

# Box River News

Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton Green



December 2006  
Vol 6 No 12

## WAS THIS THE LAST ONE?



Preparing one of the many mortars for the firework display

### Boxford Firework Spectacular 2006

Another superb display from our pyrotechnicians (far better than that one at LM by all accounts). A big thank you to all of you who helped in any way, shape or form, you know who you are without me going through the list.

We announced in the local paper that this was our last one due to escalating costs but it's not only that. A very small team of us have been working extremely hard over the past three to four weeks with all the preparations and organisation it takes to put on an event of this nature. Our long suffering wives have supported us through this time and it takes total commitment to get everything right on the night. We have decided to call it a day.

We need a team of younger persons from the village to take on this commitment and to share out the jobs so that it becomes a pleasurable experience rather than a hard slog.

I have made appeals in this publications for help over the past three years but nobody has come forward who can commit to the tasks required.

We had some interest shown at the event last Saturday albeit from people from outside of the village so if anyone wants to take up the reins then maybe they will step up.

We have the experience and are willing to pass it on and even help with some of the tasks. My number is 210819 and I can be contacted most of the week.

Peter Hibben Vice Chairman – Boxford Community Council.



### FRIENDS OF BOXFORD SCHOOL SANTA'S VISIT SATURDAY 9TH & SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2006

Father Christmas has once again confirmed to the Friends of Boxford School that he will be in our area on the above dates to see all the children and find out their Christmas wishes.

This year the Gnome helpers will be doing a door to door and street collection for: The Refurbishment of the swimming pool at Boxford School

An approximate timetable is listed below.

#### SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

3.00pm	Boxford Lane – Stone street
3.30pm	Calais Street – Whitestreet Green
4.15pm	Cox Hill
	Brook hall estate
5.00pm	The Causeway
	Ash street – Fen street
	Broad street
	School hill – Rectory Park
5.45pm	Fox & Hounds – Groton Street
6.00pm	Santa's break
6.30pm	Park Corner
	Whitehorse Edwardstone
	Mill Green
7.00pm	Sherbourne Street
7.30pm	Partridge Close
	Homefield
	Daking Avenue
	Swan Street

#### SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

3.30pm	Old Joe's road Gt Cornard
4.00pm	The Green Newton
5.30pm	The Street, Assington

## Box River News

### Copy delivery points are:

Eddie Kench, Kiln Cottage, Stone Street, Boxford CO10 5NR or left at 'Boxford News' in Broad Street Boxford marked for the 'Box River News'. Include pictures together with stamped addressed envelope for their return

Telephone: 01787 211507

Please note new e.mail address

e.mail: [ed.kench@btinternet.com](mailto:ed.kench@btinternet.com)

Closing date for copy for the January 2006 Issue is:

**December 10th @ Noon**

Box River  
News

### Delivered Free

to every home in Boxford, Groton, Edwardstone, Newton, and Little Waldingfield and available to residents in Assington, Leavenheath, Gt Waldingfield, Polstead, Lindsey, Milden Stoke by Nayland, Kersey, and parents of children at Boxford School.

## BOXFORD MILL SURGERY TEMPORARY CLOSURE

The following notice has been available to patients who normally attend the Mill Surgery in Boxford. We reproduce it here for the benefit of those patients who have been fortunate not to have been ill recently!

Unfortunately due to the shortage of trained Dispensing staff it is necessary to **CLOSE THE MILL SURGERY** from **MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2006** opening again with normal hours from **MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2006**.

Unfortunately with one recent planned retirement but two unexpected resignations for personal reasons during the week ending 20 October 2006 we feel we are unable to provide a 'safe service for patients or staff at either Hadleigh or Boxford Surgeries given a sudden 25% reduction in 'trained' Dispensing staff levels.

It is therefore necessary to concentrate the staff and services at Hadleigh Health Centre where we have the most resources and will be able to operate most efficiently utilising the limited staff availability. It takes a minimum of 4 months to train a new Dispenser to an acceptable level of competence. As well as the new Dispenser joining our team on Monday 6 November 2006 we will be advertising for replacements as soon as possible.

**If you wish to access GP, Nurse, Phlebotomy or other services currently provided at the Mill Surgery** between the above dates please contact Hadleigh Health Centre on the following telephone number. Our staff will be pleased to help you and answer any queries you may have.

**01473 822961 (fax. 01473 824895)**

**WE WILL PROVIDE THE FULL MEDICAL SERVICES PRESENTLY PROVIDED AT THE MILL SURGERY FROM HADLEIGH HEALTH CENTRE.**

### Dispensary:

The Dispensary at Hadleigh Health Centre is open from:-

**9am (8.30am Monday only) until 6.30pm Monday to Friday (no closure during the working day)**

**ALL** drugs will be dispensed from the Health Centre Dispensary. Repeat Prescription Requests:

**All paper requests** can be delivered through the door of The Mill Surgery and will be collected daily. There will be up to a 24 hour delay

for collecting the drugs from the Hadleigh Health Centre Dispensary. Sorry we cannot accept telephone requests.

**E Mail Repeat requests:** will be actioned in the usual way. These can be accessed from The Health Centre. If you have not used this method of ordering your repeat prescriptions in the past please ask at Reception for details.

**Please accept our sincere apologies for the unavoidable disruption to our normal service.**

**Dr John Flather (Senior Partner) on behalf of Dr Flather & Partners**

*Bearing in mind that there is a large population of elderly folk in the Boxford area, many of whom can no longer drive or simply can not afford to own a car through trying to live on an inadequate basic pension, one has to be surprised that our very well paid Doctors could not come up with a better arrangement than this. The return fares to Hadleigh to pick up a prescription will in many cases be greater than the value of the drugs collected, not forgetting the time spent in travelling at a time when temperatures will be dropping to uncomfortable levels. Surely it would be possible for a dispensing Chemist from the Hadleigh Practice to be available at the Mill for say an hour a day to dispense repeat prescriptions or even for one of the many doctors in the practice to make themselves available for this task. After all they no longer provide us with an out of hours service. Is this too much to ask. Ed*

The following may be of use to patients travelling to Hadleigh, The fares are certainly cheaper than the regular bus service but you will need to arrange times with the Hadleigh surgery to meet the limited availability

## Hadleigh Community Transport

Hadleigh Community Transport operates a dial and ride service for people without access to other forms of transport.

This may prove useful during the temporary closure of Boxford Surgery from 20th November.

This is available on Tuesday's, Thursday's and Friday's between the hours of 10:00 and 14:00. Bookings must be made at least 24 hours in advance on the following line: -

Call Martine or Joy On 01473-828202

The booking line is open from 9.00 to 12.00 daily.

**The return fare from Boxford is £4.40**



**Friday, 1st and Saturday 2nd December, 8.30 Ticket £15**

### Sarah Jane Morris

Sarah Jane is a truly amazing singer and songwriter. One thing is certain, she shows a gleeful disregard for the boundaries between genres: jazz, soul, pop, contemporary classical; they are all to be found in her astonishing three and a half-octave range vocal performance. 'A Diva for our time, her voice is a force of nature' - The Observer 'Provocative and unorthodox' - The New Musical Express.

**Friday, 8th December, 8.30 Ticket £13**

### Peter King Quartet

It is always a pleasure to welcome back British Jazz legend Peter King, the finest alto saxophone player that this country has ever produced. Peter continues to release album after album to much critical acclaim and to the delight of his many fans. Another perfect evening listening to the highest quality jazz is absolutely guaranteed! The other three members of this top drawer quartet are Steve Melling (piano), Jeremy Brown (bass) and Stephen Keogh (drums).

**Friday, 15th December, 8.30 Ticket £15**

### Anorak

Saxophonist, bandleader and composer Iain Ballamy is an original and versatile musician. A supreme improviser, he is also

an accomplished composer with numerous commissions to his name. Renowned in Europe as the 'Fantastic Englishman', Iain established himself playing alongside notables including Hermeto Pascoal, the late Gil Evans, George Coleman, Dewey Redman, Mike Gibbs and the New York Composers Orchestra. He has toured extensively world-wide and can be heard on over 40 CD's. The other members of Anorak are Gareth Williams (piano), Steve Watts (bass) and Martin France (drums).

**Friday, 22nd December, 8.30 Ticket £13**  
**Liane Carroll**

Our Christmas gig features a double winner from the 2005 BBC Jazz Awards. Singer/Pianist Liane, who has been performing professionally since the age of 15, has a remarkable delivery, both powerful and soulful but she can, when the fancy takes her, have you in tears with a sad ballad! Liane has a growing reputation around the world. Tonight Liane is joined by Roger Carey (bass) and Mark Fletcher (drums).

**Friday, 29th December, 8.30 Ticket £13**  
**Protect the Beat**

Dust off those Christmas cobweb blues with this blistering jazz groove act that measures up to anything America has to offer with this group of high profile musicians. They are Derek Nash (saxophones), Tim Cansfield (guitar), Arden Hart (keyboards & trumpet), Winston Blissett (bass) and Darby Todd (drums). Ladies and Gentlemen - It still ain't dinner jazz!

**Just a taste of the Autumn programme, when Gerard Presencer will be making a long awaited return visit, Marlene VerPlanck drops in from the USA, and Geoff Gascoyne will be back leading his own quintet.**

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

**01787 211865**

All cheques (with S.A.E. please) to:

Jazz at the Fleece, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JR

# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## Cards for Good Causes

### The Multi Charity Christmas Card Shop

is now open in Sudbury in the Salvation Army Centre in Station Road. Opening times are 9.30am to 4.00pm Mondays to Saturdays and the shop will remain open until 16th December. This year there are cards from 48 charities, 9m of these are local and 81p from the sale of the each card goes to your chosen charity. For more information call Chris Proffitt on 01787 374289.

## Leavenheath 50+ Badminton Club

Keen to keep fit and active this winter?

We do now have one or two places available for players.

Interested? Phone Frederick Terry on 01206 263986

## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD CHARITIES

If you are over sixty-five and have lived in Little Waldingfield for a year or more you may be eligible for the Christmas gift.

Please apply to *Sue Mitchell* on 247173

## BOOKS WANTED

We'd love all your unwanted books for our Xmas Fair and these can be left in the school office marked for the attention of David Long Telephone 248337.

**Be quick though because the Fair is on 25th November and you may only just have got your December Box River News Ed.**

## LEAVENHEATH CRICKET CLUB

This has certainly been a season of two halves. Overall, in terms of the number of victories, it was one of our better years, we had a great tour to Kent and we managed to introduce a number of younger players but, unfortunately, the season rather fizzled out towards the end as we had to cancel a number of fixtures as a result of lack of player availability and having too small a pool of players to choose from.

We would love to welcome some new members – any age/ability - to the club, which plays friendly village cricket. (We do not play league cricket)

In addition do we have any volunteers for groundsman/woman who would be willing and able to look after our very fine cricket square, which is admired by all our visitors (The outfield is looked after by the Village Green Committee)? This work has, until now, been undertaken by club members on a voluntary basis (and they will be able to assist but only on an ad hoc basis) but this system is becoming more and more difficult to keep going. We are able to pay a certain amount, if necessary.

For any further information on membership, or enquiries about working on the square, please contact:

*Mike Gordon* (Chairman) 01206 263130.

More contact details, and information on the Club, may be found on our website: [www.leavenheathcc.co.uk](http://www.leavenheathcc.co.uk).

## Boxford Sunflower Group

Our Fundraising efforts have got off to an excellent start, we raised £116.60 with our Bottle Tombola at the Boxford Fireworks Night, our sponsored Autumn Trail was a great hit with the children and sponsorship money so far has passed the £200 mark with more money to be collected.

Buildbase in Hadleigh has agreed to sponsor the extension of the outside play area and one of our committee members is meeting the funding team for the Local Network Fund (LNF) for Children and Young People to see if Sunflower Playgroup can qualify for funding towards new equipment. Our next effort is holding a Children's Christmas Party.

## EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2006

Well, the new format seemed to work!

Customers and stallholders alike appeared delighted with our 2 day shopping event .

Our Festive Shopping Evening was great fun, helped along by a delicious selection of wines to taste from Richard Sunderland and some lovely canapés kindly provided by some willing helpers. George Courtauld's new book, *The Illustrated Book of Patriotism*, generated a lot of interest too, as did all our wonderful stalls.

The Main Fair the following day saw a steady stream of customers enjoying a very pleasant Christmas shopping experience and the chance to sit down with a tea or coffee. The Produce and Cakes were as popular as ever and the reintroduction – by local demand - of a Craft stall at the Village Hall was welcomed by many.

And once again The Famous Edwardstone Christmas Pudding sold out in record time!

We hope that we managed to deal with some of the issues from previous years, most notably the parking which was very well organised on both days, thanks to some men in fluorescent jackets with walkie-talkies! Also, although it may have caused a very few problems, the restrictions on pushchairs in the Church helped to ease congestion.

With the help of a lot of hard-working volunteers and enthusiastic shoppers, we managed to raise over £4000 for Edwardstone Church – a 50% increase on last year's figures and a great achievement.

So to everyone who supported us, either as sponsors, helpers or shoppers, Thank You!

## BOXFORD PLAYING FIELDS

### ANNUAL" FUN DAY", JUNE 2007.

To help improve support and participation it is intended to introduce "It's a Knockout" with 8 teams competing with one another doing silly things like getting wet etc.. This could make it a real 'FunDay'

There will be two categories, senior and junior and if you feel you would be able to enter a team to represent your Club, Pub, Organisation, Neighbours or Friends please contact me on 210075.

*Greg Deeks* Playing Fields Committee

## BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

(REGISTERED NUMBER: - 207861)

The next meeting of the Trustees is arranged for Tuesday 20th. February 2007, at 7:30p.m. and the venue is Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford. Boxford United Charities under the scheme set out by the Charities Commission is allowed to give grants subject to the availability of funds to residents of the three Parishes of Boxford, Groton, and Edwardstone, for the following purposes: -

**EDUCATION:** - help with the cost of books, travel, and in this day and age costs relating personal computers, for instance, when taking up higher education.

**MEDICAL:** - assistance with travelling expenses to and from hospital or help with the purchase of a piece of equipment for personal use that is not normally available under the NHS.

**GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES:** - help towards the cost of a project but not funds simply to add to another charity's funds. If you wish to apply for a grant as an individual or group please write to the Clerk to the Trustees giving full details and stating why you or the organisation is looking for funding assistance. Also if you have applied before you can put in a further request should an organisation have another project or an individual has continuing costs, as in the case of someone on a three/four year degree course.

*David House* Clerk to the Trustees Boxford United Charities

14 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford, Sudbury, Suffolk. C010 5HU.

## Boxfords 2006 Christmas card



This years Boxford Xmas card (Above) will be on sale in the Post Office on the 1st November.

Proceeds from this years card will be going to the Boxford Village Hall for restoration work. The Hall is worn out and has very tired fabric and in need of urgent attention.

# Parish Council Matters

## Warming News for Households

Warm Front aims to improve the energy efficiency and comfort levels in the homes of those who need it most through the provision of insulation and heating, making homes affordable to keep warm and reducing the risk of cold related illnesses.

The grant is available to people that own their home or rent from a private landlord. To qualify, the householder must be in receipt of an income related or disability related benefit or credit.

Government funded grants of up to £2,700 (this goes up to £4,000 if oil fired heating is fitted) are available to homeowners and private tenants receiving certain income related or disability related benefits or credits, to provide heating and insulation measures to improve their homes.

Warm Front will organise and pay for all work up to the value of the grant. This scheme is funded by the government and managed by Eaga Group Ltd. All you have to do is call free on 0800 316 2814 (between 9am and 6pm Monday to Friday or 9am and 5pm on Saturdays) to find out if you're eligible. If you're not eligible we offer a Benefit Entitlement Check to see if you're eligible for any benefits. You will be guided through the process by a trained advisor.

## KickStart

Suffolk ACRE's moped loaning scheme Kickstart is now going countrywide, thanks to a £40,000 grant from the National and Learning and Skills Council.

Kickstart is helping to tackle the problem of rural isolation which makes it hard to source a job or training without transport, and very difficult to fund transport without an income.

The project, which was relaunched in June with funds from Defra's Rural and Social Community Programme (RSCP) was initially for the west and east areas of the county only, due to limitations on funding. The additional £40,000 will enable Kickstart to purchase more mopeds and operate across the whole county, bringing the large rural area of Mid Suffolk into the scheme.

Suffolk ACRE will be employing a second Co-ordinator in due course,

and Kickstart will be administered in two sectors. The project is aimed at anyone aged 16-65 living in a rural area who needs to access training or employment but is unable to due to lack of transport.

Successful applicants, chosen on circumstance by the co-ordinator, will be provided with a moped for a maximum term of 6 months. The loan will include:

- Insurance
- Road Tax
- MoT
- Compulsory Bike Training (CBT)
- Brand new crash helmet for each user conforming to BSI standards
- Gloves
- Moped Lock
- Maintenance and repair

The user will need to have their own full or provisional driving licence, buy petrol for the moped, and pay £8 per week towards costs.

Kickstart is working with Connexions and Suffolk ACRE'S employment projects to ensure that the project benefits as many people as possible.

**If you are interested, or you know someone else who may be, then please contact the Kickstart Co-ordinator, Gordon Mellor on 01473 242500 or email: [gordon.mellor@suffolkacre.org.uk](mailto:gordon.mellor@suffolkacre.org.uk)**

## HADLEIGH HEALTH CENTRE FLU VACCINATIONS 2006

**BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL ON  
TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER  
from 9am-1 Inoon & 2pm - 4pm**

no appointments necessary (no community bus for Boxford)

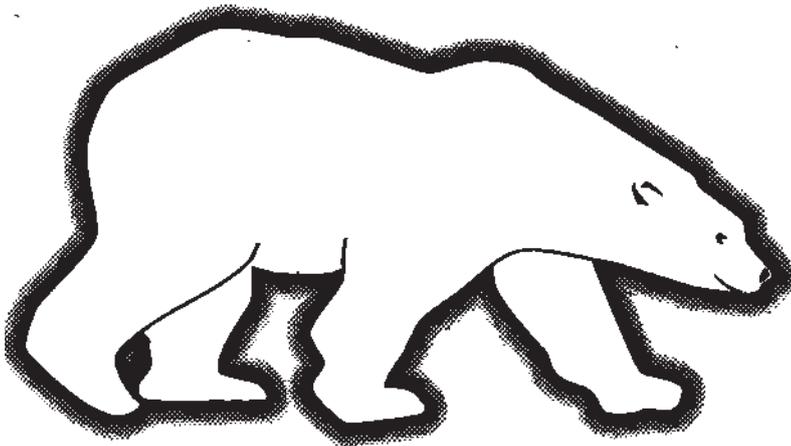
**01473 822961**

## Arctic Fuel Co Ltd

A Warm Warm Welcome to Arctic Fuel your local fuel company offering over 50 years experience in supplying homes and farms with best quality fuel at competitive prices.

On top of our normal responsive and courteous service, we can offer timely courtesy calls, group order discounts and an out of hours telephone number to help when others cannot.

*We provide the service you have been waiting for!*



*Keeping Suffolk Warm*

### Arctic Fuel Co Ltd

*Crockatt Lane*

*Hadleigh*

*Ipswich*

*Suffolk*

*IP7 6RD*

**Tel: 01473 829809**

**Out of hours: 07711 729118**

# The Groton Fox

Just an Old Fashioned

A Country Pub with a difference

Open for Food and Drinks 7 days a week

Great Beer, very good selection of Wines

Menu changing daily to reflect the best of local  
produce

Special dietary needs catered for

5 course Christmas Day Feast £45.00 per  
head

Mulled wine on arrival and House Wine for four

Special New Years Eve Menu

**With Christmas just around the corner why not start to  
plan your Christmas and New Years Party with Family  
and Friends, or your works or office party.**

Menus upon request or visit us to discuss your  
requirements



**01787 210474**

Sky Sports available on our 50 inch Plasma HD Screen

# Forthcoming Events Diary

**November**

29-2nd Dec Ali Baba and the Faulty Thieves    Boxford Drama Group    Village Hall    See ad

**December**

<p>Polstead "Victorian Christmas in Suffolk"                  2 Cheese and Wine Party                      Groton PCC                  2 A Celebration of Advent                  2 Xmas Cake Stall                                  Save The Children                  3 Christingle Service                  6 Over 60's Lunch                  6 Boxford WI    Victorian Christmas                  8/9 Trouble at Tombstone Gulch                  9/10 FOBS Santa Float                  9 Christmas Coffee Morning                  Newton                  9 Ruby and her Horses                          Polstead                  11 Magical Christmas Party                    Sunflower                  15/16 Trouble at Tombstone Gulch                  15 Boxford Digital Cinema                      Romance and Cigaretts                  16 Newton Carols around the Christmas Tree                  17 Carol Service and Mulled Wine and mince pies</p>	<p><b>Village Hall</b>    7.30pm                  Former WI Hall                                      7.30pm                  Boxford St Mary's                                  6.30pm                  Mary's House                                        9.00am                  Boxford St Mary's                                  4pm                  Edwardstone Parish Hall                        12noon                  Village Hall    2pm                  Little Waldingfield Parish Room                6.45pm                    Newton Village Hall                                10.00am                  Polstead Village Hall                               7.30pm                  Edwardstone Village Hall                        12.30pm                  Little Waldingfield Parish Room                6.45pm                  Village Hall    7.30pm                  Village Hall                  Boxford St Mary's                                  6.30pm</p>
---	---

**2007**

**January**

5 Little Angels Group                              Boxford St Mary's			
17 Boxford Community Council                  Council Meeting		White Hart or Mary's House	8.00pm
27 Boxford Community Council                  Fun and Games Night		Village Hall	7.00pm

**February**

3 Global warming and The Garden    A Talk		The Village Hall Boxford	8.00pm
---	--	--------------------------	--------

**March**

17 Boxford Church Coffee Morning		Mary's House	
----------------------------------	--	--------------	--

**May**

12 1st Boxford Scouts Centenary Camp and Open Day		The Spinney	
---	--	-------------	--

**June**

3 Boxford St Mary's                                  Gardens Open		Rectory Garden	
23 Boxford St Mary's Fete		Boxford St Mary's	
30 & July 1st A Celebration of Flowers			

First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford                                  7.30pm

## Boxford News

Broad Street, Boxford    Telephone:  
01787 210316

- Newspapers & Magazines •
- Newspaper Deliveries •
- Confectionery & Tobacco •
- Greetings Cards • Stationery •
- National Lottery

**Bates Wells & Braithwaite**

**Expert legal help for business and for individuals...**

Accident claims - Commercial and company law  
 Commercial property - Commercial German legal services  
 Employment - Environmental Law -  
 Estates, trusts and wills - Family and children  
 Health and safety - Licensing - Litigation/mediation  
 Residential property - Rural business affairs

**Bates Wells & Braithwaite Solicitors**

27 Friars Street Sudbury C0102AD  
 T: 01787 880440 E: solicitors@bateswells-sudbury.co.uk

A/F

"I wonder if you could help me, I need to buy a house with a bigger garden."

**01473 823456**

THINKING OF MOVING?  
WE CAN HELP

76 High Street, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 5EF  
 Telephone (01473) 823456 Fax (01473) 824800  
 email: sales@frostandpartners.co.uk www.frostandpartners.co.uk

A/A

# Parish Council Matters

## Lt Waldingfield Parish Council

**The council met on 9th November.** 6 councillors attended plus the Community Beat Officer.

**Police matters.** There have been no crimes reported since the last meeting. We are, along with all the 21 other parishes under his control, to lose our CBO and he will be replaced by PCSO's (Policy Community Support Officers).

The Sudbury district has asked for 12 and will get 6-8. This happens in the New Year. Police Direct leaflets were handed over. See any councillor if you would like one. Police Direct is a new free way to get information from your local police by email, text or voice messaging.

**The minutes were approved and signed.**

**Matters arising.** None

**Financial matters.** A cheque for £63.35 for emptying the Dog Bins was signed. The second precept payment of £1,100 has been received.

**Planning matters.** None

**Correspondence.** A letter of support for Great Waldingfield Post Office is to be sent.

**Church Wall.** The rebuilding is nearly completed and the result looks very satisfactory. It has also been achieved within budget.

**Any other business.** Quotations for the cutting of the Churchyard Grace are still being sort. The leak outside Boston Cottage is to be brought to AWA's attention again.

**The next meeting** is on 18th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

## Meetings of Boxford Parish Council

Held in October 2006.

### Planning & Finance Meeting on 2nd October.

#### Finance

In addition to the usual business, a donation of £50 was agreed for St Nicholas Hospice. Michael Nutt, the Contractor for the Church Clock, is making good progress in bringing the Clock back to working order. The RUPP

The path between Broad Street and the playing fields will be resurfaced from the garages to the gate of the bowls club. The materials to be used are limestone with timber edging and finished with a limestone dust.

#### Planning

Confirmations received from Babergh District Council: -

- Babergh confirmed permission granted for part two-storey and part first floor side extension at the Pippins, Calais Street.

The following were discussed: -

- Application for Listed Building Consent to remove the front canopy and complete internal alterations at the White Hart Inn.

- Erection of side garden fence, entrance gates, greenhouse and garden shed at Pickerings, Stone Street.

- Consulted as an adjoining parish for erection of blending area extension at Copella.

- Removal of Eucalyptus tree at Hamlet House, Cox Hill.

- Removal of Conifer tree at 2, The Causeway.

- Erection of first floor rear extension at 22 Ellis Street.

### Parish Council Meeting on 16th October.

#### Suffolk County Council Report

County Councillor Selwyn Pryor spoke of the pressures on Suffolk County Council to save money. Matters brought to Councillor Pryor's attention were road signs being obscured by foliage on the by pass and the pinch point in Butchers Lane. At Butchers Lane, vehicles are mounting the pavement and hitting the house. It was agreed for the Clerk to report both issues to Highways at SCC and meanwhile Councillor Pryor and District Councillor Hurren will inspect.

#### District Council Report

District Councillor, Bryn Hurren, reported the new noticeboard at Stone Street is now in place. He explained the District Council have robust procedures for collecting unpaid Council tax and are currently working hard to minimise necessary Tax increases. He commented on preparations for the digital cinema showing of "Walk the Line". Councillor Hurren was asked whether Babergh had any plans to introduce sensors in dust bins. He confirmed they did not.

#### Clerks Correspondence

The Clerk reported that Babergh had re-installed the Boxford Lane sign following a request from the Parish Council. The Clerk read a letter confirming the new split of contributions prepared by Suffolk County

Council towards the RUPP resurfacing. The Parish Council will be contributing £250. The Clerk advised that EDF were scheduled to connect the new street light in Daking Avenue on 26th October. The Contractors were to erect the new column ahead of that date. A response to our complaint regarding the lack of attendance by P C Wren to Parish Council meetings was read. The Clerk and Councillor Balls were to attend a training workshop for the Local Development Framework and the Chairman and Councillor Balls were to attend the Annual Meeting with the Town and Parish Councils.

#### Police Report

P C Wren reported the unusually high incidents of crime for September: Damage to a car windscreen on Cox Hill; wheels taken from a bicycle in Broad Street; damage to shed door on Homefield; theft of heating oil in Stone Street Road; assault in Homefield and theft of plants from roadside stall in Stone Street. He advised that two out of the twelve vacancies for Police Community Support Officers in the Hadleigh area had been filled. The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators attended the bi annual meeting at Hadleigh recently.

#### Cemetery

The completed risk assessments were discussed and urgent items will be given priority. Councillor Impett agreed to progress matters with the Contractor including repairs to the grave outside the church entrance.

#### PCC Meeting

The Chairman spoke of her attendance at the recent PCC meeting. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain the dates of future meetings. This will enable attendance by Parish Councillors in order to build stronger communication links.

#### Reports from Members

Members of the Council commented on the high standard of the resurfacing work on the School and Sand Hills. The Clerk was to write expressing thanks for a job well done. Councillor Balls reported the damaged Street Sign for Daking Avenue. The Clerk was to report to Babergh District Council.

#### Planning

The following applications were discussed by Council: -

- Proposal to fell a pear tree and conifer tree and shape two Yew trees and a pear tree at Peyton House, Butchers Lane.

- Proposal to remove a horse chestnut tree at 32 Swan Street.

- Proposal by Orwell Housing Association to carry out work to various trees at Fitzgerald Meadow.

## Hannah Seward Portraits & Paintings Commissioned artwork & design



Photo



Portrait



Photo



Portrait

tel: 07771 870433

email: [studio@hannahseward.co.uk](mailto:studio@hannahseward.co.uk)

website: [www.hannahseward.co.uk](http://www.hannahseward.co.uk)

# The Box River Parishes Church News December

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

**Rector:** The Reverend David Matthews, The Rectory, School Hill, Boxford CO10 5JT  
Tel 210752 e-mail: david.matthews49@tiscali.co.uk  
*Day off: Monday*

**Reader:** Christopher Kingsbury, Rose Cottage, Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone CO10 5PD  
Tel: 211236 Fax: 211238 e-mail: ChrisKingsC@aol.com  
Graham Brook, 90 Tayler Road, Hadleigh IP7 5HR  
Tel: 01473 823723, e-mail: g\_brook\_1999@yahoo.com

**Benefice House** Mary's House 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ  
Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know:

- If you would like a home visit, home communion, hospital visit or
- Of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance. Thank You

To the Box River Saints,

A decision has been taken that we begin evening Alpha courses in the New Year. During our discussions on the issue it became apparent that people are not really sure what Alpha is, so perhaps an explanation is in order. The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening manner over ten, thought-provoking weekly sessions. In addition no commitment is required either during the course or following it.

The course was begun over 20 years ago as a way for people to find out about Christianity. It was realised then that a large proportion of the population didn't go to church and therefore had very little idea of what Christianity was all about. Since then over 7 million people worldwide have attended the Alpha Course.

The course is aimed specifically at those who don't go to church, and would find doing so threatening, but still would like to know more about the Christian faith. The venue is chosen so as to be the sort of place where most people would feel comfortable. So far we have held courses at the school and at someone's home, but courses have been held at local pubs, restaurants etc.

The first evening begins with a meal and is followed by a talk on DVD entitled 'Christianity, boring, untrue and irrelevant?' Following this you will be given the opportunity to explore further by coming on the course without any commitment to do the whole of it.

The course is friendship based. Each evening begins with a get together around a simple meal. We follow this with a talk on DVD about some aspect of Christianity such as: 'Who is Jesus', 'How and why do I pray' and 'How does God guide us'. After this we break into small groups for coffee where a discussion can take place around the subject of the talk or any other issue regarding Christianity. It must be emphasised that no question is too trivial, threatening or illogical. You can ask all the questions you ever wanted answers to and know that your questions are probably the same ones that have been bugging other members of the group.

It should also be stressed that at no time will anybody follow up if you don't decide to continue with the course, in fact no one will 'pester' you in any way. We regard people as adults and as such recognise their right to continue or not as they wish. If you are looking for serious answers to life's questions in an open and friendly atmosphere, Alpha is for you. We will advertise the course as soon as the timing has been organised.

The Box River Club are looking for people to assist with the running of this Sunday morning club. Because the club has among its number children from each parish of the benefice we are especially looking for assistance from all the parishes. If you can help please contact me or one of the Box River Club helpers.

God's richest blessings  
David



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwardens:**

*Ruth Kingsbury, as Christopher above  
Peter Patrick, Amberley,  
White Street Green. tel 210346*

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:** Lord Jesus as we look forward to celebrating your birth among us, give us the wisdom and faith also to prepare for your return so that when that day comes we will be ready to stand before you in your risen glory. *Christopher Kingsbury*

**ADVENT CELEBRATION:** The shops may have started weeks ago, but on Advent Sunday, 3rd December, the Church begins its countdown to Christmas.

Advent doesn't start and finish on that day. Advent is the period of waiting for Christ's coming into the world and it goes on each year until Christmas Eve. But it doesn't end there. We're all part of the Advent season, as we wait for Christ's coming in glory. Soon the Christmas party season will mean fully booked restaurants. Churchgoers or not, everyone will be getting into the Christmas spirit and wanting to celebrate.

We can truly enter into the Christmas spirit by keeping the Christ in Christmas, by remembering what we really have to celebrate; the memory of God's coming in Jesus, and the hope of His glorious return. Why not celebrate by coming to the Advent Celebration at St. Mary's Church at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday 2nd December. Afterwards there is a supper - tickets are available for the supper at £7.00 each from Boxford Newsagents. *Christopher Kingsbury*

### CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S:

**December 3rd** Christingle Service at 4.00 p.m.

**December 10th** Box River Club Christmas Service at 11.00 a.m.

**December 17th** Carol Service at 6.30 p.m.

**December 24th** Midnight Mass at 11.30 p.m.

**December 25th** Family Service at 11.00 a.m.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Meets Monday 11th December at 8.00 p.m. in Mary's House. Exploring the Book of Genesis. Everyone is most welcome to join this hour of fellowship. *Peter Holden*

**PRAYER GROUP:** Meets at 7.30 p.m. in Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford on the first and third Tuesdays in the month. Please consider spending a short time in quiet prayer for the needs of the Church in this benefice and community. *Peter Holden*

**HOUSE GROUP:** Meets at 8.00 p.m. at Brook House, Fen Street, Boxford on the third Thursday in the month. A time of reflection and fellowship. All are made very welcome. *Peter Holden*

**BOX RIVER CLUB:** Please also see General Church News.

**YOUTH SERVICE:** A very big thank you to the youth group INSPIRED & EXPLORERS from Hadleigh URC for leading our worship on Sunday 29th October. We very much look forward to being able to welcome them again to St. Mary's Church. *CK*

**JANET DANIELS:** We owe a considerable debt of gratitude indeed to Janet, who has for some 16 years been in charge of our Sunday School and latterly the Box River Club. It takes a very special person to give the commitment that Janet has to our children. We all wish her a peaceful retirement and trust that someone will be found to take over this often demanding but surely very rewarding role. *CK*

**JANET WRITES:** After approximately 16 years, working with firstly Sunday School and then the Box River Club, I have sadly decided that the time has come to retire. We have had some good years and some lean ones, it is not easy having to compete with football, hockey etc., but we have sixteen or so children on our register and are always trying ways to encourage more to join. The children themselves are lovely, always enjoy the meetings and are full of enthusiasm.

Copy Date for Church News section in the January Box River News:

**Please, NO LATER THAN 8th December.** Thank you.

**I cannot guarantee it will be included if I receive it after this date.**

Daphne Clark 210698.  
email address - [daphne@clark-home.me.uk](mailto:daphne@clark-home.me.uk)

**MARY'S HOUSE, Swan Street, Boxford**  
Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
9:30 to 12:30

**Drop in for a chat and a coffee**  
Everyone welcome

It is essential that the club or something like it continues in this benefice, that is if we want our churches to survive and to have our children to have a knowledge of the Christian way of life.

We have several people willing to be on a rota to help once or twice a term, but need volunteers willing to share the tasks in actually running the club and leading sessions.

If you feel that it is important to keep our children as part of the church and you have a little time to spare there are a number of ways in which you can help. We need a planning committee, session leaders (materials are available to help with this) and new ideas as to how we can go forward.

Please do contact Joan or David Matthews.

This is the ONLY children's club in the benefice, we have children from nearly every parish and we need helpers from every parish. It is already planned that the Box River Club should take the main part in a family service in each parish, perhaps once a year on a rota basis.

These things don't just happen; they need planning well in advance, a job for the new committee perhaps.

I have worked so hard over the years to keep the club going, please don't let it close now. *Janet Daniels*

**SMILE LINES;** Going to Charleston South Carolina? Take a coach tour. One company promises to show you everything. Its brochure even boasts, "see places that no longer exist" *Perry Priest*



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**

*Vacant*

**Lay Elder:**

*Antony Dodd, Mill Green End; tel 210397*

**OVER 50s LUNCH:** There will be a lunch in Edwardstone Parish Hall for the over 50s on Wednesday 6th December from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. Tickets, which must be booked please, £4.50. The Hall will be decorated for Christmas. ALL welcome. Transport can be arranged if required. Please contact *Daphne Clark* on 210698.

**EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR:** On behalf of the PCC, a huge thank you to the organisers, contributors, helpers and supporters for the tremendous effort in running this year's Christmas Fair. The considerable planning and organisational effort was obvious and led to an outstanding success. It is great that some of the 'younger' elements of the village have taken on this function with enthusiasm and skill and this is very much appreciated. The amount raised was a staggering £4054.81. *David Saddleton*, Lay Chairman Edwardstone PCC

**UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE – 3 DECEMBER, ADVENT SUNDAY:** The United Benefice Service on Sunday, December 3rd will be followed by mince pies and sherry. Soft drinks will also be available.

**BOX RIVER CLUB:** Please see Boxford section and General Church News.

**SIDESMAN & CLEANING ROTA:**

**Dec 3:** Mr Saddleton (United Benefice Service) /Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul;

**Dec 10:** Visiting/Mr & Mrs Saddleton;

**Dec 17:** Hilary Currey/Mr & Mrs Saddleton;

**Dec 24:** Mrs Dodd/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

**Dec 31:** United Benefice Service (Gro)/Mr & Mrs Dodd.



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:** *Barbara Riddleston:*

*Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261*

*Sue Edwards:*

*Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785*

**FROM THE REGISTERS: 27 OCTOBER 2006:** Funeral, followed by burial: ROBERT TORQUIL ST CLAIR BROWN, aged 45 years.

**GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY -**

**Saturday, December 2nd at 7.30 p.m. in WI Hall:**

Please put this important date in your diaries now, and get your tickets in good time, a bargain at £5 each; there will be the usual attractions, fantastic food, "Pat-and Gerald's" Bar, Raffle, Gift Stall etc. Tickets will be available from Pat Bowdidge (211553) Pat Kennedy Scott (210319) or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to St.

Bartholomew's Church. *Pat Kennedy Scott*

**BOX RIVER CLUB:** Please see Boxford section and General Church News.

**ROTA**

**December**

**Flowers**

Mrs Payne

**Cleaning:**

Mrs Payne

**Sidesman with Sacristan:**

Mr Block



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**

*Vacant*

**BOOK AND VIDEO LENDING SCHEME:** The next open morning for village residents will be in the church on Saturday 2nd December from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. *Sandra Harbord*

**THE CAROL SERVICE** The annual Carol Service will be held at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday, 17th December. As usual it will be rounded off by mulled wine and mince pies. We look forward to seeing you. *Tim & Sandra Harbord*

**CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE**

This will be on Thursday 21st December. We shall meet up in the The Swan ready to start by 6.30 p.m. If you plan to join us it would help if you could let Sandra or Tim Harbord know on 01787 247034, but otherwise please turn up on the night and join in for some or all of the time. The collection will be in aid of Crisis at Christmas, a charity that gives shelter to the homeless at Christmas. Please be generous with your donations.

**FINALLY** thank you from the PCC to all who have supported the church over the past year. We send all in our parish best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

**BOX RIVER CLUB:** Please see Boxford section and General Church News.

**ROTAS: SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:**

**Dec 3:** United Benefice Service (Edw)/No flowers;

**Dec 10:** Mr Squirell/No flowers;

**Dec 17:** Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse/No flowers;

**Dec 24:** Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse/Mrs Pell;

**Dec 31:** United Benefice Service (Gro)/Mrs Storar.



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

**Churchwardens:**

*Diana Stock: 12 Links View; tel 312828*

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:** This year our Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 9th December commencing at 10.00 a.m. in the Village Hall.

Gift Stall, Children's Stall, Cake and Produce Stall, Treasure Hunt and Raffle. *Diana Stock*

**BOX RIVER CLUB:** Please see Boxford section and General Church News.

## GENERAL CHURCH NEWS:

**THE BOX RIVER CLUB NEWS:**

Meets in the school hall 10.30 a.m. 2nd and 4th Sundays during term time.

December 10th - Box River Club Christmas Service 11.00 a.m.

New members are very welcome.

**THE LITTLE ANGELS GROUP:**

A new group for accompanied pre-school age children will be starting at St. Mary's Church, Boxford on Friday 5th January 2007, at 2.30 p.m. – 3.10 p.m. Then on the first Friday of every month.

All pre-school children very welcome – accompanied by parent or carer! The group will be led by Reverend David Matthews and will be an opportunity for young children to come into the church, listen to a short story, sing some songs and enjoy some refreshments.

If you would like more information please call *Angela Treagust* on 01787 210769

ELAINE CARPENTER  
CHP (NC) MRHP DIP PSYCOLOGY



Member of  
The National Register of  
Hypnotherapists and  
Psychotherapists

Over 19 years experience of  
Professional and Confidential help with:

**Hypnotherapy**  
**Psychotherapy**  
**Counselling**  
**Anxiety - Phobias - Childbirth**  
**Eating Disorders (Hypnohealing)**  
**Addictions**

Telephone 01787 210601  
3 Groton Street, Edwardstone  
Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 5EE

## Boxford Sunflower Playgroup **AUCTION** **IPSWICH TOWN FC**

Boxford Sunflower Playgroup have been given  
2 tickets to watch any league game between  
January to May 2007 at  
Ipswich Town Football Club.

Great opportunity for any fan and would of  
course make a great present for  
someone special.

**Tickets will be sold to the highest bidder.**

To place your bid please call Jasmine on  
Boxford 211136.

Bids in no later than 15th December - winner  
informed 1st January 2007.

Voucher will entitle the bearer to a pair of seats at an Ipswich Town Football Club  
League fixture at Portman Road subject to availability, excluding Play-Off matches.  
It cannot be replaced or exchange for an equivalent cash value at any time. 3  
dates will be required, tickets will be sent approx 5 weeks before the match for  
which seats have been able to be allocated.

## **GOLF LESSON VOUCHERS FOR CHRISTMAS**

for complete beginners or improvers,  
juniors and adults.  
a great idea for christmas

for more information:  
call TIM COOPER PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL  
NEWTON GREEN GOLF CLUB  
01787 313215  
email: [tcoopergolf@aol.com](mailto:tcoopergolf@aol.com)

## **Toppesfield Cottages**

**Two stylish cottages now available offering luxury  
accomodation for 2 - 4 people  
in the Hadleigh/Polstead area.**

Family or friends wanting to visit, but no room to put them up?  
Why not offer them a pleasant break in one of our cosy cottages.

Available for weekends and short breaks  
throughout the year

Contact Gale on 01473 829129 for more details.



The Willows Montessori Nursery  
Church Road  
Newton  
Sudbury  
(Established 1999)

Monday-Friday: 9am - Mid-day and 1pm - 4pm  
For children aged 2 years to 5 years  
Funding for 3 year-olds upwards

We are a small nursery with 3 qualified staff,  
taking a maximum of 13 children per session. We  
plan for each individual child on a weekly basis,  
helping them to reach their full potential.

For parents we offer informal evenings every  
term covering:

- Positive Behaviour
- The Foundation Stage
- Montessori Equipment

For a prospectus, or to arrange to view the  
nursery, please contact Tina on 01787 375423.

# Box River Sports

Got a sports story? Telephone: 01787 211507 or e-mail ed.kench@btinternet.com

## THE STOKE BY NAYLAND GOLF CLUB AND SPA NAMED UK SPORTS CLUB OF THE YEAR

BY GREENE KING

The Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel, Golf Club & Spa in Leavenheath has been named Sports Club of the Year in the Greene King Free Trade Excellence Awards 2006.

Now in its fourth year, the awards scheme was launched by Greene King Brewing Company to recognise and commend customers operating independent pubs and clubs for their success and business excellence.

Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel, Golf Club & Spa has already been named Sports Club of the Year for the South Anglia region during the regional stage of the competition, and have now been crowned overall winner in the UK National Final.

Sports clubs are highly complex operations, and this award is specially geared towards recognising the unique skills, commitment, passion and drive necessary for running a successful sports club.

Commenting on the success of the Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel, Golf Club & Spa Joe Parks, Free Trade Sales Director, Greene King Brewing said: "The Free Trade Excellence Awards scheme is part of our ongoing commitment to our customers and their individual ambitions and achievements.

"Our sincere congratulations to all at the Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel, Golf Club & Spa for winning this award. Under the direction of Managing Director Susanna Rendall, the club has evolved from a modest local golf course, to one of the most prestigious golfing venues in the country. In August this year, the Club was specially selected by the PGA as host to their Seniors Championship – the first time the event has ever been staged in East Anglia, which was a tremendous accolade, and testimony to the quality and standard of the golf courses and complex facilities. As well as offering luxury facilities for visitors including a state of the art gymnasium and spa facilities the golf club is also a breeding ground for up and coming young talent, operating a two-year golf academy to develop young talent.

"Our customers have a fantastic opportunity to grow their businesses by working in partnership with us and the Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel, Golf Club & Spa is just one example of a club that has really made the most of the benefits of our trading relationship. Susanna and her team thoroughly deserve this accolade and we wish them all the best for the future."



*Above: Action shot of a recent game between Boxford Rovers and Lexden Saints under 10s. In the pic Sam Kench left (sounds familiar, must be the editors grandson) starts an attacking move resulting in one of the 6 goals scored by the Saints who won 6-0. In the background and wearing a head band is Rovers newest recruit Olivia Howlett who showed good movement running against Lexdens strong defence.*

## Local Walks

### Lavenham Rambling Club

**Sunday 10th December 06.** Borely. Meet at the Rodbridge Picnic site (GR 857437) for a walk to Borely. Start at 2pm, lasts for about two hours. Leader TBA.

This is the clubs last walk for the year. A new programme of walks will be given in the New Year. For general enquiries phone Graham on 01787 248128

### Ramblers Association Walks

**Sunday 3rd December 06** Tollesbury Wick Marshes. Meet at Tollesbury cp (towards Marina) (GR 064106) to make a 10am start for sea wall walking. Bring a picnic lunch. Pub at end of walk if required. 10 miles. Leader Brian S 01255 427895

**Thursday 7th December 06.** Abberton Reservoir. Meet for a 10am start at Friday Wood cp, Colchester (GR 986209) for a walk in the Abberton Fingringhoe area. Snacks available at The Whalebone p h 10 miles. Leader Jim C 07944 606251

**Sunday 10th December 06.** Carol Concert Walk. Meet at Dedham Public cp (GR TM 057335) for a 10.30am start to walk to Dedham/Stratford area distance 5 miles. Lunch to be arranged at one of the Dedham pubs and then on to Lawford Church for the Carol Concert that starts at 2.30pm. Leader Leslie 01787 280392

**Wednesday 13th December 06.** Lavenham Circular. Meet at Lavenham Cock cp (GR TL 914489) to make a 10.30am start for a Lavenham Circular walk of 5 miles. Leader David T 01787 880875.

**Thursday 4th January 07.** The Essex Way. Meet for a 10am start at Dedham main cp (GR 057334) for a walk along the Essex Way to Lawford Church and on to East Bergholt for a pub lunch. Distance 8.5 miles. Leader Joyce P, 01255 676989

**Saturday 6th January 07.** Middleton. Meet Kingfisher cp, Sudbury (GR TL 876410) to make a 10.30 start for a walk to Middleton. 5 miles. Leader Philip 01787 248079.

## Leavenheath 50+ Badminton Club

### Open Evenings Wednesdays 6th & 13th December 06

Badminton Players, you are invited to join us on these evenings. Meet the players (mixed abilities) and play a game or so. Raquets available.

We shall be pleased to welcome you with a glass of mulled wine and nibbles at the Leavenheath Village Hall, Wrights way (off the high road) Leavenheath

We play regularly on Wednesdays 8-10pm. The new season will start on 10th January 2007. Keep active! improve your fitness after Christmas. All enquiries contact Frederick 01206 263986.

### BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB '100

#### CLUB' WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER:

£40 – John Rose; £15 – Eddie Josh

£7 – Terry Crossley.

## INDOOR TENNIS COURT

at Newtons Farm, Wissington, Nr Nayland

### "PAY AND PLAY"

NO MEMBERSHIP FEE

PARKING & TOILET

FACILITIES

For further  
details:

01206 262453



Box River News is published and edited on behalf of The Box River Parishes by Edward A Kench trading as:

'The Boxford Newsletter Group' and printed by Elmtreegraphics Colchester.

# The East Anglian Air Ambulance



## The East Anglian Air Ambulance

The East Anglian Air Ambulance was officially launched by champion jockey Frankie Dettori in the Summer of 2000 at the Millennium Grandstand at Newmarket Racecourse.

The service began flying in January 2001 and in the early days the service was only able to operate one day a week, but within five months Anglia One was flying five days a week.

Now the helicopter and its crew are on stand-by for 365 days a year and can reach almost anywhere in the region within 20 minutes and often quicker. Operating during daylight hours, the helicopter begins and ends its day at Norwich airport where Sterling Helicopters, the operator, is based. During the day, however, Anglia One can be found at a temporary location at Red Lodge, near Mildenhall, the central point from where the region's eight hospitals – including the trauma centre at Addenbrooke's – can be accessed within the shortest time frame. Anglia One flies an average of 4-5 missions every day.

## Serving East Anglia

The East Anglian Air Ambulance, code name Anglia One, is currently a Bolkow 105DBS5 Helicopter adapted as an ambulance that aims to provide an air ambulance service for the people of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

## A life-saving resource

With a top cruise speed of 132 miles per hour Anglia One reaches patients quickly delivering high level, clinical care to patients in the field. It can then transport them to hospital within minutes, making it an extra life-saving resource in our region.

## Every penny counts

Anglia One consists of a pilot and two highly skilled paramedics, or a doctor and a paramedic. The helicopter is equipped with a special stretcher, defibrillator/multi monitor for checking blood pressure and oxygen in the blood, twelve lead ECG and Respiratory ventilator. The equipment is extensive and running costs are high. Yet the air ambulance receives no government or national lottery funding and is totally dependent on your generous sponsorship and fundraising to keep Anglia One operational.

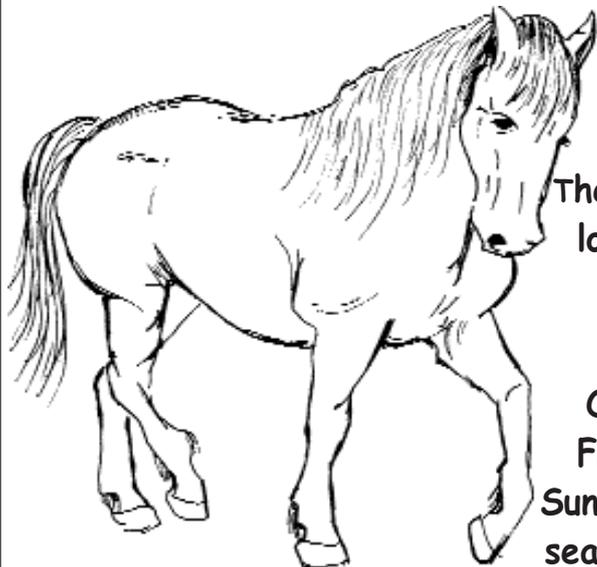
## Helping to save lives

Since its foundation in 2000, the charity has expanded to provide a 365 day a year service covering the 5,000 sq. miles of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. It is now the second busiest air ambulance in the country flying an average of 4 missions per day. It's our job to get patients to hospital within the "Golden Hour", and in an air ambulance that journey will take only minutes, greatly increasing patients' chances of making a full recovery.

Here in East Anglia we need an air ambulance more than ever. Our roads are getting increasingly congested, leading to ever more road traffic accidents – which already make up more than 50% of our work. We are considered the most rural area in England with accidents occurring in remote locations not easily accessible by land ambulances.

The equipment is expensive, and running costs are high at £65,000 per month, however, this equates to just 50p per person per year for the population of East Anglia.

Go to [www.angliaone.org.uk](http://www.angliaone.org.uk) to find how to donate to the Air Ambulance



## The White Horse Edwardstone

The White Horse is a traditional Suffolk pub with log fires, cask ales/ciders and many pub games including 'Ring the Bull' the oldest recorded pub game.

Our new Home Cooked Menu is available every Friday evening, Saturday lunch and evening and Sunday lunch time. The ingredients used are fresh, seasonal, locally grown and Organic where possible.

## Traditional Christmas Lunches/Dinners

can be booked now and will be available from  
Tuesday 5th December'

We now have Sweet and Dry Organic Cider.

(Surprisingly the only ingredient is Organic Apple juice!!)

'Please ring Andy on 01787211211 to book'.

## Box River Soap Box

It would seem that my somewhat flippant – dismissive, even – comments on the subject of retirement have caused at least one of my neighbours to question whether I really value home life. Make no mistake – I am happy to spend more time with my family. Not for me the old adage that my wife married me for better or for worse, but not for lunch. I enjoy greatly the additional flexibility that the absence of a “day job” affords me and relish the delights of a less structured existence, with all the opportunities for time wasting it affords.

And there’s the rub. I have a first class honours degree in time wasting. Parkinson’s Law was invented with me in mind. My time fills like a well-functioning cistern, with little regard as to the usefulness of whatever it is that I do. The beauty of working is that there should be a real purpose to much of what you do. Not to all of it, mind. I’m not so wedded to the idea of working for a living that I believe all the 9 to 5 time is sensibly spent.

So having a degree of purpose injected into my life through some form of external agent is, for me at least, a plus. These agents come in a variety of disguises. Presently I find myself with a number of writing commitments in both the conventional and the so-called new media (the Internet, for those yet to embrace the communications revolution). And then there is intervention through more local agencies. Not least amongst these is the “Bad Companions”.

I cannot recall precisely when the Bad Companions first launched themselves on an unsuspecting audience – one that was remarkably tolerant, given some of the content and delivery unleashed on a generally unsophisticated village population. Our first venture was an Old Time Music Hall. You know the sort of thing. The Chairman (me, I’m afraid) pretended to be Leonard Sachs and a variety of fellow would-be thespians trotted out party pieces of varying quality. But it worked – enough, at least, for us to embark upon a reprise the following year.

The plaudits for turning a disparate group of generally incompetent players into a – well, a disparate group of individuals who, after much encouragement were able to deliver the bulk of their lines without corpsing or resorting to bad language, must belong to Grace Buckle. My next door neighbour for a number of years, she had the advantage that she’d done it all before. How she kept her cool, I shall never know. She created a culture, though, that has survived her departure to Spain some 6 years ago.

It has not been easy recreating our happy band of brothers. Grace was always keen to maintain her detachment as director – something we have been unable to replicate as all those involved have a full speaking commitment. If you attend and find the cast tripping over themselves in some scenes, then do remember that both co-directors had to spend much of their time on stage – together, as like as not.

For this month’s production we are blessed with a script from one-time Boxford resident, budding musician and artist, Martin Doman. Martin, too, is now a Spanish resident, but badgered by my co-director on his frequent visits to Spain, has delivered a script aimed at enlightening us all on the way in which American society developed in the post-Civil War era in the, if not Wild, then certainly Wildish, West.

Actually, I lie. Like all Bad Companions’ productions, it is all planned to be a load of fun, with no pretence and little purpose, other than to entertain those who might be party to the in-jokes and prepared to put up with the failings of an enthusiastic, but not always sufficiently well rehearsed, cast. Come if you can. But do not expect a review from me in this journal after the event.

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

## Steps Farm Animal Feeds

Unit 3, Steps Farm, Rectory Hill, Polstead

Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

What can we offer you?

Horse feeds- Baileys- Spillers- Dengie etc.

We stock over 35 different horse feeds plus Supplements and Hay and Straw

Dog food- Bakers - Skinners - over 30 varieties in stock.

Cat Food

Goat Food

Poultry Food

Sheep Food

Carrots

Do not forget wild bird feed

Salt tablets £6-50

Coalite £4-10 10KG

Can you afford to go any where else?

Tel: 01206 262600

Let us Deliver to your doorstep!

H/F/A.

## Restore old photographs to life

Damaged and faded images rescued and repaired

Work done to your specification from negative, transparency or print

A brand new digital image is made from your photograph so your original remains unaltered

Excellent results can be obtained from even very small prints

For further information, contact Peter Cope

Maltings Farm

The Street

Aldham

Ipswich IP7 6NH



Tel. (01473) 827782

[www.photocope.com](http://www.photocope.com)



**V-EXTERMINATOR  
LIMITED**

**HUGE SUMMER DISCOUNT  
FOR HOME PC USERS**

**PC OR NOTEBOOK REPAIRED**

**VIRUS OR SPYWARE REMOVED**

**£50.00 ONLY\***

**DOOR TO DOOR INCLUDED**

**LIMITED TIME ONLY**

**DON'T WAIT CALL NOW**

**01787370397**

\*Price quoted ex VAT. Customer provides Windows software. Hardware replacement not included. Data recovery not included.

©AUN/EMV

# Box River Benefice, Parish Councillors

## Boxford Parish Council

<b>David House</b>	14 Holbrook Barn Road	
<b>Veronica Hobbs</b> (Chairman)		211529
<b>David Gasson</b>	18 The Causeway	210796
<b>Roger Balls</b>		210136
<b>Cecil Hughes</b>	Kiln Place, Cox Hill	210685
<b>Keith Paxman</b>	The Causeway	210104
<b>David Fraser</b> (Vice Chairman)		
<b>Christopher Philbidge</b>		

## Groton Parish Council

<b>Brian Waghorn</b>	Smalls Farm	210231
<i>Vice Chairman</i>	Groton CO10 5EG	
<b>Gerald Smith</b> <i>Chairman</i>	7 Castlings Heath Groton CO10 5EU	210958
<b>Sandra Grey</b> <i>Parish Clerk</i>	2 Stone Street Road Boxford CO10 5NP	211465
<b>Carey Baldwin</b>	Groton Manor Castlings Heath Groton CO 10 SET	210391
<b>David Elliott</b>	9 Gunary Close Boxford CO10 5QB	210802
<b>Robert Mares</b>	3 Groton Place Groton CO10 5EE	211318
<b>Jeremy Osborne</b>	Waterside Barn Groton Place, Groton CO10 5EE	211960
<b>Roger Vipond</b>	Cloptons Groton Street Groton CO10 5EE	210491

## Little Waldingfield Parish Council

<b>Brian Tora</b> (Chairman)	Enniskillen Lodge The Street, Little Waldingfield CO10 0SU	247783
<b>Terry Western</b> (Vice Chairman)	20 Croft Lea Little Waldingfield CO10 0SL	247874
<b>Peter Baker</b>	Hostlers, The Street Little Waldingfield CO10 0SQ	247931
<b>Sandie Coomber</b>	Holbrook Hall Park Little Waldingfield	247318
<b>Mike Ewen</b>	Cobweb Cottage, High St Farm Little Waldingfield CO10 0SS	210466
<b>Richard Mitchell</b>	Larks Mead, Church Road Little Waldingfield CO10 0SP	247173
<b>Phil Scott</b>	Scott House, 3 The Street Little Waldingfield CO10 0SQ	247632

## Edwardstone Parish Council

<b>John Paul</b> (Chairman)	Willows Farm	210972
<b>Ted Rides</b>		
<b>Matthew Glason</b>		
<b>Sharon Silverthorn</b>		
<b>Paul Clarke</b>	Hazel Cottage	210689
<b>James Rodger-Brown</b>		
<b>James Powel</b>		
<b>David Tolhurst</b>	Parish Clerk	

## Newton Green

<b>Janet Crimmin</b>	Chairman	375085
<b>Rita Schwenk</b>	Vice Chairman	210838
<b>Harry Buckledee</b>		210772
<b>John Taylor</b>		210350
<b>Alan Vince</b>		210350
<b>Colin Poole</b>		376448
<b>David Smalley</b>		882615
<b>Clerk David Crimmin</b>		375085
<b>Web Site:</b>		<a href="http://www.newton.suffolk.gov.uk">www.newton.suffolk.gov.uk</a>

THREE PARISHES RESPONSE

# 3PR NEEDS

BOXFORD/EDWARDSTONE/GROTON



**If you are between  
18 and 70 plus  
we need you to join  
our dedicated team of  
First Responders**

**Phone Vic on  
01787 210504**

## Clean 'N' Gleam

Phone Mark on: 01787 880371  
Mobile: 07904 594957



# THORNTONS

CHARTERED SURVEYORS • ESTATE AGENTS

31A FRIARS ST, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK CO10 2EA  
Tel: 01787 372833 Fax: 01787 376863  
E-mail: [thorntons@ricsonline.org](mailto:thorntons@ricsonline.org)

We are an independent professional firm of  
Estate Agents and Chartered Surveyors.

We specialise in the sale of individual  
character and period houses and cottages  
within a 15 mile radius of Sudbury.

Our clients have the personal attention of the  
partners, who are assisted by our friendly and  
helpful staff.

Apart from selling interesting houses,  
Thorntons also provide a wide range of  
professional services including surveys,  
valuations, development appraisals, rent  
reviews and much more

**NEW DIOCESAN BISHOP – HAVE YOUR SAY:**

Bishop Richard announced in October that he is to step down as Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich next July. The process is already under way to find his successor. David Lamming, of Groton, is a member of the diocesan Vacancy in See Committee and he has recently been elected to serve as one of six representatives from the diocese on the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC).

The CNC (which also comprises six General Synod members and the two Archbishops) will be holding two meetings, on 18th January 2007 and on 19th/20th March 2007, to consider possible candidates and to agree two names for submission to the Prime Minister. The CNC's

deliberations must remain confidential, but if anyone has views on the kind of person the new bishop should be (or to suggest possible names), please contact David at Lodge Farmhouse, Groton, CO10 5EJ (Tel 210360). Alternatively, you can write to one of the two appointments' secretaries: Mrs Caroline Boddington, Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments, Cowley House, 9 Little College Street, London SW1P 3SH or William Chapman, Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA.

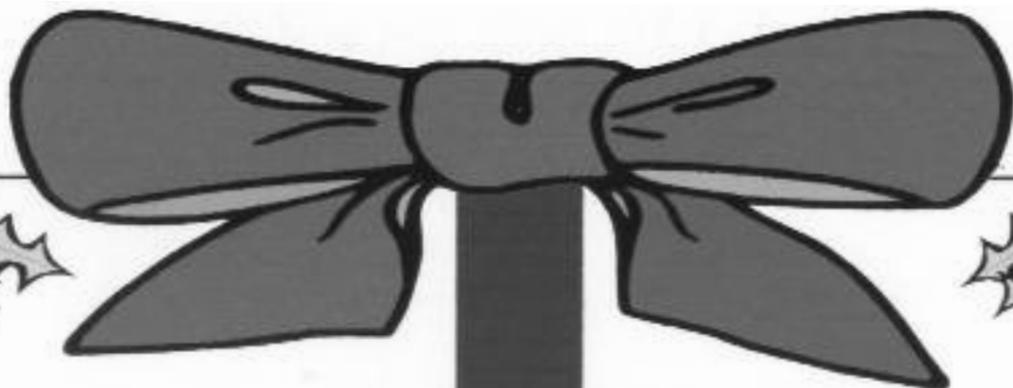
Please pray for the CNC, that its members may be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit - and for God's blessings on the person who will receive a letter from Tony Blair (or will it be Gordon Brown?!) next

**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP****December 2006**

<b>Sunday 3 December, Advent Sunday</b>			
Edw	0930	<i>United Benefice Service</i>	The Revd. David Matthews
		<i>Followed by mince pies and sherry</i>	
Box	1600	Christingle	The Revd. David Matthews
<b>Wednesday 6 December</b>			
Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	1900	Home Communion*	Tim Harbord
<b>Sunday 10 December, Second Sunday in Advent</b>			
Edw		<i>Visiting</i>	
LtW	0800	Holy Communion BCP*	Graham Brook
New	0930	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Family Service	Christopher Kingsbury
Gro	1100	Family Service with Baptism	The Revd. David Matthews
<b>Wednesday 13 December</b>			
Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
<b>Sunday 17 December, Third Sunday in Advent</b>			
Edw	0800	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	1600	Carol Service	The Revd. David Matthews
New	1600	Carol Service	Disma Stock
Gro	1800	Carol Service	David Lamming
Box	1830	Carol Service	The Revd. David Matthews
<b>Wednesday 20 December</b>			
Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	1900	Compline	Tim Harbord
<b>Thursday 21 December</b>			
Gro	1600	Crib Service	The Revd. David Matthews
<b>Sunday 24 December, CHRISTMAS EVE, Fourth Sunday in Advent</b>			
Gro	0800	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
New	1500	Crib Carol Service	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	1800	Carol Service	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	2330	Midnight Mass	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	2330	Midnight Mass	The Revd. David Abel
<b>Monday 25 December, CHRISTMAS DAY</b>			
LtW	0800	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	0930	Family Communion*	Antony Dodd
Gro	0930	Family Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Family Service	The Revd. David Matthews
New		<i>Visiting</i>	
<b>Wednesday 27 December</b>			
Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
<b>Sunday 31 December</b>			
Gro	0930	<i>United Benefice Service</i>	The Revd. David Matthews

\* Public Worship with Communion by Extension

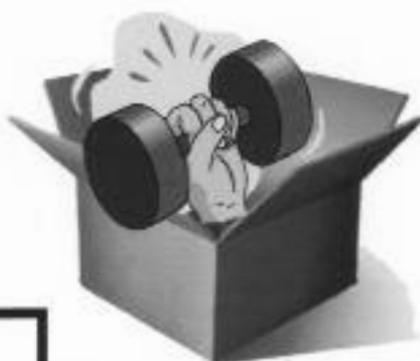
Boxford/MH: Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford



**Spa Day Vouchers from £49.00  
The Perfect Gift!**



**Membership in a Box!  
Includes fitness gifts &  
ONE MONTH FREE!!**



**Unique Gift Ideas**



**on your Doorstep!**



**Gift Boxes full of  
Beauty & Fitness goodies!**



**Peake Spa  
...your local beauty salon:**

- Tailor-made gift vouchers
- Wide range of therapies
- Mens' Treatments
- Stunning surroundings
- Open to members & non-members

**01206 265820**

Peake Spa at The Stoke by Nayland Hotel • Keepers Lane • Leavenheath • Colchester • Essex • CO6 4PZ

[www.stokebynaylandclub.co.uk](http://www.stokebynaylandclub.co.uk) • [peakespa@stokebynayland.com](mailto:peakespa@stokebynayland.com)

# GARDENING IN DECEMBER *Harry Buckledee*

Trees, although rather pricey these days, are a good investment for the future. With the right care and attention they will last a lifetime or longer. The planting of a tree requires careful planning in choosing a suitable site where it can grow undisturbed for many years. Before buying a tree, find out what size it is expected to grow to in about 20-30 years, then decide if your garden is large enough to accommodate such a specimen.

Many trees are planted too close to the house or too near the boundary fence and are grubbed out because they have out grown their allotted space. There is no need to remove such a tree, it can be made into a pollard. To pollard a tree means cutting the main branches back close to the crown so that a thick head of growth shoots out from the top of the trunk. This process should be repeated every two or three years. By reducing the size of the top growth, root growth is also reduced and therefore less likely to invade foundations etc.

There are many trees of a compact and slow growing nature suitable for small gardens. Amelanchier Lamarkii is an ideal tree where space is limited, has white flowers in spring on coppery foliage which turns red in Autumn. Any of the Birch family with their silvery white bark and upright growth take up little space. Prunus Amanogawa is an excellent tree for small gardens and restricted areas. It grows upright like a Lombardy poplar and is clothed in pale pink flowers in April - May. Do not buy container grown trees that are pot bound, these are usually slow to get moving when planted out. Although soil temperatures will be cooling now, there is still time to plant deciduous trees and shrubs. In fact they will be best in their permanent positions ready to make new growth when the soil temperature rises in March. The planting of evergreens is best delayed until end of March.

Many house plants are grown as Christmas presents and some of these require special attention. Azaleas need a bit of extra humidity and should be mist sprayed frequently with tepid water. Cyclamons should not be watered until they show signs of flagging when they should only be given enough water to wet the whole compost. Make sure that any surplus water is drained off.

Poinsettias should be kept away from droughts and fluctuating temperatures. These conditions and over watering are usually the cause of leaves dropping.

Mummified fruits which are still remaining on fruit trees and any that have fallen, should be gathered up and burned. They are a source of Brown rot Disease which seriously affect the storage life of fruit.

Dead and diseased branches on trees and shrubs should be cut away as soon as possible. Make the cut well below the affected area and treat the wound with a fungicide such as Medo.

Sweet Peas that were sown in October will soon have made 5 or 6 leaves and should have the growing point pinched out. This will encourage young shoots to grow from the base of the plant. These shoots will give better results than the original growth which is always liable to die off prematurely.

## DENTAL SURGEONS

**R.S HEMS** BDS, LDS, RCS, MGD (UK) MSc

**P.J.B. WILSON** BDS, LDS, RCS.

Preventive Dentistry

Hygienist

Emergency Service

Daily, Evening and

Saturday morning surgeries

**HADLEIGH (01473) 823092**

17/19 HIGH STREET, HADLEIGH

## D. B. SECURITY



**Benchwork, lock opening  
and fitting services**

**24/7 call out service in local area**

**Insurers locking requirements**

**Retail supply of locks and safes**

**Large selection of locks, safes,  
window locks - available from stock**

**UPVC locking mechanisms**

**opened/repaired where possible**

**New locks supplied and fitted**

**Master keying service available to both  
large and small**

**premises including locks keyed alike**

**Open: Mon - Fri 7.30am - 4.30pm**

**Sat 8am - 1pm**

**36 Gaol Lane, Sudbury**

**Tel: 01787 311511 Fax: 01787 375200**

**Mobile: 07966 882470**



**We sell a wide range of fresh home  
produced and local produce to include:**

Seasonal Fruit, Vegetables & Salad, Cut Flowers &

Plants, Free Range Eggs, Locally Smoked Fish,

Delicatessen Counter, Local Bread and Cakes

## Animal Feeds

**Offering a wide range of pet and animal feeds**

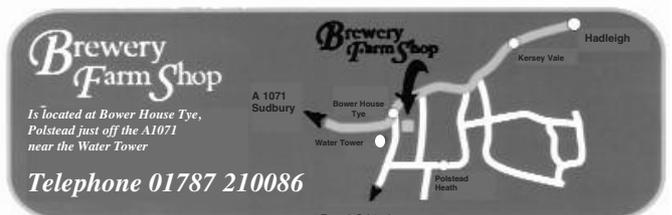
**from Hamsters to Horses; including bedding,**

**supplements and much much more**

**Discount on Half Cases of Wine**

**Glass Hire**

**Christmas Hampers Available**



Telephone 01787 210086

**Open: Mon-Sat 9am-6pm Sun 10am-4pm**

# WALK RODING

30 SEPTEMBER -15 OCTOBER 2006



*Above: This photograph was taken in a care home in Loughton. I (George Barnes) am on the right. We held a short service for the residents*

Walk Roding was a Christian mission which covered a 10 mile corridor or an area roughly 5 miles either side of the river Roding valley, it stretched from Great Dunmow through all the Roding villages, parts of Harlow, Ongar, Epping, Loughton, Chigwell and Woodford in the London area.

Teams of Walkers (men only sleeping on hall floors) walking where possible and where time allowed between venues, and Walk Associates (men and women, housed in local people's homes). The size of teams varied from as little as 4 to around 10 depending on locations visited.

In the Bible, Luke 10:4 Jesus sent out seventy-two disciples and told them "Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road." We tried to emulate this in a modern day setting and each Team Member was asked to come without cars, mobile phones, credit cards and cash except for £2.00 per day to buy a drink in a pub, we live by faith and all our needs are wonderfully provided, the local Christians supply all the meals we need and someone said that faith can be fattening.

We were blessed with lovely weather for the most part, so it was always pleasant to walk about. The local churches made us welcome and arranged opportunities to meet with people in different settings, these included Senior/Junior School Assemblies/lessons, young people's groups, coffee mornings, harvest suppers, pubs and clubs, a Men's Curry evening, a dinner with live music, Residential and Care homes. In addition a large part of mission work is the door-to-door visiting, taking a survey with five questions on what people believe and where applicable engaging them in conversation. Most people were happy to talk about their faith and other spiritual matters and we had many good fruitful discussions.

There were good responses to the evangelistic messages given at various meetings where all ages responded from as young as 6-1/2 through to people in their eighties, we experienced God's powerful message of love in Jesus touching the hearts of ordinary folk who it appears were just waiting for someone to tell them. There are many searching for something out there, though they are not sure what, there is a large spiritual hole in people's lives which only God can fill through Jesus.

At the end of two weeks hard work, every day started at 8.30am until about 10.30 or 11.00pm like the seventy-two who Jesus sent out they returned with joy.

The Co-Chairman of Walk Roding Mission wrote:  
"Overwhelmed! Overjoyed! Over the moon".....

I can't think of a better way to describe the super-overabundance of blessings that we've received in the past two weeks than to quote the source of all good things who rejoices to bless His children. We've been blessed! I've heard the best gospel preaching ever!.....

With an inexpressible joy I thank God for this mission and thank Him that he moved us to get involved.

Walk Roding is the 11th "Walk of 1000 Men" Mission teams which come under the umbrella of "Through -faith- Missions", a Christian organisation based at Coton, Cambridge and headed up by Rev. Daniel H. Cozens.

The next Walk mission will be Walk Cumbria, in the Lake District next year 28th April - 20th May 2007 (three weeks) interested?

If anyone wants to know more or is interested in other aspects of TFM's work, please feel free and give me a ring on 211716

Many thanks and God bless you - George Barnes, Fen Street, Boxford.

## ODD JOB

### GARDENING AND HANDYMAN SERVICE

- GRASS CUTTING • GENERAL TIDY UP •
- HOUSE MAINTAINANCE • ETC. •

FRIENDLY AND RELIABLE  
FOR ALL YOUR SMALL JOBS  
CALL MARTIN

01787 880935 OR MOBILE 07968957634

O/Au/NF/My

## SHORT COURSES AT ASSINGTON MILL 2006

- Gilding
  - Upholstery
  - Woodcarving
  - Book restoration
  - Furniture restoration
  - Cane & rush chair seating
  - Hen keeping for beginners
  - Yoga & Pilates retreat days
  - Plumbing for DIYers
  - Digital photography
  - Fruit tree pruning
  - Beekeeping
  - Calligraphy
  - Wildlife painting
  - Green woodwork week
  - Dowsing, health & healing
  - Dowsing & water divining
  - Dowsing & henges
  - Food for free
  - Feng Shui
  - Badgers
  - Lace making
  - Life drawing
  - Ceramics - Raku
  - Straw bale building
  - Sculpture summer school
  - Printmaking - intaglio collagraphs
- Further details from Anne Holden:  
info@assingtonmill.com  
www.assingtonmill.com  
01787 229955*

A/Me

## ANGLIA OFFICE FURNITURE

Top quality ex-factory and used office furniture and equipment  
Desks • Chairs • Filing Cabinets, Safes, Paper Shredders etc.

**Why buy new?... Come and look here before you buy**

**0800 026 6173**

**Secondhand Office Furniture Bought**

Open Mon - Fri 9.30 - 5.30 Sat 9.30 - 5.00

**01206 796849 Fax 01206 799393**

www.angliaofficefurniture.co.uk email AofficeF@aol.com

Unit 1 • No. 3 Hythe Quay • Colchester CO2 8JB

Near Hythe Railway Station



A/Me

# Wot's On

## NAYLAND CHOIR

will sing Handels Messiah

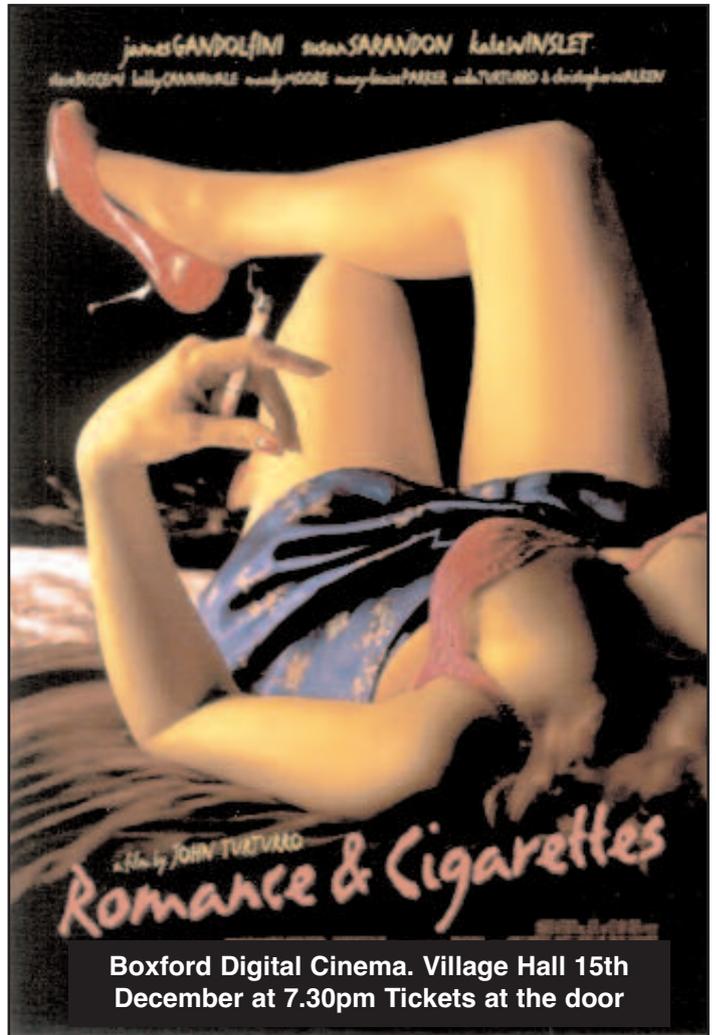
at St James Church, Nayland on Sunday December 3rd at 6.30pm  
Entry is free with a retiring collection For further information please  
contact the secretary Peter Roberts on 01206 323586

Boxford Community Council

## Fun and Games Night

Saturday 27th January 2007  
at Boxford Village Hall

Once again we will be holding our annual Indoor Fun and games Night challenge in the village hall. Teams of 8 contestants will battle through the various games and mindbenders striving for the prestigious title of Fun and Games Champions for 2007. A fun night is promised for all and we will be having a fully licensed bar and refreshments. Our limit is 16 teams so if you don't want to be disappointed, please contact  
**David Gasson** on 210796,  
**Stephanie Atkins** on 210444 or  
**Doug Impett** on 210035,  
we will list you on first come first served basis.



Boxford Digital Cinema. Village Hall 15th  
December at 7.30pm Tickets at the door



Monday - Friday  
9.00am - 3.30pm

The Pavilion  
Homefield  
Boxford

Tel: 01787 211363  
or: 01787 211513

[www.boxford-sunflower.co.uk](http://www.boxford-sunflower.co.uk)

AD

## TIME FOR A CHANGE NOW?

ADVANCED HYPNOTHERAPY  
AND HYPNOHEALING

(Stratford St. Mary - easy access and parking just off the A12)

**Hugh Clover**

(MA(Ed), MABCH, MCA Hyp, MNCH)  
Master NLP Practitioner

More than 10 years Caring and confidential help with  
relaxation, stress, phobias, confidence, sleep, smoking,  
weight, unwanted habits and many other psychological,  
emotional and physical problems.

For further information, free leaflet, or consultation please  
contact HUGH on 01206 323089 E.mail: [hughhyp@hotmail.com](mailto:hughhyp@hotmail.com)

[www.hughclover.co.uk](http://www.hughclover.co.uk)

A/Au

## Does my bum

## look big in this!!!

*Let Up & Running be your motivation, it  
could be the way to a new you.*

*YMCA Level 3 Personal Trainer*

*Member of the Register of Exercise  
Professionals*

*Nutrition and Weight Management*

*Stress Management Techniques*

*Fitness Testing Sports Conditioning*

*Affordable rates to suit all pockets*

*No fad diets that ruin your health or exercises  
that promise the impossible*

*For more information call:*

*Carol Jarvis at **Up & Running Personal  
Training***

*On 01787 211471*

*Mobile 07952 172534*

*Email-<sup>1</sup> [cjsupandrinning@aol.com](mailto:cjsupandrinning@aol.com)*

# Wot's On

## St Mary's Church, Boxford A Celebration of Advent

A joyful celebration of Advent will take place in Church on Saturday 2nd December at 6.30pm. A programme of seasonal Readings and Music, for which there is no charge. This will be followed by supper for which tickets at £7.00 will be on sale at the Boxford Newsagents from early November. This event was greatly enjoyed by all who attended last year and as space for supper is limited, please book your tickets as soon as possible.

## ANCHOR INN HERITAGE FARM

Join us free of charge to see our Suffolk Punches at work by the Anchor Inn, Nayland. starting around 11.00am and finishing by 3.30pm, weather and ground conditions permitting: November 5th, 8th, 17th, 19th and 22nd & December 3rd, 10th & 17th

## BOXFORD W.I.

The first 'winter' meeting took place on Wednesday 1st November. This was also our Annual Meeting, but as we have only been going for 6 months, all the officers remained, so there was little to do. However, a new member was welcomed onto the committee.

There were many notices this month, including forthcoming Christmas events and carol concerts.

Our speaker was Sir Conrad Swan, who treated us to a fascinating talk to heraldry, illustrated with slides. After the 2nd World War, Sir Conrad was appointed to the Royal Household in the College of Arms, which is the official registry for coats of arms, ultimately heading it as Garter Principal of Kings Arms. Sir Conrad shared with us his vast knowledge and obvious enthusiasm for his subject in this interesting and informative talk and we all went away understanding far more about crests and arms, and what specific parts of the images portray.

The meeting concluded with a bouquet of flowers being presented to June, our W.I. Advisor, who has guided us through our first 6 months and feels we are now ready to stand on our feet!

Next months meeting is on Wednesday 6th of December when our speaker will be Mr Trevor Burlingham with a Victorian slide show for Christmas.

Women of all ages are always welcome to the W.I., which meets at the village hall at 2pm to 4pm.

For further information please contact *Elaine Davis* on 01787 210501 or *Iris Robinson* on 01473 658567

## Polstead Village Hall Victorian Christmas in Suffolk

An Illustrated Talk by

**Clive Paine** Historian writer and Broadcaster

Followed by a supper of seasonal and traditional fare

Friday 1st December at &.30pm

Licensed bar

£10.00 (book at shop or ring 01787 210029)

## Groton's Cheese and Wine Party

Saturday, December 2nd 7.30pm WI Hall

Please put this important date in your diaries now, and get your tickets in good time, a bargain at £5 each; there will be the usual attractions, fantastic food, "Pat-and Gerald's" Bar, Raffle, Gift Stall etc. Tickets will be available from Pat Bowdidge [211553], Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] or any member of Groton PCC; all proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church. *Pat Kennedy Scott.*

## THE BAD COMPANIONS

"Trouble at Tombstone Gulch" is nearly upon us. If you have not got your tickets for what may be the last epic performance of this infamous troupe as Anno Domini and other pressures may take their toll. The last night (16th December) is fully booked but, at the time of writing, 13th November, there are still seats available for 8th, 9th and 15th. Get your tickets from the Swan Inn.

## Leavenheath 50+ Badminton Club

To all our players, please note that we end this year on Wednesday 13th December 06 The new season will commence on Wednesday 10th January 07. *Frederick* 01206 263986

BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

# Ali Baba and the Faulty Thieves

by Joe Barrett

Wed Nov 29 to Sat Dec 2 in Boxford Village Hall

**Wednesday Nov 29 FAMILY NIGHT**  
Adults £6 Children £3 7.00pm - no bar or supper

**Thursday to Saturday 7.30pm £12.00**  
Licensed Bar. Supper served during the interval



Tickets on sale in the Village Hall from 9am Oct 28  
FIRST COME FIRST SERVED  
Then from Boxford Newsagents

**ALLEN**

## EHT 750S Single Sided Petrol Hedgecutter



R.R.P. £399.95  
**Our Price £299.00**

TOWN CENTRE, HADLEIGH,  
IPSWICH, SUFFOLK  
TEL: 01473 824183 (MACHINERY)  
822333 (OTHER DEPTS)  
www.partridges.uk.com  
Email: sales@partridges.uk.com

**PARTRIDGES**  
ESTABLISHED 1821

# Wot's On

## OVER 60s LUNCH

IN EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL

There will be a lunch in Edwardstone Parish Hall for the over 50s on Wednesday 6th December from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. Tickets, which must be booked please, £4.50. The Hall will be decorated for Christmas. ALL WELCOME. Transport can be arranged if required. Please contact *Daphne Clark* on 210698.

Save The children

## Xmas Cake Stall

Saturday 2nd December 9.00am at Mary's House

Assortment of cakes, savouries, jams, marmalade and chutney All homemade. Also a Special Xmas Raffle, Coffee and scones Please come and get your mince pies etc. for Xmas (ideal for the freezer) and help us to support SAVE THE CHILDREN.

Joan Smith, Jean Saunders and Anne Holgatewidge, Chairman of the Trustees

## 'GLOBAL WARMING AND THE GARDEN'

Gardens of the Future Alternative Energy

A fascinating illustrated talk by Dr. D.M. Keith-Lucas, MA PhD MIBiol, Professor of Plant Life Sciences in The Department of Botany at The University of Reading on

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2007 in

THE VILLAGE HALL, BOXFORD at 8.00pm

Tickets £5 (including light refreshments)

available at Boxford Newsagents or on the door. All welcome.

Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Church, Boxford

## THE LITTLE ANGELS GROUP

A new group for accompanied pre-school age children will be starting at Boxford St Mary Church on Friday 5th January 2007, at 2.30 – 3.10.

All pre-school children very welcome – accompanied by parent or carer! The group will be led by Reverend David Matthews and will be an

opportunity for young children to come into the church, listen to a short story, sing some songs and enjoy some refreshments. The group will be held on the first Friday of every month.

If you would like more information please call *Angela Treagust* on 01787 210769



Sunflower fundraising committee

Invites you to :

## Magical Christmas Party



Featuring

Ollie The Magician  
and Father Christmas



Everyone welcome!

Enjoy a cup of tea while your little ones are entertained!

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Edwardstone Village Hall

12.30pm onwards - bring a picnic lunch if you wish.

Refreshments, party games and Father Christmas after Ollie The Magician

Tickets £5 under 2 free -

Phone 01206 262925

All proceeds to Boxford Sunflower Playgroup

## LINDA RICE

CAN. ECOS MASTER L.L.S.A. DIPLOMA

AROMATHERAPY,  
THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE  
a PRACTITIONER OF  
THE BOWEN TECHNIQUE

A straightforward, no-nonsense remedial therapy that is non-invasive, gentle and very effective. Helps ease discomfort from frozen shoulders, aching neck, painful knees, elbows & joints, wrists, back problems, rigidity, etc.

GIFT VOUCHERS FOR THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

For appointments or more information Telephone: (Boxford) 01787 210850

## Newton Green Golf Club

18 Hole Par 69 golf course

A friendly members' club run by the members  
LIMITED MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE  
GREEN FEES & VISITORS WELCOME

The course at Newton Green has two distinct halves; the front nine open with bunkers and trees, the back nine tight with ditches and gorse.

Full Catering and Bar Facilities Available

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS NEW MEMBERS  
AND VISITORS ALIKE

GOLF LESSONS AVAILABLE  
non members welcome

GIFT VOUCHERS FOR  
LESSONS AND FOR THE SHOP  
AT TIM COOPER'S GOLF SHOP

Newton Green, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 0QN

Secretary /Manager Tel 01787 377217 Pro Shop Tel 01787 313215

email: info@newtongreengolfclub.co.uk

website: www.newtongreengolfclub.co.uk

01/10/06/Asp

**Blue Sea Solutions**  
Computers & Network Maintenance

Home & Small Business Support  
Virus Removal, Prevention & Security  
Repairs, Upgrades & New Systems  
Internet, Email & Broadband Set up  
Friendly Jargon Free Advice  
Over 10 Years Professional Experience  
Great Hours & Fixed Rates

01787 210835 or 07863 561466  
Email: help@blueseasolutions.com www.blueseasolutions.com

HJy/Ja

## Readers Letters

Sir

Words fail me, to say I was overcome with emotion at the support, kindness and thoughtfulness of so many, would be an understatement. I always knew that Groton, Boxford and indeed Edwardstone were a close knit community like a big village. However till I lost my husband last month I never knew how deep that ran. Thank you to everyone for their letters, help, food and friendship that myself, my son James and my family have received.

Juliana Brown  
Primrose Cottage, Groton,

Sir

On 27th December my cousin Matthew and I will be setting off on a rally covering over three and a half thousand miles (not including wheel spins) to Banjul, off the west coast of Africa. If the task isn't daunting enough, we are only allowed to spend £100 on the vehicle we will be taking and only £15 preparing it.

It is however, all for a good cause, upon arriving (if we do!) the cars will be auctioned off and the money raised goes to the local charities.

As well as donating the car, we are trying to raise some charity money along the way. All proceeds will be split between the Gambian Charities and the East Anglian Air Ambulance who do such an important job here. We therefore plan to hold a charity auction and raffle on 8th December to hopefully raise as much money as we can for these worthy causes.

If any readers were able to donate a prize for the auction or raffle, we would be extremely grateful.

Kind regards,  
Claire Abrey 01787-247347

Sir,

I was delighted and privileged to be on the front page of the Box River News.

Maybe your reporter should have done further research. I am not a "he"!

Best wishes for all you do for the B.R.N.

Yours sincerely  
Millie  
ILMER MILLICENT

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2006 Newton

House to House Collection	£621.90
Saracens Head	£42.76
Golf Club	£22.31
Golf Club Remembrance Day match	£57.00
Newton Village Green Trust	£100.00
Remembrance Service Newton Church	<u>£55.50</u>
Total	<u>899.47</u>

Newton has made a magnificent response to this worthy cause. Many thanks to all who gave so generously. Harry Buckledee.

## Boxford and District

House to House collections and static points	
Boxford	841.90
Groton	252.68
Edwardstone	331.87
Sale of wreaths	85.50
Church collection	<u>200.00</u>
Total	<u>1711.95</u>

Another record collection! Grateful thanks to those who collected and to those who gave so generously to such a worthy cause.  
Eve Fletcher (Hon organiser)

In aid of Riding for the Disabled  
The Bumpstead Boys present

## RUBY & HER HORSES

A true life Suffolk in  
Story Song & Screen

set against the hardships  
of the  
agricultural depression



'An excellent show full of touching stories, humour and local songs in Andrews fine Suffolk Voice & 2 squeeze boxes'. *The Lavenham Life*

'Quite brilliant, excellent entertainment from sadness to side splitting laughter, magnificent photos on big screen presentation - should not be missed' *The Box River News*

'A special evening, delightful' *West Suffolk Newspapers*

**POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL**  
**Saturday 9th December 2006**

7.30pm for 8pm. Tickets £6 incl glass of wine from  
Maureen Howard 01206 262196 or Polstead Village Shop



## 86% occupancy in a Holiday Cottage

All my owners have achieved

76 – 86% occupancy in the last 12 months.

If you are thinking of starting a holiday cottage or have one with the right potential then contact me to find out more.

I am looking for 3 more cottages to add to my small selection.

I am particularly interested in being involved in the planning and conversion stage as I only specialise in cottages with lots of character - size is unimportant.

For more information please call Mark on 01787 211115

# Wot's On

## RUBY AND HER HORSES

a local narrative in song and story Polstead Village Hall Saturday 9th December



*Above: Roxanne bought at Lavenham Horse Fair before the 14/18 war, the old man sent to Sulkys in London and had a light weight trotting dilly specially made for her. It was a time when people would bet and have wagers on almost anything and when new fangled cars started getting about they weren't going to be beaten by them. She trotted the five miles from Hadleigh market to Boxford Swan in 11 minutes to pay for herself (song: Roxanne the trotting mare).*

This is a true-life narrative about Ruby's love of horses set against the hard life in the agricultural depression of the 1920s and 30s. It was a time she said, 'when if you hadn't got anything you were lucky because

you hadn't got the worry of it. For sure as eggs are eggs you'd lose it'.

The performance comprises some button accordion music while there is a show of digitally enhanced photographs mostly taken by Ruby at the time on her box brownie, and presented on the big screen with modern PowerPoint. Then story after story each followed by an unaccompanied song from Andrew in his nutbrown East Suffolk voice all about or relative to the stories. I attach herewith an unsolicited email from Rosalind Lavington on our last performance at the time of going to press.

'We have had quite a bit of feed back of a very positive nature. The words 'charming' 'enchancing' 'riveting' and suchlike have been used. It is hard to describe the nature of what you put together, but clearly you've inherited your mother's gift for storytelling! Having mused over it this week, I come to the conclusion that you have mined the vein of Suffolk nostalgia. I don't mean this in a pejorative sense. It is powerful because it's in the experience of a lot of local people, and for incomers like me, there's a voyeuristic and vicarious pleasure. Anyhow, a damn good evening, and many thanks again. How did you find Andrew? He was absolutely spot on with his steel heels and bowler hat!'

When we took it to the leading storytelling festival - The Festival at the Edge in Much Wenlock, we had a standing ovation, so I do hope you will all come if only to throw cabbages! Someone said it was well researched. It is not researched and that is the beauty of it for nothing here is reincarnated from out of a book and we have been told that it shows. It is all from the lifes oral tradition as told by Ruby who I was fortuitous enough to tape record during her lifetime in the late 90s.

*Neil Lanham, The Bumpstead Boys*

Tickets £6 each incl glass of wine are available from Maureen Howard 01206 262196 or Polstead Village Shop. 7.30 for 8pm prompt start.

## Boxford Over 60's

Meetings will resume again on January 22nd with a talk by Richard Gates about Bell Ringing and the Boxford Church Bells. We would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to visit our club and become a member, we meet every other Monday afternoon starting at 2.30pm

We would like to wish all our members a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Barbara 210936 Maisie 210045 and Shirley 210024



the fleece  
BOXFORD

*Wishes you a Very Merry Christmas!*

Serving delicious home cooked food lunchtimes and evenings  
including a wide selection of vegetarian dishes  
12-2pm and 7-9pm Tuesday - Saturday  
12-2.30pm on Sundays

Try our exciting Lunchtime Specials  
on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout December  
or why not come in and sample our cask conditioned and guest ales?

Planning a party?  
Our large upstairs function room is the ideal place!

To book a table or make an enquiry

**Telephone: 01787 210247**

# Wot's On

Newton Green

## Christmas Coffee Morning

Newton Green are holding their annual Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th December in the Newton Village Hall at 10am Gift Stall, Children's Stall, Cake and Produce Stall, Treasure Hunt and Raffle. Everyone welcome.

Newton

## Carols around the Christmas Tree

There will be Carols around the Christmas Tree at the Village Hall on Saturday 16th December in aid of the St Nicholas' Hospice.

Boxford Digital Cinema

## Romance and Cigarettes

Friday 15th December @ 7.30pm

The next film to be shown in Boxford Village Hall is Romance and Cigarettes starring Nick Gandolfini, Susan Sarandon and Kate Winslet. IT is a down-and-dirty musical love story set in the world of the working class. Nick (James Gandolfini) is an ironworker who builds and repairs bridges. He's married to Kitty (Susan Sarandon), a dressmaker, a strong and gentle woman with whom he has three daughters. He is carrying on a torrid affair with a redheaded woman named Tula (Kate Winslet). Nick is basically a good, hardworking man driven forward by will and blinded by his urges. Like Oedipus at Colonus, he is sent into exile and searches to find his way back through the damage he has done. In an imaginative, humorous, and touching way, Romance and Cigarettes explores the cost and value of a relationship through life and death. When the characters can no longer express themselves with language, they break into song, lip-synching the tunes lodged in their subconscious. It is their way to escape the harsh reality of their world - to dream, to remember, and to connect to another human being.

Films to be seen in the New Year include:-

Memoirs of a Geisha

The White Countess

Thank You for Smoking

## PLEASE NOTE

The Final Copy Date for the Christmas and New Year Box River News is 10th December at Noon

## Up & Running Personal Training

**CHRISTMAS** - Time for everything in excess, be it food, drink, fun and presents. We end up feeling guilty that we over did it and have put on weight and feel like rubbish. we all need to enjoy ourselves at this time of year without over doing things. Personal Training does not have to be expensive. Some people are ok with their aerobic exercises and run, cycle or swim but need help when it comes to resistance work and core stability. Some people lack motivation and need lots of encouragement. There is no set cost for PT and lets face it you can't put a price of good health and well-being. It can be an excellent motivational tool and you are less likely to miss a booked session with a PT than if you just go to the gym or exercise alone. You would be issued with a programme that suits your needs and lots of nutritional advice and stress management ideas. You would be taught good exercise techniques that you can use in the future when you go it alone. Remember your health is for life and not just for christmas. All you have to do is call Carol on 01787 211471

## Police Warning. New Scam

Suffolk Police have received a warning from the Royal Mail Fraud Unit regarding a postal scam. A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 which is a premium rate number.

Do not call this number, as this is a mail scam. If you call the number and start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 0207 2396655.

# MATTOCK MOTORS LTD

CALAIS STREET FARM, CALAIS STREET, BOXFORD



- TYRES
- BRAKES
- EXHAUSTS
- SERVICING
- MOT TESTS
- ONE STOP CAR REPAIRS

Has your Car lost it's Spark of Life?

Full Diagnostic Equipment, Laser Liner, Fault Code Reading Equipment.

(A.B.S., Airbag, Engine Management Lights etc)

- AIR CONDITIONING • REGASSING
- REPAIRS • ULTRA VIOLET LEAK DETECTION

OPENING TIMES MON-FRI 8.00am-6.00pm  
SAT 8.00am - 12.00pm

ONE CALL AWAY

TELEPHONE

01787 211394

## Hadleigh

# BUILDBASE

Lady Lane Industrial Estate, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 6BQ

Tel: 01473 822318 Fax: 01473 824953

email: hadleigh@buildbase.co.uk

TIMBER & BUILDING

BATHROOM SHOWROOM

PLUMBING & HEATING

LANDSCAPING CENTRE

## GARDENING & DIY ENTHUSIAST

PAVING SLABS, FENCING, BLOCK PAVING, SHELVING TIMBER, SCREWS, IRONMONGERY, PAINT PLUS SO MUCH MORE!

## EXTENSIONS & COMPLETE HOUSE BUILDING

BLOCKS, BRICKS, UNTELS, WINDOWS, DOORS, AGGREGATES, INSULATION, BATHROOM SUITES & PLUMBING

## FOR ALL YOUR BUILDING REQUIREMENTS HOWEVER LARGE OR SMALL

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL IN AND BROWSE AROUND.  
DAILY DELIVERY SERVICE AVAILABLE.

FLOGAS • SALT • CHARCOAL • PLUMBING  
DULUX TRADE MIXING SERVICE



A Great Deal More for the Builder

www.buildbase.co.uk

OPENING HOURS Mon Fri: 7.30am-5.00pm Sat: 8.00am-12.00noon

## Gt Waldingfield Primary School

Our Wednesday Carousel afternoon is proving to be a winner! This week there was a lovely smell of apple crumble throughout the school! The little ones are becoming more confident using French and we're planning to introduce German to them next term!

We are running a 'Learning Together Course' during November. This links with the Police Education Partnership and consists of workshops for parents, helpers and children of all ages. The focus is healthy medicines and good choices for the younger children and the effects of nicotine and alcohol for the older children. We want our children to be aware of the possible harms of these substances.

Our topics for this term have included Dinosaurs and the children in Years 3 and 4 went to Cambridge to visit the Museums of Earth Science and Zoology. If you'd like to see some photos please look on our school website. ([www.greatwaldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.greatwaldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk))

Now we are learning about the Ancient Greeks, Transport and Celebrations.

The Friends of the School have been very busy planning our Christmas Fayre. It will be on Thursday 30th November in the school hall. We invite you to pop in between 6.00pm and 7.30pm. There will be homemade cakes on sale and if you've never seen a Human Fruit Machine. This is an event not to be missed! Look out for the children's posters around the village.

We are also planning our first Christmas Family Evening on Friday 8th December when we will come prepared to entertain one another. Our gymnasts, guitarists and choir are already practising for this special occasion.

So you see Christmas is already creeping into school, even though it's still only mid November!

Angie Jones  
Headteacher

Preparing for 11+ or Public School exams?

### Lessons in the Post

These structured learning programmes with full guidance and support, are creatively written by Jo Marchant and tailored for children aged 7 to 10. They are a rewarding, enjoyable and effective way for a parent and child to work together.

For more information look at our website:

[www.lessonsinthepost.co.uk](http://www.lessonsinthepost.co.uk)

Tel: 01787 210032

Give your child a head start

**NEED YOUR CAR  
CLEANING?**

**CAR VALETING BY  
RELIABLE AND  
HARD WORKING  
15 YEAR OLD  
HAND CAR WASH  
AND HOOVER  
FOR £5.00  
01787 211132  
OR MOBILE  
07747422689**

### Office Matters

For all your  
WORD PROCESSING  
and  
office related requirements

**Experienced secretary  
working from  
local office**

Please call Margarette on  
01473 822860  
or 07863 560945

Email: [margarette@officematters.org](mailto:margarette@officematters.org)

Professional Confidential Service

## THE BAD COMPANIONS

Present

### TROUBLE AT TOMBSTONE GULCH

on

**8th + 9th & 15th + 16th"  
December**

In the

**Little Waldingfield Parish  
Room**

**Tickets are £5 and only available at**

**The Swan Inn**

From

**Friday 10th November**

**Doors open at 6.45pm**

**Bring your own drinks & nibbles**

FISHER JONES GREENWOOD LLP  
S O L I C I T O R S



**PROBATE  
Services**

At a time of bereavement our caring and supportive probate experts can help you through the difficult task of handling the estate of a loved one.

We also specialise in:

- Wills
- Inheritance tax planning
- Enduring powers of attorney

For help and advice contact  
Kate Wombwell on 01206 578282

# A NEW BOXFORD PLAYGROUND



## Boxford is seeking funding for an exciting, state-of-the-art play area to replace it's existing derelict one.

Approximately 300 children at present have no access to adequate public play facilities.

The Playground Committee are a voluntary group of concerned parents appointed to act on behalf of the Boxford Playingfield Management Committee (who are themselves a voluntary organisation) and trustee owners of the Boxford Playing Fields.

- We are seeking £66732.95 including VAT.
- We have so far raised £14,000 from local sources.
- We have reached the second stage of applications for lottery funding 'reaching communities'.
- We are also applying to the Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Environmental Trust for funding.
- We are currently carrying out a child friendly consultation with our target age group of children at the local Primary School with the help of the Head Teacher (Mr R Giles) and staff.
- On Monday 16th October at 2.30pm we held a presentation in the Assembly Hall with the children to hand over the results of the child friendly consultation forms with a chance for the media to talk to the children and ask questions about the scheme.

We are keen to raise the profile of our appeal and make people aware of the plight of the disadvantaged children of this area.

### Project Summary

We, The Boxford Playingfield Management Committee are seeking funding for a safe, exciting, state-of-the-art play area for the children and parents of Boxford Parish, and neighbouring villages. We have selected a playground manufacturer named Kompan from three tenders as their proposal best met our requirements. We have chosen a new site for the play area on our playingfields. The play equipment will allow children who have no access to safe play, and limited opportunities to meet and socialise with other children of a similar age. These children are disadvantaged by their rural location and do not have access to the opportunities that children in urban areas have.

Boxford is a reasonably large village in rural Suffolk with a population in excess of 1200, considered a service centre for the surrounding villages. It is sadly lacking an adequate playground. The previous one is now all but gone apart from a few rusty relics, condemned as a hazard. A petition was received by the Management Committee showing overwhelming support for the proposition that Boxford needs a new playground. In a letter of support for this project, addressed to the

Playground Committee, the Clerk to the Boxford Parish Council states 'It is a concern of this Parish Council that the children of Boxford and the neighbouring villages of Groton and Edwardstone are disadvantaged in that they do not have access to a safe public play area. In addition, it is this Council's opinion that it is essential for the children to interact and socialise with other children in meaningful play activities. Boxford Parish Council together with other organisations in the village have shown their commitment to the proposed project by the not inconsiderable grant of funding promised in support of this well considered playground scheme'.

At present children in this remote rural area do not have access to a safe play area, and therefore are disadvantaged by the lack of opportunity to socialise and experience safe and challenging play.

We have recently had 20 new 'low cost' housing scheme houses built in our villages and there are plans that have been passed for more 'low rent scheme' flats to be built. The new play area would be perfectly positioned to complement these socially important initiatives. The Parish Council has identified and is in full support of this project as is the Community Council. This vital amenity would be a hub. A place not only for children to meet and play but for parents also to create the social bonds and networks needed for a community to thrive.

There are very limited existing play facilities that are outdated and have been condemned by the Management committee. Therefore children in the village do not have access to reasonable, safe play facilities that will stimulate them to take exercise, improve their attention when they are in school, and contribute to the governments health agenda.

The Parish boundaries of Edwardstone, Groton and Boxford converge in Boxford village.

Boxford is considered to be the service centre for the villages of Edwardstone, Groton, by the District and County Councils. The target age of the new play area is 3-9, there are 100 children in Boxford, 29 in Edwardstone and 22 in Groton within these criteria, though the play area will not be exclusive and there are approximately 300 children living in the area. We estimate 150 family groups from the three villages whom will all benefit directly from this project.

We have selected a playground manufacturer named Kompan from three tenders as their proposal best met our requirements. The position of the derelict play area is in the corner of a muddy field with no access for the disabled or prams, so we have chosen a new site next to the car park which will also benefit from existing flood lighting.

**Boxford  
Playground Appeal**

  
EXPERIMENTING

  
ROCKING

**We are  
dreaming  
of a new  
playground  
for  
Boxford**

  
TRAINING

  
GATHERING

  
PRETENDING

  
CLIMBING

  
SPINNING

  
SLIDING

  
BALANCING

  
SWIMMING

**Donations to 'The Boxford  
Playingfield Management  
Committee'**

post to: 22 Swan Street  
Boxford  
CO10 5NZ  
Contact: Will Bishop  
Tel: 01787 210 251

# THE BENEFICE REMEMBERED

All the parishes in the Benefice Remembered the Fallen in the two world wars and those who have died in conflicts since the end of World War 2 Edwardstone held their service at their memorial on 11th whilst the others held theirs on Remembrance Sunday.

Boxford St Mary's was packed and it was good to see so many young folk present in addition to the Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies and Beavers whose standard bearers (photo right) conducted their duties with much dignity.

Photo below is of the war memorial at St Lawrence Little Waldingfield.



## SPARKLING GIFTS SEASONAL PARTY WEAR

SEQUIN & BEADED BAGS AND HATS etc  
GORGEOUS SILK SCARVES, ALL COLOURS  
VELVET BEADED SKIRTS, TOPS & JACKETS  
ALL HIGH VISIBILITY SAFETY CLOTHING  
BOTH FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
(CAN BE PRINTED WITH COMPANY LOGOS)  
SCHOOL UNIFORMS IN STOCK ALL YEAR  
TROUSER SPECIALISTS, WE FIT ALL SIZES!  
OFFICIAL UNIFORMS Beavers, Cubs, Scouts  
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, also Leaders

### GREENS CLOTHING

5 GAOL LANE, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK. 01787 881500

EverLast (Outdoor Living)  
Limited

- Fencing • Decking • Patios • Block Paving •
- Brickwork • Pergolas • Gazebos •

Free consultation & quotations  
Friendly & reliable service

Tel: 01284 721083

Vince 07950 763939 or Matthew 07903 017974

Email: everlastltd@btinternet.com



*professional, friendly  
and relaxing salon*

*ample free parking*

# AVEDA

the art and science of pure flower and plant essences

## LAWYER'S HOT SHOT FAME

TALES of a lawyer who used to startle his secretary into action with a shot from a pistol have been revealed in the century long story of a legal firm.

The account of a solicitor who hated the telephone and was disposed to firing a starting pistol out the window to alert his secretary has emerged from the company's history.

One hundred years ago this year Thomas Bates and Charles Henry Wells joined forces in a legal partnership based in Sudbury. Bates died in 1913 but, immediately after the First World War, another solicitor Thomas Miles Braithwaite, became a partner.

A century later, the firm is still going strong, with the name of Bates Wells and Braithwaite also synonymous with separate, but similarly named, legal firms in Ipswich and London.

The Sudbury practice is now in the midst of its centenary year, and its celebrations have included a recent party at the town's River Stour Trust headquarters, to be followed by an event for 200 guests in the redundant town centre St Peter's church on December 19. The night will have a festive celebration theme. The firm has also just announced it is to enter into a joint sponsorship deal to help Newton Green Golf Club to produce a history publication to mark its own centenary in 2007.

Partner Helen Korfanty has been carrying out research into the firm's past, including the somewhat eccentric practices of the late Cecil Wells, who followed his founder father into the practice. She said Charles was of local country stock, who became a partner after initially being articled to Thomas Bates, the son of a Haverhill shopkeeper, who gained his legal qualifications in Colchester. Ms Korfanty continued: "Mr Wells was popular with the local farming fraternity, with whom he had a no-nonsense understanding. However, he did not have the same understanding with the technology of the day, and was put in considerable fear when the office had its first telephone. "But it was his son Cecil, who was also became a senior figure in the Territorial Army, who sometimes went to extraordinary lengths to avoid using the 'phone. His clerk Leonard Cadge always had to sit in the office in case there was an incoming call.

"Cecil inflicted considerable fear on his secretary, who threatened to give in her notice when he began using a starting pistol to attract her attention. By all accounts, he pointed the pistol out of the window and pulled the trigger to bring her running in. Fortunately, he took account of her feelings and ceased the practice." Ms Korfanty said Williams Bates began practicing in Friars Street from 1882, before moving to Station Road and taking Charles Wells into partnership. She added: "Bates held a massive amount of formal, sports



*Above: The attached picture shows Helen Korfanty with pictures of Charles Wells (left) and his Territorial Army officer son Cecil.*

and leisure appointments, and at one time was reputed to have held the most public appointments of any solicitor in England. The firm has been noted throughout its history for having partners who have enjoyed great influence in the community, right up to recent times when the late Alan Phillips died in his nineties when he was the longest serving solicitor in the country."

Senior partner Tim McNeil said it was this community involvement that had led to Bates Wells and Braithwaite deciding to back the golf club. "We are both in the process of celebrating centenaries so it seemed appropriate for us to support another local organization with great tradition," he added.

## Act, sing and dance at your local Stagecoach



LOOKING FOR A  
UNIQUE CHRISTMAS  
IDEA?  
NEW TERM STARTS  
13TH JANUARY

**S**TAGECOACH teaches children to act, sing and dance. We help them stand and move more freely, express themselves clearly and more easily, to gain confidence and self-assurance —skills they learn for life.

Schools open in normal term time for 3 hours at weekends. There's no audition — all students need is enthusiasm, and to be aged between 4 and 16 years.

For details at Sudbury us call Stagecoach (Yourschool) now **01787 378030**

**080808 78243**



**STAGECOACH**  
THEATRE ARTS SCHOOLS

[www.stagecoach.co.uk](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk)





*The*  
**Avocet**   
**Collection**  
**Lavenham**

Beautiful gifts & decorative accessories  
for home & garden.

Please feel free to come and browse our unique collection of leather goods, jewellery, soft furnishing, stationary, greeting cards, games and much, much more. Ranges include Radley & Co, Hidesign, Smith & Canova, Muddy Dog, and Bryn Parry.



16a High St, Lavenham.  
Tel:01787-247347



**Open 7 days a week, with easy parking,  
avoid the crowds this Christmas!**

# Boxford School News

As I sit here contemplating what to put in this edition of the Boxford River News I am surrounded by the excitement and organised 'chaos' that is Children in Need Day. This year we decided to create a coin trail around school and allow the children to wear non-uniform and bring in their favourite teddies. As you might imagine the children responded in their usual enthusiastic way and we have raised nearly two hundred pounds for this very worthwhile charity. Well done and thank you to all.

Whilst on the charity theme this year for the first time we have taken part in Operation Christmas Child. Following a very moving presentation in assembly the children were invited to make up a shoe box with presents for children who are less fortunate than us. The response has been fantastic and our entrance is full of boxes.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters our children have always taken a very keen interest in sports and through a wide range of extra-curricular activities they have many sporting opportunities. Last week some of our Year 4 children took part in the Sudbury Sports Partnership High Fives Tournament. High Fives is an adaptation of netball for young children. We took two teams who competed on a league basis with other schools in our pyramid. Our children did outstandingly well with the A team finishing 1st and the B team finishing third. Congratulations to both teams and to Mrs. Lane and Ms Oxley who have been preparing them for the event. They now go on to a regional final and I will let you know how they get on.

I have always felt that we are very lucky at Boxford to have such enthusiastic and talented children and I was delighted when our sports coach, who teaches games to our Year 3 and 4 children on a Friday afternoon, said how much he enjoyed working with our children and how enthusiastic and well behaved they were. Well done.

Next weekend is our Christmas Fayre organised by FOBS. This year promises to be better than ever with not only the usual attractions in school but also a craft fayre in the church. I hope that we will see many of you there.

Last Saturday we took 21 boys to see Ipswich play Sheffield Wednesday. Unfortunately Ipswich lost 2-0 and for many of the children this was a little disappointing. When we arrived at the ground we found that we had been sent the wrong tickets and the match they were for had already gone. Despite this hiccup I have to say how impressed I was by the grounds staff and in particular one of the stewards who quickly organised replacement tickets and helped us to our seats. My thanks go not only to him but also the many parents who came along to accompany the children.

Finally with Christmas fast approaching may I remind everyone that full

details of events in school can be found on our website at [www.boxford.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.boxford.suffolk.sch.uk).

## DOES THIS SUM IT ALL UP!

Hearing of a Primary School in Birmingham where a boy was told that for PE they could wear Football League shirts (Aston Villa, Birmingham, West Brom etc) but NOT an England shirt as it could offend others prompted the following editorial.

### Take It Or Leave It.

Are we not tired of this nation when we worry about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on London, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Brits. However, the dust from the attacks has barely settled and the "politically correct" crowd begins complaining about the possibility that our patriotism is offending others.

I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to Britain. However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some born here, need to understand.

As Britons, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language and our own lifestyle. This culture has been developed over centuries of wars, struggles, trials and victories fought by the untold masses of men and women who laid down their lives and of the millions of men and women who have sought freedom.

We speak ENGLISH, not Spanish, Lebanese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language! "In God We Trust" is our National Motto. This is not some Christian, right wing, political slogan. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented.

It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture. If St. George's cross offends you, or you don't like "A Fair Go", then you should seriously consider a move to another part of this planet. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and are not concerned how you did things where you came from.

This is OUR COUNTRY, OUR LAND, and OUR LIFESTYLE, and we will allow you every opportunity to enjoy all this. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about Our Flag, Our National Motto, or Our Way of Life, I highly encourage you take advantage of one other great British freedom, "THE RIGHT TO LEAVE". We didn't force you to come here. You asked to be here. So accept the country that accepted YOU.

*Adapted from an article in a National Tabloid*

*Ed*

### The History of Colchester

A 10 week local history course  
At Boxford School  
Beginning 9th January 2007  
Fee - £40.00 per person



By  
Andrew  
Phillips

Colchester town has long featured in the development of British history. This course explores Colchester's durability over 2000 years to the present day. We time travel through the historic periods of the Iron Age, the Romans, Saxons & Normans, the Medieval Period, the Godly Town, Civil War & Commercial Crisis, the Decline, Pride & Progress, World War Years and finally Post-War Growth. This is a unique opportunity to discover these generally unknown events with an eminent tutor.

Boxford Study Centre

Contacts: 01206 337334 or 01787 210837



The Old Siege House - Colchester