

# Box River News

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## YEAR 4 VICTORY STREET PARTY AT BOXFORD SCHOOL



**Boxford Primary year 4 held a street party on Friday 6th July.**

They had been working on world war two as a project during the summer term and decided to finish with a street party. They invited their parents and grandparents to join them at the school where they were treated to some of the austere treats that only folk of my great age will remember. The Children were dressed in the style of the period and some were wearing military uniforms and most of the lads were in shorts. the tables were festooned with Union Jacks and the bunting was strung out amongst the trees. Jelly and Ice cream, Potato Cakes, egg less rather flat sponge cakes and cocoa cakes followed the vegetable soup starter.

The tables were set out in a V for Victory shape and after the Feast we all joined in singing some of the popular songs enjoyed during the war including Run Rabbit Run and White Cliffs of Dover.

The event was organised by Wendy Mitson resplendent in her 1940's dress and after the event we were able to view the work the children had been involved with during the term. Year 4 were a credit to the school as always.

*Left: Parents and especially, Grandparents, enjoy the 1940's feast.*

*Below: Run Rabbit Run never sounded so good.*



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# 'O' Musica'



*Left: the choir enter the Church from the porch which later was used as a changing room. In the background is Anthea Scriven one of the organisers of the event.*

*Above: in full voice*

The French Children's Choir 'O'Musica', enchanted a packed Bartholemews Church in Groton on Wednesday 4th of July. The Choir, based in Paris, spent 6 days here, staying in the Spinney, and rehearsing their singing every day, culminating in the concert.

As the choir entered the church they sang a Gregorian Chant "Jesu Redemptor", and continued with a mixed programme including Mozart and Offenbach together with a number of traditional French songs followed by a Jazz version of "le joueur de flûte de Hamelin" [piper of Hamelin] especially written for children by one of the best known French Jazz composers and musician. The evening was rounded off with a Gospel number 'O' Happy Day,' and Charles Trenets 'Toute la Semaine depuis Lundi' .

After various presentations the Choir and audience enjoyed refreshments and the chance to chat about the event. All agreed it had been a memorable evening.



## **Friday, 3rd August, 8.30 Ticket £20 Stan Tracey Quartet**

Pianist, composer and arranger Stan Tracey makes a very welcome return to the Fleece. Not only a truly iconic figure in British jazz, Stan is also renowned by jazz fans worldwide. Inspired by Ellington and Monk he has consistently displayed a distinctive sometimes quirkily personal touch in his playing. With the unmistakable saxophone sound of Bobby Wellins, the bass of Andy Cleyndert and the drums of Clark Tracey this is an evening to savour.

## **Friday, 10th August, 8.30 Ticket £15 Alan Skidmore**

British jazz legend Alan Skidmore goes a considerable way to recreating the atmosphere of a John Coltrane gig. Here is a man for all seasons, a player with immense physical and imaginative stamina, who is at home in any context, from tight structures to total abstraction, and with any tempo, from breakneck to slow. Alan's Quartet is completed by Steve Melling piano, Mick Coady bass and Ian Palmer drums. Alan's latest CD "Impressions of John Coltrane" (a double disc) was recorded live here at the Fleece by our sound man David Lyons in December 2005.

## **Friday, 17th August, 8.30 Ticket £12 Victoria Newton**

This effervescent Australian vocalist has delighted audiences worldwide with her unique combination of energy, spontaneity and musicianship. Victoria is one of the best exponents of Latin/jazz vocals around with a rich sensual voice and a powerful charismatic stage presence. Her classy band is Tim Laphorn piano, Tim Dawes bass and Mike Bradley drums.

## **Friday, 24th August, 8.30 Ticket £12 Lewis Wright**

The transition from drums to piano and finally vibraphone produced a young musician whose talent defied belief when he made his Fleece debut aged 15 in April 2004. Lewis leads his quartet of Simon Brown piano, Andy Doyle bass and Will Clark drums for what promises to be another storming gig.

## **Friday, 31st August, 8.30 Ticket £12 Blake Wilner Quartet**

Blake Wilner is an individual voice on the guitar. Reflective, with a distinctive approach to composition, his pieces are lyrical, melodic and attractive. Solos are clean and spacious, and the result of concentrated thought. This is contemporary jazz at its best with some of the finest dynamic music on current offer. Blake's long time collaborator, expat Australian saxophonist Brandon Allen joins him together with bassist Oli Hayhurst and drummer Chris Hutchings.

## **Friday, 7th September, 8.30 Ticket £16 Clark Tracey Quintet**

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# BOXFORD CHURCH FETE

Despite the wet and unsettled weather, I am delighted to say that we had a most enjoyable afternoon, raising some £1560 for church funds. My very grateful thanks to Michael Gray and his helpers who set up the event in both the village hall and the school grounds, to Lil Benton and her Guides who, having erected their tent on the previous evening, then had to



change all their plans and serve tea in the hall, and, of course, to all the enthusiastic stall holders who made the best of the space available to them. We were delighted to include a special Teddy Bears' Corner this year and the children were kept happily entertained with the Punch and Judy shows and balloon twisting.

The Stoke Middle School Jazz Band played enthusiastically under a rather flimsy tent and Susan and Sam Block turned up with their beautifully behaved donkeys and gave much pleasure to the younger children. Thank you so much to all who supported this annual fund raising event. *Cynthia Wanniarachy.*

*Left: Children enjoying Punch and Judy on the stage in the Village Hall.*

*Above: Another view of Punch and Judy with some of the stalls in the foreground.*

## GREEN GROUP GETS GOING



*Above: The Rice Sisters, Linda Drake (left) and Elaine Carpenter with Dave Hampton (centre!) one of the two speakers at the inaugural meeting*

The 3 Parishes Green Team was launched on Friday 13th July with an interactive Workshop on Climate Challenge. We were delighted with the high number who attended this lively and stimulating evening. Our next event will be a talk by Dr Jonathan Belsey on the Eco House he is planning to build in Boxford on THURSDAY 16TH AUGUST from 7.30-9.30pm. in the function room at the Boxford Fleece. Please ring Elaine Carpenter on 210601 or Linda Drake on 210850 if you would like to attend.

**BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWL CLUB 100 CLUB WINNERS FOR JULY**  
£40 – F Corner, £15 – P Spragg, £7 – Mrs V Leeder.

## SUFFOLK YOUTH GAMES



Competing in the long jump, Richard Abbott from Boxford was one of many representing Baberg at the Suffolk Youth Games.

Baberg Athletics Club now meets at Sudbury Upper School every Monday from 5:00 until 6:00.

If you are a schoolchild who would like to give athletics a go, come and join us any Monday in Sudbury.

### T & J Soccer Academy

T & J Soccer Academy will be running a summer soccer camp at Homefield in Boxford. For Girls and Boys aged between 5 and 14, the camp will run 10am-3pm Monday 20th August till Thursday 23rd August. To book your place at £12.50 per day or £45 for all 4 days, ring *Tony Ashby* on 07791 662819

### Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club

Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club will be hosting a MUSIC QUIZ on the 6th October and Dancing to the sound of CHASER on 15th December. Both events will feature a licensed bar. Further details nearer the events.

# BOXFORD ST MARY'S CELEBRATION OF FLOWERS



The Boxford St Mary's Celebration of Flowers took place over the weekend of 29th June to 1st July with each display representing an event in the life of Mary, mother of Jesus. Pupils of Boxford School had also set up a display of their work, which together with twelve floral displays made up the Celebration.

We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped to make the church so lovely for the occasion and to Joan Matthews who produced such delicious refreshments and her team of helpers.

We would also like to thank the school and the Box River Club for their contributions to the event. We managed to raise £320 for the Boxford Church Building Trust. *Jill Nation and Margaret Hamline*

*Left: The Birth at Bethlehem*

*Below: Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth*



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*Left: A post war photograph of The Compasses which for a short time had its rendering removed from its external timbers*

*Below Left: Some of the village lads interrupt a game of cricket to pose for the photographer between the wars*

*Below Right: A charabang parked by the bridge whilst the uniformed driver stretches his legs, probably late 20's*



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# BOXFORD WATERWORKS



*Who is this posing outside the old pump house?*

When we bought Cox Hill House in 2003, we found the property included the old village Pumphouse. It was in need of restoration but the work has had to wait until more important jobs were completed. Now, at last, we have an extension to our living accommodation which we believe is faithful to the original Fletton brick structure built in 1936 by Cosford Rural District Council, as the plaque on the building testifies.

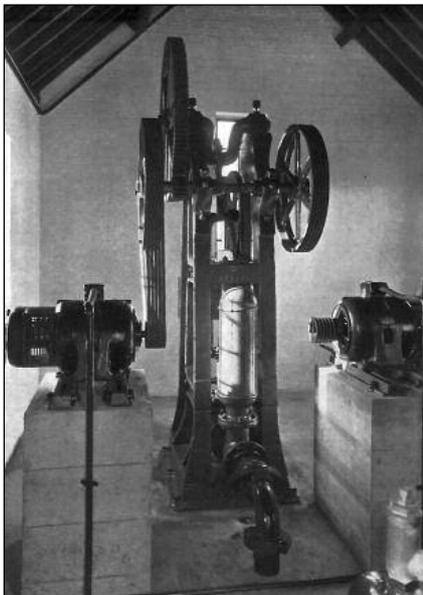
With the enthusiastic help of Percy Fletcher, I have been able to trace the history of this important Boxford building. An illustrated brochure produced by Cosford RDC describes, with a Victorian-like civic pride, the "Official Inauguration of New Water Undertakings" to serve the parishes of Bildeston, Boxford, Brettenham, Edwardstone, Lavenham and Nedging-with-Naughton on 5th February 1937 by the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, the Earl of Stradbroke.

It seems that it was the offer of Government grants in 1934 that spurred on the Council. At that time, there were only two water power plants in the District and villages depended on pumps over shallow wells which in Boxford, at river level, were liable to serious pollution. Pond supplies were also common. In some parishes including Boxford, new power schemes "permitting of full house connections" were installed. Elsewhere, villages like Kersey had to make do with hand-pumps which "can easily be worked by a woman notwithstanding a lift of over 100 feet in some cases"!

As we know, hereabouts the water is hard. The new schemes included softening plants by Permutit. Several consultants and contractors were involved and in Boxford's case, the Pumphouse itself was built by Mr. W.B. Kingsbury. The borehole was 261 feet and yielded 51,840 gallons daily. The water was delivered to a pressed steel water tower with a capacity of 40,000 gallons (three days' supply).

Later, in 1955 Cosford RDC began laying water mains in the area. And in 1959, I believe Mr. Wysock Crundall, the farmer, bought the Boxford Waterworks and used it for irrigation. Much later still, in 1977, the then owner of Cox Hill House (Captain Mc Whirter) carried out test pumping but whether he ever irrigated his fruit farm I do not know. For us, this fascinating part of Boxford history has made a fine addition to our property.

*Jeremy Wagener*



# LEGAL AID WILLS

Fisher Jones Greenwood always tries to keep people informed about aspects of the law which are often not well publicised, particularly in relation to Legal Aid. In this article we would like to highlight that Legal Aid is available for certain groups of people to enable them to make a Will.

First a little bit about the means test to establish eligibility for Legal Aid. Legal Aid is available to those on limited incomes subject to a means test. Someone in receipt of income support or income based job seeker's allowance will automatically qualify for Legal Aid. Anyone else would have to undergo a simple means test to assess whether they qualify. This generally involves a number of questions about income and capital.

You can check for yourself in the first instance if you qualify for Legal Aid by going to the Legal Services Commission website at [www.legalservices.gov.uk](http://www.legalservices.gov.uk) and using the eligibility calculator.

If you do pass the Legal Aid means test and fit into one or more of the categories below you will be eligible to have your will drawn up under Legal Aid scheme. You must be:-

- A person aged 70 or over; or
- A disabled person within the meaning of section 1 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995; or
- The parent of a disabled person (as defined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1995) who wishes to provide for that person in a will; or
- The parent of a minor who is living with that parent but not the other parent and the parent the child resides with wishes to appoint a guardian for the minor in a will:

A will is one of the most important documents of your life and lays out how you would like your assets, e.g. a property, personal possessions, savings, pension benefits etc. (collectively known as your "estate") divided amongst your relatives when you die. You can also make provision for guardianship of your children in your will and it is therefore worth taking the time to get one prepared.

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Patricia Bridges is currently researching the names of the men on the War Memorial in Little Waldingfield and has now completed her research on Charles Stephen Bartlett. The story of two more of the lads from the village who lost their lives in WWI are also almost complete.

## Private Charles Stephen Bartlett

Ambrose and Mary Bartlett were Little Waldingfield people, their son William was baptised in the parish church on 24th July 1739.

In 1774 William married Susannah Vincent a village girl, daughter of Philip Vincent and Elizabeth Baker. He worked on the land and she brought up their family : Susan, Elizabeth, Ann, Mary, Sarah, Philip Vincent, Henry and their son William who was born in 1796. William Bartlett died in 1816 aged 77 and is buried in our churchyard. In December of 1820 Susannah died at the age of 69 years.

In 1820 their son William married Sarah King, who came from the village of Great Cornard. By the time of the Census in 1841 William was working as an Agricultural Labourer and Sarah remained at home in Church Street with their children Henry, Maria, George, Susan, William, Alfred born 1833, and Emma. Ten years later and several of the children have married and William and Sarah are home with their sons George, William and Alfred.

Just like his father and grandfather, Alfred lived and worked in Little Waldingfield as an Agricultural Labourer. In February 1866 he married an Edwardstone girl, Sarah Tuffen the daughter of James Tuffen and Sarah (nee Wass). They had a large family of thirteen children - Louisa, Florence Augusta, Eva Anne, Drusilla Elizabeth, Alberta Emily, Alice Lavinia, Joseph Alfred, James William, Caroline Ruth, Gertrude Letitia Ellen (who sadly died before the age of one year), Ada Priscilla, Charles Stephen born in 1883, Gertrude Lillian and little grand-daughter Ethel.

In the 1891 Census the family are living in The Street, and we find that several of the children are recorded using their second names. Alice then aged 17 was an apprentice dressmaker, while Alfred and William were working on the village land as their family had done for generations.

Charles Stephen Bartlett 1883 - 1918

However, in 1901 Charles was working away from home, he was a boarder in the household of Frederick and Margaret Highley in Church End, Willesden, Middlesex. His occupation - Milkman.

By 1910 Charles moved even further away from his Suffolk roots. He arrived in Quebec, Canada aboard the SS Lake Champlain on the 5th June.

In the Canadian Census of 1911 he was living in the province of Saskatchewan, the middle of the three prairie provinces. He was boarding with a family in the town of Lemburg, Alfred and Winifred Bugg, and their children Thomas, Robert and Sarah. There is another boarder at the house, Frank Thomas, who like Charles is listed as being a Labourer.

On January 9th 1916 at the capital city of Regina, Saskatchewan Charles Stephen Bartlett made his attestation to serve with the Canadian Army and signed an oath to bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth. He had agreed to serve with the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force. His home address is Lemburg, Saskatchewan and his occupation was given as farmer. Alfred Bartlett, his father, is listed as his next of kin.

At the end of October 1918 a battle took place at Aulnoy village in the Nord Department of France close to the town of Valenciennes. The Canadians had advanced down the west side of the Canal l'Escaut early in October, until they had reached a position opposite Valenciennes. The enemy dammed the river lower down and flooded the area around the city. For three weeks the two armies viewed each other across the watery expanse with no other excitement than occasionally sniping at each other. Then the orders came to the Canadians to move back for an attack on the city from the south.

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The attack opened with a heavy artillery and smoke barrage before dawn. The first wave of infantry went over the top and advanced to its objective, capturing Mount Houy, a steep wooded hill, strongly held, which has proved fatal to several previous attacks. When the leading battalion had reached Aulnoy, the 46th Battalion passed through and carried the attack to the final objective, the main railway in Valenciennes.

Records show that on the 1st November the Allies were attacked with machine gun fire, causing many casualties. In the final days of The Great

War, on 1st November 1918. Private C S Bartlett of the 46th Battalion of the Canadian Infantry (Saskatchewan Regiment) was killed in action in France. He was 36 years old.

Charles is buried in the Aulnoy Community Cemetery (there is a plot at the west end of the cemetery which is enclosed by a stone curb and is cared for by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission - the reference for Private Bartlett is C,1,7). There are over 150 war casualties commemorated at this cemetery who fell in that battle in late October and early November 1918.

His name is also remembered on a headstone in our Churchyard together with his parents Alfred and Sarah. *Patricia Bridges*

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## Open Farm Sunday – 10th June

Simon and Tracey of Scotland Place Farm, Stoke-by-Nayland would like to thank everyone, who visited the farm and supported Cancer Research UK. We would also like to thank all our family and friends that helped on the day and made it all possible.

Thank you to L.S.Eaves Ltd, who filled a car with balloons and donated a prize for the "Guess how many balloons in the car" competition. There were 98 balloons and the winner was from Nayland.

The total amount raised for Cancer Research UK was £703.50.

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## SSATAG and the Public Inquiry

SSATAG will be giving evidence to the Inquiry into the expansion of Stansted Airport on Thursday 12th July. Their written submission consisted of an assessment of the impact of any expansion at Stansted in our area, together with the necessary Proofs of Evidence. As you may well imagine this has taken an immense effort to put together and grateful thanks must go to Dick Histed who undertook the lion's share of this work.

The further inquiry will be held in a session at the Sudbury Town Hall on Tuesday, 4th September. SSATAG will not be speaking at the event as we will have given evidence to the main Inquiry but we will be in attendance. We also encourage you, together with your friends and neighbours, to attend this meeting to show the strength of feeling in the area. This meeting has the same standing as the scheduled proceedings at Endeavour House.

If you wish to speak at this event you will have to register with: Simon Osborn, PO Services, 1 Lower Farm Cottages, Puttock End, Belchamp Walter, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 7BA  
Tel; 07710 969411, Email; [poservices@fsmail.net](mailto:poservices@fsmail.net)



SSATAG Supporters at Stanstead on 21st June

## Boxford Sunflower Playgroup

Boxford Sunflower Playgroup would like to thank everyone who either brought books or tickets for name the teddy, the teddy raffle or the 1hr flight at the 'It's a knockout' day. You helped us raise £320 which has gone into the fund to help buy new equipment for the playgroup. We still have a long way to go and have several events lined up for the forthcoming months. Winners of the teddy and the flight have been contacted. We hope you enjoy your prizes and once again a huge thank you to everyone who supported us in helping, donations, and buying!

Kind regards, *Boxford Sunflower Playgroup.*

## Senior Citizen's Outing 13th June 2007

A big thank you to all the drivers who took on the map reading tasks, route reading and chaperone duties for our senior citizens outing this year (many of us were senior citizens). Our task was made slightly more difficult by having to drop off and park in Ipswich town centre but everybody arrived on time (except me) and an enjoyable evening was had, especially the ice creams. Thank you everybody for turning out and making this a special annual event, see you next year.

*Peter Hibben* – Chairman - Community Council Social Committee

## Redecoration of Boxford Village Hall

It has been agreed that preparation for redecoration work would be carried out in July, ready to start paintwork in August. The work will be carried out on a voluntary basis, so completion date depends on how many volunteers we can muster to help, regardless we shall make a start. There will be costs of course, but we are hopeful although not guaranteed of having some paint donated. Anyone with a bit of time to spare who would like to volunteer to help would be most welcome, please contact Finlay Hunter Tel. 01787 211381

### Major Repairs

We still have major repairs that require attention such as new roof and disabled toilet facilities, which after redecoration we plan quite a few fundraising events to start a fund for that purpose, to eventually put the hall in a good state of repair ensuring the hall a future for the people of the three parishes.

**Village Hall Hire.** The village hall is available for hire for functions, meetings and private parties at very reasonable rates. Anyone interested in starting a new group in the hall. There would initially be some help available to get you started. Enquiries for bookings and hire charges please telephone. **01787210682**

## Proposed Boxford Garden Society

It is hoped that we could start up a group for Gardeners who at a later date could possibly form a Boxford Gardening Society enabling us to perhaps organise competitions and displays. Regardless it would bring gardeners together to share information and help each other. This I am sure would be beneficial to all us amateur gardeners. We would hope to arrange some professional gardeners to give talks and advice from time to time. Anyone interested in joining such a group we would be pleased to hear from you. For further information please telephone 01787 211381

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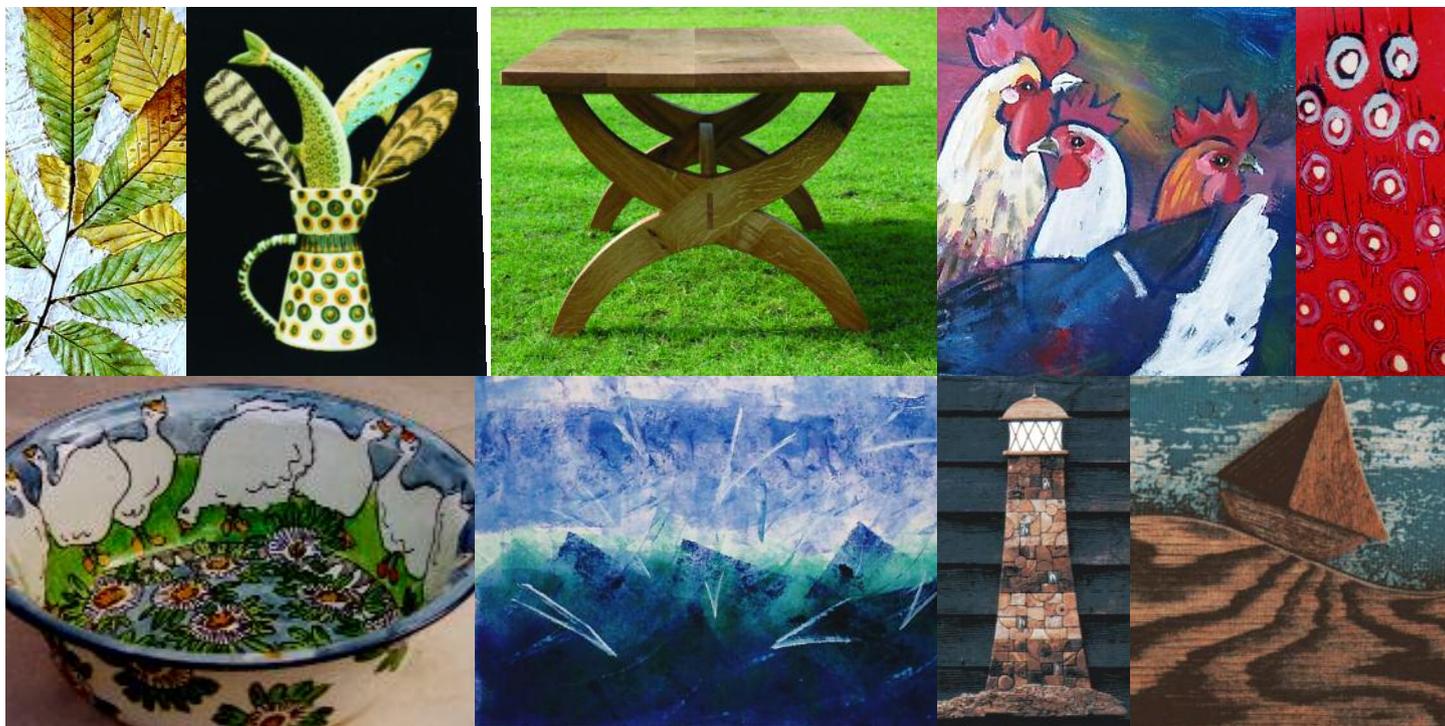
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## Wot's On

### AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

#### Herbs are more than a Garnish

The Fund-Raising team of Groton Church can now give you more details of the plans for August 24th -27th . The weekend will begin in St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton on **Friday Aug. 24th** with a lecture at 6.30pm by the famous "Herb Queen", Jekka McVicar, entitled "Herbs are more than a Garnish"; this will be followed by light refreshments, and will cost £10. On **Saturday Aug. 25th** there will be a Lunch at 12.30, and this will be followed by another lecture by Jekka, called "Fourteen Years at the Chelsea Flower Show"; the lunch and lecture will cost £15, but for the keen enthusiasts, there will be a bargain price of £20 if you sign up for both lectures; there will also be a Bar on both days. The Church will be beautifully decorated with Cottage Garden Herbs and Flowers, and will be open for viewing between 10.00am and 5.0pm on Sunday 26th and Monday 27th when coffee etc. will be served, so even if you do not wish to attend the lectures, please do pop in to the Church during the weekend to admire the flowers. There will also be a Children's Scarecrow Competition, details from Jayne Foster [211360] The tickets for the lectures are available from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319]. Several people have already booked their tickets, as the numbers are limited, so make sure you don't miss this unique opportunity.

#### GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees will meet on Tuesday 25th September, 2007 to consider applications for grant aid from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the area of benefit as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, i.e. those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881! Details and application forms may be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Sudbury, C010 5ER Tel:- 01787 210263 Completed applications to be received by 31st August. Applications from organisations serving the above area will also be considered.

#### Little Waldingfield Flower Festival

The Little Waldingfield Flower Festival will be held this year on Saturday/Sunday 8th and 9th September with a preview in the evening of Friday 7th September. Stalls, lunches, teas will be available. Please come and help us to make the event a great success.

#### River Stour Trust Registered charity number 2S7806

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2007

Boat trips are available on Sundays and Bank Holidays from Easter to October and on Wednesdays in the school summer holidays, from: Flatford to Fen Bridge (Stour Trusty II). 01206 392656 Sudbury to Great Cornard and Henny (Rosette). 0845 803 5787 Morning Coffee, Lunches, Home Made Cakes and Afternoon Teas: Easter to October at The Granary, Sudbury, Sundays/Bank Holidays.

**Saturday 4 August** Coracle Event and Family Picnic, Bures Recreation Ground, More details: Andrew Richardson, 01787 376287

**Saturday 19 August** Family BBQ and Picnic at the Visitor/Education Centre, 12 noon to 5.00 p.m. More details: 01787313199

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Call your village contact below to obtain a sponsorship form which tells you how it all works. Families are especially welcome. Ride as far or as little as you like. Refreshments are provided at each church and a good time is had by all. Even if you can't take part helpers who will give an hour to greet visiting cyclists are always needed and we shall be pleased to hear from you too.

Boxford: Barrie Thorpe 211346 Newton: Diane Stock 312828

Edwardstone: Jan Paul 210972 Groton: Peter Kennedy-Scott 210319

Little Waldingfield Alison Carse 247585

#### SESAW Animal Rescue

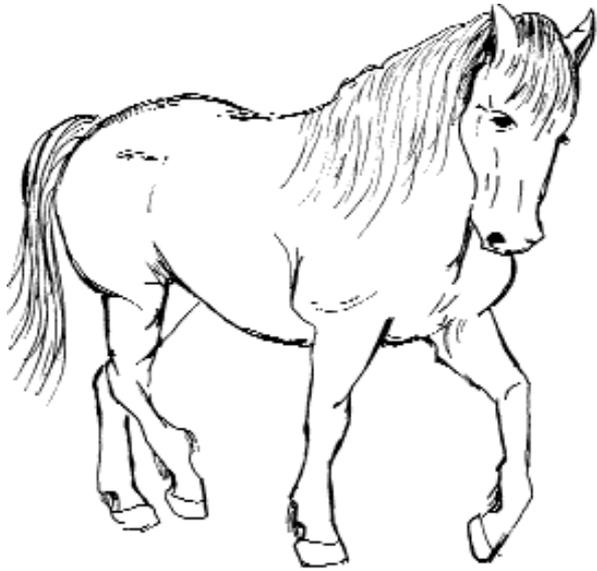
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# Wot's On

## Boxford Over 60's

Meeting at 2.30pm

**August 6th**, Garden Meeting at Jenny Robinson's - not before 2.30pm please. Will you also bring a chair if possible. If it is raining the meeting will be in the village hall

**August 16th** Thursday Coach trip to Frinton and Walton leaving from the Fleece at 10.30pm returning approx 4.30pm. Members £5.75 non-members £6.75. Please contact Barbara on 210936 or Shirley on 210024. Non members are always welcome.

On behalf of the members of the Over 60's Club, we would like to thank all those involved in arranging and giving up their spare time to give us another lovely mystery outing on June 13th. This time to the Regent Theatre in Ipswich. How many senior citizens are as lucky as us to live in such a caring and lovely village. *Thank You*

## Boxford WI

Our July meeting turned out to be pretty busy with many reports of previous events. First a report on the Gainsborough games evening which was attended by a team of 4 brave souls who competed in a serious of activities such as speed knitting, button sewing, tiddly-winks, various quizzes and other events. We came a very respectable 6th of 18. We also heard about the Hadleigh evening WI Garden Party, which 2 lucky members were invited to. They started with a game of (Hadleigh rules) croquet followed by a fantastic buffet. They were even blessed with having the only dry evening of that week!

Later we were visited by Marion Collis, president of Bures WI, who attended the AGM on behalf of our federation. She gave a detailed report of the day and told us about the progress of the resolution to lobby the government to revise it's decision to close local hospitals.

Our official speaker, Karen Kenny, then gave an interesting, educational and often humorous, talk on container gardening. Next months meeting, on Wednesday 1st August, we will hear all about the visit to Somerleyton Hall some members are going on, and Meg Brown will be telling us all about British and American quilts. Anyone interested is welcome to attend, at the Village Hall from 2pm.

## GAINSBOROUGH'S HOUSE, SUDBURY SUFFOLK Sculpture in the Garden:

Mary Butcher, 5 May - 8 September 2007

From May to September 2007, Gainsborough's House is showing a new exhibition of the outstanding sculpture by Mary Butcher, made exclusively for the site. Gainsborough's House, in the small market town of Sudbury, has a charming garden which these intriguing sculptures have made their home for the summer.

Mary Butcher is an experienced basket maker, as well as writer, curator and historian. Originally educated as a zoologist and botanist, she moved into basket making in the 1970s as a traditional willow specialist and has been a practised and well-regarded instructor since 1984. While a Research Fellow at Manchester Metropolitan University in the 1990s she moved away from traditional basket-making techniques and into the sculptural forms she now works with.

Mary Butcher will be giving an illustrated talk at Gainsborough's House on Wednesday 6 June at 3pm. Offering a fascinating insight into the thought process and techniques of her highly individual work, followed by a guided tour of the exhibition with the artist (weather permitting). For tickets or further information contact Gainsborough's House on 01787 372958 or Email: man@gainsborough.org

## BROADWAY HIT COMES TO BOXFORD

A Broadway hit comes to Boxford in September when Boxford Drama Group presents the romantic comedy *Same Time, Next Year* by Bernard Slade. It's the story of George and Doris who meet at a California hotel in 1951, have an affair and continue to meet every year, same time, same place. Over twenty five years, their individual changing lives, their personal problems, their private tragedies and the changing times which range from the rock and roll years of the fifties, through the hippy revolution of the sixties, are reflected in their annual affair which has its ups and downs of its own. It's a play full of comedy, romance and tears. *Same Time, Next Year* plays at the Boxford Village Hall from Thursday 13 September to Saturday 15 September. Tickets are £11 for the Friday and Saturday performance plus supper, and tickets for Thursday, without a meal, cost £6. They will be on sale from 11 August from the Boxford newsagent

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# Forthcoming Events Diary

## July

28 Bingo and Curry night	Boxford and district Bowls Club	Edwardstone Village Hall	7.00pm
31/3Aug Automata Workshop		Ltl Waldingfield Parish Rooms	2-4pm
31 Boxford Village Hall Committee Meeting		Village Hall	7.30pm

## August

1 Boxford WI	British and American Quilts	Boxford Village Hall	2pm	
5 SESAW	Open Day	Idano	2-4pm	
6 Boxford Over 60's	Garden Meeting	Jenny Robinsons Garden	2.30pm	
16 Boxford Over 60's	Coach Trip	The Fleece	10.30am	
24/25/26 Groton PCC	Lecture "Herbs are more than a garnish"	Groton Church		TBA
24/27 Eddyfest	Beer and Music Festival	The Edwardstone White Horse		
25/27 Polstead Exhibition		Maria Martens Cottage, Polstead	10-5pm	

## September

8 Benefice Churches	SHCT Cycle ride	All Churches	10-6pm	
7/8/9 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival				
13-15 Boxford Drama Group	Same Time Next Year	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm	
22 60's Night	Fat Old Dad	Leavenheath Village Hall	7.30pm	
24 Whist Drive	Newton Village Hall			
25 Groton Educational Trust	Trustees Meeting			

## October

6 Lt Waldingfield Parish room	Alternative Horticultural Show	Parish Room	11.00am
13 Groton PCC	Harvest Supper	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm

## November

1/2 Edwardstone Christmas Fair			
10 DanceFat Old Dad	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	
17 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	St Edmund's Quiz Night	Parish Room	7.30pm

## December 1 Groton PCC

Cheese & Wine Party

Groton Village Hall

7.30pm

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

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# The Box River Parishes Church News

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*Day off: Monday*

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Graham Brook, 90 Tayler Road, Hadleigh IP7 5HR

**Lay Elders:** Tel: 01473 823723, e-mail: g\_brook\_1999@yahoo.com  
David Lamming, Lodge Farmhouse, Groton CO10 5EJ  
Tel: 01787 210360, 07968 791135 email djlamming@hotmail.com

*Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance.*

**Benefice house:** Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ

To the people of the Box River Benefice,

One of the most difficult barriers to the Christian faith and any other faith for that matter is that there are plenty of men and women in this world who seem to manage perfectly well without any kind of faith at all. I personally think they are missing something really special without actually knowing it, but I do have a vested interest. I suppose the main question they would ask is, "What's in it for me?"

Whether we like it or not, we are a religious animal. Since the beginning of becoming conscious of the world around him man has asked unanswerable questions which can only be answered by some kind of religion. When we look at the natural world, its balance, order and perfection speak of a creator. In looking at the universe a group of cosmologists recently came to the conclusion that something so ordered and mathematically perfect must have been created. However because to their scientific minds, this was unacceptable, they searched around (in their imaginations I hasten to add) and created other universes. These they called 'Multiverses', some of which were chaotic to balance the order they saw in this one. How this works in practice I am not sure because it is at this point that I lose the plot.

When man first looked inside himself he was faced with a mystery, which we would probably call the search for the meaning of life. "Why am I here?" "Why do I think?" "Why are good and evil both part of my personality?" "What happens to the essence that is me when my body dies?" Modern science tells us that we are just a mass of water, carbon and other chemicals, which react with each other to produce thoughts, feelings, memories and actions. But that still does not tell us why among all the animals we have a yearning for something almost unattainable.

From these unanswerable questions springs religion. We have a suspicion that there is something more out there and someone more out there. I personally find that science, as it unravels the mysteries of the world around us, rather than clearing things up gives me an even greater suspicion that there is a Creator. Science gives me an even greater sense that there is a purpose and a plan that we are moving toward.

Apart from meaning and purpose God gives us values. We only have to look at those places where he has been excluded from society or a section of it to see what happens once God is removed from human hearts. Not only do peace, justice and compassion go out of the window but also our created environment does too.

God also offers us the wherewithal to cope with the demands of life. Religion has been called the 'Opium of the masses' or alternatively described as a crutch for those who cannot support themselves through this life. But religion is not that simple because although it helps us meet the physical and emotional demands life places on us, it also places its own, sometimes heavy, demands on us too.

Those who do wonderful things for their fellow human beings may claim to be non-religious but are they really? God did not send his Son into the world to make us religious or pious, but to make us more human, to bring us in line with God's original blueprint for mankind. Religion is merely a means to bring us to this end. Perhaps these altruistic people who eschew religion are more religious than they think and just need to realise and acknowledge that God's love and compassion are the driving force behind theirs and all our lives.

God's richest blessings

David



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwardens:**

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

**Thought for the Month:** The gospel does not fall from the clouds like rain, by accident, but is brought by the hands of men to where God has sent it. - *John Calvin*

### **Christian Aid Week**

£1359.00 was raised during Christian Aid week (excluding tax rebates from gift envelopes) Very many thanks to all the collectors. *R Kingsbury Church Fete* Despite the very disappointing weather we raised a very welcome £1559.00 for church funds at our annual fete on 23rd June. This result is entirely due to the very efficient setting up of the event in two different venues - many thanks to Michael Gray & his helpers. Also to the enthusiastic stall holders who had to arrange their wares in the village hall rather than the school grounds.

Special thanks to Lil Benton & the Guides who having erected their tent on the previous evening had to change all their plans & serve teas in the village hall. Some events still took place in the school grounds notably the Jazz Band from Stoke Middle School who performed with great enthusiasm despite the rather flimsy shelter of a tent.

Thanks are due to those who ran games and in particular the very popular donkey rides provided by Susan Block who braved the weather to bring her beautifully behaved donkeys to the fete. It was a happy & enjoyable afternoon & the children enjoyed the Teddy bears Corner & the Punch & Judy performances.

Are there any volunteers to take on organising the fete next year please?  
*Cynthia Wanniarachy*

**House Group** The House Group meets at Brook House, Fen street Boxford 8.00pm on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month.

**Bible Study Group** Meets 1st & 3rd Monday each month at 47 Swan Street at 8.00pm We will be discussing St Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians. All are welcome to this time of fellowship. *Peter Holden*

**Benefice Prayer Group** Meets in Mary's House at 7.30pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month. Please consider spending a short time in quiet prayer & thought for the needs of the church in this benefice & community

**Little Angels Group** Meets in Church the 1st Friday each month at 2.30 pm

**Smile Lines** "Two choir members recently got married. They met by chants.

**Box River Club** Meets in the school hall Friday afternoons at 3.15 pm during term time. The Club welcomes any child who wishes to join in for fun, games, craft acting and discovering the meaning of the bible.

**Harvest Festival** to be held on September 30th at 11.00 followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch in the church.

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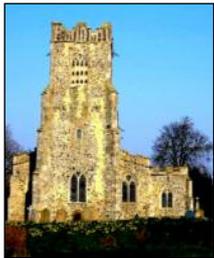
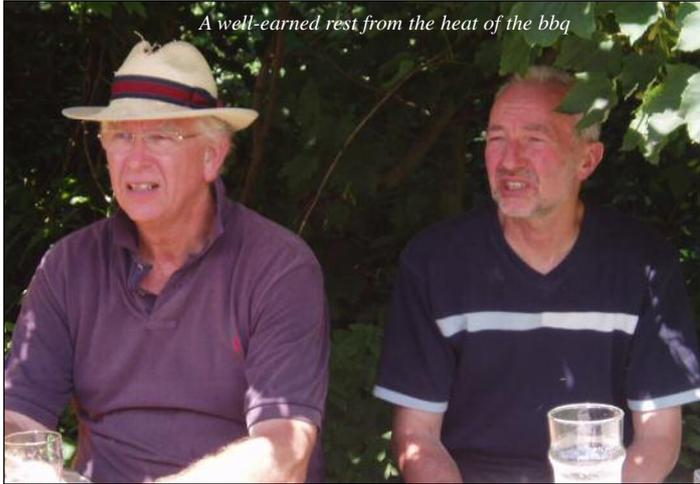


## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**  
*Vacant*

### Edwardstone Church BBQ

Once again a successful barbecue was held at Edwardstone Church, on 8th July. Even the weather turned out to be glorious, which added to a very enjoyable day. Many thanks to Jan Paul and her many helpers for making the day such a success. *David Saddleton*



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:** *Jayne Foster:*  
*Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360*  
*Sue Edwards:*  
*Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785*

### FROM THE REGISTERS:

7th July, Marriage: MATTHEW SHENTON and JUDITH WARD  
AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

### “AN EXTRAVAGANCE OF HERBS WITH FLOWERS”

The Fund-Raising team of Groton Church can now give you more details of the plans for August 24th –27th . The weekend will begin in St. Bartholomew’s Church, Groton on Friday Aug. 24th with a lecture at 6.30pm by the famous “Herb Queen”, Jekka McVicar, entitled “Herbs are more than a Garnish”; this will be followed by light refreshments, and will cost £10. On Saturday Aug. 25th there will be a Lunch at 12.30, and this will be followed by another lecture by Jekka, called “Fourteen Years at the Chelsea Flower Show”; the lunch and lecture will cost £15, but for the keen enthusiasts, there will be a bargain price of £20 if you sign up for both lectures; there will also be a Bar on both days. The Church will be beautifully decorated with Cottage Garden Herbs and Flowers, and will be open for viewing between 10.00am and 5.0pm on Sunday 26th and Monday 27th when coffee etc. will be served, so even if you do not wish to attend the lectures, please do pop in to the Church during the weekend to admire the flowers. There will also be a Children’s Scarecrow Competition, details from *Jayne Foster* [211360] The tickets for the lectures are available from *Pat Kennedy Scott* [210319]. Several people have already booked their tickets, as the numbers are limited, so make sure you don’t miss this unique opportunity.

### Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride

The Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride will be on Saturday Sept 8th, more in next month’s issue. *Peter Kennedy Scott*

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2007:** Helping poor communities to grow a future. The house-to-house collection in Groton during this year’s Christian Aid Week in May raised £394.56 (including £42 from four ‘Edwardstone’ envelopes handed to a Groton collector.) A big ‘thankyou’ to all who gave and to those who collected. *David Lamming*  
**WATER COMES TO GROTON CHURCH – OFFICIAL!**

Not Jacob’s well, but Barbara’s tap

Yes, it’s happened! In the 7th year of the 21st century (AD), water has, at last, been brought to Groton churchyard! No longer will flower arrangers have to carry buckets, or coffee makers bring flasks for after-service refreshments. And, since Barbara Riddleston was the person who kept pushing the PCC provide a water supply, it was fitting that it was Barbara who performed the official ‘tap opening’ ceremony after the morning service on Sunday 17th June, cutting the green ribbon and then turning the tap for the water to flow. (see photographs below ) At the same ceremony Anthea Scriven, vice-chairman of the PCC, presented Barbara with a plant to mark her 25 years as churchwarden. Then it was a case of ‘water into wine’ as everyone repaired to the church for celebratory refreshments. Our thanks to Charles Partridge, who enabled the PCC to lay on the water supply, and to Colin Brown of Hadleigh, who did the work. Colin also laid new drains to take the surface water from Groton Hall and it is hoped that these will solve the problem of damp in the south-west corner of the church.

### THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH-DOOR HOLE-DRILLER

Crime may be rare in Groton, but recently Groton Church became a victim. Someone has drilled a hole in the blocked-up north door. But who?—and why? And why then plug the hole on the inside with a wine-bottle cork? [There must be a story-line there for P D James or Ruth Rendell]. Answers, please, on a postcard to churchwarden Sue Edwards. The other photograph shows the door being inspected by county archaeologist, Bob Carr, while architect David Whymark looks on and scratches his head.

**The O’Musica Choir**, the Bedier & Scriven families would like to thank all those who helped make the choir’s visit to Boxford & Groton such a success.... Boxford School, the Spinney Management, David Richardson, Pat Kennedy-Scott & team and all who attended the concert. The children enjoyed it all immensely.

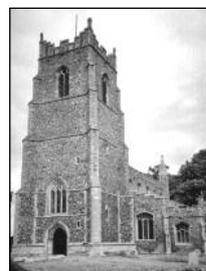
### Rotas:

#### Sidesman with Sacristan:

12th Ms Edwards; 19th Mrs Foster; 26th Mr Lamming

#### Flowers: Mrs Scriven

#### Cleaner: Mrs Scriven



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## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

**Churchwarden:**  
*Vacant*

# The Church at Worship

## August

Wednesday 1st			
Mary's House	10.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Little Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion*	Tim Harbord

Friday 3rd			
Groton	16.00	Wedding	The Revd. David Matthews
		Sheena Lewis/Andrew Lewis	

Saturday 4th			
Edwardstone	11.30	Wedding	The Revd. David Matthews
		Joanna Larkman/Stuart Land	

Boxford	16.00	Wedding	The Revd. David Matthews
		Jane Johnson/Stuart West	

Sunday 5th	9th	Sunday After Trinity	
Boxford	9.30	United Benefice Service	The Revd. David Matthews
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Chris Kingsbury

Wednesday 8th			
Mary's House	10.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews

Sunday 12th	10th	Sunday After Trinity	
Groton	8.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Newton Green	9.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Edwardstone	11.00	Morning prayer	Graham Brook
Little Waldingfield		Visiting	

Wednesday 15th			
Mary's House	10.30	Holy Communion*	Joy Sellers
Little Waldingfield	19.00	Compline	Tim Harbord

Saturday 18th			
Little Waldingfield	13.00	Wedding	The Revd. David Matthews
		Hanna Day/John Harries	

Sunday 19th	11th	Sunday After Trinity	
Little Waldingfield	8.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Groton	9.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Edwardstone		Visiting	
Newton Green		Visiting	

Wednesday 22nd			
Mary's House	10.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews

Saturday 25th			
Boxford	13.30	Wedding	The Revd. David Matthews
		Philippa House/Daniel Gabb	

Sunday 26th	12th	Sunday After Trinity	
Edwardstone	8.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Newton Green	9.30	Morning Prayer	Diana Stock/Jean
Green Little Waldingfield	9.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Chris Kingsbury
Groton		St Bartholomew Tide Patronal Festival	
	6.30	Songs of Praise	The Revd. David Matthews

Wednesday 29th			
Mary's House	10.30	Holy Communion	The Revd. David Matthews

## September

Sunday 2nd	13th	Sunday After Trinity	
Edwardstone	9.30	United Benefice Service	The Revd. David Matthews
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Chris Kingsbury

\*Public Worship with communion by extension

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

**Please, NO LATER THAN 16th August without fail.** Thank you.

Sue Edwards. 210785

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## Boxford School News

It seems hard to believe but as I sit here contemplating what to write we are only days away from the end of yet another academic year, my fifteenth at Boxford. As usual I look back on the year with a great deal of pride and satisfaction when I think of all we have achieved and the many enjoyable experiences we have all had.

Over the year the children have continued to benefit from a very wide range of educational opportunities including visits to castles, museums, parks, farms etc. One particular highlight was our Year 4 Residential to North Norfolk which despite some disappointing weather was a marvellous experience for the children involved.

On the sporting front our children have continued to excel winning the Cornard Pyramid Schools High Fives Tournament and the local Tri Schools Swimming Gala and performing admirably at many other events and our Year 4 Athletics team has just won the gold medal at the Cornard Pyramid Mini Olympics. On the academic side our children have achieved some of our best results ever and I am confident that our Year 4 leavers are better prepared than ever for the challenges ahead of them. We wish them well.

In addition to all we have done with the children we have also continued to ensure that our children have access to some of the best facilities of any primary school that I have been associated with. Alongside a new state of the art computer network we have installed an air cooling system into the new building which ensures that our children are working in a cool well ventilated environment and completed perhaps our most ambitious project, the updating of our swimming pool building. The old building which was in place for over forty years was originally put in place by volunteer parents working closely with the local community so it is only fitting that the new building has been constructed in exactly the same way.

In management terms I can honestly say that this year has been probably the most demanding I have had to face with one Government initiative after another landing on my desk or in my email in tray. Many of these initiatives are in my opinion unnecessary and whilst they may have some merit in some areas of the country they will have little or no impact on our children and parents. It is most unsatisfying to think that my valuable time which should be spent working with the staff and children in the school is often taken up undertaking work that I feel is of limited benefit to our school. At a time that many heads are either resigning or retiring because of frustrations over workload and excessive pressure from government organisations like OFSTED I am indebted to all of the staff, pupils and parents of Boxford School for their continued support and hard work in ensuring that the success of our school continues to grow and prosper. I have always felt very privileged to be the head at Boxford School and to be able to work with such committed and hard working people, my thanks to all.

Finally I would just like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy, relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

### Youth Leader and Volunteers required

to help run a Youth Club at Boxford Village Hall

The existing club closed earlier this year at great disappointment to the members.

The Youth Leader will need to commit to attend weekly during term time, however, a rota could be drawn up for a team of volunteer helpers.

Full Support & training will be given by Suffolk Clubs for Young People.

Please Telephone Debbie Hattrell on **01787- 210943** if you can assist.

### BOXFORD ROVERS UNDER 15's

For the forthcoming season 2007-2008, Boxford Rovers Under 15's require new players. We play in the A league of Colchester and District Youth league, so if you want to play good football in a happy and successful team, and will be in school year 10 come September, Please contact Paul Wilding on 01787 211577"

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## Box River Soap Box

Just recently it seems as though half of our village has been up for sale. Why so many people appear to wish to depart from this rural idyll is difficult to judge. Could it be the prospect of another 4 years with me as Parish Council chairman, I wondered? Not that it is a given that I will serve the full 4 year term, particularly if my fellow councilors become tired of my chairmanship.

As it happens a number of these desirable properties in this most sought after village have sold relatively swiftly. So is it that our residents are cashing in on a sudden desire for others to migrate to one of the quieter reaches of rural Suffolk? Certainly, demand for homes in this part of the world appears as strong as ever, despite the rise in prices. I rather think, though, that the increase in the number of houses for sale has just a little to do with creeping regulation in the home sales market.

A few months ago we were to have the imposition of what had become known as HIPs – Home Information Packs to those unfamiliar with this latest piece of bureaucratic nonsense. It seems that the government is anxious to envelope us in still more red tape. These packs were designed to provide the buyer with useful information on the condition of the house they planned to buy and its energy efficiency. The reality, of course, is turning out to be very different.

Because specific skills were needed to deliver the component parts of these packs to a proper standard, it was necessary to recruit inspectors. But finding the right people, let alone training them, proved harder than expected. So the introduction of these packs was delayed and the provision of a condition report abandoned. Moreover, the houses to which they would become a mandatory part of the selling process were restricted to those with 4 bedrooms or more.

This starts to make a nonsense of the approach being adopted. I wonder how many 3 bedroom properties with an upstairs study will be on the market from this month, which is when the new rules are intended to apply. And what good will an energy performance certificate, or whatever nomenclature surrounds this aspect of the pack, really bring? I remain doubtful of the packs' usefulness and suspicious of the reasons for their introduction.

HIPs are, to my mind, an unfortunate mnemonic to adopt. Coming, as I do, from a background of personal finance, I am aware of its use in another context. Home Income Plans (or HIPs, naturally) have been a means of releasing capital from your home that has not been without a degree or two of controversy. The aim of these plans appears simple and even, for many, desirable. Like the other HIP, the reality has not always proved satisfactory.

An old friend of mine – in both senses of the term – was inveigled into a type of HIP. Termed "Equity Release", the aim was to borrow money against the value of his house to enhance his spending ability. Like many retired people, thanks to the rise in property values he was asset rich but cash poor, so bolstering his bank balance was a natural desire. But it turned out the facility provided by the lender was not appropriate and unwinding the transaction proved costly and distressing for a couple in their eighties.

When eventually this couple move house, as move they must one day, they may well need the other type of HIP. With luck this ill-starred scheme will have been dropped long before this necessity arises. Indeed, it might already have been consigned to history. But at what cost, I wonder – a cost borne by we tax payers.

*Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council and Principal of The Tora Partnership.*



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# GARDENING IN AUGUST *Harry Buckledee*

If you are going away for your summer holidays and cannot arrange for someone to look after your pot plants, there are ways of ensuring that they come to no harm. Smaller plants can be watered thoroughly and then put into a polythene bag. Place a few sticks around the edge of the pot to prevent the bag touching the foliage, then seal the top of the bag tightly with a plastic band. Place out of direct sunlight and plants should stay in good condition for up to three weeks. In the case of larger plants, place the pot in a larger container which has no drainage holes, filling the space between the pots with peat. Water the peat until it is soaking wet and moisture will be gradually released to the plant.

When the harvesting of Loganberries, Blackberry and other hybrid berries has finished, cut out shoots that have fruited this year and tie in new growths. Feed black currant bushes after fruiting to keep the leaves healthy so that they continue to feed the currant seasons shoots as much as possible.

When the fruit from well trained peaches and nectarines has been picked, cut out the shoots which have borne fruit, leaving the current season's growth to replace them.

If you want strawberries to fruit the first year and to ensure a good crop, runners should be planted without delay. Later planting reduces the crop, and runner planted later than August should not be allowed to fruit the first year.

Sow seeds, early in the month of spring cabbage half inch deep in rows 6 inches apart. The old varieties Flower of Spring or Wheeler's Imperial still take some beating.

To propagate rhododendrons, choose a healthy looking shoot from a healthy plant. Cut the stem of the shoot half way through and peg the cut portion firmly into the soil using a galvanised wire pin 6 inches long. After two or three years the new shoot will have made enough root to be severed from the parent plant.

Fuchsia cuttings require to grow on as standards for following

next year should take now. Choose sturdy young shoots about three inches long from disease free plants, cut them immediately below a leaf joint and insert them around the edge of a pot in a mixture of compost to which a portion of short sand has been added. They will root in two to three weeks and when well rooted they can be potted up individually. Allow the growing shoot to continue growing but remove all side shoots which grow from the leaf axils. Most fuchsia leaves are produced in pairs but sometimes some shoots produce threes, these are the ones to select for cuttings. They will need to be kept growing all winter in a frost free greenhouse.

At the end of the month remove the growing point from tomatoes to encourage full development of the top trusses

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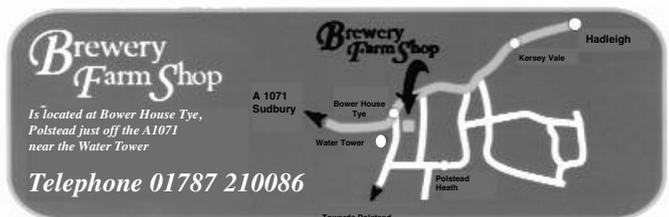
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# Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in June 2007

## Planning & Finance Meeting on 4th June

**Public Forum** Representatives from Boyer Planning and Copella shared plans for proposed development at Copella in Polstead. They were advised by Babergh Council to produce a long term plan for the site. Their overall intention will be to increase from the current two production lines to four over the next 10 years. They propose to re-develop existing buildings first. Areas such as visual and landscape, noise, ecology, transport, light pollution and social and economic aspects are being examined. The formal planning application is expected during July.

A question was raised regarding the sign advertising the Playing Field Event being strapped to the Cemetery fence. This was considered to be insensitive to some users of the Cemetery. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the Playing Field Management Committee confirming that permission should be sought in the future and asking for the sign to be taken down promptly after the event on this occasion.

**Unitary Council for Ipswich** Following a debate by Council Members, it was agreed for the Clerk to write opposing the proposed Unitary Council for Ipswich. The reasons given were that it would cause a duplication of some services, which may lead to certain functions being ignored. It would add a further layer of unnecessary bureaucracy.

**Reports from Members** The Clerk was asked to report that the strips monitoring vehicle movement and speed in Stone Street were installed during the school holiday. Therefore, it is expected that the traffic volumes recorded would be lower than average. Foliage obstructing visibility at the Homefield and Cox Hill junctions was brought up and the relevant parties have been advised. The question of street lights staying on all night was raised and further information is being sought from Suffolk County Council. It was reported that a school bus was parked with its engine running for 15 minutes in the village and the Clerk has written to the County Council in this respect. A report has been made to County Highways regarding a loose cobble on Broad Street.

**Planning** The following were discussed by Council: -

- Application to erect a two storey rear extension at 3 Boxford Lane
- Application to reduce the crown by 50% of 2 sycamore trees in the Cemetery

Confirmations received from Babergh District Council: -

- 1) Babergh confirmed that permission has been granted to erect a detached single storey building in the rear garden at 22 Swan Street.

## Full Parish Council Meeting on 18th June

**Public Forum** John Garwood from the Suffolk Clubs for Young People attended to discuss the possibility of a new Youth Club for the village. The existing Youth Club closed around Easter this year due to Suffolk County Council withdrawing funding. Support can be given with the relevant guidelines, rules and regulations and training, providing a team of people can be found to run the club. It was agreed for the Clerk to place an advert in the Box River News to seek a Youth Leader and volunteers for this purpose.

A resident voiced his concern about a proposed car park in Daking Avenue. He asked to be consulted on plans and wanted to see parking restrictions applied, a section of the perimeter left and only sensitive lighting used. The Chairman confirmed that these points had already been taken on board.

**District Council Report** District Councillor Bryn Hurren reported his concerns over the closure of the Youth Club and will try to get some support from Babergh Council towards a new Club. He reported a possibility of early release of grant monies towards the legal costs associated with the potential car park at Daking Avenue. Councillor Hurren agreed to seek further clarity on the date the Homefield garages will need to be vacated to make way for the Affordable Housing development. He confirmed that the hedge at the entrance to Homefield will be cut at the next available opportunity by the Babergh Council Contractors. He is liaising with Suffolk County Council regarding the issue of mud and pot holes in Wash Lane. He further reported that Babergh District Council have joined Mid Suffolk for waste collections in order to save costs.

**Suffolk County Council Report** County Councillor Selwyn Pryor reported the school review is continuing. He was pleased that Boxford School has space to expand and confirmed that the village school where he lives in Bures does not. The consultation period on how to implement the changes has started and will be carried out over a 2-3 year period. The consultation should focus on our area during 2009. He is

personally in favour of a Unitary Council for Ipswich as the interests in central Ipswich differ completely from that in our area. He was planning to meet with Peter Ingram from Suffolk County Council regarding the Stone Street speed limit on 28th June. The issue of grass verges obstructing vision when joining the A1071 was raised with Councillor Pryor and these have since been cut.

**Clerks Correspondence** The Clerk had circulated her correspondence report ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. Councillor Gates took the DTI Nuclear Power Consultation to review on behalf of the Parish Council. A guide in respect of the new Code of Conduct was given to each Member.

**Police Report** The Clerk explained the appointment of Melissa Galyean, Community Support Officer in our area. There were four crimes reported in Boxford during May. These were criminal damage to a vehicle on School Hill and three thefts of building materials and metal at Brick Kiln Hill. The Clerk then read from the Sector Commander's report confirming details of public consultation to help set local priorities. Our Area Consultation Event is now scheduled for 7.30 p.m. on 15th August at Nayland Village Hall and all are encouraged to attend. Cemetery. The Chairman advised that the Cemetery Committee will need to carry out the annual risk assessment in the Cemetery and Churchyard during September.

**Reports from Members** Overgrown footpaths in need of attention were discussed. An urgent report was made to the Rights of Way Officer for nettles to be cut back on the RUPP leading between Broad Street and the Playing Field. The Chairman agreed to follow up a similar issue at Primrose Wood. Councillor Balls mentioned the possibility of producing a Parish Plan for the village and agreed to contact Suffolk ACRE for further details.

**Planning** The following were discussed by Council: -

- Reduction of two sycamore trees by 50% and removal of one large limb at the Cemetery.
- Removal of three trees at Vermont, 13 Stone Street
- Removal of Cherry tree at St Mary's Church
- Reduce the spread and height of a sycamore tree at Close Cottage, 1 Broad Street.

The following confirmations were received from Babergh Council: -

- 1) Permission has been granted to install 3 solar panels to the roof slope at 3 Rule's Yard. *Debbie Hattrell* Boxford Parish Clerk

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# Parish Council Matters

## Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The council met on 26th June.

6 councillors attended

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising. None.

**Police matters.** Yet again we had no officer attend nor was a report received

**Financial matters.** £28.88 received for the Bottle Bank and a VAT refund of £62.59. Cheques were signed for emptying the Dog Bins, £36.35 and £160 for two cuts at the

**Churchyard.** The Annual Return to the external auditors was signed.

**Planning matters.** Permission has been granted to the Parish Room to fell the trees causing damage to the boundary wall and building. An application to double the size

of a barn at Park Farm has been received.

**Correspondence.** Sudbury Town Council have asked for comments on the Chilton Woods development. A questionnaire received from BDC regarding Grants and Sponsorship. The broken manhole at Grove Ave. still not resolved. Letter received regarding Stansted expansion.

**Footpaths.** Very grassy due to the weather. Our paths have been graded and 10 out of 12 classified as category 1 (the highest). The other 2 are category 2. There are problems with the paths from Archers Farm to Humble Green, Churchfield and Park Farm.

**Churchyard.** Still some tidying to take place but the benefit of the regular cuts is has made a great improvement.

**Any other business.** Access to the Notice Board is difficult due to the parked cars.

The Police have issued warnings to villagers who park their cars on the pavement.

The Model Code of Conduct has been adopted. Registers of Interest issued to the councillors.

The next meeting is on 9th August at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

## Community safety

### Play Your Part for community safety

Suffolk is one of the safest counties in the country with low crime levels, but common community safety issues such as litter, graffiti, dog fouling, fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles, and vandalism can affect us all.

The summer months can be a 'hotspot' for anti-social behaviour with the onset of warmer weather and lighter nights bringing noise nuisance from outdoor parties and car stereos and rowdy behaviour in public places.

The introduction of 47 Safer Neighbourhood Teams across the county this year means that the police, councils, organisations and volunteers will be working together as a team to listen to people's concerns and tackle local issues promptly.

In Babergh, a series of regular public meetings are being held so that the Police and the local authorities can directly engage with the people of Suffolk on the issues that are a priority for their local community. Find out more about how you can contact your Team by visiting [www.safersuffolk.org.uk](http://www.safersuffolk.org.uk) or telephone Suffolk Constabulary on 01473613500.

The District Council and the Police already work together to work with families and individuals, who may have caused anti-social behaviour, as well as organising sports and leisure activities, particularly for young people, to prevent problems from occurring.

For example, a number of resources were brought together in the village of Glemsford to provide summer activities for young people, which resulted in a 100% reduction in reports to the Police over that period! On-going activities have been organised and are continuing to make this a long-term solution not a quick fix.

To report incidents of anti-social behaviour contact Babergh's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer Sally Watson on 01284 774303.

For more information, contact Suffolk County Council Community Safety Unit Telephone: 01473 264288

Email: [community.safety@gjsu.suffolkcc.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@gjsu.suffolkcc.gov.uk). or visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

## PUBLIC MEETING

7.30 PM WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST

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## Readers Letters

Sir

The 'Boxford Netball Nutters' would just like to say what a wonderful day we had competing in the 'it's a knockout' It was a fabulous day and very well organised, so a big thank you to all who made the event possible. Even though we came last and received the wooden spoon we all thoroughly enjoyed the event.

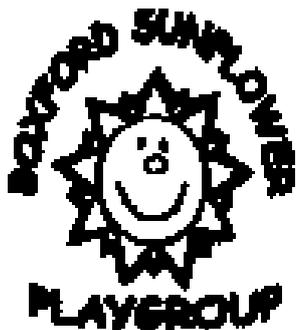
Kind regards,  
Amanda Clampin

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Alison Stephens is its leading exponent in Britain today, and is best known for recording the soundtrack of the film Captain Corelli's Mandolin. She gives recitals regularly in Britain and abroad, often as a duo with Steven Devine. Their recording of music by Calace will be released this summer by Naxos. 'Alison Stephens dearly loves this instrument and plays it with a passion and flair that Captain Corelli himself would doubtless have relished.' *BBC Music Magazine*



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*No confirmation of make up of new council yet*

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<b>Sharon Silverthorn</b>	
<b>Paul Clarke</b> Hazel Cottage	210689
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## GROTON VILLAGE HALL -

First Annual General Meeting (AGM) 14th June 2007

### 1. Chairman's opening remarks:

Chairman Brian Jones welcomed eight parishioners to the first annual general meeting for Groton Village Hall. He reported that last year negotiations between the Parish Council and the landowner were concluded and a lease for the site of the former WI Hall was executed on 15 September 2006. The lease runs for seven years with the provision that a two year notice of termination can be given by either side. The building itself was transferred from the WI to the Parish Council.

On 23 November a Trust Deed was executed by Gerald Smith and Brian Waghorn on behalf of the Parish Council. This deed established the Charity of Groton Village Hall and deals with the appointment of Trustees, frequency of, and business, at meetings (including AGMs) and various other matters.

Subsequently, application for Registration as a Charity was made to the Charities' Commission and confirmation of registration was received from them in March 2007.

### 2. Report and Accounts:

Treasurer, Jayne Foster, circulated figures showing the income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2007. This showed that letting income was insufficient to meet all expenses, the balance of £308 being met by Parish Council Funds.

Figures were also shown for the current year to date. The current balance at the bank of £832 has been boosted by the proceeds from the Quiz and Curry evening and a payment from Groton 2000 (the fund set up to provide the book Garland of Hamlets to celebrate the Millennium). A substantial part of this amount would be needed for decorating costs later this year.

The Parish council has agreed to meet the significant cost of insurance

in the current year. In subsequent years the Parish Council may be approached for financial support, depending on the levels of other income and expenditure.

### 3. Appointment and Election of Trustees (including members of the management committee):

The Chairman advised that the Trust Deed makes provision for one Trustee to be appointed by each of the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Mr John Dunklin has been appointed by the Parish Council. Mr Sam Block has been appointed by the PCC. In addition, the Deed makes provision for up to six Trustees to be elected at each AGM. Six people have, in fact, indicated they are willing to serve as Trustees, and all are eligible. They are, in alphabetical order:

Jayne Foster  
Brian Jones  
Debbie Payne  
Barbara Riddleston  
Joanna Roberts  
Pat Smith.

All of the above have been actively involved as members of the ad hoc management committee since the Hall ceased to be run by the WI.

The meeting agreed that all the above be elected as Trustees until the conclusion of the next AGM.

### 4. Any other business:

The Chairman asked those present to give names and telephone numbers of any individuals who would be willing to help in a major redecoration exercise later this year (Contact Brian Jones on 210814 or John Dunklin on 211340).

It was suggested, and agreed, that the minutes be reported in the Box River News in order to bring to the attention of all parishioners that volunteers are needed to help with the redecoration.

The meeting closed after 8pm a glass of wine was enjoyed by all present.

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## SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



The Older Childrens Sports Afternoon took place on Monday 9th July on a rare sunny afternoon. The events had been selected to test the children's speed, stamina, agility and skills within a competitive framework.

All the events were carefully selected to reflect the various sports and games the children had been learning throughout the year. For the second year a race was held to find 'The Boxford Girls and Boys Sprint Champions'. Heats had already been held and the boys winner was Seth Philbidge in 9.25 seconds and the girls winner was Corinne Clampin in 9.4 seconds

The winning team on the afternoon was Yellow



## MASTER CLASS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN

Around 70 local schoolchildren from schools in Suffolk and Essex were treated to a golf masterclass at the Stoke by Nayland Club Driving Range last week. This was the final day of the Stoke by Nayland PGA Europro Tour Championship and 3 of the 170 international professionals – one from South Africa, one from Ireland and one English pro – shared their skills with the enthusiastic crowd. The children each took a turn at perfecting their swings and were filmed by the Sky Sports TV crew, which was included in the 2 hour programme about the Europro Tour Championship at Stoke by Nayland televised the following week.

Olympic Javelin Champion Steve Backley also chatted to the children and watched the classes; he was there to commentate for Matchroom Sport during the 2 hour programme and interviewed the Sports Academy Managing Director in the Peake Fitness poolside area.

This year's Championship was won by Irish Professional, Michael McDermott, who won £10,000 after a nail-biting finish.

## SCHOOLS POOL BUILDING OPENED



Following a year long fundraising campaign to raise £20,000 to replace Boxford School's ageing swimming pool building the official opening ceremony was conducted on Friday. The project co-ordinated by Moira Grant and her FOBS team have worked tirelessly to ensure that the pool was ready for the 2007 swimming season. With the support of the many local organisations, generous individuals and parents the fundraising target was achieved in record time and the children have enjoyed their first season in the new pool.

*Below: Watched by School Governors and representatives from the local community and children Diana Taylor, Chair of Governors cuts the ribbon.*

