

Box River News



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TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO FIGHT THIS INTRUSION



Above: An artists impression of a view of Boxford from Sherbourne Street looking towards Partridge Close and Homefield with a new power line in place. This is based on the National grids proposed route for corridor 3.

GROTON PYLON ALLIANCE

The New Year is with us and the closing date for you to comment on National Grids proposals for corridors 1, 2, 3 and 4 is fast approaching. Without going into lengthy detail on the pros and cons of all 4 routes, I highlight the option that directly affects Boxford, corridor 3. If corridor 3 were to be National Grids preferred option a line of 47 metre high pylons would run roughly parallel to the (A 1071). From the east of Kersey to the (A 134) the main Colchester to Sudbury road to the west. These pylons would dominate the vista all along the (A1071) looking in an approximate northerly direction, and would pass between Groton and Boxford through the fields adjacent to Partridge Close and Daking Avenue. The close proximity of these pylons to Boxford would be overwhelming and the uniqueness of this ancient village would be lost.

National Grids transmission lines need upgrading and we all need electricity. Corridors 3 and 4 require new tracts of unspoilt countryside to be opened up and thereafter remain a blot on the landscape forever. Corridor 2 the existing route in the vicinity of the Stoke Road has two lines of pylons, one 400KV and one 132 KV, the 132KV could be upgraded to 400KV and the problem would be solved. We would all like to have electricity power lines undergrounded but I am afraid that it is just not going to happen, certainly not in the near future.

Complacency is our enemy, I have heard repeated time and time again it will not happen here, well, far from wanting to appear the Jeremiah in all of this, from information garnered through research undertaken into the matter over the past few months there is absolutely every chance that the pylons could be erected on corridor 3 or 4.

Apathy in this matter could result in the loss of character to our quaint

and pleasant village and the overall ambience of Boxford would be lost forever. The Groton Pylon Alliance which consists of 18 villages has a united policy objecting to corridors 3 and 4 and supports the upgrading of option 2. It is vital to support Groton Pylon Alliance if you believe that what Boxford has to offer is worth saving, and your letters of objection must be forthcoming immediately. One copy should be sent to National Grid and one copy to Groton Pylon Alliance.

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THE FLEECE CHRISTMAS MARKET

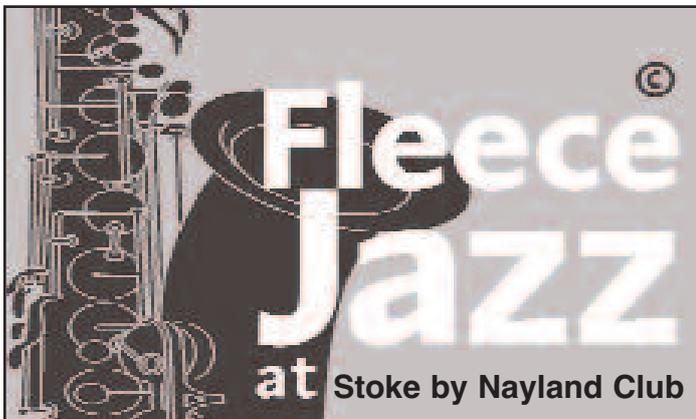


Despite arctic conditions the Fleece Christmas Market held on 19th December was a great success. Unfortunately several of the stalls that had had been promised did not turn up on the night due to a fairly heavy fall of snow. The snow did not however prevent villagers from attending and enjoying the occasion.

Above: Members of the Boxford Community Council dispensing Mulled wine and mince pies.

Above Right: The carol singers in full voice.

Bottom Right: Keep on smiling



Friday, 5th February, 8.00 Ticket £12
Dylan Howe & Will Butterworth -
The Stravinsky Duo

This is a new collaboration from acclaimed drummer Dylan Will Butterworth who is already being compared to Brad Mehildau and Keith Jarrett. They have specially arranged and adapted two of Stravinsky's most celebrated works, The Rite of Spring and The Firebird suite, resulting in a melange of classical melody, mood and structure with jazz improvisation, sensibility and language. This will also be a superb memorable gig. Look out for the album!

Friday, 12th February, 8.00 Ticket £17
Geoff Gascoyne's POP BOP

After six years playing and recording with Jamie Cullum, acclaimed composer, arranger and bass player Geoff Gascoyne returns with a new CD and a new quartet, POP BOP. The band featuring Geoff Gascoyne acoustic and electric bass, Jim Mullen guitar, Graeme Blevins alto and soprano saxophone and ex Jamie Cullum drummer Sebastiaan de

Krom. The band play hip new arrangements of some favourite pop songs from the last thirty years - check out their new CD entitled POP BOP..

Friday, 19th February, 8.00 Ticket £17
Alan Skidmore Quartet

British jazz legend, saxophonist Alan Skidmore goes a considerable way to recreating the atmosphere of a John Coltrane gig. Here is a man for all seasons, a player with immense physical and imaginative stamina, who is at home in any context, from tight structures to total abstraction, and with any tempo, from breakneck to slow. With Steve Melling piano, Geoff Gascoyne bass and drum supreme Tony Levin.

Friday, 26th February 8.00 Ticket £15
Bryan Corbett Quartet

Birmingham based Bryan Corbett is one of the UK's leading trumpet players. He brings with him the excellent pianist Levi French and the solid empathetic rhythm section of Ben Markland bass and Neil Bullock drums. The quartet are influenced by the classic Blue Note albums of the 50's and 60's, with Bryan taking particular inspiration from his trumpet idol Freddie Hubbard. However this is no mere recycling of the past. This band is a distinctly contemporary outfit playing music with energy, vitality, soul and tremendous technical ability. Do not miss out seeing this tremendous quartet, who are up there with the very best!

Friday, 5th March, 8.00 Ticket £14
Judy Lewis

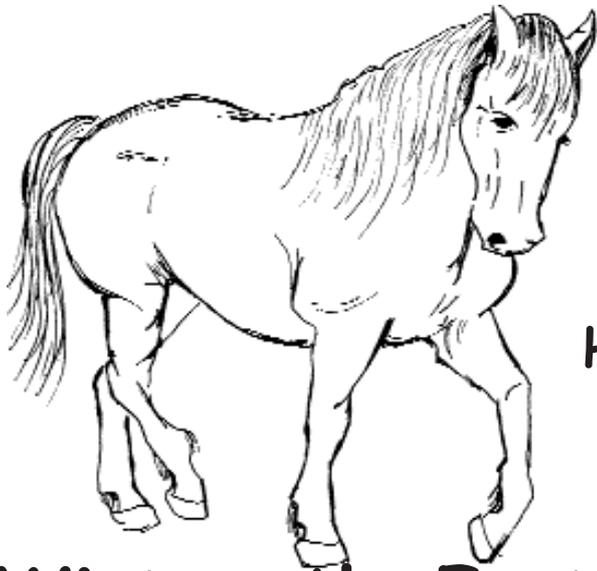
Judy Lewis is a world class artist who at the age of seventeen was a nationally recognised classical pianist in the USA. Today she is known internationally as a unique composer

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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Soap Box

It seems that there have been rather a lot of funerals and memorial services for me to attend recently. I realise it's probably an age thing. This year I collect my old age pension, but I trust there's a bit more life in the old dog yet. The cold weather may not have helped, though I am not aware that any of those whose life I have been celebrating recently have shuffled off this mortal coil assisted by the recent icy blast.

Celebrating a friend or relative's life should be what these occasions are all about. Show respect by all means, but increasingly I come to find these services joyful, even funny, gatherings to attend. You learn things about the dear departed that you may never have suspected. This was true of my wife's late aunt, when we attended her funeral in Bures just before Christmas, despite knowing her as well as any member of her family.

There is also a growing use of non-traditional means of saying farewell to a loved one. While the standard funeral service is still popular, adding in music that reflected the character or taste of the person at the centre of the event is by no means unusual. One of the most moving moments at a burial service I attended (outdoors, at a green burial site, conducted by a Humanist "minister") was hearing Vaughn Williams "A Lark Ascending" played on a solo violin. It had been a favourite of the person to whom we were saying farewell.

I did not go to Alan Crumpton's funeral, although our paths crossed often. I understand it was a positive feast of the jazz he loved so much. I'll bet the wake was a riot, too. John Havard-Davies' wake was quite an event as well. With his favourite music playing us in and out and some of the most interesting – and funny – memories being shared with a congregation that filled the church to bursting, it was a fitting tribute to a person

who loved life.

At the funeral of a journalist friend of mine, to whom living life to the full understated his appetite for anything life cared to throw at him, his love of Gilbert & Sullivan and Flanders & Swann was recognized with choral renditions of his best loved pieces. He was just 47 when he died and both his funeral and the subsequent memorial service in the journalists' church of St Brides, off Fleet Street in London, were packed with colleagues and friends.

Apparently, old favourites that used to feature in church services are being replaced regularly with pop tunes or pieces of classical music that those organising feel are more appropriate to the occasion. Somewhere, I am sure, will be a top ten of tunes most played to set the tone of the service. And there will be those who choose in advance what they wish the congregation to hear. An ex-colleague of mine planned his memorial service down to the last reading – not something I would wish to do.

But the celebration aspect of a memorial or funeral service is a good thing, in my opinion. Of course there will be tears. At the funeral of an old friend last year in the Cotswolds, her son, a hard-bitten investment banker, struggled with his tribute to a mother that had been a rock in a family that otherwise might have been overwhelmed by the crises that so nearly engulfed them. The tea that followed (with wine, of course) was a joyous occasion, though.

No-one really knows when their number will be up. An old friend, Peter, once a resident of this benefice, had a little time to prepare. He wrote his own speech, to be delivered to the assembled company at his funeral service. It was so like him that you could close your eyes and imagine he was addressing us all. But he wasn't. That's why we were all there on an autumn afternoon. Celebrating.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Boxford Gardens Open – 2010

Whether you are a keen gardener or you just like admiring the handiwork of others (perhaps both), it's never too early to book Gardens Open in your diary. The date next year will be Sunday 6th June. Keep it free and enjoy another tour round the gardens of Boxford.

A special plea: I hope Boxford gardeners who opened last year will note the date and open again. I will, of course, be writing to you in the New Year. And can we have some new gardens?

Joan Smith, who has made the lunches such a central part of the day, has decided it is time to hand this over to a new team. If you would be willing to help with the catering in any way, from cooking to serving the lunches in the Village Hall, or helping with coffee and teas both in the Church and in Boxford gardens, please let me know. I shall also be looking for volunteers to sell programmes and garden-sit on the day. All offers of help will be very gratefully received and acknowledged.

Elizabeth Wagener (elizabeth.wagener@btinternet.com or 210223).

TOYS NEEDED

FOR YOUNG CHILDREN IN UGANDA.

Have your children outgrown some of their early years toys? If they are looking for a good home we would be glad to send them to pre-school projects in Uganda and other countries in East and Southern Africa. We are looking for strong toys which can be shared by large groups of children. BIG LEGO, bricks, construction toys, wooden dolls house, farmyard sets etc would be ideal. (Please note – quality rather than quantity! incomplete toys or anything needing batteries are not useful.) These toys will go to very poor rural schools along with school books and other educational resources sent by the School Book Project care of Tools with a Mission in Ipswich.

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

Boxford Community Council

The Community Council is set up to support and promote local clubs and societies and all our fundraising is aimed towards those ends. For us to do this properly we need to know what it is you may be trying to do. I do believe that those organisations that regularly attend our meetings find the support from our members helpful and reassuring, whether in the form of advice, physical support or financial input to make things happen. My plea to those of you involved in societies, clubs and organisations in the village is that you try to have a representative at the committee meetings held at the White Hart and advertised in the BRN and bring your expertise to the table. We are open to hear new ideas and everybody is welcome. *Roger Cunningham* Chairman, Boxford Community Council.

The Bounty Hunters

The Bounty Hunters had one of the raffle prizes from The Snail Race returned, so we have raffled it off again and raised £25.00. We have donated this to Help For Heroes. Thank you to Leavenheath Bowls Club and the W.I. for their help.

NEWTON GOLF CLUB THINKS OUTSIDE THE BOX

Newton Green Golf Club has been congratulated for "thinking outside the box" by Steven Peet, regional development officer for the English Golf Union, who believes others could learn from the Suffolk club's approach.

Although the number of golfers nationally has been rising in recent years, membership of clubs has been sliding, with the recession making the situation worse.

A recent Sport England survey revealed 948,000 people play golf at least once a week and 1.58 million once a month. Of the larger figure, only 28% are members of clubs.

Altogether, it is estimated by the EGU around 2.5 million people play at least half a dozen times a year.

Mr Peet recently visited Newton to help assess the club's recruitment efforts and afterwards wrote to say he was impressed how much the club was already doing.

He continued: "It is clear you are working extremely hard and in my opinion are working on the right things."

"In these difficult times for golf clubs and membership, it is vital that clubs are proactive in how they try to attract new members and retain their existing ones, and I was delighted to see that you are clearly doing this."

"It is also refreshing to see that you are prepared to think outside the box and try some more innovative ideas. If more clubs were prepared to do this I dare say they might not find themselves in such difficult positions. "It is clear you have a great team driving the club forward, and I would like to thank you for your dedication and commitment."

Paddy Lockwood, club chairman, said Newton was encouraged by Mr Peet's remarks. In the last year it had launched a raft of ideas to find new recruits and try to keep existing members happy. More than 90 newcomers had joined the ranks.

The next initiative would be a survey amongst the full membership to gauge customer satisfaction and gather ideas on how the club could continue to progress.

He said from January 1 it was offering 15-month full and Davey memberships for the cost of 12 months, plus a three-month trial membership costing only £100.

A QUIET NEW YEAR?

I do hope that the readers of the B.R.N. had a wonderful Christmas and an enjoyable New Year but I wonder if any of the Boxford or Edwardstone readers noticed the lack of church bells to announce the Carol services or a midnight ring to welcome the new year.

Boxford has a fine peal of eight bells and Edwardstone a wonderful ring of six but the trouble is that the both villages together with Groton can only muster four ringers. Consequently too often there is silence when there should be a joyful sound.

The art of change ringing is a peculiarly British activity and only occurs in other countries where it has been introduced by bell ringing ex-patriots.

So if you would like to learn to ring church bells the Boxford ringers would be only too pleased to teach you. Age is no bar (the oldest person I have rung with was 94 and the youngest 7) and great strength is not required nor musical knowledge. However it is an activity that can be mentally challenging, physically beneficial whilst at the same time being great fun and a service to the community. If you would like to know more get in touch with Richard Gates (him in the post office) or ring him on 210432 and he will tell you more. Your local towers need you.

BOXFORD BOUNTY

The time of year is with us once again, for the Boxford Bounty collectors to come knocking at your door asking for your continued support.

The local lottery for Boxford Benefice, the Bounty provides financial support for many local groups and interests. The following groups have benefited from direct grants in the past few years:

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Carpet Bowls Club • Edwardstone Village Hall • Breast Cancer Care
Ladies Bowls Club • Over Sixties Club • Boxford Tennis Club
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Friends Of Boxford School • Sunflower Playgroup • BoxRiver Club
Bowls Club • Boxford Playingfields • Boxford Village Hall
Boxford Rovers • Boxford United Charities • 1st Boxford Scouts

Tickets are available at a cost of £10.00 per year, which guarantees entry to six draws. The prizes for each draw are:

1st Prize £160, **2nd Prize** £75, **3rd Prize** £30, **4th Prize** £15

If you would like to buy a ticket for the Boxford Bounty and have not been visited by a collector please apply directly by sending a cheque made payable to BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL to the following address:

Boxford Bounty, 39, Daking Avenue, Boxford, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 5QA

Or ring Mark Miller on 01787 211596

e-mail mark.miller@talktalk.net

and we will arrange a call from your local collector.

COLLECTORS NEEDED

If you have an outgoing personality, love walking, enjoy meeting people and would like to do something to support the community please contact Mark for further details.

The Boxford Bounty is organised on behalf of Boxford Community Council registered charity No 304862

Wot's On

BARN DANCE

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR SOPHIE CUNNINGHAM'S

FIELD TRIP TO AFRICA, SUMMER 2010

Saturday 6th March 7.30 - 11.30pm

Dancing to the "Hosepipe Band"

£10 to include ploughman's meal. Licensed Bar

Tickets available from Boxford News, or telephone the Cunninghams on 211592

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.

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

Polstead Digital Cinema

Forthcoming films:

Friday 26th February "Creation"

Friday 19th March "Bright Star"

Tickets £3.50 from the village shop or telephone 01787 210029

Doors open 7pm film starts at 7.30pm

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Here are some important dates for your diaries.

20th March Quiz Night. 15th May Beetle Drive.

3rd July Car Treasure Hunt.

11th September Alternative Horticultural Show.

13th November Quiz Night.

Whilst the Horty Show was well supported this year with entrants it did not attract the expected surge of visitors. We are therefore hoping to broaden the appeal by adding other attractions. For example, if any villagers who have hobbies and would like to display or demonstrate them, we would be pleased to hear from you.

EAST ANGLIA POTATO DAY 2010

East Anglia Potato Day is an event organised and run entirely by volunteers from three gardening groups: Ipswich and Suffolk Organic Gardeners and Norfolk Organic Group. We aim to make available as many British-grown varieties of seed potato as possible, and sell them as individual tubers so you can buy as many or as few as you like. The cost is 12p per tuber, whilst a small selection in the premium range will cost 20p each. Other attractions include seeds, books, tools, chip-tasting, refreshments, produce and a home composting display. There will also be a SEED-SWAP table where you can swap unwanted seed of your own for something else that you fancy.

The date is: SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, 9.30am to 1.30pm

The venue: Mid-Suffolk Showgrounds, Stonham Barns, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket, IP14 6AT. (On A1120 just east of junction with A140. follow brown tourist signs.)

Visit our website www.eapd.btik.com for more information, including the list of varieties ordered.

Contact 01787 375153 for more information.

Quay Theatre Sudbury

Tuesday 2nd February 2.00pm & 7.30pm

Film @ Quay presents:

MRS MINIVER (1942) 134 Minutes (U)

Tickets £5.00 Friends of the Quay £4.00

Director William Wyler

Cast Includes: Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon, Teresa Wright

Wednesday 3rd February 7.30pm

Milkbottle Theatre presents

The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes – read by Robert Crighton

Tickets £5.50 Friend £5.00 Any three evenings £12.00 All Six £21.00.

Friday 5th and Saturday 6th February 8.00pm

Mel Peake presents:

WHEN FRANKIE MET ROBBIE

Tickets £14.50 Friend £13.00

This show brings together two of the biggest names of the last three generations in show business, Frank Sinatra and Robbie Williams with much of their best known work. Mel Peake and James Reynolds combine the swinging sounds with some of the iconic songs of the last ten years, to create a truly entertaining show that has broad audience appeal.

Both Mel and James bring with them a broad range of experience as performers both here and abroad. This cracking show, also incorporating songs from Jamie Cullum and Michael Buble, the new generation of swing, really is a must see – and hear. Sunday 7th February 7.30pm

Saturday 13th February 8.00pm

AN ECCENTRIC LOOK AT SUFFOLK

Another evening with Charlie Haylock

Tickets £9.50 Friends £8.50

Friday 19th February 8.00pm

Nunkie Theatre Company presents:

A WARNING TO THE CURIOUS –

TWO GHOST STORIES BY M.R. JAMES

Tickets £9.50 Friend £8.00

Tuesday 23rd – Saturday 27th February 7.45 pm

Sudbury Dramatic Society presents:

PACK OF LIES by HUGH WHITEMORE

Tickets £9.00 Friend £8.00 Tuesday 23rd £5.00

Suburban London. Autumn 1960. An ordinary family, the Jacksons are enjoying a close friendship with the Krogers, an American couple from over the road. Until one day, out of the blue, a man from MI5 arrives asking permission to use the Jacksons' house for surveillance purposes. The target? Their best friends, the Krogers. This is a powerful and gripping account of the true story of their subsequent arrest and the awful impact it has on the unsuspecting Jacksons.

Boxford Over 60's Club

Meetings in the Village Hall at 2.30pm on:

Monday February 1st to be announced

Monday February 15th Mr Thurlow talking about travel experiences

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Wot's On

Suffolk Villages Festival

Winter Concert Series 2009 - 2010

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, 6.00 pm

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

Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club

Bygone Exhibition

21st February 2010, 10.30am to 5.00pm.

Long Melford Royal British Legion,

Cordell Road, Long Melford

Refreshments and Raffle

For more information telephone Paul Goodchild 01787 372478

Boxford Drama Group

A Brush with Comedy

There's something strange going on in the usually quiet suburbs of Hampstead, and the tranquillity of the Walling residence is about to go up in a cloud of smoke, or should that be soot? Who exactly is the decomposing body stuffed up the flue? And how did it get there? Can the Wallings discover the truth whilst keeping the sweep from spilling the beans? Why is the Ambassador's step daughter so intent on being examined by Henry? And can Henry resolve this without being caught by his fiancée Pamela and also keep mad missing patient Natalia hidden from the police? With copious amounts of drink being consumed, sacks of soot – one of which contains the body, but which one? - locked rooms, missing keys that aren't missing, no-one knowing who knows what and some stolen silverware, it should all be crystal clear from the outset..... shouldn't it?

Boxford Drama Group presents Brush with a Body by Maurice McLoughlin, a fabulously hilarious comedy farce which runs at the Boxford village hall on Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th March at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from Saturday 20th February from the Boxford newsgents.

BOXFORD WI

Our January meeting was our Christmas Meal at The Mill in Sudbury where we enjoyed an excellent three course meal looking out at the snow falling over the meadows

The Craft Club got off to a good start on January 14th with Knitted Shapes and Squares Next Craft Club will be on February 11th when we shall be doing Decorative Boxes

At our February 3rd meeting we shall be hearing about Search and Rescue by RAF Wattisham

Book Club restarts on February 24th 3pm at Heather's House where we will be reviewing The Road Home by Rose Tremain

We always welcome visitors to our meetings we charge £1 50 for the meeting and Tea or Coffee and Biscuits

Anyone interested in having a copy of our 2010 programme can obtain these from Heather 01787 211566 or Christine 01787 210560

ENJOYING OLD CHURCHES WITH ROY TRICKER

Saturday, March 20th at 7.30pm

in Groton Village Hall We are most fortunate that Roy Tricker, whom some of you will know, has kindly agreed to give us an illustrated lecture about East Anglian Churches. Roy is a Lay Reader, and has both an extreme knowledge and an abundant love of old Churches; he has written books on the subject, and also about 200 church guides. We know that this will be a very entertaining talk, and together with some light refreshments, it will be a fun evening not to be missed. Tickets at £6 each will be available soon from members of Groton PCC, and all proceeds will go to the Parish Church of Saint Bartholomew.
Pat Kennedy Scott [210319]



Boxford
Playingfield
Management Committee

Registered Charity No 304862

Boxford Playing Fields AGM will take place on 13th April 2010 at 7.30pm in The Pavilion

We hope you will come along and support your Playing Fields. We are looking for helpers as well as members of the Committee.

So please support us to keep the playing fields for everyone's enjoyment.

QUIZ NIGHT EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL

**SATURDAY
13TH MARCH
7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.**

**Tickets £5.00 each
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Tables of up to 8 people**

Licensed Bar & Raffle

Tickets available from Daphne Clark 01787 210698
(In aid of Edwardstone Parish Hall improvements)

Wot's On

Milden CC Quiz Night

20th February, Boxford Village Hall

Milden Cricket Club will be holding their annual Quiz Night at Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 20th February.

Starting at 7.30pm the event will raise much-needed funds for the reformed Milden team who had a successful first season back in the league. Tickets will be £5 per person and this will include a buffet supper. Anyone is welcome to enter a team of up to 8 members. There will also be a licensed bar during the evening. To book a team or for more details please call Richard on 01787 211114. Mark Mason will be providing the questions on a range of subjects.

Milden CC will be competing in Division 5 of the Hunts Bats Cricket League this season. They enjoyed their first season back on the field with some excellent victories and some improving youngsters. Milden now have their own nets and a fantastic new pavilion which was completed in 2009. However, being a young side with many friendlies and league matches ahead, they are on the look out for new players. If you are interested, Milden have weekly indoor nets at Great Cornard Upper School every Sunday at 3pm until April. Again, anybody keen to give it a go should contact Richard or 211114.

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Boxford School News

A Very Happy New Year to all the readers of the Boxford News. I trust you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. This term is yet another very busy one for us all especially the management as we start to formulate our budgets and development plans for the coming financial year. This year is a particularly anxious one for us all as we await our budgets in light of the current economic climate. I am hopeful that common sense will prevail and that the education budget will remain a healthy one.

The start to this term has been particularly difficult with the unusually cold weather we have been experiencing. Once again there has been a great deal in the media centred on the closure of schools because of the snow. Closing a school is one of the most difficult decisions a Headteacher has to make and not one that is taken lightly. Heads have to make a quick decision first thing in the morning based on available information including radio bulletins, police advice and local knowledge and it is never easy. The local radio has been full of people ringing in commenting on how different it was in their day and how they all went to school. What they fail to realise is that most of them lived locally and could walk to school and their teachers could do the same. Many teachers and for that matter pupils have quite long journeys through what are sometimes very narrow and quite dangerous country roads and we have to consider all of these factors when coming to a decision. We ended up closing on the Thursday only as despite the poor road conditions all staff managed to get to school safely on Friday. Interestingly most of the people who live locally to me chose not to risk it and worked from home instead!

This term promises to be an interesting one on the sporting front. As usual we have a number of activities happening in school including weekly gymnastics lessons for our Year 1 children and an after school karate club for Year 3 and 4. In addition we will be taking part in a number of sporting competitions competing against other local schools. Last year our pupils did very well winning the Cornard Pyramid netball, football and cricket competitions so this year's pupils will have a lot to live up to. This term also sees a group of our swimmers taking part in the annual Swimathon event either at the Ipswich or Hadleigh pools. As if this wasn't enough Mr Hood and I are somewhat foolishly planning to take a group to see Ipswich play Barnsley at the beginning of March. I will let you know how we get on.

In my last news I mentioned the fantastic response to the fundraising effort to erect a permanent memorial to Jane Whitwell, our Teaching Assistant who sadly passed away last Summer. I am delighted to be able to report that I have been in contact with the company who will be supplying and fitting the thatched gazebo and we hope to begin work as soon as the ground starts to dry out. I will update you in the next newsletter.

Finally we are starting to take applications for children who are five between September 2010 and August 2011. If you have a child who is starting school during that period and you would like a place at Boxford School please contact the office (01787 210332) as soon as possible.

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BOXFORD DANCE TRIO SHOW WINNING WAYS

In the annual Carolyns School of dance competition held at Sudbury Sports Centre on Sunday 22nd November 2009, with well over 300 dancers from dance schools in the region taking part.

Isabelle and Emily Griggs together with Bethany Salt, all from Boxford and members of the "Sistars" dance school which trains dancers in Boxford Village Hall all took part with considerable success

The girls have been training tirelessly for months on Tuesday evenings 5-6pm in Boxford Village Hall and on Saturday mornings 10-12pm at Old Heath, Colchester under the watchful eye of their teacher Marie Bligh.

Isabelle aged 5 took 1st Place in the under 6's disco pairs. Emily Griggs aged 10 & Bethany Salt aged 13 came 3rd place in the under 14's Rock & Roll Category and Emily also did well in the under 10's Street

Dancing category taking 5th place.

Isabelle Emily and Bethany's parents are very proud of the trio's efforts and it was very humbling for them to bring the bacon home to Boxford.

Below: Isabelle Griggs age 5, winner of the under 6's disco pairs

Below left: Emily Griggs aged 10 & Bethany Salt aged 13 who took 3rd place in the under 14's Rock & Roll Category



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CHRISTMAS AT GROTON

Groton PCC had a very busy December, with something happening every weekend. On December 5th it was the Cheese and Wine Party, which although not as well attended as in other years raised £571 - the annual auction had a new look, selling only food and drink. On December 13th it was the Kelvedon Singers Concert, which was wonderful - extremely professional and the church was full, with almost 100 people enjoying the concert, and finishing with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. On Friday December 18th a few of us braved the snowy conditions to run a stall at the Fleece Christmas Market where we made £43.50, mainly thanks to Barbara Riddleston who had made several Christmas Table Decorations. On Sunday 20th the Carol Service taken by David Lamming, was very well attended with the Groton Children's Choir singing two carols, and more Mulled Wine and Mince Pies - David also took the Family Communion Service on Christmas Day.

REMINDER TO ALL DOG OWNERS

We would remind dog owners that whilst walking on the playing fields near the allotments all dogs must be kept on a lead. Dog owners are still allowing their dogs to foul on the allotments and run over the plants and prepared ground. This is not allowed and we will seek advice from the local dog warden if this continues. Please show respect to the allotment holders and put your dogs on the lead. Thank you.
Boxford Playing Field Committee

Suffolk Villages Festival
Sunday 14 February 2010, 6pm
St Mary's Church, Boxford
The Purcell Legacy
Philippa Hyde (soprano)

THE PARLEY OF INSTRUMENTS

Judy Tarling and Oliver Webber (violin) Mark Caudle (bass viol & violincello)
 Peter Holman (chamber organ)
 Nowadays orchestras and soloists typically use public concerts as a means of rehearsing for forthcoming recording sessions. That is what will be happening at St Mary's Church, Boxford on St Valentine's Day, when soprano Philippa Hyde and the Parley of Instruments under Peter Holman will perform works by Henry Purcell and his late contemporaries as a prelude to recording the same programme for one of the UK's leading independent record companies, the Colchester-based firm Chandos.

The concert, entitled "The Purcell Legacy", is the second of this season's Winter Concert Series promoted by the Suffolk Villages Festival. The first - held in St James's Church, Nayland in December and featuring Christmas works by J.S. Bach - sold out. The programme at Boxford on St Valentine Day includes a variety of instrumental suites and sonatas as well as songs and cantatas. Among them are Purcell's great dramatic scene "The Blessed Virgin's Expostulation" together with works by Purcell's English followers as well as immigrant composers attracted to London by its thriving musical scene at the beginning of the 18th century.

Handel, the most notable of the foreigners, is represented by his rarely performed cantata "Venus & Adonis". The Italian Nicola Haym - a man despite his first name - is represented, appropriately, by an anthem written for the Duke of Chandos, "Have Mercy on me, O God".

The programme also includes works by several of Purcell's English-born followers, celebrated in their day but less well known now: William Croft, John Weldon and Raphael Courteville. Croft, composer for the Chapel Royal, was the first important English composer to write consistently in the late Baroque style. Weldon, a pupil of Purcell and another Chapel Royal composer, also performed as organist at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Box Office Information: telephone: 01206 366603

MILDEN SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

This was the first concert performed by this newly formed group and the night was a sell out. The enjoyable practice nights paid off, as a result both singers and the audience enjoyed this successful festive evening, which included carols, wine and mince pies. The funds from the night amounted to £380, which was in aid of the Mildens Pavilion Fund. Many thanks to Pearl and the Mildens Singers for providing such an enjoyable evening. If you would like to join this singing group, they meet every Thursday in Mildens Pavilion. For more details call Pearl 01787 247965. The ability to read music is not essential and more men are needed.

HADS AGM (A BLUEPRINT FOR SURVIVAL)

Hadleigh Amateur Dramatic Society is holding its Annual General Meeting in the Ansell Community Centre (URC) in Hadleigh at 7:30pm on Wednesday 17th February 2010. Member and non-members are invited to attend. Due to the need to address some very important issues concerning the future of HADS, on this occasion we will start with a Special General Meeting to be immediately followed by the Annual General Meeting. HADS, like most amateur dramatic societies, is facing some serious challenges. Memberships are falling, audiences have more demands on their time and the recession is still causing many people to cut back on their leisure activities; production costs are rising and venue hire is becoming more and more expensive. To address these issues and to ensure that HADS continues as a successful and relevant organisation, major changes to the way HADS is run and what it does for its members and audiences are necessary, hence the title "A Blueprint for Survival".

This year HADS is 90 years old and we must do all we can to ensure that it continues so that we can celebrate 100 years in 2020. On the positive side, HADS is in excellent financial condition thanks to full houses at our 2008 and 2009 productions and we have new and exciting plans for 2010. If you are an existing member of HADS, come and renew your membership. Join our electronic mailing list for the HADS Newsletter and even become a member. *Peter Finch* 01473 824033

PROPOSED JOINT COMMUNITY EVENT

2012 – A YEAR TO REMEMBER!

Many of you will remember the street parties held for the Queen's Golden Jubilee, V.E. Day and the Millennium celebrations which were extremely well attended and enjoyed by young and old alike. These created great community spirit and, although not intended as large fundraisers, did bring in a fair amount of income for charities, participating organisations and local businesses.

A small group has now formed to consider the viability of holding another joint community event - perhaps to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympic Games.

It is hoped that as many organisations as possible from the three villages of Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton will participate in hosting a series of events, culminating in a traditional street party, for the entertainment of the community and the benefit of local organisations and businesses.

Events like this require a good deal of forward planning and, although the Working Party has many splendid and exciting ideas, it would like the community at large to be involved and would welcome YOUR ideas and suggestions for the Programme of Events.

We should be grateful, therefore, if you could take the time to complete the slip below and place it in one of the boxes provided at the Boxford Post Office or St Bartholomew Church, Groton, or at the following addresses:

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PROPOSED JOINT COMMUNITY EVENT

2012 – A YEAR TO REMEMBER!

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 Please contact me for fundraising contacts or ideas Yes / No
 I would like to place an advertisement in the Programme of Events Yes / No
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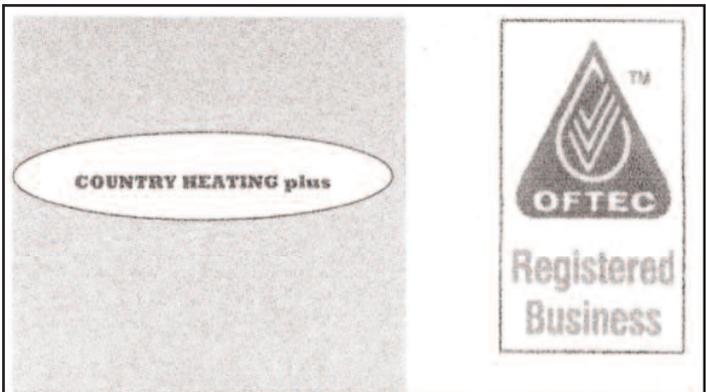
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Forthcoming Events Diary

January	26 Boxford Community Council 30 Boxford Community Council	Executive Committee Fun and Games Night	The White Hart, Boxfprd Boxford Village Hall	8.00pm 7.30pm
February	1 Boxford Over 60's Club 3 Boxford WI 11 Boxford WI Craft Club 15 Boxford Over 60's Club 14 Winter Concert 16 Boxford Gardening Society 20 Quiz Night 24 Boxford WI Book Club	Search and Rescue RAF Wattisham Decorative Boxes Travel Experiences The Purcell Legacy Demonstration of Grafting Milden Cricket Club	Village Hall Village Hall Mary's House Village Hall Boxford St Mary's Boxford Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Heathers House	2.30pm 2pm 2pm 2.30pm 6.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 3.00pm
March	3rd Boxford WI 3 Lent Lunch 11 Boxford WI Craft Club 13 Quiz Night 14 Winter Concert 16 Boxford Gardening Society 20 Groton PCC 'Enjoying Old Churches' 20 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room 25/27 A Brush With Comedy	Jewellery Jonathon Lambert Groton PCC Beading Edwardstone Parish Hall Mgt Committee Le Jardin Secret Small Spaces & Patios 'Enjoying Old Churches with Roy Tricker' Quiz Night Boxford Drama Group	Village Hall Mary's House Mary's House Village Hall Boxford St Mary's Boxford Village Hall Groton Village Hall Parish Room Village Hall	2pm 12.-2pm 2pm 7.00pm 6.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm
April	3 Boxford Gardening Society 13 Playing Fields Management Committee AGM 16 Quiz & C urry Evening 20 Boxford Gardening Society -	Visit Little Blakenham Woodland Garden Groton VH Mgt Commiyyee Brdg. End Garden Restoration	Meet there The Pavillion Groton Village Hall Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30 7.30pm
May	8 Its A Knockout - Summer 8 Coffee Morning and sale 15 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room 22 Boxford Community Council	Fun Day Groton PCC Beetle Drive Duck Race Evening	The Playing Fields Mary's House Parish Room Boxford Village Hall	tba 9.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm
May	26 Groton PCC	Ruby and Her Horses	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
June	6 Boxford Gardens Open 23 Senior Citizens Mystery trip	In aid of Boxford St Mary;s Building Trust Boxford Community Council		
July	20 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room	Treasure Hunt	Parish Room	TBA
September	11 Church Sponsored Cycle Ride 20 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room 25 Boxford Fun Dog Show	Alternative Horty Show	Parish Room The Playing Fields Boxford Village Hall Parish Room	10.30am tba 7.30pm 7.00pm
October	9 Boxford Community Council	Beavers Dance Quiz Night	Boxford Village Hall Parish Room	7.30pm 7.00pm
November	13 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room			



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Halcyon Days

By Percy Fletcher Part 1

Whilst I was not born in Boxford I have spent the greater part of my life in the area around the village having moved from London with my parents in 1931 aged 7 years, some 80 years ago. My father was born in Boxford, his parents lived at Turks Hall in Assington Lane. The Fletcher family are known to have lived in the village since as far back as the early 17th century. My first home was at Falcon House, 14 Swan Street.

My first recollection of life here in Boxford, is one of my father taking me to Boxford School for enrolment. School began with morning assembly prayers and hymns, and to this day I can see the late Archie Rule towering above the other pupils looking at me, a small weedy London boy. Imagine if you will trying to play football in the playground with big strong country boys wearing hob nailed boots, maybe that's how I got my nickname of 'Titch'. Sadly there is now only one person in the village who occasionally still calls me by that name.

I have been prompted to write these notes by the fact that during recent conversations it has struck me that many facets of life past, within living memory, are unknown to many village residents who have moved to the village in recent years, and I hasten to add, have brought new life, ideas and a willingness to assist the continued vibrant life of the village.

On many occasions I have been asked "what did you do when you were youngsters?" a question made all the more relevant when the younger generation of today say "there's nothing to do". We made our own enjoyments, mischievous may be, but with no malicious intent. There was very little in the way of organised entertainment as we understand it today. At Boxford school as at other schools, pupils went through what can best be described as 'crazes'. The time of year would greatly dictate the activity, during good weather marbles would be played in the school yard or on the pavements, iron hoops would be sent spinning down the street, mainly out of control as would spinning tops. In the autumn conker championships would be the vogue (Health and Safety eat your heart out!) The highlight would be around Guy Fawkes night. The only restriction on the sale of fireworks being the amount of money one had to spend. To supplement this boys used to acquire, an empty treacle tin into which a hole was punched. At this point I ought to explain that in Swan Street there were two sweet shops both owned by people by the name of Clarke, hence forth known as Top Clarkes (now 34 Swan St) and Bottom Clarkes (now 7 Swan St 'Lorne Cottage'). Top Clarkes sold solid carbide which when mixed with water gave off a combustible gas, mainly used in the old fashioned cycle lamps. A small portion of the carbide was placed into the tin. which was moistened by spit, the lid rammed home, a lighted match applied to the hole and a quite large explosion took place with the lid flying in one direction and the tin in another. We would then gather the lid and tin and commence the operation again. All one needed was a pennyworth of carbide and plenty of spit. Bear in mind this all took place in Swan Street..

A youth club existed in 1937 in the Village Hall. I recall a very heavy vaulting horse, parallel bars, and upright bars, the fixings for which could still be seen in the floor before the first phase of improvements.

Country dancing lessons were held in the hall and I remember going to Woodbridge to take part in a competition, we didn't win anything! Ballroom dancing classes were also held under the instruction of Mr 'Freddie' Abbot of Sudbury. These were very popular with members of both sexes, and it was due to these classes that many enjoyable times were spent dancing for many years in the Village Hall. Unfortunately the floor in those days did not compare to that upon which the contestants in Strictly Come Dancing perform, in fact, to contract the knots and knot holes in the floor boards one had to sprinkle powder or crystals on the floor.

There were two active Sunday Schools - The Church and Chapel, My parents being non-conformists I attended that run by the Chapel as did my late wife Evie. The teachers were Mr Sid Smith and Miss Rice. Sid used to take the boys and the first part of the lesson consisted of a precis of the football match played the previous Saturday, Sid being a member of the team. Whilst ones parents thought it the thing to do, attending Sunday School did have its rewards. An annual tea party in the grounds of Wynne House and in later years an outing to the sea side. However pupils paid for this day of pleasure by having to sing and recite poetry at the Annual Sunday School Anniversary.

Boxford boasted a very successful football team in the early 30's and many photographs are in existence to prove the fact. I can remember supporting this team, my Father being Chairman of the Club, and occasionally having the luxury of travelling to away games in the 'dicky' of a Morris car. On other occasions I travelled with the team in Rules bus. This vehicle was a 14 seater and one had to wait for it to return home from the Saturday morning coal round and replace the seats before setting off for such places as Thorpe Morieux or Preston St Mary. One has read of the events which in the past have taken place at local derby matches viz Ipswich v Norwich, but all that falls into insignificance when Boxford played Newton Green!

One highlight of the football team and its supporters was the Annual Match

between Boxford and Brixton (London) played every Easter Monday in the Rectory Park, the home ground of the club. I have a vivid memory of Sir William Brunyate K.C.M.G. standing in a farm tumbrel presenting the winners medals. The only drawback to playing football on the 'Park' was that the Rev. Rice kept chickens, and the run was no more than 6 feet from the sideline. A ball kicked over into the run had to be retrieved by a small boy burrowing under the wire or being hoisted over it, unable to return. At the same time as the football pitch was in the park there were grass tennis courts approximately in the position where the bypass is today and whilst the club was successful with a junior section, the war called a halt to the tennis when Bren Gun Carriers were parked on the grass.

Another pastime was collecting Car Registration numbers, remembering that there were very few vehicles in those days which was just as well as it happens. We lads held 'cycle trials' from 'The Square' up Butchers Lane, down Fox Hill and Swan St. back to the starting point. In view of what you will read later, if you are not already fed up I should explain that The Square, as it was known, and still is by the older generation, is the portion of highway at the bottom of Swan Street bordered by Broad Street and the bridge.

One of cars in the village was owned by Mrs Thompson who lived at Knollgate, Schools Hill. I can remember at a General Election she used her car, driven by her chauffeur, Mr Ben Smith of 15 Swan Street, to transport voters from outlying parts of the village to the Polling Station in the Village Hall. It was a great treat to be allowed to travel in this car, bedecked in yellow ribbon, for Mrs Thompson supported the Liberal Party. For whom the passengers voted was unknown, but like me, they had a ride in a car!

From cars to horse and cart. On a Saturday morning I was allowed to ride on Mr Newmans delivery cart. He was one of the butchers, living at 19 Swan Street, being not only a butcher but also a slaughter man as all butchers were in those days. The cart was driven by Mr Frank Tricker and we delivered meat to the outlying parts of the village. Another treat I enjoyed was having a ride in a motor driven van belonging to Mr 'Buck' Riddlesdell who kept a grocery shop - now Boxford Stores, and for whom my Uncle Jack worked. He used to deliver groceries to such places as Mildens & Brent Eleigh and it always puzzled me as to why it took so long to deliver to The Plough which was a beer house, long since a private dwelling. I can recall that we boys used to go to the shop when my Uncle was there and ask for a pennyworth of broken biscuits, to be told perhaps, that there were none. However he would pick up a new box drop it on the floor and announce that he thought he had some now!

As youngsters we used to love to get into the blacksmiths shop in Church Street (now no. 9/11). The smell of smouldering horse hooves is one never to be forgotten. The blacksmith was Mr E. Stone and latterly Mr R. Hughes. Mentioning smells - another favourite haunt of friends of the Kingsbury boys was the coffin shop in the builders yard. The smell of hot glue in the construction of coffins was unknown to us - intoxicating

The annual fun fair was a great event in the village, eagerly awaited by us young folk, and when word went round that it had arrived all other forms of entertainment were abandoned. The fair, which was held in the yard of the White Hart, was owned by Mr F. Bugg and Mr Crighton, and to this day members of the Bugg family live in Nayland, whilst nearer to home Mr Albert Crighton of this village is a direct descendant of the Crighton branch.

The late Mrs Crighton, Alberts mother, had a toffee apple stall. The centre piece of the fair was the galloping horses powered by a huge steam engine, the brass work of which shone beyond belief, with the organ blasting out at many decibels the hits of the day. It also had a huge dynamo mounted on the engine which provided power to light the stalls. If one visits Thursford in Norfolk one can see on display the Crighton Steam Engine and whilst I have not been able to verify the facts it is believed to be that owned by Mr Crighton and may well be the one to which I have referred. There was to the best of my knowledge no boxing booth as such, but being far too young to witness it, many a bout of fisticuffs took place which spoke well of the quality of the beer supplied from the White Hart. The war caused a halt to the Fair and I understood from the late Mrs Crighton that the organ eventually went to France and the gallopers to Belgium.

Sunday afternoon saw a gathering of youths in 'The Square' assembling for a walk. However before setting off we used to put a penny in the 'kitty' which was used to buy cigarettes from 'bottom Clarkes'. Whilst the shop was officially closed, one rang the front door bell and Miss Clarke would appear willing to sell cigarettes. Mainly they were Players, 10 for 6p. Each packet had a cigarette card of a series numbered 1-52. Depending upon the number of youths contributing, numbers were allocated and the person holding the number of the card inside the packet, won the 'fags'. This would continue until we had no more pennies, much to the delight of Miss Clarke, and either a walk around Butchers Lane or the Wash would ensue.

I am sure it is not realised that there was a cinema in Boxford - if only for one night a week. A person whose name was Sullings came from

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Above and below: Members of the Groton Pylon Alliance gather outside the Groton Fox for an EADT photo shoot.



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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@rolking.orangehome.co.uk and a churchwarden for the parish concerned.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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White Street Green. tel 210346

“A miracle among the chaos”

That is the front-page headline on today's (16 January) Independent above the face of Redjesson Hausteen Claude, the two-year-old boy reunited with his mother after being rescued from the rubble in Port-au-Prince. His rescue provides a “good news” story for most of the news media, but it, and the devastating earthquake in Haiti, raises many questions. As a leader in The Times asks, “Why should one child live and the others die? In truth, survival in Haiti has been decided by cruel blind chance.” Then there is the bigger question: “If God is a loving God, why does he allow such an earthquake to occur?” The argument is that either he is not loving, or he is not God—or that there is no God.

There are no easy answers to these questions, and I don't seek to give one. For many of the world's problems—wars, impoverished nations—we can blame man's inhumanity to man, but not so with natural disasters. And it is too glib to say that a capital city should not have been built on what was known to be a major fault line in the earth's crust.

Earthquakes are not new. We read in the Old Testament that Elijah experienced one after he had fled to the desert in fear of his life. But, we are told, “the Lord was not in the earthquake.” Instead, Elijah heard the voice of God as a “still small voice.”

We may not have answers to the big questions, but we can still seek to listen, in prayer, to God's still small voice. And we can take comfort in the fact, as Pauline put it in this column last month, that “in our often gloom-ridden world,” Jesus, by entering our world, has provided that sense of hope. Or, in Jesus's own words (John 16 verse 33): “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

David Lamming

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Thought for the Month: It is almost impossible, isn't it, to put ourselves in the shoes of those who knew Jesus in the days of his earthly life & ministry.

In the intervening centuries we have managed, very successfully, to turn Jesus into a barely human, mystical, almost magical figure, or any number of things which he certainly wasn't & isn't.

Those who first met him came to know him as they would a brother, neighbour, a man & fellow human being. Those he chose to be his disciples lived with him 24 hours a day.

They would, no doubt, have seen him happy and sad, encouraged and angry, confident & bewildered, certainly hungry, thirsty & exhausted. They became his followers first & foremost because they were attracted by his teaching: Jesus' completely fresh, new and exciting picture of God's open, generous, yet demanding, but forgiving- relationship with each individual.

What must have been mind blowing to them was that this compelling and attractive teacher was blowing the dust off the burdens & formalism of religion & seemed to have “the whole world in his hands” Who can this be?

Jesus is both our brother & our Lord. Forget one or the other and we have certainly got him wrong!

R Llewellyn

The Ladies Lunch Club: Due to poor weather the January Lunch was cancelled. This event is being reviewed & will be re launched in the spring... more news about this. Many thanks to the team who raised valuable funds for our Parish Church.

Open Gardens 2010: This year this event is planned for Sunday 6th June. All offers of help & open gardeners please contact Elizabeth Wagener tel: 210223 or Elizabeth.wagener@btinternet.com Please see article elsewhere in the newsletter.

Concerts in Church: The Suffolk Villages Festival are holding a concert on Sunday 14th February at 6.00pm. Music by Purcell, Handel & others. In March there is another concert on Sunday 14th – Music for Holy Week by Charpentier, Couperin and Lalande. There are more details of the programme on a leaflet in church. Otherwise the booking office can be contacted on 01206 366603, or box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com or www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com

Box River Club: is especially for children 11 years & under. Lots of children may 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 at 3.15 pm in term time. During the winter we go into Mary's House & finish about 4.15. There are games, stories, art & fun. We also have a snack during our time together. Why not come along & see for yourselves.

Lent Lunches: are planned for 24th February, 3rd,10th,17th & 24th March in Mary's house. Further details will be advised.

Ash Wednesday- 17th February: – The Rev David Abel will preside at Holy Communion (with imposition of ashes) at 10.30 am in the Lady Chapel in St.Mary's Church.

Choir News: The Choir would welcome new choristers- please do come along to a choir practice – each Friday in church at 7.00pm – If the weather is very cold then at Wynne House, Swan Street (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs J Copeland)

Family Service: The next family service is on Sunday 7th February at 10.00am. Everyone is most welcome.

The Bible Study Group: Meets at 47 Swan Street on 22nd February at 8.00pm, where we continue our study of St. Luke's Acts of the Apostles. All are most welcome.

The House Group: Meets on Thursday 4th February. Generally the group meets on 1st & 3rd Thursday each month at 3.30pm, Brook House, Fen Street, Boxford. Everyone is most welcome for this time of fellowship.

Looking Ahead: The next PCC meeting is on March 11th at 7.30pm in Mary's House.

The Annual Parish Church Meeting will be on Sunday April 18th at 11.15 am following the morning service at 10.00 am.

Smile Lines: A sign on a doorway in Tissington, Derbyshire:- "LOST WIFE & DOG" "REWARD FOR DOG"



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

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FROM THE REGISTERS:

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CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: Apologies to all those who were looking forward to the Carol Service. Unfortunately the road to the church and the car park were too dangerous for us to risk injury to those attending. Thanks to all those who spent much time in decorating the church and making it look so beautiful (it was appreciated by those attending the Benefice service on the 3rd January). Also thanks to those who attempted to allow the service to go ahead by trying to clear the car park. Finally thanks to those who had agreed to take part in the service Antony, the choir and the readers. Let us hope that all are prepared to take part in the 2010 service!

David Saddleton

PCC MEETING: The next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday, 21st January 2010, 7.30 p.m. at Mary's House.

LAY ELDER: Congratulations to Antony Dodd on his re-commissioning as Lay Elder on 20th December 2009. *David Saddleton*

EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL Quiz Night, March 13th: We are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 13th March 2010. Tickets £5 each to include light refreshments. Tables of up to 8 people. Licensed Bar and Raffle. In aid of Edwardstone Parish Hall improvements.

Daphne Clark 210698

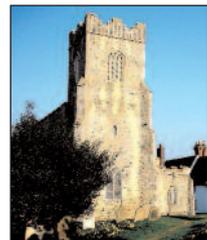
FLOWER FESTIVAL: There is to be a Flower Festival on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th July in Edwardstone Church. There will also be a concert given by Musicology on the evening of Saturday 10th.

More details nearer the time. Do please put these dates in your diary now. *Pam Dodd*

ROTA

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
Feb 7:	Mrs Paul	Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett	Mrs Suckling	Mrs Morris
Feb 14:	Visiting	Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennett		"
Feb 21:	Mrs Paul	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	No Flowers*	
Feb 28:	Visiting	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	No Flowers*	

*Lent



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Jayne Foster:*

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

CHRISTMAS AT GROTON: Groton PCC had a very busy December, with something happening every weekend. On December 5th it was the Cheese and Wine Party, which although not as well attended as in other years raised £571 - the annual auction had a new look, selling only food and drink. On December 13th it was the Kelvedon Singers Concert, which was wonderful - extremely professional and the church was full, with almost 100 people enjoying the concert, and finishing with Mulled

Wine and Mince Pies. £677 was raised for church funds. On Friday December 18th a few of us braved the snowy conditions to run a stall at the Fleece Christmas Market where we made £43.50, mainly thanks to Barbara Riddleston who had made several Christmas Table Decorations. On Sunday 20th the Carol Service, taken by David Lamming, was very well attended with the Groton Children's Choir singing two carols, and more Mulled Wine and Mince Pies - David also took the Family Communion Service on Christmas Day.

ENJOYING OLD CHURCHES WITH ROY TRICKER

Saturday, March 20th at 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall

We are most fortunate that Roy Tricker, whom some of you will know, has kindly agreed to give us an illustrated lecture about East Anglian Churches. Roy is a Lay Reader, and has both an extreme knowledge and an abundant love of old Churches; he has written books on the subject, and also about 200 church guides. We know that this will be a very entertaining talk, and together with some light refreshments, it will be a fun evening not to be missed. Tickets at £6 each will be available soon from members of Groton PCC, and all proceeds will go to the Parish Church of Saint Bartholomew.

Pat Kennedy Scott [210319]

The next PCC meeting is on Wednesday 27th January, at 7:30 in Mary's House.

The Lent lunch on 3rd March will be organised by Groton PCC in Mary's House. More information next month. .

ROTA

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mrs Lamming

Flowers: Mrs Foster

Cleaning: Mrs Fearis/ Mrs Foster



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

Feb 7

Feb 14

Feb 21

Feb 28

Sidesman

Mr Squirrel

Visiting

Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell

Visiting

Flowers

Mrs Eddington

Mrs Gregor Smith

No Flowers - lent

No Flowers - Lent



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Diana Stock,

12 Links View. Tel: 312828

John Turner, '

Severn', Church Road. Tel: 372677

The Church At Worship February 2010

Wednesday 3rd	10.30	Holy Communion*	The Rev David Abel
Thursday 4th			
Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion at Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord

Sunday 7th		2nd Sunday before Lent	(W)
Lt Waldingfield	8.00	Holy Communion	The Rev Canon Robin King
Boxford	10.00	Family Service	George & Pauline Barnes
Edwardstone	10.30	Morning Prayer	Antony Dodd
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 10th	10.30	Holy Communion*	The Rev David Abel
Boxford			

Sunday 14th		Sunday next before Lent	(W)
Groton	8.00	Holy Communion	The Rev Andy Wolton
Newton Green	9.30	Holy Communion	The Rev David Abel
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	The Rev Christopher Sansbury

Wednesday 17th		Ash Wednesday	
Boxford(in church) 10.30		Holy Communion with imposition of ashes	The Rev David Abel
Thursday 18th			
Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Compline	Tim Harbord

Sunday 21st		1st Sunday of Lent	(P)
Edwardstone	8.00	Holy Communion	The Rev Canon Robin King
Lt Waldingfield	9.30	Holy Communion	The Rev David Abel
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 24th	10.30	Holy Communion *	The Rev David Abel
Boxford			

Sunday 28th		2nd Sunday of Lent	(P)
Boxford	8.00	Holy Communion	The Rev David Abel
Groton	9.30	Holy Communion	The Rev Gerald Drew
Newton Green	9.30	Morning Prayer	Diana Stock
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	The Rev Gerald Drew

NB Please note we are in year C of the Lectionary

Woodbridge with portable equipment and I assume visited other villages This would be about the early to mid 30's the performance being held in the Village Hall. I cannot recall the entrance fee, but there were two levels of charges. The cheaper seats were in the main Hall, whilst the more expensive seats were on the stage. No electricity existed in the village so a generator in the lorry parked outside provided the power for the primitive equipment. Occasionally on T.V. are shown old films and one remarks upon the quality of the film and upon the sound track. Imagine if you will what it was like in the smoke filled hall the audience sitting for a couple of hours on those hard wooden seats, but it was thought to be brilliant as there was nothing with which to compare it. It was a common occurrence for the equipment to break down, the usual excuse being that 'the big end had gone!' Before the hall was improved it was still possible to see the holes in the brick wall through which the film was projected onto the screen, the film being flammable it had to be projected away from the audience.



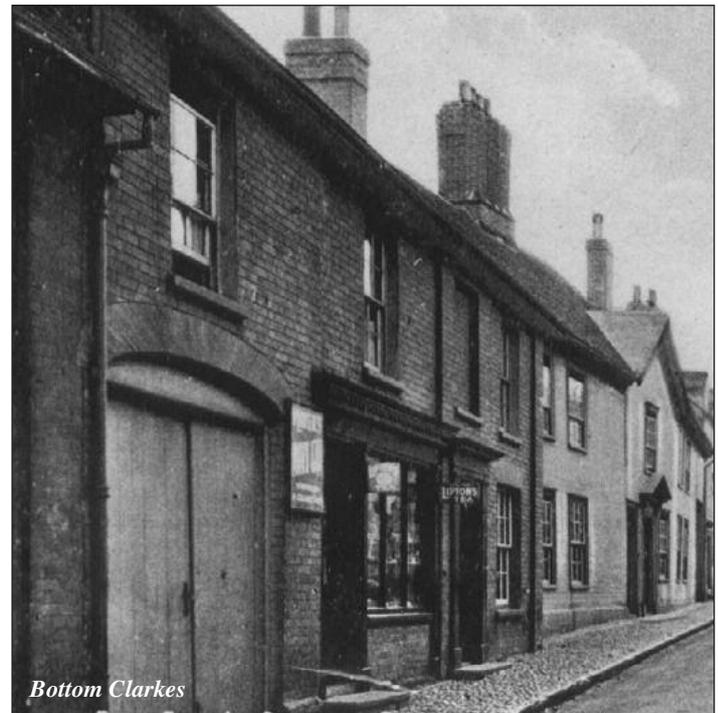
Falcon House, Percy's first home in Boxford



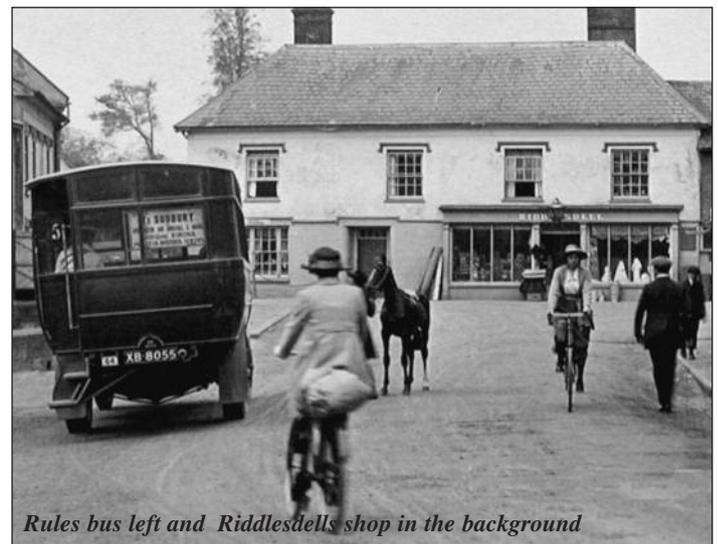
The Church St Forge



Top Clarkes



Bottom Clarkes



Rules bus left and Riddledells shop in the background

Parish Council Matters

Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting 15 December 2009

Present: B Tora, P Baker, R Mitchell, S Coomber, C Bowden, D Kiddy
Apologies: M Ewen, Cllr J Antill

Declarations of Interest: Application for Hole Farm Lodge – D Kiddy

Police Matters: No reported crimes. Speed checks have been carried out. Not all CRB check documents have been submitted yet due to the need to personally call at the Police Station with ID.

Minutes of the last Meeting: These were agreed as a true record and signed.

Matters Arising: None not covered by the agenda.

Financial Matters: Notification received of price increases for dog and litter bin emptying for next year. The draft budget proposals were discussed at length, and a unanimous decision was made to request a precept of £4125 for 2010/11. A funding request from SARS was circulated for a decision to be made at the next meeting.

Planning Matters: Between meetings comments were returned re Hammonds Holt application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a drive/roadway. A site visit was requested to enable clarification of the application. An application for an extension to Hole Farm Lodge was discussed. This property is not thought to be within our parish, but no objections were raised.

Correspondence: Photographs have been supplied of a vehicle colliding with a cottage at the Haymarket. The protective post has been completely demolished, so a more substantial replacement barrier in front of the cottages will be requested from Suffolk CC.

Complaints and comments have been received from residents regarding the damage to the newly reinstated verges down Church Road. The installation of posts was discussed at length, including the difficulties posts may cause to agricultural vehicles if cars are parked along the roadway. A proposal of wooden posts engraved with 'No Parking on the grass' running from The Cottage to the far end of the Parish Room will be put to Suffolk CC for comment/advice. The Chairman will write to residents regularly parking on that part of Church Road.

National Grid Proposals:

The meeting at Dove Barn was very well attended. The Council is now a member of the Groton Pylon Alliance. Photographs of the village will be taken when the weather is better. The Chairman will circulate a proforma letter to all councillors for personalising their own views on the National Grid proposals.

Telephone kiosk: A decision needs to be made by 2 January 2010. The options are: pay £1 and maintain the box with no telephony equipment, or have the equipment removed but not purchase and risk losing the box in a few years time despite the listing. It was decided to purchase the kiosk for a nominal sum of £1, and discuss the use at future meetings. C Bowden will advise the necessary authorities.

Village website: All members were in favour of developing a website, so the Clerk will contact SALC and Suffolk ACRE for any advice they are able to give and will report back to the next meeting.

Footpaths: The birdscarer reported as being only 8ft from the footpath has been moved. Horses are being ridden along paths, particularly on paths no. 1 and no. 7, and this has been reported to Suffolk CC. The situation will be monitored and signs instructing 'NO horses' will be erected.

Newsletter: Reports will be submitted to the BRN and EADT by R Mitchell.

Churchyard: The rubble from the old wall has nearly been cleared, with the useful flints and stones retained for future repair work. A February 'tidy' has been suggested.

Any Other Business: None.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 26 January.

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in December 2009

Meeting of the Parish Council on 7th December

Public Forum: Mr Kingsbury attended from the Parochial Church Council to support the application from the Church for their annual donation from the Parish Council. He confirmed that the new Arch Deacon should be in place by February. Mr Deeks asked about a further street light for School Hill. Members confirmed that this was being considered. EDF no longer allow new lights to be installed on their poles, so a new column would be required. In view of the cost, the Parish Council was awaiting the results of the risk assessment on the existing columns before committing further funds.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, the annual grants of £1760 for the Playing Field and £1500 towards the fabric of the Church were

approved. It was agreed to continue the contract with Mr Nutt to maintain the Church Clock. Discussion then turned to the Precept for next financial year. Following discussion this was agreed at £32,400 (an increase of 2%). The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the Clerk for the preparation of the Accounts and Precept Report.

Babergh District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended to deliver his report. He confirmed a good attendance by Development Committee Members at the site meeting at the Arc (ECO House), Boxford Lane. He agreed to chase the cleaning of Wash Lane and also work with Babergh Officers to ensure homes were leafleted ahead of mechanical sweeping in the main parts of the village. Car Parking charges were being considered for long stay parking. He confirmed the challenge to the Boundary Committee has been rejected and therefore progress can now be made towards the Local Government Review. He provided an email from Ian Tippett, Strategic Housing Manager at Babergh Council. It was on the subject of extending the pavement between Partridge Close and Homefield and advised that Flagship Housing has agreed to provide the footpath link at no cost to the Council subject to land transfer arrangements. Cllr Hurren concluded by confirming that some 34 people were on the Housing List with connection and preference for Boxford.

Planning: Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

1) Babergh Council confirmed work can commence to remove or reduce various poplar, sycamore, Leyland cypress, willow and field maple at Wynne House, Swan Street.

2) Permission has been granted to erect a side garden wall at Boxbrook House, Rules Yard.

The following applications were discussed: -

a) Application for Listed Building Consent to remove an internal wall at Close Cottage, 1 Broad Street.

b) Notice to work on a conifer tree at Holly House, 53 Swan Street.

c) Application for a bay window at 13 Fen Street.

d) Application for a two storey dwelling at the Old School House, School Hill.

Reports from Members: Vandolism was reported to various street signs with yellow paint. It was agreed to report to the Police and both Babergh and the County Councils. A pot hole was reported on Swan Street near Gunary Close and a street light in Homefield was confirmed as not working. These matters were duly reported

Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL January Draw Results

1st No 104	Mr Watling	Daking Avenue	£40
2nd No 131	Rebecca Wilson	Colchester	£20
3rd No 87	A Leeder	The Butchers	£10
4th No 56	J Horwood	White Street Green	£5

Next Draw is on February 2nd at the bingo

Public Notice

Boxford Parish Council requests that residents take every care not to leave boxes or rubbish near the recycling bottle bank in the White Hart Car Park. If the bottle bank is full, there is also one at the Groton Fox car park. Your assistance would be very much appreciated.

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GARDENING IN FEBRUARY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Complete the pruning of fruit trees without delay. Cut out any dead, diseased, unwanted or spindly branches. Watch out for the appearance of pink postules of the disease coral spot which usually attacks only dead wood but it can spread to live tissue. After pruning, spray with a tar oil wash to kill over wintering pests and diseases also to clean the bark of moss and lichen. Do not spray with tar oil after trees are showing signs of bud growth, otherwise young growth will be damaged. Cover up any plants and grass under the trees to avoid damage from the spray.

If you have a heated greenhouse and can maintain a temperature of 50° - 55°. a start can be made sowing summer bedding and vegetable seeds - if no heat is available it is best to delay sowing until March. It should be remembered that many plants are attacked at the seedling stage by diseases that affect them at soil level. Whole trays of seedlings may collapse caused by disease known by 'damping off' which is caused by various fungi. Best control is to water the compost at sowing time with chestnut Compound, and at two week intervals after germination until the plants are established. Avoid over-watering.

Begonia tubers should be started into growth now for pot culture or for an outdoor display in tubs or borders. Plant the tubers , upwards in a seed tray filled with a peat based compost and pot up individually when well rooted. Try tubers of the non-stop variety - this is a multi flora type and as its name; suggests will flower non-stop until autumn frosts. One of the most adaptable of bedding

plants is the fibrous rooted Begonia semperflorens, it is tolerant of all types of soil, shady or sunny positions, and will do well in dry or wet summers its flowers being unaffected by rain. Seed of B, semperflorens should be sown now as it requires a long season of growth to get good plants by the end of May. If you do not want to raise them yourself, seedlings are available now at garden centres.

At the end of the month, weather permitting, roses can be pruned. Hybrid T's should be pruned back to three buds from the base, Floribunda's to four or five buds. Don't be afraid to cut them back hard - rose bushes will last longer, stay healthier and give a better display by hard pruning. After pruning spray the remaining wood and surrounding soil with Armillotox used as directed by the makers. There is still time to plant new rose bushes and other deciduous shrubs and trees. The planting of evergreens is best delayed until the soil warms up.

Ferns are in need of potting on if the soil ball shows full of roots when topped out of the pot. Repot in John Innes Nol and remove any dead or discoloured fronds. To increase your stock of fern, divide the old plants and use the vigorous outside crowns to pot up in 3" pots. Discard the weak ones from the centre.

Dormant fuchias resting in the greenhouse should be cut back to within three buds from the base, have all the old compost shaken from the roots and repotted in fresh compost to a smaller size pot. Place the pots on the staging and spray the wood twice a day with tepid water to encourage new growth. Give sufficient heat to keep the house frost free.

Repot old geranium plants but do not cut back too hard at this stage, keep the compost just moist and do not allow water to get on to the plant itself. Cuttings of geraniums which were rooted last summer should have their tops pinched out to encourage them to bush out.



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Parish Council Matters

Minutes of Newton Parish Council meeting held on November 11th 2009

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

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk) and two members of public.

Apologies for Absence: Apologies received from Cllr Flowers, James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) and Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor).

Declaration of Interests: None were declared.

Minutes of Meeting held on 9th September 2009: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. The meeting adjourned at 7.33pm for the Public Forum (Appendix A) and reconvened at 7.36pm

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 housing administration in Alston Close. As NPC does not have any role in the administration the Clerk was asked to write to the resident giving the contact details for Orwell Housing Association. The Chairman made the councillors aware that the Clerk had informed him that he is now also the Clerk to Assington, Polstead and Chilton Parish Councils. 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 reviewed the proposed budget for 2010 / 11 outlined in Appendix E and resolved that the P1 Form be returned to BDC with the Precept set at £7,300 for 2010 / 11 which is the same as 2009 /10.

Planning:

a. The councillors reviewed and agreed to support Planning Application B/ 09/01172 Plumbers Cottage, 1 Rectory Road - Land to the West of Plumbers Cottage - change of use from agricultural to domestic garden.

b. The councillors reviewed and agreed to object to Planning Application B/09/01215 - Box Valley Barn for the retention of the 1.55m high close boarded timber fence facing Boxford Lane as it is intrusive along this stretch of road and do not consider this to be in accord with Babergh Local Plan Alteration No 2 policy CR07.

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

Community Speedwatch: After reviewing the report on the current status of the scheme's implementation the councillors were pleased that there is a meeting on 12th November in order to purchase the equipment for the scheme.

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme:

a. With Cllr Gardner being on holiday recently, the item on the proposed playground's business plan was held over to the next meeting. The councillors appreciated the plans proposed by Robert Flowers for the cycle track and agreed to hold a site meeting in December for both NPC and Newton Green Trust representatives to review the proposals.

b. The councillors reviewed the RoSPA report and resolved that the recommendations be taken into account when finalising the playground changes.

c. With the Church direction sign being repaired under the Clerk's delegated powers no other items have been brought to the attention of the council in respect to the council assets.

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

With plans now in place for both public and parish council exhibitions by National Grid, the chairman updated the councillors on the meeting chaired by Tim Yeo at Bildeston towards the end of October. The councillors resolved by majority, that the chairman attends the next meeting of the Groton Pylon Alliance and if the GPA aims are the same as NPC's which are to support the route being along corridor 2 with an option of undergrounding all pylons in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, then NPC will join the GPA.

Suffolk Fire Service: With Ken Williamson not being present it was agreed to invite him to our January meeting in order to explain some of the areas of the official reply from the Suffolk Fire Service on the service's response times to incidents in Newton.

Power of Well Being: After reviewing the criteria the councillors resolved that NPC meets the prescribed conditions of the Parish Councils (Power to Promote Well-being) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2008 and are an eligible parish council. All councillors present at the meeting have received training on the POWB from the Suffolk

Association of Local Councils.

Consultations:

a. The councillors resolved that at this stage of the School Organisation Review consultation by SCC they had no comments

b. The councillors resolved that they supported Option 3 of BDC's consultation on Hamilton Road in Sudbury.

Village of the Year prizes: It was agreed that suggestions from the parishioners be sought via the newsletters and website on what the £1,500 prize money should be used.

Newton Parish Plan: With 2 volunteers stepping forward at the recent meeting it was agreed that a request be made via the newsletters and website for up to 4 more members of the group in order to move forward with the plan in 2010.

Box River News: After reviewing recent comments in the Box River News the councillors believe that there can still be a misconception by some of the readers that NPC has some form of editorial interest in the magazine. The councillors resolved that as no action had been taken by the editor on NPC's letter sent on 12th July 2008 which suggested a way in which this misconception would be eradicated, that a similar letter be sent with a request for it to be published in the magazine.

Village Hall and Trust representatives update: The Village Hall Management Committee has a number of social "winter warmers" in the lead up to Christmas. The Newton Green Trust is ongoing in their dispute with the landowner over the boundary with the old allotments and is working closely with the Golf Club in helping to offset the financial issues being faced with the reduction in membership.

Question to Chairman: Cllr Vince raised the issue of SCC installing the bus stop opposite the Saracens Head without consulting NPC. The Clerk was asked to write to SCC questioning why a bus stop opposite the Green was not considered bearing in mind the dangers of overtaking a parked bus on the bend by the Saracens Head presented.

NJC National Final salary Award: The councillors resolved to adopt the NJC National Final Salary Award for 2009/10 in respect to the clerk's contract which will mean a 1% increase per annum, and the following modifications to his contract:

- Section 14.1 You are entitled, in addition to the normal bank and public holidays, to twenty-one working days' leave in each leave year...

- Section 13 If in a financial year the total number of hours you have worked exceeds 239 then the council will reimburse you for all the extra hours worked up to a maximum of 21 hours.

Date of NPC Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th January 2010.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Appendix A Public Forum

With the Police not present at the meeting the Clerk read out their report. "The report tonight covers the period from 25th August 2009 through to the 10th November 2009. During this time 3 crimes have been recorded within the parish, this compares to 15 crimes for the same period last year. Breakdown of crimes are as follows: Burglary Other Building – 2 reports; Overnight on 14/15th September, the Green keepers building at the Golf Club was broken into and gardening equipment stolen. Overnight on 23/24th September a shed at the Golf Club was broken into but nothing stolen. Assault/Public Order – 1 report of ABH was taken on 30th August that occurred on the Sudbury Road. The decision to take no further action against the alleged offender was made."

End of Appendices The 2010 meeting dates are as follows:

- * 13 January 2010
- * 10 March 2010
- * 12 May 2010 - Annual Meeting of Parish Council
- * 14 July 2010
- * 8 September 2010
- * 10 November 2010

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Readers Letters

Sir

Gareth and Sue Price would like to thank the good people of Boxford who joined us on the evening of 11 Dec to go carol singing around the Brook Hall estate.

Thanks to you and all the people who generously rewarded our efforts we collected £60 for the Sifoe bee farm and school in Gambia enabling us to purchase and send the 15 head torches and batteries which they need in order to safely harvest the honey at night as the bees are so aggressive that harvesting during the day is impossible.

Sue and Gareth Price
Boxford

Sir

I am not sure if the below would be of interest to the readers of the Box River News, but it does concern a bit of 'distant' locally-related history.

One of the last surviving Victory ships, the "S.S. Winthrop Victory", is to be scrapped in Texas after a career with the US Government dating back to June 1945. The ship is named after Winthrop University in South Carolina which was established with funds provided by Robert Winthrop (the 4th great grandson of John Winthrop).

The Victory ships were the successors of the well-known Liberty ships. Just over 500 of the Victory ships were built in the USA, Great Britain



and Canada between 1944 and 1946 (the Winthrop Victory was built in California). The main purpose of the ships was to supply essential war materials and food to Britain and Europe.

During the war years, the "Winthrop Victory" was armed with anti-aircraft guns and a 5" gun to deter submarines. The guns were manned by naval personnel, but the ship was crewed and sailed by merchant navy personnel. The Victory ships were about 450' long and could carry around 9000 tons of cargo at speeds of about 16 knots (about 18 miles/hour).

The Winthrop Victory has been part of the US "mothball fleet" (to be used in case of further conflict) of ships and she has laid idle outside San Francisco for many years. Sadly, her condition now means that there is little alternative apart from scrap metal, although some of her sister ships have been restored and are now open as floating museums.

Sir,

Having recently been discharged from hospital following a stroke I just want to say a very big Thank You to all my friends in Boxford and the surrounding villages for all the help and support that they have offered. It is very reassuring to know that in this day and age such generosity is still very much in evidence. A friend of mine recently visiting from East Kent remarked that he thought Boxford was a 'buzzy little village with lots going for it'. I agreed with him. Thank you all.

Whilst writing I am also minded to remark on the proposed closure of Stoke by Nayland Middle School. As a former School Governor and Parent of that School, I can only say that I am deeply saddened at the decision taken by Suffolk County Council to close this School and other Middle Schools in West Suffolk. I cannot stress enough the importance that I attach to the three tier pyramid system that my children enjoyed and from which they have subsequently flourished. One has a successful career in the film industry, having given up a successful TV career, another has a successful career in hotel management, whilst the youngest

is about to embark on a career in the music industry. Moreover all their school friends have found equally successful careers in recruitment, the Armed Services, the Emergency Services, accountancy, media, to name but a few.

I fear that those who are responsible for making this decision will reap the consequences of their decisions for years to come. But more importantly, so will the future generations of children who are coming through the system. There has already been, and continues to be, enough tinkering with the education system as it is, without the unnecessary dismantling and rebuilding of an already perfectly good delivery system. One of the reasons as to why many families elect to settle in this part of Suffolk is because of the educational choices available. The notion that a two tier system is better is arguable, and I sincerely hope that the decision taken to close these middle schools is not solely down to cost. I accept that as time moves on then perhaps certain change should be considered and I would be interested to know just what those benefits this change will bring. Moreover I hope that the schools themselves will be given a new lease of educational life in some form, and not simply flogged off. That said I believe that as a result of this decision, Suffolk and the children educated in this part of it will possibly be all the poorer for the loss of the Middle Schools. I can only hope that, in the passage of time, I am proved to be wrong.

Sincerely, *Nick Athorne*
Boxford

Sir

"That dry land down under"

We have been experiencing a little bit of trouble with our water supply in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and those of you who have friends and relatives in this country, would be aware that Australia has been in a drought situation now for the best part of ten years!

Be it part of "Global Warming" as part of the normal cycle that our planet goes through, or part of the normal climatic patterns for Australia, things have changed!

September and October are proving to be the wettest months here for about 3 or 4 years, which is great! Some of our smaller dams, (that contain Melbourne's nearer water supply) are actually full to the top and overflowing!! September was the wettest month for five years.

Perhaps our weather patterns will get back to normal, as these two months are normally the wettest of the year. Over the passed three years they have been the driest with November and December taking their place, as the wettest!

The authorities are desperately trying to move water from these smaller catchment dams to the bigger dams, which are not so fortunate to have been in the rainfall area. Though inadequate pumping capacity, (to move vaster amounts of water quickly from the small dams), has seen millions of litres of water simply disappear over the spill ways!

Melbourne's water supply currently sits at about 35% of the total storage capacity, and is still climbing as run off from the catchment areas continues to flow into the dams and water catchment system.

It's not a problem that you would experience in England over a great period of time like we have here in Australia, where our drought has been in process now for nearly 9 or so years.

Whilst stage 3A water restrictions will continue this Summer and into the future, they will not get any worse, thanks to all this rain at the right time of the year.

From *Stan Downunder*. (alias Eddie Tricker)

Sir

I would very much like to thank family and friends who helped me celebrate my 60th birthday.

Many thanks also to those of you who gave me presents as well as donations which will go in its entirety to each of the East Anglian Children's Hospices

I hope everybody who came to the party has as much fun as I did.

Once again thank you all *John Simpmo* (Simmo)

Sir

The family of Queenie Munson would like to thank all those who have sent cards, messages of support, donations and also attended her funeral. Our thanks also go to Rev. Able, Veronica Hobbs and Finlay & Heather Hunter for their assistance in ensuring the day was a celebration of her life. Queenie was a most loving mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother who will be very much missed by her children, grandchildren and Great Grandchild.

Margie, Evie, Oddy and Alan

Box River Benefice, directory of clubs & Organisations

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Boxford Community Council	Roger Cunningham 211592
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Newton Green Trust	Lee Parker 376073
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Sponsored cycle ride	Diane Stock 312828
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Readers Letters

Sir

Diary of a Church Mouse

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I suspect that some of the shop keepers in the village must feel the same way and of course we "irregular mice" are very pleased the shops are there when we can't get to our favourite super market.

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Name and address supplied

Boxford

Dear All

Boxford Christmas card

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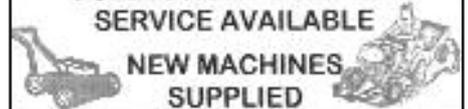
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Not only has the practise area moved indoors, one of the club's four professionals, Shane Constable, has set up a 9 hole putting area in the Devora Suite. Normally reserved for weddings and gala dinners for up to 300, the Devora Suite is also the perfect size for a challenging mini course!

Manning said "The temporary course has gone down really well with the members - in particular the numerous swindles here. They have spent hours on the putting course trying to out-score one another! What's great about the indoor golf set up is that it gives the members a reason to come to the club and catch up with their regular fourball".

For those members still young at heart the rolling hills of the Constable Course, once an Everest to the fatigued golfer, became perfect sledging terrain. For the hardest of members, the Stoke by Nayland staff provided old service trays and off they went to relive their youth.



Above: "Boxford Rovers U 13's, pictured in their away strip, at their recent 7 - 4 derby win over Bures United"