

Box River News



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INSPIRING DISPLAYS AT BENEFICE FLOWER FESTIVALS

GROTON'S FLOWER FESTIVAL

"The Bible in Today's World" was a feast of colours and ideas, inspiration and interpretation and, of course – flowers! Those who went will probably have their own favourites, but the buzz around obviously reflected everyone's enjoyment at the amazing displays. Between 300 and 350 people attended, and there were lots of meetings of old friends – and new – both in the church and in the tent outside, with the "Holy Socks", cakes, cards, books, bric-a-brac and Fair Trade stalls.

As ever, thanks to all in Groton who worked so hard and well together to give such a lovely weekend, with such stunning floristry and welcome refreshments, including the bar. Many hours of preparing went into all the hard work and artistry. Our special thanks to Barbara Riddleston, Jayne Foster and Pat Kennedy Scott, for their inspiration, dedicated effort and organisation that, with their teams, produced such a delightful feast. At the "Songs of Praise" the hymns and readings told the stories again, so flowers and people celebrated together. Thank you, everyone!



Dear people of the Box River Benefice,

On behalf of Joan and myself I would like to thank those who gave so generously towards our farewell gift. We will keep the five parishes in our prayers as we take up our new post. We will be especially asking our Heavenly Father for a new incumbent who will continue to lead the benefice to a closer walk with God. We also ask that you remember us in your prayers occasionally.

God bless you all
David

FLU VACCINATIONS 2009

Hadleigh High School Leisure Centre
10th October and 7th November 9am to 2pm
Boxford Village Hall
Tuesday 10th November
from 9am to 12 noon & 2pm to 4pm



Above: 'Cafe At Arles' 1889 by Vincent Van Gogh

The Little Waldingfields Flower Festival

It was Flower Festival time at Little Waldingfield on the weekend of 5th-6th September, with a preview the previous evening at St Lawrence Church. This is a bi-annual event designed to raise funds for the Church and, almost as important, to provide an opportunity for the community to come together in a worthy cause. As always, the centrepiece of the Festival is the floral displays. This year's theme was "Famous Paintings" with the eleven displays each representing a particular painting by artists such as Gainsborough and Monet. This proved to be a particularly fruitful source of inspiration and there was general consensus that the displays had brilliantly managed to capture the essence of the originals. Thanks go to all the flower ladies, organised by Audrey Ewen. As usual, the men of the village were responsible for preparing and serving the lunches in the Parish Room (and doing the washing-up afterwards). Teas were also available and there were various goods and produce on sale on the stalls, which proved to be very popular. The event was favoured with reasonable weather, and although attendance was a bit lower than two years' ago – not surprising in the current economic climate, a substantial amount of funds was raised. DC

**Just a reminder that remembrance day poppies
will be going on sale on the 24th October**

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FIRST RESPONDERS IN THE COMMUNITY

IF you have required the services of the ambulance service in the last few years, you may have met one of the growing numbers of Community First Responders.

First responders are members of the public who are trained to respond to an emergency call via the 999 system in conjunction with the ambulance service. They provide immediate care to patients in rural areas and in some towns where distance may delay the prompt arrival of an ambulance.

They are trained to deliver basic life support and defibrillation to patients in cardiac arrest and be first on scene for other life-threatening calls where they can deliver interventions such as oxygen administration and first aid.

In Suffolk there are now 53 responder schemes with more than 350 volunteers, and the number is rising. Last year, of the 55,756 emergency calls attended by the East of England Ambulance Service, 5,957 had a first responder on scene before the arrival of the ambulance and five patients were successfully resuscitated by responders- That's five people who owe their lives to this very special group of enthusiastic and caring members of the community. The first responders can stand very proud indeed.

Because first responders are based within the community in which they live or work, they can attend the scene of an emergency in a very short time, often arriving within the first three or four minutes. We know that in many medical emergencies and after accidents, people can die within the first few minutes. We also know that if certain simple but critical interventions can be performed within those first few minutes that life can be saved and disability reduced. This is especially the case for heart attacks, choking and injuries that have caused someone to lose consciousness. In recent years, advances in technology have been made, and many interventions which were previously performed only by highly-trained individuals are now available to people with much less training- These include small, easy to operate automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and lightweight oxygen delivery systems.

In an ideal world, there would be an ambulance available on every street corner in each town or in every village. This would not be practical and is why first responders can make such a difference especially in rural areas

To volunteer as a responder, no previous experience is required, although a first aid qualification is beneficial. All necessary training is given, including the additional skills which are not normally given to first aiders and this can usually be given over two weekends.

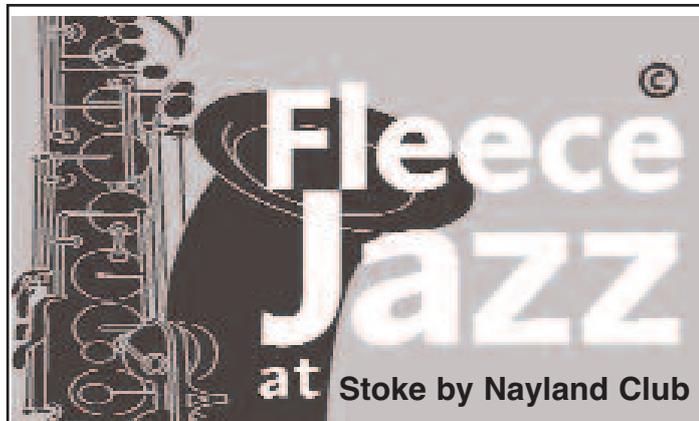
Volunteers must be between 18 and 70, must be able to achieve a satisfactory standard of proficiency after training, have a full driving licence and access to a car and a sympathetic caring approach to people. The prospect of being the first person on the scene of a medical emergency may seem a little daunting, especially to any new responder with little experience.

First responders also have the advantage of knowing an emergency ambulance is always on its way. For more information about becoming a first responder, e-mail responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802. To contact 3PR telephone Vic Rice on 01787 210504

BOXFORD ROVERS YFC UNDER 10'S



"Boxford Rovers YFC Under 10's for the coming season opened their account with a 1 - 1 draw despite dominating the match"



Friday, 2 October 8.00, Ticket £15

Benn Clatworthy

British born saxophonist Benn Clatworthy has been resident in Los Angeles California since 1980 but thankfully makes regular and very welcome trips to the UK. He brings with him the wonderful New York pianist Cecilia Coleman, (making her Fleece debut) together with Jeremy Brown bass and Gene Calderazzo drums for what is sure to be one cracking gig. A harder working or more unheralded player than Benn would be difficult to find. Check out Benn's latest CD called 'Luminessence'. "A Master Player" LA Weekly "Sublime" Jazz Times

Friday, 9 October 8.00, Ticket £16

Karen Lane

Karen Lane, musician and songwriter, loves singing swinging jazz standards, as well as luscious Latin Bossa Nova and Samba soundscapes. Her accomplished band of Tom Cawley piano, Andy Hamil bass and Nic France drums groove through a range of styles that highlight Karen's intimate, evocative and sensual vocal range. 'Beautiful Love' her fourth and latest

album has received rave reviews by numerous leading jazz critics. "A stylish and elegant singer" NME

"A lovely singer - highly recommended" Michael Parkinson

Friday, 16 October 8.00, Ticket £16

David Newton Trio

Multi-award winning pianist and composer David Newton brings Andy Cleynert bass and Steve Brown drums to Stoke by Nayland for an evening showcasing one of the best piano trios around. David has worked with the very finest vocalists and instrumentalists in Europe. His music can be heard on many television productions especially in the USA where over twenty TV movies benefit from David's haunting themes.

Friday, 23 October 8.00, Ticket £20

Outhouse Ruhabi

Outhouse Ruhabi is an exciting new ensemble that mixes the sound of contemporary jazz with the tribal West African groove of the Sabar drum. Beautifully stitching together two very different musical genres to create an inspiring and seamless blend of serrated jazz grooves and Wolof rhythms that are extremely entertaining. Highly regarded Gambian artists, Baboucar Camara, Biran Saine, Mambiran Saine, Kaw Secka and Laity Fye, all Sabar drum players, combine with Robin Fincher tenor saxophone and clarinet, Mark Hanslip tenor saxophone, Johnny Brierley double bass and band leader Dave Smith drums to create a sound that is truly unique and has united audiences and critics alike in their praise for this groundbreaking project. On no account miss this great gig!

Friday, 30 October 8.00, Ticket £17

Roger Beaujolais

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

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CHILDREN IN UGANDA



In 1994 Agnes Biryahwaho started a school in Entebbe, Uganda. Some of the children had lost their parents due to HIV AIDS and needed more than the school could offer. Agnes then turned part of the school into an orphanage and today there are 40 children living there.

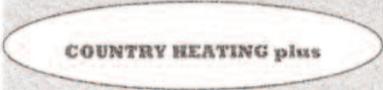
There is no state aid and the orphanage survives because of donations and sponsorship.

Ugandans value education and appreciate that this will help them secure a better future so the children work very hard at their studies.

The conditions under which they live are very primitive and basic. During a visit to the school in August this year we managed to install a new kitchen and fit it with new ovens. Nutrition is always an issue in the school/orphanage, because of a shortage of funds. The new kitchen is much more cost effective, clean and healthy to work in.

The children desperately need new toilets as the old ones are dirty and crumbling and smell dreadful.

We are trying to raise enough money to help these beautiful and deserving children Allison Brain



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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Despite the two disastrous hail storms, the Alternative Horticultural Show will still go ahead on 10th October – the day before Harvest Festival, so any produce remaining will go to that. Programmes and Entry forms are now available from Richard and Mary and (thanks to Pam and Ray) the Swan. RGM

EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2009

November 5th/6th

Something for everyone!

This year's Fair will once again be held over two days with our hugely enjoyable Festive Shopping Evening in the Church on Thursday, November 5th from 7.00-9.30pm followed by the Main Fair in the Church and the Village Hall the next day from 9.30am-1.00pm.

Over both days we have, as always, a wide variety of wonderful stalls selling everything from cookware, household gifts, delicious foodstuffs and stationery to beautiful jewellery, fashion accessories and children's presents.

And don't forget the Famous Edwardstone Christmas Pudding (to pre-order, phone Sally on 211266)!

Our book-signing slot in the Church over the 2 days will be filled this year by versatile and well-known local author David Long who will be signing a selection of his books on a variety of subjects:

"Little Book of London - Amazing trivia facts"

"Spectacular Vernacular - London's 100 most extraordinary buildings"

"Classic Cars - how to choose your dream car"

"Tunnels, Towers & Temples - London's 100 strangest places"

Great presents for those difficult-to-buy-for friends and relatives!

And remember: this year, proceeds from the Fair will be split between Edwardstone Church (some exciting new improvements are in the pipeline there to make the Church more user friendly for the community) and Boxford Playground which is already looking fantastic thanks to the hard work of a few sets of local parents; we'd like to be able to contribute further funds so that they can continue adding to the facilities. So we need as much support from you all as possible!

The 2009 Fair looks set to be even bigger and better than before and we look forward to seeing you all there!

For any further details, contact Diana on 01787 211403.

Boxford Community Council

Fun and Games Night Saturday 30st January 2010 at Boxford Village Hall

Once again we will be holding our annual Indoor Fun and Games Night challenge in the Village Hall. Teams of 8 contestants will battle through the various games and mindbenders striving for the prestigious title of Fun and Games Champions for 2010. A fun night is promised for all and we will be having a licensed bar and refreshments. The evening will commence at 7.30pm for registration with first round of games at 7.50pm. Ticket prices will be £40 per team, £5 per head.

Our limit is 16 teams so if you don't want to be disappointed, please contact David Gasson on 210796, Stephanie Atkins on 210444 or Doug Impett on 210035 or Peter Hibben on 210819, we will list you on first come first served basis.

We would like to get all teams listed before Christmas if possible so ask your help in a swift reply.

If anybody is not in a team but would like to come and help then please give Peter Hibben a ring on 210819.

MILDEN PAVILION is now able to offer the hire of Table Tennis or Carpet Bowls both at £5 per hour. Please call Pearl 01787 247965 or Justine 01787 248145 to book or for more information.

The Boxford Christmas Card

This year's design has been painted by local artist Jacquie Campbell. We have decided to donate the profit of this year's card to The Teenage Cancer Trust.

This trust builds facilities inside NHS Hospitals to help the 13 - 24 year old patients who, at a very difficult time of their lives, have to deal with the enormous emotional and physical challenge of a possible terminal condition.

The latest unit in Addenbrook's Hospital, the only one of its kind in East Anglia, will have 10 beds and an environment where the teenagers can meet others in a similar situation and build friendships and mechanisms to cope with their disease. The cards will be on sale in Boxford Post Office at the end of September. Bill Horne Queen Bee Designs Ltd.



"Groton Winthrop Mulberry Trust"

An open meeting for village residents regarding the Croft will be held on Thursday 12th November 2009 at 7 p.m. in Groton Village Hall (Old W.I. Hall). Please come and support this valuable village amenity. Margaret Kent - Secretary and Trustee."

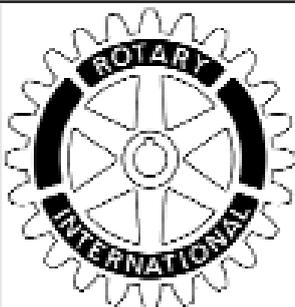
Groton Pylon Campaign Group

"There has been a swift public response in the Box River area and beyond to National Grid's proposals to construct a new 15 mile 400kv overhead pylon route from Bramford to Twinstead along one of four potential routes.

A team of local campaigners, provisionally working under the name of the Groton Pylon Campaign Group, is looking to raise awareness locally of what is proposed, form a coalition with other villages and communities potentially affected by the plans, challenge National Grid on its proposals and push for alternative options such as undergrounding if a new line is deemed necessary.

The group is to hold a public meeting in the coming weeks for all those in the area who wish to air their views - venue and timing to be announced shortly.

For further details, contact Colin Blackmore (07885 865004) or Peter Mecklenberg (01787 210374) - evenings."



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Wot's On

Polstead Digital Cinema

Friday **October 16th**: Valkyrie

Friday **November 20th**: Doubt

Polstead Village Hall.

Tickets £3.50 from the village shop or telephone 01787 210029

Doors open 7 pm, film starts at 7.30pm

WIND IN THE WILLOWS HADS Youth' Production
In October, just a few weeks from now, the highly acclaimed Hadleigh Amateur Dramatic Society Youth Team will be performing Wind in the Willows. This is the top rated version of the traditional story of Toad of Toad Hall written by Sue Langewade with songs and music by Mark and Helen Johnson.

Performances will be at the Town Hall, Hadleigh at 7:30 pm on Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th October with a 2:30 pm matinée on Saturday 10th. Tickets priced £6 for Adults and £5 for Seniors and Under 16s are now available from 'The Idler' Bookshop 37 High Street Hadleigh or the reception desk of Walter Wright Accountants 89 High Street Hadleigh. Peter Finch 01473 824033

The Boxford Drama Group Panto.

Yes here we are again, Panto time. Sally Phillips has been writing a very original Panto, Loosely based on Lewis Carrolls, Alice in Wonderland, of course renamed Alice in Pantoland!

The fun begins on, Wednesday 2nd December a family night starting at 7.00pm Tickets adults £6 child £3. Thursday 3rd - Saturday 5th December 7.30 p.m. Tickets £13 including supper.

There will be a licenced bar and raffle.

Tickets go on sale on Saturday 31st October in the archway of the newsagents at 9.00am for the first hour and then in the shop.

Due to the fact that we now have a capacity of 80 in the hall, we have restricted ticket sales to 8 per person.

Hope to see you there.

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SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER
7.00 P.M.

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Chips	£1

Bookings now being taken for Christmas
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Polstead Village Hall, 16th October
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Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Shop or 01787 210029

Wot's On

Boxford Society

Saturday 10 October 2009 7.30pm Boxford School Hall.

This autumn's talk is 'Boxford's Primrose Wood Through the Seasons'. We took a wide range of photographs while researching the wild life in Primrose Wood in order to write the seasonal walk pamphlets. We intend to use these pictures to illustrate the varying life throughout the year in this lovely spot. Members entrance free. Non-members pay £2 at the door. Having written a short article for the Box River News on the orchids in the Wood, we were rewarded with a huge increase in their numbers this year. The staking of those on the path prevented them being trampled and this helped boost their numbers. Just over 1000 were recorded in a torrential downpour one Sunday morning in June.

Learn to Dance at Polstead Village Hall

New beginners class starts Wednesday 2nd September

79m - 8pm Beginners
8pm - 9pm Improvers
9pm 10pm Advance

For more information Phone Catt Dance Club:
01473 215543 or Brian on 07917 690767

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday, October 24th at 7.30 pm in Groton Village Hall

As summer draws to a close, it's time to think about autumnal activities like the Harvest Supper. As usual, this will be a Fun evening, with an excellent hot meal, and the usual 'Pat-and-Gerald Bar. A good opportunity to meet up with friends, old and new. So please put October 24th in your diaries now, and get your tickets soon, at £8 each, from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Pat Bowdidge [211553] or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew.

St. Matthew's Christmas Bazaar

We will be holding our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 7th November, 11 a.m. onwards, in Leavenheath Village Hall. This is the one not to miss. Lots of excitingly different stalls, excellent raffle, great refreshments, we have even invited Father Christmas. Make a note in your diary. We look forward to seeing you there.

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1st November 11.00am to 3.00pm

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Refreshments will be available

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FASHION SHOW

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Carole Lawrence 01206 322119 Di Godfrey 01473 658552

Children in Uganda

Cake Sale in Mary's House

Saturday 17th October at 9am

Cakes, Savouries, Homemade Jam and Marmalade.

Raffle, Coffee and Scones

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Boxford Sunflower Group

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Boxford Village Hall

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Sunday 27th September 2.30pm

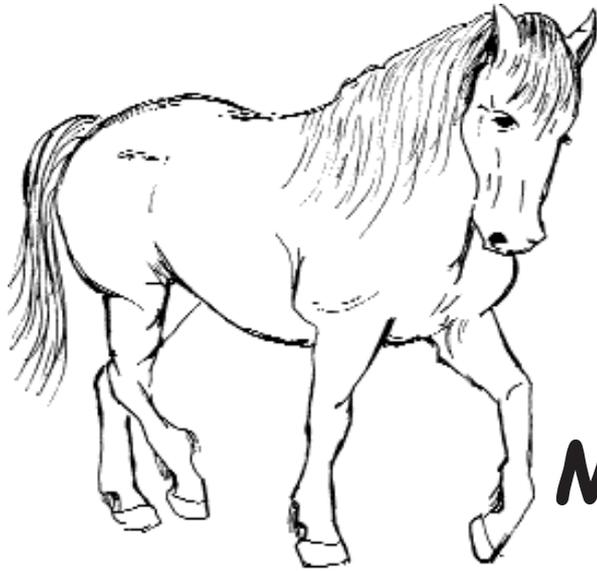


The Boxford Village Hall Management Committee

has great pleasure in inviting all the
individual donors and grant providers to join them
at an open event in Boxford Village Hall on
Sunday 27th September at 2.30 pm.

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Wot's On

Ruby and her Horses

Neil Lanham will be bringing Ruby and her Horses to Newton Green on Saturday 17th October, tickets are £6 available from Alan Vince 01787 373963.

SUDBURY TREFOIL GUILD PRESENTS

SELION JAZZ BAND IN CONCERT AT ST ANDREWS CHURCH, GREAT CORNARD ON SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2009 7.30PM

Tickets: £6.00 (£5.00 concessions) To include light refreshments. Available from: Joyce Hurrell 01787 379456 or on the door. Proceeds to: St Nicholas Hospice Sudbury Trefoil Guild.

Sudbury Library

Free Sunday Activities for Children at Sudbury Library

Every Sunday from 10.30-12.00 midday children of all ages are welcome to come and join in the activities held in the children's room at Contact Sudbury library on 01787 296000 for further information. Don't miss the fun!

STOKE BY NAYLAND ANTIQUES FAIR

Saturday, October 17 from 10.30am to 2.00pm

Furniture, upholstered chairs, stools, mirrors, old copper, maritime collectibles, jewellery, glass, vintage Teddy bears, books & more. The Fair is at Stoke by Nayland Village Hall....FREE entrance. Refreshments are being served in aid of the Riding for the Disabled centre at Shelley - a well-known charity to which many local people commit time and energy, to provide disabled children and adults with the chance of therapeutic horse riding.

For information and enquiries about the Antiques Fair telephone Wendy Prescott on 01206 262087

Boxford Art Group

Annual Exhibition and Sale of work at Boxford School Hall

Sat 31st October 2009 and Sun 1st Nov, from 10.00am to 5.00 pm, both days. **FREE ENTRY.**

Everyone welcome; come along and have a browse around! WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS ...IF YOU ARE INTERESTED WE CAN GIVE YOU DETAILS ON THE DAY.....

Boxford Gardening Society

Gardening for Winter Interest -20 October - 7.30 pm

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Boxford Village Hall. Entry Will be £1 for members or £3 for non-members.

Boxford Gardening Society

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Wot's On

Boxford Over 60's Club

Meeting in the Village Hall at 2.30pm on:

Monday 5th October

Chris Winter - "Where there's a will there's a relative"

Monday 19th October

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Friday 16th October

Lunch at 'The Bush' Shimpling. Coach leaving from the Fleece 12 noon.

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There is no need to book a place; just turn up on the first evening about 7.15pm; there will be a free refreshments and the evening should finish by 9.15pm. There is no required "extra-mural study", essays etc.

Newcomers will be made welcome.

Should you require further information please contact either: Ruth Bellairs (Secretary) 01206 262 312 or Roger Bawden (Chairman) 01787 310 918

Armchair Players

meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the King's Head pub, High Street, Hadleigh. Our members have already recommended plays by Harold Pinter, Jo Orton, George Bernard Shaw, Alan Bennett and William Douglas Home. Have you any favourites among these or to add to the list? Come along! It's informal, it's fun and it's in Hadleigh! Armchair Players are planning to read Shakespeare's A Winters Tale at our regular September meeting (Monday, 14th) in advance of attending the production of the play at the New Wolsey Theatre in October. If you would like to get involved as a reader or prefer to just listen come along. You will be very welcome! A small charge of £2.00 per person is made to cover our expenses. Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

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Thursday 10th September 11.30am- 12.30pm

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The Friends of St. Mary's Church, Hadleigh

ANNUAL MEETING 2009

Friday October 9th at 7.30 p.m

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Wot's On

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Boxford Community Council

Fun and Games Night Saturday 30st January 2010 at Boxford Village Hall

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Our limit is 16 teams so if you don't want to be disappointed, please contact David Gasson on 210796, Stephanie Atkins on 210444 or Doug Impett on 210035 or Peter Hibben on 210819, we will list you on first come first served basis.

We would like to get all teams listed before Christmas if possible so ask your help in a swift reply.

If anybody is not in a team but would like to come and help then please give Peter Hibben a ring on 210819.

Boxford WI

Our September Meeting was held at Mary's House where we welcomed Jill Wicks to talk to us on Nutrition and Homeopathic Medicine. Jill's interest in Homeopathic Medicine began over 50 years ago and came about through personal ill health since then she has studied and travelled to improve her skill and knowledge. She gave us a very thought provoking talk and brought lots of Homeopathic medicines and literature for us to see.

Our October meeting will be back at the Village Hall where we shall be interested to view the new improvements. We shall be visited by David Eddershaw with a talk and slides on Pakenham Water Mill. We always welcome visitors to our meetings we charge £1.50 which includes Tea and biscuits so if you are free come along and join us for the afternoon. At our September Craft Club we learnt how to Crochet the October Craft Club meets at Mary's House on October the 8th when we shall be learning Parchment Card Making.

The next Book Club meeting will be at Heather's House on October 28th when we will be reviewing The Beach House by Jane Green. Boxford WI will this year be hosting the Group Carol Service at Boxford Church on the 10th December at 2pm followed by tea and mince pies we welcome any visitors.

YOGA FOR ALL

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Tickets from Boxford news

Forthcoming Events Diary

October

5 Boxford Over 60's Club	Chris Winter	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
7 Boxford WI	David Eddershaw, Pakenham Water Mill.	Village Hall	2pm
8 Boxford WI Craft Club	Parchment Card Making	Mary's House	2pm
10 Boxford Society	Primrose Wood Through the Seasons.	Boxford School 1	7.30pm
10 Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Alternative Horticultural Show	Parish Room	10.00am
10 Boxford Sunflower Group	Dance with the Beavers	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm12
12 Operation Christmas Child	Shoebax Wrap	Mary's House	
16 Boxford Over 60's Club	Outing to The Bush, Shimpling	Fleece	12noon
17 Children in Uganda	Cake Sale	Mary's House	9am
17 Sunflower Group	OpenDay	The Pavilion	9-12noon
17 Newton Village Hall	Ruby and Her Horses	Newton Village Hall	
19 Boxford Over 60's Club	Co-Op Ladies Seniors	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
20 Boxford Garden Society	Gardening in winter	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
20 Boxford Garden Society	Visit to Beth Chato	Meet at the garden	11am
24 Harvest Supper	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
28 Boxford WI	Book Club	Heather's House	3pm
Operation Christmas Child	Shoebox filling	Mary's House	
31/1 Boxford Art Group	Exhibition and sale of works	Boxford School Hall	10am -5pm

November

4 Boxford WI A G M	Jenny Hill Talk on WI Charity	Village Hall	2pm
5/6 Edwardstone Christmas Fair		Edwardstone Church and Village Hall	See Ad
12 Boxford WI Craft Club	Octopus Fun Toy	Mary's House	2pm
14 Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Quiz Night	Parish Room	7.00pm
21 Bingo and Bangers	Edwardstone Village Hall		7pm

December

2 Boxford WI Christmas Party		Mary's House	2pm
2-5 Boxford Drama Group	Alice in Panto Land	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
5 Cheese and Wine Party	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
5 FOBS	Christmas Fayre	Boxford School	11am to 3pm
10 WI Group	Carol Concert	Boxford Church	2pm
13 Christmas Concert from the Kelvedon Singers		Groton Church	6.00pm
18 Fleece Xmas Market		Boxford Fleece Yard	6.00pm

January

30 Boxford Community Council	Fun and Games Night	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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First and Third Monday each month **Boxford Parish Council Meetings** in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm

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Lay Elder: David Lamming, Lodge Farmhouse, Groton CO10 5EJ
Tel & Fax: 210360; 07968 791135; e-mail: 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.

With effect from 1 October 2009 the benefice will be in a period of inter-regnum. While there is no rector working here, please refer all matters concerning baptisms, marriages or funerals to the rural dean of Sudbury, the Revd Canon Robin King, The Vicarage, Church Square, Bures CO8 5AA; Tel 01787 227315; e-mail robin@rolcking.orangehome.co.uk and a churchwarden for the parish concerned.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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

JUSTICE AND MERCY

As I write this in mid-September the political row over the release on compassionate grounds of the terminally-ill convicted Lockerbie murderer, Abdel Baset Ali al Megrahi, by the Scottish Justice Secretary, Kenny MacAskill, rumbles on. There is talk of Britain's 'special relationship' with the United States having been jeopardised and now I read that the manufacturers of Harris Tweed have had to "de Scottishfy" their brand image for fear that the decision will adversely affect sales in the US. The critics say that Mr al-Megrahi should have been left to die in prison: he showed no mercy to the 270 innocent people who died on that December night in 1988, so why should mercy be shown to him? Justice, it is said, has not been served.

What should we, as Christians, make of all this? One question which remains is whether Mr al Megrahi was rightly convicted. In the absence of a public inquiry, called for by, among others, relatives of some of the Scottish victims who believe that there has been a miscarriage of justice, we may never know. Mr MacAskill, however, had to make his decision on the basis that Mr al Megrahi was lawfully convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. So should he have been allowed to return to Libya to die?

In the public statement he made on 20 August explaining his decision, Mr MacAskill said this: "The perpetration of an atrocity and outrage cannot and should not be a basis for losing sight of who we are, the values we seek to uphold, and the faith and beliefs by which we seek to live...Our justice system demands that judgment be imposed but compassion be available. Our beliefs dictate that justice be served, but mercy be shown." In other words, justice and mercy. The prophet Micah put it thus: "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." There are times when each of us would want to be shown mercy over things we have done in our lives. In the words of Jesus, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

The controversy over Mr MacAskill's decision provides an opportunity to discuss these issues and the beliefs we hold. Let's take that opportunity in conversations with friends, our neighbours, and those with whom we work.

David Lamming

Thought for the month: Even if you've never ploughed a field or scattered, harvest festival seems right at this time of year. The smell of fruit & vegetables displayed in a church makes us think of BBC TV's "Gardeners World". In the church of my childhood we draped a fishing net over the chancel screen. We were 60 miles from the sea but the churchwarden was a retired skipper.

If harvest gets caught in nostalgia it still has a message for the urban church. Whether as children or adults we need reminding that milk comes from a cow, not a bottle and that without a shower or rain there'll be no field of grain.

Harvest reminds us of the countless hungry people of the world. The charity "Water Aid" tells us that one-sixth of all people have to get their drinking water from a river or a muddy hole.

Harvest festival is more than a custom. It's a time to give humble and hearty thanks.

Francis Wood

Forthcoming Fund-raising events for Church Funds:

The "Ladies Lunch Club". The next "Ladies Lunch" will be on Thursday 1st October. The venue has yet to be decided. Many thanks are due to Sue Copeland for the delicious lunch on Sept 3rd. The Ladies Lunch Club raises much needed funds for our church – why not come along?

The Box River Club Is especially for you if you are 11 years and under. Lots of children think God is boring, but he isn't and at Box River Club we see that he isn't because we have a brilliant time. The Club now meets in the school hall on Friday afternoons at 3.15pm in term time. We then go into the church for the remainder of our meeting & finish about 4.15pm. We warmly welcome all children to join the Box River Club. We play games, sing, dance, make things, act, laugh, together and, most of all, enjoy ourselves.

Our next family service is on Sunday 4th October at 10.00 am. Everyone is welcome.

The Bible Study Group Next meets at 47 Swan Street on Monday 12th October at 8.00pm, where we will continue our study of St. Luke's Acts of the Apostles. All are most welcome to come along.

The House Group Meets at 7.30 pm at Brook House, Fen Street, Boxford - 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month at the new time of 3.30pm

Smile Lines: From a church newsletter- "We seem to have lost the parish rubber stamp reading "St. Mary's Godmanchester Not to be taken away". If you have borrowed it please return it immediately"

Copy Date for Church News section in the October 2009 Box River News:

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone
Tel: 210972

David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone
Tel: 211161

FROM THE REGISTERS:

21st AUGUST 2009: Burial: JANE BLANCHE WHITWELL

HARVEST FESTIVAL: The Harvest Festival and visit by members of Morden College will be held at 11.30 a.m. on 11th October 2009.

Would those willing and able to host members of the Morden party please inform Jan Paul on 210972. The church will be decorated during the previous week and any produce you are able to provide will be much appreciated.

David Saddleton

PCC MEETING: Thursday, 22nd October 2009, at Mary's House, 7.30 p.m. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the secretary (Ineke Morris, 210761) by 15th October.

David Saddleton

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCHYARD LIGHT:

Following the service on Sunday, 6th September, the Rector dedicated the new light in the churchyard to the memory of Cora Green. The new light and the existing matching light were provided from the proceeds of Cora's legacy to the church.

David Saddleton

EDWARDSTONE CHURCHYARD GARDENING DAY ON 17TH

OCTOBER: The gardening day in Edwardstone Churchyard this year will be on Saturday 17th October. Please come and help this day be as successful as it was last year when a lot of work was done and the churchyard was transformed. Hot dogs and soup will be provided for all. Bring wheelbarrows, clippers and anything you think will be useful. For more details please contact *Jan Paul* 210972.

BINGO & BANGERS: Edwardstone Parish Hall, Saturday, 21st November 2009 at 7 p.m. Tickets £9.50, to include a two-course supper and bingo tickets for 10 games. Bingo caller is Nick Tribe. There will be a licensed bar and raffle. Tickets available from Elizabeth Clement on 210 343 and Sonia Tolhurst on 210 328.

Proceeds to Edwardstone Parish Church and Edwardstone Parish Hall.

EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2009, NOVEMBER 5TH /6TH Something for everyone!

This year's Fair will once again be held over two days with our hugely enjoyable Festive Shopping Evening in the Church on Thursday, November 5th followed by the Main Fair in the Church and the Village Hall the next day. Over both days we have a wide variety of wonderful stalls selling everything from cookware, household gifts, delicious foodstuffs and stationery to beautiful jewellery, fashion accessories and children's presents - and don't forget the Famous Edwardstone Christmas Pudding (to pre-order, phone Sally on 211266). Our book-signing slot in the Church over the 2 days will be filled this year by local author David Long who will be signing a selection of his books.

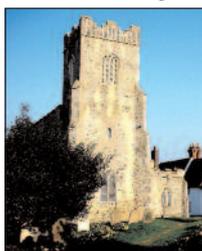
Proceeds from the Fair will be split between Edwardstone Church (some exciting new improvements are in the pipeline there to make the Church more user friendly for the community) and Boxford Playground.

The 2009 Fair looks set to be even bigger and better than before and we look forward to seeing you all there!

For any further details, contact Diana on 01787 211403.

ROTA

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
Oct 4:	Mrs Paul	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	All Help	Mrs French
Oct 11:	Mr Boggis	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul		
Oct 18:	Mrs Paul	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul		
Oct 25:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Saddleton		



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Jayne Foster:*

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER: Saturday, October 24th at 7.30 pm in Groton Village Hall. As summer draws to a close, it's time to think about autumnal activities like the Harvest Supper. As usual, this will be a Fun evening, with an excellent hot meal, and the usual 'Pat-and-

Gerald' Bar. A good opportunity to meet up with friends, old and new. So please put October 24th in your diaries now, and get your tickets soon, at £8 each, from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Pat Bowdidge [211553] or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew.

Groton Flower Festival: A huge thank-you to all the flower arrangers, helpers and suppliers of foliage and flowers, who contributed to the wonderful Flower Festival that was enjoyed by so many over the Bank Holiday weekend. It really was fun to see everyone's interpretation of Bible stories. Thank you all - until the next one!!! *Jayne.*

PCC MEETING: Wednesday 30th September 2009 at 7.30 pm at Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford.

Rota

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mrs Kennedy Scott

Flowers: Mrs Scriven

Cleaning: Mrs Scriven



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

While there is no rector working in the benefice, please refer all matters for the attention of a churchwarden in Little Waldingfield to David Carse, Pink Cottage, Church Road, Little Waldingfield CO10 0SR. Tel: 01787 247585.

	Sidesman	Flowers
Oct 4:	Mr Squirrell	Mrs Grunsell
Oct 11:	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	Mrs Harbord
Oct 18:	Mrs Pell & Mr Bowden	Mrs Ewen
Oct 25:	Visiting	Mrs Squirrell



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Diana Stock,

12 Links View. Tel: 312828

John Turner, '

Severn', Church Road. Tel: 372677

General Church News

GRAHAM AND SANDRA BROOK: The sharp-eyed will have noticed that as well as that of the rector, Graham Brook's name is missing from the heading to the Church News pages this month. For a number of reasons, Graham, who lives in Hadleigh, has decided to leave the benefice with effect from the end of September and return to being a Reader at St Mary's Church, Hadleigh. We are grateful to Graham for his ministry among us over the last five years. He has often provoked us into thinking about new ways of worship and the need to do things differently if we are to grow as a church community. Sandra, too, as an organist and a member of the Boxford church choir, has made a valuable contribution to our worship. We shall miss them both and offer our best wishes for their future ministry.

SUFFOLK THEOLOGY FORUM: Darwin, Science & Faith: why are we at war over creation? This is the provocative title of a lecture to be given by Dr Malcolm Brown, Director of Mission & Public Affairs for the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7th October 2009 at Kesgrave Conference Centre, near Ipswich. Suffolk Theology Forum is supported by Churches Together in Suffolk and welcomes all interested in exploring theological issues in an open and non-partisan way. For anyone interested in the subject but unable to attend the lecture, there is a valuable—and stimulating—discussion of the issues in a recently published book by Charles Foster, *The Selfless Gene: Living with God and Darwin* (Hodder, £11.99). As Charles Foster, a writer, barrister and tutor in Medical Law and Ethics at Oxford University, writes in his preface, "There is a growing intellectual apartheid – an impermeable wall between Christianity and science. That is a shame for science, and disastrous for Christianity." Read the book, and engage with the debate. *David Lamming*

THE DEAN'S RETIREMENT: Many will know that the Cathedral Dean, the Very Revd Neil Collings, has been off work for nearly a year, following an operation for the removal of a malignant brain tumour last November. Recently, Neil has completed a course of palliative radiotherapy and, after much thought and prayer, he has decided that the time has come for him to retire on medical grounds. His retirement takes effect on 30th September. Of particular interest to the benefice, especially those in Edwardstone, is the news that Neil is to move to live at Morden College, Blackheath. There is to be a service of thanksgiving and celebration of Neil's ministry on Tuesday 29th September at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral, to which all are welcome.

In a pastoral letter announcing the Dean's retirement, Bishop Nigel writes: "This is very sad news. It comes of course not long after the tragic death of Archdeacon David. It is at just such times I am grateful for the hope that is contained within our faith. Neil has retained faith and humour through all the frustrations of his illness and is so grateful for the prayers and support offered. Please keep on with those prayers."

SWINE 'FLU AND THE COMMUNION CUP: Bishop Nigel has written recently to clergy relaxing the advice about use of the common cup during Holy Communion in the light of the falling rates of Swine Flu infection throughout the country. The advice now is that it is reasonable in current circumstances to return to use of the common cup, while emphasising that people may still choose to receive communion in one kind only. The advice may change again if infection rates rise in the colder weather, especially if the virus becomes more virulent.

DEANERY MEETING OF TREASURERS AND CHURCHWARDENS: A reminder to our churchwardens and PCC treasurers that there is to be an informal information evening with Canon Jim Pendorf, Parishes Resources Adviser, on Wednesday 7th October 2009 at All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Sudbury. The meeting, which starts at 7.30 pm (coffee/tea from 7.00 pm), provides an opportunity to be updated on current aspects of the allocation of Parish Share, to express views, and to ask questions before decisions are taken on the allocation of Parish Share in the deanery for 2010.

The Church At Worship October 2009

Thursday 1st
Little Waldingfield 19.00 Holy Communion Newmans Hall* Tim Harbord

Sunday 4th Edwardstone Little Waldingfield Boxford	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Morning Prayer 8.00 Holy Communion 10.00 Box River Club 18.30 Evensong	(G) D Lamming The Rev D Abel G & P Barnes C Kingsbury
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Wednesday 7th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House TBA

Sunday 11th Edwardstone Little Waldingfield Newton Green Boxford	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 11.30 Harvest Festival with Morden College 11.00 Harvest Festival 9.30 Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	(G) The Rev N Woodcock & A Dodd Tim Harbord The Rev D Abel The Rev C Sansbury
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Wednesday 14th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House The Rev D Abel

Thursday 15th
Little Waldingfield 19.00 Compline Newmans Hall Tim Harbord

Sunday 18th Edwardstone Groton Little Waldingfield Boxford	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity 8.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Harvest Festival & Holy Baptism 9.30 Holy Communion* 11.00 Matins	(G) TBA The Rev G Drew D Lamming C Kingsbury
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Wednesday 21st 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House TBA

Saturday 24th
Edwardstone 14.00 Holy Matrimony

Sunday 25th Boxford Groton Newton Green Boxford	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion 9.30 Hymns & Readings 11.00 Holy Communion	(G) TBA The Rev G Drew D Stock The Rev G Drew
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Wednesday 28th 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House The Rev D Abel

* Holy Communion by extension

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COMMENT on COMMENT

I feel I must respond to the Comment column in the last issue, and defend the position of wind power within our power generating system.

Some of your remarks are obviously true – a wind turbine can only generate power when there is wind (at least 7mph), and if the wind speed is too high (more than 70mph) they will shut down to avoid damage. Having said that, figures from the newest offshore wind turbines show that they can generate power for 96% of the time, with maximum power output being possible for 38% of the time. Of course this means that, for nearly two thirds of the time they will be producing less than maximum power and they therefore cannot be relied on as the sole source of electricity for a country. We therefore need to think about what else will be needed.

At the moment we have the capacity to generate around 83,000 megawatts in the UK – 41% from gas, 28% from coal, 13% nuclear, 9% renewables (mainly hydroelectric) and the remainder from oil or mixed fuels. We already import most of our coal, and at current rates of consumption, we will have exhausted North Sea oil and gas reserves in around 10 years. This will mean that more than three quarters of our electricity needs will depend on imported fuels. The government and the opposition both believe that this will present unacceptable risks to our supply and are therefore committed to building new nuclear power stations to meet our future needs. Even if we can expand our use of renewables to over 20% (something that has already been achieved in Austria, Portugal, Sweden, Finland and the Baltic States) we will still need to find around 65,000 megawatts of generating capacity. At the moment we have 8 nuclear power stations, generating 11,000 megawatts. We will need to build 40 new power stations to take up the slack. Where will we put them? Some will go where we already have older reactors – this is what is planned at Sizewell. Many others, of course, will have to be put in new sites. Of course to go with this new provision will be new overhead power lines on pylons – one is planned to run from Bramford to Twinstead via Hadleigh and Boxford.

So what has this to do with wind turbines? A typical modern turbine will generate 5 megawatts – so to match up to a nuclear power station, we would need 200 turbines. Given that they won't work all the time, we might even need double that number, although siting them in different positions both onshore and offshore will help to maintain a steady supply. Do we really want 400 turbines instead of a nuclear power station? The editor pointed out a number of reasons why we might not:

They are ugly. A matter of opinion but I suppose, but the new pylons past Boxford are not exactly going to be attractive either

They are expensive. So long as we have cheap gas available, then the high capital cost of new turbines will make them more expensive. Once our gas runs out, however, it remains to be seen whether this will continue to be the case. The idea that nuclear power is cheap stems purely from the fact that generating costs do not include health, pollution and clear-up costs – far and away the most expensive component of this type of generation.

They destroy property values. In fact there have been two properly carried out studies into this issue – neither of them sponsored by the wind turbine industry. The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors concluded that there was no overall effect near two wind farms in Cornwall, while the Edinburgh Solicitors Property Centre actually found that house prices rose near a wind farm in Scotland.

Each turbine requires concrete foundations the size of two Olympic size swimming pools (5000 cubic metres). In fact, even the latest 5 megawatt turbines need a foundation of 1300 cubic metres – and of course at the end of the turbine's life you are left with nothing worse than a couple of thousand tons of concrete to deal with – unlike the radioactive relics of nuclear power stations. In France, where nuclear power already supplies 80% of their needs, they have a stockpile of 200,000 tons of nuclear waste, much of which will remain potentially lethal for up to 10,000 years.

They create a subsonic hum that drives you mad. Large wind turbines undoubtedly make a noise. The only high quality work on this subject comes from the Netherlands, where 725 households near wind turbines were questioned. The annoyance from the noise of the wind turbines was greatest in those who could see the turbine, those who did not like the look of the turbine and those who did not gain economically from employment or low cost power.

I have been unable to find any equivalent published information on

how people feel about living near nuclear power stations.

They make you ill. Dr Nina Pierpont has published a book relating to a cluster of physical complaints occurring in 10 families that live near wind turbines in New York. Unfortunately she has not published the information in medical journals – you have to buy the book for \$18 from her website – so we have no way of determining whether her work is valid or not. I have searched the medical literature for similar reports from elsewhere in the world, but she seems to be the only researcher who has identified this syndrome. However, given the fallout from the hysteria over the supposed link between MMR vaccine and autism, which was based on 14 affected families, you will understand if I remain somewhat sceptical of these claims.

Of course, the evidence for any health impact of living near a nuclear power station is equally uncertain. Some researchers have shown an increase in childhood leukaemia while others have seen none. I will therefore leave it to the reader to decide whether they would rather live near a wind turbine or a nuclear power station.

Electricity generation in the UK cannot depend totally on wind power, but that does not mean that it does not have a role to play. Despite a long campaign to persuade people to reduce their power consumption, electrical demand in Britain remains static. If government plans to increase our use of renewables to levels seen elsewhere in Europe involves the widespread roll-out of wind farms, and in so doing reduce our reliability on nuclear (and fossil fuel) sources, then it strikes me as a small price to pay.

Johnathan Belsey

Thanks Johnathan, my only comment would be that One nuclear power station is equivalent to 3000 Wind turbines and the chances of living close to a wind turbine are therefore 3000 times greater than living close to a nuclear power station. To replace Sizewell with wind turbines would mean the whole of Suffolk being littered with them. Compared with that 90 new or replacement pylons will be much more acceptable. Ed

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Jane Whitwell 1950 - 2009

How do you reflect the life of someone who has made such a massive contribution to Boxford School and all of the children, staff and parents who have been lucky enough to have worked with Jane over so many years? When I first arrived at Boxford some eighteen years ago Jane was already an established member of staff. Like so many of our teaching assistants Jane had been helping as a volunteer whilst her own children were at the school. Peter Lowe, my predecessor, had obviously recognised Jane's talents and employed her as a Classroom Assistant. Luckily for me Jane was the TA who was allocated to the class I taught on a Friday and it quickly became apparent that she was more than just a classroom helper but rather a partner in teaching. She had ideas, initiative and creativity and most of all an infectious enthusiasm for teaching, especially for those pupils that were less able and needed more support and encouragement. Above all she enjoyed what she was doing and brought a sense of fun and laughter to the classroom. She had time for every pupil and they knew that they could go to her with any problem, however small, and that she would be there to comfort and help. The children's affection for Jane was very evident when she came to school for the leavers barbecue last month; they were so pleased to see her and crowded around her the entire time she was there. Jane loved the children and I know that this was a very special occasion for her.

During my early years at Boxford Jane had particular responsibility for a visually impaired pupil, Gareth, who before I arrived had experienced a significant deterioration in his sight. In those days inclusion into mainstream schooling was not the norm and we had a visit from the Advisory Teacher for Visual Impairment, Mike Akehurst to discuss whether Boxford School was the right place for Gareth to continue his education or whether he needed to be transferred to a special school. He would need to learn Braille and there was nobody qualified to teach him, he would need specialist visual equipment and there wasn't any and above all he would need staff who knew how to teach a pupil with visual problems. Jane typically stepped forward and as she always did where there were negatives she saw positives and where there were problems she saw solutions. She went away and taught herself Braille, she read up on educating visually impaired children and spent endless hours of her own time preparing materials, translating books and making learning aids enabling Gareth to stay at Boxford and receive the best possible education. I had had no experience of working with special needs children and I have to admit was somewhat sceptical but Jane showed me and many others that with a little dedication and hard work it was possible, so much so that Gareth went on, supported by Jane, to both Middle and Upper School and even onto Sixth Form following which Gareth went off to university. At a time when most visually impaired children went to special schools this was groundbreaking work and I know for a fact that Mike was incredibly impressed by Jane's work and her considerable commitment to making inclusion possible. Jane approached all of her work with this dedication and would often come into school armed with something she had prepared the night before because she could see a way to help a child with a particular difficulty or problem. She would rush into my office and excitedly show me what she had made.

One of Jane's passions was painting. She was a creative person who enjoyed all areas of Art and Craft and for many years she ran a lunchtime art club. The club was so popular amongst the children that on some occasions she had to run it over two lunchtimes. This was entirely voluntary and she did it simply because she loved working with the children. She was also a keen artist herself and she organised the Boxford Art Club who used our school hall for their weekly meeting. Typical of Jane was her commitment to making sure everyone was happy and she spent so much time organising tables and chairs, making sure everyone had what they needed and making tea and coffee that she did very little artwork herself. It was a standing joke between us that all she ever painted was a white cat in a snowstorm as she only ever had a blank piece of white paper in front of her! In fact Jane was a very talented artist but I only found this out when I visited the Hadleigh show one year and saw a stunning exhibition of her work. Jane approached her art with typical enthusiasm and I remember how excited she was when she proudly informed me that she had sold one of her pieces earlier this year for what was not an inconsiderable amount of money.

Another of Jane's loves were her animals and I can remember her coming into school proudly announcing that one of her rabbits was expecting. I am not so sure John was quite so enthusiastic. Anyway this 'happy event' coincided with my own daughter's desire for a pet rabbit for her birthday and Jane couldn't have been more pleased offering her one of the babies when they were ready. We duly went across and chose this cute little brown lop eared rabbit which my daughter creatively named Thumper. Unfortunately it was nothing like the cuddly Disney

character and the little monster spent the next five years living semi-wild in our garden attacking anything and anyone who came near it. At the time we had a border collie, Peg, and on more than one occasion it was viewed running around the garden with its tail between its legs, Thumper in hot pursuit. It all came to a head one summer when my wife was hanging out the washing. Thumper for some inexplicable reason seemed to take exception to this and ran across the lawn leapt into the air and took a lump out of her arm with his teeth. Jane's reaction, as she desperately tried to suppress a giggle and look concerned was to say 'Ah bless him'. Bless him, my wife didn't think so, he spent the rest of his days in a hastily built enclosure!

Those of you who know the school well will be aware that every year we take our year 4 pupils on a residential trip either to Norfolk or Kent. One year Jane accompanied us to Norfolk and joined us for the long walk to Blakeny Point. This not inconsiderable challenge involves walking the entire three and a half miles to the point on shingle from the village of Cley. For most children this is a great adventure and a fun challenge but for a few it is a chore and as I stride off into the distance with the majority of children there are always a few stragglers winging along at the back. One particular year there seemed to be a very large group of these stragglers who spent the entire walk moaning and groaning about how hard it was and how everything from their feet to their heads ached. Jane of course got the job of 'bringing up the rear' and trying to keep this group of children moving. She did so by discussing with them different ways of getting their revenge on me when they got to the point. Some of their ideas were less than pleasant I can assure you!

As those of you who have been involved with Boxford School will know Christmas is a very important time of year for everyone and a time of year that Jane loved. She took on the responsibility of being our costume organiser and took the role very seriously. Dressing me up as the dame for the staff pantomime was something she enjoyed hugely evidenced by the raucous laughter that emanated from Jane as I appeared from my office into the staffroom. She also took responsibility for organising all of the children's costumes which were stored in a large walk in cupboard at the back of the boy's toilets. In the weeks running up to Christmas Jane, often accompanied by either Dawn or Sylvia would spend hours 'ferreting' around in this cupboard. They would emerge at the end of these sessions in fits of laughter and I always suspected that, rather than sorting costumes, they were smoking some dodgy substance in there. I was never able to prove anything but interestingly they didn't deny it!

The end result of all this cupboard work were the children's costumes. Every year the older children act as narrators whilst the younger children act out the nativity dressed appropriately as various characters. As the school grew in size and the number of children increased fitting every child with an appropriate costume became ever more difficult. Ensuring every child had a costume and that every child looked their very best was Jane's mission and her creativity shone through as to the normal sheep and cows were added to with chickens, ducks, townspeople etc. I even remember one year a flashing angel. Jane spent ages sewing a set of battery operated Christmas tree lights into the angel's costume. However, her finest moment came several years ago. I was doing my usual sitting around the back with guitar in hand pretending to be a rock star when there was a huge commotion in the church. Not being able to see I suspected that something had happened on the stage, perhaps the angels had had a punch up or Mary had dropped the baby Jesus. The laughter suggested it was not too serious so I was not that concerned. Anyway it turned out to be, what was probably Jane's finest invention, causing all the fuss; the Nativity Camel. You have all seen a pantomime horse, well we have the Nativity Camels and the audience reaction as these three camels made their way through the church was priceless. They were designed to look almost human and as the child in the front moved the camel's heads they took on a life of their own. The audience loved them. As this was all unfolding Jane would stand quietly at the back of the church simply enjoying the pleasure the parents and children were getting from the whole spectacle. It was so important to Jane that every child looked their very best and would not stop working on a costume until she knew that this was the case.

If there was something to be done around school Jane was always there to help volunteering without fuss or complaint. That simply was Jane, always there thinking of others.

At Boxford School we take the education of our children very seriously but not at the expense of enjoyment and the welfare of every single pupil in our care. Jane fully supported these values and indeed played an important role in developing them. She cared deeply about every child she taught and took great pride in everything they achieved. She is a very special person who has touched the lives of countless staff pupils and parents. She was an outstanding teaching assistant, a valuable employee and colleague and above all a friend. Jane's untimely passing has left a big hole in our staffing. She will be sadly missed but certainly not forgotten by all who knew and worked with her. RG

Soap Box

Some 16 years ago – or maybe even more – Greene King closed the last remaining pub in Little Waldingfield and applied to change the building from licensed premises to residential use. They failed in their endeavours, due in no small measure to the efforts of a small band of villagers who, amongst other things, promoted their campaign through a village newspaper called The Grapevine.

I had allowed this colourful period of recent history to slip from my memory until a neighbour, busily clearing out her home prior to moving, came across some copies of The Grapevine. Very good they were, too. The amount of effort that went into producing an entertaining and sometimes hard hitting journal, using only local talent and in the days before emails and home computers, was considerable.

Box River News it wasn't. Much shorter than our benefice newspaper, it carried no advertising and was typed by the daughter of the editor. The publication frequency was somewhat irregular as I recall. The content was also most irreverent, an attitude that did not always find favour with village residents. But it caught the mood of the time and undoubtedly helped us to keep the Swan as a pub.

It is a great shame only two editions have come back in to my possession so far. The Grapevine was numbered, but not dated and No. 3 was, I suspect, published in August 1993. Edition 13 probably hit the streets in March 1994. By then the pub had re-opened, but a new threat faced the village – that of several hundred houses being built on Churchfield, the field behind our church. The Grapevine took up the challenge. This threat was also averted.

This numbering sequence suggests a monthly publication cycle, though I'm sure this depended more on contributions arriving on time and the availability of someone to type the copy than on any deadline discipline. And the style was more Private Eye than East

Anglian Daily Times. But the fact that it appeared at all was testament to the community spirit that existed back then.

Villages are, of course, dynamic social entities. People come and go and facilities and amenities change too. The village shop and the second pub had already disappeared before Little Waldingfield became my home, but both the Playing Fields pavilion and the Parish Rooms have been improved during the time I have lived here. Still, we no longer have weekly church services.

But not all change is for the better. Villages are becoming dormitories for towns and cities where the jobs are. Several people in Little Waldingfield work in London and commute on a daily basis. I did for many years. Village houses are considered desirable residences and are in great demand from the aspiring middle classes. As a result they are priced out of the reach of the young. This is true of the rest of the benefice as well.

Perhaps this is why younger people appear less likely to engage in village activities than used to be the case. Last month Little Waldingfield held its bi-annual Flower Festival – and very good it was, too. The men producing the lunch in the Parish Rooms had an average age that probably equated to retirement age. As one remarked to me, several of us had been involved in this and other activities for a quarter of a century or more and there was little sign of a new generation stepping up to the plate.

If this seems like a re-run of last week's Soap Box, then in a way it is. This time it was prompted by the chance re-reading of The Grapevine. I would like to think that, faced with similar crises, a group would establish itself to fight the village's corner. I worry, though, that it would be a less youthful gathering than that of 16 years ago. In the meantime, if anyone out there has other copies of The Grapevine, do let me know. I'd love to share some of the articles with you all in the months ahead.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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Lift and store gladioli corms to protect them from frost. If left in the ground too long they may be damaged by slugs and other pests. Clean off excess soil and place the corms in a cool airy place to dry, then dust with sulphur powder.

Tuberous begonias which have been used for bedding should also be lifted and have their stems cut back to about four or five inches then laid on the greenhouse bench. Those in pots should be laid on their side to rest. Do not give any water and the stems will drop off after a few weeks, then clean the soil from the tubers and dust with sulphur. Store in dry sand or peat in a cool dry frost free place for the winter.

Clear beds of summer bedding plants where you intend to plant wallflowers, for-get-me-nots, etc. for a spring display. Plant now while the soil is still warm and they can become well rooted before the hard weather sets in. If planted too late they will almost certainly suffer from long periods of severe frost or cold east winds, because they have not made sufficient roots to enable them to take up enough moisture to withstand these conditions.

Do not manure beds for spring flowering plants, it will only encourage soft growth and make them more susceptible to frost damage.

plants and emptied every two days is one way of keeping them clear. The same applies to a pool, a net will stop leaves falling into the water and causing poisonous gasses to form as they rot.

Lift and pot up pelargoniums and bring them indoors. They need a dry atmosphere to survive the winter, a spare room in the house is ideal. Dampness is the main enemy of pelargoniums, the sort of conditions you get in a cold or partially heated greenhouse during the months of November, December, and January.

If the weather is mild and sunny, watch out for greenfly on winter pansies. These can ruin the plants if not checked in time. About the middle of the month sweet peas can be sown in pots in a cold frame or greenhouse to produce strong plants for planting outside in March. Sow up to ten seeds to a five inch pot filled with John Innes seed compost or ordinary garden soil with no added fertiliser. Water moderately after sowing and from then on only water when absolutely necessary. Give plenty of ventilation on warm days and protect from slugs and mice.

Prepare the greenhouse now to house tender plants which are standing outside. To minimise the loss of light in winter, thoroughly clean the glass, using a solution of armillatox to remove all dirt and algae. Cut down on heating by lining the glass with bubble polythene sheeting. The large bubble types, although more expensive, gives better insulation and admits more light. The ventilators should be covered separately to allow for opening. All electrical installations should be checked by an electrician as dampness and humidity in a greenhouse can damage insulations. Where an oil heater is used, a ventilator should be left open one inch at all times to allow the fumes and moisture created by the heater to escape.

Remove fallen leaves and weeds from rock plants. If weeds are allowed to lie thickly over these small plants, they can cause rot and kill them. A net placed over the



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Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council

held in July & August 2009

Meeting of the Parish Council on 6th July

Finance: In addition to the usual business, the 1st quarter budget review was discussed showing Income at 54% of Budget and Expenditure at 31% at this point in the year. The Locality Budget and S106 Contributions Grants were paid over to Boxford Village Hall and Playingfield Management Committee respectively. The first was to contribute towards the Village Hall Roof and the latter towards the new Playground

Babergh Core Strategy, Issues and Options Consultation:

Cllr Ansell had reviewed the document. It is intended for the Local Development Framework to replace the Local Plan taking us to 2027. The Consultation covered problems and potential solutions. Evidence was being sought from a range of places. The next stage is to be the Draft Core Strategy by winter this year. The Final Core Strategy should be prepared by next Spring. Areas identified included Housing Needs, Infra Structure, Jobs, Healthcare provision, Schools, Road network and minimizing the impact on the environment. Options in the document included developing populated areas or providing more housing in certain villages. At this stage members spoke of helping people stay within their Communities and that it would be better to put further small batches of housing in villages with an infra structure in place. This view was put forward to the Planning Authority.

Planning: Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

1) Babergh Council confirmed permission has been granted for a front extension to 21 Stone Street. This followed a site meeting by the Development Committee attended also by Cllr Norman and Cllr Hughes. District Cllr Hurren and Cllr Gates both spoke at the Committee Meeting.

2) Work can proceed to remove 3 lawson Cyprus trees at 12 Clubs Lane

3) Listed Building Consent granted for a rear extension and internal alterations at The Maltings, 2 Butchers Lane

4) The application to construct access, fence and infill pond at Cox Farm, Cox Hill was withdrawn

The following were discussed by Council:-

a) The Application for the Eco-House on Boxford Lane was reviewed in view of some unrest in the village in relation to the appearance of the wind turbine. The Clerk read from the Parish Council's original comments to the Planning Authority as follows: -

Boxford Parish Council believe this is a fantastic idea, however, object to this application due to the following: -

i) Highways safety issues regarding access to the A1071 and the distraction that could be caused by the wind turbine.

ii) The height of the property is greater than expected and should not exceed the neighbouring bungalow. (Notwithstanding the Parish Council's objections, the plans were passed.)

Members reviewed the plans and noted that the wind turbine was positioned correctly. However, the design, dominance and diameter of the turbine appeared to differ. It was agreed to inform Babergh enforcement to enable them to investigate. The Chairman read correspondence from the Boxford Society and Dr Belsey. Dr Belsey confirmed that whilst the property will be monitored by the University, it will also be his family home. An open day was planned for the autumn.

Reports from Members: It was reported that the Ash Street paving cobbles (by the bench) had not been reinstated as promised. It was agreed for the Clerk to chase County Highways. Cllr Norman agreed to speak with Beestons to ensure arrangements were made to turn Buses during the bridge repairs.

Full Parish Council Meeting on 20th July

Police Report: PCSO Penny Molkenthin was unable to attend, however, provided a report covering the period from 12th June 2009 through to 12th July 2009. During this time 2 crimes were recorded compared to 1 crime for the same period last year. These were criminal damage to a window and a possession of indecent photos report. Our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team can be contacted on 01473 – 613500.

Public Forum: The potential for a youth/street dancing club to be held at Boxford Village Hall was discussed. It has since been agreed for the Parish Council to cover the discounted hall hire costs for the initial period.

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren confirmed that the Local Government Review has been delayed due to the legal challenge by three District Councils. He has concerns about the new Choice Based Lettings scheme that controls the way social housing is let. Babergh

Council has combined with 7 other Councils and now all housing is available via the internet. This includes a wider catchment area, however, with regard to Affordable Homes developments the section 106 agreement usually limits the development to local needs.

Clerks Correspondence: The Clerk read a letter enquiring about the gravestones of late relatives laid to rest in the chapel garden (Swan Street). It was agreed to provide website information giving the legal position and await a response to the Parish Councils letter to the owner of the Old Chapel. Attention then turned to reports of incidents where Parishioners had telephoned emergency police 999 from mobile phones. Essex Police had answered on both occasions and were not in a position to assist. It was agreed to report the situation to our Police Contacts. Concern was then expressed regarding the various outstanding matters with County Highways. County Cllr Finch agreed to take up upon the Parish Councils behalf. Please note the telephone number to report matters from pot-holes to street lights is 08456 066 067 County & District Services.

Finance Report: It was agreed to pay the balance of the Parish Councils contribution of £6500 towards the Village Hall Roof. Members took the opportunity to congratulate Finlay Hunter and his Committee on the excellent achievement of raising the funds and organising the work to the roof.

Suffolk County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch attended to deliver his report outlining the aims of the County Council and his particular responsibilities. He offered to present a key corporate document "The Suffolk Story" to the Parish Council. He stressed that he was there to represent the overall views of all constituents whatever their political persuasion. He advised that he had arranged a meeting with John Boucher at County Highways and he would take up the various outstanding issues at that meeting.

Reports and Questions from Chairman and Members: Members reported residents concern that chairs and tables from The Fleece were obstructing the pavement. It was agreed to inform the managers of the Fleece to enable them to take appropriate action.

Planning: The following were discussed by Council: -

a) Application for a single storey rear extension at The Maltings, 2 Butchers Lane.

b) Application for various works to trees at Little Orchard, Butchers Lane

The following reports were received from Babergh District Council: -

1) A letter had been received from John Winders, Principal Development Control Officer, regarding the Eco House, Boxford Lane. He confirmed that he has investigated the issue of the wind turbine and advised there was no breach of Town Planning Control. The mast is fatter than they expected and the configuration of the turbine a little different from that originally proposed. However, the height of the structure seemed much as they expected and in these circumstances they did not believe a case for an enforcement action could be sustained.

2) Listed Building Consent has been granted to re-render Cox Farm, Cox Hill.

Parish Council Meeting on 10th August 2009

Public Forum: The owner of Lynnfield, Butchers Lane attended to seek a letter of support towards his application. He confirmed this was his fourth application and the proposal is now smaller and in accordance with the Planning Officers guidance. It was to go before the Planning Committee on 9th September. Members agreed to issue a letter of support on this occasion. Other members of the public explained they wanted to lend their support to the proposed Affordable flats at Homefield.

Planning: The following were discussed by Council: -

a) The proposed Affordable flats with associated car parking and erection of 8 garages at Homefield. District Cllr Hurren explained the changes including a hip roof to make the development in keeping with surrounding properties and further landscaping. Following discussion of the need, the design of the plans and traffic issues, members voted 5 in favour of the application and 3 against. When issuing her vote, the Chairman gave her reason of wanting the young to be able to stay within the village.

b) Proposed single storey lean-to end extension and two storey element at rear of Gray Gables Cottage, 2 Stone Street Road.

Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk.

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Parish Council Matters

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

374TH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Held on 17th August 2009 At 7.30 pm

- 1. Apologies** M.Glason, J.Rodger-Brown
- 2. Present** S.Norman (Chairman), D.Tolhurst (Clerk), C.Boggis, S.Boggis, P.Clarke, S.Flack, J.Konopka, B.Hurren, J.Finch
- 3. Planning.** All recent applications have been approved
- 4. Council appointment:** Mrs. Jane Konopka was co-opted as a member of the parish council. There were no other applications despite advertisements for the post.
- 5. The new District Councillor** Mr. James Finch was welcomed and gave an outline of his views and plans for the County in his introductory address. A copy is available from him. He estimates that about £350 will be available from the locality budget this coming year.
- 6. District Councillor** . Mr. Hurren said he and Mr. Finch have a good working relationship.

The Boundary Commission situation has not yet been settled although the District Council has spent about £200,000 on this affair. It is a pity as if we had joined with other councils a good deal of money would have been saved. The BDC is in the hands of other people!

The Homefield flats are faced with further consultation but building should start later this year.

7. The clerk reported that Edwardstone came 3rd. in the Parish of the Year competition and the council will receive a Cheque for £100 in due course.

8. Parish Clerk. Mrs.S.Gray is due to take over as the new clerk on 5th November.

Meeting closed at 8.02 pm

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

The council met on 18th August. 7 councillors attended.

Apologies received from Cllr Antill.

Declarations of Interest. R Mitchell in respect of plans for School House.

Police matters. No report received.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising. The questionnaire regarding a bus shelter still outstanding. Kerbing in Church Road will not begin until October, as the road will have to be closed.

Financial matters. Cheque signed for the cutting of the churchyard grass. Due to our tight budget, it was decided we could not support a number of donation requests.

Planning matters. There was no objection to the revised plans for School House. BDC have refused permission for a new house at Hammonds Holt. There were no objections to the direction signs for SRL.

Correspondence. Details of Speedwatch finally received - please see below.

Footpaths. The handrail on the bridge at Park Farm needs repairing. The felled tree across Footpath 3 has been cleared. Footpath 4 has been cut. Still no progress on the missing waymarks.

Churchyard. No bill received for the recent repairs, yet.

Any other business. The new telegraph pole opposite Grove Ave. appears to be closer to the road causing problems for large vehicles. The village sign is to be reinspected in case repairs needed. The poor state of Church Road, beyond the 30mph sign has been reported to SCC.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 6th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

SPEEDWATCH

Volunteers are needed to operate the speed gun. They must be over 18 and required to sign a Community Speedwatch Agreement and be subject to police vetting checks. Training will be given on use of the equipment and H & S issues. Volunteers will not operate in their own village and a maximum of 2 hours per month is all that is likely to be required.

If you wish to take part, please contact the Clerk, Mary Thorogood on 247658.

Local Walks

Local Walks in and around the area

Lavenham Rambling Club

11October Whelp Street and Preston St Mary. Meet at Lavenham, The Common (GR TL 919 491) Distance 5 miles.

Leader *Dinah* 01787 249 198

25th October Smallbridge and Chapel Barn. Meet at Bures VH (GR TL 908 339) Distance 4 miles.

Leader *Barbara* 01787 311194.

Anyone is welcome to join these walks providing that they acknowledge that they do so at their own risk. All walks are on Sundays and start at 2pm, they last for about two hours. Please car share if possible as parking is sometimes limited.

For general enquiries contact *Graham Patrick* on 01787 248128

Ramblers Association Walks

Wednesday 14th October Dedham. Meet at Dedham free cp (GR TL 058334) to make a 10am start. Then walk along the Stour River bank to Stratford St Mary, on to the Church and return to Dedham. Distance 5 miles.

Leaders *Cliff and Dorothy S* 07255 502976

Sunday 18th October Stour Valley Railway walk. Meet for a 10am start at Clare Country Park cp (GR TL 770 451) Postcode CO10 8NW) for a figure of eight. Morning out to Stoke by Clare. Afternoon to Cavendish. Lunch at The Globe, Clare. Distance for each walk 5 miles.

Leader *Boyd* 01206 530484.

Wednesday 21st October Walks around Hadleigh. Meet at the swimming pool cp (sign posted) (GR TM 030 424) postcode IP7 5HS) for a figure of eight. Morning to Kersey Church returning Kersey Vale, Afternoon along the railway walk via Raydon Great Wood. Distance each walk 5 miles.

Leader *Colin L* 01206 561888

Notice

The Editor of The Box River News wishes it to be known that the 'Arrogant dog walker' referred to in the September issue of BRN under the heading of 'The Country Code,' was not Mrs Catherine Harper of Stone Street, Boxford.

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- Drawing for beginners
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- Storytelling
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Readers Letters

Sir

Bryan and Pauline would like to thank family and friends for their generous donations, £567 was collected for the arthritis research campaign in memory of their mother Doris.

Bryan and Pauline

Sir

Missing Cat – Lily

Many thanks to everyone who helped look in their sheds, outbuildings etc for Lily following our leaflet distribution and posters. Thankfully she turned up yesterday after being missing 10 days, very thin and hungry but thankfully all in one piece.

Thanks again

Melanie Richardson – 2 Mill Green View Edwardstone.

Sir

How nice it was to see an update about our village enhancements ie bridge works and village hall project, its nice to see things being done to keep the whole ambiance of our village in tact.

On a lighter note it was also nice to see our village ducks get their moment of fame in the Box River News, I feel it is also an important aspect of our village as the many children and parents who stop to feed them and watch them grow reminds us all of those special times when we were growing up and a nice walk to feed the ducks was once the most exciting times on a rest day.

I know their are opinions against keeping our ducks and in fact culling them or taking them to Kersey, may I say I don't feel this is a majority view and before the people that be make this decision there is a collection of views to establish the whole villages view and act therefore based on fact and not a small minority view of people who forget or who aren't close to the centre of the village and don't see on a daily basis the fulfilment our ducks bring.

Robin Windmill!!!

Many years ago I was a founding member of SODs (Save Our Ducks). However this related to a call to cull the ducks in Kersey. Now they are without and this may be the time to be generous and let them have some of ours ED

Sir

I recently attended the fantastic EddyFest music and beer festival with my family at the Edwardstone White Horse over the August bank holiday weekend and read the article on Wind Turbine Syndrome in your excellent publication.

We have camped in the field behind the White Horse on many occasions, sometimes directly below the wind turbine, and were alarmed to note that we have experienced many of the symptoms listed, such as concentration and memory problems, balance problems, fatigue, memory problems, headaches (particularly the morning after) and memory problems.

I am sure this is nothing to do with the fine Mill Green Brewery ales consumed during our stay but before seeking damages from the hosts, Amy and Gavin (what a superb job they are doing!), I thought I should do some further research myself.

May I draw your readers attention to an article on the NHS website at <http://www.nhs.uk/news/2009/08August/Pages/Arewindfarmsahealthrisk.aspx> which concludes "This study provides no conclusive evidence that wind turbines have an effect on health or are causing the set of symptoms described here as "wind turbine syndrome". The study design was weak, the study was small and there was no comparison group." It continues "Asking this particular group about their symptoms prior to their exposure to wind turbines was not a sufficient control measure. Many of the participants were reportedly already convinced that wind turbines were to blame for their symptoms and were actively trying to move out of their homes or had already moved. It is also impossible to know how frequent these symptoms are in people who live near wind turbines compared to those who don't. There is also no information on how the group was selected in the first place and some uncertainty as to which countries these people come

from."

I personally feel that the turbine is a very low risk to health compared to the benefit to the environment and caused fewer sleep related problems than the traffic noise I usually hear at home. In fact, it was the aircraft stacking overhead for Stansted Airport that woke me up in the morning!

Surely it would be far better for a number of graceful wind turbines to supply power to local homes than the ranks of ugly pylons proposed to march across the countryside which are far more visually intrusive? I expect by now you are already searching for scare stories about the health effects of these but suggest you check all the facts as there is no definite evidence of this either.

Your publication is without doubt the best local newsletter I have read so please don't spoil it with biased editorials.

Sincerely,

Ian (Jimmy) Robinson

Alresford, Colchester, Essex

Thanks Jimmy. I would not normally comment but I seem to remember there being no such illness as Gulf War Syndrome or ME, proved wrong weren't they. Only time will tell Ed

Sir

I am totally in agreement with your text in the Comment September issue Column "Wind Energy Limitations". However we must do something

The demand for electricity is certain to increase dramatically over the next decades. Electric cars, air conditioning etc.

Wave energy seems to have fallen out of favour recently, which is surprising, after all we are an island surrounded by sea and wave power is claimed to be more reliable than wind power, far less intrusive and virtually silent.

The problem appears to be an engineering one. Designing a structure resilient enough to withstand the great forces involved.

Surely we should put our efforts into resolving the problems on our planet before the space programme but are we prepared to divert resources, I doubt it!

On another note can somebody please tell me why Boxford Bridge has been rebuilt?

As a layman looking at the exposed steel beams of the original I would have thought that they would support several steam rollers!! Am I wrong

David L Maxwell- Holroyd
Brook Hall Road, Boxford.

Sir

Thank you for reminding us all of the Country Code in last month's issue. Our countryside is precious to those who farm it and to those of us who use it for pleasure.

I think the Code represents a fair and a respectful balance of rights and responsibilities for everyone.

Jane Howe
Boxford

Sir

Peter Gee.

The people of Milden were shocked at the untimely death of Peter Gee in a quadbike accident. Although fairly new to the village Peter and Pearl had entered wholeheartedly into the life of the community, especially the Pavilion project. Peter was a builder and lent his expertise to this project, for instance laying the concrete for the new mower shed. And Pearl runs the diary for bookings. Peter was always cheerful and smiling, ready to help anyone in any way he could. His past exploits were unknown to most but he was often seen in his yellow Porsche—and envied! His funeral was very well attended and the family each gave a moving tribute. We shall all miss him.

Tissa Rigby.
Milden

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL August Draw Results

1st No 29	J F Sibley	Wivenhoe	£40
2nd No 132	G Bendall	Edwardstone	£20
3rd No 129	Caarpet Bowls		£10
4th No 106	C Burgess	Clubs Lane	£5

Next Draw is on October 6th at the bingo

Box River Benefice, directory of clubs & Organisations

Boxford Clubs & Organisations

1st Boxford Beaver Scouts	Diana Taylor 210239
1st Boxford Brownies	Moira Grant 211513
1st Boxford Cub Scouts	Adam Marshall 210323
1st Boxford Guides	Lil Benton 210809
1st Boxford Rainbows	Janice MacMillan 210565
1st Boxford Scout Group	Richard Gates 210432
1st Boxford Scouts	Mark Miller 211596
Vulpine Explorer Scout Unit	Denzil Smith 210020
3 Parishes Response	Vic Rice 210504
Bellringers	Richard Gates 210432
Boxford Art Group	Keith Worricker 211566
Boxford Bible Study Group	211077
Boxford Bowls Club	Les Clark 210698
Boxford Bounty	Mark Miller 211596
Boxford Carpet Bowls	Jean Saunders 210725
Boxford Community Council	Roger Cunningham 211592
Boxford Conservative Assoc	Peter Patrick 210346
Boxford Drama Group	Janice Macmillan 210565
Boxford Fleece Jazz Workshop	David Mayhew 248585
Boxford Gardens Open	Jeremy & Elizabeth Wagener 210223
Boxford Gardening Society	Elizabeth Wagener 210223
Boxford Netball Club	Elaine Powling 211243
Boxford Over 60s Club	Nell Suckling 210250
Boxford Playing Fields	Richard Gates 210432
Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion	
Boxford Recorder	Philip Rich 210605
Boxford Rovers Football Club	Gary Jarvis 01787 211471
Boxford School	Bob Giles 210332
Boxford Society	Tina Loose 210538
Boxford Spinney	Gordon Edgar 210108 and Dora George 211789
Boxford Sunflower Playgroup	Moira Grant 211513
Boxford Study Centre	Bob Martin 210837
Boxford Tennis Club	Jane Wood 210181.
Boxford United Charities	David House (Clerk) 210918
Boxford Village Hall Chairman & Bookings	Finlay Hunter 211381
Boxford Walks	Ian Lindsley 210520
Boxford WI	Iris Robinson 01473 658567
Boxford Youth Club	John Broughton 377404
Box River Club	Janet Daniels 210798
Box River News	EddieKench 211507
Carers Support Group	Phillip Ingram 210771
CE Vol Con School & Nursery Unit	Bob Giles 210332
Community Police Officer	PC Paul Wren 01473 383441
County Councillor	Selwyn Prior
District Councilior	Bryn Hurren 01787 210854
Edwardstone & Boxford Cricket Club	
Fleece Jazz Club	David Gasson 210796
Friends of Boxford School	Sharon Ireland 210302
Green Team	Elaine Carpenter 210601
Mary's House	210026
Mill Surgery	210558
Babies and Toddlers Group	Helen Shinn 211296 or Salley Lewis 210213
Parish Council	Debbie Hattrell 210943
Parochial Church Council	
Poppy Appeal	Brian James 210814
Primrose Wood	Ian Lindsley 210520
SESAW	Maggie 210888
Sponsored cycle ride	Barrie Thorpe 211346
Village Hall Draw Tickets	210640

Newton Clubs & Organisations

Art Club	Anne Gardner 312346
Line Dancing	Jean Tomkins 377343
Newton Fireside Club	Wendy Turner 372677
Newton Golf Club	377217
Newton Green Trust	Lee Parker 376073
Newton Keep Fit Club	
Newton News Views & Coffee	Alan Vince 373963
Newton Village Hall	Alan Vince 373963
PCC	John turner 372677
Police Liason Officer	
Sponsored cycle ride	Diane Stock 312828
Surgeries	Boxford Mill 210558
	Meadow Lane 310000
	Hardwicke House 370011
	Siam 370444
War Games Club	Brian Lawson 312160
Whist Drives	Alan Vince 373963
Willow Montessori Nursery	Tina Boyes 375423

Edwardstone Clubs & Organisations

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust	Clare Britcher 211234
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Edwardstone Parish Hall booking Secretary	Fiona Raymond 210461
Edwardstone Parish Hall chairman	Daphne Clark 210698
Edwardstone United Charities	Les Clark (Clerk) 210698
Edwardstone and Boxford CC	Iain Young (01787 210048)
Local History Recorder	Daphne Clark 210698
Sponsored cycle ride	Jan Paul 210972

Groton Clubs & Organisations

Groton Educational Foundation	Anthea Scriven 01787 210263
Groton Parish Council	Sandra Grey 211465
Groton United Charities	Jeremy Osborne 211960
Groton Village Hall Bookings	Joanna Roberts 210619
Sponsored cycle ride	Peter Kennedy-Scott 210319

Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

Gt Waldingfield WI	Linda Lutz 378888
Ltl Waldingfield Parish Council	Mary Thorogood 247658
Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Sue Mitchell 247173
Little Waldingfield Playingfield Committee (Chairman)	Phil Hart 248021
Little Waldingfield Charities	Sue Mitchell 247173
Sponsored cycle ride	Barry Squirrel 247705

EDWARDSTONE CRICKET CLUB

The league season finished last weekend and we held on to fourth place in the second division of the Hunts County League. 10 wins 1 tie and 5 losses represent a good all round team performance in the league, and with just the last friendly of the season to play at Leavenheath, we have made it through the season with just one game lost to the weather.

On 9th August we lost to Haverhill the league leaders, and the following Sunday was the dramatic away match at Brettenham. With a strong line up we felt confident batting first, but wickets kept falling and we only managed to set a low target of 99 for the home team. Needing a strong bowling performance, the skipper led from the front reducing the reply to 13-3. The next pair added 46 runs before Damian Elliot pinched two wickets to keep us in the hunt, but it was beginning to look a bit dicey. A chink of light appeared as Jack Clark bowled their top scorer, but further runs were added bringing the scores level at with 8 wickets down. After a remarkable three minutes of the final over, Malcolm Gooderham had bowled 3 dot balls and took the last two wickets to tie the game, and the team breathed a collective sigh of relief. Acton were the visitors to Homefield on 23rd August, and after a disastrous early run out, Adrian Gooderham (48) and Iain Young (55), helped by five dropped catches, took the score to 98 before falling in quick succession. The Acton spinners bowled tightly and despite an unbeaten 34 by Damian Elliot we could only reach 183-7. Acton had batted strongly all season, and continued to do so, launching into the Edwardstone bowling getting off to a flying start. Runs flowed freely and even after two quick wickets, runs continued until the target was reached with plenty of overs in hand. August 30th saw the return friendly with Twinstead, and the visitors chose to bat on a good pitch. A competitive total of 174 proved to be too much and we closed on 134.

The sun was shining for the final home league match against Tuddenham, and having won the toss we decided to bat. Runs were accumulated quickly and steadily. Iain Young (82) and Ben Taylor (68) hitting early boundaries, ticked the scoreboard over quickly to 130 from 24 overs. The remaining batsmen all contributed keeping the run rate high to reach the highest Edwardstone total for a number of years, 259-6. This was always going to be a tough chase, and despite a good scoring rate, the wickets fell too, and the Tuddenham reply fizzled out at 115, with Jack Clark and Hugh Walters taking the last seven wickets between them to round off the innings for another win. The league ended the following Sunday with the away trip to Mellis. Playing at their new ground, we won the toss again and batted. Ben Taylor (53) and Damian Elliot (42) were the leading run scorers, and with runs added later in the innings we set the home team 186 to win. After a sumptuous tea, the opening bowlers took a little time to get going, but helped by some good ground fielding kept the run rate down to build pressure on the home batsmen. Needing six an over for the last twenty was a tall order, especially as we started to take wickets. Jack Clark and Iain Young kept new batsmen coming to the crease, restricting the home team reply to 153-9 by the end of the innings.

IAIN YOUNG (210048)

BLIGHT OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTRYSIDE Bramford - Twinstead route corridor options

Four broad route corridor options for the new line between Bramford and Twinstead have been identified by National Grid, taking into account our statutory duties.

Their proposals for the new overhead line are still in their early stages. The map shows the broad route corridor options along with brief descriptions, there will be more detailed information about the different options before the start of public consultation on 1st October 2009.

The corridors shown in the map are stretches of land in which a new overhead power line could be located, and therefore they are often much wider than the actual amount of land needed for a new overhead line.

Depending on which route the new line takes, it could range from 26km (16 miles) in length on the shortest route to 30km (18 miles) on the longest route. The pylons will be of a standard design and height for this type of line, approximately 46.5 metres tall, although the exact height of each pylon may vary depending on the local landscape.

The four potential 'route corridors' - stretches of land where an overhead line could be located - are as follows:-

Option One: build a new overhead line from Bramford to Twinstead, running south west from Bramford, which would largely run parallel to an existing 400,000 volt National Grid line and a 132,000 volt line, owned by the local Distribution Network Operator, EDF Energy Networks

Option Two: build a new 400,000 volt line in place of the existing 132,000 volt overhead power line owned by EDF Energy Networks, which largely runs parallel with National Grid's existing 400,000 volt line to Twinstead

Option Three: route the new line north of Hadleigh and Boxford, heading south west towards Twinstead

Option Four: route the new line in a north western arc, heading north of Elmsett and Lindsey Tye and Edwardstone before heading south towards Twinstead

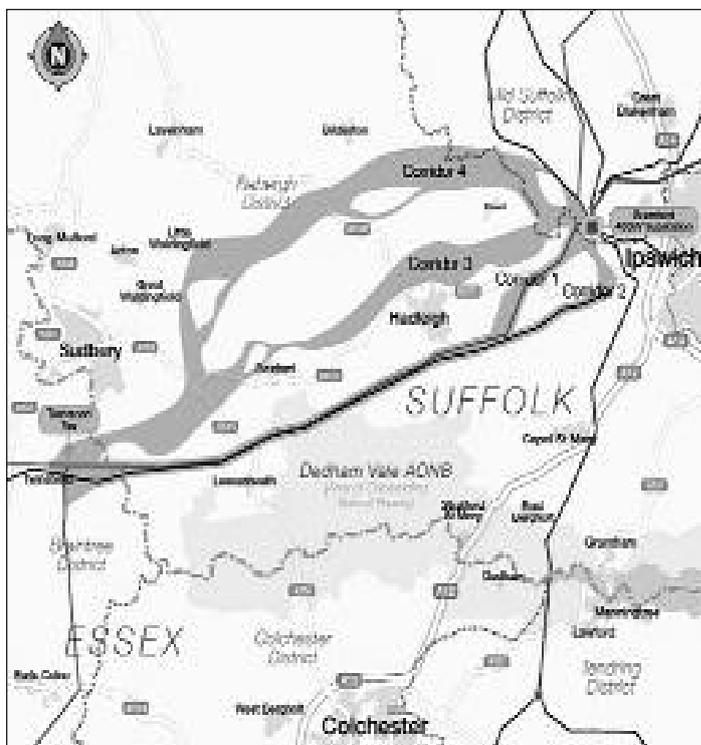
Option Five, omitted by the National Grid, bury the damn things

Depending on a favoured route the line could range from 16 to 18 miles long, with standard pylons (46.5 metres tall) being used.

My guess is that routes two and three are red herrings designed to bring out the big guns in opposition with a compromise being reached on the less intrusive routes One and Two with the ultimate compromise being for Route two to replace existing pylons which is probably what The National Grid want anyway, this probably being the cheapest and shortest route.

We can rest assured that our Parish Councils, the District Council and the County Council are all opposed to this further intrusion on our beautiful county and will represent our views as strongly as possible. However, draconian new laws introduced by this hopefully short lived government allows them to run roughshod over all opposition in the most undemocratic fashion and the National Grid will get what they want anyway.

If the new power plant is to replace the existing one due to be



Above a map of the proposed routes for the new power lines to serve The next Sizewell power generators

decommissioned in the foreseeable future, why do we need new power lines anyway.

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NEWTON YOUNGSTERS BOW OUT IN CLIFFHANGER

NEWTON GREEN Golf Club's youngsters have again done the club proud and for the second year running have just failed to reach the last two in the Suffolk Junior Team Handicap Cup Final by a tantalising margin.

On this occasion they finished all square after six singles matches against Ufford Park in the semi final staged at Waldringfield.

However, two-handicapper Adam Woodhead was beaten on the second hole of a sudden death play-off with Ufford's Robert Salter, having to concede an early hole shot advantage to his five handicap opponent, to see who went through to the final to meet Rookery Park.

The first shot given proved vital and Newton succumbed in a tight, sporting encounter in a season of near misses for Suffolk senior second team player Woodhead, who had in previous weeks been runner up in the county senior President's Mashie and also runner up in the Suffolk boys' championship, when he also lost on a second play-off hole.

In addition to Adam, Newton was represented at Waldringfield by Ben Mellon (handicap 7), Lewis Woodhead (12), Daniel Aldous (16) Eloise Aldous (20) and Jed Seeley (21).

The winning Ufford team was made up of Salter, Edward Eastlake (7), Callum Hilton (12), Joshua Robertson (12), Charlotte Fawdry (12) and Nick Bates (12).

The next major junior event on the calendar at Newton is hosting a junior open on Monday, October 26, which will also be the final round of the 2009 Suffolk Junior Championships.



L to R Ben Taylor, Tim Kerr, Lee Wilkins, Tom Cleary, Matt Kerr, Matt Silver, Ben Dixon and Ally Black. (Front row) Will Ward, Luke Waugh, James Kossick, Josh Smith and Ben Patrick.

Promising start for newly promoted Boxford Rovers

Boxford Rovers have started the new season brightly with an excellent 2-0 away win against Clacton United. Rovers, who were promoted for the fourth successive season last year, fielded a team with a few new faces. Ally Black, Josh Smith and Tom Cleary all made their debuts for the senior team and James Kossick returned after a season away. Boxford opened the scoring with Tim Kerr latching on to a Will Ward header and Ward adding to the score-line himself ten minutes later. Rovers were buoyed from a successful pre-season with wins against Colchester Hotspur and Billericay Vision - Tim Kerr already looking in good form with five goals in three games, after scoring 54 last year. Manager, Richard Robinson, is looking forward to another strong season and another promotion. Rovers are also soon to unveil some dugouts at Homefield.

The Reserve team were sadly relegated last season after a tight finish to the season but also started with a win. Goals from Craig Evans, Hunter Wallis, Luke Waugh and Brendan Hobbs ensured a 4-3 win against North Street Tavern. However, they endured a nail-biting 5-4 loss (after extra time) against Rattlesden in the Suffolk FA Sunday Shield. The Reserves started brightly with a goal from Luke Waugh but goals from Matt Kerr, another from Luke and an own goal were not enough for Rovers to progress. With Roger Cunningham at the helm, there are high hopes that the Reserves will make a quick return to Division Three of the Sunday League. For more information 01787 211114

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB: Norton Cup Final:

The final was played at Framlingham Castle Bowls Club on Sunday 13th September against Felixstowe & Suffolk Bowls Club. Boxford lost against a very strong opposition who fielded three international players in their side. Boxford did very well to reach the final as over 100 clubs in Suffolk entered the competition.

Boxford win the North Essex County Bowls Federation Durham Trophy Competition:

The match was played at Sudbury Bowls Club on 1st September against Cornard. Boxford won by 39 shots overall and will now go on to play in the national knockout competition next year.



Federation Captain, Monica Snook, receiving the trophy and pennant from County President Ray White.

Sudbury Resource Centre Finals Day At Boxford Bowls Club:

Throughout the outdoor bowling season, members of the Resource Centre visit Boxford twice a month for a game of bowls. Club coaches are on site to assist them.

The Club organises the finals day, which is followed by a prize giving and celebration lunch.

Well done to all the players.



Club helpers with members of the Resource Centre proudly holding their trophies.

Season Ends:

The outdoor season finishes with Club Finals Day on Sunday 20th September. Les Clark, President, Boxford Bowls Club