

Box River News



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LITTLE WALDINGFIELD'S PARISH ROOM QUIZ



Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Another successful Quiz Night in The Parish Room. Our Resident Quiz Master, Brian Tora, played to a full house and a good night was enjoyed by all.

The winners were Sue & John Hayward and Sandie & Jeremy Coomber and each received a hamper as their prize.

EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR



EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2009

We were blessed with beautiful Autumn weather for the Fair this year which helped to bring the shoppers out in force. It was universally agreed though that, with economic caution continuing to be the order of the day, our stallholders and volunteers had to work that much harder to persuade customers to part with their money. Even more impressive than that, once again, we exceeded last year's total, raising nearly £5000!

The money will be divided between Edwardstone Church which, for the fifth year, provided a really festive and atmospheric setting for the event, and the Boxford Playground Fund which has created such an impressive new amenity for the children of Boxford and surrounding villages.

Huge thanks go to the many helpers who worked so hard to enable us to reach this total – whether baking cakes and savouries, parking cars, serving tea and coffee, manning stalls or even moving pews! – and to the many local businesses and individuals – whose names you will have seen displayed in the Church – who gave us sponsorship or donated prizes for our hugely successful Tombola.

Finally, Thank You to all the customers for their continuing support. Events like these would be pointless without you!

FOBS Santa Run 2009

Friends of Boxford School
Reg Charity no 1037332



This year, Santa will be visiting the children in
Boxford Village on
SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER 2009

His sleigh is due to arrive at 3pm and will be
travelling around the village until his departure at
around 7pm

If you hear Santa and his Elves outside your house,
do come out and say 'hello'



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THE BOXFORD VILLAGE MARKET



Many from the village took a stroll to the village hall on Saturday 31st October to see all the wonderful stalls on display at the Boxford Village Market and some travelled a little further. One lady heard about it on BBC Radio Suffolk and hopped on a bus from Ipswich immediately. After browsing all the wonderful stalls, visitors could sit and relax, enjoy a lovely cup of tea or coffee from the vast choice of Cappuccinos, Lattes, Hot Chocolates on offer from local suppliers accompanied by many of the delicious provisions there were available. Many visitors left carrying an array of colourful shopping bags and some of the comments received were...

What a lovely event!, Good food!, Superb!
When's the next one?

The next village market is to be held at Bures Village Hall on Saturday 12th December 10 -2pm. Make sure you are there
As always the entry is free.

BOXFORD ART GROUP EXHIBITION



The Boxford Art Group recently held it's annual Exhibition and Sale of work over the weekend of October 31st/1st November with over 100 paintings and works on display all produced by our small local group. The event was well attended and appreciated by visitors from Boxford and surrounding villages despite the bad weather !

A number of the visitors expressed an interest in joining us. Our Group would very much welcome new members. We meet at the Boxford school hall Thursday's 4-6 pm during school term time. If you are interested in joining us or finding out more about us please call the number below for.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to this most enjoyable weekend.

Brian Green , Secretary, Boxford Art Group [Tel No 01787 210603]

PLEASE NOTE

The next issue is the Christmas and New Year issue
Final copy date is 12th December



Friday, 4 December 8.00, Ticket £16
Zoe Rahman Trio

Pianist and composer Zoe Rahman is one of our most distinctive contemporary jazz artists. With a fresh personal approach, her bold compositions draw on diverse musical influences from classical, afro beat and blues. Zoe manages a difficult balancing act creating music that's rich and complex yet readily accessible. Oli Hayhurst bass and Gene Calderazzo drums complete her trio. Since she was last with us Zoe has released two fine CDs, 'Where Rivers Meet'- her follow up to her Mercury Music Prize nominated album 'Melting Pot' - and Zoe Rahman Trio 'Live'.

Friday, 11 December 8.00, Ticket £17
Paul Booth Quintet featuring Ingrid Jensen

Paul Booth is one of the most exciting saxophonists and a very much "in demand" musician on the European scene today. Although a very prominent figure on the jazz scene, his versatility has seen him play in many musical genres stretching from River Dance to Eric Clapton. Band leader Maria Schneider has said of listening to Canadian trumpet player

Ingrid Jensen: "I find myself mesmerized by sensuous lines and spellbound by the warmth of her tone ... She is quite simply one of the most compelling improvisers I know". The other members of this stellar sextet are Phil Peskett piano, Phil Robson guitar, Phil Donkin bass and Dave Smith drums.

Saturday, 19 December 8.00, Ticket £21
Dennis Rollins Velocity Trio

Fresh from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London it's a very warm welcome back to Dennis Rollins - the man with the sexiest trombone in the business! Dennis, plus Bristol based Ross Stanley organ and Pedro Segundo drums - bring with them the finest repertoire of wicked, high energy groove based, funky dance music with jazz attitude and styling, together with an element of Dennis' trademark electronic stage craft, that you are likely to hear this side of the Atlantic.

"Dennis Rollins does for the slide trombone what James Brown once did for singing" Jack Massarik, Evening Standard.

Wednesday, 30 December 8.00, Ticket £17
Alan Barnes Latin Quintet

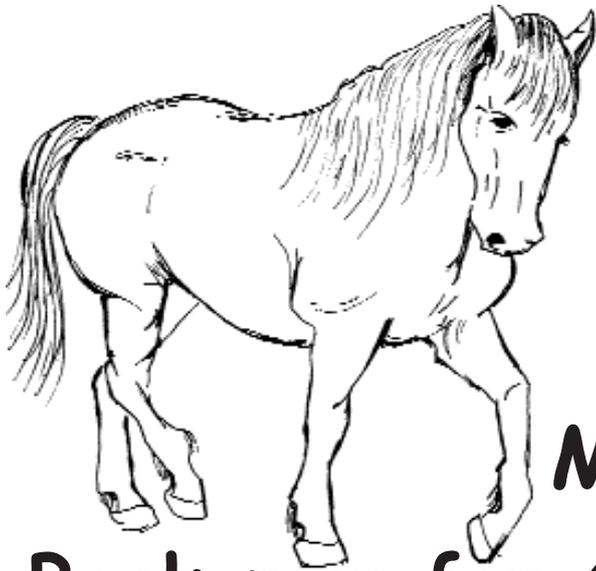
A stunning Latin Quintet to end our year featuring trumpeter Steve Waterman, John Donaldson piano, Simon Thorpe bass and Dave Barry drums. Alan Barnes is one of the most versatile reeds men working in the UK today and has contributed fine sections of work and blistering solos to all manner of bands and projects.

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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Sun 20th Christmas Draw

Mon 21st/ Tues 22nd/ Weds 23rd - 5 until 12

Thurs 24th - 12 until late

Fri 25th - 12 until 2pm

Sat 26th/ Sun 27th - 12 until late

Mon 28th - Closed

Tues 29th/ Weds 30th - 5 until 12

Thurs 31st - 12 until late

Camping still available all the year round. Call Gavin and Amy on . 01787 211211

www.edwardstonewhitehorse.co.uk

Soap Box

By the time you read this, the second meeting of what is now known as the Groton Pylon Alliance will have taken place. Doubtless there will be further coverage of this pressing issue elsewhere in the pages of this august journal. Having already devoted last months Soap Box to National Grid's plans I have no wish to become a bore on the subject, but having attended the meeting in Bildeston chaired by Tim Yeo I do now have a better feel for what is going on. The four letter word that will keep cropping up is "cost".

All of the options put on the table by the providers of our electricity infrastructure will affect someone and the one that I have heard suggested will cause the least upset – option two – is almost certainly the most expensive. This is the proposal to take down EDF's chain of pylons carrying 132kw and replace it with a more robust line capable of meeting future needs. But such a solution will require a new sub-station near Castle Hedingham, aside from the additional cost of dismantling and removing the existing pylons.

The options that appeared no-brainers at the public meeting – burying all or part of the new route, using new technology, laying cables offshore – all carry the significant disadvantage that they will cost National Grid a lot more. Ultimately it will be electricity consumers that will bear the additional burden and, despite an apparent willingness amongst those present in Bildeston to pay more if unsightly pylons could be avoided as a consequence, I am doubtful that higher electricity bills would be acceptable to many.

Cost is about to be an issue in a whole range of areas. The cost of fighting off the recession in this country – a battle that does not appear to have been won yet – could well result in many public services being curtailed or even withdrawn. Recessions are damaging to the public purse, regardless of what expensive measures governments put in place to ward off the least palatable consequences – like unemployment, for example. Slower economic activity means lower tax receipts and thus less money to spend on services.

In the early 1980s recessionary conditions were induced by the Thatcher government as part of the process of re-shaping Britain's economy. The costs were just as high, but there was North Sea oil to help pay for the exercise, plus a privatization programme that saw many government enterprises sold off and encouraged no less than one in four of us to become shareholders. Few today would expect to see our utilities returned to the public sector. And there is no such bonanza to bail out our country's current leaders this time around.

Next year there will be a general election – probably on May 6th. Within a few weeks of being elected, whoever is running the country can be expected to announce a budget. I doubt there will be much cheer in it for us tax payers, regardless of who is occupying Number 10. Cutting costs and raising revenue will be what it will be all about. I fear cost will be the main consideration when it comes to determining the route of the new power transmission route too.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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.

For more information call Chris on the above number or e-mail...chrisjproffitt@gmail.com

The Gareth Weiland Memorial Fund

The Gareth Weiland Memorial Fund has been set up to help local groups, charities and clubs. Money was raised at the First Gareth Weiland Memorial Sports Tournament held in May this year. We have already donated over £3000 to worthy causes throughout Boxford and are looking to donate more.

If you feel you have a worthwhile cause or are a group within the Boxford area, and you wish to apply for funds then please do.

Please apply in writing to: gwmemorialfund@hotmail.com or The Gareth Weiland Memorial Fund

67 Swan Street

Boxford

Suffolk

CO10 5QD

Once applications are received, they will be discussed among the board members (made up of Gareth's friends and Family). Decisions will be made within 14 days.

Any further questions or queries can be answered at the above email address.

WOOLCOMBERS BRIDGE CLUB

LAVENHAM

Rubber bridge on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm.

Membership now available on a limited basis.

Singles welcome. For applications and information telephone 01787-312289

Newton Green Whist

There were only 3 3/4 tables in play at the whist drive held on Monday 2nd November, probably because I had to rearrange the date.

The prize winners were:

Fred Robinson	173	Edna Allen	169
Ruth Groome	165	Joan Crisell	163
Alan Vince	161	Alan James	146

Many thanks to Joan and Carole for preparing the refreshments.

The Christmas Whist Drive will be on Monday 14th December and we hope to see all our regular players then. If there are any other whist players in the area who would like to come along they are most welcome. Admission is only £1 including refreshments.

Alan Vince 01787 373963

The Groton Pylon Alliance

The Groton Pylon Alliance has launched a new website

(www.groton-ylon-alliance.co.uk) as it steps up its campaign to challenge National Grid's plans to build a new 400kV overhead power line across south Suffolk. The GPA's website will include details of the proactive steps the GPA is currently taking to preserve the countryside and landscape of our area. The GPA is a new conservation group for south Suffolk formed to represent the interests of a number of villages,

including the villages of Groton, Kersey, Boxford, Edwardstone, Aldham, Milden, Chelsworth, Whatfield and Semer. Other villages and communities potentially affected by National Grid's proposals and sharing the GPA's aims are very welcome to contact and work with the GPA."

Local History Recorders -

Suffolk Local History Council

With our annual Recorders' Day coming up this month, where we invite Local History Recorders to come along and hear distinguished speakers and have the opportunity to meet with other LHRs; I thought it worth mentioning that in the Box River benefice we are fortunate to have an LHR in each parish. I am aware that the BRN reaches other parishes, and some of them have a vacancy for a Local History Recorder at the present time.

An LHR records as much as they can about what is happening in their parish from day to day. Recording today's events for the historians of tomorrow. Many Recorders also enjoy delving into the past of their parishes and collect evidence such as census returns and old photographs. Together with the Suffolk Record Office there is an initiative to record oral history in our county, and especially the Suffolk dialect and accent, which we do not hear as often as we used to, it is important to preserve our heritage. We also support Local History Groups throughout the county.

If you also wish to become a member of the Council there are day courses and a residential weekend at Belstead House amongst events planned for next year.

If you are interested in becoming a Local History Recorder or would like more information, please contact me via the office in Ipswich 01473 242540 recorders.secretary@slhc.org.uk or at home on 01787 247626 recorders@bridgessuffolk.plus.com



GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

The Trustees will meet in November to consider applications for grants from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the area of benefit as defined by the Charity Commission. This is the area of the 'ancient parish of Groton' as shown on the 1881 Tithe Map, and includes Homefields, Partridge Close, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church.

Following the review of our objectives, we can now also consider applications from organisations in parishes adjacent to Groton whose activities can be shown to benefit Groton parishioners.

Applications can be made for various purposes in case of need or hardship, and particularly in support of costs arising from a medical condition or emergency.

Would anyone who wishes to apply, or knows of someone in need of help, please contact

Jeremy Osborne Clerk to the Trustees, Groton United Charities

Waterside Barn, Groton Street, Groton, Sudbury CO10 5EE

If you need advice on whether you or anyone you know would be eligible, please contact the Clerk on 01787 211960.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Vacancy now exists for a Tree Warden in the Parish of Boxford.

For information about this voluntary post, Please contact the Parish Clerk on 210943

Wot's On

GENTLE YOGA for MEN ONLY BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

This class is, with the use of Yoga tools i.e. movement breathing and relaxation a way to enable a sense of well being and confidence.

No special clothing is necessary though nothing tight should be worn If you are in doubt as to the suitability of this class due to any medical condition, do talk to your doctor.

Any queries please phone *Heather* 211765

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FESTIVE BACH at SUFFOLK VILLAGES FESTIVAL Sunday 13 December 2009, 6pm

St James's Church, Nayland

Bach at Christmas: The Christmas oratorio: Cantatas

nos 1 and 3, BWV248 'Gloria in excelsis Deo', BWV 191

Claire Tomlin (soprano,) Janet Bullard (alto)

Tom Raskin (tenor), Andrew Kidd (bass)

Psalmody

Essex Baroque Orchestra

Directed by Peter Holman

The Suffolk Village Festival's annual pre-Christmas concert this year features Nativity-inspired music by Johann Sebastian Bach.

The Essex Baroque Orchestra and the choir Psalmody under Peter Holman will perform two of the cantatas that make up Bach's Christmas Oratorio and also his "Gloria in excelsis Deo", based on the Gloria of his B Minor Mass. All the music is festive in spirit and is richly scored for trumpets, drums and woodwind as well as strings.

The Christmas cantatas were first performed in Leipzig in 1734 on Christmas Day itself and two days later on December 27. "Gloria in excelsis Deo", a rarely heard work, was probably first performed, also in Leipzig, on Christmas Day in 1745 to celebrate the signing of a peace treaty between Saxony and Prussia.

The programme concludes with a performance of a concerto for the unusual combination of recorder and flute by Bach's near contemporary Georg Philipp Telemann.

Peter Holman and Psalmody record for Hyperion, often with Peter Holman's Parley of Instruments. Both the Parley of Instruments and the Essex Baroque Orchestra offer historically informed performances played on period instruments.

Early in 2010 Peter Holman and the Parley of Instruments will make their first recording – of music by Henry Purcell and his successors – for the Colchester-based recording label, Chandos.

Milden Singers Christmas Concert, Friday 11th December

A Christmas Concert starting at 8pm in Milden Pavilion.

An evening of Christmas Songs, Readings and Christmas Carols.

Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine and a mince pie.

All proceeds to the Milden Pavilion Fund.

Please come and support this new group, we always need more singers, especially men. The ability to read music is not essential, meeting each Thursday in Milden Pavilion.

For tickets or more information please call Pearl on 01787 247965 or just come along and see what we are all about



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Suffolk Villages Festival

Winter Concert Series 2009 - 2010

Sunday 13 December 2009, 6.00 pm St James's Church, Nayland
Claire Tomlin (soprano), Janet Bullard (alto), Tom Raskin (tenor), Andrew Kidd (bass) Psalmody, Essex Baroque Orchestra directed by Peter Holman. J.S Bach: Christmas Oratorio Cantatas 1 & 3, Cantata no. 191, Telemann: Concerto for recorder & flute

Sunday 14 February 2010, 6.00 pm St Mary's Church, Boxford
Philippa Hyde (soprano), The Parley of Instruments. The Purcell Legacy: Music by Henry Purcell, George Frideric Handel and others

Sunday 14 March 2010, 6.00 pm St Mary's Church, Boxford
Le Jardin Secret (winner of the Early Music Network International Young Artists Competition 2007)

VEILED: Music for Holy Week by Charpentier, Couperin and Lalande

Monday 31 May 2010, 6.00pm St Mary's Church, Hadleigh
Psalmody, Essex Baroque Orchestra, directed by Peter Holman
Handel: Israel in Egypt. Box office & further information 01206 366603
box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com

The Friends of St. Mary's Church, Hadleigh

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES EVENING

Friday 4th December 2009 At 7.00 p.m.

Come and listen and join in an evening of memories of the festive season. The evening is intended to prompt your memories from a range of topics explored one at a time. An evening of Christmas nostalgia, helped along by mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies.

Stoke by Nayland W.E.A.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF SPRING COURSE

The spring course, "Satire and Children's Illustrations" given by Dr. Roger Simpson, commences Thursday, 7th January 2010 at 7.30pm at Stoke by Nayland Middle School (please note a change of date from that previously notified).

The course will start with early books written especially for children in the 1840s, and then continue to include modern material.

There is no charge for the first evening, but the cost for the whole course of ten weekly sessions (£43.50) must be paid at the second session.

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

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BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

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2nd No 84	Mrs Morton	Polstead	£20
3rd No 46	P Patrick	Cox Hill	£10
4th No 129	Carpet Bowls	Boxford	£5

Next Draw is on December 1st at the bingo

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For further information:

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Sarah Phillips: 01376 561719



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For more info please contact Carol on 01787 211511 or cls.dev@lineone.net

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Once again many thanks to everyone for another wonderful year. We have sent 153 shoeboxes to the warehouse in Sudbury so far beating last year's total. We are so grateful for your generosity..

To all those who filled their own boxes and to those who helped at Mary's house and especially to the group of knitters who supply us with bags and boxes full of hats, scarves etc. we thank you so much.

We couldn't do it without you all.

Our boxes this year will be going out to Belarus on the 4th December and will bring a lot of happiness to all the children eagerly awaiting the arrival of the lorry.

Thankyou so much and to the knitters please don't stop! We hope to do it all again next year.

For further information please ring Ann Porter on 210581 or Jennie Lindsley on 210520

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD CHARITIES

If you are over sixty-five and have lived in Little Waldingfield for a year or more you may be eligible for the Christmas gift. Please apply to Sue Mitchell on 247173

Boxford School News

Momentum is starting to grow as we approach, dare I mention it, Christmas. Final plans for our Christmas Fayre are underway and it promises to be bigger and better than ever. As usual members of the local community are very welcome to come in and join us for what is always an excellent event.

This Christmas is going to be a very difficult one for us all especially as we begin to fit children into their various Nativity costumes. This was always Jane's job and something she took great pride and satisfaction in. Somehow things will just not be the same. Last week we held a sponsored walk on the Homefield Playing Fields to raise money to help with the creation of a suitable memorial to Jane. Jane loved being with the children and would often spend her breaktimes sitting and talking with them on the playground. We are planning to erect a thatched roof gazebo, somewhere that the children can go at playtimes and sit quietly away from the normal hustle and bustle of the playground, on our school field.

Last Friday we held a music morning with the whole school taking part in a variety of musical activities. Alongside percussion and singing activities our Year 3 children did their own contribution with a whole class trumpet recital. After only a few weeks of practise their co-ordination and ability to play a long clear blast was very impressive. There will be some pictures of the morning on our website in due course.

Over the past few weeks we have been playing host to Bernadette White, a member of the Suffolk Family Learning Team, who has been running a Mathematics course for parents. She tells me that she has really enjoyed working with such an enthusiastic group of parents. During the course much discussion has centred on modern approaches to the teaching of Maths and how teaching methods have changed quite dramatically over the past twenty five years. Interestingly during the course we happened on an article in a magazine called ScienceDaily on the difference between state and private schools in teaching Maths. The author found that against all the odds it was children from state schools that achieved higher scores in national tests. Whilst of course this is a huge generalisation and there will be outstanding private schools and equally outstanding state schools it was felt that the state schools were more open to modern methods of teaching and, in my opinion, critically had a greater commitment to ensuring that children understood the principles of Mathematics and were not taught, as I was, by rote. As someone who struggled to pass his O Level Mathematics and had to have two attempts I can fully sympathise with this. I was taught during the sixties and was largely taught by rote. This was fine until I began to tackle the higher levels of Mathematics that my lack of understanding of the number system and how it works began to show. I felt like the 'house on the sand' as the foundations of my learning began to crumble. The full article can be viewed on the Internet.

Finally over the years I have had the pleasure of seeing our children excel in a number of areas whether that be playing football at the Ipswich Youth Academy, playing cricket for Suffolk Schoolboys or playing the guitar at a local pub. Last week I was told that one of our youngsters, Will Egglestone who is only seven, is making a name for himself in the world of motocross. Apparently he was the star of the Norfolk and Suffolk Junior Motorcycle Club final. Congratulations to Will. I have always said that one day I will see one of our ex-pupils playing football at Old Trafford, or cricket at Lords.

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GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

Saturday, December 5th 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall

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BOXFORD WI

Our November meeting was our AGM New officers and Committee are now in place and our Programme for 2010 will soon be available Anyone who would like a copy can ring Heather on 01787 211566 Christine 01787 210560 or any other WI Member

Following the Business part of our meeting Jenny Hill talked to us about the WI's Charity

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Book Club meets at Heathers House on December 16th 3pm when we shall be reviewing Diana Athill Yesterday Morning

Group Carol Concert Thursday December 10th Boxford is hosting this Carol Concert followed by Tea Coffee and Mince pies We welcome any visitors who would like to come and join us for this service.

Our meeting for December is at Mary's House on the Wednesday 2nd and will be our Christmas Party January 6th will be our Christmas Meal this year we will be at The Mill in Sudbury

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Wot's On

The Boxford Drama Group Panto.

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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.

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HARRY BUCKLEDEE'S ADDRESS AT NEWTON'S REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

It is a privileged and an honour to speak at this Remembrance Service each year. I speak as one who was fortunate to have survived the war and all its horrors. I give thanks every day for having been spared to live to the age of 90 and still able to enjoy life.

But at this Remembrance Time we think not of the likes of me. We think of our fallen comrades, fine young lads who gave their lives for freedom and for the freedom of future generations.

When war was declared in 1939 I was already an old sweat with four months service in, although we knew war was inevitable, we had thought little about it. We all had a shock coming to us. We were about to be involved in the most destructive wars ever.

Hitler had prepared well for the coming conflict, and had a trial run in the Spanish civil war. Whereas we were totally unprepared.

At the time there seemed to be an air of confidence all around, born out of ignorance more than anything else. It was probably helped by a rumour going round about the poor state of German equipment. There were talk of cars colliding with tanks which were made of plywood and the uneven drone of the JU87 Stuka Dive Bomber was said to be caused by badly tuned engines. All their aircraft were said to be of poor design. We were soon to find out the hard way that their tanks were more than twice as effective as ours and there was nothing much wrong with the performance of the Stukas. The engines of the Stukas did have an uneven drone to them. As they came over laden with bombs they sounded as if they were saying "Where do you want em, Where do you want em". Their siren which screamed out as they dived to release their bombs made a fearsome noise.

My most enduring memory of the war was that of the comradeship. Thousands of men were thrown together, men from all walks of life, who in civil life would never mix, and we all got on like a house on fire. This comradeship saw us through some difficult times. You fought for each other as much as anything, you wouldn't let your mates down and they wouldn't let you down. Moral was always high, even in the early days when we were constantly under the cosh and seemed to be losing, we still thought we were winning.

Immediately after the war was over Generals seemed to be scrambling to write history. While what they have written gives an overall account of what happened they were no where near the front and they cannot portray war as it really was.

Each man had his own war and only they can record events as they happened. Only they can recall incidents which are outstanding in personal memory. Of the harrowing, frightening, nerve racking encounters, advancing into a hail of machine gun bullets and shell fire at the same time having shrapnel raining down on you from the 88mm shells exploding in the air above your head, and the infantry would be hoping the mine field they were walking over were all Tellar mines and not anti personnel. When the time came to move forward you knew that for some it would be the last few moments of their life. You hoped and prayed you would be among the living.

There was the pressure and the tension of being in positions for hours on end, where you dare not relax a second, where you had to be all keyed up ready to act in a split second.

I have been asked a few times what it's like to kill some one. It was something not talked about. I never heard anyone talk of killing. You destroyed enemy tanks, guns and you occupied positions, all of these were manned by men and of course men were killed but you never talked as if you set out to kill anyone. I don't think anyone felt good about doing what had to be done.

Some of us have personal memories, which were upsetting at the time and stayed with us for years after the war was over,

At this time we remember our own dead and the dead of those who were our enemies, they were not all Nazis, most were decent men fighting for their country the same as we were fighting for ours.

This year saw the end of the war in Iraq where 136 Service personal lost their lives in action. Opinion is still divided as to whether we should have been there. I happen to believe we did the right thing. Saddam Hussein was an evil and tyrannical dictator, he was a threat to the security of that area who constantly snubbed the United Nations. As a result of our action and the courage and dedication of our forces he is no longer around, nor are his two murderous sons who thought nothing of going out and shooting a few people just for a bit of fun. We remember at this time all who gave their lives. They did not do so in vain.

Our troops are still fighting in Afghanistan, a difficult war against an unseen enemy, a war where they can't tell friend from foe. They are doing an excellent job and have our full support and are constantly in our

thoughts and prayers. Some of the things in newspapers and on TV are in my opinion not very helpful. Things like our troops lives are being thrown away, war on the cheap, our troops are used as cannon fodder, fighting a war they can't win. Hardly moral boosting talk. How does it make mothers feel to hear this sort of talk when their young sons are sent there. Defeatist talk won't do much for recruitment either.

We also have a bunch of unfunny comedians cracking jokes about the wounded service men. Amongst themselves, servicemen will joke about their loss of limbs and other wounds. Its their way of coping with their problems, but its not amusing when someone else pokes fun at them. I can't imagine there being many parents sitting in front of the box laughing their heads off at jokes about their limbless sons. I suppose you can say and do almost anything now, no matter who it hurts or offends.

RAT POISON ALERT TO CAT OWNERS

Following the recent death of one of our cats, we just wanted to warn other pet owners of the symptoms to be aware of, as Poppy died just 3 days after having initially seemed a bit 'off-colour'. Unfortunately, when we consulted the vet, her symptoms did not fit any known poison profile and we were told to bring her in the next day. Sadly, her deterioration was then rapid and she could not be saved.

However, we have subsequently discovered that there is an over-the-counter rat poison available, and one of the ways in which it kills is by dehydration, whereby fluid is prevented from being absorbed through the gut. We have since learned that Poppy could have been saved if she had been given rehydration therapy on the 1st day she seemed unwell. Therefore if you notice sudden thirst, and loss of appetite in your pet, get them to the vet urgently. Also, if you use rat poison, please dispose of any contaminated vermin that you see, so that other deaths can be prevented. If anyone needs any more information on this please ring us on 210601.

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November

24 Boxford Community Council	Executive meeting	White Hart	8pm
30 Boxford Over 60's Club	End of year meeting	The Spinney	2.00pm

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	12am to 3pm
9 Boxford WI Craft	Club Programme for 2010	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
10 WI Group	Carol Concert	Boxford Church	2pm
11 Milden Singers Christmas Concert		Milden Pavilion	8pm
13 Christmas Concert from the Kelvedon Singers		Groton Church	6.00pm
16 Boxford WI	Book Club	Heather's House	3pm
18 Fleece Xmas Market		Boxford Fleece Yard	6.00pm
18 The Sound of Music		Polstead Village Hall	7.00pm

January

6 Boxford WI	Christmas meal		
17 Boxford Gardening Society	Visit to Cambridge Botanic Garden by car		11.00am
19 Boxford Gardening Society	Vegetable Growing	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
30 Boxford Community Council	Fun and Games Night	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

February

3 Boxford WI	Search and Rescue RAF Wattisham	Village Hall	2pm
14 Winter Concert	The Purcell Lagacy	Boxford St Mary's	6.00pm
16 Boxford Gardening Society	Demonstration of Grafting	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

March

14 Winter Concert	Le Jardin Secret	Boxford St Mary's	6.00pm
16 Boxford Gardening Society	Small Spaces & Patios	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
20 Groton PCC 'Enjoying Old Churches' Talk with slides		Groton Village Hall	7.30pm

May

22 Boxford Community Council	Duck Race Evening	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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September

18 Boxford Community Council	Beavers Dance	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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Dear Friends,

It is with trepidation that I pen this article; for my wife and I are but 'newcomers' and it is from my position as a newcomer that I offer this reflection.

We travelled up to Boxford from our home in Sussex for week-ends and holidays for some four years before finally moving permanently to our cottage, (2007) next door to our daughter and her family. We therefore knew already that the village had a particular charm and that its location, situated amongst large fields of farm land with expansive views of country and skies is very beautiful.

What we have experienced here is the incredible welcome from the people in and around the Villages. It is a great privilege to live in a community where there is such friendliness and concern amongst the villagers. I realized this particularly when in London recently; walking the dog in the Park; the reluctance of people there to look you in the eye or even to acknowledge you.

What has this to do with the Church? if anything? Well to my view quite a lot, not of the services particularly, but by the acceptance and in enactment, by the villagers at large, of the words of Jesus to his disciples on their last evening together "that I command you to love one another" and to my mind that command is observed by those we meet daily. A love that is revealed by the "ordinary" of life – by such gestures as saying "Hi" or "How are you?"

By listening, By the acceptance of each other as individuals, by accepting ourselves (with our faults), thus is the Love of God revealed and for this we give thanks to God.

With every Blessing,

David Abel.

Thought for the Month: Christmas means different things to different people with different associations. For those old enough to remember the post-war Christmas Days, with the recycled decorations and the strange looking artificial trees and presents that tended to be utilitarian rather than the luxurious. But it was still Christmas and an integral part of that was the service in Church.

There are many people for whom worship at Christmas is an opportunity that may well be a 'once in a year' experience.

Everyone is especially welcome into their parish church at Christmas. Particularly at this season, we should keep the needs of others in mind at all times - and work for a nation in which basic needs are met for everyone - but even so maybe this is the season to not walk by the Big Issue seller but to stop with a smile as well as a purchase.

The 'spill over' effect out of church and into the street is what protects Christmas from sheer sentimentality and nostalgia.

May everyone enjoy the Christmas season and the sharing of the Good News that 'Love came down at Christmas'.

Forthcoming Fund-raising events for Church Funds:

The "Ladies Lunch Club" The next "Ladies Lunch" will be on the 1st Thursday in January. The venue has yet to be decided. Many thanks are due to Yvonne Hughes for the very delicious lunch on 5th November. The Ladies Lunch Club continues to raise much needed funds for our church – why not come along in November?

The Box River Club: Is especially for you if you are 11 years and under. Lots of children think that God is boring, but he isn't and at Box River Club we see that he isn't and we have a brilliant time. We meet 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 play games, sing, dance, listen to stories, make things, act, laugh together and, most of all enjoy ourselves. We also have a snack during our time together. Why don't you come along and see for yourselves.

Please Note that the next Family Service will be on Sunday 7th February at 10.00am – ALL are welcome.

The Bible Study Group In December the group will meet on Monday 14th December at the home of Ian & Frances Munro, 11 Brookhall Road Boxford, where we will continue our study of St. Luke's Acts of the Apostles. All are most welcome to come along.

The House Group: Presently meets at 3.30 pm at Brook House, Fen Street, Boxford- 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month.

The Advent and Christmas Season at St. Mary's:-Saturday 28th November - 6.30pm A supper will be served in church after the Advent Celebration. The Advent Celebration is of course free, but for those who would like to stay & enjoy the Supper afterwards, tickets (£8.00), will be available from a church warden or Boxford Newsagents.

Advent Sunday, 29th November At the 11.00 am Benefice Service. Mr Dave Cooper, Diocesan World Mission Group member, will talk about the Diocesan links with Kagera Diocese in Tanzania.

Sunday 6th December at 4.00pm Our annual Christingle Service. Everyone - children of all ages, are very welcome to this candle lit service. **Sunday 20th December** Our traditional candle lit Carol Service at 6.30pm. **Christmas Eve, 24th December 11.30pm** Midnight Mass. Everyone very welcome **Christmas Day, 25th December** A Family Service at 10.00 am. Everyone very welcome

Smile Lines From a Bournemouth church news sheet:- "The Rector has discovered in the parish office an unmarked gift wrapped package containing some very expensive and delicious chocolate biscuits. He hopes he is right in assuming that they are for him. If not, it's too late..."

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

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FROM THE REGISTERS:

17th OCTOBER 2009: MEMORIAL SERVICE: BETTY POWELL.
24th OCTOBER 2009: MARRIAGE: ANDREW WILLIAM
BARTHOLOMEW & SARAH ELIZABETH PADDON
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE:

The traditional Christmas Carol Service will be held at Edwardstone Church on Christmas Eve, at 6pm. The charity chosen for this year's collection is the Suffolk Young Carers. David Saddleton
EDWARDSTONE CHURCHYARD GADENING DAY:
Please see photographs in main section of magazine.

ROTA

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers
Dec 6:	Mr Boggis	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	No Flowers
Dec 13:	Visiting	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	No Flowers
Dec 20:	Mr Boggis	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	No Flowers
Dec 24:	Mr Boggis & Mr Saddleton		"All Help"
Dec 27:	Visiting	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	
Teas/Coffees December 6th	Mrs Boggis		

ROTA

Sidesman with sacristan: Mr Block
Cleaning: Mrs Skinner
Flowers: Ms Finch



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

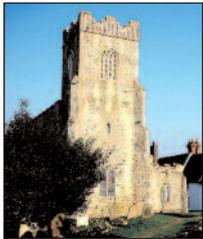
Churchwardens

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.

ROTA

	Sidesman	Flowers
6 Dec	Mr Squirrell	No flowers - Advent
13 Dec	Visiting	No flowers - Advent
20 Dec	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	No flowers - Advent
24 Dec	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	Mrs Squirrell
27 Dec	Visiting	



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptism: FINLAY THOMAS EDWARD CHERRINGTON was baptised by the Revd Gerald Drew during the Harvest Festival service at Groton Church on 18th October 2009.

Sing Hallelujah!

The Kelvedon Singers will be visiting Groton Church on Sunday 13th December at 6:00 pm with a programme of music for the Christmas season – some well known, some less familiar, some for the audience to join in! Tickets £10 to include Mulled wine, Mince Pies and nibbles after the concert. All profits will go to St Bartholomew's, Groton. For more information or to order tickets please contact *Sue Edwards* (210785) or *Pat Kennedy Scott* (210319).

CAROL SERVICE

Groton's traditional service of readings and carols (to be followed by mulled wine and mince pies) will be held this year on Sunday 20th December at 6.00 pm. If there is a particular favourite carol you would like included, please let *David Lamming* know by 6 December. (Tel: 210360)

GROTON HARVEST SUPPER

What an amazing, successful evening, with tickets sold out well in advance! Tasty cottage pie, roasted veggies and broccoli, followed by apple pie and pears in cider - delicious! All, of course, prepared and served by Pat Kennedy Scott and her band of great helpers - not forgetting of course, Pat and Gerald's excellent bar. The evening finished with an interesting and entertaining talk by David Elliott on "Groton Past and Present". *Liz Gardiner.*

A record breaking £887 profit was made! *SE*

GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

Saturday, December 5th 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall

Don't miss the usual Groton Christmas Party on December 5th! All the usual attractions - excellent food, Pat-and-Gerald Bar, Gift stall, Raffle, and this year, a special "Food-and-Drink" Auction. All this for just £6 a ticket, available from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Pat Bowdidge [211553] or any member of Groton PCC.

Contributions to the Gift Stall, Raffle and Auction would be most welcome, and also any offers of help with the food. All proceeds to the Parish Church of Saint Bartholomew.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Diana Stock,

12 Links View. Tel: 312828

John Turner, '

Severn', Church Road. Tel: 372677

General Church News

OUR KAGERA LINK

Since 1994 our diocese has been linked with Kagera Diocese, near Lake Victoria in remote north-west Tanzania. The link offers us in Suffolk the opportunity to stand in mission partnership through friendship, prayer and sharing resources with one of the most needy dioceses in that country. Dave Cooper, our Kagera Link Officer, has recently been in Kagera. Come and hear his illustrated talk about the work of the Anglican church in that diocese at the benefice service at Boxford Church at 11.00 am on Advent Sunday, 29th November.

NEW ARCHDEACON OF SUDBURY APPOINTED

The Revd Canon Dr David Jenkins, currently Diocesan Director of Education in Carlisle Diocese, has been appointed as Archdeacon of Sudbury in succession to the Venerable David Brierley, who died suddenly of a heart attack in August. Canon Jenkins, who is married with three children, has been a priest for 20 years, serving previously as a curate in the dioceses of Ely and Oxford and as vicar of parishes in Blackpool and Preston in Blackburn Diocese. Earlier this year he completed a six-months spell as Acting Archdeacon of Carlisle. David says, "I have greatly enjoyed the rural challenges that the diocese of Carlisle has presented and I am looking forward to using that experience in a similar rural county like Suffolk."

David will be licensed as Archdeacon of Sudbury in mid-February (details to be announced). Here, in the Box River Benefice, we shall have an early opportunity to welcome David when he comes to preside and preach at the Easter Day Family Communion service at Groton Church on 4 April 2010.

THE BIG CHRISTMAS CRIB EXHIBITION

During the last few weeks children from nearly 50 schools throughout the county have responded to a challenge to mount the largest exhibition of Christmas cribs ever seen. The cribs will be displayed in 17 churches across the diocese between 27th November and 4th December before being returned to the schools to be enjoyed in the run-up to Christmas. Locally, the cribs made by St Gregory's CEVC School and Tudor CEVC Primary School will be on display at St Gregory's Church, Sudbury.

CLIMATE JUSTICE The Wave – Come together to stop climate chaos: As world leaders prepare for the Climate Change conference in Copenhagen in December, there is an opportunity to join with fellow Christians at an ecumenical service with the Archbishop of Canterbury at Central Hall, Westminster, at 11.00 am on Saturday 5 December. Details at www.stopclimatechaos.org/the-wave.

CHURCHYARD RULES: The Diocesan Chancellor has recently issued revised Churchyard Rules. These govern the erection of headstones and memorials in churchyards (including closed churchyards, such as that at Boxford) and set out what is allowed and the PCC's powers of management. Copies of the rules are displayed on the church noticeboard in each of our five benefice churches. During the current interregnum, any application for permission to erect, or to carry out any work to, a memorial in a churchyard must be made to the rural dean (contact details above.)

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS: There is now a new Bookings Diary

for 2010 in Mary's House. Would anyone making a booking for a meeting or event please ensure that the details, including a contact name and telephone number, are entered in the diary. Any inquiries about bookings to Pauline or David Lamming (Tel: 01787 210360).

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

Friday 27th November – Christmas Lights switched on: activities in and around St Peter's Church, Sudbury from about 6 pm.

Sunday 29th November – 'Light up a Life' United Service for the Hospice at 6.00pm at St Peter's Church

Wednesday 9th December - Open Forum, 7 for 7.30 pm at Cornard Christian Fellowship.

Prayer breakfasts, Saturdays, 8.00am – 9.30am:

5th December at Living Waters Church, Gregory Street, Sudbury.

12th December at Cornard Christian Fellowship, Broom Street, Great Cornard.

19th December at Sudbury Baptist Church, Church Street, Sudbury.

The Church At Worship December 2009

Wednesday 2nd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
Thursday 3rd Little Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion - Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord
Saturday 5th Little Waldingfield	16.00	Holy Matrimony (Salter/Cassero-Nisbett)	The Revd Richard Titford
Sunday 6th Little Waldingfield	8.00	Second Sunday of Advent Holy Communion	(P) Christopher Kingsbury
Edwardstone	10.30	Holy Communion	The Revd David Stranack
Boxford	16.00	Christingle Service	Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 9th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Graham Brook
Friday 11th Boxford	15.00	Holy Matrimony (Jordan/ Wood)	The Revd Keith Elbourne
Sunday 13th Groton	8.00	Third Sunday of Advent Holy Communion	(P) The Revd Simon Gill
Newton Green	9.30	Holy Communion	The Revd David Abel
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	The Revd Christopher Sansbury
Wednesday 16th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
Thursday 17th Little Waldingfield	19.00	Compline - Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord
Sunday 20th Edwardstone	8.00	Fourth Sunday of Advent Holy Communion	(P) The Revd David Abel
Newton Green	16.00	Carol Service	Diana Stock
Little Waldingfield	16.00	Carol Service	Tim Harbord
Groton	18.00	Carol Service	David Lamming
Boxford	18.30	Carol Service	Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 23rd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion 13 Church Street, Boxford	The Revd David Abel
Thursday 24th Newton Green	15.00	Christmas Eve Crib Service	(W) The Revd Brian Stenner
Edwardstone	18.00	Carol Service	Antony Dodd
Little Waldingfield	23.30	Midnight Communion	The Revd David Abel
Boxford	23.30	Midnight Communion	The Revd Gerald Drew
Friday 25th Groton	9.30	Christmas Day Family Communion*	(W) David Lamming
Boxford	10.00	Family Service	Christopher Kingsbury
Sunday 27th Newton Green	9.30	First Sunday of Christmas / John, Apostle and Evangelist Holy Communion	(W) The Revd Andrew Wolton
Wednesday 30th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion* - Mary's House	Graham Brook

*Holy Communion by Extension

NOTE: As from Advent Sunday we are in Year C of the lectionary.



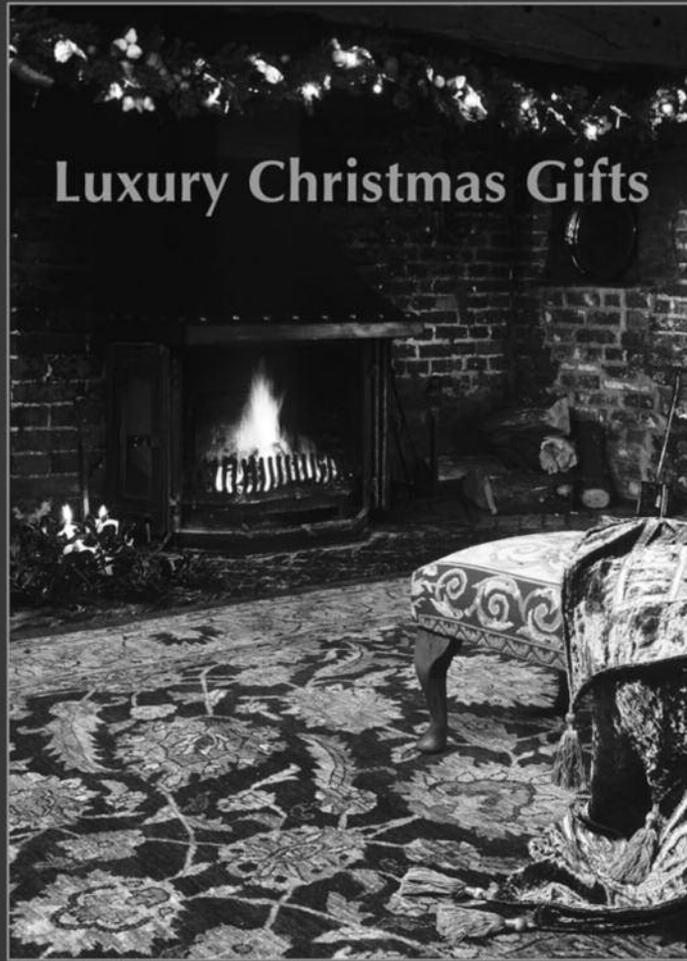
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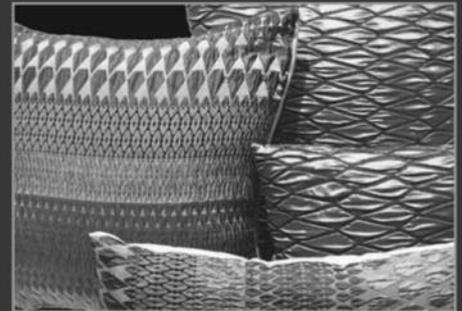
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Parish Council Matters

Meeting of Newton Parish Council 9th September

Present: Cllrs C Poole (Chairman), G. Flowers, R Gardner, P Haylock, R Schwenk, A Vince and R Wade.

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk), Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor) and one member of public.

Apologies for Absence: Apologies received from James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) and PCSO Siobhan Hemmett.

Declaration of Interests: Cllr Gardner declared a personal and prejudicial interest in 09/086 e as his property adjoins the proposed zebra crossing and left the meeting while this item was discussed.

Minutes of Meeting held on 8th July 2009: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.35pm for the Public Forum (Appendix A) and reconvened at 7.49pm

The councillors resolved that the Clerk write to the Chief Fire Officer to question whether the nationally set response times for emergency call outs are achievable at all times for the parish of Newton.

Correspondence and Clerks Report (Appendices B & C)

Following a review of the Correspondence the Clerk updated councillors on the issue raised by a resident in respect to the hedge being replaced by a fence in Alston Close. Babergh District Council has confirmed that the hedge removed belongs to the landowner who undertook the replacement. The strip of land between the hedge/fence and the road in Alston Close belongs to Suffolk County Council and the grass is maintained by BDC on SCC's behalf. Following a request from a resident to place a grit bin in Alston Close the councillors agreed to proceed with the placement of 3 new grit bins in Airey Close, Links View and Plampin Close and review any further requirements next year. There were no further actions required after reviewing the Clerks Report.

Finance

a. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in Appendix D, were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting, agreed the Reconciliation of Accounts against the Bank Statements and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget.

b. The councillors compared the cost of Aviva's insurance quotation against the renewal quotation from our existing insurer Zurich. Having considered the differences in the levels of cover and the excesses in both policies the councillors resolved by majority, to take up the 3 year Long Term Agreement with Aviva, through agents Came & Company, at a cost of £458.81 which represented a saving of £57.22 LGA 1972 s 111. The councillors do not want items valued below the insurance excess to be covered which will reduce the premium by approximately £8. The councillors resolved not to renew NPC's membership to Suffolk ACRE.

c. The councillors resolved to approve and accept the external audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2009 by BDO Stoy Hayward and the publication of the results to the residents

d. The councillors resolved to give Newton Church a donation of £350 in respect of Cemetery Maintenance LGA 1972 s 214.

Planning:

a. The councillors reviewed and agreed to support Planning Application Fairways, The Green - erection of single-storey side granny annex extension.

b. The councillors reviewed and agreed to support Planning Application Abbey House, Rectory Road - erection of two-storey front extension and single-storey side extension.

c. The councillors reviewed the proposed wording change in relation to the weight restriction for the C714 Valley Road. The councillors agreed that the wording in the letter described the whole length of Valley Road but for the council records they would request a copy of the existing wording of the order.

d. No other planning applications had been received.

e. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:

Community Speedwatch:

With the Police unable to attend the meeting there is no update on the progress of the scheme.

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme

a. Cllr Gardner presented his findings with outline costs for the options being considered for the playground. The councillors agreed for Cllr Gardner to now produce a business proposal that would be presented to the Newton Green Trust (NGT) when seeking agreement for the changes. The proposed area for the cycle track alongside the first hole of the Golf Course has been surveyed and would appear to meet the requirements for a track. Cllr Flowers will prepare a drawing of the proposed track following which the Clerk will write to the NGT requesting them to consider implementing the scheme on behalf of the young people of the village.

b. The councillors resolved to spend £75 on the work to repair 3 benches on its Asset Register with the work being undertaken by PA Scammell. LGA 1894 s 8

c. No items have been brought to the attention of the council in respect to the council assets.

Babergh District Council's consultation on the Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Licensing Principles (Revision): The councillors had no comments to make in respect to the consultation.

National Grid's overview for the consultation on overhead line project

The councillors reviewed the documentation outlining the consultation timeline and the 4 options for the overhead line route between Branford and Twinstead. Whilst the consultation is not due to start until the 1st October, with both our county and district councillors attending a presentation by National Grid on 21st September, the councillors requested the Clerk to write to our representatives stating that NPC feel that options 3 and 4 are totally inappropriate and the council will be supporting options 1 and 2.

Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement:

The councillors resolved to adopt the draft as NPC's Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement.

Councillor Training: The councillors agreed to a start time of 7.30pm for the Power of Well Being training on Wednesday 16th September 2009.

Village of Year: The councillors reviewed and agreed the plans for the East of England round of judging on the 7th October and the Suffolk Association of Local Councils presentation awards on the 10th October. It was agreed that as only a small number of Newton's residents would be able to attend SALC's presentation the council would invite the village to attend the public meeting on the 21st October for the Parish Plan which would also be a celebration evening for the award. It was hoped that the Fete Committee may also use the occasion to distribute funds to village organisations.

Newton Parish Plan: The councillors agreed for the public meeting to look at forming a group to revise Newton's Parish Plan, to take place on Wednesday 21st October in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Newton Community Broadband: There had been 6 responses to the poll relating to the Newton Community Broadband of which only 2 indicated a need for a new service. The Clerk will update potential suppliers of the service to see if the result of the poll meets their service thresholds.

East Anglian Daily Times: The councillors resolved that the Clerk circulates a copy of the agreed minutes to the EADT.

BDC meeting with parish councils on 4th November 2009:

The councillors resolved that the Clerk to represent NPC at the meeting.

Village Hall and Trust representatives update: The Village Hall Management Committee has appointed Wendy Turner and Sue Presland to its committee and are currently reviewing plans for the kitchen refurbishment. There are 4 fundraising events planned between now and Christmas. The Newton Green Trust are ongoing in their dispute with the landowner over the boundary with the old allotments.

Question to Chairman: There were no questions to the chair.

Date of NPC Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th November 2009.

The meeting closed at 9.56pm.

Appendix A Public Forum

Peter Holbrook (BDC) updated the councillors on the unitary review of Suffolk, the budget deficit being faced by BDC and the lapses in cover of the Fire Service in Sudbury.

In response to Mr Brett's question re the ownership of the planted area of land on the junction of Alston Close and Church Road, the Clerk was able to confirm that the Orwell Housing Association owned the land and were responsible for the maintenance of the area.

With the Police not present at the meeting the Clerk read out their report. "The report tonight covers the period from the 1st July 2009 through to the 24th August 2009. During this time 2 crimes were reported within the parish, this compares to 6 for the same period the previous year. Breakdown of crime: Burglary other building - 1 report sometime between 3rd/10th August a shed in a garden in Newton was forced but nothing stolen. Assault /public order - 1 report of ABH at a property on the Sudbury Road was made on 7th July. The suspect was arrested and is currently on police bail. There are no other matters to report."

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Now is a good time to be planning and preparing for a new herbaceous border. Given the right treatment, a herbaceous border can give years of satisfaction and colour for a reasonable amount of money. I often hear people say:

"Plant perennials, they will look after themselves." This is not so since everything needs attention to give of its best. As regards outlay, this can be cut to a minimum by begging pieces from people with established borders.

If possible, try to avoid siting the border up against a high wall or hedge. Leaving a space between the backing wall or hedge not only makes easy access to the border for viewing and maintenance, but more importantly, it allows the plants to get the light and air needed to produce sturdy growth. Plants that are deprived of light and air become tall, weak and spindly and are easily broken down by wind and rain.

The choice of plants is important; although plants are adaptable to soils and situations, there are limitations to what they will put up with. For instance, if you place plants that like moist conditions in hot, dry situations, or shade-lovers in hot, full, sun, then you are sure to have failures.

Most hardy perennials like a deep, but well-drained soil, losses

that sometimes occur in winter are usually caused by water logging and slug damage. Plants that like moist situations can be grown in ordinary soil, providing plenty of

compost is dug into the soil and plants are given a good, thick mulch to conserve the moisture and to keep the roots cool. The height of the plants should be governed by the width of the border, the tallest plants should be no more than half the width of the border - they will otherwise look out of proportion. Planting distances vary from five per square metre for smaller plants to three per square metre for the more vigorous ones. Do not plant slow-growing plants next to vigorous growers as they will be quickly swamped. Mix plants with flat-topped flowers next to those of a spiky nature for better effect. The planting of a border prepared now should be left until early spring.

House plants. Many people receive house plants as Christmas presents and some of these require special attention:

- Azaleas and Solanums (winter cherry) both need extra humidity and should be mist sprayed frequently with tepid water.
- Cyclamens should not be watered until they show signs of flagging when they should be given only enough water to wet the whole compost. Make sure that only surface water is drained off.
- Poinsettias should be kept away from draughts and fluctuating temperatures. These conditions and over-watering are usually the cause of leaves dropping.
- Hyacinth bulbs that have been forced for early bloom need to be given plenty of light and enough water to keep the compost moist at all times. Too much water will cause the fleshy roots to rot, while insufficient water will cause the flower spikes to die off prematurely.

Readers may like to know that Harry is yet again the Suffolk County Onion Champion. His onions are huge and full of flavour, we know because we are just about half way through one of them this week. Ed



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Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in October 2009

Meeting of the Parish Council on 5th October

Finance: In addition to the usual business, the half year budget review was discussed showing expenditure at 57% of budget half way through the financial year.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch reported that the Schools Organisation Review was in the consultation phase. The suggested outcome would be for Stoke by Nayland Middle School to close and for Boxford School to expand to the age of 11. The transitional arrangements would mean children currently in year 3 would go to Stoke by Nayland Middle School for 2 years and then go to Upper School from the age of 11. Children currently in year 2 would stay at Boxford School to the age of 11. County Cllr Finch spoke of research showing the three tier system to be out of step with the rest of the UK and the correlation between fewer school changeovers and better results. He expressed disappointment at the proposed closure of the exceptional Stoke Middle School and was hopeful that an educational use would be found for the building. However, he believed there was a need for a consistent strategy for the whole of Suffolk to attract investment and he therefore supported the proposals. He went on to speak of the Local Government Review and regardless of the outcome of the Appeal, he confirmed that the County and District Councils were starting the process of working together to avoid duplication. This was crucial in view of budget restraints on Local Councils. He spoke of his attendance at the National Grid Briefing and urged members to attend their briefing. He believed the National Grid had made a strong case. He felt it important to minimise the visual impact and protect the AONB. He spoke of his Locality and Quality of Life Budgets. Attention then turned to Highways and he had met with J Butcher from County Highways to consider what could be done in Boxford. The weeds on the pavements were to be resolved shortly and the road surfacing in the village, although a problem, was not as bad as some places in the County that were receiving greater priority. He was working with County Highways to establish schedules of work covering 3 to 6 months ahead to ensure that work was being prioritised appropriately. Members stressed the current road surfacing was not acceptable and asked Cllr Finch to put pressure on to resolve at the earliest possible opportunity.

Planning: Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

1) Babergh Council confirmed permission had been granted for a detached dwelling at Lynnfield, Butchers Lane.

The following applications were discussed: -

a) Proposed removal of two boughs of silver birch tree at Little Field, Cox Hill.

b) Proposed felling of Leyland Cypress and 2 sycamore trees at 1 Rectory Park

c) Proposed removal of 3 sycamore trees at Twynham, 4 Rectory Park

d) Proposed reduction of acer and yew tree and re-shaping of tree by street light at Peyton House, Butchers Lane

e) Consulted as adjoining Parish for polytunnels at Boxford (Suffolk) Farms

Reports from Members: It was agreed to review the footbridge project with regard to potential funding from the Quality of Life Budget. The Clerk reported that the white lining within the Parish was to be done within the next few months. It was agreed to press County Highways for completion before Christmas. It was noted that a new sign in Butchers Lane had been positioned incorrectly. It was agreed for the Clerk to follow up with County Highways. It was agreed to chase the Environment Agency to carry out promised work to the river near Ash Street/ The Spinney. Issues with footpaths were raised including bank erosion behind the houses in Butchers Lane and fallen tree partially obstructing the path from Cox Hill to Ash Street.

Full Parish Council Meeting on 19th October

Police Report: The Clerk read from the police report covering the period from 17th September through to 12th October 2009. During this time 2 crimes were recorded compared to 1 crime for the same period last year. These were burglary of a mini moped from an outbuilding on Hadleigh Road and a laptop stolen from the school. The Clerk confirmed a letter had been received from M Ransome, Babergh District Commander at Suffolk Constabulary. Following his attendance at an area meeting, the issue of Safer Neighbourhood Team attendance at Parish Council meetings was raised. In the letter he re-affirmed their commitment to attend Parish Council meetings at least once every 6 months. It was agreed for the Clerk to reply confirming the lack of Police attendance at Parish Council meetings. Our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team can be contacted on 01473 – 613500.

County Council Report: County Cllr. James Finch confirmed that Matthew Riches was the newly appointed manager at County Highways. Both John Butcher and Matthew Riches were to attend a site meeting with members of the Parish Council to discuss issues with the road surfacing. The meeting was since arranged for 12th November. Cllr Finch confirmed that the County Council has made a strong plea for evidence to support the need in relation to the pylons. He believed it important to protect the AONB and wider environment. In view of the locations of his parishes, J Finch was not

favouring any particular route. The Consultation period is due to close at the end of February 2010, and the County Council believed this to be a tight deadline. There is pressure to put the cables underground, however, Cllr Finch advised that this process disturbs the land and from a farmer's point of view, causes major disruption. Cllr Balls commented that the figures National Grid have provided need further scrutiny and other technological options exist. Cllr. Balls went on to mention that it was believed the situation was not as simplistic as National Grid was portraying. Cllr. Finch then discussed the potential Extended Schools Building. He suggested setting up a working group including himself, the District Cllr, representatives from Sunflower Playgroup and a member of the Parish Council. Cllr Egglestone volunteered to represent the Parish Council on the group. Cllr Hobbs thanked the County Council for cutting back the hedge on School Hill, however, reported that the contractors hit an electric cable causing a power cut and they did not clear the cuttings.

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren asked for feedback on the mechanical road sweeper. Members confirmed that the sweeper attended recently at 6.45 a.m. before people were given the opportunity to move their cars. Leaflet drops had not occurred to prepare residents for the sweep. Cllr. Hurren thanked members for the feedback and went on to mention how good the Village Hall was looking which was much to the credit of Finlay Hunter. Regarding the proposed extended schools building, he has asked Planners to give feedback to Moira Grant on potential positions for the building. He would be happy to work with the County Councillor and other representatives to progress matters further. He spoke of budget restraints on Babergh Council and that they need to find around £1 million in savings. They were not replacing staff and car parking charges were being considered for long stay car parks in Hadleigh and Sudbury. On the subject of National Grid Pylons, he believed farmers had a preference for the cables to be put underground. The new sign in the Homefield flats car park was mentioned that stated "No Unauthorised Vehicles". He was asked why it did not read "Residents Parking Only". Cllr Hurren agreed to investigate. The question of the wind turbine on the Eco-house was raised and Cllr Hurren confirmed a new planning application would be submitted.

National Grid Proposals: Members were reminded of the date of the Parish Council Briefing from National Grid as 6th November and the public exhibition on 8th January. Both sessions were to be held at Boxford Village Hall. Cllr. Balls reported on his meeting with the Groton Pylon Alliance and confirmed that whilst the alliance were originally campaigning against the new options 3 and 4 in the Countryside, they were now considering combining with a wider area to present a united front. They were looking for financial assistance towards potential legal costs.

Clerks Correspondence: Cllr Norman and Cllr Fincham-Jacques agreed to attend Baberghs' Annual Meeting with Town and Parish Councils. The Clerk confirmed there was to be a change of Refuse Collection weeks to bring the whole of the District in line. This was to mean putting some black bins out 2 weeks running and stickers were to be provided on relevant bins. The East of England Planned Scenarios for Housing and Economic Growth Consultation was included in the circulation envelope. It was agreed to circulate details of the Schools Organisation Review and include as an Agenda item at the November full meeting.

N.B Boxford Parish Council would like to confirm that they did not request a police presence in Daking Avenue that led to advisory and fixed penalty tickets being issued. The report was not made by any individual member of the Parish Council or Clerk.

The tel.no. to report matters from pot-holes to street lights is 08456 066 067 (County & District Services).

Cemetery: The Cemetery Sub-Committee had carried out the Risk Assessment of monuments in both the Churchyard and the Cemetery. Additionally a detailed plan of the Cemetery was to be drawn up.

Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk



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Readers Letters

Sir

I would like to say thank you all for helping me celebrate my 70th birthday - a great evening.

Thanks for all the cards, presents and donations to SEESAW (#200)

Thanksto all my family for organising the great party. Special thanks to Di and Derek for all their hard work, David and P for the music and all the help from Veronica and Robert.

All in all it's not so bad being 70 years old.

Thanks *Jan G*

PS What a great venue with good facilities and value for money Edwardstone Hall is.

Sir

Robert and I would like to thank everyone for their kind help, flowers, gifts, and good wishes received since our unfortunate accidents.

Also a special thank you to the staff for running the shop and also the extra help received with sorting and delivering Sunday papers, groceries, and lifts to and from work. Your kindness was very much appreciated during a very difficult time.

Joy and Robert

Village Stores

Sir

Whilst attending the Remembrance Service at Boxford on Remembrance Sunday I was quite appalled by the number of vehicles that passed by the church when the Book of Remembrance was being read out in a simple but solumn address. Traffic noise drowned the readings, which I feel is not giving any respect for the occasion. Surely these people who STILL have to do there Sunday routine, could have delayed their trips when there is a service of Remembrance being conducted outside out of respect for the people who have been lost and the people who where gathered to remember them.

Graham Reynolds

Edwardstone

Sir

On behalf of the British Kidney Patient Association I would like to say thank you to everyone who has saved their used postage stamps through the year and also thank toy to everyone at Boxford Post Office for letting me keep the box there for collecting the stamps.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and please keep saving your stamps for this very good cause

Thank You

C Boon

Sir

How sad it is to see poor Mr Kench struggling with the threat of competition from other 'freebies' encroaching on his patch (Comment: November 2009). Surely with such an exemplary record of good honest journalism, well written and presented, he should be getting an award by now, or at least a 'trophy', and not have anything to worry about.

What was perhaps strange was to see such anti-competitive views coming from such a blatantly right wing rag. Personally I think it is about time the public had some kind of account of how this publication functions: how much is Mr Kench paid by his advertisers and how much of the income is spent on printing and distribution? Are there also financial contributions from the Box River Parishes, the Community Council or indeed the Parish Councils to put their respective news items in front of us?

There needs to be some transparency here and if any of the contributing organisations have charitable status, then the current political bias of the magazine needs severely curtailing. For too long the editor and his cronies have used this magazine as a soapbox for their right wing views, for knocking the incumbent government and for promoting widespread nimbyism in relation to the renewable infrastructure we so badly need to survive the future. They unrealistically seem to want neither local generation nor the pylons required to bring in distantly generated power.

So as Mr Kench concludes: "Don't let our community news drift into the hands of a commercial organisation over which the Benefice and Councils have no control". I think we might already be there.

Patrick Taylor

Swan Street, Boxford

Mr Taylor is Babergh District Council's Conservation Archetect

In an email sent with his letter Mr Patrick Taylor said:

"please find attached a letter for publication in your next issue; I believe I have been brief and to the point so I would appreciate it's not being cut, edited or annotated in your usual manner: 'Reader's Letters' should be precisely what they say they are on the tin!"

During the last ten years whilst I have been editor the Box River News I have **never** edited a letter submitted for publication. We do not publish anonymous letters or those with malicious content, however it has been decided to make an exception in Mr Taylor's case. Also in view of the fact that Mr Taylor chose to place his letter in the public domain by circulating it to all the Parishes in the Benefice together with our District Councillor and Church editor, I am advised that it is perfectly in order to comment on his letter, especially in view of its defamatory content. His comments are not just aimed at me but also aimed at the Democratic Process.via Our Parish Councils, Parochial Church Councils, The Boxford Community Council and village organisations concerned with our environment and other contributors.

With regards to the Competition as he calls it, there is no competition for content at all. The concern was simply that the publication in question seems only to be concerned with obtaining advertising at the expense of other official community magazines and as custodian of the BRN it is my duty, together with our publishing committee to ensure the viability of its future.

Then Mr Taylor proceeds to insult our democratically elected Parish Councils, and the hard working members of the Community Council together with our parochial Church councils and other voluntary groups, suggesting that they give me back-handers to ensure their allegedly extreme right wing views are published. Where on earth is he coming from. Is he suggesting that being concerned about our environment and protecting our beautiful county is promoting nimbyism!! What a disgraceful way for a public servant to behave, how can this officer of Babergh District Council ever expect to regain the respect of our parish and district councillors let alone the electorate.

In the ten years since I have been editor of the BRN more than £40,000 worth of production costs have been saved by the Boxford Community Council and the Box River Parishes who have never during that time had to make any contribution to it's production costs. These costs are entirely covered by low cost advertising enjoyed by commercial organisations. In the November issue 50% of the display ads were free ads for organisations and charities advertising their fund raising events both in the benefice and the surrounding villages.

Perhaps Mr Taylor would have us living in a totalitarian state, in which case why does he not go and live in one, after all, if, as he claims, the views expressed by the contributors to the BRN are extreme right wing, what does that make him?

Editor

Box River News

Sir

Word has reached me from my friends in Groton that proposals have recently been announced by National Grid to build a new 16mile, 400KV overhead pylon route across the countryside of South Suffolk.

By way of background, as many of you know, I am a direct descendant of John Winthrop, Lord of the Manor of Groton, who in 1630 left Groton to sail to the east coast of the United States. He went on to found the city of Boston and became the first Governor of Massachusetts.

Many of us here in the United States value and hold close to our heart our English heritage. We continue to maintain close links with Groton which, together with other villages in the area, attracts overseas visitors both as a result of the village being on the American Heritage trail and because it is, of course, a beautiful part of the English countryside much loved by American, and other, tourists.

I am very shocked to leam that Groton and other picturesque villages in the area such as Boxford, Edwardstone and Kersey, which have remained unspoiled since my ancestors came to the United States nearly 470 years ago, could be blighted in such a dramatic and unnecessary fashion by the construction of such a power line.

I would therefore like to publicly record my support for the Groton Pylon Alliance and trust that they will ensure that an area of the world we treasure from as far away as the United States is not spoiled for generations to come.

JOHN WINTHROP

South Carolina

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 Bookings	Veronica Hobbs 211529
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	James Finch 01206 263649
District Councillor	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
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
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Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

Gt Waldingfield WI	Linda Lutz 378888
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FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTION

Footpath FP18 at Stone Street was illegally obstructed by a very dangerous barbed wire fence. It seems the farmer concerned was trying to prevent vehicular traffic from using the path but simply made it very unsafe for use by Ramblers and animals. It is understood that the vehicles that used the track had been from the electricity supply co who had a right of access to carry out rewiring. Suffolk County Council Highways department who eventually attended the scene after pressure from the Chairman of Boxford Parish Council and the obstruction has now been removed.

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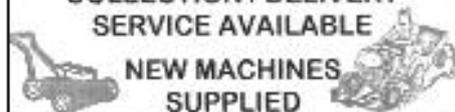
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Sport England is awarding another grant for further eight week courses to begin in the New Year for youngsters aged 9-13 years, with sessions beginning on Saturday, January 7 from both noon and 1 pm. Further details are available from club professional Tim Cooper, who will also be running additional five-week lessons for those aged over five years.

COURSE RECORD EQUALLED AT NEWTON

The course record at Newton Green, which has stood for nine years, has been equalised by 16-year-old Adam Woodhead.

Playing in a club junior competition, he went round with a score of 66, three under par, which equals the previous record set in 2000 by Steve Wordley, who is this year's senior captain at the club.

Adam's round follows a fortnight in which he has qualified for the Andalucian European open for the third time in three years, and recorded the best gross score of the day in the newly inaugurated national College Cup event.

The Suffolk player's English College team became the first winner of the trophy, with Woodhead carding a one under par score for the morning 18-



Adam Woodhead

holes on the 7,028 yard course at the Shire Club in London, and three under for the nine-holes played in the afternoon.

He will be flying to Spain for the under 17s Andalucian event in January, having qualified by a carding a two over par score in a 50-strong field and a second place in a qualifier played at Lingfield Golf Club, East Sussex. In the previous two years he has finished ninth and fifth in Spain. Adam has notched a number of second places in Suffolk county senior and junior events during the summer, and with club partner and fellow single handicap junior Ben Mellon was second in the recent Suffolk Junior Foursomes at Felixstowe.

A few days before, Ben had pipped Adam for Newton's 36-hole club championship, with Mellon scoring 149 to Woodhead's 150. Woodhead's father Ian, along with Steve Wordley, were next on 153.

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