

Box River News



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CECIL HUGHES MBE BABERGH INCOMMUNICADO



Cecil Hughes MBE with, in the background, the house where he attended his first Boxford Parish Council meeting in 1952.

Cecil Hughes, 79 years old Boxford Parish Councillor, has been awarded the MBE for services to the community where he has lived all his life.

Cecil, a retired builder, is currently serving in his 54th year on Boxford Parish Council which he joined in 1952.

He says that one of his biggest achievements was successfully campaigning for the bypass around the village, which was built in the late 1970s. Cecil battled for the relief road for more than two decades. He was also instrumental in setting up the deal for the piece of land that is now the village playing field.

Over the years he has worked tirelessly for the community on many issues and says he is "very proud" to have received the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours. "I think it is a lovely tribute. I think Boxford is a lovely place to live and have worked hard for its best interests for more than 50 years. I am delighted my work has been recognised, but this honour is also for all the other parish councillors I have worked with over the years," he said.

Cecil has also been a long-standing member of preservation group the Boxford Society, represents the Parish Council on the Boxford Community Council and is on the committee of the East Anglian branch of the Parachute Regiment Association.

Often seen in the Village "Keeping an eye on things" Cecil can be relied upon to tell you just about where every drain runs, where all the power supplies can be found and is familiar with all the village developments since the war. If there is a task to be done, or a meeting to attend, Cecil is the first to volunteer.

Whilst looking forward to his investiture at Buckingham Palace later this year, Cecil was happy to celebrate his award with his colleagues on Boxford Parish Council with a bottle of Champagne following the Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th June in Bell House.

Babergh Refuse to accept Communications to Councillors.

THE SOUTH SUFFOLK AIR TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP attempted to distribute a briefing paper to 275 councillors at Babergh, Suffolk Coastal, Mid-Suffolk, Ipswich Borough, Sudbury Town and the County Councils, to highlight the rapidly growing problem of low flying commercial jets over the region.

All the above councils were happy to assist with their distribution, all that is except Babergh District Council. Officers refused to accept the paper delivered in individual envelopes addressed to the councillors and specifying the ward represented. They say they cannot accept responsibility for passing on the envelopes because any failure would leave them open to liability. This applies they say to any communication to a councillor sent to them. The refusal took place in the very building holding the chamber where The Councillors all meet. So the 43 District councillors will remain in ignorance of information that was willingly accepted by all the other councils named above who apparently have no such reservations and wish to facilitate open communications between constituents and councillors.

Once again the unelected members of Babergh District Council have let the elected members and their constituents down. Surely having failed to communicate over the introduction of the new flight path in the first instance leaving the elected council with no time to object, they could at least pass information on for the members consideration. Do they have to keep making up silly rules to avoid a little extra work, after all they stuff notes through our doors often enough, what's the problem with distributing correspondence to 43 council members!

The latest issue of Babergh Matters, the Spring Issue just delivered at the beginning of summer, contains a statement that Babergh sees consultation as a very important element in ensuring that it is tackling the issues that are really important to its residents and communities. The members of the council do listen but if they can not hear what we are saying there can not be any consultation.

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EDWARDSTONE HOUSE GARDEN OPEN



The gardens of Edwardstone House were opened on Saturday 18th June in aid of the St John's Ambulance Brigade.

Visitors enjoyed the 5 acre gardens which have been lovingly restored over the last 7 years by the Dasture Family y pictured below with a member of the Hadleigh division of the St John's Ambulance Brigade



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Gareth Lockrane and tenor / baritone saxophonist Alex Garnett. As the name suggests, this is a hard - swinging band that know how to get low-down and funky when required. Grooveyard won the "Best European Jazz Group Award" at the Granada Jazz Festival in Spain, 2003. With Mike Outram (guitar). Matt The Home (drums) and Pete Whittaker (Hammond Organ).

**Friday, 22 July, 8.30 Ticket £15
Lee Gibson**

Lee has been described as 'A jazz vocal sensation' by the Independent and 'A world class jazz singer' by the Manchester Evening News. A nationally and internationally acclaimed singer with a reputation for excellence, an innate sense of swing and dynamic stage presence who continues to go from strength to strength. Her band contains some of the UK'S finest musicians - Bruce Adams (trumpet), John Horler (piano), Paul Morgan (bass) and Gerry Boyce (drums).

**Friday, 29 July, 8.30 Ticket £10
Tommaso Starace Quartet..**

Since he last appeared at the Fleece Italian saxophonist Tommaso Starace has been working on a new project. Based on eight black and white photographs of Magnum photographer Elliot Erwitt, Tommaso has composed a different jazz score for each one which will be projected while the Quartet play. He is accompanied by Tim Laphorn (piano), Andy Hamill (bass) and Jim Hart (drums).

**Friday, 12 August, 8.30 Ticket £12
Ben Castle Quartet**

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**Friday, 1st July, 8.30 Ticket £13
Chris Laurence Quartet**

Virtuoso bassist Chris Laurence with a successful 25 year career in both jazz and the classics leads this fine quartet. Chris is one of the busiest studio musicians around and has worked with Kenny Wheeler, Andy Sheppard, the Academy of St. Martin-in-the Fields and the Kronos Quartet. Tonight's quartet is completed by Frank Ricotti (vibes), John Parricelli (guitar) and Martin France (drums).

**Friday, 8 July, 8.30 Ticket £10
Tim Laphorn Trio**

Ian Shaw's chosen album for 2004, as featured on BBC Radio 3's Jazz Line-up with Claire Martin, was Tim Laphorn's latest CD, "Natural Language". Tim is an exceptional pianist, a fluent and confident improviser with a deft touch. He can really execute some tough and virtuosic shapes and ideas on the piano - in short the guy can play. Accompanied by Tom Herbert (bass) and Pat Levett (drums), this is intense, exciting piano trio jazz at its best

**Friday, 15 July, 8.30 Ticket £13
Grooveyard**

A group of young "veterans" of British Jazz led by flautist

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

The Spinney 'Wind Farm!'

I have recently been made aware of concerns being expressed over the rumours that a wind turbine is to be erected in the spinney grounds. As chairman of the Spinney management Committee I feel I should clarify the situation to the best of MY knowledge.

Last year at a Committee meeting the Guide leader suggested that in line with their eco programme of recycling materials it could be a good idea to install a wind turbine to offset the cost of electricity supply to the Buildings. Their information was that grants were available to support the installation of such a facility and that we would be credited with the value of electricity supplied to the national grid.

Rather than dismiss the idea offhand I requested them to come forward with some firm proposals and costs. To this end the Guides have engaged the services of a parent (I think) to carry out a feasibility study which is in progress in conjunction with the guides programme.

When the results of this study are submitted the committee will decide if the proposal is

- a) financially viable,
- b) environmentally acceptable and
- c) If it is felt we should forward the idea we will consult with the local residents before any planning application is submitted.

The good relationship and neighbourliness the Spinney has with the village is precious to us, we are aware that at times Ash Street and Fen Street are busy with vehicles coming to and going from the facility and thank all concerned for accepting this in good faith. The last thing we want to do is upset our neighbours and can assure them that we will keep them informed if this eco exercise proves to be viable. The viability will depend as much if not more on public acceptance than any financial or eco friendly motives.

Gordon Edgar Chairman Spinney Management Committee

P.S. If you would like to join our committee please contact me on 210108

Senior Citizens' Outing 8th June 2005

A big thank you to all the drivers (many of you senior citizens yourselves) who provided their time and vehicle to take the senior citizens on their mystery outing. My apologies for not mentioning it on the night, it must have been the 'wee dram' that made me forget!!.

Peter Hibben - Boxford Community Council.

Boxford Gardens Open

Once again St Mary's Church is indebted to it's intrepid band of Garden Openers and helpers for another very successful day. Thank you very much indeed.

After a slow start in dreary weather things picked up as the sun came out and the teas very nearly set a new record. We raised £1400 for church restoration which is only a little less than our record breaking total of last year.

Special thanks are due to the hard working tea providers, Joan Smith and her family, Cynthia and Gordon Wanniarachi and Olga and Jim Roberts, and to Sarah Mattock for running the Plant Sale, Ola Howard for supervising the loos and Jean Hynes, Mary Edwards and Sue Copeland who looked after the Excell's garden. And the ever helpful Trevor of the Lavenham Community Bus deserves a mention among all those who made a visit to Boxford Gardens so enjoyable for everyone..

Once again visitors came from far and wide including a learned bunch from Norwich who amazed Guy by knowing every plant in his garden! Everyone received nice comments and having two lovely gardens open in the Causeway for the first time proved to be a great success.

We have more ideas and new gardens lined up for next year and we very much hope you will join us again on Sunday 4 June 2006 for Boxford Gardens Open. Meanwhile, to help us visit each other's gardens it has been suggested we circulate a list of telephone numbers among the Openers. If you do not wish to be included in this perhaps you will let us know.

Thank you all your hard work. We do hope you enjoyed it.

Barrie Thorpe

Boxford Sunflower Playgroup

Have you heard that we have expanded!

We are now open for afternoon sessions as well as mornings and offer a lunch club that can be added onto either the morning or afternoon session for flexibility or used for continual care, for children aged 2 – 5 years of age.

The session are Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 12.00 noon, 12.00 – 1.00 pm for lunch and 1.00 – 3.30pm for the afternoon. (During term time.)

The playgroup was established in 1973 and has offered good quality childcare since, the current staff have all been with the playgroup for between 3 & 5 years so being able to offer continuity and care that we find that parents value.

The playgroup offers an extremely high ratio of qualified staff, and has been praised by outside agencies for the staff's dedication to the playgroup and the development of early years children. The playgroup is Ofsted Inspected and part of the Early years education plan so are registered for educational grants for children from the term after they are 3 years, and are currently registering to accept the new government tax free contribution to childcare costs from employers.

We were very pleased with our last Inspection in April 2004, which was very good, with Ofsted saying that the attractive environment is well maintained and the organisation of the good quality resources provides an effective learning environment for young children.

All staff of the playgroup attend regular courses to ensure that they are informed of all aspects of childcare, this term we have staff attending special educational needs and Makaton signing courses, All our staff also attend the Ofsted required courses not just an allocated member. The welcoming atmosphere of the playgroup is enhanced by the quiet playing fields that the pavilion overlooks, we have sole use of the pavilion during playgroup hours and appreciate the support that we are given by the Playing fields management committee. We have good links with the local primary schools and offer our support to them at fundraising events.

For further information on a wonderful village playgroup in an ideal setting please contact us on 01787 211363 during playgroup hours or our secretary Moira Grant on 01787 211513 or visit our web site www.boxford-sunflower.co.uk Email: info@boxford-sunflower.co.uk

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PLANT SALE & STRAWBERRY TEAS IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY 12th JUNE:

Many thanks to all who helped and to those who braved the bitterly cold conditions to support us. Many visitors even sat in the garden for tea! We raised £320, which together with £330 already taken for plants this year, plus the generous donation of £250 from the Chairman of BT, will be shared equally between Edwardstone Parish Hall and the local branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society. *Daphne Clark*

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

As Edinburgh is quite a distance from here we decided it would be a good idea to show our support for the Make Poverty History campaign locally.

We would like as many individuals as possible from our local area to make a signed paper flower or windmill which we will gather together and plant in a circle on Edwardstone Millennium Green during the afternoon on Saturday 2nd July.

The white band is the symbol of the Make Poverty History campaign and it is hoped on the same Saturday in Edinburgh supporters will form a human white circle / band around the city centre.

Local community groups e.g. scouts and guides, over 60s, schools, bellringers, playgroups etc will be making windmills /

flowers before Saturday 2nd July to start the display on Saturday.

We have a website www.tribes.com/box8 from which people can learn more about the Make Poverty History campaign, download a windmill / flower template and find directions to Edwardstone Millennium Green.

Everyone can join in! On Saturday 2nd July we will have all the necessary bits and pieces for people to come along, make a windmill / flower and plant it themselves. We hope all contributors will visit our "community art installation" on Saturday 2nd July in the afternoon to see how it develops.

After the day we will dismantle the installation and send the windmills / flowers to Tony Blair / G8 summit as symbols of our support for the aims of the Make Poverty History campaign : for Trade Justice, to cancel debts and for more and better aid.

We expect the local press to cover the event and we will take photographs which will be available on the website and will be sent to www.makepovertyhistory.org For more information please contact *Emma 210868* or *Kate 247031*

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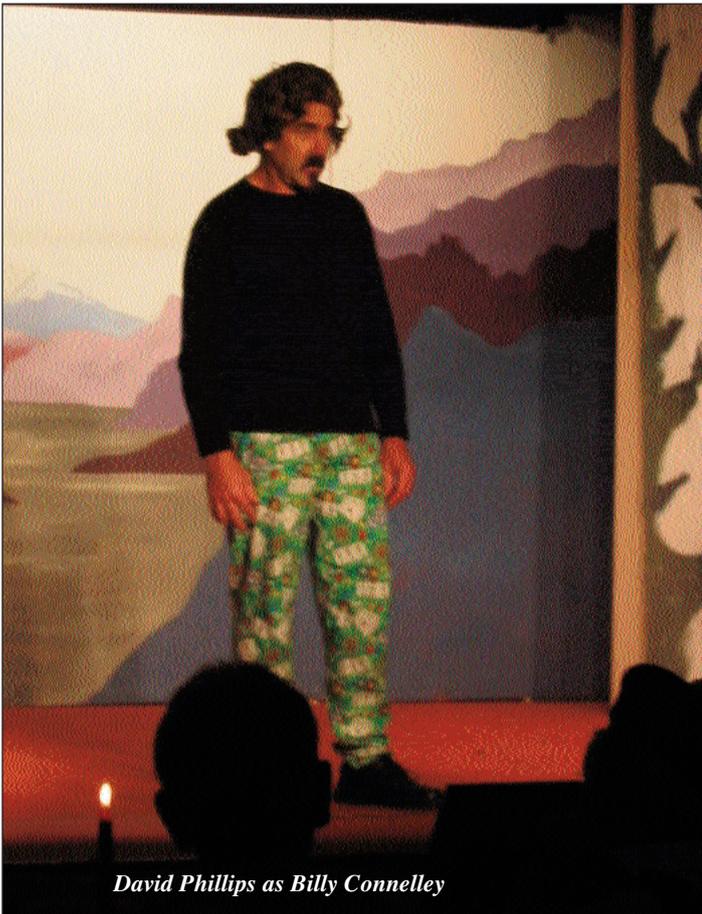
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The Highland Fling

The Boxford Drama Group performed their Scottish Evening for three nights instead of just two as advertised. The extra night was a special performance in front of the Edwardstone, Groton and Boxford Senior Citizens who had been welcomed to the Village hall by a piper, Joe Fawcett, after a superb evenings drive around our beautiful county. 90 guests and their drivers sat down to a traditional cooked supper before being entertained with sketches, songs and poetry including a radio skit on Macbeth and laughing to Billy Connellys double who also addressed the Haggis before everyone in the audience was given a sample together with a we dram.

There were memorable performances by all the cast but especially Jock played by Will Carpenter, Jimmy Krankie played by Janice Macmillan Billy Connelly played by David Phillips and LuLu played by Salley Phillips.

The Highland Fling was Directed and Produced by Coralie Brown and Margaret Clapp who joined the cast on stage for the last sing along (pic at top). The next production is to be a murder mystery in the Autumn, meantime Coralie can get on with directing and producing her daughters wedding in December.



David Phillips as Billy Connelly



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July

2 Cantate Youth Choir	Boxford Church Building Trust	St Mary's, Boxford	7.00pm
2 Make Poverty History	Plant a Flower or Windmill	Edwardstone Millenium Green	PM
4 Boxford Over 60's		Joan Cull's Garden	2.30pm
6 Gt Waldingfield WI	Mary Tudor - Duchess of Suffolk	Village Hall	7.30pm
11 Newton Golf Day	Bernie Symons Memorial	Newton Golf Club	
16 Joust-a-Minute	Groton PCC	Groton Croft	2.30pm
16 Newton Village Fete		Newton Playing Fields	1 -5pm
16 The Beavers Dance	Little Waldingfield Playingfield		7 till late
18 Boxford Over 60's		Barbara Hamblings Garden	2.30pm
30 Car Boot Sale		Swan Inn Ltl Waldingfield	10am -2pm
31 SESAW	Open Day	Idano Stoke Road Leavenheath	2-4pm

August

28 Music Antiqua of London	Boxford St Mary's		7.30pm
13 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Walking Treasurehunt Parish Room		TBA

September

9/10/11 Ltl Waldingfield Flower Festival		St Lawrence Church	10am-6pm
17 Car Boot Sale	Newton Village Hall	Newton Playing Field	
17 Fat Old Dad	LeavenheathVillage Hall		PM

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Sun 14th August: Family Picnic and Hog Roast at Cornard Visitor Centre and Lock. More details: Ron Abbott, 01206 853282

Bank Holiday 28/29 August: Electric boating days: simultaneous operation of small, electrically-powered boats anywhere on the River Stour, by special permission of the Environment Agency

17/18 August: S2C - Sudbury to the Sea (Length of the River Cruise) More details: David Rayner, 01268 753245

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Sunday 2nd October: Electric launch season ends at Flatford and Sudbury, Tea Room closes.

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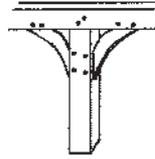
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of use. Thank You

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To the Box River Saints

First of all I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make the Rectory Garden Party such a success. We also thank God for providing a dry day in the midst of showery weather. The afternoon was a wonderful opportunity to meet people from different villages within the benefice. There was also the opportunity for mothers to bring their children who could play on the bouncy castle and join in the circus performing arts taught by the magician. We drew the line at trapeze and high wire but juggling and plate spinning were on the agenda. This was followed by an excellent Punch and Judy (are we still allowed to say that) show. Sadly we did not have the numbers to support the planned Hog Roast but we were still able to dine on roast pork and trimmings prepared and served by Gerald Rice and his partner Clive Johnson. The event was supported by the parishes who supplied teas, cakes, salads and sweets. As a result of many requests Joan and I hope to make this a yearly event.

Brian Watling writes:-

"Can I thank all those who wrote letters and sent cards, left messages and made telephone calls or called at our house for their kind thoughts and prayers during and after my recent emergency heart operation. It was a very difficult time, particularly for my wife, Noelle, as well as myself. I am making steady progress and I am told that I will make a full recovery. However, I am faced with a three month convalescence but hope to be back in action after that."

Every blessing
David



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

*Ruth Kingsbury, as Christopher above
Peter Patrick, Amberley,
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Someone asked recently, "what is the church doing?" concerning the "make poverty history" campaign - with the G8 summit and the "Live 8" concerts and protests in mind. (This time it's not about raining money!). The "church" actually comprises quite a lot of people - not just the comparative few who attend a service each week. The church does protest to government, many do pray, and prayer is powerful. But much more could be done - ideas please? *Christopher Kingsbury*

BOX RIVER CLUB NEWS: Meets in the School hall 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon on alternate Sundays *in term time. New members are always welcome. Janet Daniels*

BIBLE STUDY GROUP AND ALPHA GROUPS:

Bible Study: The bible study group meets at 8.00 p.m. 47 Swan Street on 11th and 25th July. This session we are exploring the book of Genesis. The Alpha Group - Meets 6th July at 8.00 p.m., 47 Swan Street. *Peter Holden*

CHOIR NEWS, Choral Evensong at Chelmsford Cathedral: St. Mary's Church choir joins with choirs from Halstead, Earls Colne and Gosfield to sing Choral Evensong on Sunday 31st July at 6.00 p.m. All are welcome to come. There is a coach leaving Boxford at 1.30 p.m. tickets £5.00 return. *David Felsted*
BOXFORD OPEN GARDENS 2005: £1450.00 was raised for church funds at the event on Sunday 5th June. The weather remained thankfully fine. Many thanks to all who opened their gardens, made and served teas and helped in so many ways. *Christopher Kingsbury*

CHRISTIAN AID: This year the magnificent sum of £2000.00 was raised in Boxford for Christian Aid. £201.00 at a coffee morning, £203.00 at a cake stall, house-to-house collections £926.00. Very many thanks to all our collectors and all who helped in any way with this year's effort. Janet and John Daniels also completed a 100 mile sponsored walk for Christian Aid and their efforts added a further £670.00 to the amount raised bringing the total to £2000.00. *Janet Daniels, Area Organiser & Ruth Kingsbury, Hon Treasurer Christian Aid*

CANTATE CHOIR CONCERT: The Cantate Choir, recently singing at the Ipswich Portman Road Football ground at the largest service held in the Diocese for 21 years, are at St. Mary's Boxford on Saturday 2nd July at 7.30 p.m., with an exciting programme of "Summer Music". Interval bar at Chequers. Tickets from Elizabeth Wagener - 01787 210223. Funds raised are for the restoration of the chancel roof. *CK*

CHURCH RESTORATION: We are raising funds for the restoration of the chancel roof and remaining unrestored windows. Please do give generously. Pick up a Building Trust leaflet in church or village shops. *CK*

SMILE LINES: Sign seen on a beach in Western Australia: "Pelicans fed daily. No dogs please"

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Churchwarden:

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Lay Elder:

*Antony Dodd, Mill Green End; tel 210397
Peter Welstand, 5 The Winthrops; tel 210525*

TEAS IN THE GARDEN WITH PLANTS FOR SALE – 12th JUNE:

Many thanks to all who helped and also to those who braved the arctic conditions to support us. Many visitors even sat in the garden for strawberry teas. We raised £320, which together with £330 already taken for plants this year, plus the generous donation of £250 from the Chairman of BT, will be shared equally between Edwardstone Parish Hall and the local branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society. *Daphne Clark*

SIDESMAN & CLEANING ROTA:

June 26: David Saddleton/Mr & Mrs Dodd;
July 3: Mr Dodd (Combined Benefice Service)/
Mr & Mrs Dodd;
July 10: Mrs Dodd/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;
July 17: Visiting Sunday/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett;
July 24: Mr Currey/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;
July 31: Mr Saddleton/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Barbara Riddleston:
Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261
Patricia Bowdidge, Appletree Cottage,
Horners Green 211553*

Lay Elder: *Joy Sellers 378009*

JOUST-A-MINUTE, Saturday July 16th, 2.30 p.m. Groton Croft: I NEED CHILDREN !!!!

Children from Groton and those of Grandparents who have Groton connections are needed to be "Knights-in-Armour" for this amazing Fun Afternoon on the Croft at Groton, starting at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday July 16th, when Groton meets the Winthrop Family. There will be two events:- one for children under 10 years old, and one for those aged 10-12 (approx). Teams of up to 10 children will take part. Team Prizes will be presented by the Winthrop Family. Children from surrounding villages are welcome, and can take part if there are any spare places. Please would everyone who would like to take part in the Jousting, contact *Bob Bowdidge* on 211553.

As well as the spectacular Jousting Event, there will be a number of exciting Sideshowes, Tombola, Soft-Drinks Bar, Tea-and-buns, etc. to keep you entertained and relieve you of your money.

As the date is also the one on which the newest Harry Potter book is to be published, there will be a special Raffle for a copy of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"

Later in the afternoon a sumptuous Barbecue will be on hand. So all in all, a jolly good afternoon for everyone, whether you have children or not. So put the date in your diaries now, and come and meet the Winthrop family, who are flying over from the U.S.A. especially to take part!!

Bob Bowdidge.

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THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwarden:

*Sandra Harbord, 55 The Street; tel 247034
Alison Carse, Pink Cottage; tel 247585*

Lay Elder:

Tim Harbord 247034

BOOK AND VIDEO LENDING SCHEME:

The next open morning for village residents will be in the church on Saturday 2nd July from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Refreshments provided free of charge. *Sandra Harbord*

MARY BULLARD:

The funeral of Mary Bullard took place on Thursday 9th June. Throughout her time in Little Waldingfield Mary made an immense contribution to both the life of the church and the community, which was officially recognised when she received a Community Service Award from Babergh District Council. The village and church owe Mary a great debt of gratitude. A lengthier tribute to Mary will appear in the August issue of the Box River News. *Sandra Harbord*

ROTAS – SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

July 3: United Benefice Service (Edw)/Mrs Ewen;
July 10: Mrs Miller & Mrs Carse/Mrs Squirrel;
July 17: Mrs Rattee/Mrs Pell;
July 24: Mrs Pell & Mr Bowden/Mrs Storar;
July 31: Mr & Mrs Tora/Mrs Clive.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwardens:

Vacant

Lay Elders: *Vacant*

EXTRAORDINARY VESTRY MEETING:

An Extraordinary Vestry Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th July at 7.00 p.m. in All Saints Church.

The reason for this Meeting is to elect two Churchwardens. All residents of the village will be very welcome. *Diana Stock*

SATURDAY 16TH JULY:

Please, Please, Please Cakes, Cakes, Cakes.

Jean and Diana will be very pleased to receive cakes and produce for the Church Stall at this year's Fete.

Please bring your cakes or produce to the stall from 12 noon on the day or we will collect if you ring 373383 or 312828.

Diana Stock

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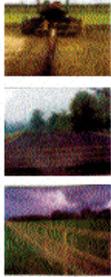
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BOXFORD CINEMA



Bryn Hurren and Richard Gates got the Boxford Digital Cinema off to a good start on 21st May, great film. superb quality of both picture and sound all thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Unfortunately there were only 18 in the audience compared with full houses at Polstead Village Hall. Why?

Was it a lack of publicity or the fact that the film had been shown on TV only two weeks earlier, the later I hope.

The next Cinema will be in September, and monthly through to November. starting again after Christmas. The next film is to be a recent film, not yet released for TV or on video or DVD This venture needs our support, any profits from the showings are for village hall funds so lets make a big effort next time.



Children from the Boxford Sunflower Play Group, outside the Pavilion for a photo shoot. See under News from Clubs and Organisations

LAST CHANCE TO GET THAT BARGAIN



The Newton Village Hall management committee have been running their highly successful car boot sales again this year and with two of the three now over here is your last chance to sell all that surplus stuff in your loft on September 17th. Book your pitch or get yourself a bargain



Above: The Bring and Buy sale held at the Lindseys home on May 21st raised £201 for Christian Aid



Senior Citizens from Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton enjoy an evening meal of Cock a leekie pie, tatties and neeps after their mystery tour on 18th June. The meal was followed by a special performance of 'A Highland Fling' (reported on page 3). Ninety guests enjoyed the meal, wine and the performance by the Boxford Drama Group. There were mixed feelings about the Haggis, although the wee dram was most welcome.

BOXFORD ROVERS ENJOY SUCCESS IN LONG SEASON

Boxford Rovers Football Club's long season finally came to an end in early May. In a year that saw football being played continuously at Homefields during the early winter months in unusually dry conditions the month of February arrived weather-wise with a vengeance to wipe out virtually all matches for the whole of the month.

The weather dispelled any notions that the season would come to an early end for some of the teams in the club.

With eight different age teams and over a hundred registered players Boxford Rovers can now boast to be one of the biggest Clubs in the Colchester & District Youth League. Moreover, thanks to the tireless work of local man Greg Decks, the Club have achieved F.A. Charter Standard status - no mean feat for a village outfit.

The Club enjoyed a mixed bag of results on the field of play throughout the season. A special mention must be made of the under 8's, managed by Ian Archer, who in their first ever competitive season achieved a creditable runners-up position in their respective Division.

Similarly the under 12's also got the second best prize but the stars of the Club were undoubtedly the under 16's squad, managed by another local man and long-time servant, Mark Lane. His astute management saw the team win their Division by a clear eight points having suffered only one narrow defeat in the League all season.

They also got through to the latter stages of two Cup competitions and in the Colchester Open Cup were very unlucky to lose 6-7 on penalties (after extra time) in a memorable Semi-



Final played at the Wivenhoe Stadium in front of a very noisy but supportive crowd.

Mr. Mark Lane, having managed this group of boys from their days of mini football at under 8 level had already signalled his intentions of stepping down after the season ended and he certainly made sure, after some years of under-achievement by the team, that he went out with a big bang.

The under 18's, again managed by another Boxford man, Richard Robinson, also achieved relative success with two Cup semi-final appearances but failed to get through either to win the main prize.

The season ended with the introduction for the first time of a girls football training night at Homefields which has attracted, so far, over 20 young ladies of varying ages. It is hoped that this will



*Top: The Champion under 16 squad who won their division by a clear 8 points. Left: Some of the young ladies from the new Ladies squad
Below: The Under 8's Red team at the Fun Day. Future champions*



THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

July 2005

Saturday 2 July

New 1500 Wedding - Oliver/Cooper The Revd. David Matthews

Sunday 3 July, St Thomas the Apostle, Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Edw	0930	<i>Combined Benefice Service</i>	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1830	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 6 July

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
LfW	1900	Home Communion*	Tim Harbord

Sunday 10 July, Sea Sunday, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Gro	0800	Holy Communion BCP*	Joy Sellers
Edw	0930	Holy Communion CW*	Antony Dodd
New	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Matins	The Revd. David Matthews
LfW	1100	Family Service	Tim Harbord

Wednesday 13 July

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
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Sunday 17 July, Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Edw	<i>Visiting</i>		
LfW	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930	Holy Communion CW*	Graham Brook
Gro	1100	Matins, Winthrop Visit	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Family Service	Peter Holden

Wednesday 20 July

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
LfW	1900	Compline	Tim Harbord

Sunday 24 July, Ninth Sunday after Trinity

New	<i>Visiting</i>		
Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
LfW	0930	Family Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Holy Communion with Baptism	The Revd. David Matthews
Gro	1100	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Abel

Wednesday 27 July

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
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Saturday 30 July

Box	1400	Wedding - Robinson/Sanderson	The Revd. David Matthews
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Sunday 31 July, Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Gro	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930	Holy Communion CW*	Graham Brook
Box	1100	Family Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
LfW	1100	Family Service	Christopher Kingsbury

August 2005

Sunday 7 August, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

New	0930	<i>Combined Benefice Service</i>	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1830	Evensong	Graham Brook

* Public Worship with Communion by Extension

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

Box River Soap Box

Editors Note: The following is the Soap Box which was intended for the June Issue of BRN. Your editor had a 'Senior Moment' and used the May copy by mistake.

Knowing that last month's Box River News would be appearing just a few days before the General Election, it had crossed my mind to devote the May column to the gritty subject of politics. After all, a general election is an event that should be taken seriously – particularly if an opportunity to change the nature of the way in which the country is governed appears in prospect. Caution prevailed in the end and instead it was village amateur dramatics that held centre stage.

Politics certainly seems a suitable topic for the Soap Box. However, in the event there were no real surprises from the democratic process. Indeed, rather depressingly the exit polls conducted by the media got it just about right. And, disappointed as I was with the overall outcome, I could not help but think that 2005 might just prove to be an election that it was wiser to lose than to win. Only time will tell.

Certainly, history suggests that winning is not always the best result. You could argue that was the case in 1992 when, against all expectations, John Major scraped home to deliver a fourth term of Conservative government. It was early into the life of that administration that the Exchange Rate Mechanism debacle ensured that a fifth term for the Conservatives - and a second election win for Mr Major - was not in prospect.

For those whose memory does not extend back the dozen or so years to this particular event, it is worth reflecting on what happened. At the time it appeared that the ignominious withdrawal of Britain from the artificially linked group of European currencies – conceived as one of the earliest building blocks of the Euro – was the issue. The real embarrassment, though, was the endeavours by the then Chancellor, Norman Lamont, to avoid the inevitable humiliation of capitulation to market forces.

True, the opportunity did arise to blame our ejection - and the consequent loss of tens of millions of pounds in the forlorn attempt to shore up the pound - on the activities of hedge fund managers. George Soros was rumoured to have made over \$1 billion as a consequence of British endeavours to stay in the ERM. However, the reality was that reputations were destroyed. No matter how strongly the case was made for prudent economic management subsequently, a wider belief that the government's control of the economy was at best tenuous took hold.

In the end the election that followed was fought on economic issues, with an inevitable result. You have to accept that it is not just what you do that counts, but rather what people perceive you have done. Gordon Brown is perceived as being a safe pair of hands in which to hold the future of Britain's prosperity. The reality is that he inherited a benign set of circumstances and has maintained momentum principally by shifting emphasis to the public sector. This is a strategy that cannot be continued indefinitely. The piper will, ultimately, need to be paid.

As we reach the end of this column I find that politics has taken up all the available space. A pity - because I wanted to continue with the theme of the Bad Companions, having just visited our erstwhile director in Spain. Or I might usefully have compared and contrasted the cost of living on the Costa del Sol with South Suffolk and South Africa. But politics and the economy reared their ugly heads so we will just have to leave more interesting topics to another day.

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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Wot?s On



Above: Snape by Kevin Franks

The Suffolk Art Society

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Work, when bought and paid for can be taken immediately. This will be instantly replaced, thus keeping the exhibition vibrant and interesting.

The Society's objectives are to hold exhibitions and sales of fine art, usually in beautiful Suffolk churches. Generally, it provides a forum for the artistic interests of its members; occasional demonstrations and painting days are also arranged.

Membership is limited to one hundred. When vacancies occur, a selection is made from artists applying to join.

Standard of work remains high and the membership has several internationally well-known artists.

The Society is non-profit-making and it donates substantial sums of money to charity.

All visitors are assured of a warm welcome.

Further details from the General Secretary Tel. 01787 269432 or visit the website: www.suffolkartsociety.org

GREAT WALDINGFIELD W.I.

June 1st was our Birthday Meeting. It was arranged that we all met at Lavenham, we divided into two groups, we then had a tour around the 'Little Hall'. We were very fortunate as one of our members Mrs Betty Watson is a guide there, so we had first hand information, it's a lovely house - well worth a visit.

We then drove to 'The Three Horseshoes at Cockfield where it had been arranged to have a Buffet Supper - it was a double celebration as Molly Blackwell one of our long standing members was celebrating her 80th Birthday the following day. We presented her with a flower arrangement and one of our members had made her a birthday cake. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting on Wednesday July 6th at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall is an Open Meeting, where members of other Institutes are invited. Our speaker is Mr Clive Paine who will be giving a talk on 'Mary Tudor - Duchess of Suffolk' Forthcoming Event - October 15th in the Village Hall - A Bangers & Mash + Quiz. More details to follow later.

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Readers Letters

Sir,

Where were the residents of Boxford, Edwardstone & Groton on Saturday 21st May. ?

On that day our village launched its 21st century cinema - with equipment designed to provide us with the same standards that we have come to expect from established cinemas in the region. The only item missing were cinema seats!

Yet, only 18 people came to see LAST ORDERS - a film that had attracted wide acclaim from cinema critics. In comparison Polstead village hall was completely full recently for their first cinema presentation.

This poor attendance must be extremely disappointing to both Bryn Hurren and Richard Gates who had spent considerable time before the evening to ensure that everything went without a hitch.

The library of films available for showing in Boxford range from films still on the cinema circuits to motion picture "classics"

Bryn and Richard plan to have another evening before too long - so, from one delighted resident, please give them more support next time. Watch out for advance news in this newsletter, augmented by posters within the village.

John W Rose

Sirs

I would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their cards and kind messages sent to me during my long stay in hospital. It was so nice to know you were all thinking of me and helped me to pull through it all

Thank you so much
Marjorie Gowes

Sir

THANK YOU

Adrian and Beverley would like to thank family, friends, and friends of friends for their concern for Charlie at this time of his illness.

We have been overwhelmed with cards and gifts for Charlie, and can not thank everybody individually.

Charlie is a very strong little boy and very determined, this gives us both great strength.

We would also like to thank everybody for all the fund raising, we will make sure it goes to good causes at Addenbrooks (C2) ward, and Acorn House for sick children's parents.

Thank you again from
Adrian, Beverley & Charlie Williams

Sir

THEY ARE NOT ALL BAD

Young people have been getting a bad press recently, and sometimes rightly so.

Buy - a short time ago I was crossing the market in Sudbury when the stalls were beginning to pack up. There was a considerable congestion, with stall-holders packing up vans, vans moving, cars passing, and people trying to cross. As I looked down the road, waiting for a gap in the traffic, I found a large duck and drake beside me, also wanting to cross but in their own slow meandering fashion, regardless of any danger. Any urging or arm-flapping from me was ignored as they continued their stately wander.

I was just thinking that either the ducks or I would be under the next car, when a boy detached himself from a group of friends, ambling along the pavement in their usual out-of-school manner,

came up to me and with much shooshing and vigorous waving of arms, quickly made the ducks realise, if disdainfully, that pavements were safer.

I called "thank you; that is your good deed for the day," to the boys retreating back, and I think I heard something like, "Well yer can't let em get killed, can yer?"

Well done that boy, but to quote Professor Higgins: "Why can't the English teach their children how to speak?"

Clunis Porteous, Edwardstone

Afterthought: as children are now constantly called 'Kids' what does that make their parents?

Sir

TO ALL THE DISTRIBUTORS OF BOX RIVER NEWS

Boxford Sunflower Playgroup would like to thank you all very much for delivering the leaflets of our open day along with the June issue of BRN, especially as you also had to deliver the 'Fun Day' flyers

Many Thanks
Staff of the playgroup

To all Boxford Villagers,

We would just like to thank you for your donations to the Charlie Williams fund raiser. Everything we received, including Raffle prizes, Auction Gifts, and all monetary donations were given to the family at some point without any of us having to even mention Charlie's name.

All the family is very grateful, surprised and touched that you gave so very generously and we feel that it shows that Boxford has an amazing community spirit. We Boxfordians would do this for anyone of our own and we feel proud to part of such a community.

We are still counting the funds raised from our charity evening on Saturday and they are in excess of £3500 and you can all be very proud that you contributed so much to our cause.

I am, of course, now bald as a coot and not everyone I have passed has recognised me yet but I am sure that will change with time.

We would especially like to thank Jackie and Rick at the Fleece for being such generous hosts, Graham Gooderham and John Simpson for being such good Auctioneers, Greg and Barry at the White Hart for promoting Dogger's Barnet Fund so well and of course every single person that gave in any way that they could. Thank you once again for your donations; we cannot quite believe how far Charlie's charisma can reach. We are still in shock at how much we have raised.

James & Emma Williams
30 Homefield

Sir

Dear Brian Tora

In your last months Soap Box you sang the praises of Drama in the villages

The Drama that is far more important is the lack of support for village events.

So many have either been cancelled due to lack of helpers, many have been less than a great success on the day.

Looking at the average age of those who put hours of time and effort, it would seem that anyone under the age of 60 cannot or will not use their talents to support the community. They all complain and say 'why doesn't someone do something, they are the they, make yourselves useful and keep the glue that keeps the village together for the future

Bob Bowdidge, Groton

GARDENING IN JULY *Harry Buckledee*

Continue to remove all flower stems for pinks, water the plants thoroughly in dry weather and feed with a high potash liquid fertiliser.

Propagate border carnations by layering, this is the easier method of increasing your plants and in any case they are better replaced after two years. Prepare the soil round the parent plants by mixing equal parts of peat and sharp sand into the top two inches of soil. Select strong side shoots with four to six inches of soil. Select strong side shoots with four to six pairs of fully developed leaves and make a cut along the centre of the stem just below a leaf joint. bend the shoot down and press the cut into the prepared soil making sure that the cut remains open. Secure the layer to the soil by a small weight or wire peg. Water well and make sure the soil does not dry out during rooting. After about six weeks the layer should be ready for severing from the plant and after another four weeks should be ready to lift for planting or potting.

Now is also a good time to layer shoots of wisteria, passiflora and honeysuckle.

Hydrangea, always a popular plant, are easy to propagate. Insert cuttings of well ripened, non flowering shoots of medium thickness in three inch pots. Take three inch long shoots severing them immediately below a leaf joint and removing the lower leaves. They root fairly quickly and if necessary the plants can be grown on as single stems to produce single giant heads next year.

Plant autumn flowering bulbs early in the month to provide a bit of unusual colour during a dull time of year. One of the most attractive is the Amaryllis belladonna which has many scented pink trumpet shaped flowers on top of 2 feet stems. Bulbs should be planted 6 inches deep in a warm situation, close to a south facing wall is ideal, where they are protected from severe weather - Nerines have similar but smaller flowers and only the variety bowdenii is really hard enough to grow outside. Plant them with the tops of the bulbs just covered with soil. Autumn crocus can be planted 2-3 inches deep in soil which will not be disturbed by cultivation, or in grass which will be left uncut from August until the following May or until leaves

have died down. The leaves of all these bulbs follow the flowers and continue to grow during the spring. Bulbs benefit from a high potash 2oz. Superphosphate and 1oz Sulphate of Amonia.

A lady was asking what to do with medlars. Medlars should be picked late October - early November. They are hard when picked and need a period of storage before they are edible. Pick the fruits on a dry day and store them in trays, in single layers, with the eyes downward, for about a month until the flesh turns soft and brown then the fruits are edible. They are normally used for jellies and preservatives but can be eaten raw when over ripe.

Plant out sprouting broccoli, savoys and January King cabbage by the middle of the month. Make another sowing right away of perpetual Spinach to provide picking in winter and next spring. Last week in the month sow spring cabbage seed to provide plants for setting out in October.

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BOXFORD FUN DAY RAISED £1400



The Boxford Fun Day and Soccer Tournament raised £1400 on a dull and damp day. Villagers tackled an assault course and took part in a Tennis Tournament. There were special competitions for children and numerous stalls games and other attractions including the removal of Richard Gates pony tail cut off by hairdresser Debbie Baker in front of a cheering crowd. Richard raised £800 for the Samaritans and Breast Cancer Care.

Below: Richard is flanked by Pauline Lane and Debbie Baker, who works at Tresses and did the cutting



Pictures of the Soccer tournament can be found on the sports page together with a report of the Boxford Rovers successful season, winners of the under 16's league and runners up in four other competitions

BENEFICE GARDEN PARTY SUCCESS



Despite the cold weather and threat of rain that did not come, the Benefice Garden Party was a great success with the afternoon teas served in the true English style (no crusts). The Hog Roast served in the evening was accompanied by delicious fresh salads from the Newton Ladies and a selection of sweets from the Little Waldingfield Ladies. Washed down with ample quantities of wine made this proved to be a most enjoyable occasion.

During the afternoon teas the quite setting was breached cries of 'behind you' and hoots of laughter from the tent where children were enjoying the traditional Punch and Judy (below) not the least concerned about the apparent violence or whether political correctness was being observed. How good to see that the children of today still enjoy some of the pleasures us olduns' enjoyed when we were young.



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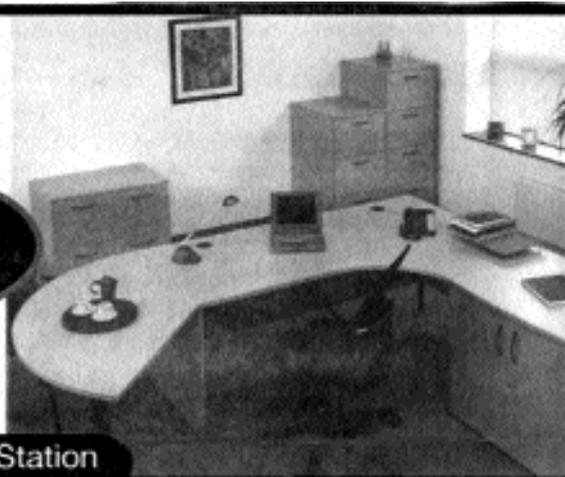
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Boxford School News



The North Norfolk group prepare to move off

In my last news I reported on our preparations for this year's Year 4 residential trip to North Norfolk were well underway and just before half term 32 children and six adults set out for the 2005 trip. As usual the week was a massive success and although very tiring for the staff involved a hugely enjoyable experience. The children were exceptional in their behaviour, so much so that we were congratulated by several members of the public who approached me to say what a credit our children were and the polite way in which they conducted themselves. My congratulations and thanks to them all. The week itself went very smoothly and highlights included the trip to see the seals at Blakeney Point, a baby deer no more than an hour old and the sharks at the Hunstanton Sea-Life Centre.

As you will be aware from my monthly news we strive to make school an interesting and fun place to be and to provide many wide and varied experiences for our children and over the past few weeks the children have enjoyed visits from the Really Wild Show and the Red Tailed Falconry Display Team. The Really Wild Show gave the children the opportunity to see and touch a six-foot python, a skunk and even examine at close quarters a tarantula! The falconry team brought along a number of birds of prey and the children had the chance to hold a magnificent barn owl and see it fly. Such events are not only hugely enjoyable but also a great learning experience.

Over the past few years our school choir has built quite a reputation and many of you will have enjoyed hearing them sing at some local events. This year we have been working on an ABBA medley and will be appearing at the church fete on Saturday 25th June. I hope to see many of you there.

Finally the collection of the Tesco Computers for Schools and

New Farm Shop Opens

Brewery farm shop is based in Polstead and our aim is to offer the local communities an alternative to the supermarket chains that have dominated over the past decade. There is a genuine rise in the popularity of local produce and this is a trend we hope will continue for many years to come as people take more and more interest in what they eat, where it comes from and how it has been produced.

Our philosophy is that all of our produce should be local thus insuring that other small business like ourselves continue to thrive and food miles are dramatically reduced. Most of our produce is either home grown or sourced from Sufflok and Essex, however there are some exceptions such as cheese which is more difficult to source, our cheese wholesaler is still based in Suffolk.

We grow a range of fruit, vegetables, salad items, herbs, plants and cut flowers. Our home grown range is something we will slowly be increasing as time goes on.

If you are a local producer, large or small and we have not yet made contact please do not hesitate to give us a call. If you have already been to the shop we would welcome feedback, if not, come and have a look and let us know if we don't have what you are looking for

the Sainsburys Fit Kid vouchers has gone very well and the response from many of you in the community has been excellent. Many thanks to everyone for their help and support.



Above: Setting off from Blakeney Point

Below: In front of Half Way House, Blakeney Point



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Wot? s On

Cantate
Youth Choir

SUMMER MAGIC

An exciting event is being staged in Boxford this summer. For the first time Michael Kibblewhite, the Musical Director of Cantate, is bringing this highly acclaimed choir of young singers to Suffolk. It will be a concert with something for everyone – music from Bach to Lloyd Webber, spirituals and Broadway songs – in a programme called "Summer Magic". The date is Saturday 2nd July at 7-30pm and the venue is St. Mary's Parish Church Boxford with an interval bar in "Chequers" garden and a raffle.

The concert is in aid of Boxford Church Building Trust, to raise money towards essential repairs to the chancel roof. In this "village of delight", the Church is not only a place of worship: it is a landmark building and its upkeep is important to the whole community and beyond.

Cantate was formed in 1994 and the vibrant and friendly choir is renowned for its dynamic performances and refined music-making. Competition successes include Winner of Sainsbury's Children's Choir of the year when a reviewer said that "the singing of this choir is an absolute delight – fresh young voices clearly loving every minute of making music".

Tickets from £15 to £10 (£5 children) are on sale now and can be bought from Elizabeth Wagener, Cox Hill House, Cox Hill, Boxford, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 5JG with a SAE, or by phone/e-mail 01787 210223, lizwagener@aol.com. Cheques payable to Boxford Church Building Trust. Or from Boxford News. Don't delay!

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Little Waldingfield Parish Room

The third (and final) Walking Treasure Hunt will take place on Saturday, 13th August. Please make a note in your diaries. Full details will appear in the next issue and on the usual posters

Boxford Over 60's Club

Diary for July 2005

Monday July 4th - meeting in Joan Cull's garden at 2.30pm. Please bring a chair.
Monday July 18th. Meeting in Barbara Hamblings Garden at 2.30pm. Please bring a chair.
Tuesday July 26th. Coach Trip to Cromer leaving the Fleece at 9.30am. £8.00 for members £9.00 non-members. Non members always welcome.
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Saturday 27 August, 7.30pm St Mary's Church, Stoke by

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Sunday 28 August, 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Boxford Musica Antiqua of London with
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Steven Devine & Colin Booth (harpsichord)

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JOUST-A-MINUTE

Saturday July 16th 2.30pm Groton Croft

I NEED CHILDREN !!!!

Children from Groton and those of Grandparents who have Groton connections are needed to be "Knights-in-Armour" for this amazing Fun Afternoon on the Croft at Groton, starting at 2.30pm on Saturday July 16th, when Groton meets the Winthrop Family. There will be two events:— one for children under 10 years old, and one for those aged 10—12 [approx]. Teams of up to 10 children will take part. Team Prizes will be presented by the Winthrop Family. Children from surrounding villages are welcome, and can take part if there are any spare places. Please would everyone who would like to take part in the Jousting, contact *Bob Bowdidge* [211553]

As well as the spectacular Jousting Event, there will be a number of exciting Side-Shows, Tombola, Soft-Drinks Bar, Tea-and-buns, etc. to keep you entertained and relieve you of your money. As the date is also the one on which the newest Harry Potter book is to be published, there will be a special Raffle for a copy of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"

Later in the afternoon a sumptuous Barbecue will be on hand. So all in all, a Jolly good afternoon for everyone, whether you have children or not. So put the date in your diaries now, and come and meet the Winthrop family, who are flying over from the U.S.A. especially to take part!! *Bob Bowdidge.*

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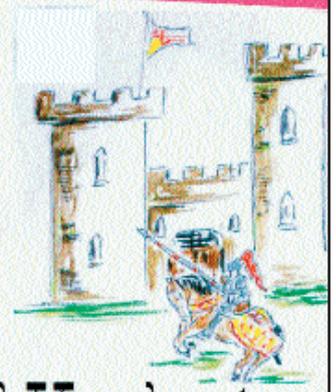
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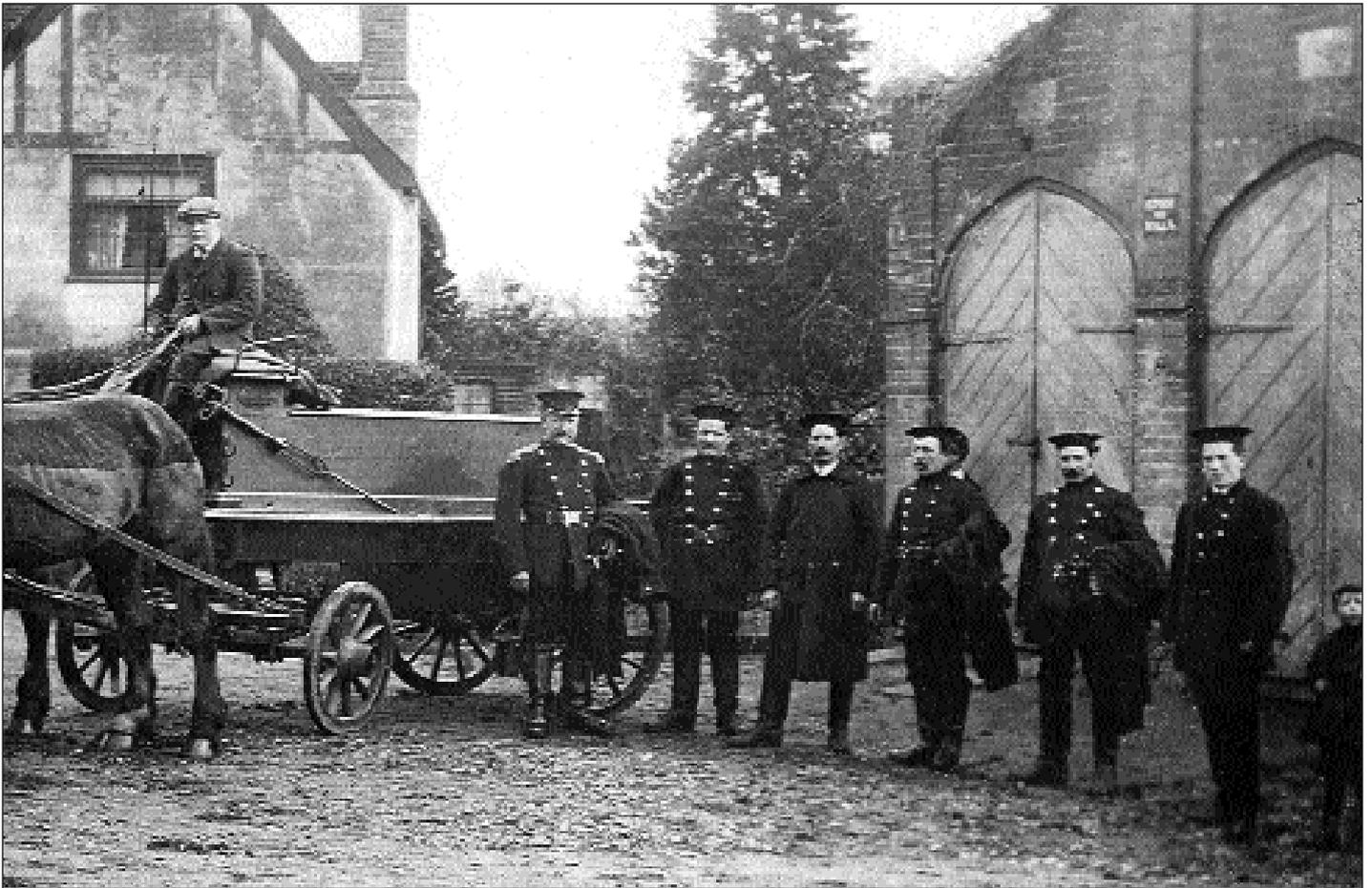


A fun afternoon with

A barbecue

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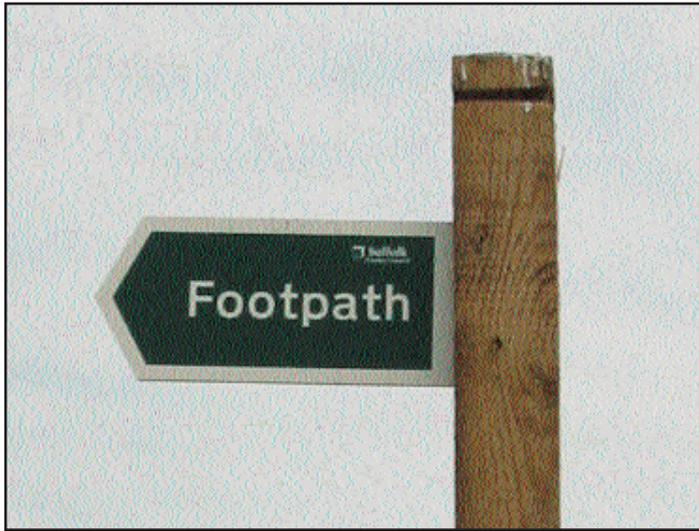
Left to Right: On engine Tom Skinner (they were his horses), Captain Jack Brett, Tom Skinner Snr "Toggy", George Gooden (Landlord of the Swan Inn, Walter Tricker "Killy", Walter Griggs "Dusty", Bloss Kingsbury (Local Builder)



Beany opens the Church Fete in 1976

Beany was an actor recruited to open the Boxford St Mary's Fete in 1976. I don't see any lads in the photo so presumably he was a big hit with the girls. Can you name any of them, especially the dark haired young girl just to the right of Beany's head?

ANOTHER SIGN OF THE TIMES



You may have noticed that towards the end of the last financial year Suffolk County Council seemed to be awash with cash (probably as a result of the 18% increase in council rates) and suddenly hundreds of new footpath signs began to appear all over the county. Otherwise perfectly serviceable ecologically friendly wooden signs and their posts were removed and replaced with new posts and plastic signs. Eight of these new signs can be found in Wash Lane Boxford alone!

This pointless and very expensive exercise has not been repeated in surrounding counties so why was it considered necessary in Suffolk? The irony of this is that in the present financial year there have been budget cuts which require that in 2005 those footpaths which were cut three times annually in 2004 and before will now be cut twice and those that were cut twice will be cut only once. According to Assistant Rights of Way Officer, Mr Kevin Verlander, the cause of the budget cuts is the 33% reduction in the SCC Revenue Budget which is allocated to 'routine tasks' such as grass cutting, **signing** etc. The budget has been cut so drastically that 'if we had the grass cutting schedule of last year, there would be nothing left for other routine tasks'.

Some of our footpaths are already impassable and others will almost certainly become impassable during the summer months. if you have any complaints contact your local county councillor or contact:

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Parish Council Matters

Newton Parish Council

New Parish Clerk

David Crimmin has been appointed Parish Clerk for Newton Parish Council

David is available at 01787 375085 or email dave.crimmin@btinternet.com

Boxford Parish Council Meeting

13th June 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

Planning

Confirmation received from Babergh District Council: -

- permission granted for rear conservatory at 19 Ash Street
- permission granted for detached garage at Drift Cottage, Wash Lane
- permission granted for reduction and felling of Silver Birch Trees at 8 Fitzgerald Meadow

The following were discussed: -

- proposed residential caravan and erection of dwelling at Greenlawns Bonsai Nursery.
- proposed reduction in height of Holly Trees at Old Court House, Cox Hill.
- proposed alterations to waste water plant at Copella in Polstead.

Questions from the Public

Members of the public attended to discuss planning items and with regard to Daking Avenue parking.

District Council Report

Consideration to remove the telegraph pole blocking the footpath from the affordable housing to Homefields is ongoing. The first showing of the digital cinema in Boxford went well and plans for the next film are in hand – Further details to follow as soon as a new date is set.

Suffolk County Council Report

S.Pryor did not attend, however, the Clerk will make contact regarding required improvements to the football pitches.

Police Report

There were 2 reported crimes in Boxford during May, one assault and a forced entry into a van and tools stolen.

Finance

A donation of £25 was made to the Suffolk Befriending Scheme. The audit papers were approved by Council and will be sent to the external auditors.

Reports from Members

Clerk to write to Sudbury Sorting Office to try to establish when the sorting facility will return to Boxford. The Parish Council feels strongly that this should not be delayed, as this is an important service, which should remain within Boxford.

The two vacancies for Parish Councillors should soon be filled, further information to follow shortly.

Clerks Correspondence

Correspondence details were circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting and the Clerk went through the main items. Right of Way Improvement Plan leaflets were handed out.

Please note that the Debbie Hattrell, the Parish Clerk, can be contacted by telephone on 210943. Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Debbie Hattrell

Parish Clerk

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Newton Parish Council decided it would be appropriate to mark John Taylors 35 years as chairman with some sort of presentation to show their gratitude for all he has done for the village. The Council asked John's family for ideas and they came up with the suggestion of planting a tree on the village green. It was thought that this was an excellent idea. A tree is something that John and his family together with the whole village, could enjoy for many years to come.

An English Oak (*Quercus Rubur*) was purchased and a decision made to make the presentation at the Midsummer Munch on Sunday 19th June. It had to be a surprise for John, so it was all very hush hush and only Parish Councillors were involved. Owing to all this secrecy, planting could only take place two hours before the event. 7 years old William Poole helped with the planting - he looked very handy with a spade.

Many villagers turned up for the presentation which showed the esteem in which John is held. A suitable plaque is being provided.



80 villagers past and present attended the Jubilee Garden on Sunday 19th June to enjoy an excellent Barbecue organised by Elsa Stevens assisted by a worthy band of helpers. It was pleasing to see so many newcomers to the village among the guests. It was also particularly good to have Linda Cutts with us. Owing to illness, Linda has not been out for some time and she was warmly welcomed by everyone.

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