

Box River News



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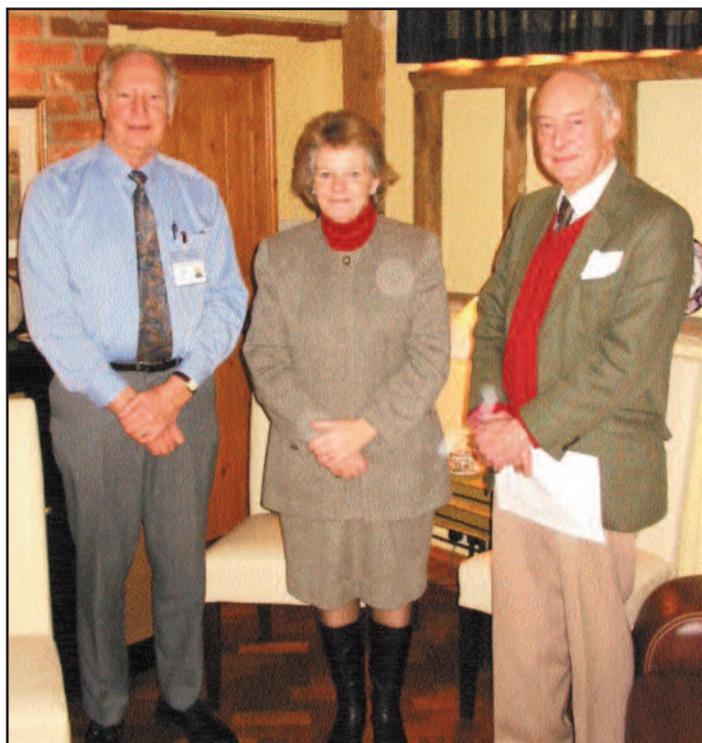
The collection being made in the Boxford Post Office had reached £2162 at the time of going to press and contributions continue to be made. At the combined Benefice service in Groton on 2nd January the collection, gift aided, reached £1350 and Boxford School have collected £600. With the collection in the Post Office on-going and the cake stall being held in Mary's House on 1st February we will keep you informed of progress.

Donations can still be made to the fund not only at the Post Office but Donations to the Disasters Emergency Committee may also be made via your church. All the churches in the benefice are collecting and donations will be sent to the appeal fund, or please visit www.dec.org.uk

SHOPPERS PARKING TO REMAIN 3 HOURS

The Strategy Committee of Babergh District Council are to recommend that the shopper parking in Sudbury and Hadleigh should remain 3 hours as at present. It is expected that the long term car parks will carry a charge probably in the region of £1.50/£1.65 for parking in excess of 3 hours. This has to be good news for shoppers and the shops in the two towns. *Ed*

DEPUTY LORD LIEUTENANT VISITS BOXFORD



L to R Vic Rice, Chairman of 3PR, Joanne Spicer, Henry Engleheart

On Tuesday 11th January Joanne Spicer, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the county of Suffolk accompanied by Henry Engleheart, past Sheriff of the county visited Boxford to meet with members of 3PR to discuss their nomination for The Queens Award for voluntary Service.

DEDHAM VALE SEEK TO INCREASE FLIGHTS OVER SOUTH SUFFOLK

Readers may have heard on BBC Radio Suffolk that a Mr T. Hill of Bentley has been awarded a judicial review of the NATS decision to transfer flights from the Dedham Vale from March of 2004 to fly over South Suffolk instead. It seems that only about 50% of the flights were moved from Dedham Vale after March and the Dedham Vale Society have now joined forces with Mr Hill and are seeking an agreement with NATS for all flights over the Dedham Vale to be diverted, presumably over South Suffolk. A nice friendly and neighbourly gesture on their part. The result of the review is expected early February *Ed*

DO YOU KNOW THIS CHILD?



This young boy, about two years old is a Tsunami survivor found at Khoa Lak and is missing his parents. Nobody knows what country he comes from but if anybody out there knows who he might be please e.mail info@phuket-inter-hospital.co.th

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A NEW WOOD IN EDWARDSTONE



L to R Wybe Epema, Edward Morris, Wayne Hudgel, Richard Morris, Ronny Farthing.

THE GANG OF FIVE

We have just recently planted another five acres of deciduous trees at Mill Green, Edwardstone. This is a variety of Oak, Ash, Lime, Wild Cherry, Hazel, Hornbeam, and Alder with woodland shrubs on the edge. This is contiguous with another five acres planted in 1998 and 1999, so will eventually grow into a ten acre woodland. We are currently fencing it off to prevent damage by rabbits and deer but as it is bounded by two public footpaths, the intention is to remove the fence once the trees are large enough and allow public (and wildlife) access.

The gang of five also planted another two thousand Christmas trees in a separate area of the field to keep a source of supply going for future years. Many thanks to my helpers for their hard

work and Cliff and Penny Baker at the Edwardstone White Horse for vital sustenance during breaks from planting! Also to Barry and Marilyn at the White Hart Boxford for the use of their car park when selling Christmas trees. We would also like to thank the support of the local community in buying our Christmas trees - there will be plenty more on sale next year.

Richard & Ineke Morris



Photo Peter Hibben

This was Boxford Postman, Andrew, getting into the spirit of things whilst delivering post in the Running Waters Estate on Christmas Eve. What will he be wearing on February 14th and can we expect our valentines cards to be delivered with cupid's arrows?



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, improvise with the fluency of an instrumentalist and also breathe life into a simple song. 'If I'd known Norma Winstone was in the audience, I would have been very nervous' - Diana Krall. With Tony Coe (saxophone), Nikki lies (piano) and Chris Laurence (bass).

Friday, 18th February, 8.30 Ticket £12

Sexy Saxes in Suits

Definitely one for the ladies - Sexy Saxes in Suits features the UK's top soul saxophonist Snake Davis - (M people, Eurythmics, Paul McCartney, George Michael, Cher, Ray

Charles) and Derek Nash - (Sax Appeal, Protect the Beat, Tom Jones, Jules Holland) for a passionate evening of jazz and blues. Supported by Pete Adams (keyboards), Winston Blissett (bass) and Frank Tontoh (drums).

Friday, 25th February, 8.30 Ticket £11

Bobby Wellins Quartet

Bobby Wellins is an original saxophone giant of the British jazz scene. He has his own distinctive sound, phrasing with immense elegance, every note being meant, none wasted. He worked with Stan Tracey's quartet during the early sixties playing on the classic 'Under Milk Wood'. Since then he has gone on to produce a string of excellent albums. With Liam Noble (piano), Robin Mullarkey (bass) and Seb Rochford (drums).

Friday, 4th March, 8.30 Ticket £14

Jacqui Dankworth

Jacqui started out as an actress with the RSC and has gone on to become one of the finest singers in the UK regardless of category. Her voice has conspicuously English enunciation and an irresistible low register. Her work for the Candid record label has resulted so far in two fine albums, the latest being 'Detour Ahead', that have been much jazzier than her previous work with Field of Blue and put the emphasis firmly on the singer.

Friday, 11th March, 8.30 Ticket £10

Brian Dee Quartet

'The Centurion', aka pianist and composer Brian Dee, returns with his Quartet of Alex Garnett (saxophone). Alee Dankworth (bass) and Ralph Salmis (drums) for another storming gig.

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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Flora London Marathon 2005

If any local runners have a place in April's marathon and would like a training partner please give me a call. This is my first year and I would certainly welcome company and motivation for the forthcoming 16 weeks training. Ian Fovargue 01787 2100311

Suffolk to Commemorate

60 Years since end of World War II

Suffolk will be commemorating the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in 2005. The Lord Lieutenant's office is co-ordinating arrangements for a special service of thanksgiving at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Sunday 10 July. This will be followed by a parade through Bury St Edmunds. Organisers are hoping as many ex-service men and women and all who played their part in the war effort will be able to attend.

For more info call Valerie Hill, Lord Lieutenant's Office, Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX
Or by e-mail LLOffice@comms.suffolkcc.gov.uk

Boxford Over 60's

Thelma Williams, long-standing secretary of Boxford Over 60's club retires at Easter, which leaves a vacancy for her successor. Any member or non-member who would like to apply can look forward to an enjoyable interesting and rewarding post, non demanding with expenses paid. Previous experience unnecessary and of course, initial help will be given.

Why not give it a try? Please ring Barbara Hamling on 210936 or Masie Tricker on 210045 who will welcome your enquiries

STOLEN THEY STOLE A 5 DAY OLD ENGLAND FOOTBALL WHICH WAS A BIRTHDAY PRESENT

3 TEENAGERS: THE TALLEST TEENAGER WAS APPROX 6FT AND THE OTHERS WERE ABOUT 5FT8.

DESCRIPTION: THE TALLEST WAS WEARING A BLACK WOOLLY HAT AND BLACK TROUSERS AND JUMPER. THE OTHER TWO WERE BOTH WEARING BLACK TROUSERS AND CAP, ONE WEARING A RED JUMPER AND HAD A WHITE STRIPE DOWN THE BACK OF HIS HAIR. THE OTHER ONE WEARING A WHITE JUMPER.

WHAT HAPPENED; ON SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY. AT ABOUT 1.30PM ME AND MY FRIEND WERE PLAYING WITH THE FOOTBALL ON BOXFORD PLAYING FIELDS WHEN MY FRIEND SAW THE BOYS COMING TOWARDS US. WE CARRIED ON PLAYING, WHEN ONE OF US KICKED THE BALL ABOUT 3 OR 4 METRES AHEAD OF US. WE RAN TOWARDS THE BALL, THEN THE BIGGEST BOY RAN IN FRONT OF US AND TOOK THE BALL. HE RAN OFF AND MET THE OTHER BOYS. THEY THEN TOOK MY FOOTBALL. WE TRIED TO STOP THEM BUT THEY WERE TOO BIG

BY JACOB AGE 10 WHO IS THE OWNER OF FOOTBALL AND HIS FRIEND ALISTAIR AGE 9 ³/₄.

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL SPEEDING LIMIT 20M.PH.

IN THE BUILT UP AREAS OF BOXFORD VILLAGE

Boxford Parish Council is re-affirming its policy on appropriate speed of traffic in the village. No doubt many of you will have read recently in the national press and elsewhere that speed is the cause of the greater number of deaths and serious injuries on our roads today.

In a community like ours it is surely quite reasonable to expect for each of us to look out for one another, so the Parish Council is requesting that all drivers respect the 20 m.ph. Voluntary speed limit. If we as residents act accordingly it will help slow down those who enter our village and use it as proverbial "rat run". When driving slower you also give others time to react, therefore please think of others as well as yourself and SLOW DOWN.

When you see the marking in the road "SLOW" it is there for a reason, namely that there is a hazard ahead like a road junction. It is done to save lives not just to be difficult, kindly observe these instructions, in doing so you may save a life.

Newton Green Trust News for 2005

For those of you new to the village, the Newton Green Trust is a charitable trust which was set up in 1964 to administer the Green and Sports field. The main source of funds is from the Golf Club, which rents the Green under license and the funds are used for village organisations, village charities and village activities. The Trust also provides support for villagers who are undertaking further educational courses. If you have a nomination, for which the Trust may provide a grant, please contact Dave Crimmin on 375085.

Towards the end of January, the Golf Club will be circulating to each resident of Newton the membership process for the Newton Villager Scheme. As part of the arrangement with the Trust to use the Village Green, the Golf Club in turns offers residents of Newton a "Villager" membership, full details of which will be communicated in their letter.

Also commencing in 2005 is the irrigation upgrade, by the Golf Club, to the holes on the Green. In a project that is likely to take 3 to 4 years, water pipes will be replaced by automatic sprinklers which will be set to start at dusk.

Dave Crimmin Clerk to the Newton Green Trustees

BOXFORD BOUNTY

The time of year is with us once again, for the Boxford Bounty collectors to come knocking at your door asking for your continued support.

The local lottery for Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton, the Bounty has provides financial support for many local groups and interests.

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THE GROTON NATIVITY PLAY



Photo Bob Bowdidge

The grounds of Groton church were bathed in candlelight as night

fell on the Tuesday before Christmas where the village children presented their version of the Nativity. There was a fantastic turnout on what was a very cold December evening. Many of the village children took part - the youngest ably fulfilled their roles as nativity sheep and cattle - the older ones performed the traditional roles complete with narrators.

Anyone who attended I think would probably agree that the most eye-catching performance, despite many wonderful contributions from the children, came from the four-legged member of the cast Millicent (Millie) the donkey that was very kindly provided by Susan Block. Millie's icy evening journey may not have taken in many long and dusty roads from Spring Farm to Groton church but the trip 2004 years ago was no doubt better lit and

considerably warmer.

With the help of the directors, prompters and organists the play was a triumph. The only small hitch being the premature scene of the final procession out of Bethlehem and down the central aisle of the church. Millie, Mary and Joseph closely followed by the whole cast except, momentarily, the forgotten baby Jesus (Baby-born) who was passed Matt Dawson style by a quick thinking stagehand to a rather relieved Mary.

Hot Chocolate, wine and sausages were served afterwards at the back of the church giving everyone the opportunity to enjoy a pre-Christmas drink and to mingle with the cast. Well done everyone who contributed including parents who attended rehearsals, made costumes and overcame the usual obstacles of children's school commitments and child sickness (including a chicken-pox outbreak). The result was a wonderful village event.

Special thanks to Anthea Scriven (scriptwriter) and co-director with Lisa Eaden and to Bob Bowdidge whose stage set and churchyard lighting would have graced many a grander production. The collection taken at this service [£100] was divided equally between The Children's Society and Church



Photo Bob Bowdidge

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Forthcoming Events Diary

January 2005

29 Fun and Games Evening
31 Boxford Over 60's

Boxford Community Council
The Trail of St Edmunds

Boxford Village Hall
Boxford Village Hall 2.30pm

February

1 Cake Stall
5 Boxford Rovers Football Club
10 FOBS Ladies Pamper Evening
12 Edwardstone & Boxford CC
14 Boxford Over 60's
16 Over 50's Lunch
22 Lent Lunch
28 Boxford Over 60's

Cakes for Tsunami Victims
Quiz Night
Valentines Dance with Angel Street
Down A Country Lane
All Creatures Great And Small

Mary's House 9.00am
Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm
Boxford School
Boxford Village Hall
Boxford Village Hall 2.30pm
Edwardstone Village Hall
Mill Green End Edwardstone 12.30pm
Boxford Village Hall 2.30pm

March

1 Lent Lunch
8 Lent Lunch
9 Boxford Community Council
10-12 Boxford Drama Group
14 Newton Village Hall Whist Drive

Council Meeting
Two one act plays

Groton House, Groton 12.30pm
Chequers 12.30pm
White Hart 8.00pm
Boxford Village Hall 10 march at 6.30 ,11/12 7.30
7.30pm

April

14/16 Arts and Crafts
16 FOBS Quiz Night
23 Boxford Rocks with the Beavers
27 Boxford Community Council

Boxford Community Council
Annual General Meeting

Mary's House
Boxford School
Boxford Village Hall 8.00pm
The Pavilion, Boxford 8.00pm

May

7 Groton Garden Gala 2

Groton WI Hall 10.30am

June

Boxford Drama Group
5 Boxford Gardens Open
8 Boxford Community Council
11 Sports and Fun Day
18 FOBS Afternoon Summer fun day followed by Hog Roast and Dance
25 Boxford St Mary's Church Fete

Scottish Theme Evening
St Mary's Church
Senior Citizens Outing

Leaves the village centre 5.30 to 6.00pm
Boxford Playingfields
Boxford

July

2 Cantate Youth Choir

Boxford Church Building Trust

St Mary's, Boxford

7.00pm

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Wot? s On

GROTON GARDEN GALA 2

MAY 7th 2005

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As I look out of the window the snowdrops and aconites are starting to bloom -- Spring is on the way!!

So stir yourselves and think "G.G.G." Start your seed trays, flowers for bedding, and vegetables, and any plants that need dividing.

Yesterday I saw a fine collection of rooted shrub cuttings waiting for the May Sale.

Susan Block has enough pots to start a Garden Centre, though she will be delighted to receive more of your Plants.

Bob Bowdidge.

FITNESS CLASSES

Core Control fitness class held every Tuesday at 7pm-8pm at Boxford Village Hall. gentle yet effective exercise suitable for all ages and levels of fitness. For further information please contact: Lindsay on 01449 741488

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

Valentines Dance

Dancing to Live Band Angel Street 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

Boxford Over 60's Club

January 2005 meetings

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.

Programme for February 2005

Monday February 14th

Valentines Day will be highlighted by a visit by Mrs Mary Edwards of Polstead speaking on 'Down a Country Lane' it's trees, flowers, birds and insects. Plants for sale.

Monday February 28th

Popular speaker Mr Andrew Jackson with slides on "All Creatures Great and Small".

Two different subjects with reminders of spring and hopefully good weather to enjoy it. *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

QUIZ NIGHT -

BOXFORD ROVERS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Saturday 5th February 2005

Boxford Rovers will be holding their ever popular Quiz at the Village Hall on Saturday 5th February. Teams of up to 8 members are warmly invited to come and eat, drink and think!

Arrive at 7.30pm for a 8pm start. There will be a licensed bar and a buffet during the break.

This year's quiz is more important than ever with the Club's ambitious plans to start works on a vastly improved pitch at Homefields looming close.

Bring your friends and support your local club!

For more details contact Steve Taylor on 210239, Mark Lane 211656 or Richard Robinson 211114.

Boxford Community Council

A reminder for your diaries, we will be presenting 'Boxford Rocks' once again dance to the Beavers at Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 23rd April, 8 till 12, bar and refreshments, further details to follow.

OVER 50's LUNCH:

We will be holding a lunch in Edwardstone Parish Hall on Wednesday 16th February 2005 at 12 noon. There will be two courses plus glass of wine for £4.50. Please order your ticket from Daphne Clark 210698 before the day. All welcome.

Edw. 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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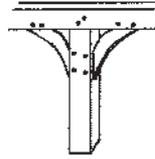
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To the Box River Saints

Because of its current nature and because of the questions it answers, I have with his permission reproduced part of Brian Watling's sermon of January 2nd 2005

The giant wave (or tsunami) that engulfed the coastal regions of south-east Asia, causing such death and destruction, has led some people to ask the question "Why does God allow such things to happen?" Part of the answer is, I think, to be found in the experience of the prophet Elijah, as recorded in the Old Testament. Elijah's life was threatened and he fled to Mount Horeb and hid in a cave where the Lord came to him. First there was a great and violent wind; then an earthquake; then a fire; and, finally, there was a still, small voice. And, we are told, God was not in the wind or the earthquake or in the fire - but in the still, small voice - which is his Holy Spirit.

The point of the story is that God is not in such violent events, still less does He use them as a means of punishing sinful men for their wrongdoing as was at one time thought. But that is only part - and the negative part - of the answer. God may not be in them, He may not cause them or use them to punish - but we still have not answered the question "why do they happen?" Nine centuries ago, a very wise man propounded what I believe is the simplest - and indeed the only - explanation. God, he said, has placed us in a physical, living world, in which planets (like the earth) are formed" earthquakes occur, tidal waves are created, volcanoes erupt, rivers overflow and accidents happen. To wish it otherwise would be to wish that we ourselves were not physical, living, sensate beings but inanimate objects - like robots or computers or automata. For the other side of our physical existence in this physical world is our capacity, as human beings, to love, to think, to reason, to achieve, to give and receive pleasure. All of these instincts and abilities are implanted in us by God and are the corollary of a world that is often dark and dangerous.

So the correct question to in the circumstances created by the tsunami is not "Why did this happen?" but "What, in the face of this disaster, shall we do?" And because God has given us, as human beings, this desire to love and to cherish others, to help them - and to pray - the religious response to such a disaster is to say, "God, I know that you want us to help the afflicted, to comfort the bereaved, to bring healing to the injured and aid to those who have lost their homes and their livelihood" People and nations are now doing these things in abundance, and in so doing reflecting the love of God. But we must not let the peoples of this region pass out of our minds with the passage of time, for the work of reconstruction may take years. We can also pray that good will come out of this disaster in the shape of increased international co-operation both in the region of the Indian Ocean and throughout the world.

Every blessing
David



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Ruth Kingsbury: as Christopher above

LENT LUNCHESES:

Please see General Church News Section for details. *Pauline Lamming*

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

God the Holy Spirit inspires us to do "the good we want to do" in following Jesus' example - even when we don't always manage it. Having our "minds set on what the Spirit desires" (Romans 8:5), as well as enriching our lives now, frees us from sin's ultimate consequence - eternal death. If we fail to accept this truth and rely on our own efforts then we are, in essence, rejecting Christ. We cannot be covered by grace because we are saying His death was meaningless (see Galatians 5:4-5 NIV). So, how easy is it to receive God's love? By fully accepting that we can only be right with Him by His Grace. Then, and only then, are we able to experience His forgiveness and love freely, easily and without condemnation. *Christopher Kingsbury*

BOX RIVER CLUB NEWS:

The Club meets in the school hall 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon on Sunday February 27th and March 13th. Family Services: Mothering Sunday Family Service - 6th March at 11.00 a.m. New members to the club are always made very welcome. *Janet Daniels*

YOUR CHURCH IS ON THE WEB:

Visit: www.achurchnearyou.co.uk look out for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury link.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

The dates in February are Monday 7th and 21st. We look forward to seeing you at the usual time of 8.00 p.m. at 47 Swan Street - presently exploring St. John's gospel. *Peter Holden*

ASIAN TSUNAMI DISASTER APPEAL:

The collection for the appeal at the combined benefice service in January raised over £1000.00. Also the collections at the Post Office had passed £1000.00 at the time of writing. Donations to the Disasters Emergency Committee may also be made via our church. All the churches in the benefice are collecting and donations will be sent to the appeal fund, or please visit www.dec.org.uk *Christopher Kingsbury*

ALPHA 2005:

An Alpha follow up course - 8.00 p.m. at 47 Swan Street, Boxford. Next meetings are 3rd and 17th February and 2nd March. The evening is intended to be a time of fellowship together when we will be able, with God's help, to explore, and learn about the Christian faith. Please bring a Bible!

Peter Holden

SMILE LINES:

Hymns for Professionals:

Dentist - Crown him with many crowns
Contractors - The church's one foundation
Obstetricians - Come labour on
Golfers - There is a green hill far away
Politicians - Standing on the promises
Librarians - Let all mortal flesh keep silent

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Vacant

Lay Elder:

Antony Dodd 210397

CAROL SERVICE:

A large congregation enjoyed the traditional Children's Carol Service, conducted by David Matthews, at Edwardstone Church on Christmas Eve. The congregation are thanked for their generosity in contributing £287 to the collection, which is to be shared equally between Water Aid and the East Anglia Air Ambulance. *Peter Dawson*

LENT LUNCHESES:

Please see General Church News Section for details. *Pauline Lamming*

OVER 50's LUNCH – 16TH FEBRUARY:

We will be holding a lunch in Edwardstone Parish Hall on Wednesday 16th February 2005 at 12 noon. There will be two courses plus a glass of wine for £4.50. Please contact Daphne Clark 210698 to book your ticket. 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.

EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL 155 CLUB WINNERS FOR 2004:

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ROTAS – SIDESMAN/CLEANING:

Feb 6: Mr Saddleton(UBS)Mr & Mrs Saddleton;

Feb 13: Combined with Groton/Mr & Mrs Saddleton;

Feb 20: Mr Dodd/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

Feb 27: Combined with Groton/Mr & Mrs Dodd.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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

REGISTERS:

19 December 2004: Baptisms: SAMSON, REUBEN AND FABIAN GRICE (aged 5, 2 and 1), of Daisy Green, Groton, were baptised during the morning service at Edwardstone church. We welcome them as the newest members of the family of Christ in Groton.

31 December 2004: Funeral, followed by burial: RONALD ALBERT COBBOLD, aged 81 years.

12 January 2005: Funeral, followed by burial: ENA IRIS GANT, aged 91 years.

GROTON NATIVITY PLAY - Tuesday December 21st:

Please see Nick Roberts' article with photos, in the main part of the BRN. The collection taken at this service (£100) was divided equally between The Children's Society and Church Funds. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

GROTON GARDEN GALA 2 - MAY 7TH 2005:

Calling all Green-fingered Grotoneers!

As I look out of the window the snowdrops and aconites are starting to bloom - Spring is on the way!!

So stir yourselves and think "G.G.G." Start your seed trays, flowers for bedding, and vegetables, and any plants that need dividing.

Yesterday I saw a fine collection of rooted shrub cuttings waiting for the May Sale. Susan Block has enough pots to start a Garden Centre, though she will be delighted to receive more of your plants. *Bob Bowdidge*

LENT LUNCHESES:

Please see General Church News Section for details. *Pauline Lamming*

THANKYOU – to all who, by their by singing, reading, acting, organ-

playing, flower arranging, cleaning and decoration of the church, or by giving of their time in any other way, contributed to our worship over the Christmas period. *David Lamming*

TSUNAMI / EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The collection at the United Benefice Service at Groton on 2nd January for the Disasters Emergency Committee Tsunami Earthquake Appeal amounted to £1,000. A further £100 was given subsequently. Over _ of the £1,100 was 'gift-aided', making the effective total £1,345.95. *David Lamming*

PCC MEETING: Wednesday 16th February, 7.30 p.m. at Mary's House. *David Lamming*

CHURCHYARD EXCAVATIONS: No, we are not about to bury anyone right up against the church wall! The two holes that have been dug recently near the porch and the tower are part of an investigation into the cause of, respectively, the damp in the southwest corner of the church and a crack in the west wall of the tower. *David Lamming*

MARY'S HOUSE

For forthcoming events in Mary's House, please see General Church News Section

ROTAS

Flowers:

Cleaning:

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr R Mares

February

Mrs B Riddleston

Mrs B Riddleston

March

No Flowers (Lent)

Mrs P Smith

Ms S Edwards



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034

Lay Elder:

Tim Harbord 247034

LENT LUNCHESES:

Please see General Church News Section for details. *Pauline Lamming*

BOOK AND VIDEO LENDING SCHEME:

The next open morning for village residents will be in the church on Saturday 5th February from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. We have a wide range of books and videos for both adults and children. Refreshments provided free of charge. *Sandra Harbord*

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES:

This is the first opportunity to thank everyone who helped in the church over Christmas, particularly at the carol service. Also a special thank you to all who provided and decorated a Christmas tree in the church. We received many comments saying how lovely the church looked over the Christmas period. The carol singers collected £150 for CRISIS at Christmas. Thank you to all who helped and contributed to make a happy and successful evening. *Sandra Harbord*

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

Feb 6: United Benefice Service (Edw)/No flowers;

Feb 13: Mrs Pell & Mr Bowden/No flowers;

Feb 20: Mr & Mrs Tora/No flowers;

Feb 27: Mr Squirrell/No flowers.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwardens:

Diana Stock: 12 Links View, 312828

John Turner, Severn, Church Rd 372677

Lay Elders: *Jean Green 373383*

& Diana Stock 312828

ReminderCANDLEMAS:

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

LENT LUNCHESES:

Please see General Church News Section for details. *Pauline Lamming*

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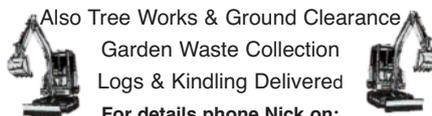
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Boxford School News

A very happy new year to all. I trust that your Christmas break was both relaxing and enjoyable. Sadly this Christmas was dominated by the events in the Indian Ocean and the awful tragedy caused by the Asian tsunami. When we came back to school it was clear that the children had been quite touched by the events unfolding on the television and wanted to help so we decided to hold a non-uniform day. The children responded magnificently with many bringing in savings or pocket money and in total we raised £600.

The end of last term was very successful and enjoyed by everyone. The Christmas nativity in the church was very well received and in my opinion was probably one of the best yet. The children responded magnificently to the challenge of performing in front of such a large audience. The collection at the end raised over £400, which will be combined with FOBS money from the Santa run and donated to the Suffolk Children's Hospice. The Nursery play, The Snowman at Sunset, was also a great success and enjoyed by a large audience of mums, dads and grandparents. My sincere thanks and congratulations go to all of the staff, children and parents who worked so hard to ensure the success of both productions. The new staging and lighting provided by FOBS made a real difference not only to the ease of preparation but also to the overall effect of the performance. Many thanks.

As well as the many school activities our choir represented the school at the St Mary's Church carol service on the Sunday evening. As usual the children were a real credit to the school and sang beautifully.

Compared to the Autumn and Summer Terms the Spring Term is a relatively quiet one with no major events to organise with the exception of our bookweek. This year's theme will be

'Healthy Eating' and I have just been informed that I have a very prominent part in the end of week pantomime as a well known TV chef. I can't wait!!!!

FOBS will be hosting their annual quiz night on Saturday 16th April. It is one of our most popular fundraising events and we are now taking bookings from teams of up to eight people. Once again Stephanie and Ian Atkins will be hosting the evening. If you would like to book a place please contact either the school office or Stephanie direct on 01787 210444.

Finally at this time of year we are co-ordinating our admissions for the 2005/06 academic year. If you have a child who will be five years old during the year starting 1st September 2005 to 31st August 2006 now is the time to register him/her. For those on our lists registration forms have been sent out. If you are hoping for a place at the school and have not yet received a registration form please contact the office on 01787 210332. Registration before March 2005 is essential if you are in the catchment area as you will be guaranteed a place at the school. For out of catchment pupils registration by this date will increase your chances of being successful. If you would like more information or to come and meet me and have a look around the school please do not hesitate to ring the above number or email me on admin@boxford.suffolk.sch.uk.

Apologies to Mr David Rose, Babergh District Councillor, for suggesting he was a Lib Dem. He is of course an Independent member of the Council. *Ed*

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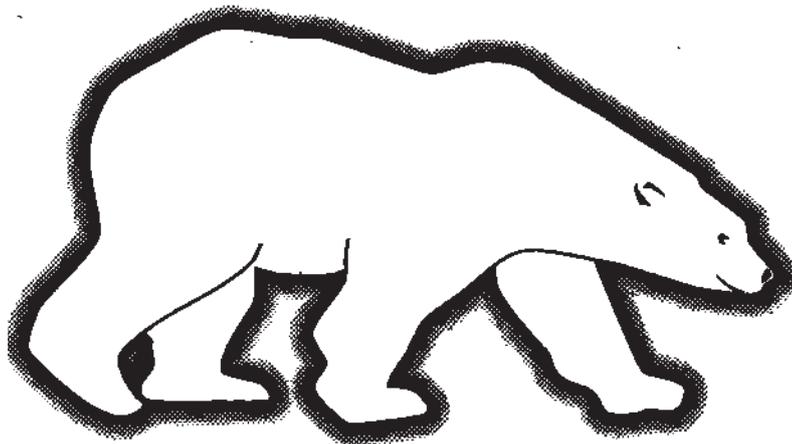
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Photo David Lamming

Above: The Sartorially Extravagant Bob Bowdidge master of ceremonies and auctioneer in full flood at Grotons highly successful Christmas cheese and wine party.

Below: The spell bound audience about to be parted with their money



Photo David Lamming



KAREN'S GOLF MAKES GOOD PROGRESS

Having now had about 6 lessons with Stoke by Nayland Golf Club Professional, Kevin Lovelock, Olympic swimmer Karen Pickering is showing her true competitive spirit and commitment, and is making good progress since she had her very first lesson in November last year in front of Anglia TV cameras. She is practising at the Stoke Club's covered driving range as often as her swimming training schedule allows.

Karen said "I was very excited last week when I received my very first set of clubs from Cleveland Golf who are generously supporting me in my quest to excel at the game. I was able to try them out this weekend and show off my new found skills to

PLAYING FIELDS

The Playingfields Committee is progressing with plans to create a new play area for the village.

The Committee has been talking to the Toddlers group and the Play group but it would still like to hear from any child - or their parent or grand parent - who would like to tell us what they want. After all the play area will be for you so we need to know what you want

Richard Gates Chairman, Playingfields Committee
01787 210432

Local Walks

Lavenham Rambling Club

Sunday 6th February. Monks Eleigh - Kettlebaston. Meet Monks Eleigh Parish Church (GR TL 966477)

Leader *Derek* 01787 371068

Sunday 20th February. Kersey Vale and Kersey Tye. Meet Kersey Parish Church (GR TM 002439)

Leader *Brenda* 01787 240253

All these walks start at 2pm and last for about 2 hours.

For general enquiries phone *Graham* on 01787 248128

Ramblers Association Walks

Sunday 6th February. Sudbury - Long Melford. Meet to make a 10am start at free car park near Sudbury - Kingfisher Leisure Centre (GR TL 875412) for a circular walk to Long Melford. Morning via Chilton and Newmans Green. Lunch Long Melford. Afternoon via Stour Valley Path and Railway Walk. Overall Distance 10 miles.

Leader *Sally and Graham* 01206 241632

Wednesday 9th February 'Snowdrop Walk' Meet at Stoke by Nayland Car Park (GR TL 986364) for a 10am start. Lunch at The Cock Polstead. Distance 9 miles.

Leader *Dennis* 01206 841776

Sunday 13th February. Whitestreet Green. Meet at the green. Whitestreet Green (GR TL 976394) for a 10.30 start. A walk in the area. 5 miles.

Leader *Ian Taylor* 01787 370019.

Sunday 20th February. Boxted - Little Horkesly. Meet Boxted School car park near the church (GR TL 998332). to make a 10am start. Exploring three tributaries on the southern bank of the River Stour and its floodplain. Lunch at the Beehive Little Horkesly or picnic. Distance 10 miles.

Leader *Ian* 01206 864120.

Tuesday 22nd February. Polstead and the Stour Valley Path. Meet at the Polstead Pond (GR TL 990 381) for a 10am start. Pub Stop possible but do bring a picnic. 13 miles.

Leader *Clare* 01206 256434

Sunday 27th February. 'Box Valley Circular' Meet Stoke by Nayland village Car Park (GR TL 986364) for a 10am start for a circular walk around The Box Valley. Lunch Boxford. Distance 10 miles

Leaders *Gill and Graham* 01206 273804.

Sunday 27th February. Thorington - Scotland Place. Meet at Polstead 'The Cock Inn' car park (GR TM 995383) for a 10.30am start. Distance 6.5 miles.

Leader *Margaret Raw* 01787 248299.les

Simon Milton, who had taught me another sporting skill from scratch last year at Ipswich Town. He must have inspired me because I managed to get out of a bunker for the very first time!"

Kevin Lovelock said, "Karen is progressing nicely with her long game and has started to develop the full swing. I first took her out from the driving range to the course just after the New Year and she now understands how important it is to improve her short game. With this in mind I have set her a practice schedule to work to, as time is limited between now and when Karen needs to feel confident about playing in a tournament in June."

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

LENT LUNCHEES:

These will be held again this year in aid of different charities, in three of our parishes.

Tuesday 22nd February, 12.30 p.m. at Mill Green End, Edwardstone (Pam and Antony Dodd).

Tuesday 1st March, 12.30 p.m. at Groton House, Groton (Pat and Peter Kennedy Scott).

Tuesday 8th March, 12.30 p.m. at "Chequers", Boxford (Miss Jennie Robinson).

Please join us for some of the time for a simple lunch and natter! and help with a donation to a good cause. *Pauline Lamming*

CAKES FOR TSUNAMI SURVIVORS:

Tuesday 1st Feb from 9.00 a.m. onwards: Please support the cake stall at "Mary's House", 5 Swan Street, Boxford in aid of the Tsunami Appeal. Coffee served - see you there! *Pauline Lamming*

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION:

April 14/15/16 in Mary's House - get in touch with me if you would like to sell/exhibit. It would be nice to have a variety of crafts. *Pauline Lamming 210360*

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

February 2005

Wednesday 2 February

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion
LtW 1900 Home Communion

The Revd. David Matthews
The Revd. David Matthews

Sunday 6 February, Sunday before Lent

Edw 0930 *United Benefice Service*

The Revds. David Matthews & Brian Watling

Box 1830 Evensong

The Revd. David Matthews

Wednesday 9 February, Ash Wednesday

Box/MH 1030 Holy Communion and imposition of ashes

The Revd. David Matthews

Box/Lady Chapel 1930 Holy Communion and imposition of ashes

The Revds. David Matthews & Brian Watling

Sunday 13 February, First Sunday in Lent

Box 0800 Holy Communion BCP

The Revd. David Matthews

LtW 0930 Holy Communion CW

The Revd. David Matthews

New 0930 Holy Communion CW

The Revd. David Abel

Box 1100 Holy Communion CW

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Pauline Lamming /Joy Sellers

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Wednesday 16 February

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Joy Sellers

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The Revd. David Matthews

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The Revd. David Matthews

LtW 1100 Family Service

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Wednesday 23 February

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Antony Dodd

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March 2005

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Box River Soap Box

Some years ago, faced with a contentious issue, I received some sound advice from a wise old man in the City. He reminded me that no two people will necessarily look at the same thing in the same way. Even two individuals looking at an oak tree were likely to have different opinions as to how it appeared. And that applies even more to intangible matters.

I mention this because I am only too well aware how people can view situations differently, each believing their own viewpoint correct. Nowhere does this manifest itself more than in local disputes. The person wishing to extend their home to accommodate a growing family and the neighbour, concerned that their privacy might be compromised, are an obvious example. Trying to strike a balance between conflicting interests can be the most testing aspect of the work of a Parish Councillor.

Moreover, people's memory cannot always be relied upon. I found the letter responding to my article on footpaths revealing. Without wishing to pass judgement on memory efficacy, the fact is that the viewpoint of a rambler and that of a landowner are unlikely to coincide. My point, though, was not that this was inevitable - rather that there is a difference between charging a landowner who gains benefit from putting in place an official alteration to a footpath and asking a voluntary organisation for money when, not only will they gain nothing, but nor, apparently, will the walking community.

This strikes me as worst type of bureaucracy. The chances are that, were nothing to be done no one will be disadvantaged. That an 'i' dotting and 't' crossing exercise might be desirable from the local authority's point of view is of little comfort to the organisation being asked to foot the bill.

I wish this was an isolated example of bureaucracy, but sadly it is not. I have suffered from the need for unnecessary form filling (in my opinion) and consider it regrettable that such attitudes persist when clearly local authority staff have quite enough to occupy their attention without adding to the pile of paperwork that readily accumulates on their desks.

Not that this is a local Government problem alone. If there is one aspect of modern life I feel we could do without, it is the amount of red tape and regulation with which so many of us have to deal in our daily lives. And alongside this has developed the so-called "blame culture". The inhibitions this creates beggars belief. Teachers refusing to organise school trips for pupils and a leading local authority deciding against hanging baskets for their floral display, lest they fall on the head of some hapless passer by, are just two examples.

Regulation has its roots in Government. The assumption is, not unreasonably, that we need a degree of protection in our daily lives. However, the development of regulatory frameworks is manna sent from heaven for those with a bureaucratic mindset. Many of the benefits that could flow through as a consequence of technologically driven productivity gains are being absorbed by the need to cover off eventualities that we did not even consider a generation or so ago, but which now form part of a regulatory requirement wrapped in red tape.

Speaking to a prominent councillor, whose political opinions are in opposition to mine, I was amazed to learn that staffing levels at Babergh District Council are now higher than when they employed their own direct labour for such tasks as refuse collection. True, I have not checked to discover if this really is the case, but he should know. Employing more people may be right and proper, but if its just a consequence of the bureaucratic minefield through which we all tiptoe, then I cannot view it as a positive development. But perhaps they see it differently.

January 2005

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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Above: Members of 3PR enjoying a Christmas meal together at the Boxford White Hart in December.

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Great Waldingfield School News.

A new term has begun and the excitement of Christmas is forgotten. The fallen pine needles and colourful streamers seem far away. But already this term promises to be a good one. The children have settled back quickly and our big focus is to encourage a real love of writing. We've bought some lovely pens and felt tips in order to give children a pride in the way they present their finished work, especially the boys! We're also planning an afternoon Writing Workshop for the whole school with a visit from a local author.

Some of our children went to sing at the Senior Citizen's Tea in the Village Hall last Saturday. The audience were very responsive and the children enjoyed sharing the songs they have learned with them. It was good to see the elderly and young together and so relaxed in each other's company.

The School is offering a free course to parents for the next ten weeks. It is called 'Playing with Language' and is run by Suffolk Family Learning. We may be able to squeeze in one or two more parents, though it has been very well supported. It is on Mondays from 1.00 - 3.15. Parents are able to try out the ideas with their own children during some of the afternoon. We also offer a free creche facility for mums with younger children.

May I, on behalf of the school, wish you a very happy and fulfilling 2005, with some special moments that you will always treasure.
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Readers Letters

Sir

In response to your "Life Threatening Vandalism" article in the December issue of Box River News the playing fields management committee, whilst agreeing with the main point of the piece, would very much like to make the whole of the playing fields and allotments more secure. As a voluntary committee with very limited funding there is little that can be done although the committee would welcome any practical suggestions that users of the playing field may care to make.

The committee would like to emphasise that the comments about the local police were not instigated by them. Indeed no member of the committee spent "several hours" waiting for our village bobby to arrive and the committee wish to offer their apologise to the local police for this implied criticism.

Richard Gates

Chairman, Boxford Playingfield Committee

Sir

I am writing to you and your readers about a very shocking incident which took place at the Boxford Playing Fields on January 2nd.

When I was walking with my husband and 2 young children, we met the children's friends, a 9 year old and a 10 year old who had been playing in the field when 3 teenage youths stole their ball from them. The ball in question was a white England football with the red St George's Cross on it and it had been given to the 10 year five days earlier as a present and he was understandably most upset.

We all returned to the playing fields to see if we could either find the ball or the boys. We saw the boys and when I called after them, they ran away; we tried to catch up with them but lost them in the village. We would guess they were between 13 and 16 years of age, one was dressed in a black jacket and trousers with a black woolly hat another of the boys also had black trousers and a black hat and the third boy was wearing a very distinctive red coat with a wide white stripe down the back of the hood and coat. Someone must know them or of them in Boxford and I can only hope that whoever does, is able to speak to them and make them realise that they are not only bullies but also thieves and that such behaviour is totally unacceptable in any community.

If the boys have any decency about them they will return the ball to its rightful owner, perhaps via the post office, if they cannot face their victim. Or if anyone knows who they are, could you please encourage them to face up to what they have done and make amends.

Yours in hope

Sarah Auverne

Groton

Sir

The article in last months B.R.N. regarding 'Cinema comes to Boxford' made me take a walk down memory lane. In the early 1930's films were shown in the Village Hall once a week by a Mr Sullings who brought his travelling cinema from the Woodbridge area. The power was provided by a generator mounted on a lorry parked outside .

The programme of two films usually included a cowboy - Roy Rogers and his wonder horse, Silver, being a firm favourite. Seating left much to be desired - two hours on wooden seats, some of which still exist in the hall, left a lasting impression. For a small additional charge one could sit on the stage! The films, black and white, were flammable and no smoking was allowed, but as the tortoise-shell stove, which was the only source of heating, was temperamental the film was shown

through a haze of fumes depending on the direction of the wind. Occasionally the show was interrupted because the film broke or at worst the show was abandoned as 'the big end had gone' - a catch phrase which was often used throughout the village. To improve safety the Village Hall Committee enabled the film to be shown from a small room, known as the library, by cutting a hole in the dividing wall, and later by building a small projection room.

Percy Fletcher

Edwardstone

The first film show is expected to be in Boxford Village Hall in March. Please let Bryn Hurren know what sort of films you would like to see at these shows by telephoning him on 01473 822737

Dear Sir

On the 2nd of Jan 2005 my 10 year old son and his friend were playing with a new football at Boxford playing fields when a group of lads took their ball and ran off with it. My son was understandably upset. When they returned home they sat down and created a 'Stolen Poster'. I wondered if this incident would be of any interest to the local community. I feel it is important for us all to be aware of what is happening in our local community and how safe it is to allow our children to play on the playing fields. If you require any more information please phone me on 01787 210528.

Regards

Tracy Kerr.

Groton

The poster has been reproduced in a prominent position near the front of this issue

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Sir

I would like to thank my friends and neighbours for their 'Get Well' cards and telephone messages during my seven week stay in Hospital after my accident. I would also like to give my grateful thanks to Veronica and Robert for their great help. I am progressing slowly but surely now

Phil Williams

Boxford

Sir

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Helen Garwood.

Edwardstone

Sir

It is with great pleasure, that we are able to announce that our missing cat. Topsy has been found safe and well.

May we, via your pages, say a very big 'THANK YOU' to everybody who helped us look for him. We are very lucky to get him back and thankful to everybody who took time to read the posters and kept looking out for him.

After 4 months away, he has settled back in really well and is having great fun with both us and his brother and sister.

For anybody else who has a loved pet go missing, all we can say is, keep trying, do all that you can and despite what some people may say, never give up.

Once again thank you to everybody who has helped, from the bottom of our hearts.

Julian & Donna Fincham-Jacques

GARDENING IN FEBRUARY *Harry Buckledee*

For brightening up a dull wall or fence the variety of our native ivy Hedra helix 'Goldenheart' is hard to beat. Like all ivies 'Goldenheart' will climb six to eight feet and requires no special support. The leaves have a bright green edge and a yellow middle - colours that remain true all the year round. A climber which combines well with Goldenheart is Tropaeolum Speciosum. It has scarlet flowers and small six lobed leaves borne on slender stems which will weave its way through the leaves of the ivy. Plant in spring in peaty moist soil with a thick mulch over the root area, keep this moist and well watered in summer. It is a deciduous perennial that dies down in Autumn. Many old trees and shrubs make suitable hosts for the creeper but one with dark green foliage is best to show off the brilliant red flowers.

Another climber which serves a similar purpose is the Chilean Glory Flower, Eccremocarpus scaber, with its bright display of tubular orange flowers. It is not frost hardy and will succumb to the first severe frost, but it is a quick grower and will rapidly reach a height of six to eight feet. Sow seeds under glass in early spring and pot up when large enough, harden off and plant out when the danger of frost is past.

If you have a heated greenhouse a start can be made sowing summer bedding seeds - if no heat is available it is best to delay sowing until March. Most seeds germinate better with bottom, electric propagators are ideal but an oil heater under a bench will provide the necessary heat.

Begonia tubers should be started now for pot culture or for an outdoor display in tubs or borders. For a border display the variety 'Non Stop' is probably best - this is a multi flora type and as its name suggests will flower non stop until the first frost.

Fuchsias in pots should be cut back to three joints and repotted. shake all the compost from the roots, prune back some of the strongest roots and repot down to a size smaller pot. By replacing the compost you will ensure the dormant plants get off to a good

start and you will get rid of any dreaded grubs of the vine weevil that may be lurking there. Do not over water the compost, but spraying twice daily of the woody stems with tepid water will keep the wood soft and encourage new shoots to grow.

Repot old geranium plants but do not cut back too hard, keep the compost just moist and do not allow water to get on the plant itself. Cuttings of geraniums that were taken last summer can have their tops taken out to encourage them to bush out. The tops can be used for more cuttings.

Many plants are attached at the seedling stage by 'Damping Off' disease. Control is by watering compost with 'Cheshunt Compound' at sowing time and again after germination. Avoid overwatering

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" Vehicle and aircraft noise is (sic) a bigger and more urgent problem for many residents than anything covered by the bill and I regret the fact that the Government are not making any attempt to tackle it".

Thank you Mr Yeo! (And Keep Going!) (SSATAG News letter)

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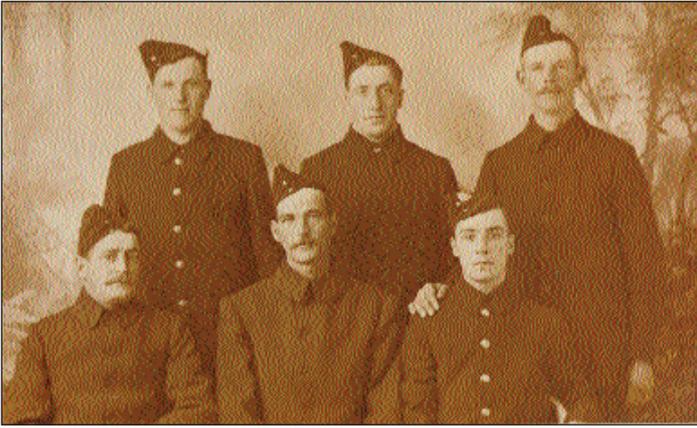
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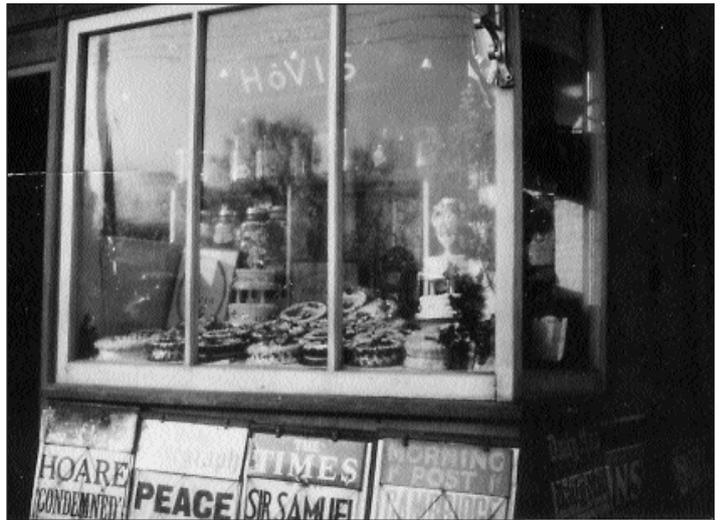
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You have seen it on TV, now come along with your partner and give it a go, all ages welcome. We have regular monthly dances, and the tuition is carried out by professionally qualified dance teachers. New Beginners classes are starting in February. Classes are also available for intermediate and advanced standard. The club has a good friendly social atmosphere, and rates are very reasonable. Make some new friends and learn a wonderful new social skill or build on what you already know. This is probably the best dance floor in the area, and what have you got to lose! For more details contact either Paul Page club Secretary on 07740654650 or Sue Baxter club Chair person on 01787 227876

Boxford Drama Group

invite you to join them for an evening of comedy
PLUS a sausage and mash supper.

From David Tristram, the author of 'Last Tango in Little Grimley' and 'Last Panto in Little Grimley' we present 2 one-act adult comedies:-

'What's for Pudding?' and 'Brenton vs Brenton'

This extravaganza of laughter will take place in the Village Hall on March 10th, 11th and 12th Tickets will be on sale in Boxford News from February 19th.

Thursday 10th March at 6.30pm.... £8 including a meal served before the show

Friday 11th March at 7.30pm... £10 including a meal served during the interval

Saturday 12th March at 7.30pm ... £10 including a meal served during the interval

Bar at all performances Buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment - Please note that this show is not considered suitable for children. *Carol Harrison.*

LENT LUNCHES

These will be held again this year in aid of different charities, in three of our parishes.

Tuesday 22nd February, 12.30pm at Mill Green End, Edwardstone (Pam & Anthony Dodd)

Tuesday 1st March, 12.30pm at Groton House, Groton (Pat & Peter Kennedy Scott)

Tuesday 8th March, 12.30pm at "Chequers" (Miss Jennie Robinson)

Please join us for some of the time for a simple lunch and natter! and help with a donation to a good cause.

CAKES FOR TSUNAMI SURVIVORS

Tuesday 1st.Feb! support the cake stall at "Mary's House" Swan Street, Boxford in aid of the Tsunami Appeal. 9.00am. onwards. Coffee served - see you there!

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

April 14/15/16 in Mary's House - get in touch with me if you would like to sell/exhibit. It would be nice to have a variety of crafts. *Pauline Lamming* 210360

Newton Village Hall Whist Drives

There were 5 1/2 tables in play at the Christmas whist drive held on Monday 20th December.

The prize-winners were:

Little Legs 181	Peggy Pell 176
Colin Knock 171	Alan Vince 169
Olive Warner 169	Diana Stock 164
Alan James 151	Phyllis Goody 142

There was an even better attendance at the whist drive held on 17th January with 61/4 tables in play,

Prize-winners were:

Gerry Peacock	173 Beryl Mauldon 172
Alan James	170 Peggy Pell 169

Edna Chaplin 169 Ian Stares 165
and consolation Cynthia Winch 131

There were many excellent raffle prizes donated on both occasions. Our grateful thanks go to Joan Linney for all her help with the refreshments. The next whist drive will be on Monday 14th March at 7.30pm.

Incidentally I am proposing to run bridge classes at the Golf Club starting Thursday 10th March at 7.00pm. If anyone would like to learn please give me a call for more details.

Alan Vince 01787373963

Boxford Community Council

The annual general meeting of the Boxford Community Council will be held at the Pavilion, Boxford Playing Field on Wednesday 27th April at 8.00pm. This is a chance to come along and see what the community council does all year, if you want to come and join us then this is the opportunity to get a nomination in to our secretary and take part in the election of committee. We have a social committee to run the fund raising events and who are always looking for new faces and ideas to help.

We are hoping to have a representative from Suffolk Acre to talk to us about fund raising especially where it relates to village halls and one of the items on the agenda will be "Do we want to look into providing a new village hall for the future generations of Boxford" , a subject that has occupied the thoughts of a few over the past years.

The meeting usually takes about an hour and a half and we will be serving wine, soft drinks and snacks.

Why not come along and show you care what happens in the village, you will be most welcome.

The current committee are: Peter Hibben Chair, Roger Cunningham Vice Chair, Julie Kossick Secretary, Stephanie Atkins Treasurer, David Gasson, Social Chair, Suzanne Excell, Social Secretary, Steve Taylor, Doug Impett, Ian Kossick, Sue Beavan and Mark Miller as committee members. For further details call Peter Hibben on 210819.

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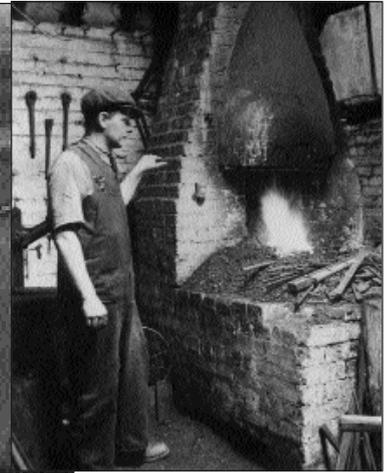
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Above: Reg Holmes at the Old Boxford Forge



Above is an aerial photograph of Boxford taken by RAF reconnaissance aircraft circa winter 1940. Note how narrow Boxford Lane is and remember that all traffic from the west and Sudbury had to use the Boxford Lane, Stone Street route through to Hadleigh and Ipswich. Note the vehicles parked in Broad Street, enlarged they look like military trucks. The Boxford school was half its present size with very little play area and the village hall stood in its own grounds.

Above Right: a picture of the village hall taken in the summer of 1940

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Suffolk Online customers get the benefits of local support and advice from our helpful staff based in Suffolk but also the reliability and performance of Nildram who are widely regarded as one of the top three providers in the country. Any profits from the service are re-invested in local community projects.

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You can find out more online at: www.isp.suffolkonline.net or by calling the helpdesk on 01473 242505



HOME-START BABERGH SUPPORTING YOUNG FAMILIES

Anyone who has had young children knows how hard it can be at times - add loneliness, illness, disability or other stresses and life can become very difficult.

Home-Start Babergh is a voluntary organisation that supports families with one or more children under five years old across the district who are going through a difficult time for any reason.

Support is given through trained parent volunteers who are matched one to one to support a family for as long as they are needed. Volunteers also receive ongoing training, support and expenses.

Home-Start Babergh is currently recruiting volunteers in the area to join the next Preparation Course at the beginning of March 2005 in Hadleigh. The only requirements to be a volunteer are to be a parent or have parenting experience, enjoy children and young families and have a couple of hours to spare each week.

If you would like to know more about Home-Start and becoming a volunteer please ring 01787 371108.

Sudbury Newstalk

This organisation, a registered charity (registration no. 284646) is part of a countrywide network. Sudbury Newstalk provides audio-taped local newspapers and a bi-monthly magazine for the blind and visually impaired in and around Sudbury. Staff are all volunteers. The organisation must meet the cost of the tapes it uses, their copying and distribution, and the expense involved in the necessary updating of equipment from time to time. Newstalk is dependant on donations to support the work.

If anyone would like donate to Sudbury Newstalk or would like any further information, you are invited to contact Roger Burden at 26 Sheephead Hill, Great Cornard, Sudbury CO10 OLU, telephone 01787 311195.

PUBLIC NOTICE BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Following the resignation of the Clerk arrangements have been made for the contact telephone number 01787 - 210943 and this will be an answer phone response which will be attended to every couple of days.

Naturally if there is a need for an urgent request then you can telephone the Chairman of the Parish Council, David House on 01787 - 210918.

The details of the new Parish Clerk will be announced once a decision has been made by the Council.

The Parish Council apologises for any inconvenience caused in the interim period and hopes that the members of the public will bear with the Parish Council until matters are formalised for the future.

Boxford Parish Council

Babergh Rate increase to be at Inflation Rate

Babergh District Council is considering a council tax increase for next year of 3.1 per cent - the rate of inflation.

If approved, this will be the fourth time in the last six years that the council has managed to keep its council tax increase to the rate of inflation.

Strategy Committee vice-chairman, Colin Spence, said: "Councillors and officers have worked hard to achieve a budget for next year, which is only two per cent more than for the current year."

The final decision on council tax levels will be made on February 24, when the requirements of Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Police Authority and Babergh District Council, as well as the parish/town councils in the district are known.

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