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SYLVIA PREEDY RETIRES AFTER 35YRS

This month I have made one of the saddest and yet, I think, one of the wisest decisions and that is to give up being a Cub Scout Leader. It is the saddest because I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of every Tuesday night that I have, in the past 35 years, spent with the Cubs. There has been the odd evening when I had thought they'd spent all day consuming vast quantities of fizzy drinks and E numbers resulting in such physical and vocal energy it was alarming!

Then there has been the night when they are taken up into Scouts. I must confess to having a lump in my throat and a moist eye as they give their final salute to the pack and walk out of the door. I will then only see them at Church parades and different events held in The Spinney.

Through the years I have watched them grow into mature young men with wives and families and have had the privilege to welcome their sons into Cubs. I have seen some take up careers in the Army, Navy and Air Force and have been so proud to see them in uniform.



Thirty five years ago I stood in front of the then District Commissioner and promised "to do my best, to do my duty to God and The Queen, to help other people and to keep the Cub Scout Law. I have tried to keep that promise in every way I could. I find the scouters' promise and law a good code to live by. Especially if religion is something that you're not quite sure about in this day and age.

I now come to the wisest part of my decision. Wise because I must acknowledge my age (seventy next year!) and my infirmities, mostly arthritis in my feet, ankles and hands. I thought I could go on forever but I can't. The Cubs need someone who is able to run, hike, go camping and get in and out of a canoe (without getting stuck!). I care a lot that I am not able to do these things. Yes, I could stay on and muddle along but it would not be "doing my best" and the Cubs programme would suffer because of it.

So we need some new leaders who are prepared to commit and get into uniform. Unfortunately we do not get paid for our time 1 ? hours a week but we are rewarded by the enthusiasm and the smiles on the faces of cubs around a campfire, eating incinerated beefburgers and smearing their faces with toasted marshmallows, receiving their first badge or taking their bow after performing in the Cub Panto.

It's not difficult to do, you just need to have common sense and a sense of humour and care. If doesn't matter if you haven't been involved with scouting or guiding before, you and will get all the help you need or I can give you if you want it. All you have to do is ask. I would be there like a shot just to be with the cubs again, but not in uniform. I have some wonderful memories of leaders and various cub camps we've had especially the Holkham years.

I would like to thank all the parents and leaders that have helped me in the past. Most of all I would like to thank the boys for turning up every Tuesday. Some dropped by the wayside, but not many. For their patience with me when I refused to adhere to the rules of cricket and made my own up (I was allowed to bowl so I think I was forgiven). For their tolerance when I persisted in calling them by the wrong names, but most of all for making me laugh and never ever being boring. I'll miss you all.

Sylvia Preedy Cub Scout Leader 1st Boxford Scout Group

CECIL HUGHES DIAMOND JUBILEE



At the Boxford Annual Parish Meeting, Cecil Hughes MBE was honoured for 60 years service as a Parish Councillor.

Cecil joined the Parish Council in 1952. He says that one of his biggest achievements was successfully campaigning for the bypass around the village, which was built in the late 1970s. Cecil battled for the relief road for more than two decades. He was also instrumental in setting up the deal for the piece of land that is now the village playing field.

Over the years he has worked tirelessly for the community on many issues and upon his award of an MBE IN 2005 he said "I am very proud to have received the MBE. It is a lovely tribute". He was equally delighted to receive his latest award for 60 years of service and expressed his pride in celebrating his 60 years in office at the same time as the Queen.

Cecil has also been a long-standing member of the Boxford Society and has been on the committee of the East Anglian branch of the Parachute Regiment Association for some years.

Often seen in the Village "Keeping an eye on things" Cecil can be relied upon to tell you just about where every drain runs, where all the power supplies can be found and is familiar with all the village developments since the war. If there has been a task to be done, or a meeting to attend, Cecil has always been amongst the first to volunteer.

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3PR ANNUAL AWARDS



Peter Hibben receives his award from Boxford Parish Council Chairman, Roger Balls

At the Boxford Annual Parish Meeting held in the village hall on 3rd April, members of the Three Parishes Response team received awards for in excess of 500 hours on duty during 2011.

At the top of the list was John Moles with 2523 hours followed by Peter Hibben (above) at 1786 hours, the D' Astur family with 771 hours, Yvonne Hughes at 553 hours and last but not least Tina Loose with 501 hours.



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THE MAY LETTER FROM REV ABEL

Dear Friends,

Following upon a spate of funerals shortly before Easter and then undertaking a full programme celebrating Easter, The Rev Judith and Rufus took a short break to "recharge their batteries", hence this letter by 'the apprentice', the contents of which be solely mine.

You may well have noticed that the current Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend and Rt.Hon.Rowan Williams has given notice of his intention to hand over the Leadership of the Church of England to 'another' later this year. Rowan Williams will be greatly missed by many of us,

for he has that rare combination of an outstanding intellect coupled with a disarming humility, a scholar and a man of prayer who has battled manfully with what, to my mind, be a 'Poisoned Chalice'.

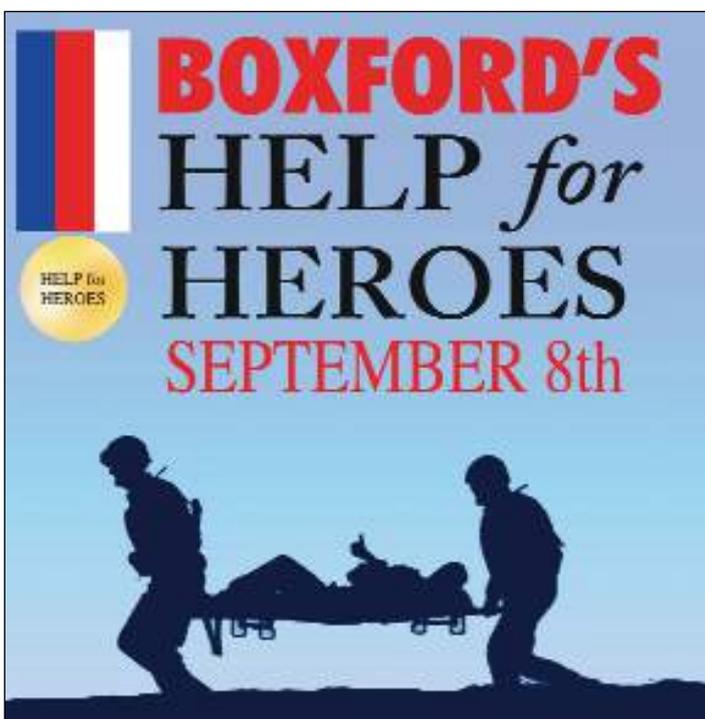
His successor will need a sense of humour together with great wisdom to balance the demands placed upon him to best accommodate the conflicting wishes of those who wish to retain the status quo or those who give recognition to current levels of knowledge. The juxtaposition of those whose battles of Wills to my mind seem much as those tensions experienced by Jesus in His dealings with the Jewish religious leaders of His day then as to whether the Old Testament obligations were inviolate or, whether they should be adapted to better meet the then current situations

e.g. whether or not to heal others on the Sabbath or converse with outsiders such as the Samaritans or whether the appropriate response to a woman caught committing adultery be, forgiveness or stoning to death.

Now, the disputation seems to focus upon what may be described as homophobia and whether or not it be appropriate to consecrate women as Bishops. That all this needs be settled within the overriding requirement that as Christians we are beholden to "Love one another" you will better understand this call for your prayers for the Anglican Communion.

On Easter Day we celebrated the raising to life of the dead Jesus, and event so amazing that it transformed that despondent, disparate, dispirited, disillusioned band of Disciples into courageous, converted Apostles who with a few others set about converting their then known world into an embryonic Christian world, which process has continued even until now and which I believe will continue perhaps in unexpected ways to Advance Christ's Kingdom. Thanks be to God.

David Abel



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Making a special presentation to him on behalf of the golf club was Jean Davey, the daughter in law of the late Arthur Davey. Arthur served Newton for 60 years, which is believed to be a world record for a professional working at a single club - a feat which gained him honorary membership of the Professional Golfers' Association. James Walter said: "My wife is already a member at Newton, and I see the Davey scheme as an ideal way to feel my way into golf club membership."

Paddy Lockwood, club chairman, commented: "Davey membership has created a lot of interest. It has brought new people on board, and quite a number have since moved on to full membership, which means it has been a very good recruitment tool." "It also allows full members looking to spend less time on the course to drop down to Davey category, and still be closely involved with the club." The half century of Davey membership comes as the club is preparing to hold a membership recruitment day at 1 pm on Sunday, April 29, when a free nine holes of golf is on offer to any prospective joiners.

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THE MAY BOOK REVIEW Jo Marchant

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

In 1959, Nathan Price, an American Baptist missionary, with his wife and four daughters, flies into the heart of the Congo to turn Africans to Jesus. Ill prepared and uninvited, they arrive in the chaos of the final days of Belgian domination. Europeans are fleeing the Congo, but Nathan Price is stubbornly resolved to stay in his remote jungle village to save souls. This is his mission, and the cause of his eventual downfall.

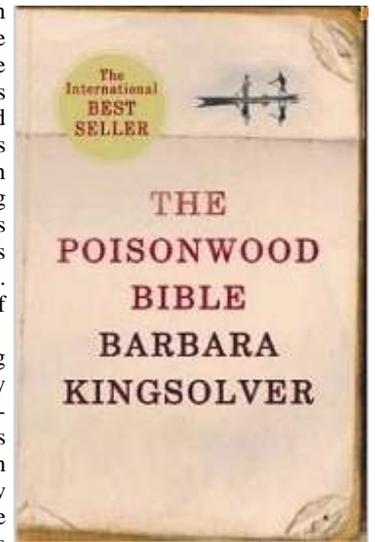
The story is narrated by his long suffering wife, and principally by his daughters, Leah, Adah, Ruth-May and Rachel. Each in turn is given a chapter and we delight in their individual views on their new life. Initially the language they use is immature and they get words

wrong. Through the book, as these narrators develop, their lives and views diverge. Nathan is not given his own voice but the consequences of his evangelical fire and brimstone teaching are felt by everyone. Arrogantly and aggressively he stamps his mark on his gentle people, whose ways and culture he fails to understand, making enemies instead of friends.

This is a book to make you think. As the children mature Barbara Kingsolver uses their narratives to explore important issues that involve Africa. We are made to question the morality of colonisation; how the Europeans and Americans raped the Congo and gave little in return. We are saddened by the treatment of Anatole, husband of Leah when he visits the States for the first time. He is an intelligent and compassionate human being, a teacher back home, but the Americans ask no questions of him. He is merely an African and they whisper to each other about the tribal scars on his handsome face. The role of religion plays a large part in this book. Adah says: 'There are Christians and there are Christians' and her father is the worst kind, offering no practical help when times are hard. He instead bellows out quotations from the Bible which are meaningless to people who are dying of disease and hunger, and speak little English. Through the daughters, the author also questions the conventions set by a 'superior' Europe and America. Must we all try to be beautiful and why is deformity condemned? Why do we import food from the other side of the world when surely we can grow vegetables for local consumption, like they do in African villages? Leah's young son, on a visit to America, is shocked by the many choices of one product on the supermarket shelves, none of which we need to survive. So much to think about!

But little changes. Now it's the turn of China to dig up the Congo and take the copper, and cobalt. Once again the Africans are at the mercy of a new boss.

This clever book is about overcoming adversities and relationships within a family, but there is a fascinating historical and political dimension too. Barbara Kingsolver spent thirty years planning and considering her message, and it is not surprising that it was shortlisted for the Pulitzer Prize. When you finish it you may develop withdrawal symptoms. I have.



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From 1989 the shop had several owners until May 2000 when it was purchased by Joy & Robert Stowe from the then owner Mrs Finneral. Joy had worked in the shop for 30 years before she and her husband bought it.

In February 2001 Sunday papers were added and in 2002 the premises were extended to include a larger shop space and ground floor storage. A little later the first floor was converted to living accommodation and office.

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N.B We need the "Intent to Exhibit" forms in by 1st May, so we know how many people will be taking part.....

DIAMOND JUBILEE BANNER

A crown, a Union jack, an orb, a rose!

Could you cut out one of these symbols in material, and decorate it to go towards a Diamond Jubilee Banner, to be displayed in our churches? We would like as many as possible from all five villages, to go towards a collage-like banner.

Templates are available in the newsagents, and Mary's House, and the churches. The emblems need to fit into a 10x10cms square, and be red, white, blue, turquoise, silver or gold, or a combination! Be as creative as you like, lots of colour and jewels, buttons, ribbon or braid. All ages can have a go - it's not about posh embroidery, 'tho that's welcome too!

Please enjoy being part of this project - it will be dedicated at the Jubilee Special service in Boxford Church on Sunday, 3rd June.

Please return finished emblems to any of the churches, or to Reverend Judith, or to Pauline Lamming, by the end of April. One piece doesn't take long! Any queries, get in touch with me. Pauline Lamming 210360

Appeal for information:

The Boxford Society is looking for photos and information to copy for display and the village archive about Coronation Day 1953 and about the evacuees who lived in Boxford for a time during the Second World War. Please contact Tina Loose Tel.210538

Diamond Jubilee Geocache Trail

A Geocache Trail will be set up in Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone just prior to the Diamond Jubilee weekend 1st to 4th June 2012. It is a treasure hunt in which you try to find a hidden "cache". They are to be found worldwide. Its a great family outdoor sporting activity and an enjoyable way to take a walk, but you do need a mobile phone or some other portable device with GPS (Global Positioning System). Many recent mobiles have this facility. Our Jubilee caches will be hidden in waterproof boxes containing a log book and items for trading, (toys or trinkets of little value). To get Geocaching and prepare for our Jubilee geocache go to <http://www.geocaching.com/> and register. It is "free" to register on the site and just before the weekend you will be able get the coordinates you will need to find the treasure. They will not be there until then but the trail will be permanent, so don't worry if you do not have time that weekend. There will be a leaflet in the village shops and elsewhere just prior to the weekend and this will include a simple map of the footpaths and route. Happy Geocaching!

SCHOOL GIRLS CHARITY WALK

Three local school girls gave up their Easter Sunday to help give a better life to animals in need. Nine year old Annabel Harris and mum Kay, together with Louise and Lucy Watling and their mother, Jo, completed a sponsored walk along the old railway line and raised £300 for Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare. The weather was fine for the six mile Sudbury to Long Melford (and back) trek which has raised £300 so far. The girls came up with the idea by themselves after two SESAW volunteers visited their school to talk about the Sanctuary.

It is not too late to support the girls using one of these three methods.

- Send a donation direct to SESAW at Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP
- Text the code anlo99 and the amount to 70070,
- Visit <http://www.justgiving.com/Annabel-Louise2>

PLANTS!!! PLANTS!!! PLANTS!!!

We need your spare plants - annuals, perennials, shrubs, vegetable plants - for the plant stall at the Boxford Gardens Open 2012 on Sunday 3rd June. Please let me know if you can manage to donate anything you have spare - contact Angela Tolputt on 212264 or simply bring your plant donations to the plant stall outside the church from 9am to 10am on Sunday 3rd June. Many thanks.

Little Waldingfield Litter Pickers

On the 17th March, fifteen bags of rubbish were collected from the roadside by some of the villagers of Little Waldingfield. It is very sad to think that people can't be bothered to take their litter home, or take it to the recycling centres. It shows how many people have a lack of respect for our wonderful countryside.

It rained all day and our pictures show the bedraggled volunteers and the display of unique items found.



The Boxford Stones

Please allow me to thank all those people who have been in touch with me following the publication of my article on the Boxford stones in last month's BRN. I am very grateful as they have told me about several very fine sarsens that were unknown to me. These have been recorded and photographed for the Boxford Society Archive and posterity. Several people told me about where they were initially found. They all seem to have come from the lower part of the valley of the River Box or its tributary valley the Groton Brook. This tends to confirm my theory and is to be expected geologically. It makes one realise how many more must lie buried beneath a foot or so of soil, undisturbed for millions of years. If there is anyone yet to contact me with information, my telephone number is Boxford 210538.

Roger Loose

VAT: ANOTHER PETITION TO SIGN

Among the several controversial measures in the recent budget is one to impose VAT at 20% on alterations to all listed buildings, including churches. The Church of England has 12,500 listed churches many of which, including some in our own benefice (all listed Grade I) are planning to install toilets and kitchens to make them more 'user-friendly' for the benefit of the community at large. It is estimated that the addition of VAT will add £20m to the cost of such schemes, money which will have to be raised by volunteers. Alternatively, many planned schemes will simply not go ahead.

This proposed impost, currently out for consultation but intended to come into effect on 1st October 2012, is clearly inconsistent with the Government's commitment to the 'Big Society' and its reliance on the voluntary and charitable sector. Opposition to the proposal is mounting and an online petition has already attracted over 12,000 signatures. To show your support, please sign at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/32229> and write to Tim Yeo MP, asking him to oppose the charging of VAT on works to listed churches.

SHOUT FOR HELP!

Plans are well underway for the Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare Summer Fete but the day will be ruined without a PA system. An outdoor sound system is needed for Fun Dog Show and Agility Display. SESAW is also looking for someone to compare this popular event and a sturdy trailer to transport items throughout the year. If you can help phone 07963 450361 or 01787 210888

Wot's On

“The History of the River Stour.”

Saturday 12 May 7.30pm Boxford School Hall.

The Boxford Society invites all who are interested in River Stour, into which the River Box flows, to this illustrated talk by Mike McKeon.

Mike will explain the origins of the river from 4m years BC when it was a tributary of the Thames and possibly The Rhine.

He will also cover aspects of:

- The upper reaches; Weston Green to Wixoe
- Wixoe to Long Melford; Iron age fort Clare Castle
- Long Melford to Sudbury; The Stour navigation system; Ghosts and other stories
- Sudbury to Nayland; Boudica and the Romans
- Nayland to Catterwade Bridge;
- The Stour Estuary to Harwich.

Entrance is £2 for non members. Members free.

But You Don't Look Ill - cheerful support

Thursday 10th May

1-3 pm - drop in any time

Stevenson Centre, Gt Cornard Tel: 07950 436584 £1

A short AGM for members will be held afterwards.

Lemurs of the Lost World

Exploring the forests and crocodile caves of Madagascar

An illustrated talk by Dr Jane Wilson-Howarth At the Ansell Centre, Market Place, Hadleigh Saturday 19th May at 7.00pm

Tickets £6 (to include wine and refreshments)

Available from The Idler Bookshop, 37 High Street, Hadleigh or 01473 675262 and 01473 658689

All proceeds to be donated to The Cystic Fibrosis Trust Madagascar, situated in the Indian Ocean, is the world's fourth largest island. As a result of its long isolation after splitting from India over 60 million years ago 90% of its wildlife is found nowhere else on earth. Dr Wilson-Howarth's expedition centred on Ankarana, and her slides illustrating the rich biodiversity include the lemurs, chameleons and other unique animals and plants.

Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club

Vintage Rally

Great Waldingfield Airfield. 16th and 17th June

10.30am to 5.00pm daily

Steam Engines, Cars, Tractors, Motorcycles, Stationary Engines, Commercial Vehicles, Stalls, Children's entertainment and ring events all day

Food, Licensed Bar

For more info call Paul on 01787 372478

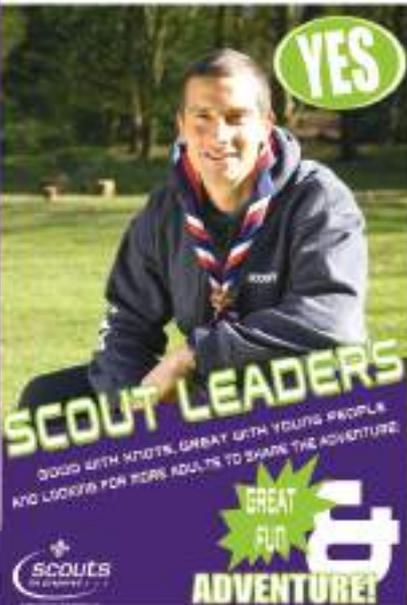
Milden & District Cricket Club Fixtures 2012

SUN	22nd April	Walsham Le Willows	IIAWAY
SUN	29th April	Woolpit Academy	HOME
SUN	6th May	Hadleigh Academy	AWAY
SUN	13th May	Acton II	HOME
SUN	20th May	Elmswell	AWAY
SAT	26th May	Castle Hedingham	HOME
SUN	27th May	Stowupland	AWAY
SAT	2nd June	Brockwell 49ers	HOME
SUN	3rd June	Long Melford II	HOME
WEDS	6th June	Edwardstone T20	AWAY (6pm)
SUN	10th June	Risby	AWAY
SAT	16th June	Castle Hedingham	AWAY
SUN	17th June	Rougham II	AWAY
SUN	24th June	Mellis II	HOME
WEDS	27th June	Edwardstone T20	HOME (6pm)
SAT	30th June	Monks Eleigh	HOME Club Day 1pm
SUN	1st July	Walsham Le Willows	IIHOME
SUN	8th July	Long Melford II	AWAY
SAT	14th July	Edwardstone	AWAY
SUN	15th July	Woolpit Academy	AWAY
SUN	22nd July	Hadleigh Academy	HOME
SUN	29th July	Acton II	AWAY
SUN	5th August	Elmswell	HOME
SUN	12th August	Stowupland	HOME
SUN	19th August	Risby	HOME
SUN	26th August	Edwardstone	HOME
			(John Bailey Trophy)
SUN	2nd Sept	Rougham II	HOME
SUN	9th Sept	Mellis II	AWAY

All games 1.30pm start unless stated

If you are interested in playing please contact Richard Robinson on 01787 211114

The 1st Boxford Scout Group **NEEDS YOU NOW!**



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GREAT FUN & ADVENTURE!

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You don't need to be Bear Grylls!

You don't even have to be good at knots!

You just need to be keen, and willing to invest a bit of your time to help the young people of Boxford.

We desperately need Leaders for all our sections now - particularly the Cubs who may be forced to close due to some retirements.

Can you help?

Call the Group Chairman: Evan Flockhart 07968 336883;

01787 211399; evanflockhart@evan38.wanadoo.co.uk






www.1stboxford.org.uk



EDWARDSTONE CRICKET CLUB

is always looking for

NEW PLAYERS

WE PLAY AT HOMEFIELD IN BOXFORD



THIS COULD BE YOU!!!



The new season is just around the corner. So if you are interested in playing the great game

Please contact

Adrian Gooderham 01787 211805

Tim Beven 01787 211841



Wot's On

BOXFORD WI

At our last meeting we were pleased to welcome Dr Geoffrey Kay and his interesting talk on English Gypsy Caravans. After giving us a brief history where gypsies originally came from, which many people wrongly think was Egypt but was actually India, Dr Kay talked about peoples' attitudes to them. Sometimes they are welcome and sometimes not, they have been used as scapegoats and persecuted.

Using a PowerPoint presentation we learnt about the 4 main styles of caravan-- Ledge, Bow Top, Barton and Reading.

Dr Kay then told us about his project to restore and practically rebuild a Reading caravan. This project has been going on for over 10 years but the photos he showed us illustrated the workmanship and skill involved in the nearly completed caravan.

If anyone is interested in seeing some of these gypsy caravans the Museum of East Anglian Life at Stowmarket has a good collection.

The craft club started to make patchwork bags which they are hoping to complete at next month meeting.

All visitors are welcome at a cost of £3.

If you would like a copy of our 2012 Programme please phone Heather on 01787 211566.

THE WINTHROPS ARE COMING!

Saturday, June 2nd. 12.30 at Groton Village Hall

John and Libby Winthrop are planning a visit to the UK for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and will be at Groton for a few days. There will be an informal lunch on Saturday June 2nd for them; several Groton residents have met them on their past visits, and they would love to re-new those acquaintances, but also meet new people.

The visitors from Boxford Massachusetts are also going to come to the lunch, so we hope for a jolly USA/UK meal. There won't be a charge as such, but we would ask that anyone who would like to attend could bring a contribution [salad, pudding, or money towards wine, maybe?] Groton PCC will sort out the main course dishes [we think one of them will have to be Coronation Chicken to honour the Queen!]

Please could you telephone Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] or any member of Groton PCC. We hope for a good number of you to welcome John and Libby to Groton once more.

Street Fair in Boxford on Monday June 4th.

Groton PCC will be having a stall at the street fair in Boxford on June 4th. We will probably be selling bacon butties and cakes; any offer of help gratefully accepted, and we hope you will come and visit the stall on the day. [enquiries to Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] or any member of Groton PCC]

The Last Flight Home...
Musical Theatre Group Presents
2 New One Act Plays
by Elaine Horne

WEEKENDERS

at Boxford Village Hall
May 10th, 11th and 12th at 7.30pm

Tuesday May 10th £5.00 (no supper) or £3.00 (with supper)
Friday 11th and Saturday 12th £5.00 (with supper)

Fully Licensed Bar and Raffle

Tickets from Boxford News
or Email: bdgtrickets@btinternet.com

PLANT HERITAGE AT HELMINGHAM

SPRING PLANT FAIR

Sunday 27 May 2012
10.30-4.00

800 free plants!

- National Plant Collections
- Specialist Nurseries
- Plant Doctor
- Garden Accessories
- Garden tours
- Home Made Lunches and Teas
- Propagation Workshops
- Children's Activities
- £6 including entry to Helmingham Hall Gardens

Helmingham Hall IP14 6EP
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www.nccpnp.org www.helmingham.com
Big Charity 1004008

Newton Green invites you to a

PARTY IN THE PARK

Celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Saturday 2 June 2012
Newton Green Playing Field
(behind the Village Hall)
1pm - 5pm

The fabulous Stowe Valley Stompers Trad Jazz Band
Children's Races : Bouncy Castle

Just for Fun Royal Theme Fancy Dress
so Kings, Princesses, Frogs, Corgis, and Queen Bees -
get your thinking crowns on now!

Bring your picnics and tables & chairs, and join us for a happy, fun-filled
afternoon celebrating a truly historic event!

ADMISSION FREE!

For further information please contact the organiser, Dawn Bridge
on 01787 374773 : email: newsletter@newtongreen.co.uk

WILLIAMS SPANAGH BCDMAHC WATSON GENOVI

"Marilyn Williams is...
brilliant and...
I can't think of a better performer
in the role of an icon"

"One of the few words of the great
Olivia...
Ewan...
are..."

MARILYN

Polsted Digital Cinema
May the 18th
Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop
or 01787 210029
All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

1st Boxford Scouts Open-day

A fun day out for all the family

Canoeing Archery
Bar - R - Quiz Air Rifles
Raft Races Bridge Building

Saturday 12th May 2012

Entrance Fee: £3
£10 for families

Free Activities
Refreshments
Licensed Bar

11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Boxford Spinney

Some events may only be available to members of the scout or guide movements
Change of clothing and items welcome for recycling

Change begins with a whisper.

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Leavenhath Village Hall Digital Cinemas 5th May
Tickets £3.50 Phone 01206 262505 or 01206 263266
Doors open 7.00pm Fil, starts 7.30pm

KERSEY SCHOOL'S MAY FAYRE, BALL RUN & PLANT SALE

Sat, 12th May 2012
2-4pm

Entertainment, beer & bbq, stalls,
games, gift stands, plants,
refreshments,

Plus, BALL RUN with fantastic
prizes for the first ball into
the SPLASH

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH WORMINGFORD FLOWER FESTIVAL 2nd, 3rd & 4th JUNE "JUBILYMPICS"

IN AID OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
Open from 10.00am to 5.00pm daily

HOMEMADE LUNCHES AND TEAS
CAKES AND PRODUCE
RAFFLE, BRIC A BRAC
and PLANT STALL

SUNDAY 3rd JUNE SERVICES

11.00AM family service
6.30PM SONGS OF PRAISE

Diamond Jubilee
weekend!



Sunday 3rd June 2012
11am - 5pm

Calling all gardeners...
WE NEED YOU!

This event is a popular one in the local
calendar, raising money to benefit St Mary's
church. If you have not opened your garden
before, please consider doing so this year. It is a
rewarding experience, as those gardeners who
already open will confirm. If you are unable to
open your garden then maybe you could help on
the day?

Please call Angela on 01787 212264 to discuss
or email me at angela@tulpaint.com

EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



SATURDAY
2 JUNE
From 10 a.m.

***CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST**
(Tickets £6 - bookings only)

*Scrambled Egg with Smoked Salmon
Glass of Champagne, Croissants and Coffee
plus

LOCAL HISTORY PRESENTATION

FAMILY TREASURE HUNT at 12 noon
Including special children's section

PLANT STALL

For details please contact Daphne Clark on 01787 210098

2012 - A Year To Remember
Celebrating 100 Diamond Jubilee and 100th Birthdays
June 2nd to June 4th 2012

The Edwardstone Children's Tea Party
Champagne Breakfast
Boxford Open Gardens
The Great Groton
Wheelbarrow Race
The Big 4 Pub Quiz
Historic Photograph Exhibitions
Boxford Bike Club
Community Ride
Musicians, Singers and Actors performing all day

Children's Party
Senior Citizens' Tea
Art Exhibitions
GeoCache Trail
Boxford Wm Olympics
Street Entertainers
Fairground Attractions

Boxford MA & Boxford UK
...and many, many more!
Your support society will benefit from more people
www.boxford2012.org
Registered Charity No. 304802

05/05/2012
Starts 9:30

10km Official Race starts at 11:30am
5km Fun Run / Walk starts at 11:00am
1km Fun / Walk starts at 1:00pm

At Boxford Playing Fields
10km £7 before £10 on day
5km Adults £5 Under 16's £3
1km £2 on day only

Beer Tent & BBQ

LA fitness
Call: 0776 4200 652

MELFORD MUSIC HOLY TRINITY CHURCH LONG MELFORD LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Every Wednesday 1.10pm
Admission FREE
Light Refreshments available

MAY 2012

- 9 **EMMA FIRTH & PETER DOLLIMORE**
(piano duet)
- 16 **ESSEX POLICE CHOIR**
- 23 **GREG EATON** (violin)
- 30 **DAVID CHIVERS**
(piano accordion)

TRINITY SINGERS CONCERT

Saturday, 12th May 2012
7.30pm

THE CHURCH OF ST PETER AND
ST PAUL, LAVENHAM

A programme of music to
celebrate the Diamond Jubilee

INCLUDING

PARRY - I WAS GLAD
HANDEL - ZADOK THE PRIEST
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS - OLD 100th and O-TASTE AND SEE
STANFORD - TE DELUM and GLORIA

TICKETS £5 - CHILDREN UNDER 16YRS FREE
AVAILABLE FROM
LAVENHAM TOURIST OFFICE,
LANDERS BOOKSHOP LONG MELFORD
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Verdi Requiem

Sudbury Choral Society
Haverhill Choral Society

Conductors David Butcher & Jane Wright
Soprano Julie Roberts
Mezzo Soprano Hannah Mason
Tenor Ben Thapa
Bass Mark Saberton

St Edmundsbury Cathedral
Saturday 5 May 2012
at 7:30pm

Tickets: £16 reserved
£12 unreserved

Tickets available from 20th February, from the Apex
Buy St Edmundsbury tickets by phone 01284 758000,
online at www.stedmundsbury.org.uk, or from
members of the Society.

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Wot's On

Little Waldingfield Open Gardens

Sunday 10 June, 11am – 5pm

This year we will be opening 14 lovely gardens, with an intriguing mix of styles, for you to explore in Little Waldingfield. Admission is £5 to include a programme, obtainable from the Parish Rooms in Church Road, where there will also be refreshments, plant and produce stalls. There will be plenty of parking on our Playing Field, about 150 yards beyond the Swan Inn.

All proceeds will benefit our beautiful church. We look forward to welcoming you.

Dates for your Diary

7th July, Conservative Association Quiz, Parish Room 700pm

Oct 27 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Quiz Night Parish Room 7.00pm

Sudbury Dramatic Society

Sudbury Dramatic Society based at The Quay at Sudbury are presenting the very funny play "Elsie and Norm's 'Macbeth'" by John Christopher-Wood from Tuesday 8th to Saturday 12th May at 7.45pm and tickets are available from The Quay Box Office on 01787 372175.

Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall.

Friday 18 May "My Week with Marilyn"

Friday 15 June "The Artist"

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

Boxford Gardening Society

Boxford Gardens Open

Sunday 3rd June 2012, 11am-5pm

This year's Boxford Gardens Open is set to be a very special event since it takes place on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend and coincides with the visit of friends from Boxford, Massachusetts. Please put the date in your diary and be sure to take a break from the village celebrations to visit our beautiful local gardens. Please also pray for good weather! We now have over 20 gardens opening in Boxford and Edwardstone, including many gardens which have not been open in the past. There will be a children's gardening trail and a gardeners' and jubilee themed quiz for the adults. All money raised is used to benefit Boxford St Mary's church. Parking will also be available at The Playing Fields. Contact Angela Tolputt on 212264 or email angela@tolputt.com for more details.

Boxford Drama Group

Next Production: -

The World Premier of 'The Last Flight Home' and 'Weekenders' will be performed on 10th, 11th, 12th May at Boxford Village hall. Elaine Horne has written these two one act plays and rehearsals are taking place as we very speak under her direction.

Be prepared to be enthralled by the intrigue, tension and drama of 'The last Flight Home' and entertained and titillated by the hilarious comedy of 'Weekenders'. Supper will be served on all three evenings, with an option not to eat on Thursday. These plays are not to be missed, so make sure you get your tickets which are on sale from Boxford Newsagents or alternatively you can email: bdg-tickets@btinternet.com to reserve you tickets now.

Countryside Walk

There will be a Countryside Walk in aid of the Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding on SUNDAY 6TH MAY 2012. Starting from the Shelley Centre, in Layham, near Hadleigh, from 10-11am, there will be scenic walks of approx. 5 or 10 miles on footpaths and country lanes through the beautiful Stour Valley. Free transport back to the Centre for those finishing after 5 miles at the Black Horse, Stratford St Mary. Complimentary tea and cakes available afterwards.

Registration and sponsorship forms available from the Shelley Centre or Tel : 01473 822112 or Email : robsouthgate58@btinternet.com. Registration fee £10 per participant on the day.

PLAYINGFIELD AGM

The Boxford Playingfields Management Committee Will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 1st May at the Pavilion starting at 8.00 p.m

All users for the playing field facilities are invited to attend. The committee would like to hear from users of the playing fields for their views on the future for this valuable village asset.



June 4th Street Party Update

We are proud to announce that after a blessing from Revd. Judith Sweetman, Cecil Hughes, 60 years a councillor in Boxford will open the Street Party and in the evening, light the beacon, thus enabling the three villages of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone to join in the national celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee.

Our thanks to everyone who baked for and bought a cake at our immensely successful Cake Stall. Proceeds will help to fund the Year to Remember for Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone.

Grand Draw tickets for the June 4th Street Party are now on sale in the villages' shops and pubs. First prize is £500 – other prizes include a round of golf for 4 at Stoke by Nayland, drive an Audi for the weekend, vouchers for meals at local venues and many more!

A Race Night is being held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 21st April. Tickets are £5 from the Village Newsagents and entry includes food, drinks can be purchased from the bar and there will be 8 races on the screen on which you can cast your bets. Proceeds will be shared between funding our Street Party and the Village Hall.

Enter a team from your club/organisation/family in the Big 4-Pub Quiz. Winners at each pub win £25, the overall winners win £100! Enter now at the villages' pubs.

Another event your club or group of friends can enter is The Great Groton Wheelbarrow Race taking place at lunchtime on 4th June. Olympic or 'Kings and Queens' Fancy Dress essential! Register your team at The Fox and Hounds now!

NEW EVENTS for June 4th:

- MONTY'S ROLLS ROYCE ON DISPLAY IN BROAD ST. BOXFORD.

- A Model Aircraft and Fleet Review at Bell House. Our thanks to Richard Gates and Phil Wallis for making this possible.

STALLS: A wide variety of stalls including local crafts and food stalls are now booked for the Street Party. Other contributors include a BMW stand and the Gareth Weiland Trust Silent Auction.

If you would like to be a contributor or know someone who would like to be involved, please contact us as soon as possible as space is now at a premium!

Deadline for the Art Exhibition contributions 1st May

Fun for all ages- Music from This Boy Wonders and through the Jubilee years with the Beavers and the Drama Club. Childrens' activities through to water and body zorbing for the stronger and adventurous.

Candyfloss to Hogroast, soft drinks to strong beer in the pubs.

Contact us – Boxford Groton Edwardstone Street Party

2012boxford@gmail.com Or www.boxford2012.org

The Leavenheath Village Hall Cinema

The Leavenheath Village Hall Cinema are now showing a wide selection of films on the first Saturday of each month throughout the year.

We show the films using our new sound system and wide screen at the Leavenheath Village Hall, Wrights Way, Leavenheath.

We are also signposted from the A134 (Colchester to Sudbury Road) to the Village Hall, so don't worry about not finding us.

Doors are open from 1900 hrs and our films always begin at 1930hrs.

We have a bar selling soft drinks, wine, beer, tea and coffee, before the film and during the interval.

Ice creams and refreshments will also be served during the interval.

If you fancy a night at the Cinema please phone Ken (01206 263266) or Lesley (01206 262505) to reserve your seat.

Tickets £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per child

Our next 2 films are:-

SATURDAY 5TH MAY - THE HELP (12A) - EMMA STONE, VIOLA DAVIS AND OCTAVIA SPENCER

SATURDAY 7TH JULY - THE IRON LADY (12A)

NO CHANGE REQUIRED

Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare is holding a £1 Sale in Leavenheath Village Hall on Saturday 26th May from 12 noon to 3pm. Bric a brac, books, clothes and toys will be on offer at £1 per item and for the bargain hunters there will also be a BOGOF table. That's buy-one-get-one-free to the uninitiated! Refreshments available, 50p entry.

Wot's On

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

PROGRAMME for first half of 2012

15th May Bob Flowerdew, Organic gardener, lecturer, television and radio personality. "No Work Gardening".

TICKET ONLY EVENT: Cost: £8 Members, £12 Non-members

Tickets available at monthly meetings or from the Events Organiser, Rosie Osborne

19th June, Away Evening by car to Shrubs Farm, Lamarsh, Bures CO8SEA. Guided tour by owner, Robert Erith

Rare trees, perfumed rose garden, Bronze Age burial urns.

Glass of wine/soft drink, light supper. Cost £12

17th July Frances Mount, Plantswoman and gardener

"Suffolk Wild Flowers"

All events, unless otherwise stated, take place in Boxford Village Hall on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. at a cost of £1 per person for Boxford Gardening Society Members. Members' Guests welcome to attend our normal monthly talks for £5 per guest. All tickets available from Rosie Osborne Events and Outings Organiser: Rosie Osborne

01787 211960 e-mail: rosie.osborne@btintemet.com Membership Secretary: Elizabeth Wagener 01787210223

e-mail: elizabeth.wagener@btinternet.com

Nayland Jubilee Church Fete

Monday 4th June 2-4.30pm on Nayland Playing Field

Jazz Band, Stalls, Sideshows, Sports, Classic Vehicle Display

Raffle 1st prize £150.

Admission £2 Children 50p. Concessions £1 Free Car Parking

All proceeds in aid of St. James Fabric Fund

Nayland Open Gardens

Sunday 17th June 2-6pm

Homemade teas, plant stall, Tickets £5 from any garden or the Village Hall. Free car parking at the Village Hall

All proceeds towards local conservation projects.

An Invitation to talk about "Caffyn"

"Following my request last year for information about my great-uncle W H Caffyn and his painting I was delighted to hear from a number of people in Boxford, Kersey and Edwardstone. I would be very pleased to meet everyone who contacted me and anyone else who has any recollection of "Caffyn" and invite them to tea at Mary's House in Boxford on Wednesday 2 May between 2.30 and 4.00.

Jill Goodchild

PLAYINGFIELD AGM

The Boxford Playingfields Management Committee Will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 1st May at the Pavilion starting at 8.00 p.m

All users for the playing field facilities are invited to attend. The committee would like to hear from users of the playing fields for their views on the future for this valuable village asset.

Boxford Over 60's Club

We will be meeting at the Village Hall on Monday May 14th - Glenn Abbassi - "Anthony Nolan - My Rolela as a Courier"

Monday May 28th - to be arranged.

We would love to see some new members, or guests for a day. May 14th should be a very interesting afternoon. You don't have to be over 60 to join us. If you have a couple of hours to spare for a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits and free raffle plus the occasional speaker, only £1.50

ART AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL

STOKE BY NAYLAND, BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 4TH JUNE

10AM- 3.30PM

For a great day out come along to The Spring Market, Craft Fair, Dog Show, Children's activities, Hog Roast, many stalls and lots more!

And visit the Art Show and Sale in the Church

Over 150 exhibits will be on sale, including paintings, prints, pottery and woodwork. All by outstanding East Anglian artists. Prices will start at just £20.

The show opens on Friday 1st June and continues until Tuesday 6th June, 10am -6pm (Sunday, 12.30-6pm). All proceeds will go towards maintaining the historic church of St Mary's.

For further information please contact, Sophia Parker, 01787 462780

173rd Hadleigh Show

Saturday 19th May 2012 is the date for the 173rd Hadleigh Show.

Located in the beautiful setting of Holbecks Park, Hadleigh (IP7 5PE) just a 5 minute walk from Hadleigh Town Centre, the gates open to the general public at 8am and close at 6pm.

A traditional Agricultural Show featuring all you'd expect; Cattle, Sheep, Horse & Goat showing with plenty of opportunities to get 'up-close-and-personal' to the livestock. Enjoy Sheep Shearing demonstrations, Donkey Rides, magnificent Suffolk Horses, Falconry Displays, Sheep Dog handling – and this year the '**Lamb National**'...yes.....**Sheep RACING!**

The **Blazing Saddles Stunt Team** will be thrilling the crowd with two displays in the main ring of fast and furious riding – hopefully with the youngest Stunt Rider in the UK, 11years old Skye Woodward - joining them.

In the every growing Countryside Area – the **Welsh Axe Racing Team** will be demonstrating their Lumberjacking abilities, and new to the Local Demonstration Tent - **Mark David of the Cooking Experience** will be entertaining everyone with his culinary skills throughout the day.

The popular Food Hall will be brimming with mouth-watering produce, which you can often taste before you buy, and the numerous trade stands will offer fantastic shopping for those in need of a little 'retail therapy'!

With the Art Exhibition, Flower Show, Rural Craft Marquee, Funfair, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Schools Tent, Ipswich Hospital Band, Poultry & Waterfowl and much more, it's a great day out for everyone.

Refreshments will be available from the many catering units or you can bring a picnic to enjoy whilst watching the ring displays.

Entrance Tickets have been held at the same price as 2011 and this year for the first time 'Early-Bird Discount' Show Tickets can be bought ON-LINE as well as from the usual local outlets including Boxford News.

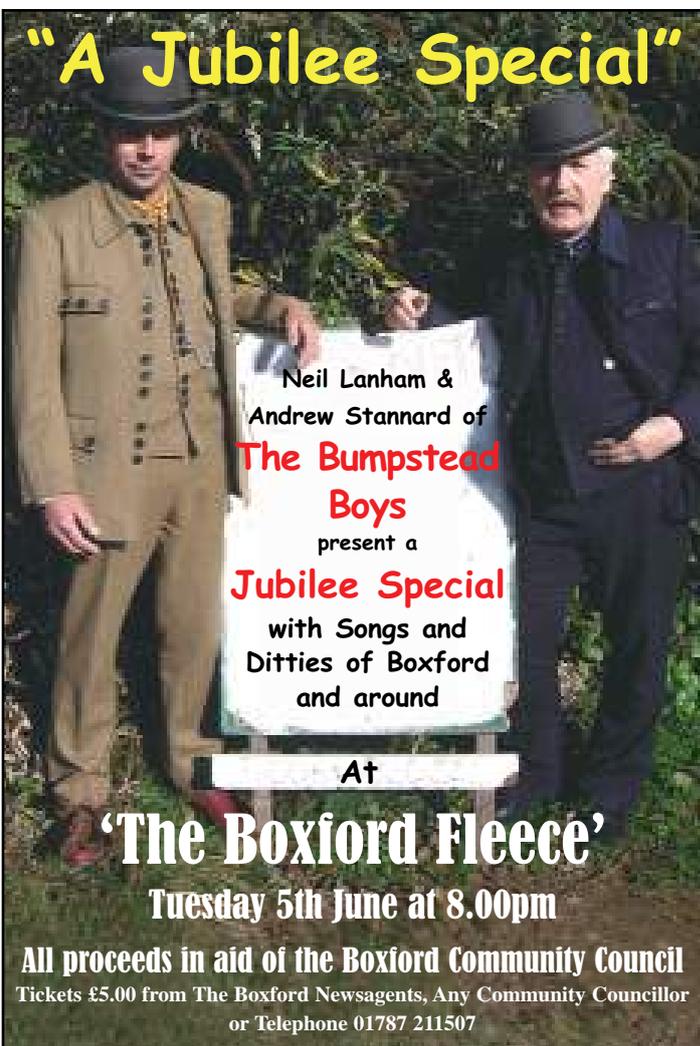
Car parking is FREE – so come along and see a real slice of the Countryside on 19th May 2012 – for a GREAT DAY OUT!

For full Details of the show and how and where to buy tickets visit the website: www.hadleighshow.co.uk

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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.

POLITICS AND RELIGION: THE TRUE MEANING OF EASTER

Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's Director of Communications, once famously intervened in an interview to prevent the then Prime Minister from answering a question about his Christianity. "We don't do God," he said.

During Holy Week the faith of leading politicians has again been in the news, with both David Cameron and President Obama addressing gatherings of Christian leaders.

David Cameron's Easter message at the reception he hosted at 10 Downing Street was widely reported. In it he described recent examples of the Christian fight-back as "a thoroughly good thing", stating that if councils wanted to say prayers before meetings, or if people wanted to wear a cross to express their faith, they should be able to do so. He went on to say that he hoped the fight-back would be "*based around values more than anything else... the greatest need we have in our country is to have strong values and to teach our children and to bring people up with strong values. The values of the Bible, the values of Christianity are the values that we need – values of compassion, of respect, of responsibility, of tolerance.*"

So far so good, and we should rejoice that we have a Prime Minister prepared to speak clearly about our society's need for Christian values. But the essence of the Easter message is not about values. As President Obama put it at the annual Easter Prayer Breakfast at the White House, it's about "*the triumph of the resurrection... We are here today to celebrate that glorious overcoming, the sacrifice of a risen savior who died so that we might live.*"

That's not to say that we may not have doubts about our faith. David Cameron spoke of "*those of us who sometimes struggle with some parts of the message.*" 'Doubting Thomas' refused to believe that Jesus was alive until he had seen the marks of the nails used to crucify him and put his hand into his wounded side. He needed that personal encounter with the risen Christ. And it is the risen Christ who we celebrate at this Eastertide. May we, too, encounter the risen Lord Jesus and be able to proclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

David Lamming



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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Peter Patrick, Amberley,
White Street Green. tel 210346

Thought for the month: This month we hold our Christian Aid services at the beginning of Christian Aid Week. While we in our country have plenty to be concerned about, it is a far cry from the concerns of the vast majority of our world! There are places in the world where people have to walk miles each day for water, who do not know whether they will eat today, or whose nearest health centre is hundreds of miles away and whose children are unlikely to get even a basic education. Are you aware that £9.8 billion is spent each year on cosmetics in the U.S.A.? more than double the £4.43 billion it would take to provide clean water and basic sanitation for everyone in our world? This year the Christian Aid service is on Sunday May 13th, 11.00 am at St. Mary's Boxford.

Christian Aid's slogan has long been "Let's live more simply that others can simply live" So how about doing a couple of things this month.

- Firstly set aside the amount now, which you could spare this month, to help those who are fighting for survival while we have so much. Have it ready to go into that envelope which will drop through your door, rather than just putting a bit of loose change in the envelope (and don't forget to "gift aid" it, by writing your name and address on the envelope).

- And secondly, if you can spare just an hour or so somewhere in the week, Please do contact Janet Daniels, Tel: 210798 for offers of help delivering or collecting envelopes.

Christian Aid Week events:

Christian Aid Week this year is during the 3rd week of May. The event, in Boxford, starts on **Saturday May 12th** with a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy, 10.00 am -12.00 noon at Jennie & Ian Lindsleys home, "Little Field", Cox Hill. There will be a door to door collection during the week and I am, as always, very glad of volunteers for this. On **Saturday May 19th** I am holding a cake stall in Mary's House - 9.00 am onwards. This event includes a raffle & coffee served. Any contributions would be much appreciated. Thanking you for all your support. *Janet Daniels* (210798)

Ladies Lunch: Wednesday May 2nd: at Wynne House, the home of Mrs Sue Copeland Tel: 211614 Please let Sue know if you would like to come.

The Diamond Jubilee Weekend: 2nd - 4th June In addition to the many events & activities in the village & benefice this weekend, a special Jubilee Service is planned to be held 10.30am on **Sunday 3rd June**, in St. Mary's Parish Church, to celebrate & in thanksgiving for the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen.

PCC Secretary Needed: The Parochial Church Council is seeking a secretary to assist with the work of the council. If you feel you could spare some time please contact a churchwarden or the Revd Judith.

Volunteers & help needed. - We need volunteers to help with regular church cleaning. If you could help please contact Chris Cuthbert or a churchwarden.

Coffee rota: Sunday mornings - can you help with serving coffee after church services? Please speak to Ruth Kingsbury or the Revd Judith.

Fundraising Committee: Can you help by joining our fundraising group - we need ideas & help. Please contact a churchwarden or the Revd Judith

The Boxford Calendar- 2013 Our fundraising team will be producing a Calendar for 2013 so lots of new photos are needed please to ChrisKingsC@aol.com

Copy Date for Church News section in the June 2012 Box River News:

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Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

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Tel: 211161

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS, SATURDAY 2 JUNE, 10 A.M.: At Edwardstone Parish Hall there will be a Champagne Breakfast (bookings only) with a Local History Presentation (showing on our new screen), starting at 10 a.m. To be followed by a Family Treasure Hunt at 12 noon, with special section for the children. Please see poster for more details. There will be a plant stall outside the hall. Everyone welcome.

Tickets for champagne breakfast £6 – Treasure Hunt free. *Daphne Clark* 210698

ROTA:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Teas/Coffees
May 6:	Mr Saddleton	Mr & Mrs Dodd	Mrs Saddleton
May 13:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Dodd	
May 17:	Deanery Eucharist	Shared Supper	
May 20:	Mr Saddleton	Mrs Morris	
May 27:	Visiting	Mrs Morris	
Daily Prayer:	9.00 a.m. every Tuesday		



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Jayne Foster:*
Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360
Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

FROM THE REGISTERS – INTERMENT OF ASHES: On 3 February 2012 the ashes of Mary Newman Wheeler (née Kemble) were interred in the grave of her brother, Richard Kemble, in Groton Churchyard.

THE WINTHROPS ARE COMING!

Saturday, June 2nd. 12.30 at Groton Village Hall

John and Libby Winthrop are planning a visit to the UK for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and will be at Groton for a few days. There will be an informal lunch on Saturday June 2nd for them; several Groton residents have met them on their past visits, and they would love to re-new those acquaintances, but also meet new people. The visitors from Boxford Massachusetts are also going to come to the lunch, so we hope for a jolly USA/UK meal. There won't be a charge as such, but we would ask that anyone who would like to attend could bring a contribution [salad, pudding, or money towards wine, maybe?] Groton PCC will sort out the main course dishes [we think one of them will have to be Coronation Chicken to honour the Queen!] Please could you telephone Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] or any member of Groton PCC. We hope for a good number of you to welcome John and Libby to Groton once more.

Street Fair in Boxford on Monday June 4th: Groton PCC will be having a stall at the street fair in Boxford on June 4th. We will probably be selling bacon butties and cakes; any offer of help gratefully accepted, and we hope you will come and visit the stall on the day. [enquiries to *Pat Kennedy Scott* [210319] or any member of Groton PCC]

CHURCHWARDENS: Sue Edwards and Jayne Foster were re-elected as churchwardens at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on 28th March 2012. Sue and Jayne, together with other churchwardens from the six deaneries of the Sudbury Archdeaconry, including some from our benefice, will be formally admitted to office by the Ven Dr David Jenkins at a service in **St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th May.** The service is open to all: please come to support our churchwardens at this annual service which acknowledges their vital rôle in the life of the local church.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2012: At the APCM on 28th March, which followed the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, the following were elected to serve on the PCC for the year 2012-2013: Colin Blackmore, Sheila Gooderham, Pat Kennedy Scott, Simon Marchant, Diana McCorkell, Anthea Scriven and Pat Smith. They join the Revd Judith Sweetman, the churchwardens, and David Lamming (as an elected member of the Diocesan Synod), who are ex officio members of the PCC. Joanna Riddleston was elected as a lay representative to the Sudbury deanery synod, to serve until 31 May 2014, and thereby also becomes an ex-officio member of the PCC. Joanna's election fills one

of the two parish vacancies on the synod: it is open to the PCC to fill the other vacancy if anyone interested comes forward during the year. A copy of the PCC annual report and accounts is displayed on the church notice board for anyone to read.

PCC MEETING: Wednesday 9th May 2012, 7.30 pm at Mary's House, Boxford. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming – 210360; e mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) by Sunday 29th April.

LET'S END POVERTY: CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2010, 13th–19th May A reminder that Christian Aid Week 2012 is nearly upon us. If you would be able to and would be willing to help with the house-to-house collection in either Groton or Little Waldingfield, please contact me on 01787 210360. *David Lamming.*

Rota: Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr Lamming
Flowers: Mrs Payne Cleaning: Mrs Payne



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 13th–19th May: Please see the paragraph in the Groton section.

Rota

	Sidesman	Flowers
May 6:	Mr Squirrell	Mrs Eddington
May 13:	Visiting	Mrs Gregor-Smith
May 20:	Mr & Mrs Tora	Mrs Harbord
May 27:	Visiting	Mrs Roser



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,
"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton,
Tel; 370331

From the Registers: Funeral and burial in the churchyard 28th March - Geoffrey Williams, aged 81 years

Funeral at Boxford Church 2nd April and Interment at Newton Church 4th April Peter Lowe, aged 81 years

Family Service: On the 25th March, our service took as its theme "A seed growing in the dark". Moving from Winter into Spring, reminded us of the unseen activity of tiny seeds in the dark soil preparing to emerge into the light. The Revd. Judith led us into the preparation for the Easter story by illustrating it with a small tray of simple, everyday objects representing the stages of the Crucifixion. The music was provided by our very versatile vicar Revd. Judith on keyboard and guitar.

A big 'thank you' to her, the helpers and all who came to the service. 8th April was our **Easter Sunday Service of Communion.** In the last service, we thought of the sown seed emerging from the dark soil into the light. So in this special service we moved from the darkness of the Crucifixion into the light of the Resurrection. We celebrated this with words and music and the colour of flowers after their absence in Lent. Thank you to all who took part, including our previous organist's daughter, here from Canada with her family, who stepped in to play the hymns. This illustrated the moving on from the darkness into a new light. 4th April The Revd. Judith, with great sensitivity, took the simple service of Interment of ashes of Peter Lowe at Newton, with his immediate family present.

ROTA:

Flowers:	12th May	Mrs. W. Turner.
	26th May	Mrs. M. Knock and Daughter. Mrs. S Pratt Mrs. C Langley.

Cleaning

PETER LOWE

My family join me in saying a sincere 'thank you' to Revd. Judith for the wonderful, personal way she conducted the church service, the cremation service and the interment for Peter on the 2nd and 4th of April. We also wish to thank all at Boxford Church for their help in the church. It is impossible to thank everyone for the moving messages, memories and donations received. The support that I and the family have been given is remarkable and very touching.
Thank you, *Margaret Lowe.*

ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST AT EDWARDSTONE: On Ascension Day we mark Christ's return to heaven after his resurrection appearances and recall his 'Great Commission' to his disciples, which is now ours, to "go and make disciples of all nations", with the promise that "I will be with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28 v. 20.) This year we shall be celebrating Ascension Day with Christians from across the deanery at a Deanery Eucharist (in the open air, if fine), followed by a 'bring-and-share' meal. Do join us at Edwardstone Church as we celebrate Christ "risen, ascended, glorified": 7.30 pm on Thursday 17th May.

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION, 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th May 2010. The "Archdeacon's Visitation," when the churchwardens of our benefice are formally admitted to office, is to be held again this year at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. All members of the PCCs and congregations of our five parishes are invited to attend. Do please come to support our churchwardens on this important occasion.

DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS: This year sees the triennial elections to the Diocesan Synod. The voters are the members of the deanery synod, but you don't have to be a member of the synod, or even an existing member of a PCC to stand. If you are interested in standing, or even just thinking about it, and would like to know more, please contact David Lamming on 01787 210360.

UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: The service this year is on Sunday 13th May, 6.30 pm at St Lawrence's Church, Great Waldingfield. The speaker is to be Eldred Willey, senior regional coordinator for Christian Aid.

CTiS&D Prayer Breakfasts in May: Saturdays, 8.00 am to 9.30 am. All are welcome.

5 May: St Gregory's Church Hall, Sudbury

12 May: Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford

19 May: All Saints' Church Hall, Sudbury

26 May: St Lawrence's Church, Great Waldingfield

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship May 2012

Wednesday 2nd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion, Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Thursday 3rd Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Holy Communion*	Tim Harbord
Sunday 6th Lt Waldingfield Edwardstone Boxford Boxford	8.00 9.30 11.00 18.30	5th of Easter (W) Holy Communion Holy Communion All Age Service Evensong	Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 9th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion, Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 10th Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Compline, Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord
Sunday 13th Groton Newton Boxford	8.00 9.30 11.00	6th of Easter (W) Christian Aid Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Christian Aid Service	Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith <i>Christian Aid Week begins</i>
Wednesday 16th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion*, Mary's House	Antony Dodd
Thursday 17th Edwardstone	Ascension Day 19.30	Deanery Eucharist (open-air if fine)	Revd Judith
Sunday 20th Edwardstone Lt Waldingfield Boxford	8.00 9.30 11.00	7th of Easter, Sunday after Ascension (W) Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith
Wednesday 23rd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion in Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Sunday 27th Boxford Groton Newton Green Boxford	8.00 9.30 11.00 11.00	Pentecost (Whit Sunday) (R) Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Service Matins	Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith Christopher Kingsbury
* Holy Communion by extension			
Daily Prayer	A 30 minute informal said service with Revd Judith All are welcome		
Tuesday	9.00	Edwardstone	17.00 Little Waldingfield
Wednesday	9.00	Groton	
Thursday	9.00	Newton	17.00 Boxford

Soap Box

Back towards the end of March – too late for me to include in last month's BRN – our village conducted a litter pick. This is at least the third year we have carried out this exercise and I am delighted to report that, as before, we had no shortage of volunteers to don the High Viz jackets and, armed with stout gloves, bin liners and litter picking implements, venture out on the highways and byways surrounding our village.

Unfortunately, there was no shortage of litter to be collected either. Each year we tentatively hope the message has got across and there will be less strewn around the verges. Each year we suffer the same disappointment. Why do people do it? Some of the rubbish we collected must have necessitated a specific trip to dump the detritus. A suitcase (empty, fortunately), the front fork of a bicycle, several large, metal framed windows – all were left for our sturdy bunch to remove.

In the end the pile of bin liners almost filled the entrance to our Parish Room. We accumulated at least as much as in previous years. On every occasion there are items collected that defy the imagination. A single, perfectly sound, boot. A freezer load of meat. Items of intimate clothing. But, of course, it is the discarded food packaging, plastic bottles and other personal waste that depresses me.

Just as dog waste continues to be raised as an item on the parish council's agenda (and not just here, either) so the perennial problem of man's lack of consideration to man constantly reminds us that we are not a very caring race. It is surely not too much to ask drivers to take their rubbish home. We do. Indeed, my wife is regularly adding to the rubbish she collects when taking our dogs for a walk by removing other people's waste from the side of the road, presumably thrown out by unthinking drivers.

Some years ago, Radio Suffolk launched a campaign to discourage litter dropping. Borrowed from Australia, where apparently one of Mark Murphy's friends had spotted the slogan, Suffolk residents were exhorted not to drop litter by the phrase with the all too clear double meaning – "Don't be a Tosser!" So successful has the media campaign been that it has been adopted by adjacent counties and even received a mention on Radio 2 recently.

But, without wishing to take away anything from Mark and his

colleagues at Radio Suffolk, I gain the impression that the main result has been to encourage little groups like ours all around the county to clean up their communities. Recently, while driving to the West Midlands, we came across a village task force out in some strength to tidy up their roadsides. While I am sure such initiatives are far from new, it strikes me that Mark's campaign has put fresh impetus into clearing up after inconsiderate litter droppers.

It would all be so much easier if people just observed some simple rules and remembered that we all benefit from a cleaner environment. Much the same approach applies to dog dirt as well. I'm not holding my breath, though. Next year, when I'm sure a similar exercise will take place, I'll bet we have just as many bags for the district council to cart away. In the meantime, my sincere thanks to those who helped in this year's litter pick. And if you haven't yet received your "Don't be a Tosser" certificate and want one, please let me know. We have an adequate supply and I'm sure you won't be throwing it away.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.



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GARDENING IN MAY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Plant up hanging baskets right away to give the plants a chance to establish before hanging them outside at the end of the month. Make sure that brackets are well secured to walls as the weight of a large fully grown basket with wet compost can put quite a strain on them. Baskets should be lined with moss, if available, otherwise black polythene or sacking will do, make some holes in the polythene for drainage. Plant up with fairly mature plants, otherwise you will have to wait a long time for a display. For a hot sunny situation, geraniums are the best bet - plant one upright growing one in the centre with three or four trailing ivy leafed ones around the edges. Other suitable trailing plants for sunny aspects are the *Helichrysum Petiolatum* silver variegated and *microphyllum*, *Nepeta Hederacea* (trailing catmint), *Verbena* and *Petunias*. Fuchsias are excellent for a north wall.

To get the best from your baskets regular feeding and watering is necessary. Do not allow the compost to become impoverished before you start feeding as the plants will suffer a check in growth which will take weeks to correct. Your compost contains sufficient nutrients to maintain good growth for about a month so start feeding two weeks after planting using any good proprietary plant foods such as Maxicrop, Vitex, Phostrogen, etc. For the first few weeks use a high nitrogen feed to get good healthy growth, changing to one of high potash nearer flowering time. Feed twice weekly to start with increasing to three times by the end of June and every day from August onwards. Do not exceed the stated mixture.

Dwarf French and Runner Beans can now be sown on the open ground. By the time they have germinated the danger of frost will be fairly remote. Sow also white and purple sprouting broccoli and hardy cauliflower headed broccoli for cutting next spring. Thin out vegetable and hardy annual seedlings as soon as they are big enough to handle, failure to do this results in plants that are left being weak and spindly.

Carrots are best thinned in the evening to avoid the carrot fly which is attracted by the smell of the bruised foliage. It is a good idea to spray after thinning with something smelly with a weak solution like Jeyes Fluid or Armillotox to disguise the smell of the foliage.

Prune Forsythia by cutting back all the shoots that have finished flowering. Remove suckers from roses, trees and shrubs, especially

Lilacs. Lilacs flower better if grown on a single stem, allowing suckers to form seriously reduces vigour.

Rare is the May without at least one cold snap, and night frosts are a particular risk around mid-month, occurring in about one year in three. Any warm spells are usually accompanied by cool nights and low humidity.

May is the driest month of the year almost as often as April, but the first thunderstorms of the summer typically occur in late-May, accompanied by heavy local showers.

Remember gardening is great exercise, so use it to keep your body fit. Three hours' (not especially energetic) gardening burns the same amount of calories as a one-hour workout in the gym. This explains why, if we get too carried away, we can injure ourselves. Regular stretching is important, and especially after gardening when your muscles are warm. One of the best exercises is hamstring stretches and hip stretches. After only a week or two of daily stretching you will notice a youthful suppleness creeping back, which apart from making you feel good allows you to get in all those strange positions we like to garden in without hospitalising yourself!

Bittercress is one of the least favourite garden weeds and it's rare to buy a plant that does not have a host of invisible seeds of this weed in its compost. Before planting remove the surface layer of compost plus those seeds and put it in a bucket of water to rot.

Top 10 jobs this month:

1. Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants
2. Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining
3. Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas)
4. Collect rainwater and investigate ways to recycle water for irrigation
5. Regularly hoe off weeds
6. Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
7. Mow lawns weekly
8. Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges
9. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs
10. Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs

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EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL
DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
2 JUNE 2012



As part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations every Edwardstone' youngster of 16 years and under will be given a commemorative mug as above.

Garry and Paula Pascoik have kindly offered to run a Family Treasure Hunt, with separate section for the children, from 12 noon until 4 p.m.

The children of Edwardstone will be presented with their mugs during this time. Everyone can take part in the Treasure Hunt where prizes for the winners will be awarded.

We have a few extra mugs at £6 each which can be ordered.

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Parish Council Matters

Present: Councillors Roy Gardner (Chairman), Lee Parker, Paul Presland, Rita Schwenk, Philip Taylor and Alan Vince.

Attending: James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) and D Crimmin (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor) and PC Garrod sent their apologies.

Declaration of Interests: Cllrs Vince, Gardner and Schwenk declared personal interests in Item 12/037a as they are members of the Village Hall Committee. Cllrs Parker and Presland declared personal and prejudicial interests in Item 11/037d and left the meeting while this item was discussed.

Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd February 2012: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: The issues raised during the public forum are contained in Appendix A.

Correspondence (Appendix B): The councillors reviewed the Correspondence received and resolved to write to SCC Highways to see if they will:

- Implement a weight restriction on Rotten Row at Sackers Green
- Consider the adoption of the track at Little Green and the turn from "School Lane" to Rectory Road.

Clerks Report (Appendix C): Following a review of the Clerk's Report by the councillors there were no further actions required by the councillors.

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 and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget and the bank reconciliation against the bank statements.

b. The councillors resolved that in addition to the two existing signatories, Cllrs Schwenk and Vince, that Cllr Gardner replace Colin Poole as the third signatory. The councillors completed the mandate forms accordingly.

c. Following a review of the quotation from Bob Rowland, the councillors resolved that he be awarded the grass maintenance contract for 2012.

d. After reviewing the requests for donations received, the Councillors resolved to give £50 towards the Boxford Youth Club as a number of children from Newton used the facility.

e. The councillors resolved that the following Earmarked Reserves be carried forward:

Planning : a. A planning application has been received since the meeting notice was posted. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/12/00234 - Lilleyfields, Sackers Green - Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of an Existing Use - Continued use of land as contractor's yard for plant and lorry maintenance and storage of road maintenance materials. BDC has asked NPC to provide any local knowledge and general observations to support or contradict the applicant's claim that the site has been used as described above for 10 years. The councillors reviewed to letters supporting the applicants claim that Lilleyfields had been used for this purpose since 1992 / 1993 but were surprised that no financial documentation from the suppliers showing Lilleyfields as the delivery address for the materials and goods, over the period in question, had been supplied. The councillors request that a full financial case is presented by the applicant which proves that Lilleyfields was the operational centre of the business. The financial case should also demonstrate how active the business was over the period in question. If this information is not forthcoming then the following observations would appear to contradict the applicant's claim:

i. Visits by both the Chairman and Vice Chairman to the mobile home on the site during 2010 and 2011 do not support the applicant's claim that the business described was in operation.

ii. Councillors recollection of the yard's use over the years are in line with the Google Earth pictures of the site in 2003 and 2007 which do not support the application

iii. There is contradiction to the yard's use in Planning Application B/06/00111 made by the same applicant in February 2006 when applying for permission for the "temporary siting of mobile home for a period of 5 years" at Lilleyfields. In the application the response to the question "Please describe the purposes for which the land and/or the buildings are now used or the last use - if more than one purpose please give details." was "Livestock Housing of rare breeds." No other purpose was listed.

iv. In the permission given by BDC on 7th November 2008 re Planning Application B/08/01282 for the mobile home at Lilleyfields to have temporary permission for 3 years, BDC stated in point 1 of the permission that "...the land shall be restored to its condition before the use commenced (a hard standing associated with the adjoining agricultural buildings)."

v. Applications for VOSA Licenses for "2 vehicles without trailers" relating to the property only appear to date back to April 2007.

The councillors are very concerned that BDC's Policy for Gypsy and Travellers' was being implemented via the planning applications for Lilleyfields without due engagement with the residents in the area or the District. BDC has only issued this application to one residential property in Newton and NPC despite BDC assurances that all affected residents and Parish Councils would be notified regarding the Lilleyfield planning applications. There are a number of residents within 150 metres of Lilleyfields, in the parish of Great Cornard, who may be able to give

knowledge and observations on the applicant's claim.

b. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows: ?
Playground and Asset maintenance: The councillors resolved a budget of £150 for the staining of the playground fencing and repairs.

Newton Survey: The councillors were updated by the Clerk that Louise Wilby of Suffolk ACRE will attend the May meeting in order to explain the Local Housing Needs process. There was also more information on running a cinema. The councillors agreed that residents will be given an overview of the actions that NPC were considering to adopt at the Annual Parish Assembly on 25th April. The following areas and (priorities) will be discussed:

- Housing (1) • Layby on A134 (1) • Youth engagement (2)
- Village Cinema (3) • Recycling (4) • A134 Safe Haven (5)
- Playing field (6).

Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations: The councillors reviewed the progress of the plans for the two QDJ events (Appendix E). The councillors agreed that a mug be purchased for the children of the village and that a closing date for applications would be the 1st May with the order being agreed at the May meeting. The Clerk to provide Cllr Parker with an electronic copy of the children's memorabilia application form and to place the form in the newsletter for another month.

Financial Regulations: The councillors reviewed the proposed changes to NPC's Financial Regulations following a review by the RFO and resolved that Section 11.1 h be changed to read "Any invitation to tender issued under this regulation shall follow the process contained in Standing Order 30."

Village Hall and Trust Reports: Cllr Schwenk updated councillors with the Village Hall report. The highlights are that the chimney repair has been completed; the kitchen floor is nearly complete; the issues of the broken chairs was nearing resolution and that no more events were being planned until after the QDJ and the Olympics.

Cllr Gardner gave the Trust report which highlighted a new notice on the gate to the field; arrangements for a football competition; the installation of a pedestrian gate; a private road sign has been erected on the track across the Green and plans to plant a tree to mark the QDJ.

Question to Chairman: No questions were raised.

Standing Orders: No members of public present there was no need to consider their exclusion.

NPC Vacancy: The councillors were disappointed to hear that no applications had been received for the councillor vacancy. The Clerk was asked to put up notices requesting any interested party to write their application to the council for the vacant position of councillor.

Next NPC Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th May 2012.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.:

Appendix A: Public Forum: James Finch updated councillors that SCC has not increased its council tax for 2012 / 2013; were targeting savings of £26m in each of the following two years; the support required for the push for improving Broadband in the area and that the white lines were being repainted along the A134.

In the absence of the Police the Clerk read their report "This report covers the period from 12/1/12-14/3/12. During this time there has been 3 crimes recorded within the parish, this compares to 2 crimes for the same period last year. Breakdown of rime: Two reports of Burglary Dwelling - SU/12/332 Burglary with Intent Church Road Newton - SU/12/333 Burglary with Intent Church Road Newton. One report of Theft - SU/12/298 Theft from Motor Vehicle Church Road Newton.

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Parish Council Matters

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Wednesday 7th March 2012 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: D Elliott, C Blackmore C Fraulo (in the Chair), Mark Mayhew, J Osborne (Vice-Chairman) Gerald Smith.

In attendance: James Finch (County Councillor) S Gray (Clerk), J Foster & V Riddleston

Apologies for Absence: A Dixon-Smith. Councillors consented to this absence. Bryn Hurren (District Councillor)

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 4th January 2012:

The Minutes of the 4th January 2012 were approved; proposed by Gerald Smith, seconded by Mark Mayhew

To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary: For the period 2nd February 2012 to 6th March 2012 the report stated that there had been a vehicle crime in the area of Goslings Green..

To receive a report from Suffolk County Council: James Finch reported that, in terms of the budget, there was a 0% increase in Council Tax. The School Organisation Review in relation to Boxford, additional parking is being planned and the bridge plan was progressing.

The Mobile Library will have a reduced frequency of visits and will no longer stop at towns/parishes with a built library thus saving £225,000 a year.

James thanked Groton Parish Council for their thanks to Local Highways for their work during the recent bad weather.

To receive a report from District Council: On behalf of Bryn Hurren, who was attending the Community Achievement Awards, the Chairman Carey Fraulo reported that the pavement at the end of Homefield to Partridge Close was now complete after a number of years (since 2003).

To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public: Jayne Foster and Val Riddleston asked if the Parish Council were considering an event in Groton to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, perhaps later in the summer. The venue would be likely to be on the Croft. It was agreed for the Council to discuss this at Agenda item 11 and any donation towards the event would be considered at Agenda item 13.

Vice-Chair Jeremy Osborne reported that, with Pauline Lamming resigning as Chair of the Groton United Charities, the Council needed to consider a replacement.

Groton Village Hall: The Chairman, Carey Fraulo, reported that Brian Jones had engaged the services of a Surveyor free of charge for a survey of the present condition of the Village Hall, as suggested by Jo Beever. Brian Jones would report the results of the survey to the Council after he had reported it to the Village Hall Committee.

Chairman's & Clerk's reports & correspondence: The Chairman reported that she had attended the meeting regarding Planning Application No:B/11/00148/OUT Land south of Daking Avenue and west of Swan Street Boxford. As the emergency services and Suffolk Highways had no objections there was no legal reason for the plan to be refused on the grounds of traffic pressure on Swan Street.

In relation to the Website, the Chairman reported that she had spoken to Sue Edwards and John Kirby. She further reported that the individual bodies would be responsible for updating their respective pages. The Council thanked the Chairman for her work on the matter.

Donations: The Council agreed that a donation could be made to the Groton Diamond Jubilee celebration and the exact amount would be confirmed in May once the Responsible Financial Officer had completed the end of year accounts.

Future Agenda Items: • Groton Website • 2012 Community Event • Local Development Framework • Groton Village Hall •

Dates of Next Meetings: • 2nd May 2012 (Annual Parish Meeting & Annual General Meeting) • 4th July 2012 • 5th September 2012 • 7th November 2012

Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council

Meeting 27 March 2012

Present: M Ewen, C Hamblett, R Ridgeon, R Williams, D Kiddy, PC Garrod
1 member of the public

Apologies: B Tora, V Flute, Cllr. J Antill

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Matters/Speedwatch: There were no reported crimes since the last meeting. Crime prevention measures were discussed.

2 Speedwatch sessions were held this month with 27 cases of speeding being reported. A further check is arranged for next week. We now have 7 qualified volunteers with one further volunteer currently undergoing vetting.

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

Matters Arising: None not covered under the agenda.

Financial Matters: Cheques were signed in respect of 10 hires to the Parish Room and to Suffolk ACRE for the 2012/13 subscription.

Planning Matters: Between meetings no objections were raised to works to 2 x cherry trees at Priory Farm. An application for the demolition of an existing shed and the erection of a new shed at 1 Haymarket was discussed and no objections raised.

Correspondence: None received.

Telephone Box: The preferred option is to replace 'telephone' with 'Little Waldingfield' in black and white in the topmost panes. A reply regarding the power supply is still awaited.

Website: In the absence of the webmaster there was nothing to report.

Public Transport: New services are to be introduced from 16 April during term time only.

Diamond Jubilee: A flyer is currently being designed. The design of the mug has been confirmed to the supplier and a sample awaited. The Chairman and the Clerk agreed a revised price of £3.90.

Footpaths: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: A report will be submitted to the BRN.

Churchyard: The first cut of the year has been undertaken.

Any Other Business: We do need to discuss the memorial to Mr & Mrs Clive.

Date of next meeting is 24 April.

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Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in February 2012 Meeting on 6th February

Public Forum: Elaine Davidson from the 2012 Committee attended to share plans for the Jubilee celebrations. She confirmed there was still a shortfall of funds and it was agreed for the Parish Council to consider a contribution at their next meeting.

Reports from Members: Traffic congestion at the Playing Field during football matches was reported. On another matter, Cllr Green reported the on-going success of the car scheme.

Planning: Babergh Council confirmed Planning permission had been granted for a single storey side extension at Roylands, Calais Street. A copy letter from Suffolk Preservation Society objecting to the proposed change of use of stables to dog kennels and training ground in Stone Street had been circulated to members.

The following were discussed: a) Proposed reduction in overhanging branches from 2 hornbeam trees at Riddelsdell Bros, Ellis Street
b) Proposed double garage with revised siting from earlier approval at Richmond Lodge, Hadleigh Road.

Parish Council Meeting on 20th February

Public Forum: Mr Molyneux from Little Orchard, Butchers Lane, attended to share details of his forthcoming planning application. He provided details to members to enable them to ask questions ahead of the formal planning consultation. He explained the workshop was for his hobby of collecting old cars and the design was to shelve the workshop into the ground as far as practicable to maintain the traditional appearance and to fit in with the surrounding properties. He had reduced the angle of the roof slope to minimise the prominence. Mr House then raised concerns regarding the allocation of the Homefield Court flats. He was concerned that people with connections with Partridge Close were turned down and he feared flats may have been allocated to some applicants without local connections. Cllr Hurren confirmed he was investigating the matter and did share the concern that the Partridge Close scheme fell outside the qualifying criteria. Finally Mr House referred to Boxford as an abandoned village in relation to road surfacing and felt the County Council should tidy up Broad Street/ Ellis Street ahead of the Jubilee celebrations.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch was unable to attend, however, provided his report covering the 0% Council Tax increase and urging everyone to complete the Broadband Survey. He outlined the planned expansion of local primary schools and the successful drop & go system adopted by parents at Nayland School. He confirmed the frequency of Mobile Library visits had reduced to four weekly intervals. He referred to the need to recruit further on-call firefighters and finally that the County Council were the authority dealing with street closures for the Jubilee celebrations.

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren was present to deliver his report. He confirmed the proposed Goodlands development was due to be heard by the Planning Committee the following Wednesday. The Stone Street application for kennels was causing concern to residents as the applicant was observed carrying out his business ahead of gaining permission. Permission has since been refused and Enforcement is in progress. Finally Cllr Hurren confirmed that the likely rise in Babergh's element of Council Tax was 3.5%. This has since been confirmed.

Housing Needs: Work continues to identify all possible sites available to potentially address the housing need identified in the recent Survey. Thereafter suitability factors will lead to preferred locations to take forward to public consultation. Members reported on an encouraging meeting with the Affordable Housing Team. The new Homefield Court flats were noted as a permanent resource to address Local Housing Needs.

Correspondence: Street Lighting repairs had been identified to a lantern on The Causeway and a column in Ash Street. It was agreed to liaise with the County Council to ensure the repairs were not duplicated in our long term objectives for Street Lighting.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: It was agreed to contribute £1000 to match the amount being provided by the Community Council towards the Jubilee Celebrations. Members also agreed they had no objections to the proposed closure of Broad Street to accompany the event providing the 2012 Committee make adequate provision and communicate to residents regarding access.

Community Speed Watch: It was noted that a coordinator still hasn't come forward. It was agreed to leave off the Agenda until somebody agrees to coordinate the scheme.

Reports from Members: On the subject of dog fouling on the Playingfield, Cllr Gates advised signs requiring owners to keep dogs on leads were to be put up.

Planning: Members voted unanimously to object to the amendments to the proposed Goodlands development as the amendments had not addressed significant issues already expressed. These were listed and sent to the Planning Authority to reinforce the Parish Councils objections.

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Edwardstone Parish Council

No confirmation of make up of new council yet

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Yours faithfully,
Roger Loose

Sir

I would like to thank my family and friends for their help, best wishes, lovely cards, phone calls and flowers following my major heart surgery at Papworth.

I am recovering really well and hope to make a full recovery.

Eileen Mann, Groton

Sir

May I Thank the residents of Calais Street and Hadliegh Rd for their generosity during this years Scope door to door collection, held in April.

This is my 15th collection and every year I am amazed with the generosity shown.

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Gail Skinner and her Little Helper

Boxford School News

As I sit here writing this news I am looking forward to another Summer Term and as always we have a very full programme to look forward to. This year promises to be a very special one for us all as alongside the usual swimming programme, sports days, music evenings etc. we will be celebrating the Olympic Games and the Queen's Jubilee.

To begin our celebrations we have joined with Monks Eleigh School and have arranged for John Regis to spend a day in school talking to and working with the children. John is a very well-known athlete who has represented England at all levels of athletics. He is probably best remembered for his contribution to the 4 by 4 hundred metre team with Chris Akabusi and Roger Black that famously beat the Americans in the World Championships to win gold. He has also won many other medals at European, World and Olympic level. John will be joined by Ralph Henderson MBE and another young up and coming athlete who will spend their day working with the children undertaking photo sessions, taking assemblies and coaching. It promises to be a very exciting day for us all.

As well as meeting John the children will be learning about the history of the Olympic Games, some of the countries that are taking part and learning about the Olympic values of friendship, excellence, respect, courage, equality, inspiration and determination.

If that is not enough we are also working with the village in celebrating the Queen's Jubilee by hosting a tea party and an art exhibition in our school hall. We have not decided yet but I dare say we will be having some sort of party during the week before half term.

Yesterday morning I had a visit from Dan Swansborough from Boxford Rovers who is organising the Boxford Rovers Fun Run and he has persuaded me to take part so if you are out and about on Saturday 5th May and you see an old guy struggling along at the back of the field give him a cheer, it will probably be me!

Over the next few weeks you may well notice changes taking place on our school field as we take delivery of our new temporary classroom. As you will probably be aware as a result of Suffolk's School Organisation Review we will be getting extra accommodation to cater for children in Years five and six. This represents a new and exciting challenge for us all as we plan for the older children but as someone who before coming to Suffolk taught in a primary school in Essex where the children stayed until the end of Year six I am familiar with teaching older children. I will keep you informed of our progress as this term progresses.

Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Monday 19th March 2012 at Edwardstone Village Hall

Present: C. Boggis (in the Chair), Paul Clarke, S Flack, S Norman (Vice-Chair) & J Robinson

In attendance: James Finch (County Councillor), Bryn Hurren (District Councillor) S Gray (Clerk),

Apologies for Absence: C Britcher & G Peacock; the Councillors consented to these absences. Siobhan Hemmitt.

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 12th January 2012:

The Minutes of the 12th January 2012 were approved; proposed by Vice-Chair Sharon Norman; seconded by Jim Robinson.

To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary: For the period from 23/12/11 to 15/03/2012, one crime of burglary had been reported. This compares to one crime for the same period last year.

To receive report from Suffolk County Council: James Finch reported, on the budget and the Mobile Library which will have a reduced frequency of visits and will no longer stop at towns/parishes with a built library thus saving £225,000 a year. James thanked Edwardstone Parish Council for their appreciation of Local Highways' work during the recent bad weather. Councillors were grateful to Mr Suckling for his work in the clearing and expressed their thanks.

To receive a report from District Council: Bryn Hurren reported that the pavement at the end of Homefield to Partridge Close was now complete after a number of years. With regards the development at Goodlands, Bryn confirmed that, as the emergency services and Suffolk Highways had no objections, there was no legal reason for the plan to be refused on the grounds of traffic pressure on Swan Street.

Bryn said that a 3.5% Council tax increase was essential and that car parking in Sudbury and Hadleigh had remained free for three hours.

Payments & donations: The Councillors discussed, in depth, the amounts and recipients for the Section 137 payments and donation requests. Regretfully it was agreed that due to the various increases such as the dog/litter emptying and election expenses and no precept increase for two years the 2011/12 donations and section 137 payments would have to be reduced. The payments were reduced proportionately by approximately seven per cent.

Chairman's and Clerk's Correspondence: The Chairman, Charlie Boggis, informed the Council that, due to her recent move out of the parish of Edwardstone and the birth of her second child, she felt that she could not give Parish Council matters the priority they deserved and would resign at the Annual General meeting in May. It was agreed that, after the AGM, the Clerk would issue a notice of the vacancy.

Future Agenda Items:

- War Memorial
- Telephone Kiosk

Dates of Future Meetings:

21st May 2012 AGM & APM • 16th July 2012 • 17th September 2012
19th November 2012. There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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EDWARDSTONE CC UPDATE

Its coming up to that time of year. The training nets have gone up and the first practice session has been done. our first league game is fast approaching and we are looking for new members to join the club. no previous experience needed, just come down to the nets at 6.30pm Thursday nights from the 19th of April onwards or contact me on 01787 211375.

200 Club Results March 2012

1st prize £30: A Ayre
2nd prize £15: A Gooderham
3rd prize £10 : S Cotton

A TORNADO IN BOXFORD!



On the morning of Sunday 15th April, 275 cyclists of all ages and abilities left the Boxford playingfields in the first ever Boxford Tornado Cycling Sportive organised by the newly formed Boxford Bike Club. Three route distances, 20, 40 or 60 miles, were available to riders on this non-competitive cycle ride that travelled through the stunning Suffolk countryside and along the quiet lanes that surround Boxford. The routes led the riders north from Boxford travelling through the villages of Kersey, Chelsworth, Rattlesden, Woolpit, Felsham, Thorpe Morieux and at its most

northerly point the 60 mile route reaching the town of Ixworth. The route was clearly signposted and each rider was given a map and route sheet to aid navigation.

Riders encountered a range of weather conditions during the ride. Although the weather forecast was for predominantly dry and sunny weather, there was a cold northerly wind that the riders had to battle against on the way out from Boxford. Surprisingly the riders encountered hail stones on some parts of the course forcing some to stop and take cover from the painful bombardment! Kersey Splash quite literally lived up to its name for a few riders. Even after being warned about its slippery surface at the obligatory safety talk, a handful of riders took a dunking in the ford's murky depths.

After successfully completing the course the riders were rewarded with a free slice of homemade cake and a very welcome hot drink. Riders arriving back all came with their own personal stories of their trip, but without exception commented on how enjoyable they had found the course. The compliments didn't stop there, with riders saying how well organised the day was, how friendly and helpful they found everyone and on the quality of the cake! Boxford Bike Club was also well represented on the ride with members completing the all the various distances.

The members of Boxford Bike Club would like to pass on their thanks to all those who helped in some way in the preparation and organisation of this successful day, and to the residents of Homefield, Boxford and surrounding villages in happily accommodating near to 300 cyclists. Roll on next year!



BOXFORD ROVERS U10S ARE SUFFOLK CHAMPIONS



Under 10s Squad

With two games still to play, Boxford Rovers Under 10's A side sealed the South Suffolk Youth League Division two championship with a 4-0 victory over Claydon, this being their second consecutive title. The team had beaten their closest rivals Eye Saints the previous week 1-0 and have so far played 14, won 11, drawn 3 and lost 0. The season is far from over though as the Under 10's B side currently sits in third place having lost just once and has an outside chance of winning what would be an amazing double. One player who will be missing from the squad next season is Alex Henderson who has just been signed by Ipswich Town Academy after a successful trial period. Everybody at Boxford Rovers wishes Alex a successful time with the Town.



Alex in action for Boxford against AFC Kesgrave

Next season will see the introduction of 9 a-side football for U11s and U12s. With this in mind we are currently looking for new players (current year 5) to bolster our squad for next season.

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