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VERONICA HOBBS CIVIC AWARD



L to R: The Company Secretary of Prolog, Veronica Hobbs, Rex Thake, the Chairman of the Babergh District Council

At the recent Community Awards presentation ceremony held at the Stoke by Nayland Club, BBC Suffolk's, Mark Murphy read out the following reasons why Veronica Hobbs of Boxford deserved her award. VERONICA has lived in Boxford all her life and is supremely committed to protecting the village and its people. She has been a teaching assistant at Boxford School for 15 years but before going to School her work starts each day at 5.30 am at the local newspapers. We are told she is an exceptional teaching assistant and her commitment to vast, more particularly in the voluntary aspects of both her school and community life. Veronica's recommendations covered four pages and cannot possibly be fully covered in the following short summary:

School Harvest Festival - Organises the harvest boxes and deliveries to the older residents in the village **School Reading Scheme** - Voluntarily checks over 200 books and processes new stock on arrival **School Reception Class Garden** - Developed overgrown, neglected wildlife area to win Radio Suffolk's School Garden of the Year. Works on the garden at weekends, has cleared undergrowth, cleaned out the pond, created a bog garden and erected 2 garden sheds) **School Early Years Camp** - Assisted for the last 3 years **School Governor** - for the last 2 years **School Childminder** - prior to and after school **Voluntary weekend worker** at the local Animal Rescue Centre **Parish Councillor** for 8 years. **Chairman of the Parish Council 2006** **Numerous other activities** inducting cooking, organising crib teams & quizzes, collecting for Poppy Appeal and being a gnome on the school's Santa Run!

We are told Veronica always underestimates her abilities, yet time and again she pushes herself and wins the respect of those around her. She pursued the suspension of the post office sorting office and successfully had it reinstated and is currently fighting for the future of the village doctors surgery. Her energy is impressive, particularly her speed and commitment when dealing with problems. We are told she to probably one of the best councillors in Boxford.

Her friend says "Veronica is an amazing listener, trusted friend, very kind hearted and giving. These attributes are echoed again and again and by so many. I commend Veronica to you and recommend her for a community achievement award".

Veronica is also now a very proud Grandmother. Wonder what she does in her spare time!

TIM YEO OPENS NEW WIND TURBINE



Tim Yeo (left) together with John Norton, proprietor of the Edwardstone White Horse, toasting the 'Turning On' of the new turbine. During the turning on Tim made the points that it must be right to conserve the earth's finite resources and using wind power certainly helps to do this. Secondly we have to find ways of reducing dependency on oil and gas, which is not only growing scarcer, but is increasingly found in dubious political stability such as Iran and Russia. Thirdly, development of schemes such as this is good for British industry and exports. Because we have taken fossil fuel conservation seriously in Britain we are among world leaders in developing small scale generation schemes such as the one in Edwardstone.

Guests at the turning on were treated to an excellent organic luncheon accompanied by some of John's fantastic cider and apple juice.

A New Community Centre for Boxford

Just a reminder to those of you who have not completed a feasibility survey, its very important that we get as much response as possible from all ages so that we can look towards the future needs of the villages. By the time you read this reminder, the collectors will have called at you house to pick up the surveys, some of you will have been out and some not completed. If you would be good enough to drop your surveys in the box in Boxford post office that will save further hours re-visiting. The final date for forms to be returned is 14th April

Many thanks for your help:

Community centre project group.

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CLASSIC BIKES ON SHOW



Members of the Hadleigh and District Classic Motorcycle Club held their annual show at the Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 3rd March. There was a magnificent display of mouth watering bikes on display, some few of which can be seen in the above photograph. For me, the star of the show was a wartime Corgi folding bike (inset) used by paratroopers during the invasion in 1944. These little machines were very popular when they were sold off after the war being the forerunner of the Scooter in many respects. The club raised £300 for 3PR during the event.



At the Boxford APM on 5th March, presentations were made by the Chairman of Boxford Parish Council to Members of 3PR who had given in excess of 500 hours of voluntary service to the community during 2006. Those given awards were :

Tina Loose (above)	540 hours
Bill Horne	580 hours
John Prentice	630 hours
Peter Hibben	1460 hours
John Moles	2000 hours

They together with all the other active members of the Three Parishes Response team are to be congratulated for the magnificent voluntary service they provide for our communities.



Friday, 30th March, 8.30 Ticket £13 Frank Harrison Trio with Louis Stewart

Pianist Frank Harrison leads his trio of Aidan O'Donnell (bass) and Stephen Keogh (drums) with special guest, guitarist, Louis Stewart, who is widely recognised as Ireland's first jazz musician of international stature. Louis has played and recorded with The Tubby Hayes Quartet, The Benny Goodman Big Band, The Ronnie Scott Quintet, George Shearing and the Robert Farnon Orchestra. Frank's first solo album featuring the trio is called 'First Light' and is out on the Basho Records Label comes highly recommended by us. Frank Harrison is one of the most talented young musicians I have heard – Ronnie Scott His talent shines among his peers – Julian Joseph

Friday, 6th April, 8.30 Ticket £15 Byron Wallen's Indigo Quartet "Meeting Ground"

'Meeting Ground' is the musical manifestation of a place where the spirit and soul of a people join together to celebrate life – it is also the title of the group's latest CD. Byron has a fleet technique on both trumpet and flugelhorn, add an impressive range to inspired imagination, and yes, he's got it all! Tony Kofi (saxophones), Larry Bartley (bass) and Tom Skinner (drums) complete this stellar quartet. One heck of a gig is guaranteed.

Friday, 13th April, 8.30 Ticket £12 David Gordon Trio

A truly international piano led trio formed in 1995 with two highly impressive CDs, Dozen a Day & Undiminished, to their name. Led by classically trained pianist David Gordon with Copenhagen's Ole Rasmussen (bass) and America's Paul Cavaciuti (drums), the music is characterised by free flowing improvisation, lyrical melody, strong, groove and near telepathic interaction.

Friday, 20th April, 8.30 Ticket £14 Joan Viskant

Born and brought up in Chicago, Joan began singing professionally in the clubs of her hometown before relocating via France to England. Her vocal career took her through Europe where she received encouragement from Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra. Woolfe Phillips, who was musical director for Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole and Judy Garland, described Joan as, 'The finest jazz singer I've heard in the last thirty years'.

Friday, 27th April, 8.30 Ticket £12 Killer Shrimp

Led by two of the UK's leading jazz musicians trumpeter Damon Brown and saxophonist Ed Jones, Killer Shrimp is completed by the young talented rhythm section of Ben Hazleton and drummer Troy Miller. Staying close to the spirit of jazz, but incorporating some different rhythms and more open textures. Hip/Hop, Drum n Bass, Funky and Latin grooves rub shoulders with straight ahead swing.

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

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



Boxford Drama Groups performance of Anagram for Murder was as always of a very high standard. This was Ann Tyers first time as Director of a BDG production and she is to be congratulated for the performances of all the actors, especially Georgie Nation who, as leading lady was on stage for almost the entire play.

Although a serious and inventive thriller, there were a few laughs during the performance, especially at the entrance of Lover and Detective Inspector Morgan played by David Phillips. Somehow the audience could not accept that David was playing a straight part for once.

I was a little disappointed that there was not a round of applause as the curtains opened for the first time because the set was absolutely first class and deserved to be acknowledged. as did the hot pot served during the interval, I could have managed seconds! *Ed*



Groton Church Tower

The repairs to Groton Church tower (see Box River News October 2006) are now complete. The scaffolding was dismantled in early January—just in time before the storm winds on the 18th—to reveal the reinstated tracery and mullions in the belfry windows. Including professional fees, the repairs cost £61,415. A £5,000 grant towards the costs was made by Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, for which the PCC expresses its thanks. The lime mortar used to repair areas where the cracks were stitched at present stands out. Contrary to some comments received, the correct mortar was used and we are assured by the architect that this will weather in time to match the rest of the tower. A working party has cleared out the base of the tower and, with the curtains now removed from across the tower arch, the fine west stained-glass window can now be seen. Do come at any time and see, or just to spend some time quietly in this house of God.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2007

November 1st/2nd

Following the huge success of last year's Fair, we have decided to repeat the format this year with a 2-day event at the beginning of November.

Once again, the Fair will be held in Edwardstone Church but this year we propose to divide the proceeds between the Church – previously the sole beneficiary – and a worthwhile local charity.

We are currently investigating possible candidates but we would welcome suggestions from the local community with particular emphasis on less well-supported causes that as many people as possible can identify with.

Any valid suggestions can be communicated by email to diana.hawke@btinternet.com or by phone on 01787 211403.

In addition, if there are any local businesses or individuals out there who would be willing to offer their support in the form of sponsorship or donations of any kind, please let us know in the same way.

Hopefully with your help and support we can make this year's Fair the best yet!

News from the Boxford Society

Forthcoming event – Everyone welcome.

Saturday 28th April 8.00pm, The Fleece Boxford

Following our very successful evening in November when over 100 people enjoyed the illustrated talk "Boxford's Shops and Personalities in the 20th Century" we have invited Pip Wright to talk to us on "Finding out about history using old Local Newspapers". This talk will focus on Suffolk; Boxford will figure in there somewhere! The talk will be preceded by a very short AGM.

Roger Loose's research into our local shops and personalities in the 20th Century was only made possible by the many enthusiastic contributions from present day villagers and ex-villagers over the past year. The recollections of the audience for Roger's November talk once again made a valuable contribution to the evening; not least from those who recognised themselves in earlier days and were able to put us straight. We were delighted to welcome visitors from far away for the evening.

Roger has also given a short illustrated talk to the Over 60's club which was much enjoyed.

The digital archive of Boxford now stands at over 400 pictures. We are still gathering other information about Boxford's past and archiving it for future generations. We are in the midst of listing Von Whymark's fascinating artefacts relating to societies, businesses and events in Boxford's past. We still have a number of other long term inhabitants in the village who wish to tell us about their experiences in Boxford and we shall continue this work throughout this year.

Every now and again a villager comes up with a new photo or information, so if you have information, photographs, documents or memories which we could record, we would be delighted to hear from you.

The Boxford Society has now produced a series of four recent colour postcards of Boxford. The pictures are of Church Street, Broad Street, Butcher's Lane and an unusual but beautiful view of the village rooftops and St Mary's Church from the bowling green. These are now on sale in the village at the Boxford News and the Boxford Stores/PO, and are designed to be used as either notelets or postcards.

Tina Loose (Chair of The Boxford Society).

Telephone 210538

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

The following is an extract from the Suffolk & Essex Free Press 4th January 1945.

"WHIST DRIVE - A whist drive in aid of the Welcome Home Fund, organised by Mrs Pell, was held in the Parish Room on Wednesday evening. Mr F C Johnson was M.C. Competitions were in the hands of Mrs Rowland, Miss P Pell and Mr B J Day.

A bottle of port was won by Mrs Pell, a chicken by Mrs R Fayers and a cake by Mrs F C Johnson. The lucky door ticket was won by Mr F Roger. Prizes were awarded to Cpl. Brandon, Mrs B Johnson, Mrs E Andrews, Miss E Johnson, Mrs Rowland, Mr F Poulson, Mr D East, Miss Pearsons, Mr Ruse, Mrs B Johnson, Mr B J Day, Mr Moss. The sum of £13 was realised."

Thanks to all who supported out St Valentines Quiz Night and for your compliments. We "realised" £472. Thanks again. RGM.

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Newton Green Golf Club

Liz Ward, Captain of the Ladies Section wishes to pass on her thanks to everyone who attended the Centenary Coffee Morning at Newton Green Golf Club on the 7th March, we were able to raise an excellent amount of £830 during the morning but more importantly it was lovely to welcome so many non golfers and friends from the village and surrounding area to the golf club on this occasion.

Thank You

WRVS

WRVS have two schemes to help Babergh residents:

(1) BOOKS ON WHEELS - library books & tapes for the housebound please ring Wilma on 01473-216642 (monday - friday.)

(2) CAR COMMUNITY SERVICE - for hospital visits or appointments, surgeries, opticians etc., - ring Anne 01473-211210 (only monday & wednesday afternoons please.)

If you would like to become a volunteer with either Books ' or Car ' please ring above for more information.

Sue Green. wrvs project manager for meals on wheels.

Boxford village hall.

I read with interest the article in the February edition of the Box River News, 'A Difficult Future' regarding the village hall. I have been resident in the village now for just over eight years and would be very sorry to see the village hall close, so I decided to help if I could. The village hall as I see it is a bit like the church it belongs here. It has served the people of Boxford well in the past and I believe it can again in the future. I do not deny it is in poor condition, but nothing that cannot be put to rights. It is like a classic car that needs restoration it will take time and finance, which sadly we are a little short of at the present time, so everything is not going to happen overnight, but we can make a start and I am confident a marked improvement can be achieved this year. That being said we still need raise funds to ensure the future of the hall and we depend on your custom to raise funds, either by using the hall as a group or attending or supporting our fundraising events in aid of the village hall.

The committee thank the groups already contributing and you the residents for your future support. I am confident that the hall has a brighter future, we just have to help it happen

Our next committee meeting at Boxford village hall Tuesday 27th March at 7.30pm. This is an open meeting and user groups reps. and interested residents are welcome to attend.

F.Hunter.(Chairman)

FOBS 100 CLUB

DRAW RESULTS

September	No. 17	Adrian Gooderham	Wins £25
October	No. 88	Vic Cottrell	Wins £25
November	No. 56	Joanette Clarke	Wins £25
December	No. 74	J. F. Kurtz	Wins £300
January	No. 43	Nick Cox	Wins £25
February	No. 29	S. Hood	Wins £25

News from Clubs & Organisations

FOOTPATH/RUPP

BETWEEN BROAD STREET AND RECREATION GROUND:

Following an accident by a member of Boxford Bowls Club using the footpath I decided to try and have it resurfaced for the benefit of all users.

All types of users were approached for their views, e.g. mothers with pushchairs and dog walkers, and all appeared to be in favour.

I then sought and obtained funding from Suffolk County Council, Babergh District Council, Boxford Community Council, Boxford Parish Council and, of course, the Bowls Club. Estimates were obtained to provide a sympathetically acceptable surface for the whole length of the footpath.

I gave a presentation to the Parish Council and, following their agreement, plans were initiated to have the full length of the footpath resurfaced. However, following a change to it's decision, the Parish Council only agreed for the footpath to be resurfaced to the Bowls Club. As a result, Babergh District Council withdrew their offer of £2,000 funding as they felt the change was not to the benefit of the whole community.

I have sympathy with all those who have complained to me, and to others members of the Bowls Club, but the final decision to have the footpath resurfaced only to the Bowls Club was not mine.

NB: Suffolk County Council have contacted the contractors who will return to redo the top surface when weather permits.

Les Clark

BOXFORD TENNIS CLUB

Why join?

Because it's great value and you could have a lot of fun!

If you enjoy playing tennis, even if you only get to play a few times in the summer, our courts are a fantastic village facility and Club membership represents excellent value for money.

As a non-member, to pay and play costs £2 per adult (£1 per junior) for each session, whereas a whole year's membership for an adult is just £30 (£15 for a junior); and membership for the whole family is amazing

value at £50. This entitles you to unlimited access to the courts, subject to availability, which generally means you get to play pretty much whenever you want – to make absolutely sure, you can always book your court time on 01787 211403.

Membership also gives you easier access to our excellent coaching sessions run by club coach Richard Porter.

Juniors joining his group lessons must be members and to find out more you can contact him on 07773 372747.

We also currently run two Adult coaching sessions a week throughout the year and reduced rates are available for members. They are great fun and all standards are welcome. Contact Diana Hawke on 01787 211403 for details.

Who benefits?

As well as you, of course we all do, the whole community!

In addition to all the advantages for members outlined above, all membership subscriptions go straight to the Playingfields Management Committee who, as well as maintaining the excellent condition of the courts, are also responsible for the upkeep of the whole Playingfields area. So if you or your family are also involved in Football or Cricket in Boxford or you just enjoy being outdoors in the fresh air taking advantage of a large open space (where someone else cuts the grass!), your payment is helping to maintain that too.

So if you'd always thought "why bother?", why not think again?

For further details or to request a membership form, phone 01787 211403.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS

We are setting up a local golf society to play four times a year. This will be an informal society for golfers of all abilities. If you would like to come and play or would like to help get this up and running please phone *Martin* on 01787 880935

BOX RIVER NEWS

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Please note that the copy date for the May issue is 16th April. The time has been brought forward because of the need to get the issue out well before the May Election

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Wot's On

Summer Song & Supper

Boxford St Mary's, on Saturday 9th June

A further notice of the concert to be given by Hadleigh Choral Society. The music will be varied from a short mass by Dvorak to a selection from 'Fiddler on the Roof', with opera choruses & spirituals in between, and will start at 8.00pm.

At 6.30 we have been invited by Miss Robinson to supper in her garden, full of interest and delight. The tickets are on sale in Boxford News or from 01473 827718, at £12 for concert and supper or £16 for concert only. Please come.

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

(The Croft, Boxford opposite the White Hart)

Another season approaches and Boxford Bowls Club is looking forward to maintaining its winning positions in its leagues.

There will be an "Open Green" at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday 29th April when new bowlers are welcome to come to the club to join in a game of bowls with existing members (we can provide bowls). All new bowlers need is a pair of flat-soled shoes such as trainers or plimsoles. Boxford Bowls Club has a reputation as being an extremely friendly club where new members are made most welcome. If you wish to come along, but cannot make the 29th April, why not come along any Monday morning at 10 a.m. Later in the season the Club will be holding some open days for new bowlers; look out for dates in future editions of the Box River News. Bowls is a fast growing, family friendly, enjoyable sport. The Club is in idyllic surroundings, has first class facilities and is open to members of all ages.

Come and experience the friendship of bowls at Boxford. Come and find out what fun the game is. Please contact us if you need more information. Roger Bawden 01787 310918/Les Clark 01787 210698

SESAW

Grand Jumble Sale

Saturday 28th April

Leavenheath Village Hall. 2pm

Admission 30p Loads of Bargains

NAYLAND CHOIR

NAYLAND CHOIR will perform DVORAK,S MASS IN D MAJOR and other works by Ireland, Stanford and Elgar on SUNDAY 29th APRIL in ST JAMES CHURCH NAYLAND at 6.30pm.The performance will be accompanied by Dr Gillian Ward-Russell on the organ and directed by Jeremy Hughes.Entry as usual is free with a retiring collection.50pence will be charged for a programme.

Boxford Over 60's Club

Meeting at the Village Hall at 2.30pm

April 2nd Mr Ambrose talking on History and Development of Theatre Royal

April 16th Mrs Ann Lewis Hand Bells

April 30th Nina harding returning with some slides from the Last Samaritans Purse "Operation Christmas Child". She will once again be showing us the children receiving their box of goodies.

April 24th Coach outing to Steeple Bumpstead - chocolate making demonstration and tea.

Leaving from the Fleece at 1.00pm returning at approx 4.30pm. Members £13.50 non members £14.50. Non members always welcome Contact Barbara 210936 or Shirley 210024

Concert by "O'Musica"

Groton Church Wed. July 4th

A Children's Choir from Paris will be visiting Boxford for a few days at the beginning of July, and are kindly going to sing for us in Groton Church on Wednesday evening, July 4th. at 6.0pm. There will be light refreshments afterwards, and we hope that as many people as possible will be able to come and support them. More details next month, but please put the dates in your diaries now. Pat Kennedy Scott.

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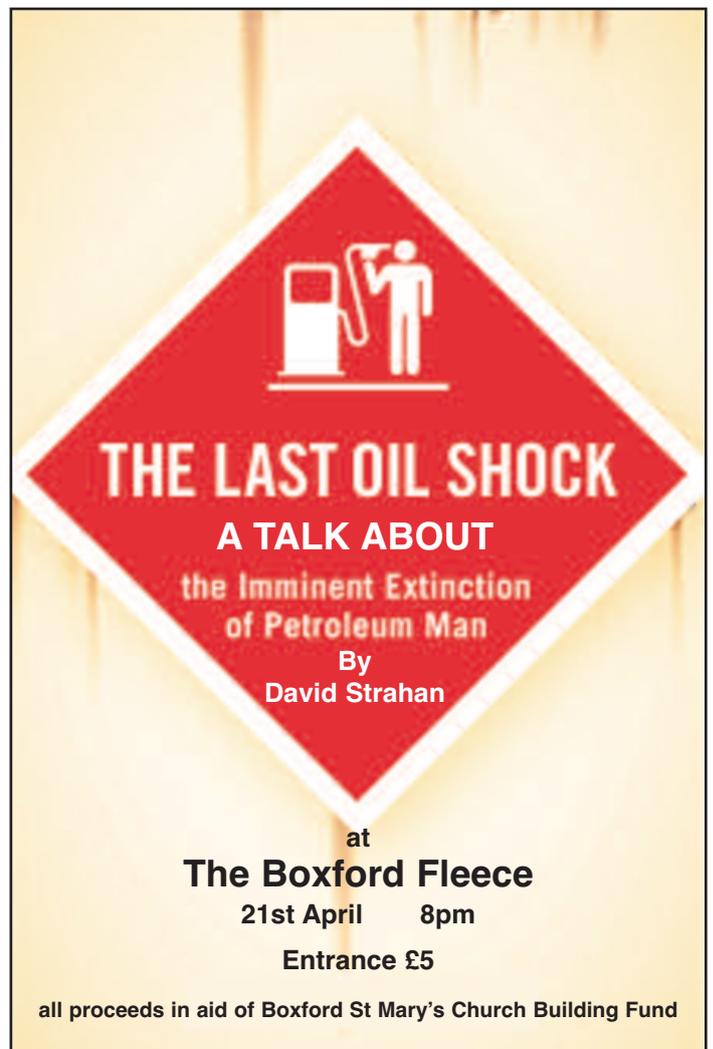
The Fleece, 8pm, 21st April

In the second of our series of talks about the environment, Boxford born-and-bred investigative journalist David Strahan will introduce his new book *The Last Oil Shock: A Survival Guide to the Imminent Extinction of Petroleum Man*, published by John Murray Ltd. David argues convincingly that global oil production will soon fall into terminal decline, almost certainly within a decade, causing the mother of all energy crises. 'Peak oil', or the last oil shock, represents a threat far more serious than international terrorism, and just as urgent as global warming, and it's the reason we may all soon be kissing our car keys and boarding pass goodbye.

David will explain the science behind the analysis, how 'alternatives' such as biofuels and hydrogen will almost certainly fail to fill the gap, and how running out of oil could paradoxically make greenhouse gas emissions rise rather than fall. He will also talk about how the crisis is likely to affect the rural economy in particular, and about potential solutions.

David attended school in Boxford, Stoke and Cornard before studying politics at Sussex University. He worked in television as a reporter and producer for almost twenty years – including a decade at the BBC – before quitting to write *The Last Oil Shock*. The book has already won high praise from the experts: "This book should be compulsory reading for all those in Government in this and every other significant oil consuming country", says Richard Hardman, CBE, former head of exploration of the oil company Amerada Hess, "Take note and avert the greatest crisis since the Second World War."

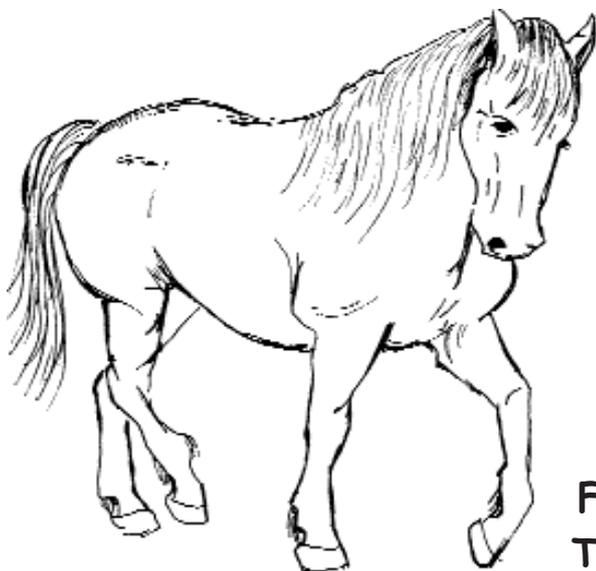
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Wot's On

Self-hypnosis courses

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40TH ANNIVERSARY

Chelsworth Open Gardens

SUNDAY JUNE 24TH 2007

On Midsummer's Day the beautiful medieval village of Chelsworth in Suffolk, universally recognised as one of England's prettiest, will be celebrating the Ruby Anniversary of its Open Gardens Day, 40 years since the first one took place back in 1967.

This year's attractions will include an exhibition and sale of photographs and illustrations from bygone days; Morris dancing; a display of classic cars; Hadleigh High School Swing Band; stalls with books, gifts and plants; plus a raffle and tombola. On show will be the Great Suffolk Trinity-the Suffolk Punch, Red Poll cattle and the Suffolk breed of sheep. Refreshments will be available from The Peacock Inn, teas and home-made cakes will be served throughout the day in some of the splendid gardens.

Children of all ages are also welcome and, to keep them amused, there will be a special Treasure Trail with clues throughout the various gardens.

At least 20 village gardens will be open between 2pm and 6pm, with admission at £5 per adult – there will be no charge for children. Pre-booked coach parties are £4 per adult as are tickets exchangeable for programmes on the day pre-purchased from the Tourist Information. For further information, please contact Alison on 01449 740438 or David on 01449 740257, or email contact@chelsworth.co.uk www.chelsworth.co.uk

Boxford playing fields

Summer sports and fun day

It's a knock out Tournament

Saturday 9th June

2pm

On the playing fields

Side stalls, 5 aside, children's races, BBQ,

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More details next month

FOBS QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 28 April 7.30pm

The Annual FOBS Quiz Night will take place on the above date in the school hall at Boxford School. Teams of up to 8 people, £5 per head. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a licensed bar and raffle. Please note it is a prompt start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm. Proceeds to the FOBS Swimming Pool refurbishment fund.

To book a team please telephone Stephanie Atkins on 01787 210444 or Boxford School on 01787 210332.

POLSTEAD W.I.

BLUEBELL WALK

ON SUNDAY 22ND APRIL

POLSTEAD W.I. are organising a BLUEBELL WALK ON SUNDAY 22ND APRIL

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Wot's On

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2007

Easter Saturday Sudbury: Flag Day and electric launch Rosette in North Street, Sudbury

7 April Easter Sunday, Sudbury Boat Operations begin (Rosette)

8 April More details from Brian Cornell, 0845 803 5787

Granary Tea Room opens for light lunches and home-made cakes

Saturday Spring Table-Top Sale at the Visitor/Education Centre, Great Cornard

28 April (tbc) 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. More details 01787 313199

Bank Holiday Teddy Bear Boat Rides at Sudbury, from 11.00 a.m

Monday, 7 May Young children and their teddy bears travel free on Rosette when accompanied by one fare-paying adult. More details from 0845 803 5787

Bank Holiday Sat.5/Sun.6/ Electric boating: simultaneous operation of small, electrically-powered boats on the River Stour, at Bures, Nayland, Dedham and Flatford **Mon.7 May** by special permission of the E.A Register with Mike Finch, 01621 892193

Boxford Gardens Open

3 June 2007

Boxford Gardens Open 3 June 2007: Now its 10th great year new and exciting things are happening! Gardens will be opening at 11am and for the first time we shall be serving lunches as well as teas. We are always looking for new gardens so if you would like to take part we shall be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Maggie or Barrie Thorpe on 211346.

SCOTLAND PLACE FARM STOKE-BY-NAYLAND

OPEN DAY SUNDAY 15TH APRIL 10am - 4pm

Our new project is to hold eight events a year, in conjunction with local charities and businesses, School and group visits throughout the year and maize mazes every two or three years. This project has been supported with help from a grant from "The Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Sustainable Development Fund".

Come along to our first Open Day on Sunday 15th April. See newborn lambs/piglets/calves/chickens and ponies. Cuddle and feed orphan lambs. Experience our free Tractor and Trailer Ride from the car park to the farmyard. Lots for the children, including Bouncy Castle, Pony Rides and Games/Children Quiz in aid of SESAW. Refreshments will be available (our own hotdogs and burgers). Also at every event, our Farmers' Food Fair will be held (last held on the farm from 2001-2003) where local producers will be selling Preserves, Cakes, Honey, Fruit, Veg, Apple Juice, Plants, etc. Including ourselves selling our own Home Produced. Lots of free tasters. Entrance and car parking off the Stoke to Postleard road (follow signs on the day) No entrance to events from Scotland Street. www.scotlandplacefarm.co.uk 01206 262293

BOXFORD W.I.

Ever wondered what the W.I. is all about?

Well, now's your chance to come along and find out!

For our April meeting we welcome the highly recommended Celia Simms giving her popular talk 'Confessions of a Diplomats Wife'.

This is also our 'Bring-a-friend' afternoon, so non-members will find themselves in very good company.

For our March meeting our speaker was Pat Collins, the chairman of the South West Federation of W.I's, who told us all about how she got involved in WI campaigning. Pat only became involved in the area committee side of the WI after her retirement, and inspired us all to realise what any of us could do if we wanted.

The March meeting was also a cake taste and recipe swap. Everyone made their favourite cake to share and brought along copies of the recipe to hand out. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th April and all interested ladies are welcome to come along to hear this popular speaker. We meet at the village hall at 2pm to 4pm, just turn up, or contact Elaine Paget on 01787 210501 or Iris Robinson on 01473 658567 for further information.

GROTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS



QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING

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Wot's On

Flora London Marathon 2007

Richard Hanley, his sister Jayne and her husband Andy Sapey are all running this years London Marathon in aid of CLIC Sargent (Cancer and Leukaemia in children)

Please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/richardhanley> To Make a donation Thank you, Richard Hanley.

Notice of the Playingfields A.G.M

The Management Committee of the Boxford Playingfields will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday the 3rd of April in the playing fields Pavillion.

The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock in the evening and is open to all users of the playing fields.

COFFEE MORNING -

TUESDAY 27TH MARCH:

There will be a coffee morning on Tuesday 27th March at Rose Cottage, Edwardstone, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring and Buy Stall, Cakes plus Raffle. Everyone welcome. In aid of Boxford Bowls Club. Daphne Clark

Newton Green Fete

Newton Greens Fete will be on June 9th this year

Watch this space for more details in the May issue of the Box River News

Boxford Drama Group

'The Love of her life' & 'Sylvie's Wedding'

Our next production will take place in Boxford Village Hall on 7th, 8th and 9th of June and will be a double bill about families, in the form of two one act plays written by Elaine Horne. The first play, 'The Love of her life' is a drama and the second, 'Sylvie's Wedding' a comedy. Each play is about a family gathering, different families and different occasions, a cast of thousands to delight and entertain you and a guarantee to have you both laughing and crying throughout. This time we will have supper on all three evenings and a bar! (Hurray!) Tickets

will go on sale on the 5th May. More in next month's newsletter but write these dates in your diary, It's a cracker!

Primrose Wood -

Annual Working Party 10.30 am on Wednesday 2nd May.

We will meet by the Woodland Information board, please contact Ian or Jennie Lindsley for details, (01787 210 520) if you are able to help or would like to learn more about the woodland. The main task is the removal of the few remaining tree guards. Please bring gardening gloves, secateurs and goggles if you have some.

MAY ELECTIONS

Election Supplement

Would all prospective candidates please note that if there is to be an election in their parish, each candidate taking part in the election will be allowed a Passport size photo of themselves together with an introduction to themselves and a brief statement of why they are standing for election. Approx 100 words. Please submit pic and copy ASAP after Completing nominations



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Forthcoming Events Diary

April	2 Boxford Over 60's 3 Boxford Playingfields AGM 4 Gt Waldingfield WI 4 Boxford WI 14 Dance to the Beavers 16 Boxford Over 60's 21 The Last Oil Shock 23 Whist Drive 24 Boxford Over 60's 25 Boxford Community Council 27 A Curry & Quiz Night 28 FOB's Quiz Night 28 Boxford Society AGM 28 Grand Jumble Sale 29 Open Green 30 Boxford Over 60's	Theatre Royal Talk The Suffolk Fire Service Speaker Boxford Playground Appeal Hand Bells A talk for the Boxford Church Building Trust Newton Village Hall Outing AGM Groton Village Hall Mgt Committee Finding out about history SESAW Boxford and District Bowls Club Operation Christmas Child	Boxford Village Hall The Pavillion Village Hall Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Boxford Village Hall The Fleece Meet The Fleece The Pavillion Village Hall School Hall The Fleece Leavenheath Village Hall Boxford Village Hall The Spinney Mary's House	2.30pm 8pm 2.00pm 7.30 - 12 mid 2.30pm 8pm 7.30pm 1.00pm 8.00pm TBA 8pm 2pm 2.30pm 2.30pm 10.30am 8.00pm
May	2 Primrose Wood Working Party 12 1st Boxford Scouts Centenary Camp and Open Day 16 Boxford Community Council Executive Meeting			8.00pm
June	3 Boxford St Mary's 7/8/9 Boxford Drama Group 9 Newton Village Fete 9 Summer Fun Day 9 Summer Song and Supper 10 Scarecrow Trail 13 BCC Senior Citizens Outing 14 Groton Village Hall First AGM 23 Boxford St Mary's Fete 30 & July 1st A Celebration of Flowers	Gardens Open Double Bill Boxford Playingfields Mgt Committee Hadleigh Choral Society Groton Hall Mgt Committee Church Fete and Teddy Bears Picnic	Boxford Village Hall The Playing Fields, Newton Playing Fields Boxford St Mary's Edwardstone Village Hall Boxford Primary School Grounds Boxford St Mary's	7.30pm 8pm 7.30pm 2 - 5pm
July	4 O Musica 7 Boxford Community Council	Concert in Groton Church Fun and Games	Kemble House	6.00pm
August	24/25 Groton PCC	Lecture "Herbs are more than a garnish"	Groton Church	TBA
September	8 Benefice Churches	SHCT Cycle ride	All Churches	10-6pm
October	13 Groton PCC	Harvest Supper	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
November	1/2 Edwardstone Christmas Fair 10 Dance Fat Old Dad	Boxford Community Council Cheese & Wine Party	Boxford Village Hall Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
December	1 Groton PCC	First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford		7.30pm

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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

In cases of emergency: In the event that you are unable to contact me in cases of emergency, please contact the Churchwarden in your parish or one of the Readers. Should these persons not be available, the Rural Dean, the Revd. Robin King, can be contacted on 01787 227315.

To the people of the Box River Benefice

As we come to Easter time, there is a lot going on in the churches in April. We begin on April 3rd with a Passover Meal. This is a re-enactment of the typical Jewish Passover celebration. Within the formality of the symbolic part of the meal one can see incredible signs pointing to Jesus and the Christian faith, which have been somehow missed by those he came to save. The meal will be held at Groton WI Hall at 19.00. The evening will include a main meal apart from the symbolic one and will be by ticket only. The meal will be funded by donations on the night, but you must have a ticket to attend. For reservations please call either Pauline Lamming 01787 210360 or the Rector.

Our newest Lay Elder, David Lamming, will be commissioned by our Archdeacon the Ven. David Brierley at a service on Maundy Thursday at Groton Church: our Archdeacon will also be preaching. The service will be a Holy Communion and footwashing and will be followed by the stripping of the altar and a vigil. This is a very special and poignant service taking as its inspiration our Lord's last hours in the Garden of Gethsemane. For those of you who would like to take part in the vigil there is a list at the back of Groton Church or alternatively let the Rector know.

There is a very special service taking place (once again at Groton) on Easter Morning. We will be having a sunrise service of Holy Communion to celebrate the rising of our Lord Jesus Christ from the tomb. This informal service will be held at the Groton Croft beginning at 06.00. I am reliably informed that there will be a breakfast served afterwards (bacon butties perhaps).

I think it also needs to be mentioned that although these rather special services are being held at Groton they are in fact benefice events.

Every year each parish has to hold an Annual Parochial Church Meeting before April 30th, which is why all five of ours are of course in April. It is important for you to attend if you want to have your say in the running of the parish. The following is a list of APCMs together with their times and venues:

Boxford: Following 18.30 Evensong at St Mary's Church April 1st
Little Waldingfield: St Lawrence, Little Waldingfield 19.25 April 10th
Edwardstone: St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone 19.30 April 12th
Groton: WI Hall Groton at 19.30 April 18th
Newton Green: All Saints, Newton Green 19.30 April 19th

May you all have a blessed, peaceful and restful Easter.

God's richest blessing,
David



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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

REGISTERS:

23 February, Funeral: EDNA JOYCE KING, aged 86 years
11 March, Baptism: SOPHIE ALICE CHLOE BAKER

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

"Easter occurs, again and again, in this opening up of a void, the sense of absence which questions our egocentric aspirations and our longing for "tidy drama"; it occurs when we find in Jesus not a dead friend but a living stranger" *Rowan Williams*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

June 3rd Boxford Open Gardens
June 9th - Summer Supper and Music at St. Mary's Church
June 23rd Church Fete
June 30th to July 1st " A Celebration of Flowers" in St. Mary's Church

BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Next meets on Monday 23rd April at 8.00 p.m. at 47 Swan Street, Boxford. Everyone is most welcome to this time of fellowship exploring God's Holy Word. *Peter Holden*

THE HOUSE GROUP:

Meets at 8.00 p.m. at Brook House, Fen Street, Boxford. A time of reflection and fellowship - all are most welcome. *Peter Holden*

PRAYER GROUP:

Meets at 7.30 p.m. - at present in Mary's House, on the first and third Sundays in the month. Please consider spending a short time in quiet prayer and thought for the needs of our church, benefice and community. Prayer is the power behind allowing us to move forward. Jesus said " where two or three are gathered in my name I am there also". Matthew 18:20. *CK*

BOX RIVER CLUB & LITTLE ANGELS:

Please see General Church News.

SMILE LINES;

"We spend our lives on the run: we get up by the clock, eat and sleep by the clock, get up again, go to work - and then we retire. And what do they give us? A clock" *Dave Allen*

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

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Vacant

Lay Elder:

Antony Dodd, Mill Green End; tel 210397

REGISTERS:

10 January, Funeral followed by Burial: FREDERICK HENRY LOWRY-CORRY, aged 79 years.

24 January, Funeral followed by Burial:

ROSALIE JOYCE ALECOCK, aged 87 years.

4 February, Baptism: SCARLETT IZABELLA SCOTT.

3 March, Wedding: ADAM JOHN PAUL & ANNALEE SANCHEZ GENERALAO.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS TO ELECT CHURCHWARDENS:

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Edwardstone Church on Thursday, 12th April 2007, starting at 7.40 p.m. It will be preceded at 7.30 p.m. by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect churchwardens for the ensuing year. *David Saddleton*

EDWARDSTONE AND GROTON QUIZ NIGHT:

Saturday March 17th, Edwardstone Parish Hall:

STOP PRESS – The team named Gardener’s Delight from Edwardstone won the individual table prizes of Easter Eggs and Edwardstone were the overall winners. Full details next month.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SUNDAY 10TH JUNE 2007:

Strawberry Teas and champagne in the garden, plants and books for sale plus an exhibition of old photographs of Edwardstone. Daphne Clark

ANNUAL BBQ – 8 JULY:

There will be a barbecue in Edwardstone churchyard on Sunday 8 July. The barbecue will follow the Family Service on the day. Jan Paul

BOX RIVER CLUB & LITTLE ANGELS:

Please see General Church News.

April 1: Mrs Dastur (United Benefice Service)/

Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;

April 8: Mrs Paul/Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark;

April 15: Mr Saddleton/Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul;

April 22: Mrs Dodd/Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul;

April 29: Visiting/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

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL:

This year the electoral roll is being completely renewed. No names are automatically carried forward from the old roll. Details of the renewal were set out in the rector’s letter in the February BRN. Application forms are available at the back of the church, or they can be obtained from the electoral roll officer, David Lamming (Tel 210360). The last date for returning the form to the electoral roll officer to entitle anyone to attend this year’s Annual Parochial Church Meeting is Friday 30th March. A copy of the new roll will be displayed at the church from 1st April.

ANNUAL MEETINGS:

This year’s **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** (to elect churchwardens) will be held on **Wednesday 18th April at 7.30 p.m.** in the former W I Hall, Broad Street, Groton. It will be followed at **7.40 p.m. by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (“APCM”)**. The APCM is an important meeting in the life of the parish. Anyone whose name is on the electoral roll (see above) is entitled to attend. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents its report and the financial accounts for 2006. Members are elected to serve on the PCC for the coming year and the rector also gives a report. There is an opportunity to raise any matter of parochial or general church interest. *David Lamming*

PCC MEETINGS:

Sunday 1st April at 10.40 a.m. at Edwardstone Church (after the United Benefice Service). This is a short meeting just to approve the accounts and reports for presentation to the APCM.

Wednesday 18th April at the former W I Hall, immediately following the APCM (to appoint PCC officers and elect the standing committee for 2007-08). *Thursday 24th May at 7.30 p.m.* at Mary’s House, Boxford.

David Lamming

CONCERT BY “O’MUSICA” GROTON CHURCH, WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH:

A Children’s Choir from Paris will be visiting Boxford for a few days at the beginning of July, and are kindly going to sing for us in Groton Church on Wednesday evening, July 4th. at 6.00 p.m. There will be light refreshments afterwards, and we hope that as many people as possible will be able to come and support them. More details next month, but please put the dates in your diaries now. Pat Kennedy Scott.

BECOME A CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COLLECTOR AND YOU’RE NOT JUST PRESSING BELLS, YOU’RE TOUCHING LIVES:

This year’s Christian Aid Week takes place from 13th to 19th May. The door-to-door collection, Christian Aid’s major fundraising activity, involves 20,000 churches and 300,000 collectors. The money raised is used to help improve the lives of people in the developing world. New collectors are needed in our benefice, especially in Little Waldingfield so that we can cover the whole of the village this year. Will anyone willing and able to assist with the collection in Groton or Little Waldingfield, please contact David Lamming on 01787 210360.

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Saturday March 17th, Edwardstone Parish Hall:

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BOX RIVER CLUB & LITTLE ANGELS:

Please see General Church News.

Flowers	April	May
Cleaning:	Mrs Riddleston	Mrs Gill
Sidesman with Sacristan:	Mrs Riddleston	Mrs Gill
	Mr & Mrs Sellers	Mrs Riddleston



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2007:

Collectors are needed: please see the paragraph in the Groton section.

BOX RIVER CLUB & LITTLE ANGELS:

Please see General Church News.

ROTAS: SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

April 1: United Benefice Service (Edw)/Mrs Storar;

April 8: Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell/Mrs Clive;

April 15: Mrs Pell & Mr Bowden/Mrs Grunsell;

April 22: Mr Squirell/Mrs Harbord;

April 29: Mr & Mrs Tora/Mrs Ewen.



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Churchwardens:

Diana Stock: 12 Links View; tel 312828

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS:

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held in the church on Thursday 19 April at 7.30 p.m. This meeting is to elect churchwardens for the coming year. This will be followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting when the Parochial Church Council will present the annual accounts and a report of the work of the past year. This meeting also elects members of the PCC for the coming year. All parishioners are very welcome at this meeting. *Diana Stock*

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Please see General Church News.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

LENT LUNCH: The second Lent Lunch, a simple meal of homemade soup, bread and cheese, will be on Tuesday 27th March from 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m. at Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford. Donations for The Oakes Trust to support the work of The Oakes Holiday Centre at Oakes Park, Norton, near Sheffield. The centre, run by Dan and Billy Thaw, is "committed to communicate the Gospel of Christ to children and young people." The first lunch on 14th March raised £90.00. Any queries or offers to help: please phone *Pauline Lamming* on 210360.

ORGANIST(S): Help within the Box River Benefice is urgently required from organist(s) who would be willing to join a rota to play at one or more services each month in Edwardstone, Groton and Little Waddingfield. Further details from Antony Dodd on 01787 210397.

LITTLE ANGELS: Meets in St. Mary's Church, Boxford at 2.30 p.m. on the 1st Friday each month. *Rev David Matthews*

BOX RIVER CLUB: In April the Club will meet in the school hall from 3.15 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. on Friday 27th.

Normally the club will meet 2nd and 4th Fridays in the month during term time. We should really love to see you and we welcome any child who wishes to join us for fun, games, crafts, acting, things you like to do, discovering the meaning of the Bible and enjoying yourself. *George & Pauline Barnes*

FAMILY SERVICE: The Box River Club' Family Service will be at Groton Church on Sunday 29th April at 9.30 a.m. Everyone is very welcome. *George & Pauline Barnes*

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 2007

Sunday 1 April, Palm Sunday			
Edw	0930	<i>United Benefice Service with procession</i>	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1830	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 4 April			
Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	1900	Home Communion*	Tim Harbord

Maundy Thursday			
Gro	1930	Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar with vigil & Commissioning of David Lamming	The Revd. David Matthews/ The Ven. David Brierley

Good Friday			
LtW	0930	Family Service (Hot Cross Buns)	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1400	One hour devotions	The Revd. David Matthews

Easter Saturday			
Box	1830	Devotions	Graham Brook

Sunday 8 April, EASTER SUNDAY			
Groton	0600	Holy Communion Sunrise Service	The Revd. David Matthews
Croft			
Edw	0930	Holy Communion CW*	Graham Brook
LtW	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Abel
Box	1100	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews

Wednesday 11 April			
Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews

Sunday 15 April			
New		<i>Visiting</i>	
Edw	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
Gro	0930	Holy Communion CW*	David Lamming
LtW	0930	Holy Communion CW	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Family Service/Baptism	The Revd. David Matthews

Wednesday 18 April			
Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	1900	Compline	Tim Harbord

Sunday 22 April			
Gro		<i>Visiting</i>	
LtW	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Matthews
New	0930	Morning Prayer	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	1100	Morning Prayer	Antony Dodd
Box	1100	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 25 April			
Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Joy Sellers

Sunday 29 April			
Edw		<i>Visiting</i>	
New		<i>Visiting</i>	
Box	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Abel



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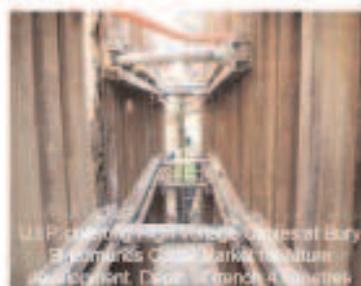
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Box River Soap Box

Next month we have the local government elections. Here in the Box River benefice it means we get to choose our District Councillors and those who will represent us on our Parish Councils. If elected I will enter my 15th year of service on Little Waldingfield's embodiment of the democratic process. Only my deputy chairman has spent longer huddled around a table with his fellow representatives in our Parish Rooms to discuss delicate local issues.

Of these nothing is more delicate, or should I correct myself and say indelicate, than the oft debated topic of dirty dogs. The incidence of uncollected dog litter is once again on the increase and I have been charged with writing a letter to the residents of the village asking for their co-operation in eliminating what is an unfortunate and unnecessary blight on our pavements and footpaths, not to mention people's front verges.

This is not the first time it has been considered appropriate to write such a letter – or for me to mention it in this column for that matter. Interestingly, previous experience suggests that once reminded of their obligations – both legal and environmental – people do become better at clearing up after their pets. In other words it is not that dog owners are indifferent to what their charges rather naturally get up to, but that over time collecting it slips down their list of priorities.

It is true we have a number of new dogs and new dog owners in the village, so it will do no harm to remind people just what is expected of them. Clearing up after your dog is a legal requirement – on footpaths as well as pavements. That is why we installed dog litter bins at the entrance to three of the most used footpaths leaving the village, as well as on the playing fields. To give them their due, it was actually the Playing Fields Committee that installed the red one at the end of Grove Avenue, but the principle is the same.

Recently, changes to the way in which our Councils can operate provided us with an opportunity to create the post of a dog warden in the village, with the ability to levy on-the-spot fines. Unsurprisingly, there were no names put forward to undertake what could undoubtedly prove a difficult task. Facing the wrath of neighbours who considered they had been unjustly punished for allowing their pet to perform a perfectly natural act is not how I would wish to spend my retirement.

But the fact remains that dog litter is both an issue and a nuisance. Rather like drinking and driving, attitudes and practice have changed over the years. We are a dog owning family – have been for most of our lives. We would not dream of taking our two little terriers out without a good supply of bags. Unfortunately, there is a small hardcore of dog owners who do not appear to accept that not observing the law is offensive to others.

And so I am faced with compiling this letter to remind people of their responsibilities. I am hardly surprised that this has once again surfaced as an issue. The behaviour of dogs, or more correctly of their owners, vies with planning matters as the most hotly debated topic at Parish Council meetings. Is this peculiar to Little Waldingfield or do other villages find it as emotionally charged a subject as we do? I would welcome the views of others in the benefice. Perhaps the editor will be kind enough to expand the letters page for the occasion.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council – still.

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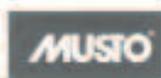
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GARDENING IN APRIL *Harry Buckledee*

April is a busy month in the garden, with many jobs which all need doing at the same time, and wet weekends can cause the work to pile up. April can be a dry month, which may be helpful as regards getting on with the work, but extra care should be taken to ensure that young plants do not suffer from lack of soil moisture.

The taller herbaceous plants such as helianthus, rabeckia, heleniums and monardas, if left undisturbed for several years tend to get even taller with progressively smaller flowers and the lower part of the stems bare of leaves. By the amount of growth these plants make they exhaust the soil. Digging them up and replenishing the soil nutrients, revitalises them and plants will be greener and flowers larger and growth for a year or two will not be so tall.

The tall varieties of delphiniums with their heavy flower spikes will need staking mid way through the month. Support the spikes when they are about three feet high with bamboo canes six feet in length.

Support large clumps of pyrethrums, which tend to flop all over the place, by inserting three or four canes around each clump an securing string between them.

At the end of the month, plant out healthy dormant dahlia tubers. Discard any which are completely shrivelled or rotten at the crown. Prepare the soil well and plant the tubers so that each crown is at least four inches below the surface of the soil. They should be three feet apart and the same distance between rows. You can increase your stock of dhalias by dividing each clump into sections, making sure that each section has a bud or a growing shoot.

Plant out autumn sown sweet pea plants which should be growing strongly by now. As soon as the plants which should be growing strongly by now. As soon as the plants are eight to nine inches high, select the strongest shoot on each plant and carefully cur off the remainder with scissors. Train the remaining shoots as cordons up single canes, using wire rings to secure them. Carefully remove all the tendrils and side shoots which form at every leaf axil so that all the plants energy goes into producing fine flowers with long stems.

Daffodils will cease flowering about the middle of the month and it is important to keep growing well into the end of May. They need this

period of growth to fatten up the bulbs for next year. As soon as flowering is over give a feed of a general fertilizer, like growmore, and water in. In fact if the weather is dry during this period they should be watered copiously. We all look forward to spring flowering bulbs, but it is easy to forget about them when the flowers have finished. Like everything else they will repay you for good treatment.

It should be safe to plant tomatoes in an in heated greenhouse during the last week of the month. Varieties are a matter of personal choice but for flavour I have found the variety Shirley hard to beat. The beefsteak varieties like Big Boy are fleshy and of good flavour, can be grown to 11lb in weight. In greenhouses and frames young seedlings and newly potted plants should be shaded during sunny spells, and the house kept well ventilated. Watch out for attacks of aphids and thrips and spray with insecticide.

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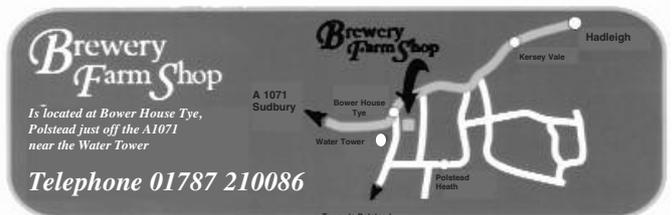
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Boxford School News

At the time of writing this news we are in the middle of Red Nose Day and all of the children and staff are wearing something silly. The range of costumes and silly items is something that has to be seen to be believed, and that is just the staff!

On a more serious note we took a team of swimmers to Hadleigh for a tri-schools swimming gala. It was a very competitive afternoon with Nayland Primary and ourselves battling for the top spot. In the end it was strength in depth that counted and we won the event by the narrow margin of twenty points. Congratulations to all of our swimmers for trying so hard and doing so well.

Whilst on a sporting theme I recently heard that several of our ex-pupils are doing very well in their sporting endeavours. Owain Taylor has been selected for the junior Welsh Squash squad, Callum Craig for the Suffolk juniors hockey team and Charlie Devlin and Pandora Stuart-Mills are both in the under thirteen Suffolk County hockey squad which for the first time ever was victorious in the Eastern Region county hockey tournament. Congratulations to them all. It is always nice to hear of the exploits of ex pupils so if you have any news please contact me.

As many of you will be aware over the past year we have been raising money to replace our ageing swimming pool building. The current building was built by a group of parents in the early sixties and is beginning to show signs of age. I am pleased to report that with the generous support of many in the local community and the hard work of FOBS we are in a position to begin work over the Easter holiday. My grateful thanks go to everyone who has supported this project, your generosity and help is very much appreciated by all of the staff, pupils and Governors of our school. Over the next few weeks we will be holding two very important fundraising events that I hope you will consider attending. On the evening of Tuesday 20th March we will be holding a Pamper Evening, a chance to spoil yourself and then on Saturday 28th April we are holding our annual quiz night. To find out more please contact the school office on 01787 210332.

Finally, it seems that every time we turn on the news these days there is an article on the state of our education system. Unfortunately most of the time it is of a negative nature. However I recently read an article in a

magazine sent to schools that contained a piece of news that is far from negative and indeed something that should have been in every news paper across the land. It would appear that when tested using the same spelling test children today outperform their counterparts in 1975 by some considerable distance. Indeed the children today got almost twice as many correct. Why do we never report on good news?

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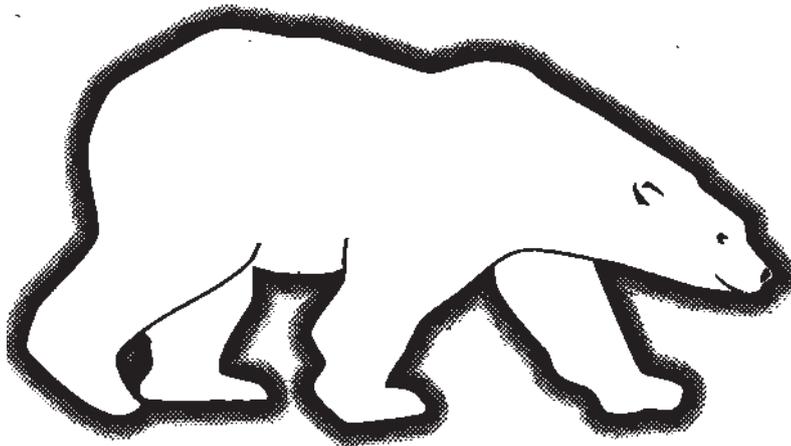
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EDWARDSTONE SCHOOL, THE LAST DAY

The above photograph is of the pupils of Edwardstone school together with their school mistress was taken on the very last day of the school in 1960. The pupils in the photograph are:

Back row left to right: Colin Barnes, Lorraine Suttle, Clive Grimwood, Martin Findlay, Lawrence Carpenter, Steve Ratcliffe.

In front of the back row left to right: Janet Tuffnell, Joan Findlay, Brian Ratcliffe, Edward Green.

2nd row from the back left to right: Veronica Simpson, Lawrence Holmes

Front Row Kneeling left to right: Glen Oxford, Bruce Hatton, David Barham. The School mistress is Miss Chinery

KERSEY MILL MALTINGS

Nights out, beautiful weddings and a great place to meet as Hadleigh's new sophisticated venue prepares for opening.

Suffolk couple Rod and Christina Mellor-Kerr have been working on something rather special at their historic 10th century Mill site. Conversion of the Maltings buildings at Kersey Mill has been carried out over the last 3 months and now the couple and their team are preparing for the grand unveiling- a superb venue providing first class dining and live music for up to 150 people!

With plans including live Jazz, Opera, Blues and contemporary music the venue is set to become a firm favourite for those looking for something more than just a nice meal. The Maltings conversion has included a dance floor with the latest sound and lighting system, set within the atmosphere of the old Victorian industrial building.

However, This isn't simply a place for a great meal, bottle of wine and a dance- Rod and Christina are playing Cupid too! the Maltings is the perfect place to have that romantic wedding and enquiries are already rolling in.

"We're so excited about our new venture, its fabulous to see these old buildings being brought to life and we are really looking forward to putting on some great entertainment," says Christina who has lived at the mill for nearly 30 years.

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Alan Lee works out in the state-of-the-art gym

Stoke by Nayland Golf Club and its Peake Fitness Health Club are delighted to welcome the charismatic Ipswich Town Striker, Alan Lee, as a new member. Born in Galway, Alan has been capped 8 times by the Republic of Ireland and has made a valuable contribution as a goal scorer for Ipswich Town Football Club since he joined them in January 06.

Alan has been a keen golfer for some time and plays off a handicap of 15 so is planning to be a regular visitor to Stoke by Nayland. He will also be playing in the prestigious PGA Europro Tour Pro Am at Stoke by Nayland on Sunday 24th June. He said: "I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to join both the Golf and Fitness clubs here at Stoke by Nayland now that I have moved into the area. I feel that both the Gainsborough and Constable courses offer excellent challenges to all golfers and I look forward to getting my handicap down soon. I am also keen to enter some Club competitions and am excited about playing in the Pro Am in June."

He added "I am also really impressed by the fantastic facilities, and equipment in the Health Club and all the staff are very helpful and professional – I will definitely be a regular visitor to Peake Fitness!"



Sam Torrance has welcomed the announcement that the prestigious £200,000 PGA Seniors Championship will return to Stoke by Nayland Golf Club in Suffolk from September 6-9, 2007.

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MINUTES OF THE 364TH MEETING

19th February 2007

PRESENT: J.Paul (Chairman), D.Tolhurst (Clerk), E.Rides, M.Glason, J.Rodger-Browne, R.Glacy, B.Hurren (District Councillor), S.Boggis, C.Boggis

DECLARATIONS: None

APOLOGIES: S.Silverthorne, P.Clark, S.Pryor (County Councillor)

MINUTES: 363rd Parish Council Meeting.

MATTERS ARISING: None

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Wind turbine: The turbine has been erected. The planning amendment from 15 to 9 metres was discussed. The District Council should have given 21 days notice of this but are not obliged to consult all parties on amendments. The Parish Council and neighbours were consulted but inadequate notice was given to the council.

B.D.C. budget: A recommendation of a 2.9% rise in council tax is to go before the full council. BDC receives 4.5% of the budget from the govt. and the CC 5.5%.

The BDC new computers will be expensive and not recyclable.

The ridiculous interference of the BDC over Homefield fence incident will not be enforced.

The Boxford cinema showing in December was so poor that the service has been withdrawn.

Bryn Hurren is to stand again for the BDC which incidentally is the only council in Suffolk which is not under political party control. 3500 have applied for postal votes in the coming election and we were assured they would be properly scrutinised.

Jim Rodger-Browne asked about parking at Mill Green. There was a suggestion to replace the garages but this is too costly. Any improvement would have to be paid for in part by property owners in the area.

Waste recycling: BDC does a good job with glass and recycles about 35% of rubbish in total

AOB: The Millennium Green requires a replacement trustee nominated by the Parish Council and Paul Clark will be approached.

The Highways Authority has assured the Clerk that a 20 mph restriction through Edwardstone will not be granted but may be possible in the Millennium Green area.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

The Chairman ran through the election timetable.

Jim Powell will not stand again. Mrs. Charlotte Boggis may be prepared to stand.

Meeting closed at 8.12 pm

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The council met on 27th February.

6 councillors and two villagers attended.

Police Matters. Neither officer attended and no report was received.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising. None

Financial Matters. Cheques were signed for emptying the dog bins, street lighting, the external audit, membership of Suffolk ACRE. A cheque was received for the bottle bank of £28.26

Planning Matters. An Enforcement Notice has been served on the user of Park Farm buildings. The council was unaware of any problem and will investigate. Off-road parking at Brand Cottage has been refused by BDC. There was no objection to the application for a new vehicular entrance. One councillor declared an interest and therefore took no part in the decision.

Correspondence. The fly-tipping between High Street and Priory Green is to be reported. The lowest quote for the grass cutting at the church has been accepted and the first cut will take place in mid-March.

Footpaths. The bridges on paths 6 & 7 have been repaired.

Churchyard Wall. Now that the work is completed a general tidy-up is to be organised.

Other Matters. The meeting was adjourned so that the "floor" were able to raise and discuss the matter of the tree and hedge planting at Churchfield.

Any Other Business. With the continuing "fly-tipping" of bags at the bottle bank, BDC is to be asked to supply a "No Fly-tipping" Notice. When the Bank is full please retain your bottles until it has been emptied. The doggy poo continues to be a problem in the village,

especially along The Street.

The next meeting is on 3rd April at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. The Annual Parish Meeting is on 22nd May at 7.00pm. Parish and District elections take place on 3rd May.

THE GREAT FLOOD OF 1888

Sept. 24th BOXFORD. 1888

THUNDERSTORM AND FLOOD.- A fearful thunderstorm passed over this place on Wednesday when a great amount of damage was done than has ever before been experienced. At about three p.m. the rain began to fall and the thunder to roll, and from that time the storm continued to rage uninterruptedly till five o'clock. The lightning apparently did no damage, but unfortunately the rain, which came down part of the time in torrents, converted Boxford Street, into something like a rapid flowing river, the water rushing down (at times two or three feet deep) with terrific force, making great ruts in the road at some places several yards long, and as straight as if lined out and cut by pick and shovel. At other places the earth, stones and bricks were torn up to the depth of four or five feet, leaving great holes three to four feet wide and at places several yards long. The most dangerous of these was one against Mr. Jose, Watson's where the soil was so much torn away that the foundations of the house began to give way, and at one time there was some fear that part of the house would fall in.

All this time the water was carrying tons of earth stone bricks &c, down the main street, making it dangerous for pedestrians and horses and carriages. Articles of a very miscellaneous nature were brought down by the stream. There were saucepans, tin ware, bottles, bones, bellows, boots, &c., and at one time it seemed as if someone's orchard was being carried away by the stream, as the apples came down very plentifully. A great many of the houses were flooded, and considerable damage was done at Mr Brett's, where the water came in at the back and was very soon flowing out at the front door, and for several hours he had quite a miniature waterfall at the front door. The Chapel House, the residence of the Rev. W. Butcher, was flooded, the garden and part of the chapel wall and iron rails were thrown down by the force of the water. The lower part of the White Hart, the brewery, and stables were all flooded, the water lifting the box from a mowing machine which was carried away by the stream like a sheet of paper. In Builders-Lane the traffic was quite stopped about fifty yards of the bank being down. The lane was quite blocked. In Stone Street the severity of the flood was experienced, the accumulated water against a brick wall, about thirty feet long, of Mr Hill's, forcing it down with a crash, rushing across the road, bursting in the shop door of Mr Grimwood, grocer, &c., doing considerable damage to the stock and carrying away a large quantity of goods amongst other things several hundredweight of soap. At the cottage next door considerable damage was done to the poor woman's things. Mrs Spooner is a machinist, and a great part of the work she had in hand, eight or ten pairs of trousers, were carried away or damaged, whilst a large double chest of drawers was lifted from the floor and thrown down. In some of the houses the water was deep enough to float the furniture. Groton House and Edwardstone House, although standing high, did not entirely escape, both being partly flooded. All the lower part of the house and premises of Mr Amos Tiffen was flooded - in fact, very few entirely escaped. Fortunately there were no personal accidents.

Mr James Moffat, of Ipswich, states that he had a narrow escape of his life. Whilst driving into Boxford by Groton, and going through about two feet of water, his horse stepped into a hole caused by the strong current, and nearly fell, but recovered itself only to pull the four wheeler in. After several struggles however, it managed to clear itself. Another Ipswich traveller was about to start as the storm commenced, but he deemed it advisable to stay the night. Mr Stephen Scarfe, miller, whilst going home from Hadleigh market, drove into a hole caused by the water. His horse fell and Mrs. Ford, of Cotton and a child who were with him, were thrown out. The child sustained a sever cut above the eye, whilst the wheel passed over Mrs. Ford's legs, luckily not breaking them. Mr Thompson was summoned and both are progressing favourably. Stone-Street seemed to come off worse than all. The walls were washed down, and most of the houses were flooded. One poor woman was baking, and had to take refuge on the top of the table. This did not prove high enough, and she was rescued after a time, but not till chairs, stools, &c., had been washed out, and the bread was floating away.

Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in February 2007.

PLANNING & FINANCE MEETING ON 5TH FEBRUARY

Finance: In addition to the usual business, a cheque was raised for £2000 to the Friends of Boxford School in support of the Swimming Pool Project. This included £1407 as a grant from Suffolk County Council and £593 from the Parish Council funds.

External Audit Report: The Parish Council have passed their Annual External Audit for the period ending 31st March 2006. The points raised included updating the Councils Standing Orders and Financial Regulations which have been drafted by a working party of Council Members. The revisions will be subject to approval by the full Council shortly.

Reports from Members: Councillor Gasson agreed to attend the Village Hall AGM and Councillor House to attend the meeting regarding a potential extended school facility at Boxford School. Rubbish outside the Wardens House at the flats in Ash Street was reported and it was agreed for the Clerk to advise Babergh District Council.

Planning: Confirmations received from Babergh District Council: -

- Babergh confirmed permission granted to erect a detached garage at 1 Holbrook Barn Road.
- The following were discussed: -
- Application for Listed Building Consent to replace a window in the rear extension at The Old Bakery, Broad Street.
 - Application to fell Ash and Willow Trees at 13 The Causeway.
 - Application to reduce the height of 3 Beech Trees at St Mary's Church.
 - Application to fell 3 Pinus Sylvestris trees at Boxford Primary School.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 19TH FEBRUARY

Questions from the Public: Block drains in Stone Street just before the rumble strips on the A1071 side were reported. The Clerk agreed to report to Highways. The use of private land located below Shakers Hall to ride Motorbikes was reported as causing a disturbance to nearby residents. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the Landowner to express concern and to ask whether he is aware that his land is being used in this way. The Council were asked if they could consider providing a footpath along Stone Street towards Boxford. As Assington Parish Council have recently completed a similar project, it was agreed for the Clerk to research with them in the first instance. The volumes of traffic along Swan Street was raised which has led to damage to residents vehicles and property. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to Suffolk Council Council and also contact the Police to ask them not to direct traffic through the Centre of the village following accidents.

Suffolk County Council Report: County Councillor Selwyn Pryor was unable to attend and no report was provided.

District Council Report: District Councillor, Bryn Hurren, reported that a further planning application should follow in respect of the White Hart Inn. Babergh will not be pursuing the Enforcement Order in respect of the fence at 18 Homefield. The Fire at the Blakenham recycling centre occurred at an entry point and was contained reasonably easily and the centre was re-opened within a few days. He reported that the District and Parish Council Election results will be announced on the day following the Election.

Clerks Correspondence: The Clerk circulated her report ahead of the meeting and discussed key areas. Councillor Balls will attend the training workshop entitled "Building and Strengthening your Community". Mr Verlander from Suffolk County Council is planning to improve the surface of the bridlepath that skirts the Brook Hall Estate. Following a site meeting by Parish Councillors, alternative signing of the Butchers Lane pinch-point has been suggested to Suffolk County Council. It was agreed for the Clerk to reply to the letter from Jim Fitzpatrick MP, in order to request specific information regarding the future of Boxford Post Office. It was agreed for representatives from the Parish Council to attend forthcoming meetings of the Parochial Church Council.

Police Report: P C Donna Jackson, the temporary replacement for P C Wren, was unable to attend, so the Clerk read from the Police Report. Two Crimes were reported in Boxford during January: one theft of a trailer from Homefield and a dangerous driving incident on the A1071.

District & Parish Council Elections: Notices of the Elections will be published on 19th March after which nomination papers may be submitted.

Planning: The application to fell 2 Silver Birch Trees, 1 Juniper, 2 Leylandi, 1 Conifer and a Hawthorn and pollarding 3 Silver Birch Trees at Amberley, 16A The Causeway was discussed.

Boxford Surgery: Since the revised opening hours following the need to recruit more dispensing staff, concern has been expressed to the Parish Council by residents in Boxford and surrounding villages. During the meeting, the Chairman read a reply from Carole Taylor-Brown, Chief Executive at the Primary Care Trust (PCT). The letter referred to the PCT's investigation into the viability of the Boxford premises. They concluded that the premises at Boxford were adequate. They further confirmed that should the practice wish to vary the current arrangements, the PCT has suggested the practice consult the parish councils of Boxford and surrounding areas. It was agreed for the Clerk to reply to the PCT in strong terms stressing the importance of the Surgery to the parishioners and seeking answers to a number of questions.

Annual Parish Meeting: The arrangements were concluded for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Reports from Members: A further dog bin is to be installed at the main entrance to the Cemetery. Councillor House advised that the Extended Schools meeting was to assess demand for a facility offering early morning and after school childcare in a building that would house the playgroup during school hours. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the school in order to request further details of the scheme. Councillor Gasson confirmed details of the new members of the Village Hall Management Committee following his attendance at their AGM.

Debbie Hattrell Parish Clerk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT BOXFORD

On Monday 5th March 2007.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman delivered her report outlining the work of the Parish Council over the past year. She confirmed that the Parish Council had been consulted on a number of Planning Applications and had continued to support various village organisations. A contribution had been made towards the School Swimming Pool project and monies pledged towards a potential new playground. Among other things she confirmed that regular maintenance had been carried out in the Cemetery and to the Church Clock. She then took the opportunity to thank all the Council Members for their hard work during the year. She also thanked the Clerk and congratulated her on recently passing the Certificate in Local Council Administration. This is a National Qualification and is required in order to achieve Quality Council status.

Finance: D.Hattrell, Responsible Finance Officer, presented a forecast of the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2007. She explained variances from last year and confirmed that the Income is expected to be 103.6% of Budget and Expenditure 94% of Budget. The balance at the end of the year will include an amount of £7470.89 in the Reserve Account to be used to replace the Street Lights in the future. She also confirmed that a further regular payment of £50 per month will be made into the Reserve Account, which will go towards funding a new Cemetery when required.

Suffolk County Council Report: County Councillor Selwyn Pryor reported that he is currently fighting to save Stoke by Nayland Middle School. He appealed to the Chairman to do what she could to help prevent the closure of a first class school. He stated the results at Stoke by Nayland Middle School are excellent and is evidence of the three tier system working if managed properly. He reminded that the future of the schooling system will be decided on 22nd March and he believes that if any doubt exists in the minds of Councillors before voting, they should vote to save the current arrangements. The Chairman agreed to put the Schools Review on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting and others at the meeting were interested in what they could do to assist. He went on to explain that the County Council is in the process of budget setting and they are working hard to achieve savings.

District Council Report: District Councillor, Bryn Hurren delivered his report outlining the work of the District Council and his personal responsibilities. He then went on to thank the Members of the Parish Council and the Clerk for their support during the year. He was asked whether recycling waste goes into landfill. He confirmed that the District Council have a good record on Recycling and all the materials are taken to Great Blakenham and separated for re-use. He confirmed that members of the Parish Council have visited the plant. The issue of failure to recycle business waste was raised and Councillor Hurren took this point on board. He was then questioned on the proposed new Tesco Store at Hadleigh and explained this resulted from the requirement to have competition and it was considered by the Planning Authorities that Hadleigh is of a sufficient size to merit a new store. Councillor Hurren confirmed that he is personally against the new store and would like to see the existing shops and businesses protected.

Police Report: P C Donna Jackson confirmed in 2005/6 there were 48 recorded crimes which have fallen to 40 in the last year. Of these 6 were detected, 2 reviewed as no crime leaving 32 undetected. This, she confirmed, represented a fall of 7 undetected crimes on the previous year. As was the case last year, the areas with the greatest number of recorded crimes have remained Criminal Damage (10), Theft from Motor Vehicles (7) and Burglary (4). She clarified that only one of the burglaries was to a dwelling. She reported that neighbourhood policing is almost with us. The intention is to have four Police Constables and one Community Support Officer for each area. They will all be working at different times providing a point of contact for the community on a daily basis. She confirmed that she would be part of the team covering Boxford. She was asked how often Police Officers were in Boxford. She confirmed that this is dependant on what is happening elsewhere. She went on to speak of the investigation into the murders that is still on-going and taking a high level of resource. She was asked about a particular situation with motor bikes being ridden on private land adjacent to the A1071 and causing disturbance to neighbours. She agreed to follow this up. She ended by stating that we have a low crime rate and soon neighbourhood policing will be in place meaning that there will always be someone on shift to deal with our concerns.

Reports from Village Organisations: V. Rice spoke of the origins and excellent work of the 3PR - 3 Parishes Response. The organisation has now been in place for 5 years. It was originally set up to deal with heart attacks, however, now extends to a wide range of situations. He explained that methods and equipment have changed over the years and they were grateful

Parish Council Matters

for and rely on financial donations from community groups and private individuals. The Chairman then went on to present Framed Certificates to all those within the 3PR team who have been on duty for over 500 hours in the last year. These were Tina Loose with 540 hours, Bill Horne with 580 hours, John Prentice with 630 hours, Peter Hibben with 1460 hours and John Moles with 2000 hours.

Guest Speaker – Ray Amesbury, Electoral & Administrative Services Manager at Babergh District Council

R Amesbury gave a detailed presentation with facts and figures relating to Elections. He started by examining the declining participation in Elections and what the Local Government is doing to increase the engagement of the Electorate. Funds will be available from next year to improve the situation. This year much work has been carried out on the Postal Voting system. He examined the findings of an audit carried out on Political Engagement from which many felt the system was in need of improvement. He confirmed that Posters have been found to be the least effective method of communicating an Election. Official mail personally addressed has the best chance of getting the message across and local media can also be effective. A number of questions and observations were raised and Councillor House spoke of the lack of public debate around Election times, which he believed was unfortunate. Others spoke of the changing times and the increasing use of the internet to put messages across. Following the discussion, the Chairman thanked Mr Amesbury for his talk.

Closing Comments

The meeting was about to close and E Kench proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Members of the Parish Council, the Clerk and Councillor Bryn Hurren for their work for the village of Boxford. P Hibben then drew everyone's attention to the excellent achievement of the Chairman in that she was about to receive a much deserved Community Achievement Award.

Debbie Hattrell

Parish Clerk

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Readers Letters

Sir

Edna King

Auntie Eddie/Edna King was born in Lavenham in 1920. She worked for her sister Primrose in her earlier years & then went on to work for Devora Peak until retirement age. Eddie was one of 10 children. 5 brothers 5 sisters.

She married Vick in 1938 & was a devoted wife, they spent many evenings together playing darts & also going on outings. Eddie also enjoyed her bingo with her friends every Friday in the village hall. Many of the family all had clothes knitted by her until her arthritis made it impossible for her.

However Eddie kept a very active mind..... she was a bit of a card shark & spent many hours playing cards with her friends for money.....1 pence & 2pences! Also sharing lottery tickets with her very good friend Joyce.

The last year or more Eddie was housebound but seemed to keep herself very contented watching her favourite programmes on telly & was known to enjoy her chocolate of which she always kept a good supply!

Auntie Eddie was always cheerful & when asked how she was she would always reply "Oh not so dusty!"

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her as she has played such a big part in so many peoples lives.

Eddie's family would like to give a special thank you to Maggie, John & family, Joyce, Cecil, Sally & Nick for being wonderful neighbours & friends. Also many thanks to Eddie's carers who came in every day to make her as comfortable as possible & greet her with a smiling face.

Lynda Leeder

Sir

Caroline and David would like to thank all family and friends for their kind messages, cards and gifts following the birth of Charlie on 27.1.07

Thanks again

Caroline and Dave Salisbury.....

Dear Friends

My family and I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and thoughtfulness of you all on the death of Neil.

We thank you most sincerely and ask you to accept this acknowledgement for those who read the Box River News. You have sent me so many cards and letters, which I shall cherish. We are grateful for all your support both now and over the time of his illness.

We shall all miss him greatly, but I am thankful that, after his long fight against cancer, he is now at peace.

For those who were at his funeral, you may like to know that the collection realised £650, to go to MYELOMA U.K., the charity for the type of cancer Neil had.

With our grateful thanks

Betty Ratee, Carol and Robert.

Sir

On the 3/3/07 at Stoke by Nayland Golf Club we were privileged to be invited to attend the reception held by George and Ivy Farrer to celebrate their past and present life together. George and Ivy expressed that they wanted no presents but if guests wished they could make a donation to the Teenage Cancer Trust. Anne and I wish to thank everybody that donated and to George and Ivy for their complete selflessness. The amount raised was a staggering £1525 which has been forwarded to the Teenage Cancer Trust in memory of our son Matthew.

Anne and Mike Brown.

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Seniors - GREG HAYTON (210570) Colts - IAIN YOUNG (210048)

EDWARDSTONE JUNIOR CRICKET

We had a very encouraging season last year. Tim and I were impressed with the effort and achievements of all the young cricketers, and look forward to continuing this season. We will start the Saturday morning sessions on 28th April at the Boxford Playing Field. The first session will start with registration at 9.45am, and from the second session onwards the start time will be 10.00am, but please turn up a few minutes early if you are a new player. All sessions will finish at 11.30am.

We have provisionally arranged a match against another club, and given support will be able to arrange additional games and possibly enter a mini tournament. Look out for posters in schools and around the village. We have had some interest over the winter, and hope to see some new players this season. For further details and information, please contact IAIN YOUNG (210048) or TIM BEVEN (211841)

A 'FLYING' START FOR JAMIE

2007 looks set to be another important year in the golfing career of Stoke by Nayland's Jamie Moul. Already the year is off to a flying start with the announcement of his selection to Great Britain and Ireland's Walker Cup preliminary squad to compete at the Royal County Down, Eire in early September. The final Walker Cup team will be announced at the beginning of August following the conclusion of the English, Scottish and Welsh Amateur Championships.

THE WRONG KIND OF YOUTH

The Conservative controlled Suffolk County Council, in their wisdom, have decided to close down the Boxford (April), Sudbury (May) and Cornard (January) youth clubs by removing the paid youth club organisers and transferring them elsewhere. I would seem that in our part of Suffolk we have the wrong kind of youths. They are all apparently from rich, well to do families, middle to upper class country folk, who do not need a youth club. How stupid can our administrators get!!!

This is of course just another cut in expenditure at the expense of our young folk, which I suppose makes a change from neglecting the elderly. If they were not going to waste £64 million changing a perfectly sound, and in the words of their own web site, "excellent" middle school system, and had they not created a need to raise more cash to pay the extraordinary increase in councillors expenses that they voted for, maybe there would not be a need for these cuts in public service.

I wonder why patients attending the Mill Surgery have been asked how they got there? Could it be that if many have driven or been driven there a case can be made to the PCT that if they drove to Boxford they could just as easily drive to Hadleigh! What would this do for carbon emissions?

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NEWTON GREEN GOLF CLUB CENTENARY

NEWTON Green Golf Club is going into its centenary year with a unique father and son captaincy double.

New captain Ian Woodhead drove off his new season on Sunday morning in a term of office that is also due to see his son Adam become junior captain of the club in the coming few weeks. (picture attached from left, Adam, Ian and David Woodhead).

Both play off single figures, and Adam, 14, made headlines during last season when his score would have been good enough to win the club championship, but had failed to sign into the competition correctly, and was disqualified.

Speaking at the club's annual meeting last week, Ian said he was honoured to take on the captaincy in Newton's centenary year, and was particularly pleased it would also coincide with his son's nomination as junior captain.

The meeting heard a plan to increase the size of the club house still further with a conservatory which had been amended to a more permanent, solid-roofed sun room. When planning permission had been obtained, the revised scheme likely to cost £40,000 would be put to the membership for further consideration.

It was reported that sponsorship had ensured the club was in a very favourable situation to celebrate the forthcoming centenary.

Sponsorship had also included several thousands of pounds worth of items being installed by local companies Caribbean Blinds and A and B Glass.

Alan Vince was congratulated on the completion of his history of the club, which had now been published. All members would receive a copy of the publication, with copies also available to the public at a cost of £5.

Retiring captain Harry Wordley presented a cheque for £1186 to Nicki Stapleton of Cancer Research UK prior to the opening of AGM. Harry thanked everyone who had contributed during his Captain's year.

Harry himself was presented with a framed, aerial picture of the course, which had been photographed from the air in association with the centenary history project.

NEWTON GREEN GOLF CLUB - CAPTAIN'S DRIVE IN

On Sunday 11th March 2007 Harry Wordley putted on the 18th Green to conclude his year as Captain. This was followed by the traditional Drive In to welcome new Captain, for the Club's Centenary year, Ian Woodhead (picture attached). With weather conditions ideal, on a beautiful sunny day, eighty-four members enjoyed the stableford competition that followed. Ian's parents had travelled from Yorkshire to witness Ian's 210 yard drive!

A total of more than £370 was raised on the day for Ian's charity for the year, Cancer Research UK.

The competition results are as follows:

1st Division: 1st Dave Byford 2nd Ian Ledieu 3rd Ollie Rush

2nd Division: 1st Dave Hynard 2nd Bill Byford 3rd Mike McAndrews

Best Gross - Ollie Rush

Longest Drive on 4th: Lee Tatm

Nearest Pin on 6th: Adam Cooper

Nearest Pin on 11th: Ian Shand

Straightest Drive on 10th: Jerry Wiffen

Boxford Rovers Under 9s A & B teams

Boxford Rovers Under 9s A & B teams have been playing their first full season in the Felixstowe and District Youth League. The A team are currently 3rd and B team, who at the beginning of the season, were at the bottom, have miraculously also climbed to 3rd in their league.

More notably, both teams have reached their respective Cup Competition Semi Finals having beaten teams in the the Division above them. Quite an achievement!

Here are photos of the As in White, and Bs in Blue.

