

# Box River News

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## YOU MUST BE JOKING!



There was a knock on the door of Derek Butlers home at 18 Homefield, Boxford on Friday 12th January. When he went to the door he was faced by Jill Harris, allegedly from Babergh District Council, who claimed that a member of the public had reported to them that Mr Butlers new fence was higher than permitted under present planning regulations. He was advised that he should either remove the fence, cut it down to size or apply for retrospective planning permission at a cost of £135.00.

The present planning regulations state that you do not require planning permission to erect a fence of up to 6'6" high if the fence is positioned more than a metre from the edge of a highway used by vehicular traffic. For this purpose any footpath is considered to be part of the highway. As can clearly be seen in the photograph above, Mr Butlers fence is in fact 1.5 metres from the inside edge of the footpath and therefore at 4 feet high, the same height as his neighbours hedge, is well inside the permitted height.

When challenged on this point the Miss Harris claimed that the grassed area in front of the fence that has been maintained by Mr Butler for years, is part of the footpath. Who on earth does she think she is kidding? even if Babergh own that piece of land, how can it be when a large proportion of the grass strip in Homefield is at an angle well in excess of 45° and quite impossible to walk on. No where in the planning regulations is there any suggestion that land, not a footpath, belonging to a council or other party, can not be considered in the equation. Is Baberghs claim simply a bit of off the cuff legislation to get them out of a hole? It sounds like a desperate planning department faced with a substantial reduction in work in future years when there may not be any requirement for expensive planning permission for such trivial matters. Oh, and who was the alleged member of the public who did not have the

## A DIFFICULT FUTURE

**Boxford Village Hall is entering what promises to be its most difficult year since it first opened in 1926**

The AGM planned for Monday 19th February at 7.30pm in the hall could prove to be a make or break session.

The current Committee of six have been managing Boxford Village Hall for the last four years and previous appeals for volunteers to join have been like the leaves in autumn falling silently to the ground.

The Treasurer and Secretary have previously expressed a desire to step down, as did the Chairman last year. All of them have continued in office only because they do not wish to see the hall close but the amount of time that they can offer to the management of the hall is very limited.

There is only so much good will that the folk of Boxford can expect and now is the time for new blood to come forth and take the Village Hall forward into the future.

New legislation in the form of Licensing to name but one, have put greater strain on the resources that the hall can call upon and as a result the hall is getting more and more dilapidated.

The Hall has provided the setting for an enormous number of parties, plays, fun nights and other social events in the last Eighty Years but like all well used public facilities it gets battered and bruised by constant use. We need people with fresh ideas, skills and enthusiasm to join the committee, help raise funds to keep the hall going for the people of Boxford and surround villages and make it through to the centenary of 12th December 2026.

If you don't want the hall to close then come along to the AGM and join the people who currently feel as if they are pushing water up hill.

**You need the Village Hall and the Village Hall needs you.**

*In the very first issue of this publication there was an item entitled 'Threat to Valued Village Facility'. This was largely because many of the organisations that used the hall made no attempt to attend a special meeting of the management committee. Such lethargy could well see the end of our Village Hall. Lets hope all our organisations will make the effort to be represented on this occasion.*

Ed

### CLOSURE OF BOXFORD RUPP/FOOTPATH:

I am informed by Suffolk County Council that the RUPP/Footpath between Broad Street, Boxford and the Recreation Ground will be closed from 12 February for about 1 week for resurfacing work. Les Clark 210698

decency to speak to Derek Butler before reporting this matter.

It also transpires that the planning department did not give Mr Butler a letter advising him of the problem but simply handed over copies of the planning regs and a set of planning application forms to fill in should he wish to.

Ed

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# Neil Jacobs



## THE MAN WHO TURNED GOLF INTO AN ART FORM

When it comes to making strokes on a golf course, there is one golfer who is happy to take more than most.

Extra swings are no handicap to Neil Jacobs because he is an artist who has recently combined his interest in painting and golf. Strokes with his paint brushes have been multiplying, but the golf handicap of the bearded, 77-year-old has stayed steady.

For the last year Neil has been paying particular attention to the contours of Newton Green Golf Club to build up a portfolio of works to help illustrate a full-colour publication about to be launched to celebrate the club's centenary.

Some of the paintings are also to go on show in a forthcoming exhibition at the Quay Gallery, Sudbury, with the Cavendish-based artist hanging works alongside some of East Anglia's best known painters. Others are due to hang in the golf club house.

The Quay event, entitled Neil Jacobs and Friends, also features Richard Bawden, Lyn Bushell, Sally Freer, Jo Hollis, Belinda King, Bonnie Jacobs and Gabrielle Stoddart. It runs from February 4 to March 2.

Neil, a retired education college head of art, says he appears to be the only member of the golf club admitting to "any artistic pretensions." He has found the reasonably flat course "does not quite provide the artist with mountain vistas" and, as such, has proved a "quiet challenge in its own way."

"But," he declares, "art and golf have very marked and intriguing similarities in the balance of instinct and feeling with technique and analysis. There are times when drawing and painting flows without conscious control – it just sings along – and sometimes it is the same with golf. It happens without analysing the mechanics, but on other occasions success depends more on controlled attention and technique."

"Of course, it is rarely only exclusively instinct or reason, but a variable balance of the two poles – in either ball bashing or paint splashing." Neil added: "Golf is a metaphor for life. The more one struggles with the process, the further there seems still to go. But in both art and golf there is emotion and pleasure."

you saw him with the New Couriers and Quentin Collins, then you know that you're in for a real treat. Jim is about to release his debut album which is called Emergence. The other members of Gemini are Ivo Neame (alto Saxophone), Mick Coady (bass) and Dave Smith (drums).

**Friday, 23th February, 8.30 Ticket £13**

### **Gilad Atzmon Quartet**

Gilad's (aka Artie Fischel) charismatic show will yet again contrast wonderful musicianship with his unique brand of humour to guarantee a hugely entertaining night. From new takes on jazz standards to highly melodic Middle Eastern inflected jazz originals it will be jazz that shudders and shouts across the small room. John Turville (piano), Yaron Stavi (bass) and Asaf Sirkis (drums) make up this stunning Quartet.

**Friday, 2nd March, 8.30 Ticket £12**

### **Alex Hutton Trio**

Alex is considered to be one of the leading new young pianists to have emerged from the UK scene over the past couple of years. His highly impressive debut album, 'Cross that Bridge' on 33 Records has definite references to earlier piano trios of the past, while some of his compositions lean more towards European jazz than American. Virtuoso New York bassist Michael Janisch brings a hard swinging edge to the trio while drummer Simon Lea brings a contemporary angle to the proceedings. 'Powerful music...intensely melodic solos...a precisely articulated, authoritative style. Hutton is a real find.' Chris Parker

**Friday, 9th March, 8.30 Ticket £13**

**Marlene VerPlanck** Marlene is a contemporary singer who can stand comparisons with the all time greats.

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## **Jazz** at the **Fleece** Boxford Suffolk

**Friday, 2nd February, 8.30 Ticket £13**

### **Simon Spillett Quartet**

A formidable musician and composer playing and writing in uncompromising hard bop style, he is influenced by Tubby Hayes and Johnny Griffin in his sound and harmonic thinking. Simon's debut CD is out on Alan Barnes' Woodville label and is called, "Introducing..Simon Spillett. "Sounds uncannily like Tubby Hayes, which I never thought I'd say about anyone", says tonight's drummer Martin Drew. John Critchinson (piano) and Alec Dankworth (bass) complete Simon's superb Quartet.

**Friday, 9th February, 8.30 Ticket £13**

### **Geoff Gascoyne Quintet**

Geoff Gascoyne is one of the UK's most acclaimed and in-demand bass players. He is the first call bass player for international visiting musicians as well as being an independent-minded musician with many fine albums behind him. Geoff performs regularly with Georgie Fame, Jamie Cullum and Trudy Kerr, all of whom appear on his debut album for the Candid label called "Keep it to Yourself". His band tonight features Tom Cawley (piano), Martin Shaw (trumpet), Steve Kaldestad (saxophone) and Sebastiaan de Krom (drums).

**Friday, 16th February, 8.30 Ticket £12**

### **Gemini**

Wonder percussionist Jim Hart features on vibes this evening. If

# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

(REGISTERED NUMBER: - 207861)

**RESIDENTS OF BOXFORD, GROTON, EDWARDSTONE and ASSINGTON PARISHES** this may be of interest to you.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES IS ON TUESDAY, 20th. FEBRUARY 2007 AT 7:30 P.M. AT MARY'S HOUSE, SWAN STREET, BOXFORD.

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14 Holbrook Barn road, Boxford, Sudbury, Suffolk. C010 5HU. Telephone No. 01787 - 210918

## Save The Children

The Christmas Cake Sale at Mary's House on the 2nd of December raised £425.

Many thanks to all who helped and contributed in any way.

*Joan Smith, Jean Saunders, Ann Holdgate*

## Newton Village Hall

### Whist Drives

The Christmas whist drive held on 11th December was well attended with 6 tables in play. Many excellent prizes were donated and the prize winners were:

Colin Knock	175	Peggy Pell	171
Edna Allen	171	Little Sue	171
Joan Crisell	169	Alan Weavers	134

The seasonal refreshments were provided by Sue Frost and Ann & Alan Vince, and we are also very grateful to Joan Linney and Carol Langley for their help.

The January whist drive held on Monday 8th was quite well supported with 5 tables in play. Alan Weavers' fortunes greatly improved from the previous drive with a remarkable score of 108 for the first half. prize winners were:

Alan Weavers	188	Edna Allen	185
Janet Weavers	173	Peggy Pell	169
Peter Frost	165	Colin Knock	165
Cynthia Winch	135		

Dates for future whist drives are: 29th January, 19th March, and 23rd April, all at 7.30 pm.

Admission is only £1.00 and we are always pleased to welcome new players.

*Alan Vince 01787 373963*



**Boxford WI.** Above is a photo of the Boxford WI group taken at their New Year meal at the Case Is Altered in Assington. Most of the members attended and all had an excellent time.

## NEWTON TRUST

Dave Crimmin has stepped down as Clerk to Newton Green Trust after three years. He brought many new ideas to the administration and financial record keeping of the Trust which will make his successors task a great deal more straight forward. Dave will continue as Clerk to the Parish Council. The Trustees are all most grateful for all the time and energy he has given to the Trust especially for the recent additional work involved with the negotiations with the Golf Club.

We look forward to welcoming Debra Johnson as the new Clerk. She lives at Brook Lodge, Newton and can be contacted on 01787 - 880366. Before moving to Newton she and her husband, who works locally, lived in Waldingfield. Debra runs her own Computer Training business.

Many of you will know that Newton Golf Club have a Licence to use The Green. The first licence period of 28 years expired this month and we have now completed negotiations with the Club for a new Licence to run for 25 years. The rent will be subject to adjustment each December by the percentage change in the value of the RPI. This will save re-negotiating the rent every five years as was previously done. A new updated Licence Agreement clarifying the terms and responsibilities of both parties will also be implemented on 1st January 2007.

Villagers rights will remain as they were previously namely ' Parishioners wishing to play Golf on the Green may do so without payment of any kind provided that they observe such rules that the Club issue from time to time in respect of use of the Golf Course'. Villagers wishing to play Golf are requested to register with the Golf Club annually and each time they play must check in at the Pro's shop. This enables the Club to manage the course for the benefit of all players.

The Trust are planning a regular maintenance programme for the four main ponds starting this year with the pond by Plough Cottage which has been seriously overgrown. They are also planning to replace the bridge onto the Playing Fields by the Village Hall to make it a more friendly user access particularly for wheel chair and pram users.

The Trust also regularly donate money to the Christmas Parcel Fund, The Fireside Club, The Church for churchyard maintenance, Alston & Pamplin Trust and Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal as well as to other deserving causes from time to time.

*John Taylor*, Chairman.

## Newton Trust Coffee Morning

The Newton Green trust was formed to administer the Green on behalf of the village, collect rents and other income, and to apply these monies for the benefit of the village.

A couple of letters recently published in the Village Newsletter suggests that many residents are not aware who the trustees are, or how the Trust operates. The trustees have taken the opportunity to host the monthly coffee morning on Saturday 3rd February to give residents an opportunity to meet them. Come along and ask questions, express your opinions, and if you have any thoughts about how the money should be used in the village, come and tell us.

We look forward to seeing you.

*Alan Vince* (on behalf of the trustees).

## Boxford Drama Group

Boxford Drama Group are looking for aspiring actors for it's late summer production, *The Lion In Winter*. This classic play follows in the tradition the drama group set down with *Becket* and *Anne of the Thousand Days*. It is directed by Michael Munn, an experienced actor/director with a professional background, and is a Boxford Drama Group regular. He has also produced plays at The Quay Theatre such as *Antony and Cleopatra* in 2000.

Michael is eager to hear from anyone who might be interested in auditioning and is especially keen to find actors to play the three young princes and the young French King whose ages range from around 18 to 30. Auditions will be held in March, and copies of the script are now available by calling Michael Munn (on 01787 319818) who'll be able to give you any further information you might require.

*The Lion in Winter* will be performed in the Boxford Village Hall from 13 to 15 September.

## BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

'100 CLUB' WINNERS FOR JANUARY:

£40 – Mr R Bawden; £15 – Mrs A Huggins;

£7 – Mr R Thomason.

# Parish Council Matters

## Meetings of Boxford Parish Council

held in December 2006.

### PLANNING & FINANCE MEETING ON 4TH DECEMBER

#### Finance

In addition to the usual business, a donation of £1500 was agreed towards the upkeep of the Church. The Annual Grant was paid to the Playing field Management Committee of £1760. The Budget for next year was discussed and the Precept was agreed at £26,000.

#### Boxford Surgery

Representatives from Groton Parish Council joined the meeting. The strong views of Parishioners against any interruption to the level of service from the Surgery were discussed. The Chairman of Boxford Parish Council has asked any resident writing directly to the Surgery expressing their views to provide a copy to the Parish Council. It was agreed for the Clerk to keep the surrounding villages informed via their Parish Councils.

#### Planning

Confirmations received from Babergh District Council: -

- Babergh confirmed permission granted to crown lift to 3 metres branches overhanging the bridle path from 3 Oak trees at 37 Brook Hall Road.
- Babergh do not wish to make a Tree Preservation Order in respect of the felling of 2 Conifer Trees at Berely, Cox Hill.
- Babergh provided revised plans for erection of blending area extension at Copella.

The following were discussed: -

- Application to remove 1 Weeping Willow Tree at 14 The Causeway.
- Application to crown raising and removal of lower branches overhanging bridle path from 2 Oak Trees at 33 Brook Hall Road.

## Parish Council Meeting on 18th December

### Suffolk County Council Report

Councillor Selwyn Pryor was unable to attend no report provided.

### District Council Report

District Councillor, Bryn Hurren, reported low attendance at the last

digital cinema showing. He spoke of some of the Councils current initiatives. They are running an environmentally friendly dual fuel car and investing in a new Computer system to support the Home Buyer searches.

#### Clerks Correspondence

The proposed annual maintenance contract for the Church Clock from Mr Nutt was agreed at £200. Suffolk County Council are planning to carry out safety improvements along the A1071. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the County Council to ensure that heavy lorry's will still be directed away from Stone Street. Correspondence had been received from the County Council regarding improvements to the signing before the pinch-point in Butchers Lane. The Clerk read a letter from the Police Inspector apologising for the lack of Police presence at the Firework display.

#### Finance

In addition to the usual business the Invoice in respect of the Fireworks was settled at £3263.50.

#### Police Report

P C Wren reported three crimes during November, a theft of lavender plant in Brook Hall Road, an incident of arson in Gunary Close, which is still under investigation and fuel taken from a vehicle parked at the School. The new Inspector at Hadleigh Police Station, Bob Cracknell is now in place. The Safer Neighbourhood teams have been delayed due to the current major investigation. P C Wren retires on 28th January. Four or five Police Community Support Officers are likely to be appointed to the Hadleigh Sector.

#### Boxford Surgery

The Chairman read a letter from the Surgery dated 30th November, which confirmed the PCT had met with the Surgery and were investigating further. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the PCT providing copies of the correspondence so far and again stressing the strength of feeling by the Parishioners of Boxford and surrounding villages against any reduction in the level of service

#### Boxford School Swimming Pool Project

The Chairman explained that the Friends of Boxford School have raised around £12,000 towards their £20,000 target needed for necessary repairs. The Parish Council pledged a total of £2000 including the locality budget funds.

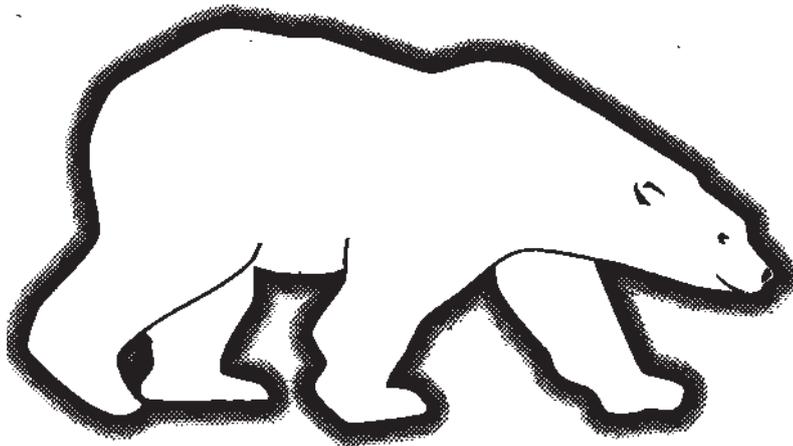
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Hot Stuff - Cajun chicken skewers with mixed leaves and sour cream & chive dip  
Luscious Love (Boat) - Wedge of honeydew melon with cystic fruit coulis



Pink Champagne Sorbet

From Russia with love - Medallions of Scotch Fillet of Beef in a stroganof sauce with basmati rice  
Highland Fling - Scottish Salmon on a bed of sweet potato & spring onion mash with  
a white wine & dill sauce  
Between the sheets - Roasted Mediterranean vegetables incased in puff pastry with  
a tomato & basil coulis  
True Love - Chicken Supreme stuffed with stilton, wrapped in bacon with a creamy port sauce



Mile High Cheesecake - Baked white chocolate & lemon cheesecake with a chocolate chip base  
with chantilly cream

Pure Passion - Passion Fruit and Malibu Torte  
Hearts Delight - Raspberry Creme Brulee with lemon shortbread  
Soul Mates - Baileys Bread and Butter Pudding with Creme Anglaise



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# Forthcoming Events Diary

<b>February</b>	3 Global Warming and The Garden 10 Valentines Dance 20 Boxford United Charities	A Talk Edwardstone Cricket Club Trustees Meeting	The Village Hall Boxford Boxford Village Hall Mary's House	8.00pm 7.30 7.30
<b>March</b>	10 Race Night 14 Boxford Community Council 15/16/17 Anagram for Murder 17 Boxford Church Coffee Morning 17 Edwardstone & Groton Quiz Evening 19 Boxford Sunflower Playgroup 19 Whist Drive 20 Pamper Evening	FOBS Executive Committee Meeting Boxford Drama Group Open Afternoon Newton Village Hall FOBS	Boxford Village Hall Mary's House Boxford Village Hall Mary's House Edwardstone Parish Hall The Pavillion Boxford School	TBA 8.00pm 7.30pm 7.00pm 1.30-3.30pm 7.30pm TBA
<b>April</b>	23 Whist Drive 25 Boxford Community Council 27 A Curry & Quiz Night 28 FOB's Quiz Night	Newton Village Hall AGM Groton Village Hall Mgt Committee	The Pavillion Village Hall School Hall	7.30pm 8.00pm TBA
<b>May</b>	12 1st Boxford Scouts Centenary Camp and Open Day		The Spinney	
<b>June</b>	3 Boxford St Mary's 10 Scarecrow Trail 13 BCC Senior Citizens Outing 23 Boxford St Mary's Fete 30 & July 1st A Celebration of Flowers	Gardens Open	Edwardstone Rectory Garden Boxford St Mary's	
<b>July</b>	7 Boxford Community Council	Fun and Games	Kemble House	
<b>August</b>	24/25 Groton PCC	Lecture "Herbs are more than a garnish"	Groton Church	TBA
<b>September</b>	8 Benefice Churches	SHCT Cycle ride	All Churches	10-6pm
<b>October</b>	13 Groton PCC 27 Dance	Harvest Supper Boxford Community Council	Groton Village Hall Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
<b>November</b>	1/2 Edwardstone Christmas Fair			
<b>December</b>	1 Groton PCC	Cheese & Wine Party	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
	<b>First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings</b> in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford			7.30pm

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# Wot's On

GROTON AND EDWARDSTONE

## QUIZ NIGHT:

Saturday March 17th, Edwardstone Parish Hall, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. This is the first of what we hope may become a series of informal inter-parish quizzes within the Benefice; we hope to get ten teams competing, each with up to eight members (five teams per village). There will be a prize for the winning team and then the individual team scores will be totalled to get the winning village! The organisers see this as a bit of friendly rivalry, and it should be a fun evening; there will be light refreshments served in the interval, and there will also be a bar and a raffle. The price is £5 per person (£40 for a team of eight) with the proceeds being equally divided between St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton and St. Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone. Please contact Pat Kennedy Scott, (210319) or Daphne Clark (210698) to book in your completed team, or to register as a prospective team member.

## St Mary's Church, Boxford

### PREPARATION OF NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2007

We are required by the Diocese to compile a new Church Electoral Roll this year. This means that even if you have completed a form in the past and are on the present electoral roll, it will be necessary for you to complete a new form in order to be included on the new roll. These forms will be available on the table at the back of the church from 1st February, and when completed may be left in the box provided, not later than the end of the first week in March. If you have any queries, please contact me.

Cynthia Wanniarachy - Tel: 211182

Church Electoral Roll Officer, St Mary's Church, Boxford

**NOTE: Final copy date for the Mardhissue of Box River News has been brought forward to 16th February**



## Dance to 'The Beavers'

In Aid of 'The Boxford Playground Appeal'

Sat 14th April, 2007

At Boxford Village Hall

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# The Box River Parishes Church News January

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Tel: 210752 e-mail: david.matthews49@tiscali.co.uk  
*Day off: Monday*

**Reader:** Christopher Kingsbury, Rose Cottage, Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone CO10 5PD  
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Please let one of them or a Churchwarden or a Lay Elder know:

- 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 people of the Box River Benefice,

I want to take this opportunity to both explain and advertise changes to the Electoral Role, which will be taking place in the next couple of months. But first a bit of explanation.

The Church Electoral Roll is a list of all those who qualify to attend and vote in the elections for the Parochial Church Council and the parish's representative on the Deanery Synod. The list for each parish is kept up to date on an ongoing basis each year with changes being made as they occur. However, this year 2007 and every sixth year following, this list will be completely renewed. This means that each person who wishes to be a member will be required to complete an enrolment form. It is hoped that we will be able to make personal contact with all those who are already enrolled to discuss their future enrolment. For those who were not previously enrolled and wish to be included on the new roll, there will be forms available at the back of each of our churches within the next few weeks.

It should be noted that no names are carried forward from one roll to the next. Everyone must apply by filling in the new form to be included on the new roll.

You may be asking the question; "Why should I bother?" Being on the Electoral Roll allows you to be part of the decision making process within your parish church. You will have voting rights which will allow you to have a say in who represents your parish on the PCC, and all the other councils and committees drawing members from the parish.

There are some qualifications for membership and to qualify one needs to:

- Have been baptised and be over the age of 16.
- Be a member of the Church of England and be resident of the parish.
- Be a member of the Church of England (or a Church in communion with the Church of England) and not resident in the parish and have been a habitual worshipper and attended public worship in the parish for the previous six months.
- Be a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself a member of the Church of England and have attended public worship in the parish for the previous six months.

If you are either unclear about the qualifications required or have any questions about Electoral Roll membership please call me on 01787 210752.

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, we confess we would rather be settled than stretched in our Christian lives. Help us trust your loving purposes as you answer our prayers. Make us willing not just to welcome the blessings, but also to walk through the buffeting, knowing you are alongside us at every step. Amen. *Christopher Kingsbury*

### PREPARATION OF A NEW ELECTORAL ROLL IN 2007:

We are required to compile a new Church Electoral roll this year. This means that even if you have completed a form in the past and are on the present roll, it will be necessary for you to complete a new form in order to be included on the new roll. These forms are available on the table at the back of the church from 1st February, and when completed may be left in the box provided, not later than the end of the first week in March. If you have any queries, please contact me, *Cynthia Wanniarachy*, Tel: 211182, Church Electoral Roll Officer.

### "GLOBAL WARMING & THE GARDEN":

Gardens of the Future and Alternative Energy, in The Village Hall, Boxford on Saturday 3rd February 2007 at 8.00 p.m. 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. Tickets £5.00 (including light refreshments) are available at Boxford Newsagents or on the door.

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

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Meets Monday 12th February, 47 Swan Street, at 8.00 p.m. Please do join this hour of fellowship over God's Holy Word. *Peter Holden*

### THE HOUSE GROUP:

Meets at Brook House, Fen Street, Boxford alternate Thursdays at 8.00 p.m. *George & Pauline Barnes*

### PRAYER GROUP:

Meets in Mary's House on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at 7.30 p.m. Please consider spending a short time in prayer and thought for the needs of our church in this benefice and community. *CK*

### BOX RIVER CLUB:

Please see General Church News.

### SMILE LINES:

"The only reason some people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory". *Paul Rix*

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

**Please, NO LATER THAN 14th February.** Thank you.

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Daphne Clark 210698.

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

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**Churchwarden:**

*Vacant*

**Lay Elder:**

*Antony Dodd, Mill Green End; tel 210397*

### **PCC MEETING:**

The PCC meets on Thursday 22 February 2007 at 7.30 p.m., at Mary's House.

### **EDWARDSTONE AND GROTON QUIZ NIGHT:**

Saturday March 17th, Edwardstone Parish Hall, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. This is the first of what we hope may become a series of informal inter-parish quizzes within the Benefice; we hope to get ten teams competing, each with up to eight members (five teams per village). There will be a prize for the winning team and then the individual team scores will be totalled to get the winning village! The organisers see this as a bit of friendly rivalry and it should be a fun evening; there will be light refreshments served in the interval, and there will also be a bar and a raffle. The price is £5 per person (£40 for a team of eight) with the proceeds being equally divided between St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton and St. Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone. Please contact Daphne Clark on 210698 to book in your completed team, or to register as a prospective team member.

### **BOX RIVER CLUB:**

Please see General Church News.

### **SIDESMAN & CLEANING ROTA:**

**Feb 4:** United Benefice Service (New) /Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul;

**Feb 11:** Visiting/Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul;

**Feb 18:** Mr Saddleton/Mr & Mrs Saddleton;

**Feb 25:** Mr Currey/Mr & Mrs Saddleton.



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:** *Barbara Riddleston:*

*Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261*

*Sue Edwards:*

*Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785*

### **CAROL SERVICE:**

The collection at the Carol Service on December 17th for the Church Housing Trust amounted to £175.38, with the Gift Aid added. Thank you to all. *David Lamming*

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### **BOX RIVER CLUB:**

Please see General Church News.

### **ROTA**

**Flowers**

**Cleaning:**

**Sidesman with Sacristan:**

**February**

Mrs Block

Mrs Block

Mrs Lamming



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**

*Vacant*

### **BOX RIVER CLUB:**

Please see General Church News.

### **ROTAS: SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:**

**Feb 4:** United Benefice Service (New)/Mrs Squirrell;

**Feb 11:** Mr Squirrell/Mrs Eddington;

**Feb 18:** Mr & Mrs Tora/Mrs Pike;

**Feb 25:** Visiting/Mrs Pell.



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

**Churchwardens:**

*Diana Stock: 12 Links View; tel 312828*

### **BOX RIVER CLUB:**

Please see General Church News.

## GENERAL CHURCH NEWS:

### **BOX RIVER CLUB NEWS:**

The Box River Club welcomes George and Pauline Barnes as co-ordinators of the club activities: more news from George and Pauline later. New members to the club are always welcome. *CK*

## RECOGNISING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps. Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. Ask the individual to SMILE.
2. Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
3. Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE clearly (e.g....It is a sunny day today)

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 999 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the British Stroke Association's annual meeting last February.

Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this e-mail sends it to 10 people you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

BE A FRIEND AND SHARE THIS ARTICLE WITH AS MANY FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE, you could save their lives.

**THIS IS CALLED THE 'FAST' TEST.**

F - FACE                      A - ARMS                      S - SPEECH                      T - TEST

## Super Slimming

Advanced hypnotherapists Hugh Clover and Liz Kotarska are now offering 'SuperSlimming', a new programme for those who want to kick start their weight loss goals by doing something practical but also want to underpin their efforts by addressing their underlying attitudes towards food and eating. 'So often,' says Liz, 'people find that as soon as they stop actively slimming old habits return and the weight piles straight back on. This powerful two pronged approach not only gets you started but helps you stay on track for the future.' To find out more go to [www.SuperSlimming.co.uk](http://www.SuperSlimming.co.uk) or ring Liz on 01206 299724. Liz and Hugh also offer help for a wide range of psychological and emotional problems – see [www.LifeChangesNow.co.uk](http://www.LifeChangesNow.co.uk) and [www.hughclover.co.uk](http://www.hughclover.co.uk) for more information.

## MEALS ON WHEELS:

Are you a car-driver who has about 2 hours to spare on one or two days per month?

The WRVS Meals on Wheels service delivers hot lunchtime food to folk who are either shut-in or have some other difficulty in getting a hot meal. The food box or bag, containing around 8-15 meals depending on the delivery locations, has to be collected from Tudor Road School at 11.15 a.m. and the last delivery should be made about 12.30, give or take 15 minutes. WRVS pay 35p per mile. Some rounds are in Sudbury and others in surrounding villages. Most deliveries are a pleasant experience with the opportunity for just a short conversation - the person might not see any other person that day!

If you are able to help with this much appreciated service please contact the local organiser, Brian Starling, on 01787 377464 (his answerphone is 'on' if he is out; leave your number and he will get back to you). Thank you.

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# Box River Sports

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## TRAGIC DEATH OF DAVID LYTTTELTON



### David Lyttelton - 10.09.1981 - 16.12.2006

Two local sports teams are joining the Stoke By Nayland community in mourning the death of a 25-year-old sports enthusiast who made this part of Suffolk his home - despite living in London and hailing from Devon.

David Lyttelton tragically died two weeks before Christmas after playing rugby for Quintin RFC near his home in London. However, he will be remembered locally for his time playing for Stoke By Nayland's Tendring Park Cricket Club and, more recently, Boxford Rovers FC. David played for Tendring Park for the past four seasons and had spent two years with Rovers - making a big impact with both clubs. David would often catch the train from London early in the morning to join up with his team mates and then depart London-bound after the post-match celebrations. He was a huge supporter of local sports and single-handedly paid for the Boxford Rovers men's team kit this season when no sponsor could be found.

He divided his time between London, where he worked as an investment banker for the Royal Bank of Canada, and Stoke By Nayland where his girlfriend Mary Englehart lives. David joined Mary's brother John in the Tendring Park cricket team in 2003 and never looked back. He was a hugely talented cricketer and a regular fixture in the team. He often opened the bowling and batting and was an inspiration on and off the field. He was persuaded to join Boxford Rovers in 2005 and made a number of appearances as a striker - most memorably scoring four goals against Border Athletic last season. David was last in Suffolk only a fortnight ago joining his team mates at the Case restaurant in Assington for the Christmas meal and was planning to play for Boxford again in February.

David also had political aspirations and was Chairman of the Battersea Conservative Association. He helped mastermind one of the largest swings for the party in the country and held firm his strong political beliefs.

He will be sorely missed by friends and team mates in this little piece of Suffolk, not just for his sporting skills but for his determination, ability to get on with absolutely everyone and for making everything so much more fun.

## NEWTON GREEN GOLF CLUB CENTENARY GOLF SPONSORS LINE UP

Newton Green Golf Club is to receive more than £10,000 from sponsors to help celebrate its centenary.

The sum matches the amount Newton Green Golf Club has already set aside to make 2007 a memorable year for its 600-plus members.

Chairman Dora George commented: "Birthdays like this do not come round very often and we want to celebrate in style. A full programme of events has been lined up and the money we have raised will ensure we do the year justice, both to ourselves and our sponsors.

"In fact, we have probably exceeded the expectations of many in relation to how much money would come in from outside, and we view the support as a great vote of confidence in the club."

A 16-page programme of events will shortly be published to outline to members plans for the year. On March 16 an official reception will see the launch of a 100-page, full colour history of the club, written by member Alan Vince. A special feature of the book will be water colours by another member Neil Jacobs, a retired college art department head, who has exhibited works in galleries across the country.

Through the generosity of three local legal firms, Steed and Steed, Wayman and Long/Tomlinson and Dickinson, and Bates Wells and Braithwaite, plus the support of the Newton Green Trust, copies of the £3,500 production will be distributed free to members.

Main sponsors for the year will be jeweller Jonathan Lambert, with estate agents Sworders sponsoring a golf festival week in July. National, regional and local firms make up the rest of the sponsorships.

When the club was formed, players used to take their drives for two holes across the main A134 Sudbury-Colchester road, but this ceased more than 40 years ago. However, on May 20, the original nine-hole part of the course will be re-instated for a celebration event to mark 100 years to the day the club first teed off. Other events will be a visit by the Golf Collectors' Society for a match using hickory shafted clubs; an invitation day for Suffolk club captains; a game against fellow centenary celebrators Colchester Golf Club; and a centenary ball.

## Great Waldingfield Bowls Club

Some time ago I offered a prize of £50-00 to the first person under 25 to win (or be a part of a winning team) at Great Waldingfield Bowls club. Why? Because I think we should encourage the young.

Bowls can be played by nine year olds to nonogenerians, by both men and women, all with an equal chance of winning. What other sport can claim that?

Nor is it expensive, to start you need nothing, just a pair of socks without holes. Our club can loan the bowls. A set of second had bowls should be no more than £40-00 and you will need a pair of shoes (about £20-00. Green fees are a modest £1-50 a time.

You walk a surprising distance during a game, do a fair bit of bending and stretching, so it is good exercise.

Pop in to the club (Tuesday night is good) say "I'd like to have a go!" and we will pounce on you. We need mew members! Leon Stedman, 78 Bantocks Road, Great Waldingfield, CO10 0XT 01787 370067

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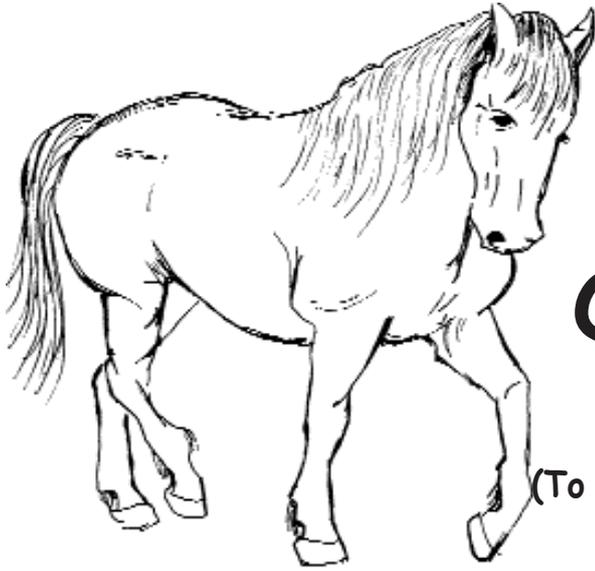
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19 more to try and only a week to do it in!!!!

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## Box River Soap Box

There was a degree of surprise – nay, shock – when the Bank of England raised interest rates by 25 basis points last month. Perhaps more correctly I should say the increase was a quarter of one per cent, but in this business it is all too easy to slip into jargon. Whatever words you use, the fact is that the reaction was overwhelmingly negative. It would seem we have become so used to low interest rates that the prospect of a move to a level perhaps as high as 6% feels positively alarming. When, a week later, the inflation figure was published, we all knew why they had reacted as they did.

I say “all”, but in reality I wonder if many people make the connection between interest rates and inflation. Or even understand why that inflation is viewed with such concern by governments and central banks. Inflation, to use the terminology of “Sellers and Yeatman” (there, I’m showing my age) is generally reckoned a “Bad Thing”. When inflation has spiralled out of control, social unrest has been the consequence. Witness Germany in the period after the First World War or South America in the more recent past.

Even more modest inflation has delivered unfortunate consequences. The 1970s, when inflation in the UK reached 25% at one point, saw Britain in hock to the International Monetary Fund, while our stock market suffered greatly. Perhaps the most important side effect, though, is the way in which inflation destroys people’s savings. In the days of the Weimar Republic, cash had to be carried around in wheelbarrows to fulfil even modest purchases.

But inflation can deliver some benefits. It devalues borrowing and pushes up the value of such things as the homes in which we live. Those lucky enough to have gained a place on the housing ladder in the 1960s will have been helped mightily by the incidence of inflation in the following quarter century. And there is also the fact that inflation, worrisome as it may be, is still to be preferred to its opposite number – deflation – which stifles economic activity.

So the trick is to manage the economy in such a way that modest, controllable inflation results, which allows growth to continue but does not interfere with social stability. This is why the government has set a target of 2% for inflation in this country, with a margin of error of 1% on either side. So far as the Chancellor of the Exchequer is concerned, slipping below 1% is just as potentially dangerous as rising above 3% - the prospect he faces now.

The Governor of the Bank of England may be just a month away from writing the much talked about letter, explaining why inflation has broken out of the pre-set constraints laid down by the Chancellor. He will doubtless point to the measures taken to rein back the rise in the cost of living – raising interest rates. Dearer money affects most of us. It takes money out of the pockets of those with mortgages or other borrowings, meaning they will have less to spend elsewhere.

This in turn slows economic activity. Businesses, finding goods harder to shift, hold down their prices. The labour market becomes tougher too, so workers moderate their pay demands rather than find themselves out of a job. And – Hey Presto! – inflation starts to come down until the Bank of England feels able to lower interest rates again, people feel able to resume spending and companies regain the pricing power they lost when the economy was in a high interest rate induced torpor.

Well, that’s the theory, except that much of the recent inflationary pressures have been either the result of government action or a consequence of higher energy and fuel costs. Moreover, the biggest change on the inflationary front has been the ending of the downward pressure on prices exerted by the growth in the importance of China as a manufacturer. I fear inflation is back in town and that interest rates may continue to rise. Bad news for borrowers, but not for savers. It’s an ill wind.....

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

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# Box River Benefice, Parish Councillors

## Boxford Parish Council

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<b>Veronica Hobbs</b>		211529
(Chairman)		
<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 C010 5EG	
<b>Gerald Smith</b>	7 Castlings Heath	210958
<i>Chairman</i>	Groton C010 5EU	
<b>Sandra Grey</b>	2 Stone Street Road	211465
<i>Parish Clerk</i>	Boxford CO10 5NP	
<b>Carey Baldwin</b>	Groton Manor Castlings Heath	210391
	Groton CO 10 SET	
<b>David Elliott</b>	9 Gunary Close	210802
	Boxford C010 5QB	
<b>Robert Mares</b>	3 Groton Place	211318
	Groton C010 5EE	
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	Groton Place, Groton C010 5EE	
<b>Roger Vipond</b>	Cloptons	210491
	Groton Street Groton C010 5EE	

## Little Waldingfield Parish Council

<b>Brian Tora</b>	Enniskillen Lodge	247783
(Chairman)	The Street, Little Waldingfield C010 OSU	
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(Vice Chairman)	Little Waldingfield C010 OSL	
<b>Peter Baker</b>	Hostlers, The Street	247931
	Little Waldingfield C010 OSQ	
<b>Sandie Coomber</b>	Holbrook Hall Park	247318
	Little Waldingfield	
<b>Mike Ewen</b>	Cobweb Cottage, High St Farm	210466
	Little Waldingfield C010 OSS	
<b>Richard Mitchell</b>	Larks Mead, Church Road	247173
	Little Waldingfield C010 OSP	
<b>Phil Scott</b>	Scott House, 3 The Street	247632
	Little Waldingfield C010 OSQ	

## Edwardstone Parish Council

<b>John Paul</b>	Willows Farm	210972
(Chairman)		
<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
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<b>Harry Buckledee</b>		210772
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<b>Alan Vince</b>		210350
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### February 2007

#### Sunday 4 February, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

New	0930	<i>United Benefice Service</i>	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	1400	Baptism	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1830	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

#### Wednesday 7 February

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Joy Sellers
LtW	1900	Home Communion*	Tim Harbord

#### Sunday 11 February, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

Edw		<i>Visiting</i>	
LtW	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Gro	1100	Family Service	Graham Brook

#### Wednesday 14 February

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
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#### Sunday 18 February, Sunday before Lent

Gro		<i>Visiting</i>	
New		<i>Visiting</i>	
Box	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	1100	Family Service	Graham Brook

#### Wednesday 21 February, Ash Wednesday

Box	1030	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1830	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	1900	Compline	Tim Harbord

#### Sunday 25 February, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

LtW		<i>Visiting</i>	
Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
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New	0930	Morning Prayer	Diana Stock/Jean Green
Box	1100	Civic Service	The Revd. David Matthews

#### Wednesday 28 February

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
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### March 2007

#### Sunday 4 March, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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# GARDENING IN FEBRUARY *Harry Buckledee*

Lift remaining parsnips, carrots and leeks to allow the ground to be dug over ready for spring planting. Parsnips and carrots can be stored in sand or peat and leeks can be heeled in a sheltered corner of the garden.

It was always said that you should plant shallots on the shortest day and harvest them on the longest day. Planting out on the shortest day when the soil is wet and cold and expecting them to make root and grow has never made a lot of sense to me. However, shallots do need an early start because whenever you plant them they will stop growing between the longest day and the first week or two in July. A method of growing I have used for the last 50 years is to plant 15 shallots in a full size seed tray, filled level full with peat based compost at the beginning of February. Not a lot of heat is necessary or desirable. In four or five weeks they will have grown shoots two to three inches long but more importantly they will have produced a mass of strong roots four to five inches long. Harden them off and plant out in March when planting conditions outside are favourable. It is important to lift them carefully off the trays so as to do as little damage as possible to the roots and use a trowel to make a big enough hole to spread the roots out fully. This method of growing has worked well for me and has enabled me to be consistently among the prize winners at the show and to have a good supply of large bulbs for the kitchen.

Brussel sprouts need a long season of growth and plants can be raised now from seeds sown in a cool greenhouse. F.I varieties give best results producing uniform size sprouts all the way up the stalk. Carrots such as Amsterdam Forcing or any of the Nantes varieties can now be sown in large pots in the greenhouse and should be ready for use in May.

The herbaceous border can now be thoroughly cleaned. Cut away all dead stems, clean out weeds and lightly fork over the soil incorporating any well rotted compost or manure that you can spare. Clumps of plants which are overgrown and showing signs of dying off in the centre should be lifted and only the young outer growths replanted, discarding the worn out centre parts of the clump.

Bearded Iris and Pyrethrums should not be lifted and divided until after flowering in July.

Roses can be pruned at the latter half of the month. Water the pruned stems and the soil around the bushes with a solution of Amillotox to kill off any black spot spores which are lying dormant ready to infect new shoots as they form.

Don't be afraid to cut them back hard. Hybrid T's should be cut back to three buds from the base and Floribunda's to four or five buds. Roses will last longer, stay healthier and give a better display by hard pruning. Last years new rambler rose shoots, which are needed to produce this years blooms, have continued to grow right through the autumn and early winter and will need tying to supports. There is still plenty of time to plant new rose bushes and other deciduous shrubs and trees.

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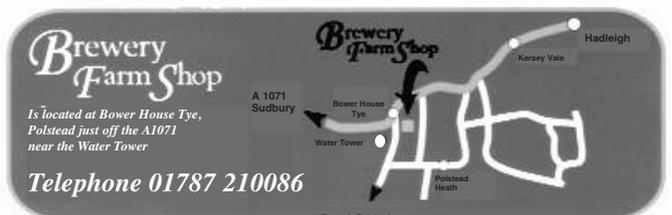
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## News from Clubs and Organisations

### POPPY DAY APPEAL

#### Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton

Having been Hon. Organiser of the Poppy Day Appeal for the Parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone for 21 years, I have decided to hand over the reins to someone else. Fortunately Mr Brian Jones of Daisy Green Groton has kindly volunteered to continue the good work.

I wish to place on record my grateful thanks to the collectors, both past and present, who have so willingly given of their time for such a worthy cause, for their friendship and kindness to me, and their ever willingness to help, and to YOU who have given to the Appeal so generously which has resulted during my time as organiser collecting £27,700.00.

Thank you all so very much.

*Evie Fletcher.*

#### Boxford Mums & Toddlers Group

### HAVE A NEW TIME FOR A NEW YEAR

We meet on a Wednesday morning at the Village Hall from 10am until 11.30am during term time. The group is run by Mums for other parents and carers and is open to anyone looking after a pre-school child. We would be grateful for any help, whether it be getting toys out, putting them away, making teas and coffees and more importantly cakes, organising a sing song or any crafty ideas you may have. Refreshments are free but we ask for a contribution of £1.50 per family to cover the cost of hiring the hall.

Please come along with your little ones and have some fun. We need as much support from Mums old and new so we can keep this very important group running

### Summer Fun Day June 9th

Boxford will go to town with a spectacular Knock Out competition with at least eight teams from local pubs and groups.

At the moment things are at the planning stage, though the steering committee are thinking up some diabolical games! I understand there will be a quantity of water involved.

Invitations will be sent to clubs and organisations who might like to display their wares and raise funds.

Over the years this event has been organised to provide funds for the playing field and give a welcome chance for all in the villages  
A BBQ - Bar - and teas will be provided.

We will keep you posted with up to the minute stop press news **BB**

### SESAW FUNDRAISING

SESAW Fundraising has started for 2007, we desperately need your unwanted items, anything and everything welcome. Clothes, bric a brac, toys, furniture etc. Collection can be arranged.

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### BOXFORD BOUNTY

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

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#### The prizes for each draw are:

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If you would like to buy a ticket for the Boxford Bounty and have not been visited by a collector please apply directly by sending a cheque made payable to BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL to the following address:

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Or ring Mark on 01787 211596 email millerpmark@yahoo.co.uk

We will arrange a call from your local collector.

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## Wot's On

### GLOBAL WARMING AND THE GARDEN - A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THE FACTS

Dr. D.M. Keith-Lucas MA PhD MIBiol, Head of Plant Life Sciences in the Department of Botany at Reading University and a leading authority is coming to Boxford to give an illustrated talk on global warming. He has many slides showing the results of climate change, particularly on our gardens and agriculture and discusses the various alternative energies for our future. This is a rare opportunity to hear an expert in these matters.

Question time will give YOU the opportunity to ask about your concerns and offer your ideas for the future.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Come along to Boxford Village Hall at 8.00pm on Saturday 3 February and bring your friends. Tickets are £5 each from Boxford Newsagents or at the door. All welcome.

### Great Waldingfield WI

The Christmas meal at the "Lion" was a happy, enjoyable event and Joyce Hurrell was thanked (in her absence!) for her excellent organisation.

The table sale on Sudbury Market place was a great success and raised £114 for our funds. Thanks were expressed to the members who supplied such tempting home cooked items and to those who manned the stall.

A mind stretching quiz on surrounding village names was held - the anagrams made so puzzling that the highest score was only 12 out of 20! Some members got absorbed in playing Dominoes, so great laughter and fun was the order of the day.

Home cooked refreshments were provided by some of the Committee and the plates were soon emptied.

A raffle was held and the meeting declared closed at 4pm.

Our next meeting will be on February 7th at 2pm, with a talk by Mike Stone on "OUR VILLAGE'S PAST" PLUS SOME AMUSING TALES'. All visitors welcome.

### Boxford WI

The Boxford W.I.'s January meeting was our New Year Meal, which was held at the Case in Altered in Assington. An excellent meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all members.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th February when our speaker is Marion Collis who will be telling us all about antique and reproduction dolls.

Women of all ages will be very welcome to come along at 2pm in the village hall to learn more about this fascinating subject.

For more information contact Elaine Paget on 01787 210501 or Iris Robinson on 01473 658567

### Boxford Over 60's Club

Meeting in the Village Hall at 2.30pm

Monday - February 5th:

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## 'GLOBAL WARMING AND THE GARDEN'

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## Friends of Boxford School

We have more events planned for the next term, with a Race night on Saturday 10th March in the village hall and a Pamper evening on Tuesday 20th March in the school, and the annual quiz - date T.B.C (more details on these events will follow in the next newsletter.)

'Fobs' would like to say a big thank you to all the parents, staff of the school and helpers who gave their time to make these events such a success.

## EAST ANGLIA POTATO DAY

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**2007 – Centenary of Scouting**

## Founders Day 22nd February 2007

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As this year is the Scout Association's Centenary Year, we will be celebrating in style and will be setting off some fireworks at this event at approx 8:00pm. If you live near to the Spinney and have pets, please look after them by keeping them indoors during this time.

If you have been involved in scouting (as a scout, cub or beaver, as a committee member or leader) and would like to come to this event please contact *Mark Miller* on 01787 211596.

## GAINSBOROUGH'S HOUSE,

**Gainsborough Drawings 6 January to 24 March 2007**

From January to March 2007, Gainsborough's House is showing a new exhibition of the outstanding drawings by Thomas Gainsborough from its collection.

Gainsborough's House, in Sudbury, has one of the best collections of drawings by Thomas Gainsborough (1727-88) in the world. Over the past two decades, the birthplace museum has acquired, by purchase and gift, nearly thirty drawings by Gainsborough, supplemented by a few choice loans. Although still not necessarily the largest, the collection is more comprehensive than others. It spans the artists entire career from his earliest years in Suffolk up to his death in London in 1788. There is also a great variety of subject-matter, including portrait drawings, sketches of animals and landscape compositions. They were drawn using an astonishing range of techniques, including pencil, chalk, washes, oil varnishes and even skimmed milk!

Gainsborough's output as a draughtsman was vast in comparison to most of his eighteenth century contemporaries, such as Joshua Reynolds or George Stubbs.

For further information contact Rosemary Woodward or Diane Perkins at Telephone: 01787 372958 Fax: 01787 376991

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## 2007 Centenary of Scouting

**Have you been involved in the Scout Association in the last 100 years?**

**As a Scout, Member of a committee, Leader, Helper or Parent?**

**If you have, we would like to hear from you because 2007 is the Centenary of Scouting,**

To start the centenary year off we would like to put together a display of Scouting memorabilia; artefacts, memories, photographs, anything you may have to help us show the Scout movements' activities in the last 100 years.

All items donated for the display will be shown at a week-end camp and open day in Boxford Spinney on the week-end of 12th and 13th May 2007, to which everybody is invited.

Further details about activities planned for the week-end will be published in the Box River News as the event approaches. If you have something you would like to tell us about, please contact Richard Gates on 01787 210432, Mark Miller on 01787 211596 or email centenary@talktalk.net .

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## COMMENT

One sometimes wonders whether any of our MP's and legislators have ever attempted to visit or have any knowledge or understanding of the 95% of the United Kingdom that can be loosely called 'Rural'!

The most recent Townie Gaff by the liberal Democrats comes from their environment spokesman, Chris Huhne said that emissions from livestock were a serious threat because they contributed to global warming. Whilst there is no doubt that methane emissions from grass eating livestock are a threat, they have been a threat for thousands of years and before them it would probably have been the dinosaurs.

Mr Huhnes answer to the problem is to ask the farmers to change the diets of their cattle to reduce the amount of methane they produce. It seems they are eating the wrong kind of grass!!! Mr Huhne goes on to say that "Flatulent live stock emitting methane are beyond a joke", one wonders who is the biggest joke. The biggest threat to our climate is the rapidly increasing world population with its demands for wealth at the expense of future generations.

In the latest set of GCSE exam tables Suffolk is numbered amongst the top Eastern Counties with results at above average levels. Why then are our leaders in County Hall trying to ditch it's exceptionally good system of middle schools? Suffolk County Councillors are due to vote on March 22nd to enforce a two tier system throughout the county. Reading between the lines, this move would seem to be to make miserly savings in the long run although the cost of making the changes is expected to be in the region of £23m over a 13 year period (probably £46m if the truth were to be known) money better spent teaching our children rather than messing about with a perfectly good tried and tested system. Still I suppose they have to try and justify their recent 35% increase in expenses. Recent cuts suggest that it does not pay to be either young or old in Suffolk!

With average GP now earning £118,000 a year, and now seeming to only be responsible during office hours (weekdays only). Is it any wonder the NHS is unwell? All this whilst wards close and services are cut back. The Chief Executive of the Suffolk Primary Trust has effectively ruled out a New Community Hospital to meet the needs of the ever increasing population of Sudbury and the surrounding villages and has hinted that plans for a new health centre are to be ditched. He claims "We have to grasp the opportunities provided by modern healthcare to improve services to people" which is of course double talk or spin for We have a deficit of £38m and the only way to save money is to cut our services. We can only hope that the PCT and the Hadleigh Boxford Group Practice can get The Mill Surgery back to normal service. That at least would be good news.

Statistics just released show that the average house in Babergh costs £240,028 compared to £198,724 in Suffolk as a whole and £218,083 throughout the Eastern Region. At the same time and quite understandably, the number of people in their 20's living in Babergh continues to decline and stands at just 8.5% of residents compared with the National average of 12.8%.

Unfortunately there continues to be an influx of people from London which is pushing up the prices and youngsters are being edged out. The future looks grim. We are fortunate in the three villages of Boxford Edwardstone and Groton to have the new low cost housing developments at Edwardstone and Partridge Close and shortly, the small development of eight flats due to be built in Homefield but, this is little enough compared with the local need. There is still an urgent requirement for more affordable homes in our villages.

Don't forget the local elections in May. Many of our present Parish Councillors will be retiring and we need some new blood on our Parish Councils

Does anyone know where I can buy Bio-Diesel in Suffolk? I use it in my 42 mpg Chelsea Tractor whenever I can get it but have yet to find any in Suffolk as yet. Companies have applied for planning approval to set up small Bio Diesel plants but unfortunately our various green District Councils have turned them down. *Ed*



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## Readers Letters

*Sir*

Like many people, I am trying to construct my family tree, with the inclusion of the social history connected with each generation. I have been told that my grandmother came from Boxford so I am hoping that a reader of this publication may be able to help, by throwing some light onto her family. Her name was Ellen Elizabeth Beere and she was born on 1st February 1883 and married in 1902 to Alfred Nuttall who she went to live with in Ilford Essex. She died in Paignton, Devon in 1041 having had eleven Children and my father was her sixth child. As far as I know she had 4 brothers; William Charles, George Henry, Albert Edward and Arthur Ansell. There were two sisters; Susanna Maria Tricker and Harriet Rosina Benjamin. I believe her father was Henry William Beere born 21/3/1854 and married Elizabeth Lewis of East Street, Sudbury on 21/3/1876 at Portsea Registry office, Hants. Hopefully I am looking forward to receiving some news and information if you will be so kind as to print this letter.

*Jean Beeching*

Quince, Newports, High Wych Road, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, CM21 0HP email [jeanbeeching@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jeanbeeching@hotmail.co.uk)

*Sir*

I would like to thank the kind person who reported the height of my fence, to the Babergh District Council. As far as I was concerned the fence complied with present planning regulations being more than a metre from the footpath and only 4 feet high. Thanks to you representatives from the Babergh District Council planning department visited me and told me about your complaint. They then advised me, incorrectly, that I would either have to take my new fence down, lower it, or apply for retro planning permission at a cost of £135 which as a pensioner I could ill afford. Perhaps the kind person would like to get in touch with me and explain why it was that they did not see fit to knock on my door and let me know their feelings about the fence, after all that is what you would expect a decent responsible person to do.

yours sincerely  
*Derek D Butler*  
Homefield

*Sir,*

I am writing to thank you for your kind review of The Bad Companions show 'Trouble at Tombstone Gulch/ I am waiting eagerly for a DVD recording of the show. I understand that the cast too are very pleased with your positive comments. I would like to make some points on your article. To set the record straight. Tombstone Gulch is a purely fictional place, but, as you say, certainly as drunken and debauched as Little Waldingfield itself. Our shows do not have a plot, they never have done. It's a Bad Companions tradition. The guitar player in one of the photographs is actually Mel Morris. Mel deserves due credit, being the mainstay of the musical performances and long may he continue to do so. I actually wrote the script from a hospital bed in Malaga where no alcoholic drinks were available to me! Again thank you very much for your kind comments and there is every chance there will be another show, probably Spring 2008. I hope you will be able to make it!

*Martin Doman*  
Malaga  
Spain

### Boxford Village Hall January Draw Results

1st No 146	£40	Boxford News	Broad Street
2nd No 90	£20	R.Griggs	Ash Street
3rd No 157	£10	J Smith	Homefield
4th No 134	£5	P.Partridge	Homefield

Next Draw February 2nd

*Sir,*

My Wife, Susan, has received a begging letter from a 15 year-old schoolgirl in Uganda correctly addressed to this house, including Postcode. It starts " Dear friend in Christ, Greetings in the name of the Lord" etc. and goes on to describe how both her parents died of aids and that she hopes to raise £820 per year to pay her school fees. A copy of her excellent school report was enclosed. We, as christians, are happily involved with giving aid in various ways (anonymously) to some of the poor of the world. However, we have never knowingly given our address to any person or organisation, so how did the school in Uganda obtain it ? Has anyone else in this area received a similar letter and do they know by whom their private details were disclosed ? We are both very angry at this total lack of discretion on an unknown person's part.

*Sam Block*

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There is no supper on the first night, but Di, Jan and the team will be cooking a meal which will be served during the interval on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Tickets are £6 on the Thursday and £11 on the Friday and Saturday, with curtain up at 7.30pm.

Look out for the posters and tickets from Boxford News by early February.

### Little Waldingfield Parish Room

We have given in under extreme pressure from a number of villagers and are forced to announce that there will be a Quiz Night on 17th February. Saturday 31st March 2007, 7.30 pm St Peter's, Sudbury

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# Boxford School News

A Happy New Year to Everyone

## FANTASTIC NEWS

Last Friday completely out of the blue I received a letter from the DfES informing me that our school has been awarded the Government's Active mark. This rewards schools who demonstrate 'exceptional delivery of the National Sport Strategy'.

As part of the West Suffolk Schools Sports Partnership Ms. Oxley has worked very hard to ensure that our children have had the opportunity to take part in the many different sporting activities that have been offered. She has arranged for teams from our school to take part in several tournaments, most recently the High Fives Competition where we finished runners up. She has also arranged for a number of sports coaches to come into school to deliver coaching sessions on sports like cricket and gymnastics and last term organised the designing and fitting of our traverse climbing wall. This award recognises all of this hard work and dedication in ensuring that our children are benefiting fully from the sports partnership.

The end of last term was a very busy one for us all with the many different end of term activities. For the first time ever we held our Christmas Bazaar on a Saturday and it was a huge success. It was nice to see so many of you there and to see many ex pupils and parents. In total we collected over £2,500, far in excess of takings in previous years. The Santa Run was also a great success taking over a thousand pounds. Together with several generous local donations, our swimming pool fund is well on the way to meeting its target. My thanks to everyone who contributed in so many ways to our Christmas fundraising effort either by helping, donating items or simply supporting us. It is very much appreciated. My special thanks go to our FOBS Chairperson,

Moira, who worked tirelessly over this period.

With this fantastic effort and the very generous support from the community we are well on our way to meeting our target and hope to begin work on replacing the building as soon as possible.

This term we are planning three events a Race Night on 10th March, a Pamper Evening on 20th March and our annual Quiz Night on 28th April. Further details and tickets can be obtained from our school office.

The children in school have decided that they would like to support this year's Blue Peter Christmas Appeal. If you have any old shoes that you would like to donate to this appeal please bring them into school by the end of January. The shoes should be in pairs and in reasonable condition.

**Final Copy Date for the March Issue  
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# Parish Council Matters

*Boxford PC cont'd*

## Planning

The application to erect side and rear extensions at the White Hart Inn were discussed. This has since been withdrawn.

Lorry Parking in A1071 Layby, Boxford Lane

Suffolk County Council are proposing to prohibit Lorries from parking in the layby. The Parish Council were in agreement with these proposals.

## Cemetery

Agreement was made to start setting aside funds to eventually secure further land for a new Cemetery. Payments will be made into a reserve account effective from the next financial year.

## Promoting the Election

Letters promoting the Election were agreed to be distributed to all households in Boxford. Each Councillor took a share to deliver.

## Reports from Members

A further dog bin will be installed at the field entrance opposite Ash Street. Damaged kerbstones in Ash Street and Fen Street were reported.

*Debbie Hattrell*

Parish Clerk

## GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Local Council elections will be held on 3rd May 2007. Councillors serve for 4 years, current Councillors will need to seek re-election and all parishioners on the current electoral roll are eligible to stand.

If anybody is interested and require further information please contact either Gerald Smith(Chairman) on 01787 210958 or Sandra Gray (Parish Clerk) on 01787 211465.

Nomination forms will be available either from Babergh or via Sandra Gray(Parish Clerk) from mid March 2007.

## Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The council met on 18th December. 5 councillors attended. There were two apologies.

**Police matters.** No crimes reported

**The minutes** were approved and signed

**Matters arising.** None

**Financial matters.** The clerk had prepared a detailed budget for the coming year and based on this the precept for 2007/8 was agreed at £2,600, with one objection. The clerk will now receive a salary based on the SALC/NALC guidelines. This, too, was passed with one objection. £25.77 was received for recycled glass. Donation requests from Optua and Boxford school rejected.

**Planning matters.** An application for a parking space and Brand Cottage was not supported as in a conservation area, on a corner and because BDC had refused similar applications in The Street. There were no objections to applications for tree surgery at Yew Tree and Surprise Cottages. BDC sent us revised plans for a tennis court at Bell House, for information only.

**Correspondence.** None.

**Footpaths.** Nothing to report.

**Churchyard Wall.** We are awaiting the final account. A small contingency fund will be kept.

**Any other business.** A contractor has been appointed to make a first cut of the Churchyard Grass in early March, weather permitting.

Parish (and District) Elections take place in May. If you would like to stand please contact the Parish Clerk.

**The next meeting** is on 23rd January, 2007.

**The following letter from the Boxford Parish Council was delivered to every house in the Boxford Ward in January**

Dear Parishioner

### Local Parish Council Elections May 2007

Boxford Parish Council has taken the decision to write to all the households in the parish with the view to promote the forthcoming Elections and to encourage people to apply to become a Parish Councillor.

It has always been this Council's policy to encourage sufficient people to put themselves forward in order for there to be a ballot, namely for there to be more applicants than the total number of seats on the Council (in the case of Boxford that is nine). This enables the parishioners to make a choice as to who they wish to represent the Parish of Boxford.

In May 2007 there will be a number of existing Councillors not looking for re-election. If you feel you want to put something back into your community, then applying to be a Parish Councillor is an excellent way to achieve that goal.

All you need to do to apply is to contact the Returning Officer at Babergh District Council offices for an application form. By completing and returning the form you can register yourself as a candidate. You will need to be 21 years of age or more and live or work or alternatively own land/premises in the Parish of Boxford. The Election will be on Thursday 3rd May and nomination papers must be returned by noon on 4th April.

Once you have been elected to the Council there will be training available provided through the Suffolk Association of Local Councils and the Clerk to the Parish Council will arrange this.

If you require any further information you are welcomed to contact Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council at the above mentioned telephone number.

PLEASE GIVE THIS VERY SERIOUS MATTER YOUR FULL ATTENTION.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Veronica Hobbs* Chairman

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# Parish Council Matters

## EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE 363RD

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20.11.06

#### PRESENT

John Paul (Chairman), David Tolhurst (Clerk), Selwyn Prior (C.C.), Bryn Hurren (D.C.), Sharon Silverthorne (V.Chair.), Jim Rodger-Browne, Paul Clarke, Ted Rides, John Whitwell, Richard Norman, Simon Boggis

#### APOLOGIES Jim Powell

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

#### MATTERS ARISING

##### Wind Turbine

Discussion centred around the granting of permission by BDC to erect the controversial wind turbine in the grounds of the White Horse Inn. The original height of the turbine was reduced from 15 to 9 metres but although the BDC notified the Parish Council of this, the Chairman believed we were not given adequate notice under the statutory orders to object to or discuss this. Mr.Hurren is to discover the letters relating to this. There was no agreement on the number of local parishioners in favour of the turbine as opposed to those against. Mr.Paul's opinion was that a proper turbine in the right place is acceptable but some members supported his view that the proposed small turbine did not fit his specifications. Mr.Hurren repeated his feeling that all villages should have a large and efficient turbine.

##### Mill Green Street Light

The clerk had arranged a meeting with a representative of Alfred McAlpine and within 24 hours a sodium lamp had been installed at a very reasonable cost.

##### Chairman's Successor

No applications for this position have been received

#### PRECEPT AND ACCOUNTS

The Chairman outlined the present situation. He proposed to transfer money to maintain the bank account in the order of £2000 as has been the custom.

The number and amount of grants is unchanged.

This year there has been an increase in the Parish Council insurance costs, hire of the parish hall but the Parish Clerk's expenses have been reduced by 100%.

No increase in the Millennium Green grant was needed. Mr Rides enquired about the overall position of the Green and Mr.Whitwell said this was satisfactory. £4800 had been spent on the tractor shed and the cost came in under budget. The shed is now in very good order. The electrical supply is adequate for a marquee. Some further grants had been received and next year would see some new ideas and repairs. Four to five thousand pounds will be kept in the bank as has been the custom.

#### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

##### The Budget

The original one million pound "gap" has now been reduced but council tax will rise by 2.9% which is in line with inflation.

The recent changes in licensing laws may ultimately cost more money as the District Council has increased administrative responsibilities. Some village halls have suffered considerably due to the imposition by the government of 12 licences only. The law is apparently to be revised!! ASBOs have also been quite costly to administer.

A small contingency fund has been set aside for the Hadleigh swimming pool.

The computer system is out of date and plans have been made to install a replacement which will cost about one million pounds but low interest rate loans are available for this.

##### Planning

Competition dictates the need for the Tesco supermarket but this will inevitably affect the Coop adversely and the proposed sight is considered to be very undesirable. The only favourable outcome may be the high price that can be achieved for the land.

##### Unitary authorities

There seems to be less interest in this although Ipswich is in favour of the idea. BDC is already being forced to work with other authorities and although borders may disappear some benefits such as those associated with purchasing may accrue.

##### Housing

A small number of local people have been accommodated.

##### Event Signs

Some have been removed by the council but Mr. Hurren has managed to retrieve 2 for the parish.

#### Boxford Film Screening

December will see the exciting "Romance and Cigarettes" on December 15th.

#### POLICE REPORT

There were no reported incidents in the parish last month.

#### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The government is contributing about 4% less but forcing the council to do more.

A rise in rates is prohibited with the result that the council has to reduce its staff.

The police is doing its best to avoid a rise in costs by the appointment of voluntary vigilantes for example.

#### PRECEPT 2007

There is to be an increase of £300 to £4700: proposed by Mr.Paul, seconded by Mr.Clarke and unanimously approved by the council. This will result in approximately £1 on the council tax per week.

#### AOB

It was felt desirable to approach the highways authority to erect signs restricting speed to 20 mph through the village at certain points and to position a sign near the phone box indicating the site of the Millennium Green as well as the presence of children.The clerk will attend to this.

#### Meetings in 2007

After discussion it was decided to combine the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May but to retain ordinary P.C.Meetings in February, August and November. The precise dates are to be arranged in keeping with the tradition to hold them on the 3rd. Monday of the month.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

## Local Walks

#### LAVENHAM RAMBLING CLUB

**11th February** Bildeston/Chelsworth. Meet at Bildeston Market Place (GR TL 992 495) for a walk towards Chelsworth.

Leader Clare 01787 312494

**25th February** Goldingham Hall & Belchamp Walter. Meet Bulmer V H cp (GR TL 844 400) (There will be a 50p donation to the Village Hall). Leaders Derek and Mary 01787

These walks start at 2pm and last for about two hours.

For general enquiries phone Graham 01787 248128

#### RAMBLER ASSOCIATION WALKS.

**Sun 4th February** Kettlebaston. Meet for a 10.30am start at Monks Leigh Village Green (GR TL 966468) for a walk to Kettlebaston, Distance 5.5 miles.

Leader Margaret K. 01787 280996

**Wednesday 7th February.** Wisington and Little Horkesly. Meet to make a 10am start at Harpers Hill layby, off A134 at Nayland (GR TL 962 404) for a figure of eight walk am start 10.00am. Choice of pubs for lunch in Boxford. Distance 5.5 miles. PM start, check with leaders. Distance 5.5 miles

Leaders Graham and Sally 01206 241632

**Wednesday 14th February.** Sodom and Gomorrah. Meet for a 10.30am start at Raydon Sports Field cp (GR TM 032383) Distance 5 miles.

**Sunday 18th February** Dedham circular walk. Meet at Dedham free cp (GR 058334) for a 10am start for a walk to Boxford returning on the Essex Way. Distance 9 miles

Leader Pam B 01206 799256

**Thursday 22nd February** Bures St Mary to Little Horkesly. Meet for a 10am start at the Village Hall cp (GR 908338) Lunch at the Beehive. 9-10 miles

Leader Michael M 01206 867863

**Thursday 1st March** Chappel figure of eight. 10.00am and 13.45 starts. Meet in cp at viaduct approach (GR 896 283) am. to Hoe Wood, Gt Tey, and Chalkney Hill. Distances 6.5 and 4 miles.

Leaders Peter and Celia W 01206 852381.

**Sunday 4th March.** Nayland, Wisington, Honey Tye. Meet to start at 10am. Harper Hill Layby, Nayland, off A134. (GR 967 344) Please bring picnic etc. Distance 9-10 miles

Leaders Ann and Rowan W 01255 432027.

## SESAW

I would like to say on behalf of everyone at SESAW how disgusted we were that our collection box at the Stoke Angel had been stolen over Christmas. The staff kindly donated some of their tips and they were as upset as we were. Over Christmas our centre was being used as a dumping ground for sick and unwanted animals not to mention the many already in our care and needing veterinary treatment, shame on the person who deprived them of the money so urgently needed  
Rosie Emeny (Chairman)