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THE BENEFICE CELEBRATES EASTER



Top Left: Animated Conversation at the Lent Lunch, Mary's House on 17th March.

Top Right: Bacon Butties and Bucks Fizz at the Easter morning breakfast on Groton Croft.

Centre left: The breakfast cooks on Easter Sunday Morning.

Centre Right: Easter day sunrise service on the Croft. Sharing communion as the sun rose above the mist on a frosty morning.

Bottom Left: Palm Sunday, The blessing of the Palms.

Bottom Right: Passover Meal at Groton Village Hall on April 3rd.

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GERALD RICE RETIRES!



After 46 years as Boxford's butcher, Gerald Rice has decided to retire but you have not seen the last of him because he still intends to work part time for the new butcher, his former apprentice, Alan Leeder.

Gerald, now 62, has lived in Boxford all his life and At the age of 16 started work at the butchers in Swan Street in 1961 as an apprentice training to be a fully qualified butcher. Now he intends to take it easy working only part time in the mornings. and giving himself more time to chat with the customers.

Alan Leeder is no stranger to the village either having worked in the Swan Street shop for eight years and as a fully qualified butcher is more than capable of taking over the running of the business but Gerald will not be far away.

**Edwardstone Millennium
Green Trust**

The Beavers Are back on the Green

By popular request

Saturday 14th July 2007

Dancing from 8 til 12 in the marquee

Tickets only £15.00

Cold meat buffet and desserts included

Raffle and licensed Bar available

**Tickets available from Clare Britcher on 211234,
John Whitwell on 210277,
Richard Norman on 210386,
The White Horse Edwardstone,**



Friday, 4th May, 8.30 Ticket £20
Dennis Rollins' Badbone

A very welcome return for the man with the sexiest trombone in the business! Dennis brings with him the finest repertoire of wicked high energy groove based funky dance music with jazz attitude and styling that you are likely to hear this side of the Atlantic. "Dennis is that rarest of jazz beasts, a genuine star" – the Independent on Sunday.

Friday, 11th May, 8.30 Ticket £12
Michael Garrick Quartet

Pianist, prolific composer and national treasure Michael Garrick has been leading bands since the 50's and was active in the jazz and poetry movement of the mid 60's where he worked with a band co-led by Don Rendell and Ian Carr. Described by Sir John Dankworth as 'world class', he has recorded well over twenty albums in his illustrious career in a variety of musical genres from Indian to sacred. Completing the quartet will be Martin Hathaway (saxophone), Paul Moylan (bass) and Alan Jackson (drums).

Friday, 18th May, 8.30 Ticket £12
Nicholas Meier Quartet (Yuz)

Award winning, Swiss guitarist Nicholas Meier debuts at the Fleece with his Quartet of Gilad Atzmon (saxophone), Tom

Mason (bass) and Asaf Sirkis (drums). Nicholas' knowledge of the guitar allows him to play jazz, latin, oriental, flamenco, rock and heavy metal, but expect to hear strong Turkish and Middle-eastern influences tonight as the band showcase their new CD Yuz.

Friday, 25th May, 8.30 Ticket £12
Tom Cawley's Curios

Acoustic Ladyland's pianist Tom Cawley's debut CD, Hidden, has been released on the Jazzzitt label to much critical acclaim and features Sam Burgess (bass) and nineteen year old prodigy Josh Blackmore (drums). Showcasing Tom's imaginative compositions and improvisation, it is an inspired set that draws on influences as diverse as Thelonious Monk to Debussy.

Friday, 1st June, 8.30 Ticket £13
Tommaso Starace Quintet

Signor Starace is a shrewd operator who swings magnificently, playing alto and soprano saxophone with impressive post Parker felicity and Italian flair. Definitely one of the new young lions of jazz to watch out for, he brings with him Jonathan Gee (piano), Roger Beaujolais (vibes), Simon Thorpe (bass) and Dave Ohm (drums).

Friday, 8th June, 8.30 Ticket £16
Jacqui Dankworth

It is a great pleasure to welcome back Jacqui who has a devoted and ever-expanding audience. With her conspicuous English enunciation and irresistible low register, she has been described by John Fordham of The Guardian as having "the most flexible and expressive voice of her generation,

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

01787 211865

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

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

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Stour Valley Action Group

Bunting and Sons have recently advertised the relaunch of their campaign for the 'Horkesley Park Heritage and Conservation Centre at Great Horkesley right on the edge of the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This new Application will be the fourth that Buntings have submitted for this site in the past six years. There is no indication that the new proposal will differ in any substantive way from the previous ones, which met widespread local and national opposition and were all withdrawn before being put before Council.

Buntings claim the venture would be a 'celebration of the English countryside'. The Stour Valley Action Group believes that it would do irreparable damage to the landscape and the communities of the Stour Valley. We ask you to look beneath the conservationist spin of the Buntings' promotion and look at the commercial reality: the extensive retail element that is not ancillary at all but lies at the heart of the 'Country Park.' Will this be a celebration of the English countryside? Or will it be a destruction of the English countryside?

For our analysis of what Bunting and Sons' proposal might mean to all of us, visit the SVAG website: www.stourvalleyactiongroup.org.uk.

If you love the Stour Valley and you think this development is wrong, make your objection known. When the Application is submitted, write to the Planning Officer at Colchester Borough Council. And in the meantime, please join us. Phone 01206 273805 or email info@stourvalleyactiongroup.org.uk. Membership is free and will keep you updated about this important issue.

ASSINGTON DONKEY DAY

ASSINGTON DONKEY DAY is to be held at Assington Farm Shop, (off the A134 between Colchester and Sudbury) on the 12th May, between 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Join us for Donkey Rides and Drives, Guess the Weight of the Donkey Competition, a range of DonkeyWorld Goods on sale at this award winning Farm Shop with its local produce, Nature Trails, Plant Centre and Tea Hut. All proceeds will go towards the work of the Donkey Sanctuary and its sister charity, The Elizabeth Svendsen Trust which has 5 Riding for the Disabled Centres around the U.K.

The Donkey Sanctuary was founded by Dr Elisabeth D Svendsen, MBE in 1969 and was registered as a charity in 1973. The aims of The Donkey Sanctuary are to prevent the suffering of donkeys worldwide through the provision of high quality, professional advice, training and support on donkey welfare. In the UK and Ireland permanent sanctuary is provided to any donkey in need of refuge.

The Donkey Sanctuary has an established donkey-fostering scheme, which is offered to families throughout the UK and Ireland and provides homes to over 1,800 of the younger and fitter donkeys. But despite this, there are still thousands of mouths to feed daily, as well as the costs involved in running its 10 farms dispersed throughout the UK and Ireland where the donkeys reside.

The Sanctuary has an excellent veterinary clinic designed specifically for treating donkeys, which also provides a "free of charge" haematological and biochemical (blood and dung sample) analysis service to any veterinary surgeon in the UK and readily offers veterinary advice about donkeys on a worldwide scale.

The Donkey Sanctuary depends entirely on donations from its supporters in order to continue with its vital work worldwide. Only 6-pence in every £1 donated is spent on administration costs, which means that the majority of all donations received goes directly to helping the donkeys.

The main intake centre and Headquarters at Slade House Farm in Sidmouth Devon, UK is open to the general public every day of the year. Admission and Parking is free. A restaurant is located onsite.

What's new at:

Boxford Babies and Toddlers?

A new term brings a new start for Boxford Babies and Toddlers group. We have had a huge sort out and tidy up of our equipment at the Village Hall, which has unearthed some real treasures!

We have a few items for sale to give us more space in our new storage area. These items will be available to buy at our weekly sessions on a Wednesday which will continue to run from 10am to 11.30am.

As well as offering a large range of toys, we are planning to run more art and craft activities during our sessions this term. To help run the group more effectively we are also hoping to form a small committee. If you have any ideas you wish to put forward or would like lend a hand in the general running of the group, we would love to hear from you.

So, if you are a new mum, new to the area or simply haven't been along for a little while please pop in and see what is new, we would love to see you.

Any queries phone: *Helen* – 01787 211296 or *Sally* – 01787 210213

EDWARDSTONE CRICKET CLUB

The season has now started. Our practice sessions for seniors and colts (aged 14+) are on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm. Junior training sessions (ages 7-13) are on Saturday mornings at 10.00am. Contact Greg Hayton (01787-210048) for seniors, Iain Young (01787-210048) or Tim Beven (01787-211841) for juniors.

Boxford Netball Club

The ladies of Boxford Netball Club would like to thank Richard Robinson for his very generous donation to our club funds. It gives them the boost that they so badly needed. For our part we will be holding some fund raising events this year the first of which is a cake stall in Boxford on Saturday 21st April. A Beetle Drive and a quiz night are also planned for the future. Please come along and give us your support, and if anyone is interested in playing netball or taking it up again after having a family, come and speak to us at the cake stall. Your never too old you know, our ages range from teenagers to Pensioners! Why not give us a try?

UGANDAN INSIGHT

Last October half term I spent a week in Uganda with 6 other UK teachers, exchanging ideas and working together with Ugandan teachers and adult literacy co-ordinators, in a school in the Bugiri district, where literacy rates are very low. It was a fabulous and humbling experience organised by Education Action International to raise awareness in the UK about real teachers and children and their education, in other parts of the world.

The children, teachers and parents of Hadleigh Community Primary School and the girls of 1st Boxford guide unit have been actively involved raising nearly £5,000 to support this project and the work of Education Action, who are now developing similar projects in war-torn northern Uganda. My discussions with the groups of English youngsters have covered issues of health, inequality, diversity, gender, trade, water, basic rights, appreciation and of course education. Each session is only ever a beginning and opens up huge areas that these youngsters are keen and highly motivated to discuss and learn more about, as they are real 21st century issues and all involve fairness: an issue central to even the smallest child. I would like to thank everyone who has helped in raising awareness or money and would be happy to come and show my slides to any groups or other schools.

I shall be holding an informal evening to show some slides of the trip, and share my experience, at Boxford School on Mon June 4th at 7pm. Everyone welcome

If you sponsored me and have not yet given me your contribution please send it to me at Fourways Calais St Boxford or better still –bring it down on the 4th of June.

It costs just £25 to send a child to school for a year in Uganda.

LIL Benton

EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL 155 CLUB WINNERS:

Jan: £10 – Rupert Dastur; £7 – Mrs Meekings;
£5 – Mrs Lashwood.

Feb: £25 – Mr Tregear; £10 – Mr R Morris; £7 Mr Ratcliffe;
£5 – Mrs C Hills.

March: £10 – Mrs Blewitt; £7 – Mrs McDonald;
£5 – Mrs Paddon.

April: £50 – Mr D Gunn; £10 – Mrs Suckling;
£7 – Mr Ratcliffe; £5 – Mrs Saddleton.

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Mature responsible 20 year old male seeks employment from mid May to mid August. Grammar school educated with excellent IT skills and a very good understanding of written/spoken German (doing a degree in German).

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Spinney Management Committee



Open Evening & AGM

Tuesday 26th
June 2007



6.30pm - Site open

7.30pm - Meeting
in the Hall

Your chance to walk
around the site and to
see the facilities that are
available



Contact - The Chairman - Dora George
01787 211789 dora.george@tiscali.co.uk

BOXFORD PLAYING FIELDS SUMMER SPORTS AND FUN DAY



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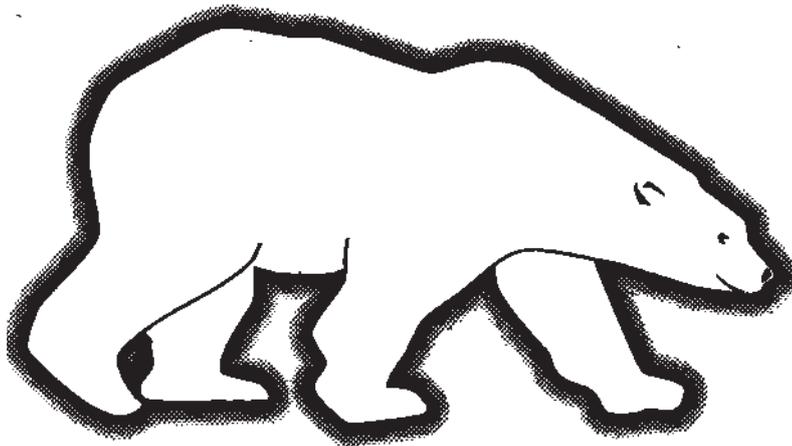


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Forthcoming Events Diary

April	28 FOB's Quiz Night 28 Boxford Society AGM 28 Grand Jumble Sale 29 Open Green 30 Boxford Over 60's	Finding out abot history SESAW Boxford and District Bowls Club Operation Christmas Child	School Hall The Fleece Leavenheath Village Hall Boxford Village Hall	8.pm 2pm 2.30pm 2.30pm
May	2 Primrose Wood Working Party 8 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room 12 1st Boxford Scouts Centenary Camp and Open Day 16 Boxford Community Council Executive Meeting	AGM	Parish Room The Spinney Mary's House	10.30am 7.00pm 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 9 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room 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 Beetle Drive Groton Hall Mgt Committee Church Fete and Teddy Bears Picnic	Boxford Village Hall The Playing Fields, Newton Playing Fields Boxford St Mary's Parish Room Edwardstone Village Hall Boxford Primary School Grounds Boxford St Mary's	7.30pm 7.30pm 8pm 7.30pm 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	6 Lt Waldingfield Parish room 13 Groton PCC	Alternative Horticultural Show Harvest Supper	Parish Room Groton Village Hall	11.00am 7.30pm
November	1/2 Edwardstone Christmas Fair 10 DanceFat Old Dad 17 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Boxford Community Council St Edmund's Quiz Night Cheese & Wine Party	Boxford Village Hall Parish Room Groton Village Hall	7.30pm 7.30pm 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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Wot's On

**Please join us for a celebration of
MID-SUMMER at ST MARY'S, KERSEY
FLOWERS IN CHURCH**

Sat 23rd and Sun 24th June

Come and enjoy the beautiful flower arrangements in this wonderful setting. Treat yourself to morning coffee, delicious home-baked cakes, cream teas and goodies from the produce stall.

Open all weekend 10.30 – 5.00pm

B'S KNEES CONCERT

(From Bach to The Beatles)

Presented by The Quintijn Dutch Choir

Sat 23rd June at 7.30pm

Tickets £7 to include a glass of sparkling rose

Further Information: 01787 210137 or 07905 731 431

Newton Green Whist

Despite the bitterly cold evening there were 5 tables in play at the whist drive held on Monday 19th March. We were particularly pleased to welcome some new players as we are always keen to increase the numbers attending.

The prizewinners were:

Maureen Game	175	Tracy	169
Liz Ward	168	June	167
Phyllis Goody	166	Fred Robinson	134

Thanks to Joan and Carole for their help with the refreshments.

The following drive was on drive Monday 23rd April at 7.30pm. This was the last drive until the Autumn. Alan Vince 01787 373963

Gainsborough's House,

46 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury.

Exhibition: Visions of Sudbury March 31 - 30 June 2007

Lectures: Sudbury's Market Hill with Barry Wall - Tuesday, 3 April at 11am

The Artists in My Life with Ronald Blythe -

Tuesday, 24 April at 11am

Gallery Talks:

Visions of Sudbury with Andrew Phillips - Tuesday, 17 April at 5.30pm

Visions of Sudbury with Michael Hills - Tuesday, 1 May at 11am

For further details and to book tickets telephone: 01787 372958

Opening times: Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm

Closed: Sundays and Good Friday

STOKE BY NAYLAND GARDENS OPEN

The village of Stoke by Nayland is to hold an Open Gardens afternoon on June 24. This is quite a rare event – the last time was four years ago.

Most of the gardens on view are close to the centre of the village, and with free parking provided at the playing field next to the Church, there will be no need to walk too far. The cost has been set at just £2.50 per head. Cream teas will be available, outdoors or in the village hall, depending on the weather. The event runs from 2 till 5.30 pm, and is being held in aid of the village hall.



The Big Picture.



This Year is the Centenary year of scouting and to kick off the Centenary celebrations 1st Boxford Scout Group will be holding an open-day at Boxford Spinney 11:00am-4:00pm on Saturday 12th May and Church Services at St Mary's Church Boxford 11:00am on Sunday 13th May to which everyone is welcome.

If you have ever been a Leader, Beaver, Cub, Scout or Member of a Committee, we would like you to join us for a Centenary photograph to be taken at 4:00pm as part of the open-day events.

We also need photographs, stories, old uniforms and anything else that we can put in a display to show scouting over the past 100 years.

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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,

Easter is over or it is as far as most people are concerned. Easter Eggs have been scooped and the effects of the extra sugar on the children have worn off. The confectionary companies have once again fattened themselves on chocolate profits while their customers are wondering how to get rid of the extra weight.

Is that it then? Is that the sum total of Easter? Perhaps it's over for some, but not for the Christian. Easter for us is a time to especially celebrate the reason why we are Christians. Our services this year have reflected this walk we have taken.

We had a Passover Meal, which reminded us of our Jewish roots. People tend to think of Judaism and Christianity as having separate roots. In effect Jewish history is also the history of we Christians up to a point. At that first Easter we took a different path and followed the Messiah Jesus Christ. It has been said, that because of our roots, to be a Christian we have to be at least part Jewish.

On Maundy Thursday we held a service, which included washing the feet of some brave members of the congregation. Jesus did this for his disciples to remind them that theirs and ours is a faith of service and that no service is too menial or unpleasant to be undertaken.

Friday and Saturday we had quiet reflective devotional services, which took us to the foot of the Cross. This was an opportunity to realise that it was people just like us who had nailed an innocent man to that cross. On Easter morning on an incredibly frosty Groton Croft we celebrated Holy Communion as the sun rose over the horizon. It was a vivid reminder that the one whose body and blood we symbolically eat and drink in our service rose from the dead as the sun rises from the dead of night. We continued our celebration with bacon butties and 'Bucks Fizz.' There was a joy among those gathered, which had nothing to do with the bubbly.

But that is not the end of Easter either because we are the Easter People of God. We remember that Jesus died in our place and for our sins and we remember that he rose again to assure us of eternal life. For us Easter is not just a particular time of the year to be celebrated and forgotten. For the Christian it is Easter 24 hours a day, 7 days of the week, 365 days of the year. So although Easter may be over for a large section of the population, we will continue to celebrate it with joy throughout the year as we remember what our Lord Jesus Christ did for us on that first Easter.

God's richest blessings, *David*

MARY'S HOUSE, Swan Street, Boxford

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Please, NO LATER THAN 17th May without fail. Thank you.

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

Daphne Clark 210698.

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

Ruth Kingsbury, as Christopher above

Peter Patrick, Amberley,

White Street Green. tel 210346

REGISTERS:

8 April, Baptism: HELENA BISHOP.

11 April, Funeral: ALICE MAY ALISON JOAN COOPER, aged 85 years.

12 April, Funeral, Colchester Crematorium: PEGGY ROSETTA ALICE DALE, aged 87 years.

15 April, Baptism: SAMUEL BURNETT.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: Eternal Father you come to us by your life-giving Spirit, and make us your own people through Jesus Christ who died and rose again to save us. Help us to live as your people, ready to reveal your life in the world. Amen

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: There will be a service for Christian Aid at 11.00 a.m. Sunday 13th May.

A coffee morning will be held at Jennie Lindsley's House on Saturday 19th May from 10.00 a.m. –12 noon.

Also, we are holding a cake stall on Saturday 12th May from 9.00 a.m. in Mary's House - all to raise funds for Christian Aid. Donations of cakes to Janet Daniels please. Helpers are needed to distribute and collect Christian Aid gift envelopes. Again please call Janet Daniels on 210798. Janet Daniels. **About Christian Aid: Christian Aid is an agency of the churches in the UK and Ireland. We work wherever the need is greatest – irrespective of religion or race.** Because we believe in strengthening people to find their own solutions to the problems they face, we support local organisations, which are best placed to understand local needs. We also give help on the ground through 16 overseas offices. We strive for a new world transformed by an end to poverty and we campaign to change the rules that keep people poor.

EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

Christian Aid Week:

- May 12th - Cake Stall in Mary's House, 9.00 a.m.
- May 13th - Christian Aid Service
- May 19th - Coffee Morning at Jennie Lindsley's 10.00 a.m.

June 3rd - Boxford Open Gardens

June 9th - Summer Music and Supper at St. Mary's Church

June 23rd Church Fete

June 30th to July 1st "A Celebration of Flowers" in St. Mary's Church

August 26th Suffolk Villages Festival Concert

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Meets 2nd and 4th Monday each month. In May these dates will be 7th and 28th. We meet at 47 Swan Street at 8.00 p.m. for an hour or so of fellowship studying God's Holy Word. *Peter Holden*

THE HOUSE GROUP: Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at Brook House Fen Street for a time of fellowship and reflection upon Holy Scripture. *Peter Holden*

THE PRAYER GROUP: Meets in Mary's House 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at 7.30 p.m. Please consider spending a short time in quiet prayer for the needs of our church in this benefice and community. *CK SMILE LINES;* Having received my new bus pass, I remarked to my husband that the photo didn't do me justice. "Its not justice you need" he



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Vacant

Lay Elder:

Antony Dodd, Mill Green End; tel 210397

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SUNDAY 10TH JUNE 2007:

Strawberry Teas and wine in the garden, plants and books for sale plus an exhibition of old photographs of Edwardstone. Full details next month. *Daphne Clark*

ANNUAL BBQ – 8 JULY:

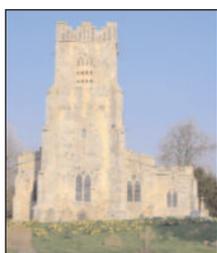
There will be a barbecue in Edwardstone churchyard on Sunday 8 July. The barbecue will follow the Family Service on the day. *Jan Paul*

May 6: United Benefice Service (Gro)/Mr & Mrs Saddleton;

May 13: Mr Currey/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

May 20: Mr Boggis/Mr & Mrs Dodd;

May 27: Visiting/Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Barbara Riddleston:*

Poplar Farm, Goslings Green, 210261

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

CONCERT BY “O’MUSICA”:

GROTON CHURCH, 6.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH:

We are fortunate to be able to offer you the chance to come to a concert given by a French Children’s Choir from Paris in Groton Church on the evening of July 4th; there are 16 children, boys and girls, aged between 10 and 16, and their repertoire is a large and varied one, ranging from Mozart and Offenbach to Jazz, and will last approximately one hour; there will be refreshments for audience and singers after the concert. Entry will be free but donations will be gratefully received to cover the cost of the refreshments; we do hope that we will get a large audience from all around the benefice and beyond, so please do make a note of the date now, and join us on July 4th. *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.

	May	June
Flowers	Mrs Gill	Mrs Lethbridge
Cleaning:	Mrs Gill	Mrs Gooderham
Sidesman with Sacristan:	Mrs Riddleston	Mrs Scriven

LAY ELDER COMMISSIONING: A thank you to all those from across the benefice who came to support me at the Maundy Thursday service at Groton when I was commissioned by the archdeacon as a Lay Elder. *David Lamming*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2007: HELP POOR COMMUNITIES GROW A FUTURE. A reminder that this year’s Christian Aid Week, which raises money to help improve the lives of the poorest of the poor in the developing world, takes place from 13th to 19th May. Last year we raised a record sum in Groton. Please again be generous when a collector calls and, if you are a taxpayer, fill in the Gift Aid section of the envelope, which adds 28% to the value of your gift.

PCC MEETING: Thursday 24th May at 7.30 pm at Mary’s House, Boxford.



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2007:

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

ROTAS: SIDESMAN/FLOWERS:

May 6: United Benefice Service (Gro)/Mrs Squirrell;

May 13: Visiting/Mrs Eddington;

May 20: Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell/Mrs Pike;

May 27: Mr Squirrell/Mrs Pell.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Vacant

REGISTERS:

30 March, Wedding: DEAN BOWORELY and KAREN JANE HAINES.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS:

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 Waldingfield. Further details from *Antony Dodd* on 01787 210397.

LITTLE ANGELS:

Meets in St.Mary’s Church Boxford at 2.30pm on the 1st Friday in the month. Rev *David Matthews*

BOX RIVER CLUB:

The **Family Service** in May is at 9.30am on Sunday May 27th - all are very welcome.

The Club meets the 2nd & 4th Fridays in the month 3.15pm - 4.00pm in the school hall. 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*

LENT LUNCHESES: The two Lent lunches at Mary’s House on 14 and 27 March raised £204.70 to support the work of The Oakes Christian Holiday Centre at Oakes Park, Norton, near Sheffield.

DEANERY EVENT: On Wednesday 23rd May the Ven David Brierley will be conducting his archdeacon’s ‘visitation’ in St Gregory’s Church, Sudbury, when all the churchwardens elected at the recent annual meetings of parishioners in the deanery are formally admitted to office. The service with, we can be assured, another lively address from archdeacon, starts at 7.30 pm. Please attend to give your support to our benefice churchwardens on this important occasion.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: Collectors are still needed in the benefice, especially in Little Waldingfield, to assist with the house-to-house collection during Christian Aid Week from 13th to 19th May. If you are able to help, please contact *David Lamming* on 01787 210360.

Just a 'phone call

Have you ever tried to make a telephone call to an insurance company, and found yourself speaking to someone on the other side of the world, instead of to the adjacent county, and sometimes with difficulty? I made a call for some information, the other day, and was delighted to be answered by a soft Scottish voice, asking if she could be of help. On learning that she was speaking from Aberdeen, we instantly exchanged views on favourite places for holidays, where we had lived as children, relatives, schools, ancestors, and so on. We could have chatted on for much longer, when she suddenly asked "Do you speak Gaelic?" She was, she said, reading a book, part of which was in Gaelic, which she did not know and wanted translated. I admitted that, with regret, I did not know, but I knew someone who did.

Instantly I was transported back to one of our "Island Hopping" holidays down the Outer Hebrides, stopping this time on Benbecula, where a friend was the Minister of the Church, and had invited us to lunch. On the Sunday, we had difficulty in finding anything suitable to wear, after travelling for three weeks in a motor caravan. (Christopher was all right as he had a Cambridge tie; I had trouble with shoes). We drove the short distance and found the Church, on the hill-side, surrounded by the congregation, and sheep, some of which (sheep) went up the steps ahead of us, and were quietly turned round and sent down again.

The Church was full of very smart people in their "Sunday Best". The Service was excellent, with hearty singing, and the only embarrassment was to listen to a long speech of welcome from Adrian, the Minister, to his former Headmaster and his wife, with warm thanks for all that had been done for him at school. At the end of the service we shook hands with the entire congregation, who all thanked us for giving them such a lovely Minister, then followed the family, and sheep, over to the Manse for lunch.

A great deal of exchanging news of the past ten years followed, then when Education was reached, it transpired that although the school was very good, the two youngest children were having difficulties as some of the teaching was in Gaelic, and although extra tuition was given, it was not easy.

And then -

My thoughts turned to a vast sandy beach, deserted apart from two people walking - yes, hand in hand - in bright sunshine - with their large Golden Retriever dashing madly back and forth, rejoicing in his freedom. All utterly contented. Then the day-dream ended and I realised I was still holding the telephone.

"If you write to The Headmaster, Benbecula School, Outer Hebrides, and explain your problem, I am sure he will help with the Gaelic".

My new friend and I bade farewell, and I reluctantly returned to the present, and put the phone down, my original question unimportant compared with memories - and so life went on. *Clunis Porteous*

Local Walks

Lavenheath/Stoke-by-Nayland joint Village Walks.

Sunday 13th May. Meet Stoke-by-Nayland playing field (GR TL 985364) to make a 2.00pm start. Return to the Village Hall for tea at about 4.00pm. We shall be joined by the Lavenham Ramblers on this occasion. Leader Jonquil Mieville 01206 337320

Lavenham Rambling Club

29th April Towards Cavendish. Meet Glemsford Tye Green (GR TL 826481). Leader Pam 01787 282327

13th May Stoke-by-Nayland area. Meet Stoke by Nayland playing field cp (GR TL 985364). Leader Jonquil 01206 337320

27th May Hadleigh Railway Walk. Meet at Hadleigh Toppesfield Bridge (GR TM 027423) Leader Jenny 01473 822363

All of these walks are on Sundays and all start at 2pm and last for about two hours.

For general enquiries phone Graham 01787 248128

Ramblers Association Walks

Sunday 6th May, Chalkney Woods. Meet at the Chapple/Wakes Colne railway station (GR 023318) for a 10am start. A bluebell walk to Chalkney Woods and Earls Colne. Please bring food and drink for a picnic lunch. Distance 9 miles. Leader Jo H 01255 502523

Sunday 6th May Long Melford Railway Walk. Meet to make a 10am start at the cp near Lavenham Church (GR TL 913489) for a walk to Long Melford and back. Lunch stop at Long Melford. 10 miles. Leader Graham and Sally 01206 241632.

Sunday 13th May. Nayland Circular Walk. For a 10am start meet at Harper Hill lay bye off A134 (GR 967344) for a circular walk in the area. No pub stop. Please bring a picnic lunch. 9 miles. Leader Janet Penfold 01787 227929.

Sunday 13th May Pentlow and Foxearth. Meet to make a 10am start at Glemsford Picnic area cp (GR TL 831463) for a walk to Pentlow and Foxearth. Distance 5 miles. Leader David P 01787 466746

Wednesday 16th May. Raydon Great Wood and Shelley. Meet to make a 10am start at 'Marquis of Cornwallis' Upper Layham B1070 (Grid Ref TM 038404) Distance 6.5 miles. Leader Julia 01206 541375

Wednesday 23th May. Bures or Sudbury?

Meet at Chapple Railway Station (GR TL 897289) for a 10.15 am start. You choose, Bures or Sudbury? Return by train from either. Distance 7 or 12.5 miles. Leader Janet Penfold 01787 227929

Friday 25th May Along the Stour Valley, Dedham. To make a 6.45pm start. Evening walk, meet at lay by Gunhill, Dedham (GR TM 041333) for a stroll around the area, Distance 5 miles. Leaders Graham and Sally 01206 241632.



Another Way!

We went to see the switching on of John Norton's wind turbine and was very impressed. We had looked into having a smaller turbine but were put off by reports that these are not very efficient so we have installed photovoltaic solar panels. This is an option for anyone with a south'ish facing roof.

- Our panel is a 2.4 KWH unit
- It was installed in 5 hours by Chelsfield Solar (a very helpful company)
- Cost £15,000 but 50% grant pay back is expected shortly
- Our electricity provider is Npower and they pay us for any units we export to the grid (they pay the same rate as they charge me for units that we buy from them)
- Chelsfield told us that in 2 years the panel will have saved the carbon it took to manufacture it

After 5 weeks our panel has:

- Generated 341 units of electricity
- Saved 193 Kg of carbon emission

Anyone wanting anymore information please contact vic.flute@dsl.pipex.com or ring 01787 247554

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GOLF CLUB'S CENTENARY SEND-OFF



Jonathan Lambert presents a centenary silver salver to captain Ian Woodhead. It will be competed for annually, and will be the first individual trophy contested for by both men and women in the history of the club

Representatives of golf governing bodies, leaders of local authorities and sponsors of the club were among those who attended a launch reception to mark Newton Green Golf Club's centenary year.

The evening staged at the club headquarters also included the launch of a glossy, full-colour history of Suffolk's 13th oldest club, written by life-long member Alan Vince.

The work traces the story of when the club began playing on nine holes created on the village green. Then members shared the fairways with a variety of grazing livestock, but has moved forward considerably since to its present 18-hole state.

The book, which also includes aerial photos, along with a variety of paintings of the course recently undertaken by member and retired art lecturer Neil Jacobs, is on sale to the general public from the club house.

During the evening captain Ian Woodhead introduced speakers John Taylor, chairman of the Newton Green Village Trust, and Suffolk Golf Union Secretary Ron Kent.

A commemorative seat from the Association of Suffolk Golf Captains was presented to the club to be positioned on the course.

A centenary silver salver was also presented to the club by the year's main sponsor, jeweller Jonathan Lambert. It will be competed for annually, and will be the first individual trophy contested for by both men and women in the history of the club.

This year's competition heralds the opening of a centenary golf week on July 22, sponsored by Sworders, and will also mark the first opportunity for women to play on a Sunday morning. The winner will also gain the chance to play with a partner at Sunningdale Golf Club, the prize being provided by South Suffolk MP Tim Yeo, who is a member of the famous Berkshire club, and who was among guests at the Newton reception.

Before the golf week, however, there will be a number of special days, including a re-creation of the opening day of the course on May 20 when a horse drawn brake will transport golfers from Sudbury town centre to Newton. The day is being sponsored by Whymark and Moulton.

The Edwardian costumed Golf Collectors Society will be entertained on June 3, in a day supported by Thorntons, and the Lavenham Press will be backing an open event for Suffolk captains on June 30. On July 14 Newton and Colchester clubs meet each other to celebrate their joint centenaries.

Socially, the club will hold a summer party on June 16; a hog roast to complete a display by trick shot champion David Edwards on July 28 sponsored by Greene King; and stage a ball to round off celebrations on September 22.

PEARL'S A SWINGER IN 90TH YEAR



Pearl with Newton Green Golf Club's youngest girl member Eloise Aldous, aged eight.

PERKY Pearl Schomer puts her tottering male counterparts in the shade when she strides out on her local golf course.

While the men of a certain age in the Old and Bold brigade stagger round nine holes, Pearl skips round 18 holes – sometimes three days running. In her 90th year, the sprightly swinger cuts a dashing figure as she pulls her trolley along – while others of lesser years need a power caddy to get them round the course before slumping in the club house. "I cannot see the point of coming to the club just to play nine holes," says Pearl, who took up the sport only 14 years ago because her eyes were not quite good enough to enable her to continue her life-long passion for tennis.

Now, to mark her remarkable devotion to golf, fellow women members at Newton Green Golf Club are playing in a special tournament on Tuesday, April 24 to celebrate Pearl's 90th birthday. The nimble 90-year-old will be made lady captain for the day, and fellow competitors will include her daughter Jenny Leech, who also plays at the club. Guests at a post lunch party will include Pearl's other daughter Susan, who is flying in from Toronto.

Pearl's competitive streak means she normally plays two or three times a week, and also pairs up with men in mixed competitions. She even takes part in Suffolk Ladies Golf Union competitions, being a regular contestant in Group Five competitions for 33-36 handicappers, and will be turning out again on May 14th when the section is in action at Newton.

Pearl commented: "I don't consider myself to be a great golfer – the lowest my handicap came down to was 34, but I love the game. It is great to be out with other people in the countryside, and I have always tried to do as much walking as possible. There are a great bunch of people at the golf club, and I love the company."

When away from the course, she is equally active. Pearl helps out at the Women's Institute market in her home village of Long Melford, where she is also a supporter of the Royal British Legion. For many years she has also been a volunteer at the Cancer Research shop in Sudbury. A retired civil servant, she worked with the Post Office in her earlier days. At the time of her retirement she was with the Department of Health and Social Security as an inspector in Colchester.

Pearl played county tennis in Hertfordshire when she was younger. Later, she represented the Civil Service Tennis Club in Colchester where her doubles partner was former Colchester United goal scoring legend Martyn King.

Women's captain at Newton, Liz Ward, said: "Pearl is a shining example and an inspiration to us all. She gives us all a lesson in motivation. We aspire to being as active as Pearl when we reach her age, particularly as she is always positive and has lots of enthusiasm."

Wot's On

BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN

SUNDAY 3 JUNE 2007 11am-5.30pm

Spend a day wandering round some of the 20 gardens open in Boxford in aid of St. Mary's Church. You will be able to enjoy lunch, buy cakes, plants, have a cream tea and take a ride on our courtesy bus which will circulate in the afternoon.

Pick up a yellow ticket for £3 at the first Open Garden sign you see. This covers entry to all others.

Organised by Maggie and Barrie Thorpe, 01787 211346

NAYLAND CHURCH FETE

Nayland Church fete 28th May 2007,

2-4.30pm at Webb's Meadow (behind the Church).

This is our largest annual fundraising event for the St. James' church and is a very traditional event with Jazz Band, Sports, Stalls, Sideshows and display of Classic Vehicles. Adults £2.00 Children 50p

Nayland Open Gardens

Nayland Open Gardens on Sunday 10th June 2-6pm. Teas in the Village Hall. This year is very special because we are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Open Gardens.

Great Waldingfield WI

Our speaker was John Middleditch who told us about the Suffolk Fire Service. John joined the fire service and for the first few weeks was an unpaid fireman, After being an operational fire worker for a while John developed a sixth sense about when their would be a fire. John told us about the fires he attended. Some incidents were amusing, some were tragically fatal, others were more run of the mill fires, but all held an element of danger to life and limb.

The talk was a most interesting one and the evening ended with a raffle, tea and biscuits and was declared closed at 9.30 pm.

Our next meeting will be on May 2nd at 7.30 p.m. when our speaker will be Jan Devey from the Home Office whose subject will be " Can I take worms to Britain?" All visitors will be most welcome, so do think of joining us then. *Pat Stedman* Great Waldingfield WI

AUTOMATA WORKSHOPS

Automata Workshops for beginners are to be held in The Parish Room, Little Waldingfield, from 31st July to 3rd August. These days will appeal to anyone with a practical interest, as automata deals with the making of moving models using mechanical means, whether it be sculpture, toys or devices. A leaflet giving further details of the

workshops may be obtained by e-mailing ink.inc@btinternet.com or by phoning Chris Bowden on 01787 249051

ROGERS FARM

Open Farm Sunday – 10th June 07

Come to Rogers Farm, Boxford 2 – 4 p.m for a farm tour Details from 01787 – 210350 or www.farmsunday.org

BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN

SUNDAY 3 JUNE 2007 11am-5.30pm

20 Gardens open in aid of St Mary's
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The photograph of Edwardstone School in the April BRN was indeed the last day but there was another photograph taken of the younger class.

In the photograph from left to right:

Back Row: Neil Hills, Pauline Carpenter (now Cox), and Nigel Offord.

Front Row: Robert Abrey,

Brian Mayhew,

Miss Wilson (Teacher),

Margaret Boon (now Richardson),

Yvonne Grimwood (now Ford)

and Marlene Simpson (now Clarke).

Photograph and information supplied by Margaret Richardson, Edwardstone.

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

ELECTION OF A DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

BOXFORD WARD

Election 3rd May 2007



Carey Fraulo
Conservative candidate

When Eddie Kench first asked me to contribute an article to the Box River News, he was interested to know if I had been canvassing. Canvas? Did he realise I had two small children (2 years and 4 years old at the last count) and that during the Easter holidays it was well nigh impossible to do anything other than look after them. His response was - they were my problem.

He is absolutely right. They are the key reason I am standing as a candidate. Like many people I have taken less interest in local politics over recent years than perhaps I should have done. But having two young children (I admit to being an older mum - 44 in fact) I have come to realise that important decisions made at a local level will have a long term effect on my children's future. If elected I fully intend to make a positive contribution to the overall decision making process of the council.

I am a socially-minded Conservative. I believe the state should be there to help those who most need it, but support the view that people must take responsibility for their own lives and actions. In particular I subscribe to the view that less government is better than more - at a local level as well from the centre. This means that I will be very keen to ensure we gain proper value for our council tax and that the resources available to our local authority are used for the real benefit of our local residents.

I was born in Plymouth in Devon and, after attending the local comprehensive school, gained a place at the London School of Economics from where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Economics & Politics in 1984. I then pursued a career in sales and marketing. Marrying in my mid-twenties, I moved to Groton in 1988, but was widowed in the late nineties. However, I met my present husband in 2001 and have since had two children.

I have always enjoyed an interest in politics. During the 1979 election campaign, while at school, I interviewed the late Alan Clarke who was our local MP. I was Secretary of the Conservative Association for Boxford in the early 1990's and have been a Groton Parish councillor for the last five years. During the 2005 county council election I stood as a Conservative candidate for Hadleigh.

I believe in • Ensuring services delivered to the community by Babergh are of the highest quality without increasing council tax. • Making certain our refuse collection is not cut back further. • Having council services for those most vulnerable in our community delivered to the quality they deserve. • Taking measures to increase the available affordable housing stock with due consideration for impact on traffic congestion, available community services and existing population.

I believe a Conservative led Babergh District Council will provide the necessary strong leadership to defend our local interests against the creeping control imposed by central government, with their ever increasing approach of "one size fits all". If you agree, then put a cross by Carey Fraulo on the ballot paper.

Bryn Hurren

Lib Dem candidate

Once again it is my pleasure to offer myself as a candidate for the Babergh District Council Elections on 3rd May

I have already been your councillor for 2 terms (8 years) but will be willing if elected to serve you for another 4 year term. It is hard to work and sometimes difficult to please everybody but I have done my best to achieve the best deal for all my residents and if elected will continue to do so.

I am a self employed furniture maker and have worked in the local area for over 30 years.

My interests in what little spare time I have are long walks, football, cricket, music and of course, current affairs.

I am disillusioned with National politics but locally, democracy is alive and well. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I possibly can whilst delivering my election campaign leaflets.

Thank you

Bryn Hurren



Box River Benefice, directory of clubs & Organisations

Boxford Clubs & Organisations

1st Boxford Beaver Scouts
1st Boxford Brownies
1st Boxford Cub Scouts
1st Boxford Guides
1st Boxford Rainbows
1st Boxford Scout Group
1st Boxford Explorer Scouts
3 Parishes Response
Allotments
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Boxford Bowls Club
Boxford Bounty
Boxford Carpet Bowls
Boxford Community Council
Boxford Conservative Assoc
Boxford Drama Group
Boxford Fleece Jazz Workshop
Boxford Gardens Open
Boxford Netball Club
Boxford Over 60s Club
Boxford Playing Fields
Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion
Boxford Recorder
Boxford Rovers Football Club
Boxford School
Boxford Society
Boxford Spinney
Boxford Sunflower Playgroup
Boxford Study Centre
Boxford Tennis Club
Boxford United Charities
Boxford Village Hall
Boxford Village Hall Bookings
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Box River Club
Box River News
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CE Vol Con School & Nursery Unit
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Edwardstone Parish Hall
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Edwardstone and Boxford CC

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Sally Gooderham 231327

Groton Clubs & Organisations

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Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

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Lt Waldingfield Parish Room
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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 2007

Sunday 29 April			
Edw		<i>Visiting</i>	
New		<i>Visiting</i>	
Box	0800	Holy Communion BCP	The Revd. David Abel
Gro	0930	Box River Club Family Service	
Box	1100	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
LtW	1100	Family Communion*	Graham Brook

May 2007

Wednesday 2 May

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Antony Dodd
LtW	1900	Home Communion*	Tim Harbord

Sunday 6 May, 5th Sunday of Easter			
Gro	0930	<i>United Benefice Service</i>	The Revd. David Rutherford
Box	1830	<i>Evensong</i>	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 9 May

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion*	Joy Sellers
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Sunday 13 May, 6th Sunday of Easter			
LtW		<i>Visiting</i>	
Edw	0800	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Gro	0930	Holy Communion*	David Lamming
New	0930	Morning Prayer	Diana Stock/Jean Green
Box	1100	Christian Aid Service	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 16 May

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

Thursday 17 May

Edw	1930	Ascension Day, Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
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Sunday 20 May, 7th Sunday of Easter			
New		<i>Visiting</i>	
Gro	0800	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
LtW	0930	Holy Communion*	Graham Brook
Box	1100	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Edw	1100	Morning Prayer	Antony Dodd

Wednesday 23 May

Box/MH	1030	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
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Sunday 27 May, PENTECOST SUNDAY			
Edw		<i>Visiting</i>	
LtW	0800	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Gro	0930	Morning Prayer	David Lamming
New	0930	Holy Communion with Baptism	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1100	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews

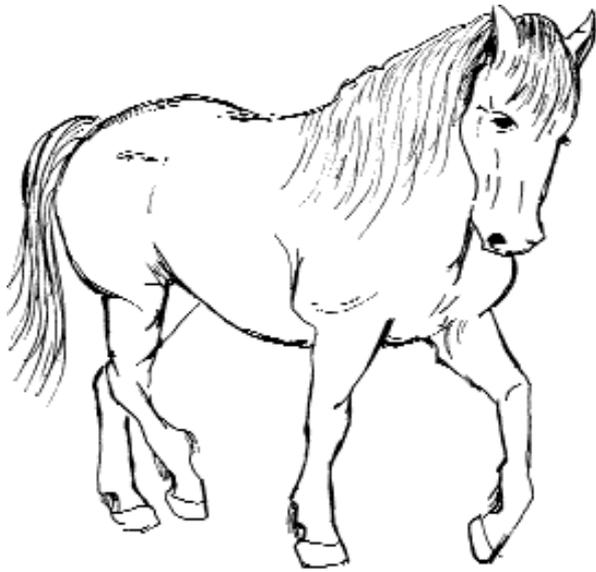
Wednesday 30 May

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

Sunday 3 June, TRINITY SUNDAY			
LtW	1100	<i>United Benefice Service</i>	The Revd. David Matthews
Box	1830	<i>Evensong</i>	Christopher Kingsbury

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Last month I found myself back in hospital to undergo what is curiously described as a “procedure”. My shorter Oxford English Dictionary (how it can be termed “short” at 2 volumes totaling around 2700 pages is beyond me) describes procedure as “the fact or manner of proceeding or going on”. It does go on to link the term with both legal and parliamentary practices, but nowhere does a medical connection merit a reference.

Pedantry aside, waiting to enter the operating theatre I had the opportunity to glance at my medical notes. Rather spookily it turned out I had last visited this particular hospital some 3 years ago, almost to the day. The occasion then was the exploratory operation that was to lead to 2 major operations and a lengthy period of convalescence. What I could not recall was whether the process of being dealt with was as convoluted then as now.

The forms I had to fill in and sign and the formal handing over process from ward nurse to theatre orderly and thence to anaesthetist was an indication of how much bureaucracy has been piled upon the medical profession. Some of this, it is true, is a reflection of the compensation culture that is becoming prevalent in our society today. But the government has played its part too – and not just in the medical profession, either.

Recently I have had call to use the services of a plumber, a boiler maintenance engineer and an electrician – all within a comparatively short period of time. Each exponent of the skills I required had their own tale to tell about how regulation had complicated their day-to-day business and added time – and cost – to the provision of the service they provided. In my own profession, with which I am now thankfully semi-detached, complying with regulation has become an industry in its own right.

The creeping effect of regulation can be felt everywhere. While the protection that much of this regulation is meant to deliver is, on the face of it, desirable, one has to ask whether the nanny state is not getting just a teensy bit out of control. Whatever happened to caveat emptor, for example? And do not forget, too, that it all comes with a cost attached. In the end you and I pay for the regulators and the schemes they devise to protect us from ourselves.

While turning the clock back completely is probably unwise, I do wish there was some way of taking away the worst elements of our increasingly regulated society. By that I mean those jobsworths and little Hitlers that take pleasure out of applying regulations simply because they exist. You will all, I feel sure, have suffered at their hands at some stage or another. Mind you, I have a solution.

Which brings me back to how this all started. Just in case you are curious to learn what it is I had done, let me assure you that there is such a thing as too much information. When advised what the procedure involved, I spent several months hoping such a solution to the collateral damage incurred at the time of my major surgery would not prove necessary. When it was clear it would, I then had a worrying run up to what proved a very brief stay in hospital.

It did, though, prove an uncomfortable and unpleasant time for me, only mitigated in some measure by the expression on the faces of those men with whom I have shared details of the operation. Just describing what was involved brought tears to the eyes of some. Women, on the other hand, have been less affected by my plight. It is a procedure which I feel should be reserved exclusively for over-zealous regulators. But only the male variety.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council, at least until the next meeting.

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Wot's On

BOXFORD 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 and experienced bowlers are welcome to come to the club to join in a game of bowls with existing members (we can provide bowls). All you need is a pair of flat-soled shoes such as trainers or plimsols.

If you wish to come along, but cannot make the 29th April, why not come along any Monday morning during May to August a little before 10a.m.

Boxford Bowls Club has a reputation as being an extremely friendly club where new members are made most welcome.

During June we are holding three open sessions: Friday 1 June at 6.30 p.m., Saturday 9 June at 2.00 p.m. or Sunday 24 June at 10.30 a.m.

Why not come and find out what fun bowls is? It is a fast growing, family friendly, enjoyable sport. The Club is in idyllic surroundings and has first class facilities. It is open to members of all ages.

Come and experience the friendship of bowls at Boxford. The club is located off "The Croft", a footpath that runs from opposite the White Hart public house in Broad Street to the playing fields in Homefield (where there is extra car parking).

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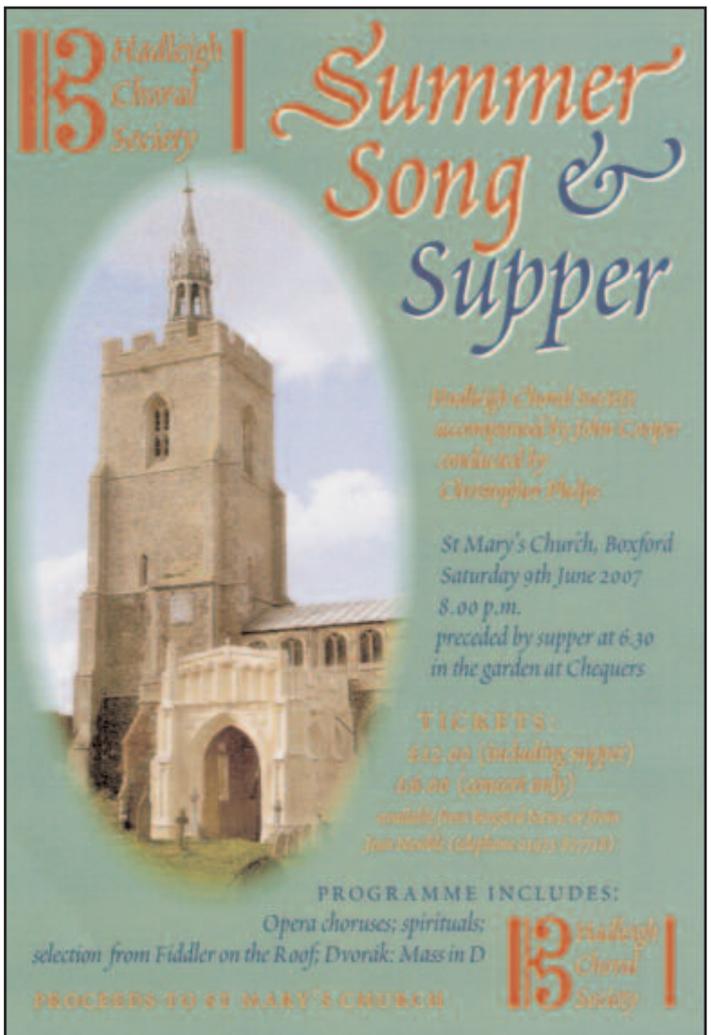
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Wot's On

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 £6 for concert only. Please come.

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Concert by "O'Musica"

Wednesday July 4th, 6.0pm, Groton Church.

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Boxford Over 60's Club

Meeting at the Village Hall at 2.30pm

Monday May 14th - Ann Newman, 'The History of Gardening'

Monday May 28th Bank Holiday no meeting

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Readers Letters

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Yours Faithfully
John Hutchinson

Sir

Why must our hedges be cut with a flail cutter, and if they are why aren't the farmers made responsible for clearing up the awful mess they leave all over the road. I was out on my bike the other night and as a result of the mess left behind by a flail I had an accident and did £50 worth of damage to my bike.

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I must assume that the flail is used to get the cheapest job possible and to heck with everyone else

Mr Coe, Newton Green

Sir

Mrs. Joan Cooper.

Before she died, Joan asked that at her funeral, (that took place on the 11th April in Boxford Church), that any money donated at the service should be given to the Boxford Church Building Trust.

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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

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Wot's On

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.

The National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens Suffolk Group

NEW CHELSEA WALLFLOWER At NCCPG Plant Sale

Helmingham Hall, Stowmarket, Suffolk

Sunday 27th May 2007 10.30 am - 4pm

800 plants of the new perennial wallflower 'My old mum' launched at the 2007 Chelsea Flower Show will be given away free at the NCCPG Suffolk Group's popular spring plant sale on Sunday 27th May 2007 at

Helmingham Hall, Suffolk.

The wallflower is a new cultivar raised by Robin Bird at Bridgend Nurseries and named after his mum who has Alzheimer's Disease. The NCCPG's plant sale, the day after Chelsea finishes, is the first occasion when it will be available to the general public.

Over twenty-five specialist nurseries, several of them hotfoot from exhibiting at Chelsea, will be selling a wide range of unusual and popular plants ranging from hostas, ferns and clematis to olive trees. This year there will be a special focus on encouraging children to become involved in growing plants in the Children's Corner where Boxford School is taking part (Mrs. Dainty in charge). There will also be a 'Grow your own veg' display which compliments the RHS's campaign.

Visitors to the plant sale can also enjoy Helmingham's dramatic spring borders, knot and herb garden, nineteenth century parterre, ancient deer park and Victorian kitchen garden.

Entry to plant sale £4.50 including admission to Helmingham Hall Gardens. (9m. NE of Ipswich on B1077.) Free parking. Home made lunches and teas.



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Wot's On

Monks Eleigh Bygone Collector's Club BYGONE COLLECTORS RALLY 16th & 17th June

MEBCC invites you to join in the fun at Gt. Waldingfield Airfield, Nr. Sudbury. Vintage Tractors, Stationary Engines, Steam Engines, Vintage/Classic Cars and Motor Bikes.

Also Collectors Exhibition, Bygone Sales, Table Top Sales, Trade Stands, Craft Stalls, Charity Stalls. Ring Events & Dogs Full Licensed Bar

The site has hard standing and grass. There are plenty of camping spaces, caravans are welcome. Entertainment on Saturday evening. Please come along to take part in this friendly fun event!

For Entry Forms and Information Please contact Julie 01787 227695 Or Paul 01787 372478

1940's Exhibition & Dance 2nd June

1940's Exhibits and Displays from 10am to 5pm followed by 1940's Dance from 8 pm to Midnight with dance exhibitions by Jive Dancers at Long Melford British Legion. Come in Period Dress (Prize for best costume)

Tickets £1.00 for the Exhibition and Dance 8pm till Midnight £3.00 Contact Paul Goodchild for more information 01787 372478

BOXFORD W.I.

Our 'Bring-a-friend' afternoon, proved very successful, with quite a few members sharing the meeting with their friends, a couple of whom were so impressed they decided to join and immediately put their names down for a forthcoming visit to Leavenheath WI!

Our speaker this month was Celia Simms who gave us an interesting insight into the world of the diplomat's wife in the late 1950's to the 1970's, and the life style that they enjoyed in her husbands various postings to South Africa, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), Sierra Leone and Australia. The stark contrast between her life and social round with those of the local people who were employed to cook, child-mind, garden etc. were graphically painted, and details about dress code and etiquette served to illustrate this. Finally, Celia described her very different life after diplomatic service as her husband struggled to make a success of his vineyard.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd May, which is our 'resolutions' discussion followed by a beetle drive.

We meet at the village hall at 2pm to 4pm, contact Elaine Paget on 01787 210501 or Iris Robinson on 01473 658567 for further information

TEDDY BEARS CORNER

Church Fete 23rd June - 2-5pm

At Boxford Primary School

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is this years theme

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BOXFORD NETBALL CLUB BEETLE DRIVE

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7:30pm START

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SATURDAY 23RD JUNE from 2 - 5 pm
IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Our fete has a new look this year - all the old favourites but a different venue and a very special Teddy Bears' corner which will be a great attraction to all our younger visitors. Stalls, games, entertainments, bouncy castle and teas.

We shall be very grateful for donations of cakes, produce, plants, books, gifts and raffle prizes and if you will telephone Cynthia Wanniarachy on 211182, I will arrange collection.

Further announcements in the May issue.

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Wot's On

Boxford Drama Group

The drama group presents on 7th, 8th and 9th of June two, one act plays written and directed by Elaine Horne. These come under the heading of Family Matters. One is titled the 'Love Of Her Life' and the other is called 'Sylvies wedding'. Anyone who has seen Elaine's other plays will know that these are real winners and are a must to see. As a long term resident of Boxford, Elaine's efforts on behalf of Village Hall and her own charity in Sri Lanka are to be especially commended so please give her and the Drama Group your continued loyal support. Tickets go on sale on Saturday the 5th of May from Boxford News. Tickets are £10. There will be a licensed bar and the usual sumptuous supper during the interval. So see you all at the Village Hall on 7/8/9 of June at 7.30pm. Thank you for your support we could not do it without your support
Derek (I can't remember my lines) Butler. Producer

GARDENERS QUESTION TIME

Bring your garden questions or problems to the experts - Andrew Tokely of Thompson Morgan Seeds, Ipswich and Matthew Tanton-Brown of "The Place for Plants" in East Bergholt. Both gentlemen can be heard regularly on Radio Suffolk but on Friday 8th June they will be taking your questions at Polstead Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. There will interval refreshments and a raffle with proceeds going to the Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding. Tickets £6, with cheques payable to the Shelley Centre, are available from the Shelley Centre or send sae with payment to Diane Godfrey, Stable House, Tye Lane, Bramford Tye, Ipswich IP8 4JZ.

Kersey Plant Sale

Kersey Village Hall, Saturday 12th May
2.00pm to 4.00pm

In aid of Kersey Community Playground
Entrance 20p children free

For a stall or information please call Bryn 01473 822737, Mark 01787 211538 or Linda 01787 210137

Parish Council Matters

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The council met on 3rd April.

7 councillors and a villager attended.

Police matters. Neither officer attended and there was no report.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising. BDC Notices have been placed on the Bottlebank requesting "No Dumping of Rubbish"

Financial Matters. A donation to SARS of £40 was made and the rent for 12 months use of the Parish Room at £18 was paid. A cheque for our subscription to LCR for £13.50 was signed.

Planning Matters. BDC have outlined their reasons for the enforcement notice at Park Farm. BDC to be asked the position regarding the tennis court at Bell House.

Correspondence. We are supporting the free postage for parcels to our forces overseas campaign.

Footpaths. Our Footpath Warden is to investigate the obstruction to Footpath 2.

Churchyard. Two cuts have now been made and already it is looking tidier.

Any Other Business. The flytipping near Humble Green continues to be a problem. Terry Western has decided to resign in May. He was thanked for his long service.

The Next Meeting will be on 22nd May in the Parish Room. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm.

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Here are some dates for your diary: -

8th May Our AGM.

9th June The Beetle Drive

6th October The Alternative Horticultural Show. Forms will be available next month.

17th November St Edmunds Day Quiz Night.

(The actual day is the 20th.)

BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

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