Benefice Service*

**The Revds. David Matthews &  
Brian Watling**

Box 1830 *Evensong*

**Christopher Kingsbury**

**Wednesday 5 January**

Box/MH 1030 *Holy Communion\**

**Joy Sellers**

LtW 1900 *Home Communion\**

**Tim Harbord**

**Sunday 9 January, The Baptism of Christ**

LtW 0800 *Holy Communion BCP\**

**Tim Harbord**

Gro 0930 *Family Service*

**Pauline Lamming/Joy Sellers**

Edw *Combine with Groton*

New 0930 *Morning Prayer*

**Diana Stock/Jean Green**

Box 1100 *Family Communion CW*

**The Revd. Brian Watling**

**Wednesday 12 January**

Box/MH 1030 *Holy Communion\**

**Antony Dodd**

**Sunday 16 January, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

New 0800 *Holy Communion BCP\**

**Christopher Kingsbury**

LtW 0930 *Family Communion CW\**

**Graham Brook**

Gro 0930 *Holy Communion*

**The Revd. David Matthews**

Edw 1100 *Matins*

**Antony Dodd**

Box 1100 *Holy Communion*

**The Revd. David Matthews**

**Wednesday 19 January**

Box/MH 1030 *Holy Communion*

**The Revd. David Matthews**

LtW 1900 *Compline*

**Tim Harbord**

**Sunday 23 January, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

Gro 0800 *Holy Communion BCP*

**The Revd. David Matthews**

Edw *Combine with Groton*

New 0930 *Hymns and Prayers*

**Diana Stock/Jean Green**

Box 1100 *Holy Communion CW*

**The Revd. David Matthews**

LtW 1100 *Family Service followed by shortened*

**The Revd. Brian Watling**

*Holy Communion*

**Wednesday 26 January**

Box/MH 1030 *Holy Communion\**

**Antony Dodd**

**Sunday 30 January, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

Box 0800 *Holy Communion BCP*

**The Revd. David Matthews**

LtW 0800 *Holy Communion BCP*

**The Revd. David Abel**

Edw 0930 *Holy Communion CW\**

**Antony Dodd**

Gro *Combine with Edwardstone*

New 0930 *Candlemas*

**Roy Tricker**

Box 1100 *Box River Club Service*

**The Revd. David Matthews**

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Copy Date for Church News section in the February 2005 Box River News:

Please, NO LATER THAN 15th January 2005. Thank you.

Daphne Clark 210698.

New email address – [daphne@clark-home.me.uk](mailto:daphne@clark-home.me.uk)

## Box River Soap Box

Well, that put the cat amongst the pigeons. Not only am I now building a file of correspondence in relation to my articles, I am even being tackled in the pub over what I have written. Actually, it is not just about what appears in the Soap Box column that has excited comment. The whole editorial approach of the Box River News appears to be the subject of considerable interest. Not everyone agrees with the line being taken, but then in a democracy such dissent should be viewed as inevitable - desirable even.

With the likely introduction of car parking charges a matter of considerable concern at present, it is perhaps unsurprising that Babergh District Council should take the trouble to read the Box River News. Indeed, someone from their Press Relations Department telephoned me in connection with the comments I made regarding footpaths. They appear concerned that the story was incomplete. I felt my remarks were clear, if inconclusive. But I would expect a concerned Council to take the temperature of its constituents regularly.

My own experience of dealing with our local authority has been mixed. On the one hand I know they have a difficult task to perform. Their resources are limited - necessarily so - but they are expected to ensure that our local services are properly maintained to the satisfaction of all. Yet evidence of waste and bureaucracy can be found - something doubtless present in every local government office and not a few commercial organisations for that matter.

My one visit to a meeting of the planning committee (parish councils have their greatest contact with district councils over planning issues in my experience) left me with a sense of disappointment. To my simple mind the issue was cut and dried. Moreover, the position of the parish council appeared to resonate with the committee members present. And we did obtain the result we sought - sort of.

The disappointment in my mind stemmed from two sources. First, the recommendation of the planning department, which was ultimately adopted by the committee, was heavily dictated by the Local Plan. Little surprise there, you may feel, but the way in which it was interpreted left little opportunity for adjusting to local circumstances. Moreover, the way in which the planning department assumed control of the interpretation of the planning application made me wonder what value the committee was really adding.

I tackled a committee member on this very topic and was advised that, by opposing the recommendation of the planning department and, in particular, by going against the outline of the Local Plan, they could be accused of wasting tax payers' money. Fine - I am all for conserving the not inconsiderable amount of council tax we pay, but I consider those who seek to serve us in local government should be more questioning of what they are told and more mindful of local considerations.

Secondly, it concerned me that my right of audience in this forum was limited to just three minutes of fame before the discussion on the merits of the application took place. Thereafter, I had to hold my peace, regardless of how misinformed or misguided subsequent comment was. Moreover, as a Parish Council our only right to object to the decision reached had to be based upon law and could thus prove costly to instigate. The applicant, on the other hand, was freer to endeavour to set aside the result delivered.

Avoiding unnecessary additional work by limiting the right of appeal is understandable, as is restricting the right to address meetings of Council members. But it strikes me as potentially unsound on a constitutional basis. While freer access to the planning process could result in vexatious interference, surely it must be possible to construct a playing field with less of a slope. Lack of time and resource is not just a local authority problem. Local residents often fail to follow through objections to planning applications for the very same reasons. Restricting their voice could result in frustration and inadequate debate.

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

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Leader *Sue* 01206 572817.

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Leader *Janet* 01787 227929

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Leader *David Taylor* 01787 880875.

**Tuesday 25th January.** Dedham Vale. Meet at Great Bromley Church Meadow (GR 083262) starting at 9.30am Dedham Vale via Lawford, Flatford, Dedham and back through Ardleigh. No dogs. Approx. 13 miles. Leader *Alan S.* 01206 230791

**Sunday 30th January.** Stour Valley Path. Meet public cp Stoke by Nayland Church (GR 935363) for a 10am start. Lunch at 'The Cock Inn' Polstead. Distance 10.5 miles.

Leaders *Judy and John* 01206 855244.

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Leader. *Pat Lloyd* 01473 824105

**Sunday 30th January.** Hadleigh Area. Meet Magdalen Street cp (GR 027426) for a 10am start. Two circular walks in this Scenic part of Suffolk, via Kersey in the morning and Aldham in the afternoon. The afternoon walk will start at approx 1.30pm. Both walks of six miles. No dogs.

Leader. *Alan S.* 01206 230791.

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## Readers Letters

*Sir,*

The December issue of Box River News carried a number of articles concerning Babergh District Council. They contained some serious factual inaccuracies. We would like to set the record straight as regards the major errors.

### 'Think again Babergh'

Whilst noting Mr Kench's research in the North Street Car Park, Sudbury, the assumption that our survey provided wildly incorrect information is just not true. Our survey was carried out over 6.5 days in every car park by experienced staff from our Engineering Team (not inexperienced staff as asserted). It is statistically more robust than the survey of one car park carried out over one day. It is certainly not information that has 'seriously misled' Councillors as regrettably alleged in the article. However, we have met with Mr. Kench and he has to provided his survey data and explained his methodology. We are currently reviewing his approach and findings.

### 'Night flying menace ignored'

You claim that Babergh District Council's unelected officers chose to ignore the paper (Night Flying Restrictions at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted: Stage 1 Consultation) and did not respond.

This is inaccurate. Babergh wrote on 28 October objecting both to any future changes that would increase aircraft flying over the district and to the environmental and quality of life damage currently being caused by night time flying below the controlled airspace.

Copies of this letter will also be circulated to those parish councils in whose areas the Box River News is distributed. I hope that this clarifies these issues for your readers.

Yours sincerely,

*Mike Hammond*, Corporate Director.

*Sir*

### Box River Soap Box.

May I point out that there are two errors in the article about footpaths in the Waldingfields featured in your current issue. The footpath between the two churches does not at any point approach within a hundred metres of the man-made reservoir. (An attempt to close pan of this path has already been the subject of a Public Enquiry, which found in favour of the walkers). The wider "footpath" proposed by the landowner on another section of the path was a grassed strip six metres wide round the perimeter of a field - ideally suited to a gallop for his several horses.

The path which does officially pass round three sides (not through) the reservoir was the subject of a lawful diversion, which the then landowner treated somewhat cavalierly, by by-passing the the reservoir. This was communicated to me by the County Rights-of-Way Officer, but as nobody objected, the matter was allowed to rest.

I was honorary Footpath Warden for Little Waldingfield for many years, and resigned when I also resigned from Vice-Chairmanship of the Parish Council in 1995, at the age of eighty.

Yours faithfully,

*Dear Editor*

I am disappointed by the nature of the coverage of Box River News regarding 'Life Threatening Vandalism' November 2004. It seems that the competence of the Playing Fields Management Committee is being challenged.

Vandalism has been and still is a constant nagging problem, which from my experience occupies a considerable amount of time, effort and expense. The committee should be encouraged and supported in what they do on a voluntary basis in difficult circumstances.

Telling them how to run their affairs is not, in my opinion, the role of Box River News.

Yours sincerely

*Peter Holden*

*Dear Friends*

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and also thank those who sent Christmas cards

*Nell Suckling*

Boxford

*Dear Eddie*

10th November 2004

It is with regret that I write to you concerning the articles in the November issue of the Box River News. My main concerns are the inaccuracies in your two main front page articles and the fact that you did not see fit or have the good manners to consult me for a quote or to check any of your facts, in short I feel that articles in any publication should be fair and accurate and balanced.

With regard to the article about the tarmac area approaching the spinney no household has received any demand for payment and will not do so for 6 months. The cost of the council house repairs and maintenance is not met from the rates but from the housing revenue account which is rent paid to the land lord by tenants and finally it is extremely unlikely that any one will face prosecution, if any house holder has difficulty in paying the final settlement they will be given terms and time to pay.

With regard to the car parking issue I am and always have been a champion of free parking within Babergh for shoppers but not of long term parking which clogs up our car parks and excludes shoppers, I am on record of saying this at all the AGMs in the 5 villages in my ward. The 9 councillors at the Babergh scrutiny committee are spread geographically through out the district and none come from Ipswich or even near and we all have the interest of our district close to our hearts. The big issue is should all the cost of running and upkeeping our 26 car parks be met by the council tax payer or should the motorist be asked to make a contribution.

My view is that people who use our shops and businesses should park for free up to 2 hours ( 85% or cars ) and the motorists who leave a car in our parks and on our streets for longer periods (possibly to commute to another place) should not do so at our council tax payers expense. In short Eddie this was a serious misrepresentation of the facts and one that I would not want to see repeated.

Yours sincerely

*B.D.Hurren*

District councillor for Boxford Ward

P.S The article in the December issue of BRN concerning night flying from Stanstead is also totally incorrect, B.D.C did reply to the consultation and I have a copy on my file, if any interested party would like to see it please contact me.

*Sorry Bryn but I must take you to task*

**David Rose Lib Dem**, lives in Holbrook, 3 miles from the centre of Ipswich. He represents Holbrook which borders on the Ipswich Town Council

**David Wood Lib Dem**, lives in Tattlingstone, 2.5 miles from the centre of Ipswich. Represents Alton on the Towns Boundary.

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*Your statistics are also incorrect. According to Baberghs figures only 65% park for less than 2 hours. The mistake is not your fault, its the way the figures were presented to you.*

*Ed*

Rake up all the fallen leaves from under your rose bushes and burn them. Black spot and rust overwinter on fallen leaves and in the soil, waiting to infect your plants in spring. It is also beneficial to spray the dormant bushes and soil around them with armillatox to kill the spores.

Time to order new corms of Gladioli from a reputable supplier. When they arrive, unpack them and lay them out in shallow trays to allow for free ventilation. Then store them in a frost free place until planting time. Large corms are not always the best. A young plump corm with a small root base is often n better than a much larger flatter corm with a broad root base.

If the weather keeps open, broad beans of Ayaduce Claudia and The Sutton can be sown all through January.

Shallots can be planted in pots or trays to start them off ready for planting out in March.

In the greenhouse, examine regularly plants in flower removing any faded flowers and discoloured leaves. Take care when watering not to splash leaves or flowers or to leave water in the crowns of plants. Avoid over watering in pots, especially those with young plants in them or the roots may be damaged,

Seeds of many trees or shrubs such as Camellia, Ginko, Liriodendren (tulip tree) and Wisteria can be raised from seed under glass in a temperature of 60°F. This may be interesting to do but the results are unpredictable, they take many years to flower and do not come true from seed.

Examine regularly, stored tubers and corms for signs of rot and damage by mice. Cut away any damaged portions and dust with flowers of sulphur.

Poinsettia should be kept in an even temperature, away from drafts, and not close to direct heat. Do not water until the compost is almost dry.

Fed amaryllis with a high potash feed such as Tomorite to encourage good flowers. Avoid too much nitrogen as this will only produce leaves at the expense of flowers. The one we grow indoors is Amaryllis Hippeastrum. Why not try its hardier cousin from South Africa, Amaryllis Belladonna.. It makes a good autumn display, flowering on leafless stems 2.5 feet in length. Plant in summer at the foot of a sunny wall, 6-8 inches deep and 12 inches apart. Once established it resents being disturbed and bulbs should not be lifted until they become overcrowded and bulbs should not be lifted until they become overcrowded. A mulch of organic matter is needed in the autumn for added winter protection. Happy Christmas Harry

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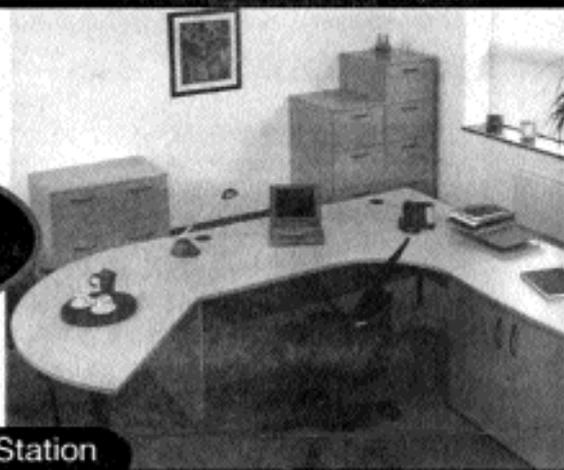
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He joins fellow black belt, and "Sen Sei" or Master, of the Stoke by Nayland Karate Club, Peter Heal in having passed 10 levels of grading, which normally takes about 4 – 5 years to achieve.

Peter Heal said "We are very proud of Andy, who has gained First Dan grading after years of hard training, and we look forward to helping more of our members to achieve such an excellent standard. We are very lucky to have what is probably the best "Dojo" in Suffolk here at The Stoke by Nayland Hotel's Peake Fitness health club, where we have a brand new air-conditioned aerobics studio with a fully sprung wooden floor.

We still have availability for new members, aged from 7 years upwards, who can start at any point during the year.

The Club currently runs two adult classes and one children's class each week, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Peake

Fitness. As with all the classes at the health club, you do not have to be a member of Peake Fitness to enrol."

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## BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

'100 CLUB' WINNERS FOR DECEMBER:

£42 - Polly Josh; £17 - Ian Blair; £7 - George Bullett.

## CLEANER/CARETAKER

FOR EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL:

We are seeking a cleaner/caretaker for Edwardstone Parish Hall. The Hall is normally cleaned once a week with extra cleaning, by agreement, when necessary. For one hour per week the wages are £30 per calendar month. Please contact Daphne Clark on 01787 210698 if you are interested.

## TABLES FOR SALE:

As we have ordered new tables for Edwardstone Parish Hall we have no further need for the old ones. These 2ft x 5ft stacking tables are available at £2 each - buyer takes away. Please contact Daphne Clark on 210698.

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One home in Britain is burgled every 37 seconds. Read again - slowly ....that's 2335 per day, 70,050 per month, 852,275 per year. Question: Is your property going to be on the next list of stats, or have you addressed the security issues of your property?

Whilst not wishing to put a damper on the oncoming Xmas festivities, this period is now statistically the most tempting for any burglar and opportunist thief. How many readers have already bought and wrapped the Xmas presents and put them under an illuminated sign saying; 'here are our goods, come and get them!'. And if you haven't yet bought the gifts then a pound to a penny, the means to do so is right there in your property, just waiting to go shopping on Sunday or the next late night shopping event.

DB Security Locksmiths are located just behind the Town Hall in Sudbury, and are here to help and advise you. We are a Chubb Super Centre, A Mul-T-Lock Super Centre, stockists of all major security products - the ones you know; Chubb, Yale, Union, Legge, Era, and others. We can also specify, supply and install Safes from stock or to order, and are stockists for Chubb, Phoenix and Burton Safes.

We offer a free, no obligation site survey service to any property holder, be it domestic, residential, commercial, retail or hotel. We are here to help and guide you through your security issues and ensure that you have the best possible locks on your doors, windows and outbuildings, and to see that the locks you have are up to current Insurance requirements.

Far from it being the case of whether you can afford to have the correct locks and window locks, it is really a question of whether you can afford not to!

A point to remember: Insurance companies are a business, not a charity - they exist to generate profit and are not kind hearted benefactors to all and sundry. As soon as you can, read the small print on your policy - the pages they send you with the last renewal notice - there's a good chance that they have changed since you last read them. Look for the wording, "final exit door and ground floor doors should be fitted with a B/Std 5 lever mortice lock to BS3621", in laymans terms the BS Kitemark and the number BS3621 should be stamped on the lock foreplate to comply. If your locks do not comply and you have no window locks then, if you have the misfortune to be burgled, it is a double whammy. The misery and heartache of the loss, and intrusion of your property, and no insurance payout.

**CAR PARKING STUDY GROUP - WEEKLY INCOME PROJECTIONS**

(Note based on charges £1.00m to £1.00m on Mondays to Fridays and £1.00m to £1.00m on Saturdays)

Location	Capacity	Period	Survey Data - Weekly Vehicle Numbers							Total	Tariff Option 1		Tariff Option 2		Tariff Option 3	
			Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	a/day		l/day	a/day	l/day	a/day	l/day	
<b>Short Term Car Parks</b>											<b>10p/hour</b>		<b>20p/hour</b>		<b>20p/hour</b>	
Gliding Street	70	up to 1 hour	429	457	594	634	554	527	2578	257.80		535.00		302.50		
		1-2 hours	18	17	24	25	34	10	130	28.00		52.00		78.00		
		1-3 hours	4	0	6	2	6	2	20	6.00		12.00		18.00		
North Street	198	up to 1 hour	1155	1148	1015	1350	1373	877	6854	685.40		1390.80		2089.20		
		1-2 hours	73	108	85	112	95	28	499	99.80		199.60		299.40		
		1-3 hours	26	28	10	17	25	10	113	33.90		67.80		101.70		
Gt. Eastern Road (ROY'S)	270	up to 1 hour	1009	1028	854	1355	1144	685	6403	640.30		1280.60		1920.80		
		1-2 hours	156	73	67	91	91	41	619	103.60		207.00		311.40		
		1-3 hours	31	25	5	24	25	5	115	34.50		69.00		103.50		
<b>Long Term Car Parks</b>											<b>50p/day</b>		<b>£1/day</b>		<b>£1.50/d</b>	
Station Road (Kingfisher)	271	any time	544	448	470	571	558	455	3046		1524.50		3049.00		4573.50	
The Station	140	any time	148	135	133	175	135	108	629		414.80		829.00		1243.50	
											<b>1807.30</b>	<b>1839.00</b>	<b>3814.40</b>	<b>3578.00</b>	<b>6721.80</b>	<b>5817.00</b>

## Babergh Think Again

The Box River News has had a letter from Mr Mike Hammond one of the Corporate Directors of Babergh District Council (see letters page), in which he denies his executives misled the Overview and Scrutiny (Community Services) Committee on car parking statistics and that the Environmental department did respond to the Department of Transport's Night Flying consultation paper stage 1.

### Parking figures.

I do not maintain that my figures are 100% accurate, after all I only did the North Street car park for 3 hours on a Monday and Thursday but the difference to the published figures was so great that I felt it was necessary to draw attention to it. It was not so much the number of cars recorded at different times but the manner in which they were presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

A team of three employees of Babergh District Council, two junior staff from the engineers department and the Babergh District Traffic Warden who covers both Sudbury and Hadleigh carried out the survey. The method used was to record the registration numbers of all the cars in all the car parks in Sudbury, some 970 car parking spaces in all, on the hour every hour for 5.5 days (this method was confirmed by Mr Ryan Jones, Head of Technical Services). However as you can see from the table above which is a copy of part of The Car Parking Study Groups Weekly Income Projections D148 Appendix C, the figures were presented as up to 1 hour, up to 2 hours and up to 3 hours whereas they were actually for cars parked for 1 hour plus, cars parked for 2 hours plus and cars parked for in excess of 3 hours because since the cars were recorded on the hour it would have been impossible for them all to disappear in the next few seconds. There also has to be doubt that they were actually on the hour, the task set for the recorders being quite onerous and they would have needed lunch and comfort breaks. Remember, the proposals for cars parked for in excess of 2 hours would mean a fine of £10 minimum or have to park in a long term car park and if the figures are wrong there will be a serious shortage of spaces. Pay and Display points will have to be installed in all the towns car parks and if the scheme is to be policed, long stay spaces will have to be allocated in the present short stay car parks. The 'Nuts and Bolts' will be the responsibility of 'the next' council!

The basis for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's decision to recommend a reduction from 3 hours to 2 hours was based on

the number of cars being shown as up to 3 hours, ie 248 cars in a week whereas it should have been those cars shown as parked for 1 to 2 hours (actually parked for over 2 hours) a total of 1396 cars, 5 times as many. The sampling we provided showed that approximately 3000 cars parked for in excess of 2 hours during a

We have been advised that resulting from the above, a further traffic survey is to be carried out.

### Night Flying.

Whilst the Suffolk County Council received copies of the Department of Transport's Night Flying consultation paper stage 1 it seems that copies were not sent to District Councils, this considered to be the responsibility of County. Suffolk County Council chose not to involve the District Councils, possibly because they were unable to understand the paper it being couched in highly technical terms. The existence of the paper was drawn to the attention of Babergh's Environmental Officers a mere three weeks before responses were due in. It seems a copy was then loaded down from the net and since the contents being outside the mainstream of their experience and with so little time for an in depth response to the nine questions asked, a letter was sent in response on 28th October objecting to 'any future changes that would increase night flying over the district and to the environmental and quality of life damage currently being caused by night flying below the controlled airspace!'

There is to be a stage two paper in the New Year, let us hope that our District Council obtains better notice of its existence and hopefully will be able to give a detailed response on our behalves. We are already having disturbed nights due to the relatively low flying air traffic that is now routed across Suffolk. People at night are unable to leave a ventilating window open because of the noise of night flights. The Government should stand by its avowed aims in the white paper *Our Countryside, the Future, a fair Deal for rural England* "to preserve all things which make the countryside attractive and special, which includes its tranquillity." It would be helpful if the Government departments consulted all local authorities in future and not require them to find out for themselves

**Good News.** You may remember last February BRN drew to its readers attention the extortionate sum required by BDC for a strip of land that the district owned and required by the Groton Low Cost Housing development. It seems that since then the Council have decided that such strips will in future, be given without charge to low cost housing developments,

## Boxford Parish Council

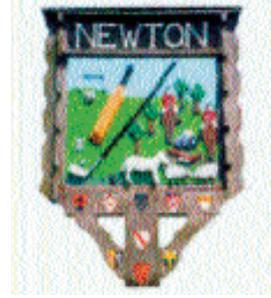
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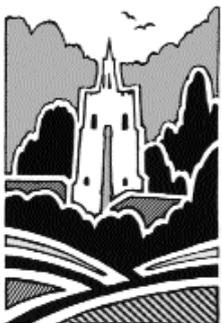
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